

PURDUE BASKETBALL

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

No. 4 Seed #13/15 Purdue (24-8, 11-5) vs. No. 13 Seed South Dakota St. (24-8, 16-2)

March 17, 2012 ♦ Mackey Arena – West Lafayette, Ind.

First-Round Game: Purdue Boilermakers 83, South Dakota State Jackrabbits 68

- With the win, Purdue improved to 25-8 on the season, 44-20 in NCAA Tournament games and 722-388 overall. The Boilermakers now are 3-0 against South Dakota State.
- The Boilermakers have won 15-straight first-round NCAA Championship games and improved to 18-1 all time in first-round matchups.
- Sharon Versyp's record moved to 9-4 in the NCAA Tournament as Purdue's head coach (9-5 career). She is 136-69 overall in her sixth year at Purdue and 253-134 in her 12th season as a college head coach.
- Courtney Moses set an NCAA Tournament record with a career-high nine three-pointers in the contest. The previous mark of eight was accomplished twice: by Julie Krommenhoek of Utah on March 14, 1998, and Nadia Begay of Boise State on March 17, 2007. (Purdue assistant coach Martin Clapp was co-head coach at Louisville, the opponent in the game Krommenhoek hit her eight three-pointers. His team won 69-61 in the first round contest despite the record number of threes by Krommenhoek.)
- Moses finished with a game-high 29 points, tying her career high for points, set earlier this year at Northwestern. It was the fourth game this season of 20 or more points and the ninth of her career.
- Prior to today, the school record for three-pointers in an NCAA Tournament game was five which was accomplished twice: Jennifer Jacoby vs. Vanderbilt on March 23, 1995, and Ukari Figgs against Louisiana Tech on March 26, 1999.
- Purdue hit 11 three-pointers, setting a school single-game NCAA Tournament record for threes.
- Purdue had three players score in double-figures for the 13 time this season. Moses led the way with 29, while Brittany Rayburn and KK Houser had 12 points each.
- Houser recorded six assists and five steals against South Dakota State. It was her ninth game of the season with five or more assists (her season- and career-high is 10) and the eighth game of the season with five or more steals (her season- and career-high is six).
- Rayburn set a career high with seven assists. The Naismith Player of the Year candidate finished with 12 points, seven assists a rebound and a steal.
- Sam Ostarello pulled down 11 rebounds, her 12th double-figure rebounding effort of the season. The 6-foot-2 junior from Fort Pierre, S.D., leads the Boilermakers in rebounding at 8.2 rpg. Ostarello also contributed seven points, two assists, two blocks and a steal.
- All 12 Boilermakers saw action against the Jackrabbits and eight scored.
- Freshman Liza Clemons scored a season-high six points and two of her baskets were scored with the shot clock about to expire.
- Purdue recorded 23 assists and just seven turnovers, an assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.3:1
- The Boilermakers also recorded nine blocks and 13 steals. The 13 steals are the most since getting a season-high 17 steals at Indiana on Jan. 19. The Boilermakers forced 15 turnovers on 13 steals.
- Chelsea Jones tied her career high for assists with four (Notre Dame, 1/4/10) and set a career high for steals with four.
- Purdue was outrebounded 33-30 in the contest and improved to 8-7 on the season when losing the battle of the boards.

- The Boilermakers shot 50.0 percent from the field (32-of-64), including 50.0 percent from three-point range (11-of-22). It was the third game this season Purdue has shot 50.0 percent or better from the floor and improved to 3-0 when doing so.
- Moses was 10-of-17 from the field, including 9-of-14 from three-point range.
- Purdue outscored South Dakota State 30-20 on points in the paint and 19-8 on points off turnovers.
- Jill Young led South Dakota State in scoring with 19 points. Jennie Sunnarborg scored 17 points despite being held to 4-of-13 from the field.