



POSTGAME NOTES

Jan. 23, 2021

Williams Arena (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Maryland 63, No. 17 Minnesota 49

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Today's 63-49 loss was only the 13th all-time game between Minnesota and Maryland (not counting vacated games), and the Terrapins lead the series, 11-2 (Maryland leads 6-1 in Minneapolis). This afternoon's game was the first of two meetings between the schools this season, as they'll play again Feb. 14 in College Park, Md. No. 17 Minnesota lost its first home game this season (11-1) to fall to 11-5 overall and 4-5 in the Big Ten, while the Terps defeated their third ranked opponent on the road to improve to 9-7 overall and 3-6 in the B1G. Minnesota's all-time record now stands at 1,513-1,134 overall (not counting vacated games). Coach Pitino's eighth-year record at Minnesota is 138-113 and his nine-year career mark is 156-127. He is 2-7 all-time versus Maryland.

STARTING FIVE

Coach Pitino utilized a starting lineup of redshirt senior forward Brandon Johnson (11th start at Minnesota, 102nd career start), junior center Liam Robbins (16th start at Minnesota, 52nd career start), redshirt junior guard Marcus Carr (16th start this season, 47th start at Minnesota, 74th career start), junior guard Gabe Kalscheur (16th start this season, 83rd career start), and junior guard Both Gach (16th start at Minnesota, 55th career start). Today's starting five is 7-4 this season.

QUICK GAME RECAP

Minnesota got off to a rugged start, as it trailed 17-3 almost eight minutes into the game. But Marcus Carr hit a pair of three-pointers and scored 10 points during a 14-3 Minnesota run to pull within 20-17. Maryland responded with a 6-0 spurt to push the lead back to nine points and eventually took that margin to the break, 36-27. Carr made 5-of-7 first-half field goals to lead the Gophers with 14 points, four rebounds and two steals. Jamal Mashburn Jr. gave Minnesota a spark off the bench, as he had nine points in 10 minutes.

The second half started in ominous fashion, as Liam Robbins was whistled for three fouls in the first two minutes to send him to the bench. Carr scored five quick points and Brandon Johnson's three-point play cut the deficit to six points, 41-35. But the Terps once again pushed the lead back to 51-39 with a 10-4 run. A trey by Robbins cut the Maryland lead to 55-44 with 5:48, but that was one of just two Minnesota field goals over the final 12:23, as the Gophers lost at Williams Arena for the first time this season.

CARR RECORDS SEVENTH 20-POINT GAME

Marcus Carr, who entered the game ranked third in the Big Ten with an average of 20.6 ppg, had his first 20-point game since scoring 30 points in the overtime win against Iowa on Christmas Day.. Carr finished with 25 points on 8-of-14 shooting, including 3-of-6 from beyond the arc. Carr also had seven rebounds and three steals, but failed to record an assist for the first time in 47 games at Minnesota. Carr has scored in double-figures 40 times in his collegiate career, including 18 straight and 25 of his past 26 games with the Gophers. He has seven 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, falling to 6-1 this season and 14-4 over the past two years ... Brandon Johnson had seven points and a team-high 10 rebounds for the Gophers ... Jamal Mashburn Jr. came off the bench to score nine points, all in the first half ... Gabe Kalscheur and Both Gach were each held to one point, combining to go 0-of-10 (0-of-8 3FG) ... Minnesota hits the road to play at Purdue next Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on BTN.