2026 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game #12 • Friday, March 13, 2026
United Center • Chicago, Ill.
FINAL: #5 Wisconsin d. #4 Illinois, 91-88 (OT)
RECORDS: Illinois (24-8), Wisconsin (24-9)
#5 Wisconsin advances to play #1 Michigan at 12 p.m. CT on Saturday

GAME NOTES

ILLINOIS

- David Mirkovic (19 points) and Keaton Wagler (19 points) shared team scoring honors; Wagler led for the 13th time this season, it was the fourth time leading the squad in scoring for Mirkovic.
- Finished with a 26-5 advantage in bench points.
- Fell to 0-4 in overtime games this season.
- Illinois earned a bye into the BTT quarterfinals for the fifth time in seven years.
- The Fighting Illini are ranked ninth by the Associated Press

WISCONSIN

- Rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit to force overtime.
- Guard combo of Nick Boyd (career-high 38 points) and John Blackwell (31 points) combined for 69 points; first time since 1968 two Badgers have scored 30+ points in a game.
- Boyd's point total was the second-highest for a Big Ten Tournament game.
- Have five wins this season versus top-15 opponents. In order: #2 Michigan, #8 Illinois, #10 Michigan State, #15 Purdue, #9 Illinois.
- Wisconsin is ranked 23rd by the Associated Press.

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- First game from this year's tournament featuring a top-20 showdown.
- Second time this season Illinois-Wisconsin have gone into overtime. Wisconsin posted a 92-90 OT win on Feb. 10 in Champaign, Ill.