

## QUICKREAD

## FOOTBALL

## Purdue to take on Indiana for 117th time in series history

## THE GAME

Purdue and Indiana meet for the 117th time in series history. Purdue leads the all-time series 72-38-6, though Indiana won last year in Bloomington.

Purdue is coming off a 38-14 loss to Northwestern, while Indiana is coming off a 42-27 loss at Ohio State.

The Boilermakers and Hoosiers meet for the first time as cross-division rivals. The Purdue and Indiana game is the only protected cross-divisional rivalry in the Big Ten's new East and West divisions.

Purdue and Indiana play for the Old Oaken Bucket. Purdue leads the Bucket series, which began in 1925, 58-28-3.

Purdue is 1-2 all-time in games played on Nov. 29, including 0-1 against Indiana. The Boilermakers have not played on Nov. 29 since 1900.

## GAME THEMES

Purdue is headed to Indiana for the second year in a row. It's the first time in series history that back-to-back games in the rivalry have been played in Bloomington.

It is the first time since 1904 and 1905 that back-to-back games in the series were away from West Lafayette. The 1904 game was in Indianapolis, while the 1905 game was in Bloomington.

This is the first time since the inception of the Shillelagh trophy with Notre Dame (1957) that Purdue has not hosted one of its three trophy games. The Boilermakers faced Notre Dame in Indianapolis, and played at Illinois and Indiana.

Purdue has not lost back-to-back Bucket games since 1993 and 1994.

Purdue has won two of the last three in the series, four of the last six, and nine of the last 12.

Purdue has won two of the last three in Bloomington.

The winning team has scored 56 points each of the last two seasons.

Indiana is just the second team that Purdue faces this season that has a record below .500 heading into the game.

## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

Austin Appleby has five rushing touchdowns, which is tied for 22nd-most among FBS quarterbacks this season.

Appleby's last seven touchdown passes have been to six different receivers, with Cameron Posey, Danny Anthrope, B.J. Knauf, DeAngelo Yancey, Justin Sinz and Gabe Holmes all hauling in one, and Akeem Hunt with two over the last two games.

Purdue has thrown 16 touchdown passes this season, but no receiver has caught more than one in a single game.

The Boilermakers average 14.43 yards per punt return, which ranks seventh in the country. That total is the highest among teams that do not have at least one return touchdown, and second best overall in the Big Ten.

Purdue has scored off of all but six takeaways this season.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

Purdue and Indiana will meet for the 117th time in one of the nation's most storied football rivalries.

The series began in 1891 and has continued every year except for 1895, 1896, 1903, 1906, 1907, 1918 and 1919. This year's matchup will be the 90th for the coveted Old Oaken Bucket.

The first game in 1925 ended in a 0-0 tie, resulting in the "I-P" link attached to the bucket. Since then, there have been 58 "P" links, 28 "I" links and two additional "I-P" links attached to the chain.

The Boilermakers have won 14 of the last 19 meetings between the two schools.

While the presentation of the trophy dates 88 years, the bucket itself is more than 100 years old.

The bucket was found, in a bad state of repair and covered with moss and mold, on the old Bruner farm between Kent and Hanover in southern Indiana, after the Chicago alumni groups of both Purdue and Indiana enthusiastically decided in 1925 that a traditional trophy for the winner of the gridiron clash would be appropriate.

Purdue's longest string of success came between 1948 and 1961, when it went 13-0-1.

Indiana's longest string of success in the series came between 1940 and 1947, when it went 6-1.

The largest crowd in Ross-Ade Stadium, 71,629, crammed in on Nov. 22, 1980, to watch the Boilermakers stave off IU, 24-23.

Three Rose Bowl appearances, two by Purdue and one by Indiana, have been decided by Bucket victories. In 1966 Purdue secured its first trip to Pasadena with a 51-6 victory in West Lafayette. A year later, the Hoosiers were West Coast-bound after knocking off No. 3 Purdue 19-14 in Bloomington. The Boilers put the capper on a Rose Bowl berth in 2000 with a 41-13 win in Ross-Ade Stadium.

## Radio announcer lives his dream job

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Sitting atop the press box of Ross-Ade Stadium watching your alma mater struggle wouldn't seem like a good way to spend a Saturday.

Try having to talk about it for four hours with cold wind blowing in your face the whole time.

Purdue radio play-by-play man Tim Newton was noticeably frustrated with the Boilermakers' performance Saturday in their loss to Northwestern, but that still couldn't keep him from appreciating the experience.

"I love doing play-by-play; it's just something I've always enjoyed," said Newton. "But the fact that you can do it at the school that you went to makes it that much better. I don't know if I would have the same passion if it was somewhere else."

In his fifth season handling play-by-play duties, Newton enjoys spending time with the people he gets to see most Saturdays in the fall. His tightest bond on the broadcast team might be with color commentator Pete Quinn, who, like Newton, graduated from Purdue in 1981.

"The whole crew is great to work with," Newton said. "I had met Pete through the radio broadcast, so this is our twentieth year together. We were in school at the same time, but we didn't really know each other then. I worked in the sports information office, so I did a lot of work when Pete, Mark Herrmann and that group played here."

Producer and pregame, halftime and postgame anchor Rob Blackman; sideline reporter Kelly Kitchell; spotter Tom Mauch; statistician Alan Karpick and engineer Scott Fenstermaker make Newton's job easier in terms of pointing out who made a tackle, giving him a breather or simply getting him some water while he's working.

Another reason why Newton loves his job was that it was a childhood dream of sorts, motivated by listening to some all-time great sportscasters.

"I grew up near Buffalo, N.Y., so I could sometimes get the Knicks games out of New York City, so I could listen to Marv Albert," Newton said. "I could get Detroit Tigers baseball games during the summertime, so Ernie Harwell, who was a Hall of Famer, was a big influence. I never tried to copy any of them, but I think you're influenced by everybody that you hear."

Part of Newton's style is to let the listeners know when a big play is happening by speaking up, like when he called Akeem Hunt's 19-yard touchdown catch by counting down the yardage to the goal line: "15, 10, 5, touchdown Boilermakers!"

The voice of Purdue football also smoothly interwove play-by-play duties while doing interviews with former Boilermaker players Jim Everett and Jeff Zgonina. The ability to describe the action while sprinkling in thoughts or observations can be a difficult balance for a play-by-play man. How to remain reasonably biased is something that Newton has experience with and can do somewhat easily now.

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Tim Newton, director of external relations and communications in the Krannert School of Management as well as announcer for Purdue football and Purdue women's basketball for Learfield Sports Communications on Purdue Sports Properties, explains some of the methods he uses during the games on Wednesday in West Lafayette.

## BIG FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS

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## #7 OHIO STATE

RECORD: 7-0 LAST GAME: 42-27 W vs. INDIANA  
BIG 10 RECORD: 10-1 NEXT GAME: MICHIGAN

1 Ohio State needed Jalin Marshall to perform three fourth-quarter receiving touchdowns to overcome Indiana on Saturday. The Buckeyes' 42-27 victory clinched them the Big Ten East Division title and guaranteed them a berth in the Big Ten Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium on December 6.

## #14 WISCONSIN

RECORD: 6-1 LAST GAME: 26-24 W vs. IOWA  
BIG 10 RECORD: 9-2 NEXT GAME: MINNESOTA

2 The Badgers survived a late game rally from Iowa to set up a winner-takes-all meeting this coming Saturday against Minnesota. With Wisconsin one game in front of the Gophers in the loss column in the Big Ten West Division, the winner of this weekend's contest will represent the west in the Big Ten Championship.

## #10 MICHIGAN STATE

RECORD: 6-1 LAST GAME: 45-3 W vs. RUTGERS  
BIG 10 RECORD: 9-2 NEXT GAME: PENN STATE

3 Michigan state more than doubled Rutgers' total yardage for the game, amassing 520 yards to the Scarlet Knights' 234 yards in Saturday's win. Unfortunately for the Spartans, a Big Ten Championship and College Football Playoff invitation are both out of reach thanks to Ohio State's victory over Indiana.

## #22 MINNESOTA

RECORD: 5-2 LAST GAME: 28-24 W vs. NEBRASKA  
BIG 10 RECORD: 8-3 NEXT GAME: WISCONSIN

4 The Gophers have been the surprise of the season in the Big Ten so far, and have given themselves a very real chance to represent the west division in the upcoming conference championship. Minnesota took advantage of several Husker miscues, including two fumbles, to pull the upset.

## NEBRASKA

RECORD: 4-3 LAST GAME: 28-24 L vs. MINNESOTA  
BIG 10 RECORD: 8-3 NEXT GAME: IOWA

5 Nebraska has lost back-to-back conference games for the first time ever since joining the Big Ten. With the team having dropped consecutive games against Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Huskers have effectively eliminated themselves from the Big Ten title race.

## MARYLAND

RECORD: 4-3 LAST GAME: 23-16 W vs. MICHIGAN  
BIG 10 RECORD: 7-4 NEXT GAME: RUTGERS

6 The Terrapins have proved they belong in the Big Ten with a maiden campaign that has seen the team earn seven victories heading into the final week of the year. Given the shape of the Rutgers team that will be traveling to College Park this weekend, Maryland looks to have a good chance of increasing that number to eight this weekend.

## IOWA

RECORD: 4-3 LAST GAME: 24-26 L vs. WISCONSIN  
BIG 10 RECORD: 7-4 NEXT GAME: NEBRASKA

7 Iowa very nearly pulled off the upset of the Badgers, but simply ran out of time to complete the comeback after digging themselves into a 19-3 hole early in the second half. Hawkeye quarterback Jake Rudock was great for Iowa, completing 20 of 30 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns.

## NORTHWESTERN

RECORD: 3-4 LAST GAME: 38-14 W vs. PURDUE  
BIG 10 RECORD: 5-6 NEXT GAME: ILLINOIS

8 After dropping four straight games in the middle of the season, the Wildcats have ripped off two consecutive wins and suddenly have a chance to become bowl-eligible with a win over Illinois this weekend. Northwestern didn't play well in its win over Purdue, but the Wildcats

## PENN STATE

RECORD: 2-5 LAST GAME: 14-16 L vs. ILLINOIS  
BIG 10 RECORD: 6-5 NEXT GAME: MICHIGAN STATE

9 The Nittany Lions have suffered some bad losses this season; however, Saturday's defeat in Champaign might have been the worst. Penn State managed just 14 points and 265 total yards of offense against one of the worst defenses in the entire country.

## RUTGERS

RECORD: 2-5 LAST GAME: 3-45 L vs. MICHIGAN STATE  
BIG 10 RECORD: 6-5 NEXT GAME: MARYLAND

10 It was yet another disappointing effort against a quality opponent for Rutgers, which was completely trounced by Michigan State this weekend. The Scarlet Knights went into the half down 35-0 and appeared headed for a shutout before the team finally converted a 44-yard field goal late in the third quarter.

## MICHIGAN

RECORD: 3-4 LAST GAME: 16-23 L vs. MARYLAND  
BIG 10 RECORD: 5-6 NEXT GAME: OHIO STATE

11 The Wolverines will travel to Ohio State this weekend in need of a victory to become bowl eligible. Despite the struggles that Michigan has faced this season, a win over the Buckeyes to end the year, and effectively end Ohio State's national title chances, would go a long way towards forgiveness in Ann Arbor.

## ILLINOIS

RECORD: 2-5 LAST GAME: 16-14 W vs. PENN STATE  
BIG 10 RECORD: 5-6 NEXT GAME: NORTHWESTERN

12 After missing a 50-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter, Illini kicker David Reisner redeemed himself with a 36-yarder eight seconds before the final horn to give Illinois a 16-14 win. With 5 wins to their name, the Illini's matchup with Northwestern this coming weekend suddenly has major postseason implications.

## PURDUE

RECORD: 1-6 LAST GAME: 14-38 L vs. OHIO STATE  
BIG 10 RECORD: 3-8 NEXT GAME: INDIANA

13 It was an uninspired effort for the Boilermakers on Senior Day in Ross-Ade stadium, as the team never even managed to compete against Northwestern this past weekend. Purdue turned the ball over five times and managed just 61 yards rushing on 32 carries.

## INDIANA

RECORD: 0-7 LAST GAME: 27-42 L vs. OHIO STATE  
BIG 10 RECORD: 3-8 NEXT GAME: PURDUE

14 The Hoosiers put up a surprisingly strong fight at Ohio State last weekend, led largely by another monster performance from running back Tevin Coleman. The junior ran for 228 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries, including a 90-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter.

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