



POSTGAME NOTES

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Williams Arena (Minneapolis, Minn.)

No. 23 Minnesota 75, No. 7 Michigan 57

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Today's 75-57 win was the 154th all-time game between Minnesota and Michigan (not counting vacated games), and the Wolverines lead the series, 91-63 (Minnesota leads 41-32 in Minneapolis). This afternoon's game was the second meeting between the schools, as Michigan recorded an 82-57 win on Jan. 6 in Ann Arbor. No. 23 Minnesota remained undefeated (11-0) at home to improve to 11-4 overall and 4-4 in the Big Ten, while 7th-ranked Michigan lost its first game of the season to drop to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the B1G. Minnesota's all-time record now stands at 1,513-1,133 overall (not counting vacated games). Coach Pitino's eighth-year record at Minnesota is 138-112 and his nine-year career mark is 156-126. He is 3-11 all-time versus the Wolverines.

STARTING FIVE

Coach Pitino utilized a starting lineup of redshirt senior forward Brandon Johnson (10th start at Minnesota, 101st career start), junior center Liam Robbins (15th start at Minnesota, 51st career start), redshirt junior guard Marcus Carr (15th start this season, 46th start at Minnesota, 73rd career start), junior guard Gabe Kalscheur (15th start this season, 82nd career start), and junior guard Both Gach (15th start at Minnesota, 54th career start). Today's starting five is 7-3 this season.

QUICK GAME RECAP

The Gophers opened the game with a 6-0 run, while holding Michigan scoreless for the first 3:35. Eric Curry then helped Minnesota stretch the lead from 10-4 to 16-8 with six points over a five-minute span midway through the half. After Minnesota built a 24-12 edge at the 4:52 mark, the Wolverines answered with a 9-0 run to cut it to 24-21. But the Gophers ended the half on a 6-2 run to head to the break with a 30-23 lead. Curry, Liam Robbins and Marcus Carr each had six points to pace Minnesota, while Brandon Johnson had four points and four boards. The Gophers forced 11 Michigan turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

Carr got the Gophers going early in the second half, as his three-point play put the Gophers up 10. Robbins then answered a Wolverines trey by knocking down Minnesota's first three, and made it back-to-back trifectas for a 41-30 lead at the 15:47 mark. A Michigan three cut Minnesota's advantage to 41-35, but the Gophers responded with a three from Gabe Kalscheur and back-to-back dunks from Robbins and Carr to give the home team its largest lead at 48-35. Up 48-40, Minnesota took over for good, outscoring Michigan 18-4 over the next six minutes to build a 66-44 lead with 5:16 remaining. Carr and Johnson each had six points during the run, while Robbins hit his third trey. The win by the Gophers allowed Minnesota to wrap up its eight-game stretch against nationally-ranked teams at 4-4. It was the longest stretch of Division I games against nationally-ranked foes since St. John's in 2011.

ROBBINS' HOOD

A week-and-a-half ago in Ann Arbor, Liam Robbins was limited to just five points on 2-of-9 shooting during an 8-57 loss. Today, though, Robbins was dominant. The 7-foot transfer from Drake led all scorers with 22 points, while also grabbing a team-high eight rebounds and adding two blocked shots and a pair of steals. Robbins was 8-of-13 from the field, including 3-of-3 from beyond the arc in the second half, to score his 22 points in 22 minutes. Robbins has reached double-figures 12 times this season, and was the key factor during the huge victory that ended Michigan's undefeated season.

CARR'S DOUBLE-FIGURE STREAK CONTINUES

Marcus Carr, who entered the game ranked third in the Big Ten (27th nationally) with an average of 20.9 ppg, finished with 17 points to go with six assists, five rebounds and three steals in 35 minutes. He was 6-of-18 shooting, and 5-of-6 at the free throw line. Carr has scored in double-figures 39 times in his collegiate career, including 17 straight and 24 of his past 25 games with the Gophers. He has six games this season with 20 or more points, and three of those were 30-point games.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND NOTES

Minnesota wore its White uniforms, improving to 6-0 this season and 14-3 over the past two years ... Brandon Johnson had eight points, six rebounds and two steals ... Eric Curry came off the bench to score six points, all in the first half ... Isaiah Ihnen grabbed six boards ... the Gophers never trailed in the game ... the teams combined to go 2-of-21 from three-point range in the first half, and Minnesota was 0-for-11, but the Gophers went 4-of-7 from long-range after the break ... Kalscheur increased his career three-pointer total to 171, which is seventh-most at Minnesota and just two shy of tying Sam Jacobson for sixth ... Minnesota was 13-of-15

at the free throw line, while Michigan made just 7-of-14 at the stripe ... the Gophers forced 20 Michigan turnovers ... Minnesota hits the road to play at Nebraska on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. on BTN.