



2025 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game 1 • Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Gainbridge Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.

FINAL: #13 Northwestern d. #12 Minnesota, 72-64

RECORDS: Minnesota (15-17), Northwestern (17-15)

#13 Northwestern advances to play #5 Wisconsin at approx. 2:30 p.m. ET on Thursday

GAME NOTES

MINNESOTA

- The Gophers trailed by as much as 15 points in the second half before closing the gap to seven in the final minute.
- Dawson Garcia surpassed 20 points for the conference-best 18th time this season.
- Mike Mitchell Jr. was the other Gopher in double-figure scoring with 11 points in 21 minutes of action. He reached double digits for the ninth time this season and the 27th time in his career.

NORTHWESTERN

- Northwestern claimed a 6-5 lead at 17:46 of the first half on a Nick Martinelli jumper and led the rest of the game.
- Martinelli netted a game-high 28 points — without the benefit of a 3-point basket — and extended his streak of double-figure games to 25 games, the longest streak at NU since 2000.
- Martinelli: surpassed 1,000 career points tonight, becoming the 43rd Wildcat to accomplish that feat.
- The Wildcats finished with three players in double figures scoring: Martinelli (28), Ty Berry (14) and Jordan Clayton (11).

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Northwestern completed a season sweep, having won 75-63 on Feb. 25 in Minneapolis.
- Minnesota still owns a 6-3 edge over Northwestern in the Big Ten Tournament.
- The teams were meeting in the BTT for the first time since 2021.