



# 2019 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game 8 ● Friday, March 15, 2019 United Center ● Chicago, III. #4 WISCONSIN 66 (23-9), #13 NEBRASKA 62 (18-16) Wisconsin will play #1 MICHIGAN STATE at noon CT Sat. on CBS



## **GAME NOTES**

### **BIG TEN**

• The first eight games of the 2019 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament (MBBT) have been decided by an average of 7.6 points per game, with seven decided by single digits. The only exception was Iowa's 83-62 victory over Illinois in Thursday night's last second-round game.

#### WISCONSIN

- With today's victory, the Badgers improved their all-time MBBT record to 25-18 (2-0 vs. Nebraska). They are one of five Big Ten schools to have a winning record in MBBT play. Wisconsin also improved its record to 14-8 in MBBT games played at the United Center.
- D'Mitrik Trice hit his only two field goals (both 3-pointers), plus two free throws, in the last five minutes of the game.
- Senior Ethan Happ blocked two Husker shots, pulling within three (150) of Frank Kaminsky's career record at Wisconsin (153). On the Big Ten's career points chart, Happ (2,098 points) moved into 21st place, passing Ohio State's Dennis Hopson (2,096). Next in line are Indiana's A.J. Guyton (20<sup>th</sup>, 2,100) and Iowa's Roy Marble (19<sup>th</sup>, 2,116).
- Senior Khalil Iverson contributed 14 points for the Badgers on 6-of-10 field goals and a pair of free throws. He also had three assists.
- Redshirt sophomore Aleem Ford had 11 points, just one point shy of his season high and three points short of his career best total. The stats sheet also showed him with six rebounds, one assist and one blocked shot in a season-high 29 minutes.
- Sophomore Nate Reuvers chipped in with 14 points, six rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots.

### NEBRASKA

- Nebraska is now 1-1 against Wisconsin in the MBBT and 0-2 against the Badgers on the season.
- No. 13-seeded teams are now 5-5 all-time in the MBBT after Nebraska's 2-1 record this year.
- Nebraska falls to 5-8 all-time in the MBBT.
- James Palmer Jr. and Glynn Watson Jr. both played all 120 minutes in the Huskers' three games at the tournament. Isaiah Roby also played all 40 minutes against the Badgers, bringing his 2019 MBBT total minutes to 116.
- Roby also had four blocked shots in the game to bring his 2019 MBBT total to 11 blocks, the second-most blocks by one player in a single MBBT (Ohio State's Greg Oden had 12 blocks in 2007).
- Palmer Jr.'s 15 points in the contest bring his tournament total to 73, the seventh-most points by one player in a single tournament.
- The Cornhuskers' seven blocked shots are the most by any team in a single game at the 2019 MBBT.
- Nebraska forced 17 Wisconsin turnovers in the contest. Wisconsin entered the game ranked fourth in the nation with just 9.5 turnovers per game.
- The Cornhuskers' defense kept the Badgers' leading scorer, Ethan Happ, to just four points in the contest. Happ was averaging 17.8 ppg. coming into the game. The Cornhuskers also forced Brevin Pritzl to finish 0-3 from 3-point range. Pritzl came into the game shooting 44.4% (32-72) from 3-point range.