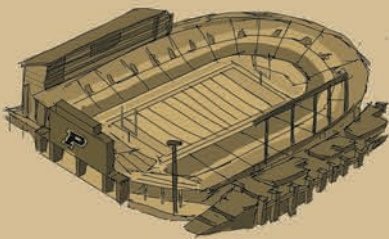




TAILGATE GUIDE



Ross-Ade renovations nearing completion

BY ISRAEL SCHUMAN
Sports Editor

For its 100th birthday, Ross-Ade Stadium got a face-lift. The host-site of Purdue home football games is days away from the total completion of what has been dubbed “Phase 1 construction” by Purdue Athletics. The renovations come with a bill of \$45.4 million, funded completely by donors.

As The Exponent has previously reported, major additions include connecting bleacher sections on the south end zone and a new tunnel for players to emerge from before kickoff. Construction began in December, and the Athletics Department has maintained that the stadium would be ready for Saturday’s season kickoff against Fresno State. The added seating on the south end zone will add about 4,500 seats to capacity, allowing the

stadium to fit a total of 61,441 fans — good for 11th out of 18 teams in the conference when it expands next season. According to Athletic Director Mike Bobinski, the renovations are important in raising Purdue football’s national prominence, an increasingly important factor since the advent of NIL allowance. The new tunnel, dubbed the “Tiller Tunnel” after historic coach Joe Tiller, will be stylized in a railroad theme. Current pictures of the tunnel show a black brick facade and Purdue Athletics depictions of the finished work show a black metal-plated design.



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Various construction vehicles are parked near the south end zone billboard as Ross-Ade Stadium construction for phase one comes to a close.



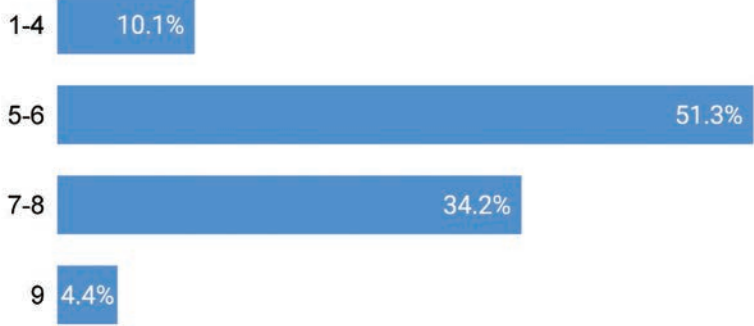
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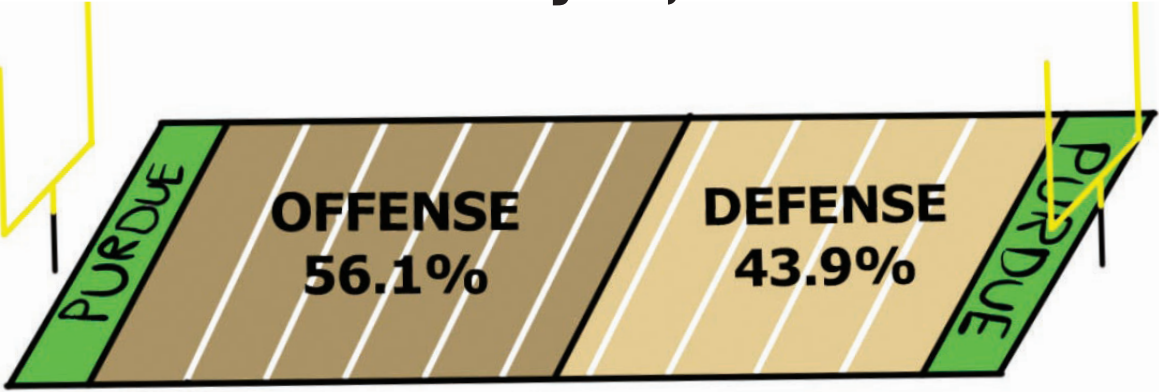
Purdue football is brand new this year. The program is coming off one of the most tumultuous off-seasons in its history, where essentially every Boiler football figurehead was replaced. The uncertainty presented itself as fertile ground for a fan poll, and that is exactly what The Exponent has done, putting out a series of questions on Twitter for users to answer. Most polls got about 200 responses, with results covering a multitude of topics:

How many games will Purdue win this year?

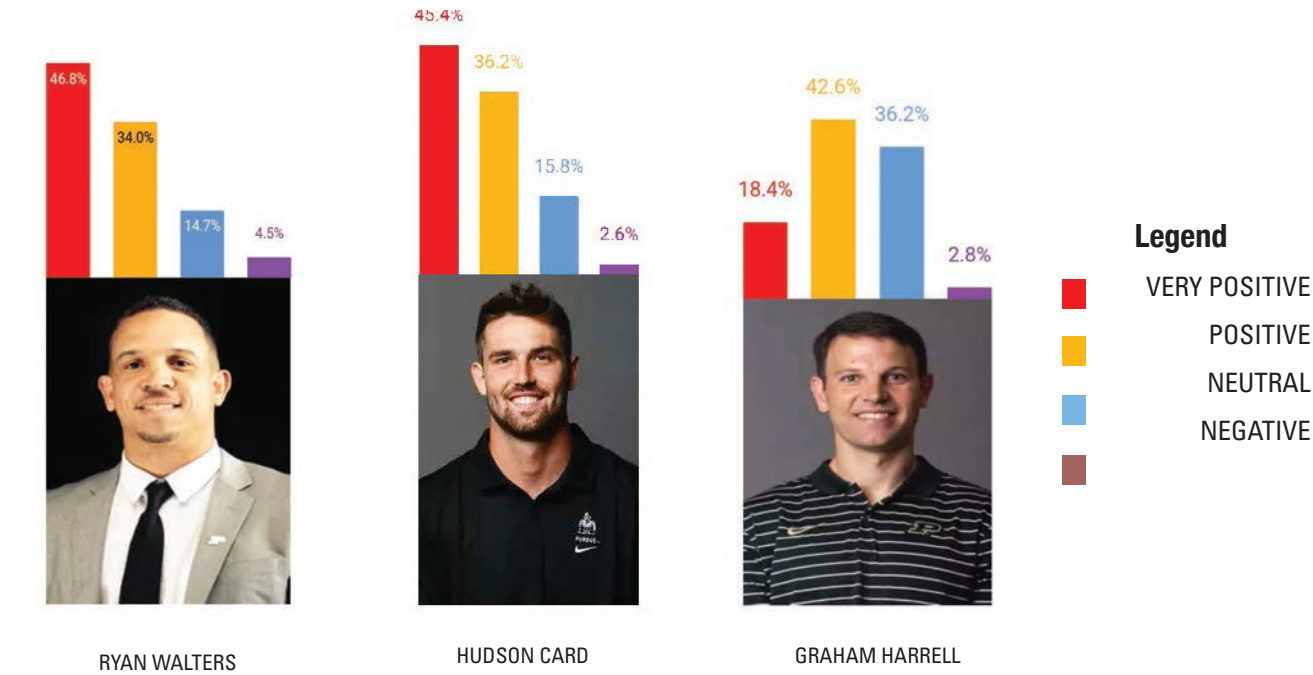
The majority of fans expect the team to win fewer games than it did last year. The most common response was five to six wins, teetering on the edge of a bowl game. If the Boilers could get to that six-win threshold, it would continue a strong trend started by Brohm. In Brohm’s tenure from 2017-22, the football team went to four bowls in six years. The last time Purdue did that was from 2003-08 during the glory days of Joe Tiller, the winningest coach in program history. The fan opinion meshed closely with the line set by FanDuel Sportsbook at 5.5 wins.



What will be better this year, offense or defense?



CARL LYONS | GRAPHICS EDITOR
Fans favored offense, perhaps due to Purdue’s past history or talent like Devon Mockobee and Hudson Card.



What is your opinion of head coach Ryan Walters?
The headliner of Purdue’s long off-season shopping list was head coach Ryan Walters. Fans have very little to judge Walters on as he has never been a head coach before. But despite not having seen him coach, the effects of his recruiting are already paying dividends. Walters was able to recruit multiple four-star recruits in his one off-season, something no Purdue head coach has been able to do in 15 years. Perhaps swayed by the same charm that landed those recruits, fans are overwhelmingly positive about Walters. Fewer than 4% of voters had a negative opinion, and more than 80% were positive or very positive.

What is your opinion of quarterback Hudson Card?
A junior transfer quarterback from Texas, Hudson Card decided to transfer after losing the starting job to former No. 1 overall recruit Quinn Ewers. In the short time Card played at Texas, he was quite efficient. Card had a 6-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio and an overall quarterback rating of 153. Just as Walters’ poll turned out, the majority of respondents voted “very positive.” Even more impressive was the fact he had nearly half the number of negative votes as Walters. With the little fans have seen and know about Card, they remain optimistic about his play.

What is your opinion of offensive coordinator Graham Harrell?
Unlike Card and Walters, offensive coordinator Graham Harrell has years of experience in his role. Harrell has been the offensive coordinator of three programs since 2016: North Texas, USC and West Virginia. West Virginia’s offense ranked 57th last year, just behind Purdue. Harrell decided to take what could be considered a lateral move, choosing a Purdue program that has won more games than the Mountaineers in recent seasons. Harrell differed from Card and Walters in the polls, with the majority of responses coming in a peg less positive.

What they’re saying

BY MARY ROSE HOKANSON
Staff Reporter

Offensive Coordinate Graham Harrell On facing the reigning Mountain West champs

“There’s no room for errors, especially against a team that’s played a lot of ball together, (they) will get you beat.”

Head coach Ryan Walters On quarterback Hudson Card

“I think what’s most important and most impressive from my vantage point is just his poise, he’s got calm confidence.”

On his often even-keeled personality

“I’m competitive, I’ll rally the troops when I need to rally the troops, I’ll push them forward when I need to push them forward and I’ll hold them back when I need to hold them back.”

On the coaching staff

“I’ve been really impressed with the chemistry we have on the staff, with the knowledge that they have on the staff and with the way that they’ve interacted with and mentored players.”

On facing the reigning Mountain West champs

“We’ve got to be prepared to handle adversity when it comes because that’s a guarantee, and ultimately just do our jobs and have faith in each other.”

On retiring from Purdue

“My two boys are 9 and 7 and I hope they say they’re from West Lafayette when they grow up. Hopefully I can retire and people will talk about the Walters era the same way they do the Tiller.”

Meet the opponent: Fresno Bulldogs

BY MARY ROSE HOKANSON
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No matter which way Saturday’s football game goes, Purdue is guaranteed to do something for the first time: play the Fresno State Bulldogs. The first game of its kind will open the season for both teams, kicking off at noon in Ross-Ade Stadium. Fresno State Coach Jeff Tedford is entering his sixteenth season as a head coach and his second year with the Bulldogs. Last year, Tedford’s team finished hot on a 9-game winning streak to clinch the Mountain West title, finishing 10-4 overall. The Bulldogs have reloaded with talent in returning

starters as well as pulling from the transfer portal, like quarterback Mikey Keene, formerly at UCF. Purdue is widely considered a favorite in this game, but Fresno State has won 10 or more games in four of Tedford’s six seasons as head coach — the Bulldogs are no cupcake. The implications for this matchup extend weeks down the line, as the Boilers schedule will only get tougher once Big Ten conference play begins. The specter of Big Ten play emphasizes September as the most advantageous month on Purdue’s schedule. The Boilers play four of five games at home, including two non-conference home contests.

SPORTS

www.purdueexponent.org

Volleyball, soccer head west

BY ISRAEL SCHUMAN
Sports Editor

Two of Purdue's fall sports will be away for the weekend, with the volleyball team leaving on Wednesday for Kansas and soccer going to Los Angeles and Colorado.

Soccer LA, Colorado bound

The Purdue soccer squad is going on a road trip out west that could help define its non-conference season.

The Boilermakers (2-2) are set to tussle with the No. 19 ranked USC Trojans (2-1), followed by a showdown against the Colorado Boulder Buffaloes (3-1).

The USC offense presents a multi-faceted threat that demands vigilance for Purdue's defense. Head coach Drew Roff emphasized the significance of steadfast defensive play.

"We're gonna have to defend really well individually because they have some special players," Roff said. "The challenge of playing really good teams is you make that one mistake and they'll punish you for that mistake."

After the dust settles from their clash with USC, the Boilermakers will turn their attention to the Buffaloes, a team boasting an impressive 3-1 record thus far.

In contrast to USC's strong offense is the Buffaloes' defense. Four games into the season, just a solitary goal has been given up on their campaign.

"As much as we need to defend well, if we're only defending we're gonna get worn down so we need to keep the ball a little bit," Roff said. "When we get opportunities to finish our chances we really need to dig in and be ready."

Volleyball off to Kansas for Invitational

Coming off a 1-2 weekend against stiff competition, there will be little rest for Purdue volleyball.

The team will play in the Kansas Invitational, a round-robin tournament similar to last weekend's. In attendance are No. 25 Purdue, No. 23 Kansas and No. 19 Marquette.

"Our team had better be getting geared up and ready to play," Purdue head coach Dave Shondell said on Monday.

The Boilers know what they have in their outside hitters, sophomore Eva Hudson and freshman Chloe Chicoine, as well as junior middle-blocker Raven Colvin. That trio led the team in most offensive categories last weekend.

An area of confusion for Shondell is his setter position, where freshman Taylor Anderson has inserted herself into the competition for playing time.

"Taylor Anderson, who everyone knows is a big time prospect, she just came in and played like she'd been there many, many seasons before," Shondell said. "We actually have three setters who are playing well."



Junior forward Gracie Dunaway shoots the ball into the goal during a scramble in the Wake Forest box.

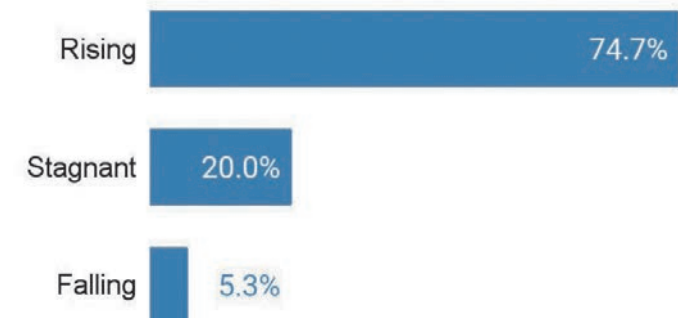
The other two Shondell mentioned are graduate student and transfer Lorrin Poulter and redshirt sophomore Sydney Yim.

Poulter started last weekend, and according to Shondell is "ahead of schedule" in her recovery from offseason surgery. Yim, Shondell said, is "chomping at the bit because she's taken a big leap also."

The focus for the Boilers this weekend will be narrowing down the wide field of talent on the roster.

"We've got a lot of good players," Shondell said. "I think I had 13 people on the floor this weekend. It's really important to get that narrowed down a little bit so they can learn to feed off each other."

What is the trajectory of the Purdue football program?



FORECAST

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With a brand-new coaching staff and quarterback, Purdue is coming into a new era. This will be the first season it all comes together.

Glimpses have been shown of how the quarterbacks and coaches have

performed on their own at previous stops, informing fans along with the off-season chatter coming out of West Lafayette.

With all the information that fans have, a staggering 74.7% thought the program was on the rise; evidence that the shine has not yet worn off the Boilers' new look.



Freshman setter Taylor Anderson sets the ball.

Religious Directory

Please check websites and social media or call your preferred organization to confirm service dates and times.

Assembly of God

Connection Point Church
2541 Cumberland Ave., West Lafayette, IN
connectionpointchurch.org
765-463-0956
Worship 9 am & 10:45 am Sunday
Pastor Zach Maddox

River City Church
West Lafayette campus:
10am, 3504 Morehouse Rd, W. Lafayette
Lafayette campus:
9 am & 11 am, 108 Beck Ln, Lafayette
Pastor Robby Bradford
Contact us: 765-474-1432,
www.rivercityinfo.info@rivercity.info
Name: River City Young Adults
When: Wednesday, 7:00pm
Where: 108 Beck Lane
Contact with any questions:
Xander Bradford xbradford@rivercity.info

Baptist

Faith Church
One Church - Three Locations
www.faithlafayette.org
On Facebook @FaithChurchLafayette
West Campus: 1920 Northwestern Avenue, WL
Sunday Worship: 9:30 and 11:00am
North Campus: 2000 Elmwood Ave., Lafayette
Sunday Worship: 9:30 and 11:00am
East Campus: 5526 ST RD 26 E, Lafayette
Sunday Worship: 8, 9:30, & 11:00am
Purdue Bible Fellowship & International Student Ministry
www.faithlafayette.org/pbf
On Facebook @PurdueBibleFellowship

Federated Church of West Lafayette
www.federatedchurch.net
2400 Sycamore Lane 463-5564
Nursery 9:15 am
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
PreK - 1st grade 10:45 am
Coffee Time: 11:30 am
Disciples of Christ & American Baptist
"Where individual belief and a vibrant faith community meet"

First Baptist Church
411 N. 7th Street, Lafayette
765-742-5223
Follow us online to find info on all of our services, classes & events.
www.firstbaptistlafayette.org
On Facebook: @FirstBaptistLafayette
On Instagram: @firstbaptistlafayette
an American Baptist Congregation
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Free, Ample Parking Behind Sanctuary
Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Pastor

Kossuth Street Baptist Church
2901 Kossuth Street, Lafayette, IN
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday Connections Hour: 9:15 am
www.ksbcc.net

Bible

Battle Ground Bible Church
2430 W. 600 N., West Lafayette, IN
Worship Service: 9:00am
Fellowship Groups: 10:30 am
Pastor: Kenny Loehe
www.bgbcc.org
sec@bgbcc.org

Catholic

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center
535 W. Mitch Daniels Boulevard- 765-743-4652
Daily Mass
Monday-Saturday: 11:30am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm*
Wednesday: 9pm*
Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9am, 11:15am, 7pm* & 9pm*
* when Purdue is in session
http://www.boilercatholics.org

Church of Christ

Christian Student Center
115 Waldron Street
https://www.elmwood-church.org/christian-student-center-at-purdue/
Devotional: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Elmwood Church of Christ
2501 Elmwood Ave, Lafayette
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School Class: 10:40 am
For a ride, email: cs@elmwood-church.org
Campus Minister: Deron Freudenthal

Church of the Brethren

Lafayette Church of the Brethren
1107 S. 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905
Office: 765-474-5021
Pastor Steve Crain
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/LafayetteCQB
Continuing the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, together

Episcopal

Episcopal Campus Ministry
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, Chaplain
610 Meridian Street (near Mackey Arena)
Online Morning Prayer - Sundays at 9:00 am
In-person Holy Communion - Sundays at 10:00 am & 7:00pm
765-743-1347 * www.goodshep.org

Evangelical Covenant

Evangelical Covenant Church
3600 S. 9th Street, Lafayette 47909
474-4842 • www.eccifc.net
Join Us Sunday Morning
Worship Time - 10:30 am
ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Evangelical Presbyterian

Covenant Church
211 Knox Dr., West Lafayette, IN
Sundays:
9:00 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Worship Service
CovenantEPC.org or call 765-463-7303

Faith Presbyterian Church
Traditional worship with reverence, awe, and joy
Sunday 9:30 am
Sunday 9:30 am
IG @faithpreswl
FB @faithpresbyterianchurchwl
(765) 743-3683
office@faithpresbyterian.org

Judaism

Purdue Hillel Foundation
The Center of Jewish Campus Life
912 West State St. (across from Lilly Hall)
Please call 765-743-1293 for questions or directions
Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Shabbat Services: Friday at 6 p.m.
Website: www.purdue.edu/hillel
Email: hillel@purduehillel.org
Instagram: @purduehillel

Lutheran

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Rev. Elizabeth Lee, Pastor
1005 N 21st Street, Lafayette
Sunday Services @ 10:00 AM
Christian Education @ 9:00 AM
Wheelchair Accessible
765-447-4205
www.holytrinitylafayette.com
All are welcome!

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Corner of Fowler & Vine, West Lafayette
(One Block East of Knoll Hall)
Congregational Pastor: Randy Schroeder
Sunday Worship 9 AM & 11:30 AM Meal/Worship
The 9 AM is also streamed on Zoom & Facebook Live
https://www.facebook.com/osluth/
Request the Zoom link at randy@osluth.org
www.plm.org
plm@plm.org
www.osluth.org
info@osluth.org

Methodist

First United Methodist Church
1700 W. State St., West Lafayette
"First Up" Worship Service 9:00 AM
"Celebrate" Worship Service 11:00 AM
Streaming Service Available at www.fumcwl.org

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
4703 N. 50 W. West Lafayette, IN - 765-497-7755
www.andrew-umc.org
Pastors: Brian Cook, Lead Pastor
Kelly Sellers, Online Campus Pastor
Onsite Worship with Nursery Care:
Traditional Worship 9:00 am
Praise Worship 10:30 am
Online Campus Worship:
Thursdays @ 7:00 pm
www.facebook.com/standrew.umc

Muslim

Islamic Educational Center of Lafayette
Info@iecol.org
951-316-4484
*Spiritual gatherings for the love of God and Ahlul-beyt.
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*Friday congregational prayers.

Non-Denominational

Upper Room Christian Fellowship
2234 Indian Trail Dr. West Lafayette
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
College Fellowship, Friday 7:00 pm
Call 463-5923 or 463-7380
www.urcfellowship.org
www.facebook.com/urcfellowship

Victory Christian Center
Sharing The Love, Acceptance, And Forgiveness of Jesus.
Pastors Bill & Pam Mickler
Sunday Service- 10:00am
Wednesday Service- 6:30pm
325 Burnetts Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906
765-447-7777
www.victorylafayette.org

West Lafayette Christian Church
1980 Lindberg Road West Lafayette, IN 47906
765-463-7995
www.wlchristian.com
Sunday Worship Service: 10:10 a.m.

White Horse Christian Center
1780 Cumberland Ave., W. Laf., Past Walmart on the right
Come as you are!
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Bi-lingual 6:00 pm
Monday Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm with classes for all ages
Including class for Spanish Speaking Adults
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directions, special events, bookstore

Orthodox

St. Alexis Orthodox Church
2115 Indiana 225 East, Battle Ground, IN 47920
Sunday: 8:15am - Matins
9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour
Wednesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour
Thursday: 7:00am - 1st Hour
Friday: 7:00am - 1st Hour
Saturday: 5:30pm - Vespers
Priest: Father Gregory Allard
www.saintalexis.org

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