



2024 TIAA BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Game 1 • Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Target Center • Minneapolis, Minn.

FINAL: #12 Purdue d. #13 Northwestern, 78-72

RECORDS: Purdue (13-17), Northwestern (9-21)

#12 Purdue advances to play #5 Nebraska at approx. 2 p.m. CT on Thursday

GAME NOTES

NORTHWESTERN NOTES

- Caileigh Walsh (26 points) led the Wildcats in scoring for the 12th time this season. She finished a point shy of her career high and posted a game-high three blocked shots.
- Melannie Daley (21 points) posted her team-leading seventh 20+ point game this season.
- The Wildcats built a 12-point lead in the second half (49-37, 4:33, 3rd).
- Finished with 34 points scored in the paint.

PURDUE NOTES

- Madison Layden's three-point field goal at 8:58 of the fourth quarter broke a 55-55 tie. It was Purdue's first lead of the second half and the Boilermakers never trailed from that point.
- Abbey Ellis scored a team-high 25 points, registering the 14th 20-point game of her career.
- Jeanae Terry collected 16 rebounds, matching the school record for a Big Ten Tournament game. She tied Stacey Lovelace's record set against Penn State on March 4, 1996.
- Extended its win streak against Northwestern to four games. Purdue leads the all-time series, 54-27.
- The Boilermakers defeated the Wildcats by 26 points (74-48), on Feb. 14 at Welsh-Ryan Arena in the only regular season meeting between the schools.
- Playing as a No. 12 seed for the first time.

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- PUR-NU finished a combined (44-for-51, 86.3%) from the free throw line
NU (18-for-19), PUR (26-32)
- Purdue finished with a 21-2 advantage in bench points.
- Purdue's 47 wins at the Big Ten Tournament are the most of any school.
- Tonight's game marked just the second-ever Big Ten Tournament meeting between Purdue and Northwestern. The teams previously clashed at the 1999 Quarterfinals, a 79-56 Purdue win.
- No. 12 seeds have won seven of ten meetings versus No. 13 seeds in tournament history.