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IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SKOUBY, BIG TEN ALL-STARS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK

HORSHOLM, DENMARK - The Big Ten Women's Basketball All-Star team captured its third win in as many days Saturday as the squad topped Horsholm 84-52. The All-Stars defeated the host city's team, 78-49, on Friday.

Iowa's Megan Skouby had a solid all-around game, as the Hawkeye sophomore scored a personal Tourbest eight points on 4-5 shooting and also collected four rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block en route to victory. The Mentor, OH, native is averaging 6.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.7 blocks in the first three games of the tour.

Purdue's Katie Gearlds, Michigan State's Rene Haynes and Illinois' Lori Bjork combined for 40 points to lead the Big Ten All-Stars. Gearlds led all scorers with 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting, followed by Haynes with 13 and Bjork with 11.

The All-Stars jumped out to a quick 11-2 lead after Gearlds scored the opening five points and was followed by a pair of baskets by Penn State's Brianne O'Rourke. Havnes amassed six points in the opening period and fed Northwestern's A.J. Glasauer at the buzzer for two of her six points.

The second stanza was a struggle for the Big Ten squad as it was outscored by Horsholm, 28-18, and allowed the team to make a 9-0 run to begin the period. Just as the case was in the first quarter, Gearlds and O'Rourke produced most of the scoring for the All-Stars, scoring a combined eight points to open the stanza. The All-Stars held just a four-point advantage at halftime, 42-38.

Indiana's Leah Enterline, Ohio State's Tamarah Riley and Wisconsin's Danielle Ward helped the All-Stars to a dominant third quarter as they scored more than half of the team's 17 points, while the Horsholm squad was held to just five for the entire period. Gearlds and the rest of the squad turned up the heat on the host team in the final quarter, outscoring them 25-9 to cruise to the 32-point victory.

For the game, the All-Stars shot 51 percent (35-69) from the floor, its best output of the three games, and scored over 80 points for the second time this trip.

The win Saturday was the 22nd-straight victory over a five-year span. Since the inception of the Tour in 1992, which has been held annually except for 2003, the All-Stars have gone 54-18 (.750).

The Big Ten will look to go undefeated for the fifth-straight trip on Wednesday as the All-Stars will face Oslo/Akershus BBC in Oslo, Norway. The conference standouts are currently enjoying a two-night stay in Malmo, Sweden. For Tour results, stats, photos and entertaining diaries of the student-athletes, log on to www.bigten.org.



