



# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## Purdue 35, Indiana 31

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023
<b>Location:</b>	Ross-Ade Stadium
<b>Kickoff Time:</b>	12:01 PM ET
<b>Total Time:</b>	3:32
<b>Attendance:</b>	59,993
<b>Weather at End:</b>	38, Sunny, Wind 4 mph E
<b>Purdue</b>	4-8 Overall      3-6 Big Ten
<b>Indiana</b>	3-9 Overall      1-8 Big Ten

► SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
<b>Purdue</b>	0	12	6	17	-	35
<b>Indiana</b>	7	7	14	3	-	31

- SERIES HISTORY VS. INDIANA
- Purdue won the Bucket a third straight year, longest run since 2004-06.
  - Purdue leads, 77-42-6.
  - 67th meeting in West Lafayette (Purdue leads, 40-23-4).

### BOILER NOTES

#### TEAM

- Captains: Hudson Card, Gus Hartwig, Sanoussi Kane
- Purdue won the toss and elected to defer to the second half.
- Purdue recorded its 300th win at Ross-Ade Stadium to close out the venue's 100th season, after winning the first game against Indiana in 1924.
- The Boilermakers outgained the Hoosiers with 453 total yards to 369.
- Purdue won the time of possession battle, 33:13 to 26:47.
- The Boilermakers finished the season winning two of their final three games, including both home contests.

#### OFFENSE

- Hudson Card led the team with a career-high 85 rushing yards and a touchdown on 12 carries (7.1 average).
- Card went 21-of-34 passing (62%) for 275 yards and three touchdowns, good for a passer rating of 158.8.
- After entering the day without a catch in his career, true freshman tight end George Burhenn finished with five receptions for 74 yards and a touchdown.
- Deion Burks led the team with 87 receiving yards on a career-best seven catches.
- Jaron Tibbs made his third career reception, a 14-yarder in the second quarter good for the longest catch of his career. He finished with three catches for 27 yards.
- Card went 4-4 for 69 yards and a TD on the first scoring drive, finishing with Burhenn's first career touchdown. All four completions went to true freshmen (Burhenn: two for 47 yards, Tibbs: two for 22 yards).
- Drew Biber tallied his first career touchdown reception on a 16-yard pass from Card in the final seconds of the first half, reducing the deficit to 14-12.
- Devin Mockobee caught a 38-yard touchdown pass from Card on the first play of the fourth quarter for his first career receiving touchdown.
- Card escaped a blitz and scrambled out of the pocket for a 25-yard gain in the third quarter, his longest run as a Boilermaker.

#### DEFENSE

- Dillon Thieneman broke College Football Hall of Famer Rod Woodson's school freshman record (67) for most solo tackles in a season, finishing with 74 on the season.
- Thieneman recorded two interceptions in the first half, moving his season total to six. His six interceptions on the season set the Purdue freshman record, passing Stuart Schweigert.
- The nation's leading freshmen in interceptions, solo tackles and tackles, Thieneman became only the eighth Boilermaker to record six interceptions in a season, tying Bob Corby (1967), Marc Foster (1988), Jimmy Young (1991), Schweigert (2001) and Ricardo Allen (2013); Phil Mataja (1952) and Bill Kay (1979) hold the school record with seven.
- Thieneman paced the defense with eight tackles (all solos) along with his two interceptions. His multi-interception game was the first by a Boilermaker since Cam Allen a season ago (Oct. 1, 2022).
- Nic Scourton brought down Indiana quarterback Brendan Sorsby for a nine-yard sack in the first quarter, and then made the game-winning sack on Indiana's final drive to stop the Hoosiers on fourth down.
- Scourton's 10 sacks on the season led the Big Ten and are the most by a Purdue player since Ryan Kerrigan had 12.5 in 2010; he became the 10th Boilermaker to record double-digit sacks in a season.
- Purdue totaled three interceptions in the first half, the most in a half by the Boilermakers since Oct. 30, 2021, at Nebraska.
- In his final game as a Boilermaker, Cam Allen notched his third pick of the season on a deep ball down the sideline in the second quarter. It was his 13th career interception, tying Ricardo Allen for second-most by a player in Purdue history.
- The Boilers stonewalled Indiana on third downs, allowing just one conversion on 11 tries.
- In just his second career start, Zion Steptoe recorded a career-high five tackles, all solo. Steptoe converted to cornerback midway through the season after starting his career as a wide receiver.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

- Ben Freehill finished 3-for-4 on field goals throughout the day, a career high in makes for the senior.
- Freehill connected on a 33-yard field goal to give the Boilermakers a 15-14 lead early in the third quarter. On Purdue's next drive, Freehill converted another field goal attempt, a career-best 44-yarder.
- Freehill knocked through his third field goal of the day to tie the game midway through the fourth with a 35-yard kick. It was his sixth converted field goal attempt of the season.
- Dylan Downing returned the second half kickoff 49 yards to the Indiana 45-yard line, the longest return of his career.
- Jack Ansell punted six times for 231 yards (38.5 average), downing three inside the 20.