



Wittenberg University Women's Basketball

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Tigers host Albion, Maryville, UW-Eau Claire in annual Kiwanis-Wittenberg Holiday Classic

1st Round: Maryville (8-2) vs. UW-Eau Claire (9-1) • Wittenberg (7-1) vs. Albion (1-7)

Friday, Dec. 28/29, 2000 • 6/8 p.m.-1/3 p.m. • HPER Center (Cap. 3,000)

Probable Maryville Starters:	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown
G Monica Williams	So.	5-5	8.0	3.0	5.0	Marietta, Ga.
G Tosha Crass	Sr.	5-5	6.0	3.0	3.0	Clinton, Tenn.
F Hayley Smith	Fr.	5-9	16.4	4.5	2.5	Knoxville, Tenn.
F Stephanie Howard	Sr.	6-1	12.6	9.8	0	Maryville, Tenn.
C Dana Duncan	So.	6-1	6.0	5.0	0	Troy, Ala.

Probable UWEC Starters:	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown
G Jessie Brantner	Sr.	5-4	8.8	2.1	3.2	Durand, Wisc.
G LaToya Banks	So.	5-7	13.6	3.2	2.2	Rock Island, Ill.
F Megan Murphy	Sr.	5-10	10.1	5.6	1.3	Kalamazoo, Mich.
F Janel Soppeland	So.	5-9	7.7	3.8	1.2	Cadott, Wisc.
C Vanessa Schley	Sr.	5-11	5.9	3.1	0.8	Gilman, Wisc.

Probable Wittenberg Starters:	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
G Kate Rolf	So.	5-7	12.0	3.6	3.7	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Carroll
G Stephanie Campbell	So.	5-6	11.7	4.6	4.1	So. Charleston, Ohio/Southeastern
G Meghan Gaydos	Jr.	5-6	1.6	0.6	0.3	Concord, Ohio/Lake Cath.
F Jamie Brafford	Sr.	5-7	5.7	1.7	0.1	Monroe, Ohio/Lakota
F Tiffany Keller	So.	5-11	6.5	2.3	0.3	Massillon, Ohio/Tuslaw

Probable Albion Starters:	Yr.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown
G Becky Campbell	So.	5-8	14.1	3.1	0.9	Ionia, Mich.
G Treasa Gourlay	Sr.	5-5	6.0	2.5	2.4	Traverse City, Mich.
G Laurel Weinman	Sr.	5-9	3.6	3.0	0.8	Parker, Colo.
F Hillary VanderBand	Sr.	5-11	4.6	4.8	1.1	Belding, Mich.
F Angie Spain	Fr.	5-11	4.0	3.6	0.4	Howell, Mich.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW:

The Wittenberg University Tigers return to action in a big way this weekend as they play host to a strong field of teams in the Kiwanis-Wittenberg Holiday Classic at the HPER Center in Springfield, Ohio. Joining the 7-1 Tigers are the 1-7 Albion Britons, the 8-2 Maryville Lady Scots and the 9-1 UW-Eau Claire Bluegolds.

Albion comes into the tournament looking for a turnaround after a tough start to the season. The Britons, who are paced by sharp-shooting sophomore guard **Becky Campbell's** 14.1 points per game, claimed their lone win on Dec. 2 against Mt. St. Joseph. Albion hasn't played since a 74-67 loss to Madonna on Dec. 9.

Maryville is off to a tremendous start to the 2000 season, winning eight of its first 10 games. The Lady Scots are led by freshman guard **Hayley Smith**, who comes into the tourney aver-

aging 16.4 points per game. Their only losses this season have come against Thomas More in the opener and Milligan on Dec. 15.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire enters the tournament with a 9-1 record and No. 4 national ranking in the latest D3Hoops.com poll. Senior center **Vanessa Schley** tops a balanced, deep offensive attack with 12.5 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Wittenberg heads into the holiday tourney with a head of steam, having reeled off seven wins in its first eight games and four straight since losing on the road to nationally ranked Baldwin-Wallace. The sophomore guard tandem of **Kate Rolf** and **Stephanie Campbell** combine for more than 23 points per game to lead the Tigers' offense.

THE COACHES:

A 1982 Wittenberg graduate, **Pam Smith**

is in her 15th season as the Tigers' head coach with a record of 269-116 (.699), all with her alma mater. Smith has six NCAA Div. III tournament appearances, seven NCAC regular season titles and five NCAC tournament championship 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 this weekend are Maryville's **Dean Walsh**, who is in his third season coaching the Lady Scots; UW-Eau Claire's **Tonja Englund**, who is coaching the Bluegolds for the first time in 2000 after six successful seasons of high school coaching in her native Minnesota; and Albion's **Annamarie Wyant**, who is in her first season at the school after four years guiding Marietta College.

RADIO:

WBLY (AM 1600) carries selected Wittenberg women's basketball games during the season, with **Scott Leo** calling the action.

COMING ON STRONG:

Sophomore guard/forward **Tiffany Keller** has rounded into basketball form nicely in recent weeks. Keller, who was a second-team All-North Coast Athletic Conference selection in volleyball in 2000, broke out for a career-high 24 points in Wittenberg's 88-55 victory over Thomas More on Dec. 19. She is part of a frontcourt rotation that continues to get better and better for the Tigers.

Also playing a key role up front for the Tigers is sophomore forward/center **Rebecca Meers**, who has posted career highs in points and rebounds twice already this season. Along with freshman forward **Geri Woessner**, who hit the game-winner against nationally ranked Capital, Meers leads a strong and deep corps of reserves in 2000.

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.