

PURDUE BASKETBALL POSTGAME NOTES

Purdue (13-3, 3-0 Big Ten) vs. Wisconsin (4-11, 0-3 Big Ten)
January 5, 2012 ♦ Keady Court at Mackey Arena ♦ Attendance: 8,166
Purdue Boilermakers 63, Wisconsin 52

GAME NOTES

- This was the 60th meeting between Purdue and Wisconsin in women's basketball. With the win, Purdue improves to 44-17 all-time vs. the Badgers and breaks a three-game losing streak.
- With the win, head coach Sharon Versyp improves her career record to 241-129 and her record at Purdue to 124-64, including 59-30 in the Big Ten.
- Versyp started KK Houser, Courtney Moses, Brittany Rayburn, Sam Ostarello, and Chelsea Jones for the fifth consecutive game and Purdue improves to 9-2 with that lineup.
- Purdue improves to 9-1 when leading at the half. The only loss with a halftime lead this season was at Central Michigan.
- For the fourth time this year, Purdue was outrebounded but still won the game. The rebounding margin was 40-36 in favor of the Badgers.
- Purdue's largest lead was 16 points at 47-31 with 15:01 in the game. Wisconsin came within six points (50-44) of the Boilermakers at the 10:24 mark on a layup by Jade Davis, but would not get any closer.
- The Boilermakers held Wisconsin's leading scorer, Taylor Wurtz, who was averaging 16.1 points and 8.4 rebounds, to zero points and four rebounds. Wurtz was 0-of-10 from the field, including 0-of-4 from three-point range.
- Sam Ostarello recorded 12 points and 13 rebounds. It was the second double-double of the season for the junior and the third of her career. Ostarello scored in double-figures for the first time in conference play this year.
- By the 13:38 mark of the first half, all five of Purdue's starters had scored. The Boilermakers finished with three players in double figures – KK Houser (17), Ostarello (12) and Howard (12), while Courtney Moses and Brittany Rayburn each scored nine points.
- Purdue had 13 steals but committed 17 turnovers. Wisconsin had 21 turnovers.
- The Boilermakers had 14 assists on 21 made shots.
- Purdue shot 56.5 percent in the first half on 13-of-23 from the field, but only 27.6 percent in the second period (8-of-29) to finish at 40.4 percent (21-of-52).
- The Boilermakers outscored Wisconsin by 10 at the free throw line, making 17-of-22 compared to the Badgers 7-of-9.

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

- KK Houser had a team-high 17 points, just one shy of her season and career high. Houser added team highs of four assists and five steals.
- Ostarello pulled down a game- and a season-high 13 rebounds and led Purdue with two blocked shots.
- Wisconsin's Anya Covington tied her career-high with 19 points to lead all scorers.