



HOPE

2024 MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES

GAME 21



GAME 21 | NOV. 16 2024 | 1 P.M. ET | EAU CLAIRE, WI | SIMPSON FIELD



HOPE COLLEGE
FLYING DUTCHMEN
14-2-3, 5-0-2 MIAA

Record _____ 14-2-3 (5-0-2 MIAA)
 Ranking (USC) _____ 16th
 Last Game _____ Nov. 15, 2024, v. DePauw; W 2-0
 Head Coach _____ David Blahnik
 Record at Hope _____ 18-9-9 (3rd season)

2024 TEAM STATISTICS

Goals | opp. _____ 49 | 12
 Goals/game | opp. _____ 2.58 | .63
 Shots/game | opp. _____ 17.6 | 8.4
 Shots on goal | opp. _____ 147 | 66
 SOG % | opp. _____ .440 | .413
 Assists | opp. _____ 30 | 5
 Saves | opp. _____ 54 | 98
 Corner Kicks | opp. _____ 136 | 66

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals _____ Jackson Mindling/Seth Walters (12)
 Assists _____ Cole Pauly (5)
 Shots _____ Seth Walters (74)
 Shots on Goal _____ Seth Walters (33)
 GWG _____ Jackson Mindling/Alan Alcala (3)
 Saves _____ Daniel Hesselbein (54)
 Points _____ Jackson Mindling (26)

FLYING DUTCHMEN *BREAKDOWN*

	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	SOG
JACKSON MINDLING	12	2	51	21
SETH WALTERS	12	2	74	33
THOMAS DE VRIES	5	0	23	14

	GWG	SHOT %
JACKSON MINDLING	3	.235
SETH WALTERS	2	.162
THOMAS DE VRIES	0	.217

	SAVES	SHUTOUTS	GAA
DANIEL HESSELBEIN	54	10	.64

2024 SCHEDULE

	Aug. 30	Lake Forest Foresters Holland, MI	W 2-1
	Aug. 31	LeTourneau Yellowjackets Holland, MI	W 7-0
	Sept. 6	Ohio Northern Polar Bears Ada, OH	W 1-2
	Sept. 7	Ohio Wesleyan Bishops Delaware, OH	W 2-1
	Sept. 10	Benedictine Eagles Holland, MI	W 5-0
	Sept. 13	Concordia Chicago Cougars River Forest, IL	W 2-1
	Sept. 14	Eureka Red Devils Eureka, IL	W 4-0
	Sept. 21	Wabash Little Giants Holland, MI	W 4-1
	Sept. 25	DePauw Tigers Holland, MI	T 2-2
	Sept. 28	Chicago Maroons Chicago, IL	W 1-0
	Oct. 9	Calvin Knights Grand Rapids, MI	T 1-1
	Oct. 12	Olivet Comets Holland, MI	W 1-0
	Oct. 15	Kalamazoo Hornets Kalamazoo, MI	W 2-1
	Oct. 19	Albion Britons Holland, MI	W 2-0
	Oct. 23	Alma Scots Alma, MI	W 5-0
	Oct. 26	Adrian Bulldogs Holland, MI	W 5-0
	Oct. 29	Trine Thunder Angola, IN	T 0-0
	Nov. 5	Calvin Knights (MIAA Tournament) Holland, MI	L 1-2
	Nov. 15	DePauw Tigers (NCAA Tournament) Eau Claire, WI	W 2-0

MEN'S SOCCER BLANKS DEPAUW, MAKES FIRST NCAA SECOND-ROUND APPEARANCE SINCE 2013

A freshman and a senior helped the Hope College men's soccer team tame the Tigers of DePauw University (Indiana) in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Freshman Jackson Mindling and senior Thomas De Vries both scored from the center of the box in the second half to propel the 16th-ranked Flying Dutchmen to a 2-0 victory on Friday in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Friday marked Hope's seventh all-time opening-round victory in postseason play and first since 2013 against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The Flying Dutchmen (14-2-3) advanced to face host and seventh-ranked University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the second round on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. Central.

Mindling (Grand Rapids, Michigan / Grand Rapids Christian HS) and junior Seth Walters (St. Joseph, Michigan / St. Joseph) are the second set of Hope teammates to both score at least 12 goals within a single season. In 2005, Karter Klingenberg and Geoff Meyer accomplished the feat with 15 and 14, respectively.

Hope's defense delivered its 10th clean sheet of the season against DePauw after yielding two goals during a 2-2 draw with the Tigers on Sept. 25 at Van Andel Soccer Stadium.

DePauw only mustered three shots, all of which senior goalkeeper Daniel Hesselbein (Barrington, Illinois / Barrington Community) stopped.

INAUGURAL MEETING

This is the first time the Flying Dutchmen have faced the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Hope has not often played Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member schools but is 5-2-1 against them.

The Flying Dutchmen have squared off against Wisconsin-Oshkosh the most and are 3-2-1 against the Titans. Hope is 2-0 against Wisconsin-Whitewater.

RECORD VS. NATIONALLY-RANKED FOES

Hope is 2-1 against teams ranked in the United Soccer Coaches poll this season.

The Flying Dutchmen topped then-No. 23 Ohio Wesleyan, 2-1, on Sept. 7 on the road and then No. 21 University of Chicago, 1-0, at home on Sept. 28. Hope lost at then-No. 15 Ohio Northern, 2-1, on Sept. 6.

SIZING UP

Hope finished with a 2-2-2 record this season against teams who made the NCAA Tournament field.

The Flying Dutchmen defeated Lake Forest, Ill, 2-1, at home in the Aug. 30 season opener and at Ohio Wesleyan, 2-1, on Sept. 7.

Hope played to draws of 2-2 at home vs. DePauw on Sept. 25 and 1-1 at Calvin on Oct. 9.

The Flying Dutchmen lost 2-1 at Ohio Northern on Sept. 6 at 2-1 at home to Calvin on Nov. 5 in the MIAA Tournament semifinals.

Hope's strength of schedules ranks 143rd in Division III. Opponents have a .537 winning percentage (143-120-46).

TOP ATTACKERS

Junior Seth Walters and freshman Jackson Mindling have delivered a one-two scoring punch for the Flying Dutchmen, who have outscored opponents 43511 this season.

Walters (12 goals) and Mindling (12 goals) are the fourth set of Hope teammates to each score at least 11 goals apiece in a season, joining:

- 2005, Karter Klingenberg (15) and Geoff Meyer (14)
- 1995, Paul Rosenbrook (11) and Geoff Rodocker (11);
- 1979, Jim DeJulio (18) and Pat Fowler (11).

Walters already has set a career-high with 12 goals. The engineering major has 19 career goals in two seasons, including eight in 2022.

Walters missed last season due to injury.



ALL-MIAA AND MVP HONORS

A league-high seven members of the Hope College men's soccer team received All-MIAA honors for the 2024 season, with senior Cole Pauly garnering additional recognition as the league's Most Valuable Player. Pauly was named to the All-MIAA First Team, along with senior Matthew Davidson, senior Daniel Hesselbein, freshman Jackson Mindling, junior Seth Walters and sophomore Josh Weigel. Fifth-year Jake Lyon was named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

The six first-team selections are tied for the most in program history, equaling 2005, 1996 and 1995.

This marked the 14th season a Hope men's soccer student-athlete was named MIAA MVP. Pauly (Mundelein, Illinois / Mundelein HS) is the first since Ty Dalton during the 2021 spring season.

A defender and team co-captain, Pauly helped hold the seven league opponents to a collective total of just two goals across the entire regular season while also contributing a goal and an assist. The business major claimed All-MIAA recognition for the third time in his career.

MIAA CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN

The Flying Dutchmen earned a share of the program's 15th MIAA title this season by going undefeated in league play with a 5-0-2 record.

Hope shared the championship with Trine after playing the Thunder to a scoreless draw on the road on Oct. 29.

The MIAA title was the Flying Dutchmen's first since 2010 when they were co-champions.

Hope and Trine ended Calvin's long title reign.

DEFENSIVE MOOD

The Flying Dutchmen have shut out nine opponents this season, tying for the fifth most in program history along with their 2021 and 2007 teams. The school record is 13 (2011).

Senior Daniel Hesselbein is fully responsible for seven of those shutouts after logging all but 10 minutes in goal this season. The physical and health education major owns a 0.69 goals against average with an .817 save percentage this season.

POSTSEASON HISTORY

ALL-TIME RECORD: 9-11-5
RECORD IN OVERTIME: 0-1
RECORD IN SHOOTOUTS: 2-3
RECORD IN 1ST ROUND: 7-7-1
RECORD IN 2ND ROUND: 2-3-1
RECORD IN 3RD ROUND: 0-0-3
RECORD IN 4TH ROUND: 0-1-0
RECORD IN NATIONAL SEMIFINALS: 0-0
RECORD IN NATIONAL FINALS: 0-0

LAST POSTSEASON GAME: 2-0, defeated DePauw (2024, 1st)
LAST POSTSEASON WIN: 2-0, DePauw (2024, 1st)
LAST RECORDED SHUTOUT: 2-0, DePauw (2024, 1st)
LAST TIME SHUTOUT: 2-0, Ohio Wesleyan (2019, 1st)

TOTAL GOALS SCORED: 30
MOST GOALS SCORED: 4 (twice), 2003 vs. Dominican, Ill., and 1983 vs. Mount Union
TOTAL GOALS ALLOWED: 27
MOST GOALS ALLOWED: 4, Ohio Wesleyan, 1982
LAST POSTSEASON GOAL: Matthew VanZylveld vs. Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 2013 (2nd, 53:14)

SEASON BREAKDOWN

MOST GOALS SCORED: 7, home vs. LeTourneau, Texas, Aug. 31
FEWEST GOALS SCORED: 0 at Trine, Oct. 29
MOST INDIVIDUAL GOALS: 2 (eight times), last, Thomas DeVries home vs. Adrian, Oct. 26
MOST ASSISTS: 5 vs. Adrian, Oct. 26
MOST INDIVIDUAL ASSISTS: 2, Cole Pauly at Concordia-Chicago, Sept. 13
MOST SHOTS: 31 vs. Adrian, Oct. 26
FEWEST SHOTS: 6 at Calvin, Oct. 9
MOST INDIVIDUAL SHOTS: 9, Jackson Mindling vs. Adrian, Oct. 26
MOST SHOTS ON GOAL: 16 vs. LeTourneau, Aug. 31
MOST INDIVIDUAL SHOTS ON GOAL: 5, Seth Walters at Alma, Oct. 23
MOST SAVES: 6 (twice), vs. Calvin, Nov. 5 and at UChicago, Sept. 14
MOST CORNER KICKS: 18 at Eureka, Sept. 14
MOST FOULS: 14 (twice), vs. Benedictine, Ill., Sept. 10. and Ohio Northern, Sept. 6

MOST OPPOSING GOALS: 2 (three times), home vs. Calvin, Nov. 5; home vs. DePauw, Ind., Sept. 25; and at Ohio Northern, Sept. 6
MOST OPPOSING ASSISTS: 4 at Ohio Northern, Sept. 6
MOST OPPOSING SHOTS: 16 at home by Calvin, Nov. 5
FEWEST OPPOSING SHOTS: 1 at Eureka, Sept. 14
MOST OPPOSING SHOTS ON GOAL: 16 at home by Calvin, Nov. 5
MOST OPPOSING SAVES: 9, home vs. LeTourneau, Texas, Aug. 31
MOST OPPOSING CORNER KICKS: 8 vs. Benedictine, Ill., Sept. 10
MOST OPPOSING FOULS: 15, home vs. DePauw, Sept. 25

COACHING STAFF



DAVID BLAHNIK
Head Coach

David Blahnik was named Hope College men's soccer head coach on May 3, 2022. In two seasons, Blahnik has guided the Flying Dutchmen to an 18-9-9 overall record and a 9-4-1 mark against MIAA opponents. Blahnik guided Olivet Nazarene to a .707 winning percentage over six seasons from 2012 through 2017. Blahnik served as an assistant men's soccer coach at Hope in 2019, helping the Flying Dutchmen return to the NCAA Division III Tournament and finishing with a 14-6-1 overall record. At Olivet Nazarene, Blahnik coached his alma mater to five NAIA National Tournament appearances and an 85-31-13 overall record. Olivet Nazarene earned an NAIA Top 25 ranking five times during Blahnik's tenure. Blahnik holds a bachelor's degree in sport management and a Master of Business Administration degree from Olivet Nazarene. As a student-athlete, Blahnik earned CCAC All-Conference honors and was team captain during the 2004 and 2005 seasons.



CONNOR FOWLER
Assistant Coach

Connor Fowler '22 joined the Hope College men's soccer coaching staff prior to the start of the 2022 season. A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Fowler played three seasons for the Flying Dutchmen before graduating with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health. Fowler also played for the Tulip City United in the Midwest Premier League. He has served as junior varsity coach at Holland Christian High School and U10 and U19 boys teams for United Soccer Athletes in Holland. Fowler is currently employed as an Elementary Physical Education Teacher for Holland Public Schools.



CORY MILLER
Assistant Coach

Cory Miller joined the Hope College men's soccer coaching staff prior to the 2022 season. Miller previously served as assistant coach for Dave Blahnik at Olivet Nazarene University. He also was a four-year starter at Olivet Nazarene. Miller played professional soccer from 2011 through 2018 for the Carolina Railhawks (now North Carolina FC), the Los Angeles Blues and the Indy Eleven. Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Miller is a Senior Account Executive for Diehard Custom. He holds Athletic Training and exercise and sports science bachelor's degrees from Olivet Nazarene. Miller and his wife, Brittany, have a son, Squire, and a daughter, Juniper (JJ).



CHRIS TABORN
Assistant Coach

Chris Taborn joined the Hope College men's soccer coaching staff prior to the 2023 season and will primarily be working with the goalkeepers. Taborn previously was the assistant coach at Olivet Nazarene University (2018-2020) and Davenport University (2020-2023). He also was the four-year starting goalkeeper at Olivet Nazarene under Coach Blahnik. Originally from Matteson, Illinois, Taborn is the owner of the Tiger Goalkeeping Institute and the current Head of Goalkeeping for Midwest United FC. He holds a Sports Management degree from Olivet Nazarene.

2024 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	NO.	NAME	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Keegan DuKuiper	GK	Sr.	Norton Shores, MI	17	Jackson Mindling	F	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI
00	Jack McDaniel	GK	Jr.	Portage, MI	18	Alan Alcala	M	So.	Kalamazoo, MI
1	Daniel Hesselbein	GK	Sr.	Barrington, IL	19	Reece Brown	M	Jr.	Livonia, MI
2	Hayden Wilson	M	Fr.	Grandville, MI	20	Matthew Mrozinski	D	Jr.	Milford, MI
3	Ryker Corstange	F	Fr.	Richland, MI	21	Ben Bush	F	Sr.	Spring Lake, MI
4	Seth Walters	F	Jr.	St. Joseph, MI	22	Zach Risley	M	So.	Kalamazoo, MI
5	Cole Pauly	D	Sr.	Mundelein, IL	23	Russell Ebbert	D	Jr.	St. Joseph, MI
6	Josh Reyes	M	So.	Rochester Hills, MI	24	Matthew Davidson	M	Sr.	Grand Ledge, MI
8	Evan Morrison	M	So.	Canton, MI	25	Evan Tsandes	D	So.	Park City, UT
9	Thomas De Vries	M	Sr.	Byron Center, MI	26	Grant Hassenrik	M	Jr.	Ada, MI
10	Matt Wimmer	M	5th	Farmington Hills, MI	27	Michael Dietz	D	So.	Eaton Rapids, MI
11	Jake Lyon	D	5th	Marshall, MI	28	Benjamin Smitley	D	Fr.	Wyoming, MI
12	Micah Wieland	M	So.	Bristol, IN	29	Owen Ceithaml	D	Fr.	Holland, MI
13	Josh Weigel	M	So.	Naperville, IL	30	Cooper Hutt	GK	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
14	AJ Boucher	M	Jr.	Delton, MI	31	JP Hogsten	M	Fr.	Holland, MI
15	Mario Hrvojevic	M	Sr.	Lincolnwood, IL	98	Daniel Morgan	GK	Fr.	Holland, MI
16	Caden Chenlo	D	So.	East Grand Rapids, MI	99	Justin Kuiper	GK	So.	Holland, MI