



# UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2021-22 GAME NOTES

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### THE MATCHUP



#### UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS | 4-8, 1-0 OVC

**Head Coach:** Kevin McMillan (Rhodes College, 1989)  
**Career Record:** 244-150 (13th season)  
**Record at UTM:** Same

**Points:** Paige Pipkin (14.2)  
**Rebounds:** Holly Forbes (6.1)  
**Assists:** Kyannah Grant (2.8)

**Steals:** Paige Pipkin (1.6)  
**Blocks:** Shanice Simpson-Whiteley (0.6)

PPG..... 49.0  
Opp. PPG..... 54.7  
Margin..... -5.7  
FG%..... 36.6  
3PT FG%..... 30.2  
FT%..... 76.4  
RPG..... 28.5  
APG..... 9.3  
TPG..... 14.8  
SPG..... 7.3  
BPG..... 1.4

VS



#### SIUE COUGARS | 4-8, 0-1 OVC

**Head Coach:** Samantha Quigley Smith (DePaul, 2011)  
**Career Record:** 87-41 (5th season)  
**Record at SIUE:** 4-8 (1st season)

**Points:** Gabby Nikitinaite (13.4)  
**Rebounds:** Allie Troeckler (5.2)  
**Assists:** Mikayla Kinnard (2.8)

**Steals:** Allie Troeckler (2.6)  
**Blocks:** Allie Troeckler (0.4)

PPG..... 66.3  
Opp. PPG..... 76.5  
Margin..... -10.2  
FG%..... 37.0  
3PT FG%..... 28.4  
FT%..... 71.6  
RPG..... 36.2  
APG..... 14.7  
TPG..... 19.0  
SPG..... 10.0  
BPG..... 1.9

### PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP



**KYANNAH GRANT**  
6.7 PPG • 3.4 RPG  
2.8 APG • 0.6 SPG



**SHAE LITTLEFORD**  
8.2 PPG • 2.7 RPG  
1.3 APG • 1.8 SPG



**PAIGE PIPKIN**  
14.2 PPG • 4.0 RPG  
1.5 APG • 1.6 SPG



**ELLA THOMPSON**  
5.0 PPG • 4.0 RPG  
0.0 APG • 2.0 SPG



**RAEGAN JOHNSON**  
0.7 PPG • 0.6 RPG  
0.2 APG • 0.2 SPG

### FULL COURT PRESS



#### PLAYER TO WATCH

**#35 • PAIGE PIPKIN**  
5-10 • HENDERSON, TENN. • JR.

Junior guard Paige Pipkin poured in a career-high 33 points in the team's OVC opener against Austin Peay on Thursday night. Pipkin knocked down 11-of-17 field goal attempts - including three trifectas - along with eight free throws to lead all scorers. In the last three games, Pipkin is averaging over 21 points per game and has eclipsed double figures in seven games this season.

- The University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball team will look to build upon the team's road win in the Ohio Valley Conference opener when playing host to SIUE on Saturday, Jan. 1. Tipoff from the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center is scheduled for 1 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN+.
- The Skyhawks (4-8, 1-0 OVC) closed 2021 on a positive note and brought its six-game losing streak to a close with an impressive showing in their league opener by defeating Austin Peay 70-62 on the road. As the two-time defending OVC regular season champions, UT Martin opened its title defense on the right foot by posting season single-game highs in points (70) and field goal percentage (56.8) while featuring a pair of standout individual performances. With the win, the Skyhawks improved to 9-5 in league openers under the direction of head coach Kevin McMillan since taking over prior to the 2009-10 season.
- UT Martin is led offensively by junior guard Paige Pipkin who is coming off the best game of her career. The league's seventh-leading scorer rattled of a career-best 33 points in the OVC opener on Thursday night while knocking down 11-of-17 shots from the field - including three three-pointers - along with eight free throws. Pipkin is averaging 14.2 points per game this season and has eclipsed double figures in seven of her 11 games played, while turning it up a notch over the last three outings by averaging 21.3 ppg. Meanwhile, freshman Shae Littleford (8.2 ppg) is also coming off the best game of her young career by tossing in 16 points along with tallying four rebounds, four steals and three assists against the Gavs.
- SIUE (4-8, 0-1 OVC) enters the contest looking to get back to its winning ways after a strong start to the season which featured wins over Illinois, Butler, Purdue Fort Wayne and Saint Louis. Since then the Cougars have dropped four straight games - including the team's OVC opener to Belmont on Thursday by a score of 87-49.
- The Cougars are under the direction of first-year head coach Samantha Quigley Smith and features a pair of scorers averaging double figures on the year. Former Northern Illinois and George Washington transfer Gabby Nikitinaite leads the team offensively by averaging 13.4 points per game and recently eclipsed 1,000 career points in Thursday's contest. Mikayla Kinnard (11.9 ppg) ranks as the team's other top scorer while veteran Allie Troeckler is a versatile threat with 8.3 points, 5.2 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 2.1 assists per game.
- This marks the 30th meeting in series history between the two programs with UT Martin holding a sizable 21-8 advantage. The Skyhawks are 12-3 all-time in games played in Martin and have won eight straight against the Cougars since 2018.

### SERIES HISTORY

#### UT Martin leads series 21-8

**Last Meeting**..... Feb. 25, 2021  
**Game Result**..... W, 68-52  
**Streak**..... UTM W8  
**First Meeting**..... Nov. 28, 1986  
**UTM vs. SIUE in Martin**..... 12-3  
**UTM vs. SIUE in Edwardsville**..... 8-5  
**McMillan vs. SIUE**..... 15-6

### 2021-22 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

BREAKDOWN	OVERALL RECORD:		4-8
	OVC		1-0
	NON-CONFERENCE		3-8
	HOME		1-3
	AWAY		1-2
	NEUTRAL		2-3

### NOVEMBER

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
12	Fri	at Kansas State <sup>#</sup>	Big12NOW	L, 44-30
14	Sun	vs. North Carolina A&T <sup>#</sup>	YouTube	W, 58-40
15	Mon	vs. Western Kentucky <sup>#</sup>	YouTube	L, 63-47
17	Wed	at #10 Louisville	ACCNX	L, 63-30
20	Sat	ILLINOIS STATE	ESPN+	W, 54-52
26	Fri	vs. George Washington <sup>5</sup>	FloHoops	L, 46-37
27	Sat	vs. #24 Virginia Tech <sup>5</sup>	FloHoops	L, 54-49

### DECEMBER

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
5	Sun	SAINT LOUIS	ESPN+	L, 59-54
12	Sun	MISSISSIPPI STATE	ESPN+	L, 54-37
15	Wed	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	ESPN+	L, 69-54
21	Tue	vs. Bowling Green <sup>%</sup>	FloHoops	L, 67-52
30	Thur	at Austin Peay <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	W, 70-62

### JANUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
1	Sat	SIUE <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
6	Thur	at Tennessee State <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
8	Sat	BELMONT <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
12	Wed	at Morehead State <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	4 pm
15	Sat	TENNESSEE TECH <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
20	Thur	AUSTIN PEAY <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
22	Sat	at Murray State <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5 pm
27	Thur	EASTERN ILLINOIS <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5:30 pm
29	Sat	at Belmont <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	4 pm

### FEBRUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
3	Thur	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5:30 pm
5	Sat	TENNESSEE STATE <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
10	Thur	at SIUE <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	11 am
12	Sat	at Eastern Illinois <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
16	Wed	MOREHEAD STATE <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5:30 pm
19	Sat	MURRAY STATE <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	1 pm
24	Thur	at Southeast Missouri <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5 pm
26	Sat	at Tennessee Tech <sup>*</sup>	ESPN+	5:30 pm

### MARCH

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
2	Wed	vs. OVC Championship	ESPN+	TBA
3	Thur	vs. OVC Championship	ESPN+	TBA
4	Fri	vs. OVC Championship	ESPN+	TBA
5	Sat	vs. OVC Championship	ESPN+	TBA

<sup>#</sup> WNIT Preseason Classic - Manhattan, Kan.  
<sup>\$</sup> San Juan Shootout - San Juan, Puerto Rico  
<sup>%</sup> Holiday Hoops Classic - Las Vegas, Nevada

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** in Elam Center  
<sup>\*</sup> Ohio Valley Conference game

# UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (4-8, 1-0 OVC)

HEAD COACH: KEVIN McMILLAN (13TH SEASON)

ASSISTANTS: WILLIE TREVATHAN, DARBY MAGGARD AND STACIE EVANS

#	NAME	HOMETOWN	FIELD GOAL	3PT. FGS	FREE THROWS	FOULS	POINTS
0	EMMA DAVIS	G, 5-10, JR. HARRODSBURG, KY.					
2	ELLA THOMPSON	F, 5-11, FR. BARDSTOWN, KY.					
5	SEYGAN ROBINS	G, 5-8, So. HARRODSBURG, KY.					
10	RAEGAN JOHNSON	F, 6-2, So. MARTIN, TENN.					
11	SHAE LITTLEFORD	G, 5-7, FR. CHARLESTON, ILL.					
12	MIA HURST	G, 5-10, FR. HENDERSON, TENN.					
23	HAYLEY HARRISON	G, 5-10, FR. WINCHESTER, KY.					
25	SHANICE SIMPSON-WHITELEY	F, 6-1, FR. TORONTO, CANADA					
31	KYANNAH GRANT	G, 5-7, JR. CHOCTAW, MISS.					
32	GABI MELBY	G, 5-6, FR. NAPERVILLE, ILL.					
34	HOLLY FORBES	F, 5-10, GR. BONNE TERRE, MO.					
35	PAIGE PIPKIN	G, 5-10, JR. HENDERSON, TENN.					
44	HALEY NICHOLS	F, 6-0, FR. AVON, IND.					

# SIUE COUGARS (4-8, 0-1 OVC)

HEAD COACH: SAMANTHA QUIGLEY SMITH (1ST SEASON)

ASSISTANTS: JAZMIN PITTS, BRADLEY BRUNO, ARIEL MASSENGALE, ALLAZIA BLOCKTON

#	NAME	HOMETOWN	FIELD GOALS	3PT. FGS	FREE THROWS	FOULS	POINTS
0	GABBY NIKITINAITE	G, 5-11, R-Sr. ORPINGTON, KENT, UK					
1	JAIDA HAMPTON	G, 5-10, R-Jr. LANSING, MICH.					
2	PRIMA CHELLIS	F, 5-11, Sr. PHOENIX, ARIZ.					
5	AJULU THATHA	F, 6-2, Jr. INDIANAPOLIS, IND.					
10	SARA MAJOROSOVA	G, 5-6, So. KOSICE, SLOVAKIA					
11	MIKIA KEITH	G, 5-4, Sr. INDIANAPOLIS, IND.					
12	MIKAYLA KINNARD	G, 5-11, Jr. LOUISVILLE, KY.					
15	MASYN McWILLIAMS	G, 5-9, Sr. CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.					
22	MADISON HACKSTADT	F, 6-0, R-Jr. OKAWVILLE, ILL.					
23	ALLIE TROECKLER	G/F, 5-10, Gr. BETHALTO, ILL.					
24	SOFIE LOWIS	G, 5-8, Fr. SPRINGFIELD, ILL.					
25	TAYLOR GOSS	G, 5-10, Fr. PEKIN, ILL.					
32	MADISON WEBB	F, 6-2, So. BEDFORD, IND.					
33	CAITE KNUTSON	G/F, 6-0, So. MARYVILLE, ILL.					
35	MIKALA HALL	G, 5-5, Sr. DANVILLE, ILL.					
42	TYLER BUTLER	F/C, 6-0, Fr. BELLEVILLE, ILL.					
44	TORI HAMILTON	F, 6-5, So. PARIS, MO.					
54	KELSIE WILLIAMS	F, 5-10, Sr. FLORISSANT, MO.					