

PURDUE	VS MEN'S • MON., NOV. 2 • LAS VEGAS	GONZAGA																																				
'25-26 30-9 • 13-7 Big Ten • Home 12-5 • Away 8-3 • Neutral 10-1 HC Matt Painter • Final AP 6 • Coaches 7	'25-26 TEAM STATS	'25-26 31-4 • 16-2 WCC • Home 14-0 • Away 8-2 • Neutral 9-2 HC Mark Few																																				
PURDUE STORYLINES How '25-26 ended: won the Big Ten Tournament as a No. 7 seed, a first; an NCAA No. 2 seed, lost 79-64 to Arizona in the Elite Eight 4 starters gone: C.J. Cox is the lone returning starter; Braden Smith (1,103 assists) and Fletcher Loyer (309 3s) left with school career records Painter, year 22: 501 wins at Purdue, 11 shy of Gene Keady's school record 512; 17 NCAA Tournaments 6 newcomers: Princeton transfer Caden Pierce, Enzo Shahrvin from Paris Basketball and 4 freshmen, incl. 7-1 Sinan Huan of Beijing PLAYERS TO KNOW #0 C.J. COX G • Jr. • 6'3" '25-26: 8.5 PPG • 62 3PM • .373 3P% Started all 39 games #12 DANIEL JACOBSEN C • Jr. • 7'4" '25-26: 5.5 PPG • .646 FG% • 47 BLK Made 21 straight FGs, Nov. 16 to Dec. 6, '25, a Purdue record #17 OMER MAYER G • So. • 6'4" '25-26: 5.5 PPG • 45 AST • 39 3PM 18 pts vs Indiana on 2/20/26, one of 4 Boilermakers with 15+ that night HEAD COACH MATT PAINTER Purdue grad, '93 • 526-229 as a head coach • Big Ten Tournament titles in '09, '23 and '26	<table><tr><td>51 81.6</td><td>PPG</td><td>84.3 19 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>81 70.5</td><td>OPP PPG</td><td>66.2 19 • WCC 2</td></tr><tr><td>12 .499</td><td>FG%</td><td>.505 8 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>224 .449</td><td>OPP FG%</td><td>.397 14 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>12 .383</td><td>3PT%</td><td>.333 218 • WCC 10</td></tr><tr><td>.341</td><td>OPP 3PT%</td><td>.306 29 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>35.2</td><td>RPG</td><td>39.9 23 • WCC 2</td></tr><tr><td>21 +6.6</td><td>REB MARGIN</td><td>7.7</td></tr><tr><td>3 19.6</td><td>APG</td><td>18.4 9 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>8 8.9</td><td>TO/G</td><td>9.6 27 • WCC 1</td></tr><tr><td>10.0</td><td>FORCED TO/G</td><td>14.1 29 • WCC 2</td></tr><tr><td>1 2.2</td><td>AST/TO</td><td>1.9</td></tr></table> 5-0 Purdue vs Gonzaga all-time; last met in the '24 Sweet 16, an 80-68 Purdue win in Detroit 79-77 Purdue over Texas in the '26 Sweet 16; Texas had ended Gonzaga's season .832 Mark Few's winning pct (772-156), the best in D-I history 17.7 Gonzaga's points off turnovers a game in '25-26; opponents scored 9.5	51 81.6	PPG	84.3 19 • WCC 1	81 70.5	OPP PPG	66.2 19 • WCC 2	12 .499	FG%	.505 8 • WCC 1	224 .449	OPP FG%	.397 14 • WCC 1	12 .383	3PT%	.333 218 • WCC 10	.341	OPP 3PT%	.306 29 • WCC 1	35.2	RPG	39.9 23 • WCC 2	21 +6.6	REB MARGIN	7.7	3 19.6	APG	18.4 9 • WCC 1	8 8.9	TO/G	9.6 27 • WCC 1	10.0	FORCED TO/G	14.1 29 • WCC 2	1 2.2	AST/TO	1.9	GONZAGA STORYLINES How '25-26 ended: WCC regular-season and tournament titles, an NCAA No. 3 seed, then a 74-68 loss to Texas in the 2nd round Rebuilt roster: 11 newcomers: 5 transfers, 3 from clubs in Spain and France, 3 freshmen; 4 Zags return Replacing Ike: Graham Ike, '25-26 WCC Player of the Year and a 2,500-pt career scorer, is gone Streaks: 27 straight NCAA bids under Few; 25+ wins in 19 straight seasons, a D-I record New league, big dates: Pac-12 play opens 1/6 at Washington State; at Creighton 12/12; Michigan State in Palm Desert 12/19, Oregon in Seattle 1/30, Duke in Detroit 2/20 PLAYERS TO KNOW #34 BRADEN HUFF F • R-Sr. • 6'10" '25-26: 17.8 PPG • 5.6 RPG • .662 FG% Season-high 37 pts on 16-18 FG vs Campbell; played 18 games before an injury #2 JAVON BENNETT G • 5th-yr. • 5'10" '25-26 at Dayton: 15.8 PPG • 90 3PM • .898 FT% 1st-team All-A-10; led D-I with 99 steals at Merrimack in '22-23 #35 MASSAMBA DIOP C • So. • 7'1" '25-26 at Arizona State: 13.6 PPG • 5.8 RPG • 69 BLK His blocks ranked 2nd in the Big 12 and 3rd nationally among freshmen HEAD COACH MARK FEW 28th season • Naismith Hall of Fame, enshrined Aug. 15, 2026 • never a losing season • Final Fours in '17 and '21 • 14x WCC Coach of the Year
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