2026 TIAA BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game #2 • Tuesday, March 10, 2026
United Center • Chicago, Ill.
FINAL: #15 Northwestern def. #18 Penn State, 76-66
RECORDS: Northwestern (14-18), Penn State (12-20)
#15 Northwestern advances to play #10 Indiana at 5:30 p.m. CT on Wednesday

GAME NOTES

NORTHWESTERN

- Nick Martinelli added a game-high 24 points to his program single-season scoring record, which now stands at 1,734; recorded 24th game this season with 20-or-more points, which leads the country.
- Northwestern, which averaged the fewest turnovers per game in the Big Ten this year (8.6), had only eight tonight.
- NU distributed 21 assists, a program record for the Big Ten tourney.
- The Wildcats finished with a 17-6 advantage in fast break points.

PENN STATE

- Freshman Ivan Juric netted a season-high 22 points as one of four Nittany Lions in double-digits scoring.
- Penn State is the youngest Power 5 team in the country, with an average age of 18.85. This was the first Big Ten Tournament game for all current players.
- The Nittany Lions advanced to the championship game the last time the Big Ten Tournament was held at the United Center (in 2023).

MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Northwestern defeated Penn State, 94-73, in the only meeting between the teams this season (Jan. 29 in Evanston).
- Penn State and Northwestern are tied at 3-3 in all-time Big Ten Tournament encounters.