



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Music City Bowl | Purdue 48, Tennessee 45 (OT)

THE INFORMATION

Date:	Thursday, December 30, 2021
Location:	Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee
Kickoff Time:	2:05 p.m. CT
Total Time:	4:38
Attendance:	69,489
Weather at Kickoff:	57, Mostly Cloudy, Wind S 0 mph
Weather at End:	53, Mostly Cloudy, Wind S 2 mph

RECORDS

Purdue	9-4 Overall	6-3 Big Ten
Tennessee	7-6 Overall	4-4 SEC

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Tennessee	21	0	10	14	0	- 45
Purdue	7	16	7	15	3	- 48

HEAD COACH JEFF BROHM

- Is now 58-39 in his eighth year as a head coach overall
- Is now 28-29 in his fifth year as Purdue's head coach
- Is now 2-1 in bowl games as Purdue's head coach
- Is now 3-2 in neutral-site games as Purdue's head coach
- Is now 1-0 against Tennessee as Purdue's head coach

PURDUE RECORDS

- Is now 629-583-48 in its 134th season
- Is now 11-9-0 in bowl games all-time
- Is now 22-17-2 all-time in neutral-site games
- Is now 6-10 all-time in overtime games
- Is now 2-0-0 all-time against Tennessee

BOWL GAME HISTORY

- Purdue is 11-9 in bowl games
- Purdue is 1-1 in the Music City Bowl (2018 vs. Auburn)
- Purdue is 1-2 in overtime in bowl games
- Purdue is 2-3 in bowl games against SEC teams
- This is the Boilermakers' third bowl game in five seasons, since 2017, after they played in just two in the previous nine years (2011, 2013)

SERIES HISTORY VS. TENNESSEE

- Purdue leads the all-time series 2-0-0, with both contests in bowl games
- The lone previous meeting was a 27-22 Purdue victory in the 1979 Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston

PURDUE TEAM NOTES

- Purdue finishes the season with nine wins for the first time since 2003, when the Boilermakers also were 9-4
- The team's nine wins is second-most in program history, as the Boilermakers record at least nine wins for the 12th time in the team's 134-year history
- The Boilermakers have won five games away from home for the first time since 1943, going 5-2 away from Ross-Ade Stadium
- Purdue broke the school record for passing yards in a season with 4,619, after throwing for 534 yards today, to top the previous record of 4,208 set in 1998
- The Boilermakers broke the program record for passing yards per game, with 355.3 to eclipse the previous mark of 341.8 set in 1985
- Purdue extended its team record for passing first downs in a season, and finish with 220 to best the original record of 204 set in 1998
- The Boilermakers extended their program record for pass completions in a season with 407 after 26 today to pass the previous record of 377 set in 1998
- Aidan O'Connell's 75-yard touchdown pass to Broc Thompson in the first quarter, and the duo's 70-yard TD in the fourth, are the team's longest two plays this season, career-longs for both players and the longest completions by a Boilermaker since an 89-yarder by Jack Plummer to David Bell on December 5, 2020, vs. Nebraska
- Purdue had 278 passing yards in the first half, second-most in any half this season and more than the team's total in three games

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

OFFENSE

Aidan O'Connell

- Was 26-for-47 for 534 yards with five touchdowns and three interceptions
- ... Broke the Music City Bowl passing record, eclipsing NC State's Mike Glennon's 383 in 2012
- ... Tied the Music City Bowl passing touchdown record, with UT's Hendon Hooker today and Auburn's Jared Stidham in 2018
- ... Is the second Boilermaker ever with multiple career 500-yard passing games, along with Drew Brees (1998 and 1999), and the only one to reach the 500-yard mark twice in a single season (also had 536 vs. Michigan State on November 6)
- ... Five touchdown passes is tied for fifth-most in school history, one behind the record of six, and the most since David Blough also had five passing TDs in 2016
- ... Has thrown for multiple touchdowns in six consecutive games and has at least four TDs in three of the last four games
- ... Has six 300-yard passing games this season, tied for third-most in program history and the most since Curtis Painter's six in 2007
- ... Has eight career 300-yard games, tied for No. 5 with Mark Hermann
- Continues to rank No. 1 in program history for both career and single-season completion percentage, with a career mark of .676 and a season percentage of .702
- ... Is ahead of Robert Marve's .638 (294-461) from 2010-12 on the career list and David Blough's .660 (305-462) in 2018 on the single-season chart
- Has 506 career completions and 315 this season
- ... Continues to be No. 8 on the career list, behind Jim Everett's 572 from 1981-85
- ... Moves up four spots to tie for No. 4 in a single season with Curtis Painter (2006), and is behind Drew Brees' 337 in 1999
- Has 44 career touchdown passes and 28 this year
- ... Moves up one spot to sit at No. 7 on the career chart, behind Scott Campbell's 45 from 1980-83
- ... Moves up four spots on the single-season list and is No. 4, behind Curtis Painter's 29 in 2007
- Has 5,728 career passing yards and 3,711 in 2021, which ranks No. 10 and No. 11 in school history on the career and single-season list, respectively
- ... Moves up two spots to No. 8 on the career list, behind Jim Everett's 7,411 from 1981-85
- ... Moves up six spots to No. 5 on the single season list, behind Curtis Painter's 3,846 in 2007
- Has 740 career passing attempts and 440 this season to move up to No. 10 in the career list and No. 14 in the single-season chart
- ... Moves up one spot to No. 9 on the career list, behind Eric Hunter's 818 from 1982-92
- ... Moves up five spots to No. 9 on the single season list, behind Jim Everett's 450 in 1985

Broc Thompson

- Named Music City Bowl Most Valuable Player
- Had seven catches for 217 yards with two touchdowns, all career-highs
- ... Broke the Music City Bowl record for receiving yards
- ... Receiving TDs are the third and fourth of his career, all this season
- ... Touchdown catches were for a career-long 75 yards in the first quarter and 70 yards in the fourth quarter
- Surpassed previous career bests of six catches, 94 yards and one touchdown

Payne Durham

- Had five catches for 85 yards with two touchdowns
- ... Two scores ties a career best
- ... Had a career-long reception of 62 yards
- ... Has 13 career receiving touchdowns and six this year

Zander Horvath

- Had a team-best 17 rushing attempts for a team-high 62 yards

TJ Sheffield

- Had three catches for 61 yards with one touchdown
- ... Touchdown is the fifth of his career, all this season

DEFENSE

Jaylan Alexander

- Led the team with a career-best 19 tackles, 10 solo
- ... Has 227 career tackles and 86 solo tackles
- ... Has 114 total tackles and 69 solo tackles this season

Prince Boyd Jr.

- Recovered first career fumble in the second quarter
- Totaled five tackles, two solo, the first tackles of his career

Kieren Douglas

- Finished third on the team with a career-best 13 tackles, five solo

Jalen Graham

- Had a career-best 12 tackles, five solo

Chris Jefferson

- Had 15 tackles, more than doubling his previous career high, with nine solo tackles and half a tackle for loss

DaMarcus Mitchell

- Forced two fumbles, the second and third of his career and first this season, in the second and third quarters
- Added four tackles, all solo, with a sack for a loss of 10 yards and two tackles for loss
- ... Sack is the fifth solo sack of his career and fourth this season
- ... TFL is the 12th and 13th of his career and the sixth and seventh in 2021

SPECIAL TEAMS

Mitchell Fineran

- Was four-for-four in field goal attempts and four-for-four in PATs
- ... Has 24 field goals this season, second-most in school history, passing Travis Dorsch's 22 in 2001 and one behind Ben Jones' school-record 25 in 2003
- ... His 24 field goals as a Boilermaker is No. 10 on the Purdue career list, behind Spencer Evans' 26 from 2017-18
- Accounted for 16 points today
- Four field goals is tied for fourth-most in school history
- ... Is the second Boilermaker in program history with three four-plus field goal-games (Chris Summers had four in 2007 twice and four in 2008) and the only one to achieve the feat in a single season (Had four vs. Michigan State on November 6 and five against Northwestern on November 20)
- Kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime