

PURDUE BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Purdue (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten) USC Upstate (0-1, 0-0 Atlantic Sun)
November 10, 2012 • Keady Court at Mackey Arena • Attendance 8,085
Purdue Boilermakers 82, USC Upstate 47

GAME NOTES

- With this win, Sharon Versyp's all-time record at Purdue improves to 137-70.
- Purdue is now 30-7 all time in season openers, 37-1 all time in home openers and 21-0 in season opening game played at Mackey Arena.
- Versyp is now 7-0 as Purdue's head coach in season openers.
- This was the first ever meeting between the Boilermakers and the Spartans, so Purdue moves to 1-0 in the series.
- Purdue was able to build its lead with several big scoring runs in the game. In the first half, Purdue went on a 14-4 run that spanned 4:05. In the second half Purdue went on a 17-3 run that spanned 6:14. The run included six straight points by freshman Taylor Manuel.
- In the first half the Boilermakers shot 50.0% from the field while the Spartans shot 38.5%.
- Purdue outrebounded USC Upstate 41-26 and was led by Sam Ostarello's nine boards.
- Purdue collected more offensive rebounds than defensive rebounds in the first half. This allowed Purdue to control the second chance points in the game. Purdue had 21 second chance points and held USC Upstate to only two.
- Purdue had 25 assists on 32 field goals. Meanwhile, the Spartans had only 11 assists and 24 turnovers. Leading the way for Purdue in the assist category were seniors Chantel Poston and Sam Ostarello and junior KK Houser with five assists each.
- The Purdue bench outscored USC Upstate 37-20. Purdue freshman Taylor Manuel contributed 12 points on 5-of-6 from the field and 2-of-4 from the free throw line.
- Purdue forced 24 Spartan turnovers for the game. Purdue was able to turn these turnovers into 30 points.

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

- Leading the Boilermakers in scoring was KK Houser with 17 points. Four Purdue players finished the game in double-figures. Senior Drey Mingo had 15 points, junior Courtney Moses and Manuel both contributed 12 points.
- Ostarello finished with a team-high nine rebounds; Mingo pulled down six boards.
- For USC Upstate, senior Tee'Ara Copney led the team in scoring with 16 points.

CAREER ACCOLADES

- Houser connected on four three-pointers, a career high. Her previous high was three, which she had accomplished on seven different occasions.
- Senior Chantel Poston had five assists in tonight's matchup. Poston's previous career high was three assists.
- Ostarello also had five assists, tying her career high. This is the third time in her career she has had five assists in a game.
- All four freshmen played in the tonight's game: Hayden Hamby, Manuel, Joslyn Massey and April Wilson. Hamby scored six points and collected two rebounds. Massey also controlled two rebounds. April Wilson scored six points and finished with three assists.

- Camille Redmon played in her first game as a Boilermaker and earned her first start. The transfer from Grayson County College scored a point, collected two rebounds and blocked a shot in 10 minutes of action.