



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

USC 33, Purdue 17

Date:	Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025	► SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F	► WHAT'S NEXT FOR PURDUE
Location:	West Lafayette, Ind.	USC	3	14	13	3	-	33	• The Boilermakers will head to No. 8 Notre Dame looking to reclaim the Shillelagh Trophy. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. on NBC.
Kickoff Time:	6:45 PM	Purdue	0	3	7	7	-	17	
Total Time:	3:17	► SERIES HISTORY VS. USC							
Attendance:	58,065	• USC leads the all-time series 4-1.							
Weather at End:	54, Clear, 2 MPH, WNW	► WHAT'S NEXT FOR USC							
Purdue	2-1 Overall								
USC	3-0 Overall								
	0-1 Big Ten								
	1-0 Big Ten								

BOILER NOTES

TEAM

- Captains: Tony Grimes, Mani Powell, Michael Jackson III, Ryan Browne
- USC won the toss, deferred. Purdue elected to receive in the north end zone.
- The game was delayed for 3 hours and 5 minutes, Purdue's longest weather delay since defeating Virginia Tech 24-17 on Sept. 9, 2023, a delay that lasted 5 hours and 27 minutes.
- It was Purdue's first home weather delay since rallying to a 31-17 win over Minnesota on Oct. 7, 2017, a delay of 1 hour and 28 minutes.

OFFENSE

- The Purdue offense totaled 357 yards with 305 through the air.
- Ryan Browne finished the night throwing for 305 yards on 24-of-39 passing with one touchdown and three interceptions. He also ran for a touchdown.
- Browne has thrown for more than 300 yards in two of Purdue's first three games this season.
- He passed for the most yards by a Boilermaker against USC (previously Drew Brees' 248 yards in 1998).
- Devin Mockobee led the rushing attack with 12 rushes for 45 yards.
- Nitro Tuggle posted his second straight game with a touchdown grab, connecting with Browne on a nine-yard strike early in the fourth quarter. Tuggle finished the night with 69 yards on four catches.
- Michael Jackson III totaled 70 yards on seven receptions, both team highs with a Purdue game-long 31-yard grab.
- EJ Horton Jr. matched Jackson with a team-high 70 yards on five catches. Both statistics were his best as a Boilermaker.
- The contest marked the first time Purdue had two players with at least 70 receiving yards since a victory in the 2023 Old Oaken Bucket Game (Deion Burks - 87, George Burhenn - 74).
- Jackson III has led Purdue in receptions twice this season and has two games with at least six catches.
- The Boilermakers scored their first touchdown in the third quarter on a double lateral from Browne to Jackson back to Browne, who scooped the ball off the ground for a 34-yard rush into the end zone.
- The 34-yard rushing score was Purdue's longest since Elijah Jackson took the ball 69 yards for a score against Indiana State last season.

DEFENSE

- Myles Slusher and Charles Correa finished with 12 and 11 tackles, respectively. They are the first Purdue tandem this season with double-digit tackles in a game. It was the first time multiple Boilermakers finished with double-figure tackles in a game at Ross-Ade Stadium since Ben Holt, Derrick Barnes and Jaylan Alexander did it against Indiana in 2019.
- Slusher 12 tackles were a career high, besting his 10 that he had as a sophomore at Arkansas in 2021 against Missouri.
- Correa's 11 tackles matched his career high, which he set against Ball State in the season-opener.
- Smiley Bradford posted his first career game with multiple tackles-for-loss, finishing with two.
- Demeco Kennedy, earning his first start, closed the first half with the first sack of his career.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Jack McCallister launched three punts for 163 yards (54.3-yard average). His final punt of the night was a 68-yard boot for the longest of his career.
- This season, opponents have started with an average field position of their own 10.8 yard-line after punts.
- Spencer Porath put the Boilermakers on the board with a 39-yard field goal in the second quarter. It was his fourth straight make to start the year.
- Porath is 4-for-4 on FGs, the first Purdue kicker to hit his first four in a season since Mitchell Fineran converted his first nine in 2021.