



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Purdue 44, Illinois 19

Date: Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
Location: Ross-Ade Stadium
Kickoff Time: 3:32 PM ET
Total Time: 3:02
Attendance: 59,510
Weather at End: 77, Sunny, Wind 8 mph E
Purdue 2-3 Overall 1-1 Big Ten
Illinois 2-3 Overall 1-1 Big Ten

► SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Illinois	3	10	0	6	-	19
Purdue	6	10	21	7	-	44

► HEAD COACH RYAN WALTERS
 • Recorded his first win at Ross-Ade Stadium
 • Notched his first Big Ten win as a head coach
 • Defeated his former team in his first matchup against them

► SERIES HISTORY VS. ILLINOIS
 • Purdue leads 48-45-6
 • 51st meeting in West Lafayette (Purdue leads 24-23-4)
 • The Boilermakers have won four straight in the series.



TEAM

- Purdue is now 42-30-2 in games played for the Cannon Trophy.
- The Boilermakers' 44 points were the most of the Ryan Walters era.
- The 44 is the most points scored by Purdue in a Big Ten game since the 2021 win over Indiana and the most allowed by Illinois since surrendering 56 against Penn State (Dec. 19, 2020).
- Purdue captains - Hudson Card, Gus Hartwig and Sanoussi Kane.
- Purdue won the toss and elected to defer to the second half.
- The game marked this season's fifth Purdue football game in the month of September, the most since 2007.
- Tyrone Tracy Jr. made his second consecutive start at running back.
- Purdue outscored Illinois 21-0 in the third quarter and now have outscored the opposition 49-14 in third quarters this season.

OFFENSE

- Hudson Card finished 18-for-26 (69%) through the air for 217 yards and two touchdowns.
- Tyrone Tracy Jr. eclipsed 100 yards rushing for the first time in his career, finishing with 112 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown. The yards and attempts were both career high numbers.
- Tracy scored on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter, extending his streak of games with a touchdown to five.
- Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen caught a 30-yard pass in the second quarter to put Purdue in the red zone, his longest reception of the season and second-longest of his career. His longest catch also came against Illinois, a 43-yard catch on Sept. 25, 2021.
- Dylan Downing opened up the scoring for Purdue's offense with his first touchdown of the season on a 16-yard run in the second quarter. It was the second longest run of his career.
- Garrett Miller hauled in a 28-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter to extend Purdue's lead to 23-13. It was his second career TD reception and his second-longest catch as a Boilermaker.
- Deion Burks made a 44-yard catch to set the Boilers up at the Illinois 4-yard line. It was the second-longest catch of his career.
- Burks caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Card in the third quarter to extend Purdue's lead to 37-13. It was the fourth touchdown catch of the season
- Burks led the receivers with 83 yards on five catches.
- Devin Mockobee capitalized on Burks' 44-yard catch with a 3-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter to extend Purdue's lead to 30-13. It was his third rushing touchdown of the season 12th of his career.
- Purdue's three running backs combined for 209 yards on 39 carries with a touchdown apiece. The trio averaged 5.4 yards per carry.
- Jayden Dixon-Veal logged a five-yard reception in the third quarter, the first catch of his career.

DEFENSE

- Purdue allowed just two third down conversion on 14 attempts, a rate of 14.2%. It is the 13th time since 1996 that Purdue has held a team to two or fewer third down conversions.
- The 14.2% is the fourth lowest rate since 1996 and the lowest since 2021 against Wisconsin.
- Markevious Brown recorded a strip-sack in the end zone and Malik Langham recovered it for a touchdown to make the score 6-3 in the first quarter.
- The touchdown marked the Boilermakers' first defensive score since Cory Trice logged an 8-yard interception return vs. Indiana on Nov. 26, 2022.
- It was Purdue's first scoop-and-score touchdown since George Karlaftis returned a fumble for 56 yards vs. Wisconsin on Oct. 23, 2021.
- Sulaiman Kpaka notched his second sack of the season in the second quarter, moving his career total to 2.5 sacks.
- Yanni Karlaftis got his first career start and made the most of it, recording career highs in tackles, sacks and tackles-for-loss.
- Karlaftis recorded the first full sack of his career in the third quarter to force an Illinois three-and-out.
- Sanoussi Kane led the team in tackles for the second straight game, tying his career-high once again with nine (seven solo).
- The Boilermakers had five different players record a sack on the evening; Brown, Kane, Kpaka, Karlaftis and Jenkins.
- It is the first time the team has recorded five or more sacks in a game since 2018 against Eastern Michigan (09/08/18).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Julio Macias converted his second career field goal attempt, knocking through a 40-yarder in the second quarter to extend Purdue's lead to 16-10.
- Jack Ansell only needed to punt three times, averaging 44.0 yards per attempt with a long of 53.