

PURDUE BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Purdue (11-3, 1-0 Big Ten) vs. Minnesota (8-7, 0-1 Big Ten)
December 30, 2011 ♦ Keady Court at Mackey Arena ♦ Attendance: 8,773

Purdue Boilermakers 57, Minnesota 53

GAME NOTES

- This was the 55th meeting between Purdue and Minnesota in women's basketball. With the win, Purdue improves to 38-17 all-time vs. the Golden Gophers.
- With the win, head coach Sharon Versyp improves her overall record to 239-129, including 122-64 at Purdue.
- Coach Sharon Versyp is now 4-2 in Big Ten Conference openers at Purdue.
- Purdue trailed 32-28 at the half, but went on to win 57-53. The Boilermakers are 4-2 this season when trailing at the intermission.
- Minnesota outrebounded Purdue 50-37. It is the second time this season that an opponent has recorded 50 rebounds against the Boilermakers. The Gophers 34 defensive rebounds were an opponent season high.
- Purdue took its first lead of the second half 52-50 at the 2:25 mark on a layup by Antionette Howard.
- Purdue forced Rachel Banham into eight turnovers, tying a season high by an opposing player for turnovers; three other individuals have also committed eight turnovers versus Purdue's pressure.
- The Boilermakers outscored Minnesota 14-2 off turnovers.
- Purdue shot 30.4 percent (17-of-56) from the field, including 25.0 percent (3-of-12) from three-point range.
- There were seven ties and six lead changes in the contest. Minnesota's largest lead was eight points; Purdue largest was six.
- Purdue committed just 12 turnovers against Minnesota. The Boilermakers recorded 11 blocked shots, 10 assists and a season-high 15 steals.
- The Boilermakers outscored Minnesota by 10 at the free throw line, hitting 20-of-28 free throws, compared to the Gophers 10-of-15.

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

- KK Houser scored a team-high 15 points, despite fouling out with 7:20 to play. She tied Minnesota's Rachel Banham for game-high scoring honors. It was Houser's first game in double-figures since recording 11 points at Central Michigan on Dec. 11. It is her sixth double-digit game this season and the 13th of her career.
- Houser also had a team-high four assists.
- The Boilermakers recorded a season-high 15 steals against Minnesota. Purdue had grabbed 13 steals twice this season, last vs. Oakland on Dec. 20. The steals were evenly distributed as seven Boilermakers each had two takeaways.
- Dee Dee Williams scored a season-high five points.
- Alex Guyton tied her career high with a game-high four blocks in the contest.
- Brittany Rayburn drew a season-high four charges against the Gophers.
- Rayburn and Sam Ostarello tied for team-high rebounding honors with seven each.
- Ostarello made a career-best 4-of-4 free throws in the contest.
- Minnesota's Katie Loberg pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds.