



Wittenberg University Women's Basketball

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Tigers travel to Hiram, Allegheny for key NCAC games

Wittenberg University (14-4, 9-1 NCAC) at Hiram College (3-15, 0-10 NCAC)/at Allegheny College (9-9, 5-5)

Fri., Feb. 1, 2002/Sat., Feb. 2, 2002 • 6:30 p.m./2 p.m.

<u>Probable HC Starters:</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
F Terra Roane	Fr.	5-11	13.2	6.0	0.8	Fairlawn, Ohio/Copley
G Amanda Hummel	Fr.	5-6	9.4	2.8	1.3	Plymouth, Pa./Greater Nanticoke Area
G Gena Rose	Fr.	5-11	4.9	2.3	0.7	Cleveland, Ohio/Central Catholic
F Mary Wasson	Fr.	5-8	2.7	2.7	0.6	Tallmadge, Ohio/Mogadore
G Valerie Goudy	Fr.	5-6	4.9	2.3	3.5	Columbiana, Ohio/South Range

<u>Probable AC Starters:</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
G Jessica Kankowski	So.	5-9	17.2	7.1	2.0	Bend, Ore./West Linn
G Jamie Parone	So.	5-5	11.2	2.4	2.8	Cleveland Heights, Ohio/Beaumont
F Alyssa Hinkle	Sr.	5-11	9.3	9.2	2.7	Westerville, Ohio/Olentangy
F Meredith McDonough	Fr.	5-11	8.1	5.9	0.7	Taylor Mill, Ky./Scott
C Michelle Popovec	Sr.	6-0	11.5	7.9	0.2	Maumee, Ohio/Toledo St. Ursula

<u>Probable WU Starters:</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>RPG</u>	<u>APG</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
G Meghan Gaydos	Sr.	5-5	3.8	1.3	1.6	Concord, Ohio/Mentor Lake Catholic
G Stephanie Campbell	Jr.	5-7	12.2	4.1	2.4	South Charleston, Ohio/Southeastern
G Kate Rolf	Jr.	5-7	13.7	5.2	2.3	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
F Rebecca Meers	Jr.	6-0	5.3	4.3	0.4	Moline, Ill./Moline
F Tiffany Keller	Jr.	5-10	9.2	3.9	0.7	Massillon, Ohio/Tuslaw

SETTING THE SCENE:

The Wittenberg University Tigers are back on the road this weekend after maintaining their one-half game lead in the North Coast Athletic Conference on Tuesday with a 57-41 victory over Kenyon College at home. The Tigers, sporting a 14-4 overall record and a mark of 9-1 in the NCAC, have a busy 24 hours ahead of them as they take on Hiram on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and then Allegheny on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Terriers are 3-15 overall and 0-10 in the conference, including a 94-41 loss at Wittenberg on Jan. 4, while the Gators are 9-9 overall and 5-5 in the NCAC, including a 93-71 loss at Wittenberg on Jan. 5.

The Tigers have played well against a difficult schedule, losing only to nationally ranked Wisconsin-Oshkosh by 12 points, nationally ranked Capital on the road by six, perennial powerhouse Defiance on the road by five and three-time defending NCAC titlist Ohio Wesleyan on the road by two. Since the last loss, the Tigers have rebounded to win a season-best five straight games.

Wittenberg is led by junior guard **Kate Rolf**, who tops the team in scoring for a second straight year with a 13.7 points per game average. Rolf also paces the balanced team — 12 players are averaging at least 10 minutes per game — in rebounds with 5.2. She is followed closely by sophomore forward **Geri Woessner** with 5.1 rebounds per game for a team that is topping its opponents by nearly 10 boards per game.

The hottest player on the team right now is

junior forward **Tiffany Keller**, who scored in double figures eight straight games between the Kiwanis-Wittenberg Holiday Classic title game victory over Marian and the crucial win over Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 26. That scoring streak was broken against Kenyon, in part due to foul problems that limited her to seven points in 23 minutes.

THE COACHES:

A 1982 Wittenberg graduate, **Pam Smith** is in her 16th season as the Tigers' head coach with a record of 294-127 (.698), all with her alma mater. Smith's teams have made six NCAA Division III tournament appearances and have won seven NCAC regular season titles and five NCAC tournament championships to her credit. She has been named NCAC Coach of the Year three times (1991, '92 and '95) and Converse District Coach of the Year in 1993.

Joining her on the sidelines Friday is Hiram Head Coach **Anne Haynam**, who has guided the Terriers to a 12-54 record in three years at the helm. Her career record, including nine years at Dickinson, is 104-174.

Patrolling the sidelines for Allegheny is **Jennifer Reimer**, who 29-15 in two seasons leading the Gators. Reimer's career mark, which includes two years at Mount Union and one at Juniata, is 66-50.

TOUGH AT HOME:

The Wittenberg men's basketball program is known for its prowess at home, but the women's

team has put away all challengers this season as well. While the men have one home loss in 2001-02, the Tiger women are a perfect 10-0 in the HPER Center, including a 6-0 mark in NCAC action.

COACHING MILESTONE:

Head Coach **Pam Smith** has 294 career wins. With six regular season games and at least one NCAC tournament game remaining, Smith has a good chance of reaching that historic plateau this year. No other coach in Wittenberg history has won more than 50 games in a career.

RADIO:

WBLY (AM 1600) carries selected Wittenberg women's basketball games during the season, with **Scott Leo** calling the action. He will not be making this weekend's road trip. WBLY's next women's basketball broadcast will be Feb. 9 at home against Wooster.

ON THE WEB:

Wittenberg's World Wide Web site offers up-to-date information on all Tiger athletic teams. Scores, results, statistics, news releases and boxscores are available by visiting Wittenberg's athletics home page www5.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics. Wittenberg also offers Internet broadcasts of various sporting events carried by WBLY. Just click on www5.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/broadcast.shtml.