

2024 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Game 13 • Sunday, March 17, 2024
Target Center • Minneapolis, Minn.
FINAL: #2 Illinois d. #5 Wisconsin, 93-87

Records: Wisconsin (22-13), Illinois (26-8)

Big Ten Tournament Championship Game

GAME NOTES

WISCONSIN NOTES

- Wisconsin was making its first Big Ten Tournament Championship Game appearance since 2017. The Badgers are 3-5 all-time in the finals.
- Wisconsin defeated No. 12 Maryland (Thurs.), No. 4 Northwestern (Fri.) and No. 1 Purdue (Sat.) to reach the title game.
- The Badgers finished 20-for-23 (87.0) from the free throw line.
- AJ Storr broke the school record for most points (90) in a BTT. He surpassed 20+ points for the 12th time this season with a team-high 24 points.

ILLINOIS NOTES

- No. 13/14-ranked Illinois claimed its fourth Big Ten Tournament title, adding to championships won in 2003, 2005 and 2021.
- Illinois was making its eighth BTT Championship Game appearance and its first since 2021. The Fighting Illini are 4-4 all-time in the finals.
- Illinois defeated No. 10 seed Ohio State (Fri.), No. 3 seed Nebraska (Sat.) and No. 5 seed Wisconsin (Sun.) on the way to the BTT Championship.
- Illinois shot 52.6 percent (30-57) from the floor and 86.7 (26-30) from the free throw line. The Illini improved to 21-0 on the year when out-shooting their opponent.
- Terrence Shannon Jr. set a Big Ten Tournament Championship Game scoring record with 34 points, breaking the previous record of 32 set by Duane Washington Jr., of Ohio State in 2021.
- Shannon Jr. also established an Illinois record for most points (102) in the BTT. He finished a point shy of tying the record for most points in a tournament.

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Today's game featured 13 lead changes and 13 ties.
- Wisconsin and Illinois have split four meetings in the Ten Tournament Championship Game.
- Today's game marked the seventh meeting between the schools in the tournament. Illinois now leads 4-3. The most recent encounter (prior to today) occurred at the 2010 quarterfinals.
- Illinois holds a 118-90 edge over Wisconsin in the all-time series that dates to 1906. The Illini recorded a 91-83 win in Madison in the lone regular season meeting on March 2. Illinois has won eight-straight in the series.
- Illinois improved to 6-0 all-time in the BTT against No. 5 seeds.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois Keisei Tominaga, Nebraska Zach Edey, Purdue Chucky Hepburn, Wisconsin AJ Storr, Wisconsin

JIM & KITTY DELANY MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois