



# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## Northwestern 23, Purdue 15

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023  
**Location:** Ryan Field  
**Kickoff Time:** 12:01 PM ET  
**Total Time:** 3:09  
**Attendance:** 23,291  
**Weather at End:** 53, Sunny, Wind 11 mph NE  
**Northwestern** 6-5 Overall 4-4 Big Ten  
**Purdue** 3-8 Overall 2-6 Big Ten

► SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
<b>Purdue</b>	0	0	7	8	-	15
<b>Northwestern</b>	6	0	10	7	-	23
► SERIES HISTORY VS. NORTHWESTERN						
• Purdue leads 53-34-1						
• 49th meeting in Evanston (Purdue leads 28-20-1)						

### BOILER NOTES

#### TEAM

- Captains: Gus Hartwig and Sanoussi Kane
- Northwestern won the toss and elected to defer to the second half.
- Bennett Meredith and Zion Steptoe made their first career starts.
- True freshmen Ryan Browne and Arhmad Branch got their first career snaps.

#### OFFENSE

- Purdue's offense was once again led by the ground game. The Boilermakers gained 303 yards on the ground, averaging 5.6 per carry.
- It is the second straight game the Boilers have gone over 300 rushing yards, producing two 300-yard rushing games for the first time since 2002. It is just the 11th time Purdue has run for over 300 yards since 1996.
- Tyrone Tracy Jr. was explosive all day, racking up a career-high 160 yards on 16 carries for his third 100-yard rushing game of the season. He ran for a career-long 62 yard scamper late in the fourth quarter to set the Boilers up inside the five.
- Tracy also added 38 yards receiving and 68 kickoff return yards to total 266 all-purpose yards. It is the most all-purpose production in one game since Rondale Moore had 279 against Vanderbilt (Sept. 7, 2019).
- Devin Mockobee was effective both on the ground and through the air today. He led the team with 44 receiving yards on three receptions and also had 54 yards and a touchdown in the rushing game.
- Mockobee recorded his 15th career rushing TD, moving into a tie for 14th on the all-time list.
- True freshman quarterback Ryan Browne had 85 yards on 21 carries and completed 75% (12-of-16) of his passes for 104 yards in his first ever collegiate action.
- The offense got on the board in the third quarter with a nine-play, 82-yard drive that was capped by a 20-yard rushing score from Tyrone Tracy Jr., his team-leading eighth rushing touchdown of the season. Running backs accounted for 64 of the 82 yards on that scoring drive (44 from Devin Mockobee, 20 from Tracy).
- Tracy's touchdown was Purdue's second longest rushing score of the season.
- On a fourth-and-goal late in the game, Mockobee kept the game alive by punching in a two-yard rushing score for his sixth touchdown of the season.
- In his first drive as a collegiate quarterback, Ryan Browne brought the Purdue offense 48 yards down the field on nine plays, completing his first career pass attempt for 28 yards and running four times for 10 yards.
- Redshirt-freshman Bennett Meredith finished 5-for-7 for 36 yards in his first career start.

#### DEFENSE

- The Boilermakers amassed five sacks in the first half, their most in a half since totaling five in the second half vs. Eastern Michigan on Sept. 8, 2018.
- The game was the third time Purdue has totaled five-or-more sacks in a game this season, the most games with five-plus sacks since 2007.
- Mo Omonode tallied his first career solo sack on Northwestern quarterback Ben Bryant in the second quarter. He assisted on another later in the quarter.
- Khordae Sydnor racked up two sacks, his first multi-sack game of the year and the second of his career.
- Kydran Jenkins added a half sack to further solidify his spot at second in the Big Ten with 7.5, sitting only behind teammate Nic Scourton with 8.0.
- Yanni Karlaftis came in on a blitz to pick up a solo sack, giving him 3.0 in his career.
- Karlaftis was also tied with Sanoussi Kane for second on the team with six tackles.
- Dillon Thieneman again led the team with 10 tackles, six solos, notching double-digit tackles for the fourth time this season.
- Thieneman tracked a deep pass from Northwestern quarterback Ben Bryant late in the fourth quarter and picked it off, adding his team-best fourth interception on the season.
- Thieneman's four interceptions are the most by a Purdue freshman in a single season since former Boilermaker and current Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Markus Bailey in 2016.
- Cam Allen recorded his seventh pass breakup of the season on a third down in the first quarter to force a Northwestern punt.
- Purdue only allowed Northwestern to convert 12 first downs, the fewest in any game this season.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

- Deion Burks rushed in to convert a two-point conversion and make it a one-score game with a little over three minutes to play, decreasing the deficit to 23-15.
- It was the team's first two-point conversion since Oct. 28, at Nebraska.
- Jack Ansell punted three times for an average of 43.3 yards per attempt and had a long of 56.