



2025 TIAA BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Game 14 • Sunday, March 9, 2025
Gainbridge Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.
FINAL: #2 UCLA d. #1 USC, 72-67
RECORDS: UCLA (30-2), USC (28-3)

GAME NOTES

UCLA

- Wins the Big Ten Tournament title in its debut appearance; claimed second conference tournament title overall (won Pac-12 in 2006).
- Sets school record with its 30th win of the season.
- Rallied from a 13-point, second-half deficit — trailed 48-35 at 9:47 of the third quarter.
- Seized a 56-54 advantage with 8:30 left in the fourth quarter on Janiah Barker's jumper and didn't relinquish the lead from that point.
- Lauren Betts led the Bruins with 17 points (making 7-of-10 shots); she also amassed five rebounds, four blocks and four steals while playing 38 minutes.

USC

- Appeared in its second-straight conference tournament championship game (in two different conferences).
- The Trojans had their nine-game win streak snapped.
- Finished with a 21-4 advantage in offensive rebounds.
- JuJu Watkins tallied a game-high 29 points and finished the tournament with 80 points (26.7 average).
- Suffered first loss to UCLA this season, having won both regular season games.

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MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- First time since 2019 that the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds met in the Big Ten Tournament final.
- Marks the fourth-straight year the No. 2 seed has won the tournament championship.
- Entering today's game, USC was ranked No. 2 and UCLA ranked No. 4 in both the AP and USA Today Coaches polls.

All-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Lauren Betts, C, UCLA

JuJu Watkins, G, USC

Kiki Iriafren, F, USC

Syla Swords, G, Michigan

Lucy Olsen, G, Iowa

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Lauren Betts, C, UCLA