

# **Purdue Boilermakers** 2024 Softball Game Notes



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#### 2024 PURDUE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Record: 0-0 (0-0 B1G) Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

#### **FEBRUARY**

Red and E	Black Showcase @ Georgia	
9	vs. Murray State	10:30 a.m
9	vs. South Dakota	1 p.m.
10	at Georgia	3:30 p.m.
10	vs. South Dakota	6 p.m.
11	at Georgia	12 p.m.
USF Invite	e @ South Florida	•
16	vs. UIC	11:30 a.m.
17	vs. Boston College	9 a.m.
17	at South Florida	2 p.m.
18	vs. Hofstra	11:30 a.m.
18	at South Florida	2 p.m.
	Short Tournament @ Central Arkansas	
23	vs. South Dakota State	2 p.m.
23	at Central Arkansas	4:30 p.m.
24	vs. South Dakota State	2:30 p.m.
24	vs. Southern Illinois	7:30 p.m.
25	vs. Southern Illinois	1:30 p.m.
MARCH		
Thunderin	ng Herd Invitational @ Marshall	
1	at Marshall	11 a.m.
1	vs. Radford	4 p.m.

2	vs. Butler	11 a.m.
2	vs. Radford	1:30 p.m.
3	at Marshall	1 p.m.
FGCU Sp	ring Break Classic @ FGCU	•
8	vs. Pittsburg	10 a.m.
8	vs. Florida Štate	12:15 p.m.
9	vs. Florida State	10 a.m.
9	vs. Pittsburg	3 p.m.
10	vs. Western Michigan	10 a.m.
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14	NEBRASKA OMAHA	2 p.m.
15	NEBRASKA OMAHA	2 p.m.
16	NEBRASKA OMAHA	12 p.m.
20	EASTERN ILLINOIS	5 p.m.
22	at Michigan (B1G+)*	5 p.m.
23	at Michigan (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
24	at Michigan (B1G+)*	1 p.m.
29	RUTGERŠ (B1G+)* ´	5 p.m.
30	RUTGERS (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
31	RUTGERS (B1G+)*	1 p.m.

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2	at Indiana (B1G +)*	5 p.m.
2	at Indiana (B1G +)*	7:30 p.m.
5	IOWA (B1G +)*	5 p.m.
6	IOWA (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
7	IOWA (B1G+)*	1 p.m.
10	INDIANA STATE	5:30 p.m.
12	vs. Illinois (B1G+)*	6 p.m.
13	vs. Illinois (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
14	vs. Illinois (B1G+)*	1 p.m.
19	NORTHWESTERN (B1G+)*	5 p.m.
20	NORTHWESTERN (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
21	NORTHWESTERN (B1G+)*	1 p.m.
24	BALL STATE	5:30 p.m.
26	vs. Maryland (B1G+)*	6 p.m.
27	vs. Maryland (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
28	vs. Maryland (B1G+)*	12 p.m.
MAY		
3	MICHIGAN STATE (B1G+)*	5 p.m.
4	MICHIGAN STATE (B1G+)*	2 p.m.
5	MICHIGAN STATE (B1G+)*	1 p.m.

**Big Ten Tournament** 

8-11

All Times Eastern \* Big Ten Conference game

# **RED & BLACK SHOWCASE**

Friday, February 9 - Sunday, February 11 Athens, Ga. | Turner Softball Stadium





HC: Magali Frezzotti (1st year)

MURRAY STATE RACERS Record: 0-0 (0-0 MVC) Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

HC: Kara Amundson Series History: 0-0 Last Meeting: None



SOUTH DAKOTA Record: 0-0 (0-0 Summit) Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

HC: Robert Wagner Series History: 3-1 Last Meeting: W, 7-0 (3/15/20)



#6 GEORGIA BULLDOGS Record: 0-0 (0-0, SEC) Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

HC: Series History: 0-8 Last Meeting: L, 0-8 (2/20/22)

#### **SCHEDULE NOTES**

- Purdue's 17 home games slated for 2024 are the most in recent history.
- Purdue will face seven opponents who made NCAA Regionals appearance last season, including three non-conference opponents. Of those seven opponents, three advanced to Super Regionals (Florida State, Northwestern and Georgia) and one was the national runner-up (Florida State).
- New this season, the Boilermakers will be spending spring break in West Lafayette, hosting a threematch series vs Nebraska Omaha.
- The series, running Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16 will serve as the season's home-opener for Bittinger Stadium.
- During non-conference play, Purdue played in five states: Georgia, Florida, Arkansas and West Virginia and Indiana

#### **SCOUTING THE MURRAY STATE RACERS**

- One of the top defensive returners for the Racers is Taylor Jackson. She ended the season second in the MVC in putouts with 331. Jackson also ended the season with only four errors and fielding percentage of .986.
- A key starter lost is pitcher Hannah James. She is an MVC All-Conference First Team honoree, James led the MVC in ERA (1.34) and shutouts (seven). She also ended season ranked fifth nationally in strikeout-to-walk ratio, striking out 7.92 batters for every 1.0 walked.
- The Racers lost in the MVC quarterfinals against Indiana State in a 12-inning game. They ended their season third in the conference.

# SCOUTING THE SOUTH DAKOTA COYOTES

- A top returner in the circle for the Coyotes is Clara Edwards. Edwards was one of the three Coyote players to be named to the Submit All-Tournament team. In the tournament, she threw back-to-back shutouts. At the end of the season, she earned a 2.47 ERA and pitched a total of 181.1 innings.
- The Coyotes are coming off a fourth-place finish in the Summit League with a 11-9 conference record and 24-28 overall record.
- In June, South Dakota also added a new assistant coach to their roster, Shannon Pivovar. She was the previous head coach at the University of Sioux falls.

#### **SOUTING THE GEORGIA BULLDOGS**

- The Georgia Bulldogs finished their 2023 season with an impressive 42-15 overall record and 16-7 conference record, putting them at second in the conference.
- The Bulldogs had the highest team batting average (.318) and slugging percentage (.578) in the SEC.
- One of the top batters returning for the Bulldogs is Jayda Kearney. She ended the season with a .365 batting average and a .799 slugging percentage. She also earned 19 homeruns and 46 RBIs.
- In 2024, Georgia is favored to finish second in the SEC. They also have four players named to the Preseason All-SEC (Jayda Kearney, Sydney Kuma, Sara Mosley and Shelby Walters).

Stats & Streaks					
Multiple Hit Games		2	3	4	Total
#3 Tyrina Jones		-	-	-	-
#9 Jade Moy		-	-	-	-
#27 Olivia McFadden		-	-	-	-
#14 Kiersen George		-	-	-	-
#95 Kiara Dillon		-	-	-	-
#2 Khloe Banks		-	-	-	-
#28 Jordyn Ramos			-	-	-
Multiple RBI Games	2	3	4	5+	<u>Total</u>
#3 Tyrina Jones	-	-	-	-	-
#27 Olivia McFadden	-	-	-	-	-
#9 Jade Moy	-	-	-	-	-
#28 Jordyn Ramos	-	-	-	-	-

Hitting Streaks	Longest	Current
#3 Tyrina Jones	-	-
#14 Kiersen George	-	-
#95 Kiara Dillon	-	-
#9 Jade Moy	-	-
#27 Olivia McFadden	-	-
#2 Khloe Banks	-	-

Reached Bases Streaks	Longest	Current
#3 Tyrina Jones	-	-
#14 Kiersen George	-	-
#95 Kiara Dillon	-	-
#9 Jade Moy	-	-
#27 Olivia McFadden	-	-
#28 Jordyn Ramos	-	-
#2 Khloe Banks	-	-
# 8 Kyndall Bailey	-	-
#5 Hailey Hayes	-	-

# **Record When...**

Day Games: 0-0	2-Run Games: 0-0
Night Games: 0-0	Extra Innings: 0-0
Purdue Scores First:	Opponent Scores First:
Purdue Scores	Opponent Scores
0-2 Runs: 0-0	0-2 Runs: 0-0
3-5 Runs: 0-0	3-5 Runs: 0-0
6-9 Runs: 0-0	6-9 Runs: 0-0
10+ Runs: 0-0	10+ Runs: 0-0



#### As of Feb. 6, 2024

	Conference	Win	Overall	Win
School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct
Northwestern	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Indiana	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Minnesota	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Nebraska	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Ohio State	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
lowa	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Michigan	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Penn State	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Wisconsin	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Maryland	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Rutgers	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Illinois	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Purdue	0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000
Michigan State	e 0-0	1.000	0-0	1.000

#### ON THE TABLE: AT #6 GEORGIA

- Purdue is looking for its first win over a ranked opponent since 2021. The win was a true road victory with the 1-0 shutout at #22 USF (3/17/22).
- Current Boilermakers Tyrina Jones, Olivia McFadden, Kiara Dillon and Kiersen George played in the shutout. Jones led the team with 13 putouts in the outing.

# RETURNING FOR HER JUNIOR SEASON: TYRINA JONES

- Jones is among the top returners for 2024, having led the team last year in runs (34), hits (56) and is the top returner in batting average (.315).
- She started at shortstop every game last year.
- Recorded a batting average of .400 or better in 16 games, including 15 straight during non-con play in 2023.
- Ranked fourth in the Big Ten in assists (130).
- The sophomore earned her first career Big Ten Player of the Week honor on March 6 following an impressive performance which saw a .533 batting avg., two home runs, six RBI and eight hits. Jones scored the game-winner in all three Purdue victories that week, and had a hand in every run scored in the 4-0 victory at UNC (3/4).
- She joined elite company alongside Purdue alums All-American Rachel Becker (March 14, 2022), Jenny Behan (March 4, 2019) as the most recent Boilermakers to receive Big Ten Player of the Week honors.
- Jones' four hits vs. Syracuse (2/17/23)
  marked the second-most by a Boiler-maker in a single game. It has happened
  44 times in program history, last: two
  seasons ago by 2022 All-America Honorable Mention Rachel Becker, who posted
  four vs. Rutgers (2021).

#### **THE #23 RECRUITING CLASS**

- Purdue's freshmen class ranked #23 in the nation on signing day by Extra Innings Softball.
- Utility player Ashlynn Campbell was named to the Softball America Freshman Watch List in January.
- It marks the second straight year a freshman class has been ranked, with the now-sophomores ranked No. 5 by Extra Inning Softball upon their signing day.

#### **FALL BALL REPORT**

- The Boilermakers went undefeated at 8-0 during fall games.
- They outscored opponents 69-9.
- Opponents included Marian, Huntington, Lakeland, Ball State, Ulndy and Bryant & Stratton.

# FIRST YEAR HC MAGGIE FREZZOTTI

 Purdue hired Magali (Maggie) Frezzotti in June 2023 after serving the previous two years as Purdue's assistant coach who

- oversaw defense.
- Frezzotti helped guide the Boilermakers to the second-highest fielding % in program history last season.
- Previous stops: Montana, Eastern Michigan, Concordia and Michigan, where she worked with the winningest coach in softball history, Carol Hutchins.

#### TEAM'S TOP 2 STRENGTHS BY COACH FREZZOTTI

- Athleticism
- Investment in growing their game

#### **QUOTEABLE: MADI ELISH ON TEAM GROWTH**

"The biggest difference I see in this team is our intentionality and our focus. We know are capabilities and with every opportunity we get to better ourselves in any way, we take it. We know our potential and how could we are capable of being and every day no matter how big or small we take all of the knowledge we can get from each other or our coaches to better ourselves."

#### MADI ELISH LEADING THE BULLPEN

- Elish returns with the most experience in the circle.
- Led the team last year with an 8-4 record and 31 appearances.
- Posted a 3.31 ERA in 2023 and held opponents to a .273 batting average.
- Pitched three complete games.
- She has one season under her belt with the Boilermakers, having transferred to Purdue from Arizona after her freshman year.

#### **BOILERMAKER DEFENSE**

- Guided by Coach Frezzotti last season, Purdue ranked second last season in assists (479).
- Purdue's .969 fielding % last year ranked No. 2 in program history.

#### **OUTFIELDER KIARA DILLON**

- Centerfielder Kiara Dillon has played in 115 of the last 116 consecutive games, dating back to the 2021 season.
- Dillon is one of the fastest players in the league, ranking #5 in stolen bases in 2023 with 20 steals and was as high as #3 during the season.
- Her 20 steals as a junior was the most by a Boilermaker since Kristen Hoppman in 2017 (20-20).

# FROM ALABAMA TO INDIANA: ASHLYNN CAMPBELL

- Position: Utility
- Nicknamed "Soup", Campbell was selected by Softball America to its 2024 Freshman Watch List. It is the second straight year a Purdue freshman has received preseason national recognition, with Jordyn Ramos earning the nod last season by the NCAA as a top-55 freshman to watch.

## THE ROSTER AT A GLANCE

- Class Breakdown: 25 total student-athletes made up of seven freshmen, six sophomores, seven juniors, three seniors and two graduate students.
- Purdue returns nearly its entire starting lineup from 2023.