



# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## Purdue - 24, Virginia Tech - 17

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Lane Stadium, Blacksburg, Va.
<b>Kickoff Time:</b>	12:21 PM ET
<b>Total Time:</b>	8:35
<b>Attendance:</b>	65,632
<b>Weather at End:</b>	72, Rain, Wind 5 mph NE
<b>Purdue</b>	1-1 Overall      0-0 Big Ten
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	1-1 Overall      0-0 ACC

<b>► SCORE BY QUARTERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Purdue</b>	7	10	0	7	-	24
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	0	17	0	0	-	17

<b>► HEAD COACH RYAN WALTERS</b>
• Ryan Walters recorded his first victory as a head coach.
• Walters is now 1-1 for his career.
• Walters is the 10th coach since Jack Mollenkopf in 1956 to start his time at Purdue with a 1-1 record.

<b>► SERIES HISTORY VS. VIRGINIA TECH</b>
• The series is now tied at 1-1 with both sides winning on the road.
• Saturday was the first meeting in Blacksburg.

### BOILER NOTES

#### TEAM

- The game was initially delayed 21 minutes due to inclement weather, and then again with 5:50 remaining in the first quarter until resuming play at 6:15 p.m. ET. The delay lasted 5 hours and 27 minutes.
- Purdue most recently played in a weather-delayed game in 2017 against Minnesota, when the Boilermakers prevailed 31-17 after an 88-minute break from the action at Ross-Ade Stadium.
- Purdue captains - Hudson Card, Gus Hartwig, Sanoussi Kane and TJ Sheffield.
- Purdue lost the toss. Virginia Tech elected to take the ball in the second half.
- Garrett Miller and Josh Kaltenberger started the game, making their first appearances of the season.
- Before the extensive weather delay in the first quarter, Purdue was 8-of-11 for 89 yards passing, and the defense held the Hokies to one completion on two attempts.
- Ryan Walters became the 10th Purdue head coach to win his first road game, also joining Knowlton Ames (1891), Alex Agase (1973) as the only head coaches in Purdue history to record their first Boilermaker win on the road.
- Purdue is now 16-16-2 against current ACC teams, and 21-18-3 when including future ACC programs.
- The Boilermakers won the time of possession battle, 38:01 to 21:59.
- Purdue outgained Virginia Tech with 427 total yards to 286.

#### OFFENSE

- Hudson Card completed 23-of-34 passes (68%) for 248 yards and no interceptions, also tallying a career-high 12 carries for 16 yards and a touchdown.
- Card rushed for his second career touchdown on what amounted to be the game-winning score, his first rushing TD as a Boilermaker.
- Devin Mockobee led the Boilers with 21 carries for 95 yards and a touchdown.
- Mockobee has scored a touchdown in each of the first two games this season and in four of his last five games, dating back to Nov. 26, 2022 at Indiana.
- Max Klare paced the team in catches (eight) and receiving yards (64) in his third collegiate game.
- Klare totaled the most receiving yards by a Purdue freshman tight end since Brycen Hopkins had 80 against Iowa in 2016.
- Tyrone Tracy Jr. finished with a career-high 51 rushing yards on four carries, scoring his second career rushing touchdown on a 21-yard run in the second quarter.
- The offense is 2-for-2 on opening drives this season with two touchdowns, marking the first time the Boilermakers scored touchdowns on back-to-back opening drives since the FAU and Minnesota games last season.
- In opening drives this season, Hudson Card is 6-of-8 passing for 144 yards and one TD, hitting five different receivers.
- Garrett Miller returned after missing the entire 2022 season, finishing with one catch for eight yards. It was his first action since the 2021 Music City Bowl vs. Tennessee, 618 days since his last playing time.
- TJ Sheffield finished second on the team with 60 yards on four catches, his highest total since Nov. 12, 2022 at Illinois (six catches for 72 yards).
- The Boilermakers were 2-of-2 in the red zone, scoring touchdowns in each of their trips inside the 20.

#### DEFENSE

- Purdue shut out the Virginia Tech offense in the second half, allowing 106 total yards after the break.
- The defense limited the Hokies to just 11 net rushing yards on 22 carries. It was the fewest rushing yards allowed on the road and seventh overall in program history.
- The Boilermakers held Virginia Tech to a 2-of-12 conversion rate on third downs.
- The defense had three sacks, marking the first time since 2015 Purdue amassed two or more sacks in each of its first two games.
- Dillon Thieneman again led the team in tackles (seven), doing so in both of his first two games as a Boilermaker.
- Thieneman notched his second interception of the season, becoming the first player since freshmen were permitted to play in 1972 to record an interception in each of his first two games as a Boilermaker.
- Sanoussi Kane recorded his first forced fumble of the season and third of his career, forcing a Virginia Tech punt.
- Cam Allen tallied his 11th career interception, tying for third-most in program history.
- Isaiah Nichols logged his first sack as a Boilermaker for a seven-yard loss in the 2nd quarter.
- Kydran Jenkins recorded a sack for a loss of 13 yards, his second of the season and 11th of his career.
- Nic Scourton made his first sack of the season late in the fourth quarter to force a Hokies punt, the second sack of his career.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

- Ben Freehill recorded his first career made field goal, a 43-yarder to extend Purdue's lead to 10-0 in the 2nd quarter.
- Jack Ansell booted a 50-yard punt, the 14th punt of 50 or more yards in his career
- Nick Taylor notched his first career tackle on a one-yard punt return.