



2025 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game 3 • Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Gainbridge Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.

FINAL: #14 USC d. #11 Rutgers, 97-89 (2OT)

RECORDS: Rutgers (15-17), USC (16-16)

#14 USC advances to play #6 Purdue at approx. 9 p.m. ET on Thursday

GAME NOTES

RUTGERS

- Rutgers' 89 points is the most by a losing team in Big Ten Tournament history.
- The Scarlet Knights overcame a 15-point deficit in the first half to take the lead in the second half.
- Scored 31 points off USC turnovers; USC had just seven points off Rutgers turnovers
- Freshmen Dylan Harper (27 points) and Ace Bailey (17 points) combined for 44 points. The duo had a combined 16 total points at the half.

USC

- Made its Big Ten Tournament debut tonight.
- USC is 3-0 all-time at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, having previously played at the 2021 NCAA Tournament in Indianapolis.
- Desmond Claude led all scorers with 28 points to go along with eight assists.
- Rashaun Agee contributed 23 points and is two shy of 1,000 for his career.
- Agee (23 points, 11 rebounds) and Chibuzo Agbo (13 points, 10 rebounds) turned in double-doubles.

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Tonight's game was the first double overtime game at the Big Ten Tournament since March 13, 2010 when Ohio State defeated Illinois, 88-81, in the semifinals.
- Lower seeded teams won all three games on the first day of the Big Ten Tournament.