

QUICKREAD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Boilermakers eye sixth win, greet N.C. State

Purdue welcomes the North Carolina State Wolfpack on Tuesday in the 16th annual ACC-Big Ten Challenge. The Boilermakers (5-1) are riding a two-game winning streak for the season and a five game winning streak in the challenge. The Wolfpack (6-0) is undefeated this season, but will face its first true test when they come into Mackey Arena, which is also its first game away from home this season. Purdue returns to Mackey Arena for the first time since its 2-1 showing in the EA Sports Maui Invitational. It lost a close game to Kansas State, dismantled Missouri, and then won an overtime thriller against Brigham Young University. Purdue head coach Matt Painter hopes his team can ride the momentum from Maui into the season. "Hopefully we can use it going into the Big Ten - ACC Challenge as motivation," Painter said. "We have a tough opponent in N.C. State who has a very talented group. We're going to have our hands full." The Boilermakers are led by freshman forward Vince Edwards, who leads the team in points per game, 12.7, and rebounds per game, 6.7. Against BYU, Edwards had 25 points and nine rebounds. He also posted 26 points against IUPUI earlier this season. The game tips off at 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Mackey Arena. The game will be televised on ESPN.

FOOTBALL

Williams named second team All-Big Ten

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Junior defensive back Frankie Williams has been named second team All-Big Ten by the conference coaches. He was named honorable mention All-Big Ten by the media vote. Starting 11 games as either a safety or cornerback, Williams wrapped up the 2014 season with 74 tackles, third on the team, with 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack. The Tampa, Fla., native intercepted three passes, recovered a fumble and had seven PBUs. He returned one of his interceptions 39 yards for a touchdown against Iowa. In addition to his defensive duties, Williams also served as the Boilermakers' primary punt returner. He finished the year with 11 returns for 175 yards with a long of 37. His average of 15.9 yards per return would have been second in the conference had he enough to qualify. Senior safety Landon Feichter (coaches and media), junior kicker Paul Griggs (coaches) and junior center Robert Kugler (media) were named honorable mention All-Big Ten as well. Senior tight end Dolapo Macarthy was selected as Purdue's representative for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. The student-athletes chosen for the Sportsmanship Award are individuals who have distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. These student-athletes are also be in good academic standing and have demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting.

STAT of the day 82 Number of yards that player Akeem Hunt ran in the Indiana/Purdue game.

TWEET of the day Vince Edwards, Purdue RT @barrrrgo: best under the radar freshman so far? -@SethDavisHoops



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO Head Coach Dave Shondell pledges to the flag during the national anthem before the game against Morehead State on Sept. 19 in Holloway Gymnasium.



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO Senior middle blocker KiKi Jones reaches to spike the ball against Indiana on Oct. 8 at Holloway Gymnasium.

Boilermakers lament tournament snub

BY LOGAN CORDES Sports Editor The Purdue volleyball team is No. 19 in the country, but apparently not worthy of the NCAA Tournament. On Sunday night, the Boilermakers (22-10, 12-8) were not chosen as one of the 64 teams for the NCAA Tournament. The tournament's selection committee uses the Ratings Percentage Index, more commonly referred to as the RPI, to judge which teams do and do not make the tournament. The Boilers, who were 56th in the RPI, were left on the outside looking in. "I wasn't shocked," head volleyball coach Dave Shondell said. "I know what the selection committee's use of

the criteria is like: basically it's RPI. When you looked at the RPI, we knew we were in some trouble. And that's kind of the only thing the committee has a resource to use." Shondell said that teams inside the top-48 of the RPI are almost sure-things when it comes to qualifying for the tournament. The Boilermakers lost to Saint Louis University, No. 119 according to the RPI, early in the season and then to the University of Iowa, No. 100, late in conference play. Shondell thinks those two miscues are what doomed the Boilermakers, but according to Shondell, those are the only two bad losses on the team's record.

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BIG FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS

BY MITCH LYON Assistant Sports Editor

#6 OHIO STATE RECORD: 11-1 LAST GAME: 42 - 28 W vs. Michigan BIG 10 RECORD: 8-0 NEXT GAME: vs. Wisconsin 1 The Buckeyes held on for the win over Michigan on Saturday but lost Heisman trophy candidate J.T. Barrett in the process. Barrett suffered a broken ankle and was carted off the field in the second half of Ohio State's victory, leaving sophomore Cardale Jones in charge of the offense going forward.

#11 WISCONSIN RECORD: 10-2 LAST GAME: 34 - 24 W vs. Minnesota BIG 10 RECORD: 7-1 NEXT GAME: vs. Ohio State 2 Wisconsin dug itself into an early 17 - 3 hole, but rallied behind yet another strong performance from running back Melvin Gordon to topple the Gophers and clinch a spot in the Big Ten Championship game. Gordon rushed for 151 yards to pass Ron Dayne for the most rushing yards in a single season in Big Ten history and now has 2,260 yards for the year.

#7 MICHIGAN STATE RECORD: 10-2 LAST GAME: 34 - 10 W at Penn State BIG 10 RECORD: 7-1 3 R.J. Shelton ran the opening kickoff for a Spartan touchdown and Michigan State never looked back in the team's blowout victory over Penn State this past weekend. The Spartans will be disappointed to finish the regular season with two losses, but should have a good shot at a BCS bowl appearance given their top-10 ranking in the polls.

#25 NEBRASKA RECORD: 9-3 LAST GAME: 37 - 34 W (OT) at Iowa BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3 4 Down 24 - 7 midway through the third quarter, the Huskers appeared headed to their third straight Big Ten loss for the first time in program history. A furious fourth quarter comeback led by quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. helped Nebraska force overtime and eventually earn the win; however, the victory wasn't enough to save Head Coach Bo Pelini's job.

MINNESOTA RECORD: 8-4 LAST GAME: 24 - 34 L at Wisconsin BIG 10 RECORD: 5-3 5 The Gophers had Wisconsin on the ropes early, but couldn't put together four solid quarters of play against a superior Badger squad. Despite missing out on the Big Ten Championship game, Minnesota should have a quality bowl game to look forward to, and was undoubtedly the most pleasant surprise in the Big Ten this year.

IOWA RECORD: 7-5 LAST GAME: 34 - 37 L vs. Nebraska BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4 6 Iowa let a lead slip away in the fourth quarter for the second straight game, with Saturday's defeat dropping the Hawkeyes to fourth in the Big Ten west division. Had Iowa been able to hold on against Wisconsin and Nebraska, the Hawkeyes would be the team representing the west in the Big Ten Championship.

MARYLAND RECORD: 7-5 LAST GAME: 38 - 41 L vs. Rutgers BIG 10 RECORD: 4-4 7 Despite leading 35 - 10 with two minutes remaining in the first half, the Terrapins couldn't hold on for the win against Rutgers. After scoring 35 points in the opening 27 minutes of the game, Maryland managed just a field goal the rest of the game while surrendering 31 points to the Scarlet Knights.

RUTGERS RECORD: 7-5 LAST GAME: 41 - 38 W at Maryland BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5 8 Former Maryland head coach and current Rutgers offensive coordinator Ralph Friedgen helped orchestrate the biggest comeback victory in the history of the program on Saturday in College Park. Rutgers offense amassed nearly 500 yards of total offense in their upset victory over fellow Big Ten newcomer Maryland, including 347 yards and four touchdowns from quarterback Gary Nova.

ILLINOIS RECORD: 6-6 LAST GAME: 47 - 33 W at Northwestern BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5 9 After spending much of the season in the basement of the Big Ten, the Illini ripped off three wins in their last five contests to qualify for postseason play. It was a miraculous turnaround for Illinois, which started Big Ten play at just 1 - 5 and had an average margin of defeat of over 21 points in those five losses.

PENN STATE RECORD: 6-6 LAST GAME: 10 - 34 L vs. Michigan State BIG 10 RECORD: 2-6 10 While Penn State couldn't keep up with the Spartans on Saturday, the Nittany Lions still qualified for postseason play. It will be the first time since NCAA sanctions from the Jerry Sandusky case were handed down that the Nittany Lions will finish their year with a postseason game.

MICHIGAN RECORD: 5-7 LAST GAME: 28 - 42 L at Ohio State BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5 11 Even with Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett missing much of the second half, the Wolverines were unable to upset the Buckeyes and clinch an all-important sixth victory. The loss officially eliminates Michigan from bowl consideration, and was almost certainly Head Coach Brady Hoke's final game in charge of the Wolverines.

NORTHWESTERN RECORD: 5-7 LAST GAME: 33 - 47 L vs. Illinois BIG 10 RECORD: 3-5 12 The Wildcats played to the level of their competition for the entire season, and Saturday's loss to Illinois was no exception. Northwestern managed to knock off Wisconsin and Notre Dame this season, but also suffered bad losses against Illinois, Michigan, and California.

INDIANA RECORD: 4-8 LAST GAME: 23 - 16 W vs. Purdue BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7 13 The Old Oaken Bucket is headed back to Bloomington after the Hoosiers' dramatic victory over Purdue on Saturday. Zander Diament's touchdown run with 27 seconds left in the game gave Indiana a 23-16 lead, and the defense was able to fend off a last second Purdue Hail Mary to secure the win.

PURDUE RECORD: 3-9 LAST GAME: 16 - 23 L at Indiana BIG 10 RECORD: 1-7 14 Things seemed to be looking up for the Boilers after an early conference victory at Illinois, but injuries and other miscues have derailed the team's season. Quarterback Austin Appleby's last-second Hail Mary attempt in Saturday's loss didn't even make it to the end zone and was demonstrative of the issues that have plagued Purdue all season.