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Game 6 • Thursday, March 11, 2021

Bankers Life Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.

FINAL: #1 Maryland 83 (22-2), #8 Nebraska 73 (12-12)

#1 Maryland advances to play #4 Michigan/#5 Northwestern at 2 p.m. (ET) Fri.

GAME NOTES

#1 MARYLAND TEAM NOTES

- Maryland extends its winning streak to a season-best 11 games, having won all 11 by double digits. This was the closest game in the streak, supplanting a 62-50 win at Northwestern on Feb. 28.
- Maryland has advanced to the semifinals in all seven of its Big Ten Tournament appearances, and nine of its last 10 conference tournament trips, dating back to its membership in the ACC.
- The Terrapins are 17-2 (.895) all-time at the Big Ten Tournament, including a 7-0 record in the quarterfinals.
- Thursday's margin matched Maryland's closest Big Ten Tournament quarterfinal in its seven seasons as a conference member — in 2015, the Terrapins won their first-ever Big Ten Tournament game, 70-60 over Michigan State en route to the first of their four Big Ten Tournament titles.
- Head coach Brenda Frese improves to 17-3 (.850) all-time at the Big Ten Tournament, coaching every one of Maryland's games in the event, as well as a 2002 quarterfinal loss while at Minnesota.
- Maryland is 14-0 all-time against Nebraska, with 12 of those wins by double digits. This was the closest game in the series since Feb. 25, 2018, when Maryland edged Nebraska, 77-75 in College Park, Md.
- Maryland's 38-34 halftime lead was its narrowest since Feb. 28, when it led at Northwestern, 30-27, on the way to a 62-50 victory.
- This marked the fifth time this season Maryland played a conference opponent in a game decided by 10 points or fewer, going 4-1 in those contests (the lone loss 88-86 at No. 14 Ohio State on Jan. 25).
- Sophomore guard Ashley Owusu scored a team-high 22 points, her 11th 20-point game of the season and fourth in the past seven games. Owusu also had a game-high nine assists, the sixth time in the past nine games she has had at least seven assists in a game.

#8 NEBRASKA TEAM NOTES

- Nebraska is 4-4 this season against AP Top 25 teams, with this being the Huskers' second loss to a ranked team by 10 points or fewer (also 64-62 at Michigan on No. 15 Michigan on Jan. 7).
- Nebraska became just the fifth team to outrebound Maryland this season and posted the largest rebounding margin against the Terrapins this year (39-32, +7). The previous largest rebounding margin by a Maryland opponent was +6 (44-38) by Ohio State on Jan. 25.
- Nebraska's 11 three-pointers tie for the second-most allowed by Maryland this season behind Iowa's 17 treys on Feb. 23. The Huskers' 11 triples also equal the most made at this year's Big Ten Tournament.
- Junior guard Sam Haiby scored a game-high 24 points, her ninth 20-point game this season. She also eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for her career (now at 1,017).
- Senior center Kate Cain had one blocked shot, giving her exactly 350 for her career, the sixth Big Ten player to reach that milestone. Cain has at least one block in 109 of her 116 career games to date.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Prior to this week, it had been 15 years since the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament had gone according to seed (aka "chalk") through the first six games. In 2006, in a 11-team tournament played at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, the three first-round games and the opening three quarterfinals were all won by the higher seed before the first (and only) lower seed won a game in that tournament (#6 Indiana over #3 Minnesota, 61-46, in the last quarterfinal).