



2015-16 MINNESOTA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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GAME INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015
Time: Noon CT
Site: Williams Arena
Video: BTN Plus
Radio: KBEM 88.5
Talent: **Play-by-Play:** Corbu Stathes
Analyst: Lynnette Sjoquist
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SERIES INFORMATION

vs. New Mexico

Minnesota: 3-1 (last Nov. 30, 2005, L, 62-44)
Stollings: First meeting

vs. Mountain West Opponents

Minnesota: 15-6 (last vs. Colorado State, W, 79-55, Nov. 30, 2013)
Stollings: First meeting

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

11.13	Wofford (BTN Plus)	W, 98-54
11.20	Maine (BTN Plus)	W, 91-64
11.24	at Kent State	W, 85-73
San Juan Shootout - San Juan, Puerto Rico		
11.27	vs. Stetson	W, 72-69
11.28	vs. Auburn	L, 81-79 (OT)
11.3	at 14/13 Duke (ACC/B1G) (ESPN3)	L, 84-64
12.6	Towson (BTN Plus)	W, 105-86
12.12	Memphis (BTN Plus)	W, 70-60
12.16	New Mexico (BTN Plus)	Noon
12.23	North Dakota (BTN Plus)	3 p.m.
12.28	NJIT (BTN Plus)	7 p.m.
12.31	at Rutgers* (BTN Plus)	Noon
1.3	Penn State* (BTN Plus)	2 p.m.
1.7	at Illinois* (BTN)	8 p.m.
1.10	Michigan* (BTN Plus)	2 p.m.
1.14	at Purdue* (BTN Plus)	6 p.m.
1.17	Indiana* (BTN Plus)	2 p.m.
1.20	Northwestern* (BTN Plus)	7 p.m.
1.23	at Wisconsin* (BTN)	11 a.m.
1.26	Illinois* (BTN)	8 p.m.
1.31	at Michigan* (BTN)	11:30 a.m.
2.4	Rutgers* (BTN Plus)	7 p.m.
2.7	at Northwestern* (BTN)	2 p.m.
2.11	Nebraska* (BTN Plus)	7 p.m.
2.15	Iowa* (Pink Game) (BTN)	7 p.m.
2.18	at Indiana* (BTN Plus)	6 p.m.
2.21	at Michigan State* (BTN/BTN Plus)	TBA
2.24	Ohio State* (BTN Plus)	7 p.m.
2.28	at Maryland* (ESPN2)	4 p.m.
3.2-6	Big Ten Tournament	TBA

GAME 9



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

6-2, 0-0 Big Ten

Head Coach: Marlene Stollings (Ohio, 1998)

Career Record: 80-54 (5th) | **Record at Minnesota:** 29-12 (2nd)

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

6-3, 0-0 Mountain West

Head Coach: Yvonne Sanchez (U.S. International, 1989)

Career Record: 66-69 (5th) | **Record at New Mexico:** Same

THE STARTING FIVE

1 Minnesota scoring leader **Rachel Banham** was selected as the Dec. 14 Big Ten Player of the Week. She scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Memphis to earn her second consecutive double-double. Her 13 points in the third quarter helped fuel a Minnesota comeback. The weekly award was the third of Banham's career, and the second by a Gopher this season (**Mikayla Bailey**, Nov. 16).

2 In the past three games, **Carlie Wagner** has scored 23, 27 and 21 points. Wagner has five 20-point games so far as a sophomore after recording two her freshman year. Her current scoring average of 20.5 is 8.4 points per game higher than last year's average. She has also increased her rebounding average from 3.6 to 5.9. Wagner has started every game and played the most minutes of any Gopher (averaging 38.9 per game).

3 Banham and Wagner are the No. 2 scoring duo in the nation as of Dec. 13. Banham (24.1 points per game, fifth in the nation and second in the Big Ten behind Ohio State's **Kelsey Mitchell**) and Wagner (20.5) combine to score 44.6 points per contest. Their combined average trails only that of Washington's **Kelsey Plum** (NCAA-best 28.0 ppg) and **Talia Walton**, who combine for 47.4 points per game. Banham is the only player in the country to have at least 20 points in each of her team's game so far this season.

4 Minnesota enters the game against the Lobos on a nine-game home winning streak. This mark dates back to the Jan. 28, 2015 win against Penn State. Minnesota is 4-0 at home so far this season and was 13-2 within the confines of Williams Arena in 2014-15.

5 Minnesota scored a season-high 48 points in the paint in the win against Memphis, and 22 of them came in the crucial third quarter that put the Gophers ahead after trailing by eight at halftime. The guard-oriented Gophers similarly scored 46 points in the paint at Kent State (Nov. 24), including 22 in the fourth quarter alone in a comeback win.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTERS



SHAYNE MULLANEY

#3 • G • Sr.



RACHEL BANHAM

#1 • G • Sr.



MIKAYLA BAILEY

#24 • G • Sr.



CARLIE WAGNER

#33 • G • So.



JESSIE EDWARDS

#10 • C • So.

	All	B1G												
PTS	9.4	--	PTS	24.1	--	PTS	11.9	--	PTS	20.5	--	PTS	6.6	--
REB	6.4	--	REB	7.0	--	REB	5.4	--	REB	5.9	--	REB	5.5	--
AST	6.6	--	AST	2.8	--	AST	3.5	--	AST	2.9	--	BLK	1.3	--
FG%	.389	--	FG%	.455	--	FG%	.372	--	FG%	.454	--	FG%	.564	--