

PURDUE BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Purdue (7-1, 0-0 Big Ten) vs. Texas A&M (6-1, 0-0 Big 12)
December 4, 2011 ♦ Keady Court at Mackey Arena ♦ Attendance: 8,732
Purdue Boilermakers 60, Texas A&M Aggies 51

GAME NOTES

- With the win, Purdue extends its series lead against Texas A&M to 3-1 and is now 1-1 in the Big 12/Big Ten Challenge. Purdue also snapped the Aggies' win streak at 12, stopping them short of a program-best 13 consecutive wins.
- The last time Purdue defeated a defending national champion was on Dec. 6, 2001, defeating Notre Dame 70-57 in Mackey Arena.
- Purdue's last win versus an opponent ranked in the top five was on Jan. 25, 2010, in Mackey Arena against No. 4 Ohio State, 63-61.
- The last Purdue win against a non-conference opponent ranked in the top five was on Jan. 5, 2009, against No. 4 Texas. Unranked Purdue defeated the Longhorns 66-55 in Mackey Arena.
- Purdue's last win against a ranked opponent came against No. 20 Iowa, 60-41, on Feb. 3, 2011, in Mackey Arena.
- The Aggies started off the second half with a 5-0 run, with Purdue finally putting points on the board at the 15:57 mark with an Antionette Howard free throw. On the next series, she added a layup.
- Purdue took a 44-42 lead with 8:45 left in the game on an old-fashioned three-point play by Sam Ostarello. It was the Boilermakers' first lead since a 10-8 advantage at 14:26 in the first period and one they would not relinquish. Purdue extended the lead to five on a three-pointer by Rayburn the next time down the floor. Purdue had a 12-0 from 11:56 to 7:36 in the second half.
- Purdue had two players in double figures: Moses with 15 and Rayburn with 14. Rayburn has reached double-figures every game this season so it's her eighth-straight game double-figure scoring game.
- After helping hold No. 6 Duke's leading scorer Elizabeth Williams to 2-of-17 from the field, Jones limited Texas A&M's leading scorer, Kelsey Bone to 4-of-9 from the field and just 10 points, four below her season average. After recording three blocks against Duke, Jones was credited with two against the Aggies.
- The Boilermakers held the Aggies' 29 points below their season average of 80.0 ppg. Purdue held Sydney Carter, who was averaging 13.5 ppg to five points. Adaora Elonu (13.0 ppg) was held to 12 and Tyra White (12.7 ppg) had 11.
- Purdue's defense forced Texas A&M to record multiple season-low statistics. The Aggies' 51 points was 20 points lower than their previous season low of 71. They also made 17 field goals, 11 less than their previous low of 28. Their shooting percentage of .283 eclipsed their previous low of .413. They tied their season low of forcing 10 steals from their opponent.
- In the first eight minutes of the game, Purdue and Texas A&M switched leads four times and tied once. Brittany Rayburn had five of the team's first 12 points. At 7:02 and 5:00, Courtney Moses hit two three-pointers to bring the Boilermakers back within three points. The Aggies then responded with back-to-back layups to push the lead back to seven points with 3:26 to go. Forced

turnovers and points from four different Purdue players brought the Aggies' lead down to three at halftime, 32-29.

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

- Ostarello had a season high rebounds with 12. This is her third game this season with double-figure rebounds. Ostarello also notched a career-high four steals.
- Jones recorded a season high with nine points.
- Rayburn moved past Jennifer Jacoby for fifth place for made three-point field goals at Purdue. Rayburn made two three-pointers against Texas A&M for a career total of 159.
- Moses made a season-high three three-point shots.
- Howard recorded a season-high six rebounds.
- Purdue tied its season-high for three-point field goal percentage with .500 (6-of-12).
- Purdue attempted its season-high free throws with 24 and committed a season-high 21 fouls.