



Wittenberg University Game Notes

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Big Day arrives for Wittenberg and Wooster men's and women's basketball teams square off in season finales

Men: Wittenberg (20-2, 14-1 NCAC) at Wooster (21-2, 14-1 NCAC)
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001 • 7:30 p.m. • Timken Gymnasium (3,400)

Women: Wittenberg (16-7, 10-6 NCAC) vs. Wooster (4-19, 2-13)
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001 • 2 p.m. • HPER Center (3,000)

Men's Starters

Wittenberg	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
F Kevin Longley	So.	6-7	11.0	8.5	1.8	Vandalia, Ohio/Butler
F Ryan Taylor	Sr.	6-5	16.7	4.3	1.5	Waynesfield, Ohio/Goshen
C Chris Fillmore	Sr.	6-6	9.2	4.8	1.6	Barberton, Ohio/Barberton
G Mark Borland	Fr.	5-9	7.1	2.1	3.3	Kettering, Ohio/Alter
G Greg Rustad	Jr.	5-10	8.6	2.5	3.1	Lakewood, Ohio/Lakewood
Wooster	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
F Matt Smith	So.	6-4	10.6	3.5	2.0	Elida, Ohio/Elida
F Steve Thompson	Sr.	6-5	9.6	3.7	3.8	Orrville, Ohio/Rittman
C Bryan Nelson	So.	6-4	16.6	9.2	2.2	Kettering, Ohio/Fairmont
G Nate Gaubatz	Sr.	5-11	12.2	3.7	4.9	Wooster, Ohio/Northwestern
G Antwyan Reynolds	Jr.	5-10	16.7	3.0	4.5	Mansfield, Ohio/Senior

Women's Starters

Wittenberg	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
F Kate Rolf	So.	5-7	13.0	4.7	3.3	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
F Jill Swary	Jr.	5-10	5.2	2.5	0.4	Columbus, O./Grandview Hgts.
C Jamie Brafford	Sr.	5-10	5.4	2.6	0.3	Monroe, Ohio/Lakota
G Meghan Gaydos	Jr.	5-6	2.8	1.2	1.2	Concord, Ohio/Lake Catholic
G Stephanie Campbell	So.	5-6	10.3	3.7	2.9	S. Charleston, Ohio/Southeastern
Wooster	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
F Michaelyn Brunner	So.	5-6	6.6	3.1	2.1	Bethel Park, Pa./Bethel Park
F Morgan Ramsdell	Sr.	5-10	10.6	6.2	1.4	Sylvania, Ohio/Northview
C Nara DeJesus	So.	5-10	14.3	9.3	0.8	Geneva, Ohio/Geneva
G Kerri Horst	Jr.	5-6	8.4	2.5	1.0	W. Salem, O./Northwestern
G Courtney Davison	So.	5-4	3.7	1.1	2.7	Ravenna, O./Ravenna

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SETTING THE SCENE:

Wittenberg travels to Wooster tonight in a game that will decide the North Coast Athletic Conference regular season title, No. 1 seed in the conference tournament and has possible NCAA Division III Tournament implications. A standing-room-only crowd is expected at Timken Gymnasium.

Wittenberg has won five NCAC titles, the last in 1996-97 and 20 conference regular season titles in the last 41 years. Wooster is aiming for its fourth consecutive outright NCAC championship.

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LAST GAME:

The Tigers are coming off a 90-63 win at Earlham on Wednesday. Trailing 24-23 with

7:20 left in the first half, the Tigers outscored the Quakers 27-8 in the next 10:10 of the game.

Ryan Taylor and Mark Borland scored 14 points each to lead Wittenberg.

Wooster jumped to a 16-0 lead at the start and rolled to a 92-63 win at Denison on Wednesday. Freshman Randy Sistrunk had a double-double with 21 points (10-11 FG) and 13 rebounds off the bench for the Scots.

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RANKINGS:

Wooster is ranked No. 1 and Wittenberg No. 5 in the *d3hoops.com* national rankings. The Tigers are No. 4 and the Scots No.9. in the NABC Coaches Poll. And in the most important rankings of all, Wittenberg is second and Wooster third in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional Rankings.

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STREAKS:

Wittenberg has won 12 straight games since a 74-69 loss at Otterbein on Jan. 3. It is the Tigers' longest winning streak since a 12-game streak in the 1996-97 season. Wooster has won seven straight since a 90-83 loss at Wittenberg on Jan. 20. The Scots opened their season by winning their first 11 games, while the Tigers opened with four consecutive victories.

Wooster also comes into the game on a 44-game home win streak, currently the longest in NCAA basketball, regardless of division. The Scots had a 41-game NCAC winning streak snapped by the Tigers on Jan. 20.

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SERIES:

Wittenberg leads the all-time series 38-35. Wooster had won three straight games and six of the last seven before the Tigers' win in January.

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THE LAST TIME:

Wittenberg defeated Wooster, 90-83, on Jan. 20 at the HPER Center. The Tigers took charge by scoring six of the last eight points of the first half, including an off-balance three-pointer by Ryan Taylor at the halftime buzzer for a 46-42 Tiger lead.

Wittenberg expanded its lead to 12 in the first 2:22 of the second half and still led by 10 with 5:09 remaining. But Wooster whittled the lead down to one at 84-83 on Steve Thompson's three-point goal with 1:15 left.

Ryan Taylor hit a jumper with 40 seconds left, while Greg Rustad and Mark Borland added two free throws each in the final 18 seconds. Taylor had 23 points and Borland a season high 21 for the Tigers. Nate Gaubatz led four Wooster players in double figures with 20 points.

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COACHES:

Wittenberg's Bill Brown (Wittenberg '73) is in his eighth season as the Tigers' head coach with a record of 176-45 (.796). His career record is 236-144 (.621) in 14 seasons, which includes one season as interim coach at Wooster (1982-83) and five as the head man at Kenyon.

Brown's teams have made four NCAA Division III tournament appearances, won three NCAC regular season title and one NCAC tournament championship. While at Wittenberg, Brown has an 8-8 record against Wooster and is