



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Purdue - 35, Fresno State - 39

Date:	Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023
Location:	Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette
Kickoff Time:	12 p.m. ET
Total Time:	3:25
Attendance:	54,898
Weather at Kick:	79, Sunny, Wind 6 mph
Purdue	0-1 Overall 0-0 Big Ten
Fresno State	1-0 Overall 0-0 Mountain West

► SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Fresno State	7	10	8	14		39
Purdue	7	14	7	7		35

► HEAD COACH RYAN WALTERS
 • Is now 0-1 in his first season as a head coach

► SERIES HISTORY VS. FRESNO STATE
 • Purdue trails the series with Fresno State 0-1

BOILER NOTES

TEAM

- Captains: Hudson Card, Sanoussi Kane, TJ Sheffield and Nic Scourton.
- Purdue won the toss and deferred. Purdue kicked off to the southern endzone.
- First time starters: Markevious Brown, Nic Scourton, Cole Brevard, Jalen Grant and Max Klare.
- First time starters at Purdue: Hudson Card, Austin Johnson, Malik Langham, Isaiah Nichols and Marquis Wilson.
- Career debuts: Jayden Dixon-Veal, Derrick Rogers Jr., Will Heldt, Botros Alisandro, Owen Davis, Mondrell Dean, Anthony Brown, Jimmy Liston, Luke Jones and Dillon Thieneman.
- Debuts at Purdue: Jeffrey M'ba, Ben Farrell, Luke Griffin and Jalen Grant.

OFFENSE

- Hudson Card connected to Deion Burks for the first touchdown of the season on an 84-yard run and catch on Purdue's opening drive.
- The 84-yard touchdown was Purdue's longest passing score since David Bell took a Jack Plummer toss 89-yards to the end zone against Nebraska on Dec. 5, 2020.
- Card finished his Boilermaker debut with 254 passing yards and two touchdowns. He rushed for 29 yards on six carries.
- The 84-yard touchdown from Card to Burks is a career long for both players.
- Burks' previous career-long was 30 yards and Card's was 52 yards.
- Burks totaled four catches for 152 yards and two touchdowns. He had the first 100-yards receiving game since Charlie Jones against Michigan on Dec. 3, 2022.
- Burks set career highs in both yards and touchdowns, while tying his career high in receptions.
- Tyrone Tracy Jr. scored his first touchdown at Purdue, on a 1-yard scamper early in the second quarter.
- Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen made a career high of four receptions, finishing the afternoon with 46 yards.
- Purdue finished the game with 363 yards of offense.
- Devin Mockobee led the Boilermakers with 60 rushing yards on 16 carries.

DEFENSE

- Kendran Jenkins recorded the first sack of the season for the Boilermakers, ending Fresno State's drive late in the first quarter.
- The Boilermaker defense finished the game with 67 total tackles and four tackles for loss.
- Marquis Wilson led the defense with two pass breakups.
- OC Brothers and Jenkins both earned a sack for the defense, adding to their career totals of 2 and 10, respectively.
- The Boilermakers held firm before the break, stopping Fresno State's 17-play, 72-yard drive at the Purdue 3-yard line with a missed field goal.
- Dillon Thieneman made his first career interception in the third quarter. He finished his debut with 10 unassisted tackles, the most by a Boilermaker since Jaylan Alexander in the Music City Bowl in 2021.
- First career tackles: Dillon Thieneman, Markevious Brown, Isaiah Nichols, Marquis Wilson, Malik Langham, Will Heldt and Botros Alisandro.
- Brown had nine total tackles, eight unassisted and one for loss, which represents a career high.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- The Tracy touchdown return was Purdue's first since Raheem Mostert took a 100-yard return to pay dirt at Penn State in 2013. It was the first kickoff return for a score at Ross-Ade Stadium since Akeem Hunt went 99 yards against Indiana State in 2013.
- The return was Tracy's third in his career and first for a touchdown.
- Ben Freehill went 5-5 on extra point attempts.
- TJ Sheffield set a new career long with a 29-yard punt return in the first quarter.
- Jack Ansell kicked two punts inside the 20, averaging 41.5 yards per punt.