



WISCONSIN

2001-02 Men's Basketball

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GAME 2: Athletes in Action at Wisconsin
(exhibition)

DATE: Tuesday, November 13

TIME: 7 p.m. CST

SITE: Kohl Center (17,142)

LIVE TV: None

RADIO: WIBA (Matt Lepay and Mike Lucas)

Quick Facts

THE BADGERS

2000-01 Overall Record18-11

2000-01 Conference Record9-7

National Rankings

Associated PressNA

ESPN / USA TodayNA

Exhibition Games33-4

First MeetingNA

Captains

Travon Davis, Charlie Wills

Head CoachBo Ryan

Alma MaterWilkes (Pa.), 1969

Record at UW (Yr.)0-0 (1)

Career Record (Yr.)383-103 (17)

Assistant Coaches

Rob Jeter, Tony Bennett, Greg Gard

Home FacilityKohl Center

Capacity17,142

Athletes in Action

2001-02 Overall Record2-7

2001-02 Conference RecordNA

National Rankings

Associated PressNA

ESPN / USA TodayNA

Head CoachChuck Badger

Alma MaterNA

Record at AIA (Yr.)NA

Career Record (Yr.)NA

Home FacilityNA

CapacityNA

NOTES DU JOUR

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT - In his first outing on the UW bench, head coach Bo Ryan led Wisconsin to a 95-64 victory over the EA Sports All-Stars. The Badgers shot 58.6 percent from the field, including hitting 63.6 percent (19-30) of their shots in the first half. Wisconsin also made 21 of 24 free throws (.875).

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT, PART II - A pair of freshmen playing their first games as Badgers paced the UW in scoring on Saturday. Guard Devin Harris started and poured in a team-high 22 points on 9-16 shooting. Forward Mike Wilkinson played 23 minutes off the bench and added 19 points and a team high-tying nine rebounds. Wilkinson was 6-8 from the floor and a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line.

FOR STARTERS - If Devin Harris starts against UNLV on Saturday, he would become the first UW freshman to start a season opener since Mike Kelley. Kelley started against Marquette on Nov. 14, 1997. Since the 1972-73 season, only 18 freshmen have started in their collegiate debut. Rashard Griffith had 27 points, 12 rebounds and six assists in his first career start against Wright State in 1993.

ON THE SIDELINES

WISCONSIN'S BO RYAN - In his 18th season as a head coach, his first at Wisconsin ... career record of 383-103 (.788) is fourth-best among active Division I coaches with at least 10 seasons ... coached last two seasons at UW-Milwaukee (30-27, .526) ... coached 15 years at UW-Platteville, winning four Division III national titles ... winningest college coach of the 1990's (all divisions) with a 266-26 (.908) record ... all-time winningest coach in Division III history (353-76, .822).

PROBABLE WISCONSIN STARTERS

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | PPG | RPG | APG | SPG | BPG |
|-----|---------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 40 | Charlie Wills | F | 6-8 | 230 | Sr. | 4.2 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 30 | Dave Mader | C | 6-11 | 250 | So. | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 2 | Travon Davis | G | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 34 | Devin Harris | G | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 20 | Kirk Penney | G | 6-5 | 227 | Jr. | 11.2 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 |

KEY WISCONSIN RESERVES

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 32 | Deandre Buchanan | F | 6-5 | 190 | Fr. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 13 | Clayton Hanson | G | 6-5 | 185 | Fr. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 24 | Freddie Owens | G | 6-2 | 180 | So. | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 25 | Neil Plank | G/F | 6-5 | 200 | Fr. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 54 | Mike Wilkinson | F | 6-8 | 205 | Fr. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

* - stats from 2000-01 season

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Radio Information: UW basketball is heard on the 43-station Wisconsin Radio Network. WIBA (AM 1310, FM 101.5) is the rights holder in Madison. Matt Lepay (play-by-play) and Mike Lucas (color) are the announcers.

Interviews: Coach Bo Ryan holds a Monday media conference at 1 p.m. CT during the season in the National W Club room in Camp Randall Stadium. Ryan is also available after most Badger practices (approximately 7:30 p.m. on weekdays).

Players and assistant coaches are available for interviews after practice according to a schedule produced by the UW Sports Information Office. All interviews are to be conducted on either the main arena floor or on the practice floor in the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion. Requests for players and coaches should be made to Brian Lucas of the UW Sports Information Office.

Requests for telephone interviews should be made to Lucas (608-263-5052). Players are available twice a week after practice for telephone interviews according to a schedule produced by the UW Sports Information Office.

Practices: Regular-season practices are open after 6:15 p.m. during the week.

Player & Staff Head Shots: Current head shots of all players and UW staff members may be obtained by members of the media at ftp:\badger@144.92.230.240 (password is sports).

Home postgame: The Wisconsin locker room is closed. Requests for player interviews will be taken on press row and players will be available in the media room in the Kohl Center. Coach Ryan is also available postgame in the media room.

ATHLETES IN ACTION NOTES

- ▶ Athletes in Action is 2-7 on its current 12-game, 15-day schedule against Division I teams.
- ▶ AIA plays at UW-Green Bay tonight before traveling to Madison.
- ▶ In yesterday's game, Athletes in Action took No. 4 Kentucky to overtime before falling to the Wildcats 88-83. AIA has beaten Oregon State and Bradley.
- ▶ AIA is led by forward Ronnie Grandison, a 10-year NBA veteran, and point guard David Daniels, a member of the 2000 Canadian Olympic Team.
- ▶ Athletes in Action is in its 35th year as a touring team and consists of players committed to striving for excellence and character on and off the court. The team will distribute magazines called *Fallen But Not Forgotten*, a special edition publication designed as a gift for the residents of New York City following the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

TEAM NOTES

HELMIGK OUT - Freshman forward Andreas Helmigk tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in preseason practice and will miss the entire 2001-02 season. Surgery is scheduled for late November. Helmigk's injury leaves the Badgers with just eight healthy scholarship players entering the season.

THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER - New Zealand native Kirk Penney is Wisconsin's lone returning starter. The junior was the second-leading scorer on the team a year ago, averaging 11.2 points. He led the Big Ten in three-point shooting during conference games (.478).

SENIOR LEADERSHIP - Seniors Travon Davis and Charlie Wills were named co-captains prior to the season.

CAL WHO? - Senior Charlie Wills has never missed a game (97 straight) in his UW career.

NO GIMMES - After having the third-toughest schedule in the country last year according to the Sagarin ratings, the Badgers face another tough slate in 2001-02. In addition to the always-grueling Big Ten schedule, Wisconsin travels to UNLV, Xavier, Georgia Tech, Ohio and UW-Milwaukee while hosting Temple, Tennessee, Marquette, UW-Green Bay and Furman.

EXPERIENCE LOST - Five seniors from last year's team have departed, including four starters. Those seniors accounted for 65 percent of the team's minutes played, 64 percent of the points, 61 percent of the rebounds and 74 percent of the assists last season. They also led the Badgers to three NCAA tournament appearances, including the 2000 Final Four.

EXPERIENCE GAINED? - Seven of the 15 players on the Badgers' roster are freshmen. Nine of Wisconsin's players have never played in a college game. Travon Davis, Kirk Penney and Charlie Wills are the only UW players to average more than five minutes per game last season.

BY THE NUMBERS

5 - Five Wisconsin players scored in double figures on Saturday, led by Devin Harris' 22 points. Forward Mike Wilkinson chipped in 19 points while point guard Travon Davis added 14, Kirk Penney had 12 and Charlie Wills had 10.

8 - Eight Badgers saw their first game action for the UW on Saturday. Freshman Devin Harris started and logged 29 minutes while redshirt freshman Mike Wilkinson came off the bench for 23 minutes. Neil Plank and Clayton Hanson played 10 and seven minutes, respectively, while walk-ons Max Peek, Michael Jackson, Deandre Buchanan and Brent Boettcher saw limited action.

Last Time Out

| EA Sports | MP | FG | 3P | FT | R | F | TP |
|-----------|-----|--------|--------|--------|----|----|----|
| Turner | 30 | 3-6 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Asselin | 17 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Fountain | 27 | 6-17 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 13 |
| McClure | 31 | 5-11 | 1-5 | 3-4 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
| Taylor | 32 | 6-10 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| Mobley | 8 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Metzger | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis | 18 | 2-4 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Jackson | 21 | 1-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Craft | 12 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| team | | | | | 2 | | |
| TOTALS | 200 | 26-59 | 4-12 | 8-10 | 21 | 20 | 64 |
| | | (.441) | (.333) | (.800) | | | |

Assists: 10 (Taylor 4, Fountain 2, McClure 2, Asselin 1, Metzger 1)

Turnovers: 13 (Jackson 3, Turner 2, Asselin 2, Fountain 2, McClure 2, Mobley 1, Davis 1)

Blocked Shots: 4 (Jackson 2, Asselin 1, Craft 1)

Steals: 7 (Turner 2, Taylor 2, Fountain 1, McClure 1, Mobley 1)

| Wisconsin | MP | FG | 3P | FT | R | F | TP |
|-----------|-----|--------|--------|--------|----|----|----|
| Penney | 31 | 3-8 | 2-5 | 4-4 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Wills | 31 | 4-7 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 9 | 2 | 10 |
| Mader | 25 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| Davis | 30 | 6-7 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 4 | 3 | 14 |
| Harris | 29 | 9-16 | 1-5 | 3-3 | 6 | 2 | 22 |
| Ukawuba | 2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Jackson | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peek | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hanson | 7 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Owens | 9 | 2-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Plank | 10 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Buchanan | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boettcher | 0+ | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilkinson | 23 | 6-8 | 1-1 | 6-6 | 9 | 0 | 19 |
| team | | | | | 4 | | |
| TOTALS | 200 | 34-58 | 6-17 | 21-24 | 41 | 13 | 95 |
| | | (.586) | (.353) | (.875) | | | |

Assists: 13 (Davis 4, Wills 3, Penney 2, Wilkinson 2, Mader 1, Buchanan 1)

Turnovers: 14 (Penney 3, Wills 3, Mader 2, Ukawuba 2, Plank 2, Harris 1, Wilkinson 1)

Blocked Shots: 3 (Harris 2, Mader 1)

Steals: 3 (Wilkinson 2, Wills 1)

Halftime: Wisconsin 50, EA Sports 28

Officials: Chrisman, Olson, Connor

Game Summary

Freshman Devin Harris had 22 points and Mike Wilkinson added 19 off the bench as Wisconsin won its exhibition opener 95-64 over the EA Sports All-Stars at the Kohl Center. The Badgers started the game with a 13-2 run and held a double-digit lead for the final 33:54 of the game. Wisconsin shot 58.6 percent from the field (34-58) and connected on 19-30 shots (.633) in the first half. The UW also scored 19 second-chance points off of 12 offensive rebounds. Five players scored in double figures for the Badgers.

9 - Wisconsin has earned nine postseason invitations in the last 13 years. Including last season's NCAA Tournament appearance, the Badgers have gone to the "Big Dance" in four of the last five seasons.

18 - The Badgers won 18 regular-season games last season for just the third time in school history. Wisconsin has won at least 18 games in four of the last five years (after doing so just four times prior to 1995).

20 - Wisconsin held a 41-21 rebounding advantage over EA Sports on Saturday night. Mike Wilkinson and Charlie Wills tied for team-high honors with nine boards apiece. Five of Wilkinson's rebounds and four of Wills' were off the offensive glass. The Badgers converted 19 second-chance points while shutting out EA Sports.

62 - The UW's 62 wins over the last three seasons are fourth-best among Big Ten teams over that stretch. Only Michigan State (93), Ohio State (70) and Indiana (64) have more victories than Wisconsin.

95 - The Badgers' 95 points against the EA Sports All-Stars marked the second-highest scoring output for the UW in an exhibition game since 1993. Wisconsin scored 99 points against the California All-Stars (now EA Sports) on Nov. 6, 1999.

56.6 - The Badgers, who have led the Big Ten in scoring defense the past five seasons, led the nation in that category last season by allowing just 56.6 points per game.

.500 - Wisconsin finished fifth in the Big Ten with a 9-7 record. That marked the third consecutive season the Badgers finished with a .500 or better record in conference play (9-7 in 1999, 8-8 in 2000). That hadn't happened in Madison since 1942-44.

.600 - The UW finished the 2000-01 season with a .600-or-better winning percentage for the third consecutive season. That had not happened for the Badgers since 1928-30.

WISCONSIN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Pos. | Hometown (High School) |
|-----|------------------|------|-----|------|------|----------------------------------|
| 2 | Travon Davis*** | 5-10 | 180 | Sr. | G | Argo, Ill. (Nazareth Academy) |
| 3 | Ike Ukawuba* | 6-3 | 175 | So. | G | Chicago, Ill. (Lincoln Park) |
| 10 | Michael Jackson | 6-6 | 205 | So. | F | Milwaukee, Wis. (Rufus King) |
| 12 | Max Peek | 6-4 | 190 | Jr. | G | Eagan, Minn. (Eastview) |
| 13 | Clayton Hanson | 6-5 | 185 | Fr. | G | Reedsburg, Wis. (HS) |
| 20 | Kirk Penney** | 6-5 | 205 | Jr. | G | Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake) |
| 21 | Andreas Helmigk | 6-9 | 230 | Fr. | F | Klagenfurt, Austria |
| 24 | Freddie Owens* | 6-2 | 180 | So. | G | Milwaukee, Wis. (Washington) |
| 25 | Neil Plank | 6-5 | 200 | Fr. | G/F | Mt. Zion, Ill. (Mt. Zion) |
| 30 | Dave Mader* | 6-11 | 240 | So. | F/C | Appleton, Wis. (East) |
| 32 | Deandre Buchanan | 6-5 | 190 | Fr. | F | Verona, Wis. (HS) |
| 34 | Devin Harris | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | G | Milwaukee, Wis. (Wauwatosa East) |
| 40 | Charlie Wills*** | 6-8 | 230 | Sr. | F | Angola, Ind. (HS) |
| 52 | Brent Boettcher | 6-5 | 200 | Fr. | F | Bayport, Wis. (HS) |
| 54 | Mike Wilkinson | 6-8 | 205 | Fr.# | F | Blue Mound, Wis. (Wis. Heights) |

* - Letters Won

- Redshirt Freshman

Big Ten Standings

(2000-01)

| | Big Ten | | | Overall | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Michigan State | 13 | 3 | .813 | 28 | 5 | .848 |
| Illinois | 13 | 3 | .813 | 27 | 8 | .771 |
| Ohio State | 11 | 5 | .688 | 20 | 11 | .645 |
| Indiana | 10 | 6 | .625 | 21 | 13 | .618 |
| Wisconsin | 9 | 7 | .563 | 18 | 11 | .621 |
| Iowa | 7 | 9 | .438 | 23 | 12 | .657 |
| Penn State | 7 | 9 | .438 | 21 | 12 | .636 |
| Purdue | 6 | 10 | .375 | 17 | 15 | .531 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 11 | .313 | 18 | 14 | .562 |
| Michigan | 4 | 12 | .250 | 10 | 18 | .357 |
| Northwestern | 3 | 13 | .188 | 11 | 19 | .367 |

Big Ten This Week

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|---------|----------------------------|
| Nov. 12 | Detroit at Michigan State |
| Nov. 13 | MD-Eastern Shore at Iowa |
| Nov. 14 | Boston/New Orleans at Iowa |
| | VCU vs. Northwestern |
| | TBA vs. Michigan State |
| Nov. 15 | TBA vs. Northwestern |
| Nov. 16 | Gonzaga at Illinois |
| | Oakland at Michigan |
| | TBA vs. Northwestern |
| Nov. 17 | Louisiana Tech at Iowa |
| | Mercer at Minnesota |
| | Wisconsin at UNLV |

Stats Comparison

| Category | UW | Opp. |
|-----------------------|----|------|
| Overall Record | | |
| Scoring Avg. | | |
| Scoring Defense | | |
| FG Pct. | | |
| FG Pct. Defense | | |
| 3-pt. FG Pct. | | |
| 3-pt. FG Pct. Defense | | |
| FT Pct. | | |
| Rebounding Margin | | |
| Assists Avg. | | |
| Turnovers Avg. | | |
| Steals Avg. | | |
| Blocked Shots Avg. | | |

WISCONSIN SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

| Date | Opp. (AP Rank) | W/L | Score | Att. | UW High Scorer | UW High Reb. |
|----------------|---|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Nov. 10 | EA Sports All-Stars* | W | 95-64 | 15,137 | Harris - 22 | Wills - 9 Wilkinson - 9 |
| Nov. 13 | Athletes in Action*, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Nov. 17 | at UNLV, 9:30 p.m. | | | | | |
| Nov. 23-25 | at City Bank/Aloha Airlines Big Island Basketball Invitational | | | | | |
| Nov. 28 | at Georgia Tech %, 6 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 1 | UW-Green Bay, 1 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 3 | Temple, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 8 | at Ohio, 2 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 10 | at Xavier, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 15 | Furman, 3 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 22 | Marquette, 1 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 27 | at UW-Milwaukee, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Dec. 29 | Tennessee, 1 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 2 | at Iowa, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 5 | Illinois, 1:31 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 9 | at Penn State, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 12 | at Michigan State, 11:17 a.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 16 | Minnesota 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 19 | Purdue, 1:31 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 23 | at Illinois, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 26 | Penn State, 11:17 a.m. | | | | | |
| Jan. 30 | at Northwestern, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 2 | at Michigan, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 6 | Ohio State, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 9 | Northwestern, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 13 | at Indiana, 7 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 16 | at Minnesota, 1:31 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 19 | Iowa, 6 p.m. | | | | | |
| Feb. 27 | Michigan, 7 p.m. | | | | | |

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|-------------|---|
| March 7-10 | at Big Ten Tournament, Indianapolis, Ind. |
| March 14-17 | NCAA Tournament first/second rounds |
| March 21-24 | NCAA Tournament regional sessions |
| March 30 | Final Four, Atlanta, Ga. |
| April 1 | NCAA Championship, Atlanta, Ga. |

% - Big Ten-ACC Challenge

* - exhibition game

All times are Central

Home games listed in **Bold**