2026 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game #17 • Sunday, March 15, 2026
United Center • Chicago, Ill.
FINAL: #7 Purdue d. #1 Michigan, 80-72
RECORDS: Michigan (31-3), Purdue (27-8)
#7 Purdue wins the Big Ten Tournament Championship

GAME NOTES

MICHIGAN

- Yaxel Lendeborg scored a team-high 20 points as one of four scorers in double figures.
- The Wolverines finished with a 14-6 edge in second chance points and a 33-29 advantage in rebounds.
- Michigan entered today's game having won 17 of its last 18 contests.
- Michigan was playing in the Big Ten Tournament Championship Game for the second-straight year and for the seventh time overall.

PURDUE

- Purdue is the first No. 7-seed to win the Big Ten Tournament championship, winning four games in as many days.
- Purdue has won its third tournament championship (2009, 2023, 2026), taking home the trophy the last two times the tourney has been held at the United Center.
- Purdue improved to 22-1 when holding opponents under 48 percent shooting.
- F Trey Kaufman-Renn (20) and C Oscar Cluff (21) combined for 41 points.
- Braden Smith, who wore replacement jersey #41 today, finished with the single tournament (46) and career (96) assists records. His 1,075 assists is one shy of tying the NCAA all-time record.
- The Boilermakers committed just two turnovers in the game.

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MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Today's game featured a Top-20 showdown between Michigan (3rd in AP Poll) and Purdue (18th in AP Poll).
- Entering today's game, Michigan had won five of six meetings against Purdue in the Big Ten Tournament. This was their third meeting in the championship game, with Michigan having won the prior two encounters.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Aday Mara, Michigan
Oscar Cluff, Purdue
Braden Smith, Purdue
John Blackwell, Wisconsin
Nick Boyd, Wisconsin

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Braden Smith, Purdue