



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2021-22 GAME NOTES

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THE MATCHUP



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS | 5-11, 2-3 OVC

Head Coach: Kevin McMillan (Rhodes College, 1989)
Career Record: 245-153 (13th season)
Record at UTM: Same

Points: Paige Pipkin (13.7)
Rebounds: Holly Forbes (5.8)
Assists: Kyannah Grant (2.8)

Steals: Paige Pipkin (1.5)
Blocks: Shanice Simpson-Whiteley (0.7)

PPG..... 51.5
Opp. PPG..... 56.2
Margin..... -4.7
FG%..... 38.4
3PT FG%..... 30.5
FT%..... 79.2
RPG..... 28.4
APG..... 9.6
TPG..... 15.3
SPG..... 7.9
BPG..... 1.6

VS



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS | 8-10, 3-4 OVC

Head Coach: Matt Bollant (Winona State, 1994)
Career Record: 395-230 (19th season)
Record at EIU: 52-81 (5th season)

Points: Lariah Washington (14.9)
Rebounds: Abby Wahl (5.4)
Assists: Kira Arthofer (4.8)

Steals: Kira Arthofer (2.5)
Blocks: Wahl/Thornton (0.3)

PPG..... 68.4
Opp. PPG..... 65.9
Margin..... +2.5
FG%..... 41.5
3PT FG%..... 31.3
FT%..... 77.0
RPG..... 34.1
APG..... 14.8
TPG..... 14.7
SPG..... 11.1
BPG..... 1.3

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP



G
31
KYANNAH GRANT
7.7 PPG • 3.1 RPG
2.8 APG • 0.9 SPG



G
11
SHAE LITTLEFORD
10.4 PPG • 2.7 RPG
1.6 APG • 1.8 SPG



G
35
PAIGE PIPKIN
13.7 PPG • 4.1 RPG
2.1 APG • 1.5 SPG



F
2
ELLA THOMPSON
7.1 PPG • 5.7 RPG
0.3 APG • 1.4 SPG



F
34
HOLLY FORBES
9.8 PPG • 5.8 RPG
1.3 APG • 1.7 SPG

FULL COURT PRESS



PLAYER TO WATCH

#2 • ELLA THOMPSON
5-11 • BARDSTOWN, KY. • FR.

Freshman Ella Thompson had the best game of her young career against Morehead State her last time out. She posted her first career double-double with a new career-high 14 points while notching 10 rebounds in the win.

After missing the first nine games of the season with an injury, Thompson has started the last six games and is averaging 8.0 points and 6.4 rebounds per game in OVC play.

- The University of Tennessee at Martin women's basketball team returns home for its first game in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center in 43 days when playing host to Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Illinois on Thursday, Jan. 27. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN+.
- The Skyhawks (5-11, 2-3 OVC) are hoping a return to the Elam Center will spark a jolt into the team. Since 2009, UT Martin has found an abundance of success at home by posting a 126-30 mark against visiting opponents. The Skyhawks have especially excelled against OVC foes by winning 87.5 percent of their home games with an overall mark of 91-13 on Pat Head Summitt Court.
- In the team's most recent contest, UT Martin picked up its first win of 2022 with a 64-50 road win at Morehead State. Despite playing with a limited roster, the Skyhawks shot 46.0 percent from the floor and picked up their fifth consecutive win against the Eagles to even the all-time series. Leading the way for the Skyhawks was the freshman pair of Shae Littleford who scored a game-high 17 points while Ella Thompson tallied her first double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.
- UT Martin guard Paige Pipkin leads the team and ranks seventh in the OVC with 13.7 points per game while tallying 4.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game. She is joined in double figures by Littleford who has flourished in conference play to bump her scoring average up to 10.4 points per game – including an average of 14.2 points against league opponents.
- Eastern Illinois (8-10, 3-4 OVC) dropped its most recent matchup to Tennessee Tech on Monday evening (65-60) after picking up back-to-back wins last weekend against Murray State and Southeast Missouri. The Panthers feature three starters who have scoring averages in double figures including Lariah Washington (14.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg), Abby Wahl (11.3 ppg, 5.4 rpg) and Kira Arthofer (10.4 ppg, 4.8 apg).
- Over the past week, the Panthers were highlighted by the play of freshman guard Julia Bengtson who was named OVC Co-Freshman of the Week after starting all three games. Bengtson averaged 12.7 points per game while shooting 48.5 percent from the field. She also tallied seven assists and eight steals for the week.
- The matchup marks the 60th meeting between the two programs with UT Martin holding a 39-20 advantage in the series since 1975. The Skyhawks have won five consecutive games against the Panthers, including 12 straight meetings inside the Elam Center.

SERIES HISTORY

UT Martin leads series 39-20

Last Meeting	March 3, 2021
Game Result	W, 65-56
Streak	UTM W5
First Meeting	Jan. 31, 1975
UTM vs. EIU in Martin	23-5
UTM vs. EIU in Charleston	12-14
McMillan vs. Eastern Illinois	21-8

2021-22 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

BREAKDOWN	OVERALL RECORD:	5-11
	OVC	2-3
	NON-CONFERENCE	3-8
	HOME	1-4
	AWAY	2-4
	NEUTRAL	2-3

NOVEMBER

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
12	Fri	at Kansas State [#]	Big12NOW	L, 44-30
14	Sun	vs. North Carolina A&T [#]	YouTube	W, 58-40
15	Mon	vs. Western Kentucky [#]	YouTube	W, 63-47
17	Wed	at #10 Louisville	ACCNX	L, 63-30
20	Sat	ILLINOIS STATE	ESPN+	W, 54-52
26	Fri	vs. George Washington ⁵	FloHoops	L, 46-37
27	Sat	vs. #24 Virginia Tech ⁵	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, 66-37
15	Wed	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	ESPN+	L, 69-54
21	Tue	vs. Bowling Green [%]	FloHoops	L, 67-52
30	Thur	at Austin Peay [*]	ESPN+	W, 70-62

JANUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
1	Sat	SIUE [*]	ESPN+	L, 62-58
6	Thur	at Tennessee State [*]	ESPN+	L, 66-65
22	Sat	at Murray State [*]	ESPN+	L, 65-49
24	Mon	at Morehead State [*]	ESPN+	W, 64-50
27	Thur	EASTERN ILLINOIS [*]	ESPN+	5:30 pm
29	Sat	at Belmont [*]	ESPN+	4 pm
31	Mon	TENNESSEE TECH [*]	ESPN+	1 pm

FEBRUARY

Date	Day	Opponent	TV	Time (CT)
3	Thur	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI [*]	ESPN+	5:30 pm
5	Sat	TENNESSEE STATE [*]	ESPN+	1 pm
7	Mon	BELMONT [*]	ESPN+	2 pm
10	Thur	at SIUE [*]	ESPN+	11 am
12	Sat	at Eastern Illinois [*]	ESPN+	1 pm
14	Mon	AUSTIN PEAY [*]	ESPN+	1 pm
16	Wed	MOREHEAD STATE [*]	ESPN+	5:30 pm
19	Sat	MURRAY STATE [*]	ESPN+	1 pm
24	Thur	at Southeast Missouri [*]	ESPN+	5 pm
26	Sat	at Tennessee Tech [*]	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

[#] WNIT Preseason Classic - Manhattan, Kan.
^{\$} San Juan Shootout - San Juan, Puerto Rico
[%] Holiday Hoops Classic - Las Vegas, Nevada

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** in Elam Center
^{*} Ohio Valley Conference game

UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (5-11, 2-3 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.					

EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (8-10, 3-4 OVC)

HEAD COACH: MATT BOLLANT (5TH SEASON)

ASSISTANTS: KEVIN TEMPLETON, JASMINE CINCORE, ALLIE LECLAIRE, LIZ OSWALD

#	NAME	HOMETOWN	FIELD GOALS	3PT. FGS	FREE THROWS	FOULS	POINTS
1	KIRA ARTHOFER	G, 5-8, SR. BETTENDORF, IOWA					
2	JORDYN HUGHES	G, 5-8, SR. GURNEE, ILL.					
3	MIAH MONAHAN	G, 5-8, FR. SILVER LAKE, MINN.					
5	JACQUELINE MAULUCCI	G, 5-8, SO. FISHERS, IND.					
10	HALEY CAMERON	F, 6-0, SO. DAYTON, TENN.					
11	ALANA VINSON	G, 5-11, SO. INDIANAPOLIS, IND.					
14	ELLIE COLSON	C, 6-1, FR. SPRING HILL, TENN.					
20	JULIA BENGTON	G, 5-8, FR. BECKER, MINN.					
22	LARIAH WASHINGTON	G, 5-9, JR. ST. CLOUD, MINN.					
24	MORGAN LITWILLER	F, 5-11, JR. MIDDLEBURY, IND.					
25	TARIS THORNTON	F, 6-0, FR. LOMBARD, ILL.					
32	PARKER STAFFORD	F, 6-0, SO. OMAHA, NEB.					
41	ABBY WAHL	F/C, 6-1, SR. SANTA CLAUS, IND.					