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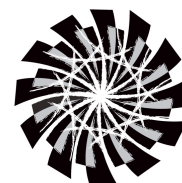
Game 7 • Friday, March 2, 2012

Bankers Life Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.

#1 PENN STATE 78 (24-5), #8 MINNESOTA 74 (15-17)

PENN STATE advances to play PURDUE/MICHIGAN ST. winner at approx. 7:30 p.m.

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### GAME NOTES

#### PENN STATE

- The Lady Lions are 24-15 in Big Ten Tournament games.
- Head coach Coquese Washington is 4-4 in her Big Ten Tournament appearances.
- Penn State leads the series with Minnesota 24-11 overall and is 2-0 in tournament meetings.
- Penn State extended its win streak over the Golden Gophers to five games. It enters the Big Ten Tournament semifinals riding an eight-game win streak.
- Sophomore guard Maggie Lucas recorded her 16th game this season with 20 or more points, finishing with 24 tonight. Fifteen of her points came in the second half. She entered the postseason third in the Big Ten in scoring at 19.3 points per game.
- Lucas tallied three three-point baskets tonight and moved into fifth on the Penn State single-season three-point field goals made list with 72. Lucas holds the Big Ten single season record with 112 in 2010-11.
- Lucas was 9-for-9 from the free throw line, the 31<sup>st</sup> time in her career she has been perfect from the charity stripe.
- Junior center Nikki Greene finished with 11 points, all of which came in the second half. She was 4-for-5 from the field in the second half.
- Greene surpassed 700 rebounds for her career with eight tonight (701).
- The Lady Lions are 6-2 this year when trailing at the half. Tonight they were down 36-29 at the break.
- Penn State opened the second half by outscoring the Golden Gophers 11-2 to take its first lead since 17:50 in the first half, 40-38, with 15:21 to play. That was part of a 20-7 run by the Lady Lions.
- The Lady Lions are 5-5 in games decided by 10 points or fewer this year.
- Penn State's starters accounted for 76 of its 78 points.

#### MINNESOTA

- Freshman guard Rachel Banham finished with 25 points and nine rebounds. It was her 28<sup>th</sup>-straight double digit game. Her 10 field goals was a new career high, and her 21 field-goal attempts tied her career high.
- Banham averaged 18.0 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game in tournament play.
- Senior guard Kiara Buford contributed 19 points tonight. She finished tournament play shooting 65.2 percent (15 of 23) from the field.
- For the third time in the last five games, Minnesota held its opponent to under 30 points in the first half. Penn State went into the break with 29 points.
- Minnesota was 10 of 17 from the field (58.8 percent) over the first 10 minutes of play, taking a 25-14 lead. It finished the half shooting 51.7 percent (15 of 29).
- Minnesota won the rebounding battle for the sixth-straight game (42-40).
- It is the second-straight game the Golden Gophers had four players score in double figures.
- Minnesota's Big Ten Tournament record is now 6-18.