



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

Purdue - 31, Ball State - 0

Date: Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025

Location: West Lafayette, Ind.

Kickoff Time: 12:01 PM

Total Time: 2:43

Attendance: 53,994

Weather at End: 65, Clear, 11 MPH, S

Purdue 1-0 Overall 0-0 Big Ten

Ball State 0-1 Overall 0-0 MAC

► SCORE BY QUARTERS

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Ball State	0	0	0	0	-	0
Purdue	14	7	7	3	-	31

► SERIES HISTORY VS. BALL STATE

• Purdue leads the all-time series with a perfect 9-0 mark.

► HEAD COACH BARRY ODOM

• Head coach Barry Odom is 1-0 at Purdue and 45-33 in his seven-year career.

• Odom became the 19th head coach in Purdue history to win his opening game at Purdue and the first since Danny Hope in 2009.

BOILER NOTES

TEAM

- Captains: Devin Mockobee, Jalen St. John, Tony Grimes, Mani Powell
- Ball State won the toss (tails), deferred to the second half. Purdue elected to receive in the south end zone.
- Purdue posted a season-opening shutout in consecutive years for the first time since 1964-65.
- The Boilermakers scored points in all four quarters.

OFFENSE

- Purdue put up 433 total yards of offense and passed for 340 yards.
- Ryan Browne threw for a career-high 311 yards and tied his career-high with 18 completions. He had his second-career multiple passing touchdown game and rushed for a score for the first time.
- Browne is the third Purdue quarterback in the last five seasons to throw for 300-plus yards in a season opener joining Jake Plummer (313) in 2021 and Aidan O'Connell (365) in 2022.
- Browne completed passes to seven different receivers, as six Boilermakers caught multiple passes throughout the game.
- Arhmad Branch caught three passes for 101 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown, all coming in the first quarter. He is the first Boilermaker to have 100 yards on three or fewer catches since Desmond Tardy had three catches for 112 yards in 2018 vs. Northern Colorado.
- Branch is first Boilermaker wide receiver to go over 100 yards since Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen (Sept. 16, 2023 vs. Syracuse).
- Transfer wide receiver Michael Jackson III caught a team-high six passes, matching his career high in his Purdue debut, for 72 yards. He also caught a 14-yard pass in the third quarter for his first touchdown as a Boilermaker.
- Devin Mockobee rushed 14 times for 59 yards and scored the 20th rushing touchdown of his career. He became the 10th Boilermaker in history to rush for 20 touchdowns.
- Mockobee became the eighth Boilermaker to reach 2,500 rushing yards in a career, passing Harry Szulborski and Edwin Watson to move to seventh on the all-time charts with 2,521 yards.
- Purdue opened the game scoring on its second play of the game, a 49-yard catch and run from Browne to Branch. It was the fastest score for Purdue to start the season since Jimmy Smith took the opening kickoff 100 yards to the end zone to start the 1981 season against Stanford.

DEFENSE

- The Purdue defense allowed 203 total yards and allowed just 87 passing yards.
- Today was the first time the Boilermakers held an FBS team under 100 yards passing since Nov. 19, 2022 against Northwestern (78).
- The Boilermakers forced a trio of three-and-outs on the day, all three on the opening four drives.
- Seven players recorded a tackle-for-loss and five notched at least a half-sack.
- Sanders Ellis recorded a half-sack in his first game in the FBS after he had 2.5 last season at FCS Tennessee State.
- Charles Correa led Purdue with 11 total tackles and had 2.0 tackles-for-loss
- Butkus Award Watch List linebacker Mani Powell added four tackles and one sack in his Purdue debut.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Spencer Porath connected on his first field goal of the season with a 28-yard make in the fourth quarter.
- Jack McCallister launched three punts for a 50.3-yard average with all three inside 20 yards and a pair over 50 yards.
- Seth Turner made his debut with six kickoffs and four touchbacks.