

PREVIEW: SIUE, Butler Meet Tuesday

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GAME 4
SIUE Cougars (1-2, 0-0 OVC)

vs. Butler Bulldogs (0-4, 0-0 Big East)

Tue., Nov. 23, 11 a.m. CT

Indianapolis, Ind. (Hinkle Fieldhouse)

Video: [Flo Sports](#)

Radio: WSIE FM 88.7 the Sound (Randy Moehlman)

Audio: [SIUECougarNetwork.com](#)

Live Stats: [SIUEStats.com](#)

All-Time Series: First Meeting

OPENING TIP

- This is the final game of a four-game road swing to start the season for the Cougars.
- The home opener for the Cougars is Nov. 28 against Purdue Fort Wayne.
- SIUE is coming off one of the biggest regular-season wins in program history, a 71-62 road win at Illinois. It is the first time SIUE has defeated a Big Ten team (0-8 previously).
- The Cougars' only previous win over a Power 5 school was in 2012 (Clemson).
- [Gabby Nikitinaite](#) was the leading scorer at Illinois with 15 points and is the only player to have scored in double figures in each of the first three games.
- Four players scored in double figures at Illinois, including [Mikayla Kinnard](#) (14), [Ajulu Thatha](#) (14) and [Allie Troeckler](#) (11).
- Despite being outsized at Illinois, SIUE outscored the Fighting Illini 24-22 in the paint despite being blocked nine times.
- The Cougars have shown a tendency to play strong defense with 27 turnovers forced at Kansas and 24 forced at Illinois.
- SIUE returns 13 players from last season's roster and has five newcomers for the 2021-22 season.