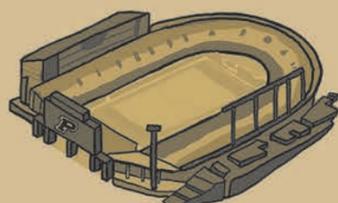




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# A Look Back

Six first-year coaches with wildly different 1-1 starts



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**BY ROCKET HAVERLAND**  
Staff Reporter

Ryan Walters' first two games have been something of a mixed bag, but that isn't new.

Every Purdue head coach since 1991 has started their tenure 1-1. The last time a coach didn't start that way was back in 1987 when then-head coach Fred Akers began his first season with a loss and a tie.

While the records may be identical, the beginning of each head coach's tenure was distinct, as well as remarkably predictive of their eventual level of success with the program.

### Jim Colletto (1991-1996)

Back in September of 1991, the front page of The Exponent was headlined by the elder President Bush's foreign policy, and readers flipped past ads for "Guns 'N' Roses" CDs on their way to the sports page on the back.

A week after a dominant performance against Eastern Michigan, it all came crashing down in the Boilers' second game under Colletto.

"If Purdue's 49-3 whipping of Eastern Michigan two weeks ago was supposed to be a sign of things to come for the Boilermakers, it certainly wasn't an accurate one," The Exponent commented.

Purdue had lost 42-18 to California on the road, and head coach Jim Colletto did not hold back. He delivered a few quotable punchlines while ripping his players.

"I don't think our offensive team is worth a pile of beans," Colletto said. "I had hoped I wasn't going to be right about that. They don't understand what it takes to play offensive football at this level...The offense makes me sick to my stomach."

Ultimately, the poor performance was a harbinger of the Colletto era. He was fired after six mediocre to terrible years, never winning more than three conference games in a season.

### Joe Tiller (1997-2008)

Head coach Joe Tiller, coming over from Wyoming, ended up losing to Toledo in his first game.

The Sept. 15, 1997 edition of the Exponent had ads for photo-developing and steak for only \$1.28 per pound. Some things never change though, with the headline "Students want more parking" in the opinion section.

The Monday after the game, the Exponent detailed the impact of the Boilers upset over No. 12 Notre Dame.

"The instant the game was over, fans flooded the field like lemmings jumping over a cliff," The Exponent's description read. "They were running around on the grass frantically celebrating the unbelievable outcome of the annual grudge match

on the gridiron."

Colletto, who left Purdue the previous year, had joined on as the Notre Dame offensive coordinator. In that same Monday edition, there was an article titled, "Colletto unhappy with team's performance" in the sports section.

The exciting start to Tiller's era began a tenure in which he became the winningest coach in program history.

### Danny Hope (2009-2012)

Just like Tiller, head coach Danny Hope played Toledo in his first game. Unlike Tiller, he was able to pull out a 52-31 win over the Rocketeers.

The Sept. 14, 2009 edition of the Exponent was headlined with "Purdue's overall enrollment rises, main campus drops." That was calm before the storm as Purdue went on to accept more and more students each year after that.

Following Hope's second game, one subtitle summed up the team's efforts: "Mistakes doom Boilers in Oregon."

Purdue gave up 17 points on turnovers alone in a 32-26 loss, but Hope ended his press conference on a positive note.

"Stuff happens," Hope said with a smile. "That's the nicest way I can say it... We can play with anybody in the country, I don't care if it's home or away, if we minimize our mistakes."

Hope had a tumultuous start over his first three seasons, getting canned in his fourth year after failing to meet expectations with a 6-6 record.

### Darrell Hazell (2013-2016)

Replacing Danny Hope, Darrell Hazell was named head coach after an undefeated final conference season with Kent State.

Hazell's team flopped in its first game, losing 42-7 to a Cincinnati team that finished the season 9-4.

The next week, in the Sept. 9, 2013 edition of the Exponent, the sports section described Hazell's second game.

Towards the front of the Exponent was news of an upcoming performance by rapper J. Cole and a recent Mitch Daniels speech.

On the back, the leading sports headline read, "When victory feels like defeat."

The morose statement referenced a 20-14 win over Indiana State – a team that had lost 73-35 to Indiana the week prior.

Hazell didn't call his offense a pile of beans, but he didn't hold back either.

"It obviously wasn't the cleanest game that you'd like to play," Hazell said. "Some breakdowns on both sides of the ball. We obviously are not very efficient on offense just yet."

Hazell was fired in his fourth season, finishing his career with only three big ten wins total. He holds the lowest win percentage as a Purdue football head

coach going back to 1917.

### Jeff Brohm (2017-2022)

Jeff Brohm was hired to pick up the pieces of the Hazell era, and he wasted no time in rehabilitating the program.

Purdue lost 28-35 against No. 16 Louisville at Lucas Oil Stadium, but this result was the opposite of Hazell's Indiana State letdown; the Cardinals were 25.5-point favorites, according to the OddsShark database.

The following week, the Boilers returned home to take on the Ohio Bobcats. The contest quickly turned one-sided, as Purdue put up 24 points in the second quarter alone.

The Sept. 11, 2017 edition of The Exponent took note of the changing feelings around the team, despite it being only week two.

"Following Purdue's 44-21 victory over Ohio, the Boilermakers are confident heading into their first road game against Missouri," the writer said. "The fan base has completely bought into Jeff Brohm's new-look Boilers."

In the paper was a column titled, "Defense can lead Purdue to victory."

"The difference this year is not necessarily talent level; it's coaching and confidence," the columnist wrote. "Despite scoring 72 points in the first two games, the newfound swagger has had the most impact on Purdue's defense."

Like the coaches before him, Brohm's performance in his first two games was largely indicative of his career. He coached six more seasons and made it to the Big Ten championship game before leaving to go back to his alma mater of Louisville.

### Ryan Walters (2023-)

When Ryan Walters was hired from his previous position at Illinois, he was placed in the unenviable position of succeeding an accomplished predecessor in Jeff Brohm.

Walters had a successful off season, pulling in highly-ranked recruits and picking up star transfers, like quarterback Hudson Card.

He surrounded himself with one of the youngest coaching staffs in the nation, further establishing the Walters era as one of ascension.

Now that the time has come to put it on the field, the results have been largely mixed, but a cut above many on the sidelines before him.

The 39-35 loss to Fresno State was a disappointing way to ring in a new era, but the outcome was nothing like Hazell's shellacking at the hands of the Bearcats, for instance.

Redemption came in Walters' latest contest, a gritty road win in a difficult venue, wrapped up nearly five and a half hours af-

## Primetime Matchup

Boilers look for win No. 2 under the lights

**BY GABE FRYLING**  
Staff Reporter

The energy for Purdue's upcoming football game will be different, starting with the lights.

Purdue (1-1) got its first win Saturday over Virginia Tech, and now the Boilers will return home to a sellout crowd for the first night game of the season against the Syracuse Orange (2-0).

Though the Boilers have already played a home game during the day, head coach Ryan Walters knows how unique night games are for the team and fans alike.

"The atmosphere and the environment, I've heard from guys in the locker room just how crazy Ross-Ade gets and how special night games are here," Walters said in his Monday press conference.

Walters also noted how his team's opponent makes the occasion even more notable for players and expects Ross-Ade to be a spectacle.

"To have an opponent like Syracuse, and to play at night at home coming off a win, I'm sure the energy is going to be electric and our guys will be ready to play," Walters said.

This matchup at home kicks off a three-game home stand for the Boilers, and Walters hopes to keep the momentum building with a win over Syracuse before more tough opponents ahead.

"You guys have seen the schedule. Every week it's going to be a good opponent," Walters said.

Syracuse has handled business smoothly throughout its first two games, outscoring opponents 113-7 and averaging 586.5 yards per game. But Purdue will be the Orange's first real test as their first power five opponent of the year.

"You can't fault Syracuse for playing Western Michigan and Colgate, they did what they were supposed to do," Walters said.

"Now, we know what it takes to win. Now, that's what we chase for each and every game."

- Sophomore offensive lineman Mahamane Moussa

Many Boilers have some experience facing off against Syracuse after losing to them last year in dramatic fashion.

The Orange internally promoted offensive coordinator Jason Beck from quarterbacks coach this past season.

Walters mentioned that this coaching change has led to some alterations in Syracuse's offensive scheme, but how much is hard to tell due to the team's soft schedule.

The Boilers are also going up against an uncommon 3-3-5 defense, which includes a nontraditional three defensive linemen, three linebackers and five players in the secondary, allowing the defense to space out more and limit a team's passing attack.

Offensive coordinator Graham Harrell mentioned how this defensive scheme will be a challenge for the Boilers offense.

"It presents a lot of issues. You don't see it a ton and they try to create chaos," Harrell said. "The key for us is to be sound and understand as long as we stay on the same page, we'll have a chance."

Players have noticed some challenges too, with sophomore offensive lineman Mahamane Moussa referring to the Syracuse defensive line's movement as a possible problem.

"A whole lot of movement up front from their D-line," Moussa said. "That's about the one concern we have about them."

With a win this past week, the Boilers gained some experience in close games and defending a lead late in the game. They want to keep that momentum building.

"Now we know what it takes to win," he said. "Now that's what we chase for each and every game."

The first win was also important to Walters, and he talked about the change in attitude from this time last week to now after the different result.

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TODD MCKECHNIE | HEAD VISUALS EDITOR

Junior quarterback Hudson Card hurdles over Fresno State defensive back Cam Lockridge on Purdue's final offensive drive.

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## Big hopes

### Boilers launch Big Ten season against undefeated Wildcats

BY MAAHI HANS  
Staff Reporter

Morale on the soccer team skyrocketed after Megan Hutchinson's tie-breaking goal won the game against Western Kentucky last Sunday.

This upcoming Sunday, Purdue's soccer team (3-5-0) will face its first Big Ten foe of the season: the Northwestern Wildcats (6-0-2). They're gearing up for the conference season and will spend Thursday practicing in lieu of a game.

Last year, the Wildcats had a successful campaign and made it to the third round of the NCAA tournament.

"Obviously, they had success last year," Purdue head coach Drew Roff said. "10 starters that returned to a team that went to the third round NCAA tournament and lost to the eventual champions UCLA. They have a lot of talent."

The Boilers had a rocky pre-conference season. They had ended a four-game losing streak with a 2-1 win against Western Kentucky.

Junior captain Abigail Roy, who was standing outside the locker room before practice Wednesday afternoon, said she thinks "things will go their way."

Roy said the recent win has improved the team's morale and that the season can be turned around. Sunday was "the start of something new."

"The win streak starts now," Roy said. "We want to finish in the top five in the Big 10."



QUAN NGUYEN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior midfielder Abigail Roy shoots from distance.

Roff said the biggest difference between conference and non-conference play is the level of intensity.

"In Big Ten play, everybody just literally treats every game like a championship game," Roff said. "You go play Central Florida or Colorado, they're massive games but there's not a lot of familiarity, not a lot of history."

Fans can attend the game at Folk Field at 1 p.m. or stream it on Big Ten Plus.

## Ending on a high note



DAVID HICKEY | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshman setter Taylor Anderson jumps into the air to set the ball to a teammate.

BY EMMA FINER  
Staff Reporter

With the non-conference season coming to an end, the Boilermakers have the chance to go into Big Ten play strong with the Boilermaker Challenge Tournament this weekend at Holloway Gymnasium.

The No. 17 Purdue volleyball team (4-2) will take on Central Florida and Southern California in the last week of the Boilers' non-conference schedule.

After a rocky start to the season, the Boilermakers have turned up the heat. Purdue has won its last four games, three against ranked teams. Purdue also won the Stacey Clark Classic Tournament this past weekend against Southern Methodist and then-No. 19 Kentucky.

The Boilermakers will face Big 12 newcomer University of Central Florida (8-1) Thursday night. The Knights have yet to face a ranked team this season, but they

have only lost 2 sets in their last 3 matches. In Saturday's match, UCF senior outside hitter Lauren Clark had a career high 20 kills in a 3-2 comeback win against North Texas. Clark also had 10 kills in a sweep over in-state rival Florida State Thursday.

"As you watch them, they really serve the ball tough and you really can't leave anyone uncontested," Purdue head coach Dave Shondell said.

Purdue will then take on USC (4-4) in a Friday night battle of future Big Ten foes. While the Trojans are currently on a three-game winning streak, they have yet to beat a ranked team this season. USC senior outside hitter Skylar Fields is third in the country in kills with 144 and had a season-high 28 kills in a 3-1 win against San Diego Sunday. These accomplishments earned her Pac-12 Player of the Week honors.

"USC is USC. I mean, they have tremendous talent," Shondell said. "They have

one of the most powerful hitters in the country in Skylar Fields and she will get a ton of swings, so we have to prepare for her."

If the Boilermakers pull off a win, they will be a top-5 team in the Big Ten in terms of overall record heading into conference play. The team will have also won three out of the four non-conference tournaments they participated in.

Shondell explained in a press conference Tuesday that he believes the team is ready to enter Big Ten play and the talent on the team has overshadowed some of its early issues.

"I think we have some exceptional talent and there are a lot of people that would like to have some of the offensive weapons that we have," he said.

Both the Boilers' matchups will be played at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Both games will air on the Big Ten Network.

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"Guys were upset last week, coaches and players alike," Walters said. "You're happy, there's joy because you just won a hard game."

Walters was also pleased with improvements he saw on film from Week 2.

"There were a lot of positives, a lot of things that were cleaned up from week one to week two. It looked a lot cleaner on film," Walters said. "I'm excited for this week and to see their improvement."

The last time the Orange visited Ross-Ade was in 2004, when Purdue dominated in a 51-0 win led by former quarterback Kyle Orton's 287 passing yards and four touchdowns.

Saturday's game has a 7:30 p.m. kickoff, airing on NBC.



TODD MCKECHNIE | HEAD VISUALS EDITOR  
Card hands the ball off to sophomore running back Devin Mockobee.

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ter the original kickoff due to rain.

"It makes you want more," Walters said afterward. "It was a unique game. I thought the team showed a lot of resilience in how they re-

sponded to adversity. They practice the right way and prepare the right way throughout the week and it showed up today."

While Walters' first two games don't include a win as impressive as Tillers', the quality of his win and closeness of his loss bode well for his future on the sidelines, if recent history is any indication.

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