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MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA 2016 FIRST & SECOND ROUNDS ST. LOUIS

2016 NCAA TOURNAMENT GUIDE

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0 Will Decorah
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Waunakee, Wis.

1 Brevin Pritzl
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De Pere, Wis.

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Orono, Minn.

3 Zak Showalter
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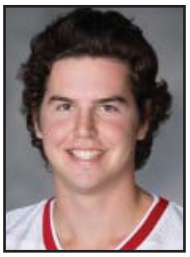

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Green Bay, Wis.

10 Nigel Hayes
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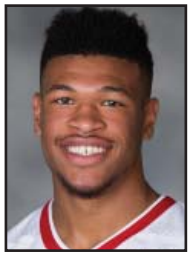

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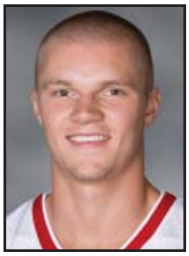

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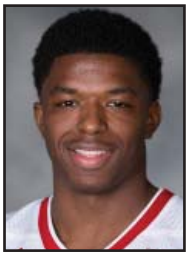

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22 Ethan Happ
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25 Alex Illikainen
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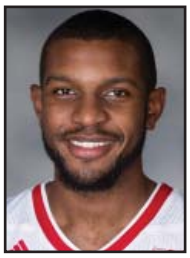
Grand Rapids, Minn.



30 Vitto Brown
F, Jr., 6-8, 230
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F, Fr., 6-11, 203
Antwerp, Belgium

WISCONSIN ROSTER		POS	HT	WT	YR/ELIG	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
0	Will Decorah	G	6-4	205	Jr./Jr.	Waunakee, Wis. (HS)
1	Brevin Pritzl	G	6-3	185	Fr./Fr.	De Pere, Wis. (HS)
2	Jordan Smith***	G	6-3	181	5th/Sr.	Orono, Minn. (HS)
3	Zak Showalter**	G	6-2	184	Sr./Jr.	Germantown, Wis. (HS)
4	Matt Ferris (+)	G	6-6	196	So./So.	Appleton, Wis. (Xavier)
5	Aaron Moesch*	F	6-8	211	Jr./So.	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
10	Nigel Hayes**	F	6-8	240	Jr./Jr.	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)
11	Jordan Hill*	G	6-3	178	Jr./So.	Pasadena, Calif. (LaSalle/Exeter Academy [N.H.])
13	Jackson Bax	G	5-11	157	Fr./Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
15	Charlie Thomas	F	6-8	253	Fr./Fr.	Highland, Md. (River Hill)
20	T.J. Schlundt	G	6-5	194	So./Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis. (St. John's Military Academy [Wis.])
21	Khalil Iverson	G/F	6-5	205	Fr./Fr.	Delaware, Ohio (Rutherford B. Hayes)
22	Ethan Happ	F	6-9	235	So./Fr.	Milan, Ill. (Rock Ridge)
24	Bronson Koenig**	G	6-4	193	Jr./Jr.	La Crosse, Wis. (Aquinas)
25	Alex Illikainen	F	6-9	220	Fr./Fr.	Grand Rapids, Minn. (Brewster Academy [N.H.])
30	Vitto Brown**	F	6-8	230	Jr./Jr.	Bowling Green, Ohio (HS)
33	Andy Van Vliet (-)	F	6-11	203	Fr./Fr.	Antwerp, Belgium

* letters earned | (+) will redshirt in 2015-16 | (-) ineligible in 2015-16

Head Coach: Greg Gard (1st), **Assistant Coaches:** Gary Close (13th), Lamont Paris (6th)
Director of Basketball Operations: Katherine Vosters, **Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Erik Helland
Athletic Trainer: Henry Perez-Guerra, **Video Coordinator:** A.J. Van Handel

Greg Gard
Head Coach

Gary Close
Assistant Coach

Lamont Paris
Assistant Coach

Howard Moore
Assistant Coach

WISCONSIN BASKETBALL

22 NCAA Tournaments (18 consecutive) ▪ 4 Final Fours (1941, 2000, 2014, 2015) ▪ 18 Big Ten Championships ▪ 21 Consensus All-Americans

2015-16 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
NOV. 13	WESTERN ILLINOIS	L, 67-69
NOV. 15	SIENA	W, 92-65
NOV. 17	NORTH DAKOTA	W, 78-64
2K Classic – New York City (Madison Sq. Grdn)		
Nov. 20	vs. Georgetown	L, 61-71
Nov. 22	vs. VCU	W, 74-73
NOV. 25	PRAIRIE VIEW	W, 85-67
Nov. 29	at Oklahoma [7]	L, 48-65
Big Ten/ACC Challenge		
Dec. 2	at Syracuse [14]	W, 66-58 ot
DEC. 5	TEMPLE	W, 76-60
DEC. 9	MILWAUKEE	L, 67-68
DEC. 12	MARQUETTE	L, 55-57
DEC. 15	TA&M CORPUS CHRISTI	W, 64-49
DEC. 23	GREEN BAY	W, 84-79
DEC. 29	PURDUE [14]	L, 55-61
JAN. 2	RUTGERS	W, 79-57
Jan. 5	at Indiana	L, 58-59
JAN. 9	MARYLAND [3]	L, 60-63
Jan. 12	at Northwestern	L, 65-70
JAN. 17	MICHIGAN STATE [4]	W, 77-76
Jan. 21	at Penn State	W, 66-60
JAN. 26	INDIANA [19]	W, 82-79 ot
Jan. 31	at Illinois	W, 63-55
FEB. 4	OHIO STATE	W, 79-68
FEB. 10	NEBRASKA	W, 72-61
Feb. 13	at Maryland [2]	W, 70-57
Feb. 18	at Michigan State [8]	L, 57-69
FEB. 21	ILLINOIS	W, 69-60
Feb. 24	at Iowa [8]	W, 67-59
FEB. 28	MICHIGAN	W, 68-57
March 2	at Minnesota	W, 62-49
March 6	at Purdue [15]	L, 80-91
Big Ten Tournament – Indianapolis (Bankers Life)		
Mar. 10	vs. Nebraska	L, 58-70
NCAA Tournament – St. Louis, Mo. (Scotttrade)		
Mar. 18	vs. (10) Pittsburgh	5:50 p.m.
Mar. 20	Round of 32	

All times Central

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WISCONSIN (20-12, 12-6 BIG TEN) vs. PITTSBURGH (21-11, 9-9 ACC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 ▪ 5:50 P.M. (CT) ▪ ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI ▪ SCOTTRADE CENTER ▪ TNT

Location ..... St. Louis, Missouri
Site ..... Scottrade Center (19,260)
TNT ..... Brian Anderson, Steve Smith & Dana Jacobson
Westwood One ..... Wayne Larrivee & Will Perdue
Badger Radio Network ..... Matt Lepay & Mike Lucas

All-Time vs. Pittsburgh ..... WIS leads, 11-7
Last Meeting. ..... UW won, 89-75 (12/16/06) in Madison (Kohl Center)

WISCONSIN BADGERS
Rankings (AP/Coaches) RV/25
Record (Big Ten) 20-12 (12-6)
Head Coach ..... Greg Gard
Record at Wisconsin (Years) 13-7 (1st)

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS
Rankings (AP/Coaches) ..... NA/NA
Record (ACC) 21-11 (9-9)
Head Coach ..... Jamie Dixon
Record at Pitt (Years) 328-120 (13th)

NOTES TO KNOW ABOUT WISCONSIN

Wisconsin will be making its 18th-consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament, the 5th-longest streak in NCAA history.

1 DANCING YET AGAIN: Wisconsin earned a trip to the NCAA tournament for the 18th-consecutive season, a streak that began in 1999. The Badgers' 18 consecutive trips to the Big Dance is tied for the 5th-longest in NCAA history.

UW is a No. 7 seed in the East Region and will take on No. 10 Pittsburgh in the opening round on Friday, March 18 at 5:50 p.m. (CT) at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

2 OFFICIALLY, HEAD COACH: Greg Gard was officially named the head coach at Wisconsin on March 7, removing the interim tag. The 16th coach in UW history, Gard is 13-7 at the helm of the Badgers.

3 INCREDIBLE TURN AROUND: On Jan. 13, Wisconsin was 9-9 overall and 1-4 in the Big Ten with an RPI of 110. Since then, Greg Gard has led the Badgers to wins in 11 of 14 games, climbing to 3rd place in the league and No. 37 in the RPI.

4 OPENING STATEMENTS: The Badgers have won 8 of their last 9 opening-round NCAA tournament games, holding teams to an average of 55.3 points in the initial game. Wisconsin is 13-3 in the round of 64 since 2000.

5 RESUME BUILDING: UW has faced the nation's 6th-toughest schedule and posted a trio of RPI top-25 wins. The Badgers also tallied 10 wins over the top 100, a total that was second only to Michigan State in the Big Ten.

6 TOP-10 TAKEDOWNS: With wins over Maryland (2), Michigan State (4) and Iowa (8), the Badgers are 1 of 5 teams to own a trio of top-10 wins this season, joining Texas (4), Kansas (4), Seton Hall and Xavier.

7 #WINNING... YEAR IN, YEAR OUT: With a Big Ten record of 12-6, the Badgers secured a top-4 conference finish (tied for third place this season) for the 16th-consecutive season, the longest such streak in Big Ten history.

8 HAYES-ING: A first-team All-Big Ten pick, Nigel Hayes leads the Badgers in scoring (16.3 ppg) and assists (3.0 apg) while ranking 2nd in rebounds (5.8 rpg). He also paces the Big Ten in FTAs, going 181-for-244 (.742) at the line.

9 HAPP WINS FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Ethan Happ was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year and earned All-Defensive honors after leading the conference in steals (1.8 spg) and ranking 3rd in double-doubles (9). Happ is trying to become the Big Ten's first freshman in 20+ years to average 11.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.0 apg, 1.0 spg and 1.0 bpg.

10 ROADIES: The Badgers have the most road/neutral wins and 3rd-best win pct. away from home of any major conference team over the last 3 years. UW is 44-15 (.746) away from the Kohl Center in that span (7-7 this season).

11 TAKING WHAT'S FREE: UW leads the Big Ten, averaging 21.7 FTAs per game this season. That mark would rank as the Badgers' 2nd-highest average in the last 9 years.

12 KOENIG HEATING UP: A third-team All-Big Ten pick, Bronson Koenig is averaging 13.4 ppg and shot 42.3% from 3-point range in B1G play. The junior has hit a triple in 43 consecutive games (3rd-longest streak in the country).

13 "3TTO" BROWN: Over the last 10 games, Vitto Brown is averaging 12.3 ppg and shooting 21-for-42 (.500) from 3-point range. Prior to this season, the junior forward had never attempted a 3-point field goal.

14 20-WIN THRESHOLD: Wisconsin has won 20 games for the 10th-straight season. The Badgers also won at least 12 Big Ten games for the 7th-consecutive season (the longest active streak in the league).

15 3-POINT THREAT: On the year, Wisconsin is shooting 35.8% from deep and averaging 6.6 made 3FGs per game. However, over the last 10 games, the Badgers have gone 89-for-224 (.397) from long range (8.9 3FGs/game).

16 DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENT: The Badgers held a total of 10 teams to their season low point total. During Big Ten play, UW led the conference in scoring defense (63.9 ppg) and turnover percentage (forcing more than one turnover per every five possessions).

17 FINISHING MOVE: Over the last 5 years, UW is 137-5 (.965) when leading or tied with 5:00 left (20-1 this season).

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QUICK FACTS

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Madison, WI 53711

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Enrollment 42,041
Nickname ..... Badgers
School Colors ..... Cardinal and White
Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I
Conference ..... Big Ten
Chancellor ..... Rebecca Blank
Director of Athletics ..... Barry Alvarez
Athletic Dept. Phone 608-262-1866
Ticket Office Phone 608-262-1440
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HEAD COACH - GREG GARD

Seasons ..... 1st as head coach/15th at UW
Overall Record ..... 13-7 (.650)
Record at Wisconsin ..... 13-7 (.650)
Big Ten Record ..... 12-6 (.667)
NCAA Tournament Record ..... 0-0 (---)

KOHL CENTER

Opened ..... Jan. 17, 1998
Seasons 16th
Capacity 17,287
Student Section ..... Grateful Red
All-time record at Kohl Center .. 259-39 (.869)
Kohl Center Record under Gard .... 9-2 (.818)

ALL-TIME RECORD

- 117th season of basketball
- Years: 1898 to present
- Overall record: 1,547-1,171 (.569)
- Big Ten record: 790-830 (.488)
- NCAA tournament record: 34-20 (.630)
- Big Ten tournament record: 21-16 (.568)

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (18)

Titles: 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1935, 1941, 1947, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2015

BIG TEN TOURNEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (3)

Titles: 2004, 2008, 2015

NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Appearances (22): 1941, 1947, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
National Championship: 1941
Final Four: 1941, 2000, 2014, 2015
Elite Eight: 1941, 1947, 2000, 2005, 2014, 2015
Sweet 16: 1941, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015

NIT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Appearances (4): 1989, 1991, 1993, 1996

WISCONSIN'S PROBABLE STARTERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	FG%	3FG%	FT%
3	**ZAK SHOWALTER**	G	Jr.	7.6	3.9	2.2	.463	.357	.804
	Former key reserve now starts; entered season 4-24 3FG (16.7%), but this year 3rd for UW at 35-98 3FG (35.7%)								
10	**NIGEL HAYES**	F	Jr.	16.3	5.8	2.9	.381	.314	.742
	First Team All-Big Ten; leads Badgers in pts, ast, FTs, FTAs, 2nd for reb. and stl.; three 30+ point games this year								
22	**ETHAN HAPP**	F	R-Fr.	12.1	7.8	1.2	.527	---	.643
	Big Ten Freshman of the Year; 2nd in Big Ten with 9 double-doubles this season; leads the Big Ten in steals (58)								
24	**BRONSON KOENIG**	G	Jr.	13.4	2.5	2.5	.403	.394	.763
	Third Team All-Big Ten; has made at least one 3-pointer in school record 43 consecutive games (multiple in 34/43)								
30	**VITTO BROWN**	F	Jr.	9.7	5.2	0.8	.440	.392	.764
	Never attempted a 3 prior to season, but 2nd for UW at 31-79 3FG (39.2%); UW's longest wingspan (7-ft-3)								

WISCONSIN'S KEY RESERVES

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	FG%	3FG%	FT%
11	**JORDAN HILL**	G	So.	3.1	1.3	0.8	.392	.354	.667
	Under Gard, averaging 4.2 points, 40.8% FG, 19.3 minutes per game; made first-career start at Illinois (1/31)								
15	**CHARLIE THOMAS**	F	Fr.	2.5	2.0	0.1	.371	.308	.467
	5 pts., 3 reb. in win at No. 8 Iowa (2/24); career-high 12 pts, 6 reb vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25)								
21	**KHALIL IVERSON**	G	Fr.	2.7	1.9	0.6	.470	.167	.559
	9 pts., career-high 3 ast. at No. 8 Iowa (2/24); career-high 10 pts., 5 reb., 2 ast., 1 blk., 1 stl. at Illinois (1/31)								
25	**ALEX ILLIKAINEN**	F	Fr.	2.3	1.5	0.4	.417	.333	.667
	Under Gard, avg. 2.6 pts., 2.0 reb., 12.9 mpg.; career-high 26 min., 9 pts., career-high 7 reb. at Penn State (1/21)								

GARD BECOMES OFFICIAL

As the wins piled up through the month of February, the refrain around the Wisconsin men's basketball program changed from "who" to "when?" The question became less about who would lead the Badgers on a full-time basis, but when that decision would become official. On March 7, it did.

After the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents approved his contract on March 7, Greg Gard was named the 16th head men's basketball coach in UW history.

▶ "It's an honor and a privilege to be named the head coach at the University of Wisconsin," Gard said. "I'm extremely thankful to Coach Alvarez, the Athletic Board, and the Board of Regents for this incredible opportunity to lead my home-state program into the future. It's a role and a responsibility that I cherish and take extremely seriously. It's been a long journey over the last quarter-century or so, but for me to be able to spend my entire career in this state and be surrounded by such incredible support has been vital to my success. I am so grateful to everyone who has played an integral part in my development.

"I am thankful to Coach Ryan for the opportunity he gave me to be a college coach over 25 years ago. He has been a positive mentor in the professional development of my career and showed great confidence in my abilities and potential as I grew as a young coach.

"I'm looking forward to building on the great tradition at Wisconsin and representing my home state in a manner that can make Badgers fans proud."

▶ A Wisconsin assistant since 2001, Gard, 45, took over as the Badgers' interim head coach following the retirement of Bo Ryan on Dec. 15.

▶ One of the most respected assistants in the nation, Gard was ranked as the fourth-best "X&O" assistant coach in college basketball by coachstat.net in November of 2015. The rankings were made upon receipt of votes from a panel of national college basketball media, scouts and coaches.

▶ In addition to his on-floor coaching duties as associate head coach, Gard served as UW's recruiting coordinator in addition to on-floor coaching duties, opponent scouting and game preparation, and the constructing of future game schedules. He was also the director of the team camps.

▶ A native of Cobb, Wisconsin (pop. 456), Gard's coaching career began in 1990 during his sophomore year at UW-Platteville when he answered a flier to serve as the junior varsity coach at Southwestern HS in Hazel Green, Wis.

Three years later, Gard would move to the head coaching job at Platteville High School and join Bo Ryan's staff at UW-Platteville in 1993. The two would spend the next 23 seasons together at UW-P, UW-Milwaukee and UW.

WISCONSIN IN THE NCAA TOURNEY

UW is making its 22nd appearance in the NCAA tournament. The Badgers are 34-20 (.630) all-time in the Big Dance, advancing to 4 Final Fours and winning the 1941 NCAA title.

▶ The Badgers earned a No. 7 seed in the East Region and will take on No. 10 Pittsburgh in the opening round in St. Louis. UW has been seeded 7th or higher in 9 of the last 10 years.

▶ This marks the 9th time UW has been in the East Region, most recently advancing to the Sweet 16 in Boston in 2012. The Badgers' only national championship came out of the East Region in 1941.

▶ Wisconsin has qualified for each of the last 18 consecutive NCAA tournaments, the 5th-longest streak in NCAA history.

▶ UW's 18 consecutive NCAA tournaments is also tied as the 2nd-longest streak in Big Ten history. Only MSU's active streak of 19 consecutive is longer.

NCAA, All-Time Longest NCAA Tournament Streaks

# Seasons	Team	Years
27	North Carolina	1975-2001
27	Kansas	1990-present
21	Duke	1996-present
19	Michigan State	1998-present
18	***Wisconsin***	***1999-present***
18	Indiana	1986-2003
18	Gonzaga	1999-present
17	Kentucky	1992-2008

▶ The Badgers have been to the NCAA tournament in all 15 seasons Greg Gard has been on the bench. In those 15 appearances, UW owns a 25-14 (.641) record and has advanced to seven Sweet 16s, three Elite Eights and the 2014 and 2015 Final Four.

UW'S BACK-TO-BACK FINAL FOURS

▶ On the strength of a Final Four win over previously-unbeaten Kentucky, Wisconsin advanced to the 2015 national championship game, its first title appearance since 1941.

▶ Including a trip to the national semifinal in 2014, the Badgers made back-to-back Final Fours, giving them four in school history.

▶ UW was the 9th team in Big Ten history to make back-to-back trips to the Final Four.

Back-to-Back Final Fours, Big Ten, All-Time

School	Years	School	Years
Ohio State	1944, '45, '46	Michigan	1992 '93
Illinois	1951 '52	Michigan St	1999 '00 '01
Iowa	1955 '56	Michigan St	2009 '10
Ohio State	1960 '61 '62	***Wisconsin***	***2014, '15***
Michigan	1964 '65		

▶ Wisconsin is one of just 10 schools to make 3 or more trips to the Final Fours since 2000, trailing only Michigan State (6), Kentucky (4), Duke (4), UConn (4), UNC (4), Florida (4) and Kansas (4).

▶ UW is trying to reach a third-consecutive Final Four, something only 11 schools have done in the history of the NCAA tournament. The most recent team to turn the three-peat was UCLA (2006-08).

LAST 5 YEARS IN THE BIG DANCE

Over the last 5 years, Wisconsin has experienced as much success in the NCAA tournament as nearly any program in the nation.

▶ The Badgers have been to the Sweet 16 in 4 of the last 5 seasons – no team has made more appearances. Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisville and Michigan State are the only other schools to appear in 4 of the last 5 Sweet 16s.

Sweet 16 Appearances, Last 5 Seasons

Total	Team	Total	Team
4	***Wisconsin***	4	Kentucky
4	Arizona	4	Louisville
4	Florida	4	Michigan St.

▶ Wisconsin has gone 13-5 in the NCAA tournament over the last 5 seasons. The Badgers' 13 wins since 2011 rank 3rd in the nation, trailing only Kentucky (19) and Louisville (15).

NCAA Tournament Wins
(last 5 years, since 2011)

	Team	Wins
1.	Kentucky	19
2.	Louisville	15
3.	***Wisconsin***	***13***
	Florida	13
5.	Kansas	12
	UConn	12
7.	Arizona	11
	Duke	11
	Michigan State	11
10.	North Carolina	10
	Ohio State	10

▶ Wisconsin's 25 NCAA tournament wins since 2001-02 (Bo Ryan/Greg Gard era) rank 9th in the nation and 2nd among Big Ten teams (Michigan St. 30).

▶ What Bo Ryan/Greg Gard have accomplished at Wisconsin is impressive for any school, but considering UW's NCAA tournament history prior to 2002, it is particularly staggering.

Wisconsin in the NCAA Tournament

	Pre-2002	2002-Present
Seasons	63	15
Appearances	7	15
Wins	9	25

NCAA TOURNAMENT OPENERS

▶ Wisconsin has won 8 of its last 9 opening-round games and is 12-2 in NCAA openers under Bo Ryan/Greg Gard overall.

▶ In UW's last 9 opening-round games, opponents have scored an average of just 55.3 points per game. Over that stretch, only 3 of the 9 opening opponents have reached 60 points vs. the Badgers.

WISCONSIN VS. THE 2016 FIELD

▶ The Badgers are 9-6 (.600) against teams in the 2016 NCAA Tournament field.

▶ Wisconsin had non-conference wins over VCU, Temple, Syracuse and Green Bay before knocking off Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan and Michigan State during Big Ten play.

WISCONSIN IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

NCAA Tournament Appearances: 22nd

NCAA Tournament Record: 34-20 (.630)
Record vs. Lower seeds: 23-9
Record vs. Higher seeds: 6-9
Record vs. Same seeds: 1-1
Record in un-seeded years: 4-1

Tournament Record By Round

Round of 64	14-5
Round of 32	8-6
Sweet 16	4-4
Elite 8	4-2
Final Four	2-2
Regional Consolation	1-0
Championship	1-1

Wisconsin by NCAA Seed Since 1979

1	5-1
2	5-2
3	2-1
4	5-3
5	2-3
6	4-3
7	0-1
8	5-2
9	1-2
10	0-0
11	0-0
12	1-1
13	0-0
14	0-0
15	0-0
16	0-0

Wisconsin vs. NCAA Seeds Since 1979

1	3-7
2	1-0
3	0-1
4	2-1
5	3-0
6	2-0
7	1-1
8	2-3
9	2-0
10	1-2
11	3-1
12	1-3
13	4-0
14	2-0
15	2-0
16	1-0

UW vs. 2016 NCAA Field (9-6)

Green Bay	1-0	Oklahoma	0-1
Indiana	1-1	Purdue	0-2
Iowa	1-0	Syracuse	1-0
Maryland	1-1	Temple	1-0
Michigan	1-0	VCU	1-0
Michigan State	1-1	**Total**	**9-6**

NCAA All-Tournament Honors

Year	Award	Player
1941	Tournament MOP	John Kotz
2000	West Region MOP	Jon Bryant
	All-West Region	Mike Kelley
	All-West Region	Andy Kowske
2005	All-Syracuse Region	Sharif Chambliss
	All-Syracuse Region	Alando Tucker
2012	All-East Region	Jordan Taylor
2014	West Region MOP	Frank Kaminsky
	All-West Region	Traevon Jackson
2015	West Region MOP	Sam Dekker
	All-West Region	Frank Kaminsky
	All-West Region	Josh Gasser
	All-Final Four	Frank Kaminsky
	All-Final Four	Sam Dekker

SITUATIONAL RECORDS

	2015-16	Since '01-02
Ahead at the half	17-3	303-34
Behind at the half	3-8	63-93
Tied at the half	0-1	11-10
FG% of .450 or more	13-1	237-19
FG% less than .450	7-11	138-118
Better FG% than opp.	18-1	279-13
Worse FG% than opp.	2-11	93-122
Same FG% as opp.	0-0	4-2
Opp. FG% less than 45%	15-4	280-44
3FG% of 40% or more	11-2	165-24
3FG% less than 40%	9-10	211-113
Try more than 15 3FGs	13-11	271-120
Try 15 or fewer 3FGs	7-1	106-17
Make at least 70% FT	11-6	227-64
Try at least 25 FTs	9-3	124-17
Try fewer than 25 FTs	11-9	250-119
Outrebound opponent	14-5	265-39
Tied or outrebounded	6-7	114-98
Same or fewer TOs than opp.	12-9	276-81
More TOs than opp.	8-3	101-56
Commit fewer than 12 TOs	12-8	278-81
Commit 12 or more TOs	8-4	99-56
Score fewer than 50 pts.	0-1	4-18
Score 50-59 pts.	0-5	27-58
Score 60-69 pts.	8-5	130-46
Score 70-79 pts.	9-0	143-10
Score 80-89 pts.	2-1	60-5
Score 90 or more pts.	1-0	13-0
Allow fewer than 50 pts.	2-0	95-3
Allow 50-59 pts.	6-2	139-25
Allow 60-69 pts.	8-6	107-55
Allow 70-79 pts.	4-3	33-36
Allow 80-89 pts.	0-0	3-12
Allow 90 or more pts.	0-1	1-5
Overtime	2-0	16-8
vs. A.P. top 25 opponents	5-5	67-63
vs. A.P. top 25 opp. at home	1-2	36-15
Home games	13-5	223-27
Road games	6-5	91-76
Neutral site games	1-2	63-34
Day games	4-3	148-44
Night games	16-9	229-93
GAMES DECIDED BY...		
3 points or less	3-5	43-30
4-5 points	1-1	56-35
6-10 points	5-2	77-45
11-19 points	9-4	120-36
20 or more points	2-0	107-4
TELEVISED GAMES...		
CBS	2-0	40-23
Big Ten Network	11-5	107-23
BigTenNetwork.com	0-0	4-0
ESPN	2-3	55-36
ESPN2	2-4	28-19
ESPNU	1-0	4-1
ESPN Plus	0-0	54-17
ESPNews	0-0	1-0
ESPN3	1-0	19-0
Fox Sports Net	0-0	9-4
Fox College Sports	0-0	1-0
AXS TV	0-0	1-0
CBS Sports Network	0-0	3-1
TBS	0-0	5-1
TNT	0-0	3-0
truTV	0-0	3-1
TWSports32	0-0	2-0
UPN-14	0-0	0-1
Versus	0-0	0-1

NO REBUILDING IN MADISON

▶ The Badgers secured a winning record in Big Ten play for the 16th-consecutive season, equaling the Big Ten record for continuous success. Purdue (1972-88) is the only other Big Ten team to enjoy 16 straight winning seasons.

Consecutive Winning Seasons, All-Time, Big Ten

Team	Cons. Seasons
1. Wisconsin	***16 (2001-2016)****
Purdue	16 (1972-88)
3. Indiana	14 (1970-84)
4. Purdue	13 (1919-32)

*active

▶ Among the major conferences, only Kansas (27) has a longer active streak of above .500 seasons.

▶ The Badgers have also reached 12 Big Ten wins for the 7th consecutive season (the longest active streak in the league) and the 11th time in the last 15 seasons. Prior to Bo Ryan's arrival in 2001, UW had won at least 12 Big Ten games just twice in 103 years of basketball.

Michigan State (5) has the next-longest active streak of consecutive 12-win seasons.

20/20 VISION... AGAIN

▶ Wisconsin has reached the 20-win threshold for the 10th-straight season. That is the Big Ten's second-longest active streak of consecutive 20-win seasons, trailing only Ohio State (11).

Cons. 20-win Seasons, Big Ten (thru 3/13/16)

Team	Seasons	Began	2015-16
Ohio State	11*	2005-06	20-13
Wisconsin	***10****	***2006-07***	***20-12***
Michigan State	5*	2011-12	27-5
Illinois	4	2011-12	13-18

* includes 2015-16 season

TOP-4 FINISH

▶ With a record of 12-6 in Big Ten play, Wisconsin tied for 3rd place in the conference, clinching yet another top-4 finish in the standings. That extends one of the more remarkable streaks in Big Ten annals.

▶ UW has never finished lower than 4th in the Big Ten standings in any of the last 16 seasons. The Badgers' active streak of 16 consecutive seasons in the Big Ten's top 4 is the longest in league history.

Consecutive Top-4 Finishes, All-Time, Big Ten

Team	Cons. Seasons
1. Wisconsin	***16 (2001-2016)****
2. Purdue	13 (1920-32)
3. Chicago	10 (1906-15)
Illinois	10 (1947-56)

*active

DOUBLE DOMINANCE

▶ Wisconsin's football team has qualified for a bowl game and its men's basketball team has earned an invitation to the NCAA Tournament for 14 consecutive years (every year since the 2002 season). That is college athletic's longest all-time streak of dual success.

• Wisconsin	**14 years**	**(2002-03 to 2015-16)**
• Texas	12 years	(1998-99 to 2009-10)
• Michigan State	9 years	(2007-08 to 2015-16)
• Florida	9 years	(1998-99 to 2006-07)

▶ UW's run of 14 straight years with a postseason appearance in both sports is easily the nation's longest active streak. Michigan State (9 years) and San Diego State (6) own the next-longest active runs.

WISCONSIN VS. PITTSBURGH

▶ Wisconsin and Pittsburgh will meet for the 19th time on Friday with the Badgers owning an 11-7 lead in the all-time series.

▶ Wisconsin won the most recent meeting, an 89-75 win in Madison on Dec. 16, 2006 when Pitt was ranked No. 2 in the nation.

▶ The Badgers and Panthers have split a pair of NCAA tournament matchups. UW posted a 36-30 win over Pitt in the regional finals on its way to winning the 1941 National Championship. In 2004, No. 3-seeded Pitt topped No. 6 Wisconsin, 59-55, in the round of 32 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

▶ The Badgers are 40-40 all-time against current members of the ACC and have won 9 of their last 13 games against ACC foes.

Wisconsin's Last 13 Games vs. ACC

Date	Opp.(Rank)	Result
12/1/08	at Virginia Tech*	W, 74-74
3/20/09	vs. Florida State (16)^	W, 61-59 (OT)
11/25/09	vs. Maryland (21)%	W, 78-69
12/2/09	vs. Duke (6)*	W, 73-69
11/26/10	vs. Boston College +	W, 65-55
11/31/10	vs. NC State*	W, 87-48
11/30/11	at North Carolina (5)*	L, 57-60
11/28/12	vs. Virginia*	L, 54-60
12/4/13	at Virginia*	W, 48-38
12/3/14	vs. Duke (4)*	L, 70-80
3/26/15	vs. North Carolina (15)^	W, 79-72
4/6/15	vs. Duke (4)^	L, 63-68
12/2/15	at Syracuse (14)*	W, 66-58 (OT)

* Big Ten/ACC Challenge ^ NCAA Tournament
% Maui Invitational + Old Spice Classic

UW'S STRONG RESUME

Wisconsin faced one of the nation's toughest schedules (No. 6 SOS) in 2015-16 and tallied some of college basketball's best wins.

▶ According to the RPI, the Badgers picked up road wins at Maryland (15), Iowa (28) and Syracuse (68), as well as home wins over Michigan State (11), Indiana (24), Temple (63) and Michigan (58). UW also has a neutral-site win over VCU (33) on it's ledger.

▶ The Badgers' turnaround has been remarkable. On Jan. 13, UW was 1-4 in the Big Ten and No. 110 in the RPI. Since then, Wisconsin has won 11 of 14 games and climbed to No. 40 in the latest RPI.

▶ UW is the only team to win at Maryland and 1 of just 2 teams to win at Iowa this season, snapping home winning streaks of 27 and 16 games, respectively.

STATEMENT WINS

▶ With wins over No. 4 Michigan State and No. 2 Maryland, Wisconsin is 1 of just 6 teams to record multiple wins over teams ranked in the AP top 5.

▶ Adding the win at No. 8 Iowa, the Badgers are 1 of 5 teams to own a trio of top-10 wins this season, joining Texas (4), Kansas (4), Seton Hall and Xavier.

▶ Wisconsin and Providence are the nation's only 2 teams with a pair of top-10 wins on the road.

▶ This season, top-5 teams have lost a total of 37 games, with only 6 of them coming on their home floors. When No. 2 Maryland lost to UW it became the highest-ranked team to lose at home this season.

BADGERS EARN BIG TEN HONORS

The Big Ten Conference handed out its season-ending awards Monday night and a handful of Badgers were recognized by coaches and media.

▶ **Ethan Happ** headlined the postseason recognition for UW and was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year by both the coaches and the media.

Happ becomes the second Big Ten Freshman of the Year in UW history, joining Sam Okey (1996).

▶ Happ was also a unanimous selection by coaches to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team and was named to the league's all-defensive team. The forward from Milan, Illinois, also was recognized as a third-team All-Big Ten honoree by the media and drew honorable mention recogition from the coaches.

▶ **Nigel Hayes** earned first-team All-Big Ten honors for the first time in his career. Hayes was third-team All-Big Ten last season and 2014 Big Ten Sixth Man of the Year as a true freshman.

▶ With Hayes garnering first-team selection, a total of nine different UW players have been named first-team All-Big Ten over the past 15 seasons, combining for 13 first-team all-conference honors. No other Big Ten program has more during that era.

▶ **Bronson Koenig** was named to the All-Big Ten third team by the coaches and was an honorable mention honoree with the media.

▶ **Vitto Brown** was recognized as Wisconsin's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award honoree.

TOP-5 TAKEDOWNS

▶ The Badgers are 4-3 against teams ranked in the AP poll this season, including a pair of top-5 wins over MSU (4) and at Maryland (2).

▶ The 70-57 win at No. 2 Maryland was UW's highest-ranked road win since topping No. 2 Indiana, 64-59, in Bloomington in 2013. It was also the Badgers' largest margin of victory in a top-5 road win since an 82-66 win at No. 5 LSU in 1953.

▶ One of just 5 teams to post a pair of top-5 wins this season, Wisconsin has now won 8 of its last 11 games against teams ranked in the AP top 5.

Last 11 Games vs. AP Top-5 Teams

Date		Opponent	Score
1/15/13	at	Indiana (#2)	W, 64-59
2/9/13		MICHIGAN (#3)	W, 65-62 (ot)
3/16/13	vs.	Indiana (#3)	W, 68-56
3/30/14	vs.	Arizona (#4)	W, 64-63 (ot)
12/3/14		DUKE (#4)	L, 70-80
3/28/15	vs.	Arizona (#5)	W, 85-78
4/4/15	vs.	Kentucky (#1)	W, 71-64
4/6/15	vs.	Duke (#4)	L, 63-68
1/9/16		MARYLAND (#3)	L, 60-63
1/17/16		MICHIGAN ST. (#4)	W, 77-76
2/13/16	at	MARYLAND (#2)	W, 70-5

▶ Wisconsin's 8-3 record against the AP top 5 since 2012-13 is the best mark in the Big Ten.

REGULAR-SEASON SURGE

▶ Wisconsin closed the regular season by winning 11 of its last 13 games. The Badgers' hot streak included victories over ranked opponents MSU (4), Indiana (19), Maryland (2) and Iowa (8).

▶ Over the final 13 regular-season games, the Badgers showed marked improvement offensively.

Regular season splits, First 18 / Last 13 games

Category	First 18	Last 13
Points per game	68.6	67.2
Field goal pct.	.423	.450
3-point FG pct.	.335	.398
3FGs per game	5.9	7.8
FTAs per game	20.1	23.2
Nigel Hayes PPG	15.8	17.5
Bronson Koenig 3FG%	37.2%	44.6%
Vitto Brown PPG	8.7	10.5

▶ Gard's promotion to head coach has also coincided with Wisconsin increasing its depth.

In 12 games under Bo Ryan, UW's starters were playing 80.8% of the minutes. In the 20 games since, that number has dropped to 74.0%.

▶ As a result, the Badgers are getting more production from their reserves. The UW bench is averaging 10.3 ppg under Gard, including 23 at Iowa, the team's highest mark during Big Ten play. Over the final 6 games prior to Gard taking over, UW's bench was averaging just 5.3 ppg, scoring 0 points vs. Marquette and 1 at Syracuse.

▶ Over the last few games, the Badgers have showed off a variety of bench contributors.

- at PSU (1/21), **Alex Illikainen**: 9p, 7r in 26 min.
- vs. IND (1/26), **Jordan Hill**: 13p in 32 min.
- at ILL (1/31), **Khalil Iverson**: 10p in 30 min.
- vs. OSU (2/4), **Hill** and **Illikainen** combined for 15 points, going 5-7 from 3-point range.
- vs. NEB (2/10), **Hill**: 7p in 27 min.
- at Iowa (2/24), **Hill** and **Iverson**: 9 p each in 21 and 20 min., respectively.

PEAKING AT THE RIGHT TIME

▶ Over the last 3 seasons, the Badgers have shown a knack for turning it on when it matters most. Since 2013-14, Wisconsin is an impressive 36-7 (.837) in the months of February and March, the best mark in the Big Ten (MSU is second at 33-12).

The Badgers had won 15 consecutive games played in the month of March prior to dropping their last two games.

▶ UW's mark of 36-7 (.837) in Feb./March is the 3rd-best winning percentage in the nation.

Best Records, Feb./March, Since 2013-14 (thru 3/13)

School	Record	Pct.
1. Stephen F. Austin	35-3	.921
2. Villanova	36-6	.857
3. Wisconsin	***36-7***	***.837***
4. Kentucky	40-8	.833

CHARTING THE BADGERS

CAREER GAMES PLAYED

	Games	Starts	Cons. Starts
Nigel Hayes	110	72	72
Bronson Koenig	109	56	56
Zak Showalter	89	32	32
Vitto Brown	80	31	10
Jordan Smith	41	0	0
Jordan Hill	35	1	0
Aaron Moesch	30	0	0
Ethan Happ	32	32	32
Khalil Iverson	31	0	0
Alex Illikainen	30	0	0
Charlie Thomas	28	0	0
Matt Ferris	9	0	0
T.J. Schlundt	5	0	0
Will Decorah	4	0	0
Jackson Bax	3	0	0
Brevin Pritzl	1	0	0
Andy Van Vliet	0	0	0

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING GAMES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
Nigel Hayes	70 (53-17)	28 (17-11)	2
Bronson Koenig	45 (36-9)	23 (17-6)	1
Ethan Happ	24 (16-8)	24 (16-8)	4
Vitto Brown	15 (12-3)	14 (11-3)	1
Zak Showalter	9 (7-2)	9 (7-2)	0
Jordan Hill	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0
Alex Illikainen	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)	0
Khalil Iverson	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0
Charlie Thomas	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0

20-POINT SCORING GAMES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
Nigel Hayes	12 (8-4)	9 (5-4)	0
Bronson Koenig	3 (3-0)	3 (3-0)	0
Ethan Happ	3 (3-0)	3 (3-0)	0
Vitto Brown	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0
Zak Showalter	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0

DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDING GAMES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
Ethan Happ	10 (7-3)	10 (7-3)	0
Nigel Hayes	9 (7-2)	3 (2-1)	0
Vitto Brown	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0
Zak Showalter	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)	0

DOUBLE-DIGIT ASSIST GAMES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
None			

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
Ethan Happ	9 (6-3)	9 (6-3)	0
Nigel Hayes	7 (5-2)	3 (2-1)	0
Vitto Brown	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0
Zak Showalter	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)	0

TRIPLE-DOUBLES

	Career	'15-16	Cons.
None			

2015-16 LINEUP RECORD

Koenig, Showalter, Hayes, Happ, Brown . . .19-12
Koenig, Showalter, Hill, Hayes, Happ 1-0

Record in those contests in parentheses

WISCONSIN ALL-TIME SCORING LIST

No.	Points	Player	Years
1.	2,217	Alando Tucker	2003-07
2.	2,147	Michael Finley	1992-95
3.	1,854	Danny Jones	1987-90
4.	1,745	Claude Gregory	1978-81
5.	1,736	Rick Olson	1983-86
6.	1,545	Trent Jackson	1986-89
7.	1,533	Jordan Taylor	2009-12
8.	1,532	Mike Wilkinson	2002-05
9.	1,458	Frank Kaminsky	2012-15
10.	1,454	Kirk Penney	2000-03
11.	1,425	Devin Harris	2002-04
12.	1,408	Clarence Sherrod	1969-71
13.	1,405	Cory Blackwell	1982-84
14.	1,376	Jon Leuer	2008-11
15.	1,363	Sam Dekker	2013-15
16.	1,339	Trévon Hughes	2007-10
17.	***1,311***	***Nigel Hayes***	***2014-16***
18.	1,294	Sean Mason	1995-99
19.	1,264	Tracy Webster	1992-94
20.	1,251	Wes Matthews	1978-80

CAREER FREE THROWS

No.	FTs	Player	Year
1.	520	Alando Tucker	2003-07
2.	456	Michael Finley	1992-95
3.	433	Claude Gregory	1978-81
4.	408	Clarence Sherrod	1969-71
	408	Danny Jones	1987-90
6.	***402***	***Nigel Hayes***	***2014-16***
7.	394	Mike Wilkinson	2002-05

CAREER FREE THROW ATTEMPTS

No.	FTs	Player	Year
1.	817	Alando Tucker	2003-07
2.	599	Danny Jones	1987-90
3.	593	Michael Finley	1992-95
4.	586	Claude Gregory	1978-81
5.	***576***	***Nigel Hayes***	***2014-16***
6.	534	Mike Wilkinson	2002-05

SINGLE-SEASON FREE THROWS

No.	FTs	Player	Year
1.	***181***	***Nigel Hayes***	***2016***
2.	171	Devin Harris	2004
3.	168	Clarence Sherrod	1970
4.	164	Alando Tucker	2007
5.	156	Frank Kaminsky	2015

SINGLE-SEASON FT ATTEMPTS

No.	FTs	Player	Year
1.	249	Alando Tucker	2007
2.	***244***	***Nigel Hayes***	***2016***
3.	233	Alando Tucker	2006
4.	216	Devin Harris	2004
5.	210	Joe Franklin	1968

HAYES FOR DAYS

A 2015 consensus first-team All-Big Ten selection, **Nigel Hayes** has lived up to his lofty preseason praise. Only a junior, Hayes' numbers are starting to stack up with the best in school history. In fact, Hayes and Michael Finley are the only Badgers to tally at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists by their junior season.

▶ Hayes ranks 6th in the Big Ten averaging 16.3 ppg to go with 5.8 rpg and a team-high 3.0 apg. He has dished 96 assists with 72 turnovers (1.3 ratio).

▶ Hayes is one of just 3 Big Ten players averaging at least 16.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg and 3.0 apg.

Major Conf. 16.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 3.0 apg (thru 3/13/16)

Player	PPG	RPG	APG
Denzel Valentine (MSU)	19.6	7.5	7.6
Malcolm Hill (ILL)	18.1	6.6	3.3
Nigel Hayes (WIS)	***16.3***	***5.8***	***3.0***

▶ With 30 points in the regular-season finale at No. 15 Purdue, Hayes tallied his third, 30-point effort of the season.

Since 2000, Hayes is one of just 2 Badgers to post a trio of 30-point games in one season, joining Devin Harris (3 in 2004). The last UW player to tally more 30-point games in a season was Michael Finley, who recorded 4 in the 1992-93 season.

▶ During UW's recent 7-game win streak, Hayes averaged 20.4 ppg, topping 20 points 4 times in that span.

▶ Hayes has scored in double figures in all but 4 game this season, including a career-high 32 points against Milwaukee, going 9-for-18 from the field (2-3 3FGs) and 12-for-19 from the FT line.

Hayes' 32 points are the most by a Badger since Frank Kaminsky posted a school-record 43 points in 2013. His 19 FTAs vs. Milwaukee equaled the 3rd-most in UW history and the most since 1991.

▶ Hayes has made a habit of getting to the free throw line. The Toledo, Ohio, native is 181-for-244 (.742) from the FT line this season, leading the Big Ten in FTAs. His 244 FTAs rank 14th in the NCAA (5th among major conference players).

2015-16 Big Ten Free Throw Attempts (thru 3/13/16)

	Player	FT	FTA	Pct.
1.	***Nigel Hayes (Wisconsin)***	***181***	***244***	***.742***
2.	Malcolm Hill (Illinois)	193	235	.821
3.	Melo Trimble (Maryland)	130	150	.867
4.	Troy Williams (Indiana)	99	146	.678
5.	Yogi Ferrell (Indiana)	118	144	.819

▶ Hayes already owns the UW single-season record for made free throws (181) and is 2nd in free throw attempts (244), just 5 short of Alando Tucker's record (249 in 2007).

▶ Earlier this season Hayes tied the UW single-game record for made FTs after going 17-for-22 at the stripe against Indiana (1/26). In that game, Hayes went 10-for-10 at the line in the final 45 seconds and overtime.

▶ Overall this season during the last 5:00 minutes of games (and overtime), Hayes is 64-for-74 (86.5%) at the charity stripe.

▶ For his career, the junior is 402-for-576 at the free throw line, already ranking 5th in Wisconsin history in FTAs and 6th in made FTs.

▶ Hayes has enjoyed a pair of signature performances during Big Ten play.

Against No. 4 MSU (1/17), Hayes scored 25 points, going 2-for-3 from deep and 9-for-10 on FTs with 7 boards.

Against No. 19 Indiana (1/26), Hayes poured in 31 points (one shy of his career high), going 17-for-22 at the FT line, adding 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks and 2 steals.

At No. 15 Purdue (3/6), Hayes scored a game-high 30 points, going 3-for-5 from 3-point range and 11-for-13 at the free throw line. He also hauled in 8 rebounds and dished 3 assists.

▶ With 1,311 career points, Hayes ranks 17th on Wisconsin's all-time scoring list. He is 29 points away from passing Trevon Hughes (2007-10) for 16th place in UW annals.

▶ Hayes also owns 538 career rebounds and 211 career assists, becoming just the 5th player in UW history to accumulate 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists.

Wisconsin's 1,000-500-200 Club

Player	Points	Reb.	Ast.
Alando Tucker	2,217	769	213
Michael Finley	2,147	648	371
Mike Wilkinson	1,532	856	222
Nigel Hayes	***1,311***	***538***	***211***
Josh Gasser	1,075	575	284

▶ Hayes posted 3 straight double-doubles earlier this season (at OU, at SYR and TEM), equaling the longest double-double streak at UW in the Kohl Center era (1998). Frank Kaminsky, who had a pair of 3-game double-double streaks last season is the only other Badger to turn the trick in the last 18 years.

▶ Last season, Hayes averaged 12.4 ppg and ranked 13th in the Big Ten with 6.2 rpg. He also led UW in steals (34). Hayes ranked 9th in the Big Ten shooting 49.7% from the field and shot 39.6% from 3-point range, which ranked 13th in the Big Ten.

Hayes and Michael Finley are the only Badgers to tally at least 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists by their junior season.

HAPP IS B1G TEN'S TOP FRESHMAN

Ethan Happ was named consensus 2016 Big Ten Freshman of the Year. He is Wisconsin's first FOY winner since Sam Okey in 1996.

Happ was also named to the Big Ten's All-Defensive Team and third team All-Conference by the media.

▶ Happ is averaging 12.1 points, 7.8 rebounds, 1.2 assists, 1.8 steals and 0.9 blocks per game, the only player in the Big Ten averaging at least 11.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.0 apg, 1.0 spg and 0.5 bpg.

▶ In fact, Happ is trying to become the Big Ten's 2nd freshman in at least 20 years to average those marks, joining Jared Sullinger (Ohio State, 2011). This season, he is the nation's only major conference freshman achieving those thresholds.

▶ Happ's all-around statistics place him among some of the elite freshman in college basketball. He is trying to become just the 10th major conference over the last 10 years to average at least 11.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 1.0 apg, 1.8 spg and 1.0 bpg.

Major Conf. Freshman to Average 11.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 1.0 apg, 1.0 bpg, 1.0 spg, Last 10 years (since 2006-07)

Player	Season	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Kevin Durant (Texas)	2006-07	25.8	11.1	1.3	1.9	1.9
Michael Beasley (KSU)	2007-08	26.2	12.4	1.2	1.3	1.6
James Johnson (Wake)	2007-08	14.6	8.1	1.2	1.4	1.3
Anthony Randolph (LSU)	2007-08	15.6	8.5	1.2	1.1	2.3
Terrence Jones (UK)	2010-11	15.7	8.8	1.6	1.1	1.9
Maurice Harkless (SJU)	2011-12	15.5	8.6	1.5	1.6	1.4
LaDontae Henton (Prov.)	2011-12	14.3	8.6	1.1	1.0	1.1
Anthony Davis (UK)	2011-12	14.2	10.4	1.3	1.4	4.7
Jabari Parker (Duke)	2013-14	19.1	8.7	1.2	1.1	1.2
Ethan Happ (Wisconsin)	***2015-16***	***12.1***	***7.8***	***1.2***	***1.8***	***0.9***

▶ A three-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1), Happ ranks 3rd on the Badgers in scoring (12.1 ppg). The last UW freshman to average at least 10.0 ppg was Alando Tucker (12.0) in 2003.

▶ Happ's 7.8 rebounds per game ranks 6th in the Big Ten. UW has not had a freshman average 7.0+ rebounds since Rashard Griffith (8.5 in 1994).

Among freshmen, Happ ranks 12th in the nation in rebounds per game.

▶ Happ ranks 3rd in the Big Ten with 9 double-doubles, equaling the most by a UW freshman since Rashard Griffith had 9 in the 1993-94 season.

In fact, Happ already owns the second-highest single-season total for double-doubles over the last 20 years (Frank Kaminsky had 14 in 2014-15).

▶ Since 2011, only 2 Big Ten freshmen have posted more double-doubles than Happ.

Big Ten, Most Double-Doubles by Fr. (since 2010-11)

Dbl-Dbls	Name (School)	Year
18	Jared Sullinger (Ohio State)	2010-11
10	Noah Vonleh (Indiana)	2013-14
9	***Ethan Happ (Wisconsin)***	***2015-16***
9	Jordan Murphy (Minnesota)	2015-16

▶ The Milan ("MY-lin"), Ill. native is shooting a team-high .527 from the floor (10th in the Big Ten).

Happ also leads UW with 29 blocks.

▶ Happ posted back-to-back career-high point totals in UW's wins over Penn State and Indiana. He scored 20 points with 11 rebounds at PSU before notching 25 points against the No. 19 Hoosiers.

Recently, Happ scored 20 points with 12 boards and 6 steals against Illinois (2/21), the first Big Ten player to post those marks since Purdue's Carl Landry (25p, 12r, 6s) vs. Minnesota in 2007.

▶ Happ scored the game-winning basket in UW's win over No. 4 Michigan State, muscling in a layup with 10 seconds remaining for 2 of his 14 points.

▶ In UW's win at No. 14 Syracuse, Happ scored 18 points with a career-high 15 rebounds and 3 blocks. He scored 14 of his 18 in the second half/overtime.

ETHAN HAPP IS A THIEF

▶ A Big Ten All-Defensive Team selection, Happ leads the Big Ten averaging 1.8 steals per game, and raised that during conference play averaging a league-best 2.4 per game in Big Ten affairs. The last Badger to average 1.8 spg was Devin Harris (2004).

▶ Happ posted a conference-best 5.5% steal rate (5.5 steals for every 100 possessions he was on the floor) during Big Ten play. According to *BigTenStatGeeks.com*, that is the highest mark of any Big Ten player since the 2002-03 season.

Big Ten, Single-Season Steal Rate, Since 2002-03

Player	Steal Rate	Season
1. Ethan Happ (Wisconsin)	5.5	2016
2. Chris Kramer (Purdue)	5.0	2008
Al Nolen (Minnesota)	5.0	2008
4. Damian Johnson (Minnesota)	4.9	2008
5. Aaron Craft (Ohio State)	4.9	2014

▶ Happ is trying to become just the third 3rd freshman to lead the Big Ten in steals since 1990, joining Aaron Craft (Ohio State), who had averaged 1.97 steals per game in 2010-11 and Pat Baldwin (Northwestern), who tallied 3.21 spg in 1990-91.

▶ Happ has totaled 58 steals on the season, equaling the highest mark by a freshman in UW history (Mike Kelley had 58 steals in 1998).

▶ Happ tallied a career-high 6 steals vs. Illinois (2/21), which was the most by a Badgers player since Joe Krabbenhoft had 6 in a game in 2009.

ETHAN HAPP-ENS TO BE ONE OF UW'S BEST FRESHMAN, EVER

Happ is just the 3rd UW freshman to start the season opener over the last 15 seasons, joining Devin Harris (2001) and George Marshall (2012).

▶ Happ is quickly climbing UW's single-season freshman record book.

Wisconsin Record Book, Freshmen, Single-Season

	Happ	Rank	UW Freshman Record	
Starts	32	T-1st	32	Okey ('96), Harris ('02)
Points	387	3rd	429	J. Gregory (1977)
Rebounds	250	3rd	270	J. Gregory (1977)
RPG	7.8	5th	10.0	J. Gregory (1977)
Blocks	29	4th	66	R. Griffith (1994)
Steals	58	T-1st	58	M. Kelley (1998)
FG Pct.	.527	6th	.570	A. Rudd (1976)
FTs	99	3rd	101	D. Harris (2002)
FTAs	154	3rd	164	N. Hayes (2014)

Happ is the only player in the Big Ten averaging at least 11.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.0 apg, 1.0 spg and 0.5 bpg.

CHARTING THE BADGERS

TIMES LED UW IN SCORING

	2015-16	Career
Nigel Hayes	15 (6-9)	23 (12-11)
Bronson Koenig	11 (9-2)	12 (10-2)
Ethan Happ	6 (5-1)	6 (5-1)
Vitto Brown	2 (1-1)	2 (1-1)
Zak Showalter	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

TIMES LED UW IN REBOUNDING

	2015-16	Career
Nigel Hayes	7 (3-4)	21 (16-5)
Ethan Happ	17 (12-5)	17 (12-5)
Vitto Brown	5 (4-1)	5 (4-1)
Zak Showalter	2 (1-1)	2 (1-1)
Alex Illikainen	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Khalil Iverson	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)

TIMES LED UW IN ASSISTS

	2015-16	Career
Nigel Hayes	14 (11-3)	26 (22-4)
Bronson Koenig	12 (6-6)	24 (16-8)
Zak Showalter	8 (6-2)	8 (6-2)
Ethan Happ	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Jordan Hill	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Khalil Iverson	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

TIMES LED UW IN MINUTES

	2015-16	Career
Nigel Hayes	22 (13-9)	30 (20-10)
Bronson Koenig	11 (7-4)	17 (13-4)
Zak Showalter	3 (1-2)	3 (1-2)

CHARGES TAKEN

	2015-16	Career
Zak Showalter	15	20
Nigel Hayes	5	9
Jordan Hill	4	4
Ethan Happ	2	2
Khalil Iverson	2	2
Bronson Koenig	0	1
Jordan Smith	0	1

Record in those contests in parentheses

ACTIVE WIN/LOSS STREAKS

Overall	Lost 2
Vs. Unranked teams (AP)	Lost 1
Vs. Ranked teams (AP)	Lost 1
At Home	Won 6
At Home vs. Big Ten	Won 6
At Home vs. ranked Big Ten	Won 2
At Home vs. unranked Big Ten	Won 16
At Home vs. non-conference	Won 2
At Home vs. ranked opp.	Won 2
On Road	Lost 1
On Road vs. Big Ten	Lost 1
On Road vs. ranked opp.	Lost 1
On Road vs. unranked opp.	Won 3
Neutral	Lost 1
Neutral vs. ranked opp.	Lost 1
Neutral vs. unranked opp.	Lost 1

2015-16 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Team (AP Rank)	Conf.	Overall
1.	Indiana (14)	15-3	25-7
2.	Michigan State (2)	13-5	29-5
3.	Purdue (12)	12-6	26-8
	Maryland (18)	12-6	25-8
	Iowa (25)	12-6	21-10
	Wisconsin	12-6	20-12
7.	Ohio State	11-7	20-13
8.	Michigan	10-8	22-12
9.	Northwestern	8-10	20-12
10.	Penn State	7-11	16-16
11.	Nebraska	6-12	16-18
12.	Illinois	5-13	15-19
13.	Minnesota	2-16	8-23
14.	Rutgers	1-17	7-254

(thru 3/13/16)

AP TOP 25 (3/7/16)

	Team	Record	Points
1	Kansas (63)	30-4	1,623
2	Michigan State (2)	29-5	1,552
3	North Carolina	28-6	1,488
4	Virginia	26-7	1,384
5	Oregon	28-6	1,371
6	Villanova	29-5	1,283
7	Oklahoma	25-7	1,215
8	West Virginia	26-8	1,193
9	Xavier	27-5	1,127
10	Miami	25-7	920
10	Kentucky	26-8	920
12	Purdue	26-8	873
13	Utah	26-8	870
14	Indiana	25-7	828
15	Texas A&M	26-8	682
16	Louisville	23-8	585
17	Arizona	25-8	559
18	Maryland	25-8	489
19	Duke	23-10	383
20	Seton Hall	25-8	374
21	Baylor	22-11	347
22	Iowa State	21-11	317
23	California	23-10	270
24	SMU	25-5	84
25	Iowa	21-10	82

Others receiving votes: Texas 69, Notre Dame 61, Saint Joseph's 60, UConn 34, Stephen F. Austin 12, Dayton 11, ***Wisconsin 9***, Wichita St 9, Gonzaga 8, Arkansas-Little Rock 5, Providence 4, Valparaiso 3, Butler 3, Cincinnati 3, Yale 3, Monmouth 3, Saint Mary's 3, Stony Brook 2, Michigan 2, Akron 1, Northern Iowa 1.

USA TODAY COACHES POLL (3/14/16)

	Team	Record	Points
1	Kansas (31)	30-4	799
2	Michigan State (1)	29-5	761
3	North Carolina	28-6	732
4	Oregon	28-6	673
5	Virginia	26-7	665
6	Villanova	29-5	610
7	Oklahoma	25-7	588
8	West Virginia	26-8	575
9	Xavier	27-5	548
10	Purdue	26-8	466
11	Miami (Fla.)	25-7	459
12	Indiana	25-7	421
13	Kentucky	26-8	418
14	Utah	26-8	379
15	Texas A&M	26-8	343
16	Arizona	25-8	323
17	Maryland	25-8	306
18	Baylor	22-11	227
19	Iowa State	21-11	199
20	Duke	23-10	172
21	Seton Hall	25-8	158
22	Texas	20-12	113
23	California	23-10	108
24	Iowa	21-10	100
25	Saint Joseph's	27-7	46

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 41, UConn 36, Providence 25, Wichita St 21, Gonzaga 17, Saint Mary's 17, ***Wisconsin 15***, Stephen F. Austin 11, Northern Iowa 9, Dayton 9, VCU 3, Yale 2, Butler 2, Cincinnati 1, Fresno State 1, Arkansas-Little Rock 1.

KOENIG PICKING UP STEAM

A preseason All-Big Ten pick, junior **Bronson Koenig** has started 56 straight games as Wisconsin's lead guard and seems to be getting stronger as the season unfolds.

▶ Koenig ranks 2nd on the Badgers and 20th in the Big Ten averaging 13.4 ppg while shooting 40.3% from the field and 39.4% (76-193) from 3-point range. The junior is hitting an average of 2.4 triples per game (8th in the Big Ten).

Koenig is also tallying 2.5 rpg, 2.5 apg.

▶ Koenig found his stroke from outside the arc during Big Ten play. After shooting 37.3% from 3-point range during the non-conference, Koenig connected on 42.3% (44-104) during league games (T-9th in the league).

The La Crosse, Wis., native has scored in double figures in 10 of the last 11 games, shooting 42.2% (27-for-64) from 3-point range over that stretch.

▶ In addition to a shooting improvement, Koenig has also taken better care of the ball lately. Over the last 11 games, Koenig has a total of just 11 turnovers in a span of 367 minutes played.

▶ Overall, Koenig has dished 81 assists to 48 turnovers (1.7 ratio). Last season, Koenig had 98 assists to just 33 TOs and his 2.97 ratio was tops among Big Ten players with at least 75 assists.

▶ In UW's upset of No. 4 Michigan State (1/17), Koenig scored a career-high 27 points, going 4-for-8 from 3-point range and 7-for-7 at the FT line. His big day included a 3-pointer that pulled the Badgers within one at 76-75 with 22 seconds remaining.

▶ In UW's 74-73 win over VCU, Koenig scored a game-high 22 points, including the game-winning shot on a spinning, left-handed lay-in with 5.9 seconds remaining.

He then drained a step-back jumper with 22.2 seconds remaining to tie the game at 60-60 with No. 3 Maryland.

▶ Koenig entered the season with a career-high of 19 points, but has already matched or eclipsed that 4 times this season: 19 vs. Michigan, 27 vs. Michigan State, 23 against Siena and 22 vs. VCU.

KOENIG SETS UW 3s RECORD

▶ By hitting a 3-pointer against Purdue in the Big Ten tournament, Bronson Koenig extended his UW record by hitting at least 1 triple in his 43rd-consecutive game. That is also the 3rd-longest active streak in the nation.

Most Cons. Games w/Made 3-Pointer (thru 3/13/16)

Games	Name	School
60	Wesley Person	Troy
49	Brian Sullivan	Davidson
43	***Bronson Koenig***	***Wisconsin***

▶ Koenig's streak of 43 consecutive games with a trey is the longest in Wisconsin history, surpassing the previous mark by Sean Mason (1995-99), who hit at least one triple in 39 straight between Feb. 14, 1998 – Mar. 12, 1999.

▶ Koenig has hit multiple triples in 27 of 32 games this season, the most of any Big Ten player.

▶ In the final 5:00 (and overtime) of games, Koenig is shooting 51.7% (15-29) from 3-point range.

"3TTO" VITTO BROWN

During his first 2 years on campus, junior forward **Vitto Brown** was best-known for his singing prowess. Now in the Badgers' starting lineup, Brown is proving his game might be as strong as his voice.

▶ Brown has started all but one game this season and is 4th on the Badgers in scoring at 9.7 ppg and ranks 3rd with 5.2 rpg.

▶ Over the last 10 games, Brown is avg. 12.3 ppg and shooting 21-for-42 (.500) from 3-point range.

Brown has connected on multiple triples in each of his last 4 games, going 12-for-20 (.600) from 3-point range over that stretch.

▶ Brown had never attempted a 3-point shot prior to this season. He is currently 2nd on the team shooting 31-for-79 (39.2%) from behind the arc this season and has hit at least one triple in 11 of the last 12 games.

▶ The Bowling Green, Ohio, native is enjoying the best stretch of his career, posting back-to-back career highs vs. Nebraska and Maryland.

Brown scored 18 points (3-for-3 3FGs) on Feb. 10 vs. the Huskers (2/10) and then went for 21 points (3-for-6 3FGs) while grabbing 7 rebounds at Maryland (2/13). He also scored 14 with a career-high 4 3-pointers against Michigan (2/28) and scored 16 points (3-4 3FGs) in UW's Big Ten tournament game with Nebraska.

▶ Over the last 10 games, Brown is avg. 12.3 ppg and shooting 21-for-42 (.500) from 3-point range.

▶ Brown has scored in double figures in 14 games this season. He had a total of one double-digit scoring game entering the year.

▶ After averaging just 1.8 ppg last season, Brown has increased his scoring by 7.9 ppg. Among Big Ten players, that ranks as the 3rd-largest increase.

Big Ten, Largest scoring increases from last season

Player	2014-15	2015-16	Diff.
1. Peter Jok, Iowa	7.0	16.2	+9.2
2. Keita Bates-Diop, OSO	3.8	11.8	+8.0
3. Vitto Brown, Wisc	***1.8***	***9.7***	***+7.9***
4. Payton Banks, PSU	1.7	9.4	+7.7
5. Brandon Taylor, PSU	9.1	16.3	+7.2

** Updated thru 3/13/16*

▶ Brown is 2nd on the team shooting 76.4% from the free throw line (42-for-55) this season.

▶ Brown posted his first double-double with 12 points and a career-high 16 rebounds vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. His 16 boards were the most by a Badger since Alando Tucker had 16 rebounds against Ohio State (2/15/06).

▶ A talented crooner who has been performing with his family's singing group, "Shades of Brown," since a young age, Brown has performed the national anthem before several UW games, including at the Final Four in Indianapolis last season.

STEALING THE SHOWALTER

After playing the role of maximum-effort, spark-off-the-bench player, junior **Zak Showalter** has emerged as a well-rounded threat in 2015-16.

▶ A former walk-on, now on scholarship, Showalter has started all 32 games and is averaging 7.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg and ranks 3rd on the team with 71 assists in 31.3 minutes per game.

▶ During Big Ten play, Showalter posted UW's second-highest mark from 3-point range, going 20-for-51 (39.2%) from outside the arc.

▶ Showalter enjoyed a career day vs. Rutgers (1/2), scoring 21 points on a perfect 8-for-8 shooting, including 4-for-4 on 3FGs and 1-for-1 at the FT line.

"Showy" is the only Big Ten player since 1996-97 to have a perfect shooting day at all three locations (min. 8 FGA, 4 3PA, 1 FTA).

▶ Showalter posted his first career double-double against Marquette with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

▶ Entering the season, Showalter had made just 4-of-24 (16.7%) from 3-point range in his career. He is 35-for-98 (35.7%) from long range this season, the 3rd-best mark on the team.

Zak Showalter 3-point FG improvement

Year	3FG-3FGA	Pct.
First 2 seasons	4-24	.167
2015-16	35-98	.357

▶ Showalter leads the Badgers shooting 45-for-56 (.804) at the free throw line. His miss vs. Maryland (1/9) snapped a string of 24 made FTs, a streak that began in the second game of the season.

▶ "Showy's" offensive contributions haven't come at the expense of the other areas of his game. Showalter ranks 3rd on the Badgers with 33 steals and has taken a team-high 15 charges.

FINISHING MOVES

▶ On Feb. 25, the Badgers and Hawkeyes were tied 56-56 with 5:00 remaining. UW would pull away and close out the 67-59 win. That effort continued a very Mariano Rivera-like trend at Wisconsin.

▶ Dating back to February of 2011, UW is 137-5 (.965) when leading or tied with 5:00 left, including a mark of 20-1 this season. UW lost to Milwaukee when leading 58-55 at the 5:00 mark.

The only other losses over the last 5 years have been to Duke (tied 56-56) in the 2015 National Championship, Kentucky (led 69-65) and Ohio State (led 54-50) in 2014 and at Minnesota in 2012-13 season (led 49-43).

▶ UW has also won 155 of its last 158 games (.981) when shooting a higher FG% than its opponents. The Badgers streak of consecutive wins when shooting a higher percentage was snapped at 37 with the loss to Milwaukee. The Badgers shot 36.4% while the Panthers connected on just 35.8%.

TAKING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

UW is renowned for its incredible home success, but it has been just as good on the road lately.

▶ Wisconsin is 44-15 (.746) away from home over the last two seasons, including a mark of 21-2 last year (10-2 on the road and 11-1 in neutral).

▶ This season the Badgers are 7-7 away from the Kohl Center, going 6-5 in true road games and 1-2 in neutral settings.

▶ Wisconsin has 3 road wins over ranked opponents for the first time school history. UW and Kansas (3) are the nation's only schools with at least 3 ranked road wins.

This season also marks the first time the Badgers have multiple top-10 road wins since 1955.

▶ Among major conference teams, UW owns the most wins and the 3rd-best win percentage away from home over the last 3 seasons.

Most Wins Road/Neutral, Major Conf. (Since 2013-14)

Team	Road	Neutral	Total	Pct.
1. Wisconsin	***24-10***	***20-5***	***44-15***	***.746***
Villanova	29-6	15-5	44-11	.800
3. Virginia	25-10	18-4	43-14	.754
4. Kentucky	19-12	22-5	41-17	.707
5. Arizona	20-10	19-5	39-15	.722

Best Win Pct. Road/Neutral, Major Conf. (Since 2013-14)

Team	Road	Neutral	Total	Pct.
1. Villanova	29-6	15-5	44-11	.800
2. Virginia	25-10	18-4	43-14	.754
3. Wisconsin	***24-10***	***20-5***	***44-15***	***.746***
4. Arizona	20-10	19-5	39-15	.722
5. Kentucky	19-12	22-5	41-17	.707

** Updated thru 3/13/16*

▶ Since 2001-02, the Badgers lead the Big Ten with 91 true road wins. In the Ryan era, Wisconsin owns the most true road wins (91) and best win pct. (.545) among Big Ten teams.

B1G'S BEST ROAD RECORDS
Since 2001-02 (thru 3/13/16)

Overall	Road Wins	Overall	Road Win %
Wisconsin	91	Wisconsin	.545 (91-76)
Michigan State	79	Michigan St.	.516 (79-74)
Ohio State	74	Ohio State	.484 (74-79)
Illinois	67	Illinois	.444 (67-84)
Michigan	56	Michigan	.350 (56-104)

TAKING WHAT'S FREE

▶ Getting to the free throw line has been a big key to Wisconsin's resurgence in 2016. The Badgers lead the Big Ten averaging 21.7 free throw attempts per game, going 491-for-694 (.707) on the year.

UW's 21.7 FTAs per game is on pace to be the team's second-highest mark of the last 9 years and the most since averaging 22.7 in 2013-14.

▶ UW has won 11 of the last 14 games, and has averaged 23.7 FTAs (235-for-332) per game over that stretch.

▶ Wisconsin's starting 5 is shooting 72.8% (438-for-602) from the free throw line this season.

▶ As a team, the Badgers are shooting 75.4% (159-211) from the charity stripe in the final 5:00 and overtime this season. **Nigel Hayes** has been particularly sharp late in games, going 64-for-74 (86.5%).

▶ Hayes leads the Big Ten in free throw attempts (244) and ranks 2nd in free throws made (181). He is averaging 7.6 FTAs per game.

DEVELOPING DEFENSE

▶ During Big Ten play, Wisconsin led the conference in scoring defense, allowing 63.9 ppg (Michigan State was second at 66.8).

▶ Overall this season, Wisconsin ranks 2nd in the Big Ten, surrendering 64.6 ppg.

The Badgers have held a total of 10 teams to a season-low point total (at the time): Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Maryland, Oklahoma, Purdue, Temple, Marquette, Indiana and Maryland.

▶ UW has risen to No. 23 in Ken Pomeroy's Adjusted Defensive Efficiency, averaging 95.3 points per 100 possessions.

▶ Over the last two seasons, UW has ranked 325th and 334th, respectively, in turnover percentage. However this season, the Badgers' defense leads the Big Ten in turnover percentage during conference play, forcing more than 1 TO per every 5 possessions.

▶ The Badgers have held 18 of their last 24 opponent below 1.0 points per possession.

▶ UW has led the Big Ten in scoring defense in 9 of the past 13 seasons and finished among the nation's top 10 in 9 of the past 13 years. Last year, the Badgers allowed just 58.2 points per game last season, the top mark in the Big Ten and 12th nationally.

UW's SCORING D (Last 14 years)

Year	Big Ten	NCAA	Pts Per Gm
2015-16	2nd	25th	64.6
2014-15	1st	12th	58.2
2013-14	4th	40th	64.0
2012-13	1st	6th	55.9
2011-12	1st	1st	53.2
2010-11	1st	4th	58.6
2009-10	1st	4th	56.9
2008-09	2nd	10th	59.0
2007-08	1st	1st	54.4
2006-07	3rd	10th	57.9
2005-06	6th	97th	65.6
2004-05	1st	12th	60.2
2003-04	1st	4th	57.0
2002-03	1st	6th	59.3

YOUTH BEING SERVED

The 2015-16 Badgers are the school's youngest roster in more than 15 years. No team in the Big Ten has more freshmen on its roster than Wisconsin (8).

▶ In addition to **Ethan Happ**, true freshmen **Khalil Iverson**, **Charlie Thomas** and **Alex Illikainen** have each seen extensive action off the Badgers' bench.

▶ Among major conference teams, only Kentucky, Duke and LSU have seen freshmen play more minutes than Wisconsin (1,893).

▶ Wisconsin's freshman have played 29.3% of the team's minutes this season.

▶ **Illikainen** has seen his role expand under Greg Gard. Under Bo Ryan, Illikainen averaged 1.8 ppg in just 4.8 minutes. Since Gard took over, that has jumped to 2.6 ppg in 12.9 mpg.

Illikainen recored a career-high 10 points vs. Purdue (12/29) and finished with 9 points and 7 rebounds in a career-high 26 minutes at Penn State.

On the year, he is shooting 25-for-60 (.417) from the field this season, including 9-for-27 (.333) from 3-point range.

▶ **Iverson** enjoyed a breakout performance at Illinois (1/31), scoring a career-best 10 points with 5 rebounds in a career-high 30 minutes. He followed that up with 9 points and a trio of highlight dunks at Iowa (2/24). He is averaging 13.3 minutes per game off the bench and producing 2.7 ppg and 1.9 rpg.

▶ **Thomas** is seeing an average of 9.7 mpg and tallying 2.5 ppg and 2.0 rpg. Thomas posted career highs of 12 points and 6 rebs vs. Prairie View A&M.

▶ UW's other active scholarship freshmen **Brevin Pritzl** suffered a broken foot in August and re-injured it on Dec. 1. He appeared in just 1 game (vs. Siena).

Andy Van Vliet is forced to sit out this season after the NCAA ruled him ineligible for not enrolling in college within a year of high school graduation.

SECURITY SPECIALISTS

▶ Since 2001-02, no team has taken better care of the ball than Wisconsin... and it's not close.

▶ This season has been uncharacteristic for the Badgers as they rank 5th in the Big Ten, turning it over 11.0 times per game.

▶ During conference play, UW has taken better care of the ball, ranking 3rd in the league with 10.2 TOs per game. The Badgers also finished 2nd in the league in turnover margin during Big Ten play, owning a +2.5 margin.

▶ Last season, UW led the nation and set an NCAA record averaging a mere 7.40 turnovers per game.

The Badgers broke their own NCAA single-season record for fewest turnovers per game. In fact, UW now owns 3 of the 4 lowest marks in NCAA history.

NCAA Record Book, Fewest TOs per game

	TOs per game	Team	Year
1.	*7.40*	*Wisconsin*	*2014-15*
2.	*7.59*	*Wisconsin*	*2010-11*
3.	7.72	Temple	2005-06
4.	*8.08*	*Wisconsin*	*2013-14*
5.	8.09	Georgia State	2013-14

BADGER BALANCE

▶ Junior **Nigel Hayes** leads the Badgers averaging 16.3 points per game, but Wisconsin is anything but a one-man team. In fact, 5 different players have led UW in scoring this season and 9 different players have scored at least 10 points in a game.

▶ Every player in Wisconsin's rotation has set a new career high for points this season.

Career Highs this Season

Player	High (Prev.)	Player	High (Prev.)
Nigel Hayes	32 (25)	Jordan Hill	13 (4)
Bronson Koenig	27 (19)	Charlie Thomas	12 (--)
Ethan Happ	25 (--)	Alex Illikainen	10 (--)
Zak Showalter	21 (10)	Khalil Iverson	10 (--)
Vitto Brown	21 (10)		

2015-16 TEAM INFO

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5

▶ Wisconsin looks to replace 5 of the top 7 scorers from a year ago, but does return a pair of starters in juniors Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig. Overall, the Badgers bring back just 38.1% of their minutes played from last season, the lowest total since Bo Ryan inherited a 2001-02 team that returned 30.0% of its minutes.

UW returns 34.3% of its scoring and 31.5% of its rebounding from 2014-15, both are the fewest of any team in the Big Ten.

UW Pct. Returning from 2014-15 (Big Ten Rank)

Minutes	38.1%	2nd lowest (Ohio St., 33.6%)
Points	34.3%	lowest
Rebounds	34.2%	lowest
Assists	40.5%	3rd lowest
3-Pt. FGs	37.2%	3rd lowest

▶ The 2015-16 season will mark the first year under Bo Ryan in which the Badgers do not have a scholarship senior. The only senior on the roster is walk-on G Jordan Smith. Wisconsin has had at least one senior starter in each of Ryan's first 14 seasons in Madison. In fact, the Badgers have started at least two seniors in 10 of those 14 seasons.

2014-15 LOOK BACK

Record: 36-4 | **Big Ten:** 16-2 (1st)

▶ Playing in its 17th-consecutive NCAA tournament after earning the first No. 1 seed in school history, Wisconsin returned to the Final Four for the 2nd-straight season and the 4th time in school history. UW is just the 9th Big Ten team in history to reach back-to-back national semifinals.

With a 71-64 win over No. 1 Kentucky, the Badgers advanced to their first national title game since 1941. UW would fall to Duke in the title game, 68-63.

▶ UW set a school single-season record with 36 wins, winning at least 30 games in back-to-back seasons and the 4th time in program history (all 4 since 2007). Kansas (6) and Duke (5) are the only schools in the nation with more 30-win seasons since 2007.

▶ At 36-4, UW is just the 3rd Big Ten team to win at least 35 games in a season and the first since Ohio State (35-3) in 2006-07. The B1G record is 37 wins by Illinois in 2004-05.

▶ After winning 3 games in 3 days in Chicago, the Badgers added 2015 Big Ten Tournament Champions to a resume that already included the outright 2015 regular-season championship.

With a mark of 16-2, UW matched its best-ever 18-game conference record and claimed the 18th regular season championship in school history and the 4th title under Bo Ryan (also in 2002, 2003 and 2008).

▶ Senior Frank Kaminsky put together the greatest season in Wisconsin history, becoming the first Badger player to earn consensus National Player of the Year honors. The 21st consensus All-American in school history, Kaminsky swept the national awards winning the Wooden, Naismith, Robertson and AP Player of the Year. Kaminsky averaged 18.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg while shooting 54.7% overall and 41.6% 3FGs.

▶ Kaminsky and junior Sam Dekker became the first Badgers duo to be drafted in the first round of the NBA Draft. Selected 9th overall by Charlotte, Kaminsky is the 2nd-highest drafted UW player in the last 60 years. Dekker was picked 9 spots later by the Houston Rockets. Senior Duje Dukan also signed a rookie contract with the Sacramento Kings.

Since 2001-02, when Bo Ryan and Greg Gard arrived in Madison, Wisconsin has won 7 Big Ten championships and advanced to a pair of Final Fours.

Wisconsin Program Notes

18 straight NCAA tournaments • 7 Big Ten trophies in last 15 years • 20 wins in 13 of last 14 seasons

WINNING AT WISCONSIN

▶ The Badgers won a school-record 36 games last season, reaching 30 wins for the 4th time in school history. All 4 have come in the last 9 years. Bo Ryan-led teams own each of the top 11 spots in the UW record book for single-season wins.

Wisconsin Record Book, Single-Season Wins

1.	36	2014-15	6.	25	2003-04
2.	31	2007-08		25	2004-05
3.	30	2006-07		25	2010-11
	30	2013-14	9.	24	2002-03
5.	26	2011-12		24	2009-10
			11.	23	2012-13

▶ Including this season, Wisconsin has won at least 20 games in 13 of the last 14 years and 10 straight. Prior to Bo Ryan's arrival, the Badgers had just four 20-win seasons in 103 years of basketball.

Team	Consecutive 20-win seasons
Ohio State	11
Wisconsin	***10***
Michigan State	5

▶ Over the last two seasons, the Badgers have posted 66 win, the third-highest total in the nation. Only Arizona (67) and Kentucky (67) have won more.

BIG TEN, BIG RESULTS

▶ Since Bo Ryan took over in 2001, UW has won 7 Big Ten championships (4 regular season and 3 tourn.). Only OSU (10; 5 regular season, 5 tourn.) has won more titles during Ryan's tenure. MSU has 6 and ILL has 5, but no other school has more than 3 over that span.

▶ Ryan's teams posted a 172-68 (.717) Big Ten record, the best mark in the conference over his 14 seasons. Michigan St. was second at 161-79 (.671) and Ohio St. was third at 156-84 (.650).

▶ Last season, Wisconsin won the Big Ten with a record of 16-2 in conference play. The Badgers notched double-digit conference wins in 13 of 14 years under Bo Ryan and have never finished lower than fourth place in the Big Ten standings.

▶ UW has posted a winning conference record in each of the last 14 seasons. Among the 6 major conferences, only Kansas (23 seasons) has a longer active streak of finishing above .500 in league play.

ALL WE DO IS WIN, WIN, WIN

During Bo Ryan's 14 full seasons, Wisconsin accumulated an overall record of 357-125 (.741). That win total and percentage put the Badgers in pretty exclusive company.

Wisconsin's .741 win percentage ranked 9th among all NCAA Div. I teams in that span.

NCAA Leaderboard - Best Winning Pct. (since '01-02)

(through 2014-15 season - courtesy of STATS, Inc.)

	Team	W-L	Pct.
1.	Duke	412-87	.826
2.	Kansas	415-90	.822
3.	Gonzaga	386-87	.816
4.	Memphis	379-112	.772
5.	Kentucky	383-115	.769
6.	Pittsburgh	364-122	.749
7.	Syracuse	366-125	.745
8.	Louisville	368-126	.745
9.	***Wisconsin***	***357-125***	***.741***
10.	Florida	365-130	.737
11.	Ohio State	354-133	.727
12.	North Carolina	359-137	.724
13.	Connecticut	350-135	.722
14.	VCU	339-133	.718
15.	Arizona	345-136	.717

▶ UW's 357 wins since 2001 were the most of any Big Ten team and ranked 11th among all Div. I teams. Ohio State (354) and Michigan State (347) owned the next-highest win totals in the conference.

▶ Over the last 15 years Wisconsin has not only been the best team in the Big Ten, but owned one of the best conference win percentages in the nation in that era.

Conference Win Pct., Major Conf., Since '01-02

	Team	W-L	Pct.
1.	Kansas	209-41	.836
2.	Duke	186-62	.750
	Kentucky	186-62	.750
4.	***Wisconsin***	***184-74***	***.713***
5.	Louisville	176-82	.682

NCAA TOURNEY REGULARS

▶ UW qualified for the NCAA tournament in each of Bo Ryan's 14 seasons in Madison, posting a 25-14 record over that span. Under Ryan, UW won at least one game in 12 of the last 14 NCAA appearances. Among Big Ten teams, only MSU (28) has won more NCAA tourney games than UW since 2001-02.

▶ UW has made 18 consecutive NCAA tourneys - the 5th-longest streak in NCAA history.

▶ Wisconsin advanced to the Final Four in both 2014 and 2015, becoming one of 8 Big Ten teams to reach back-to-back Final Fours. The Badgers have advanced to the Final Four a total of 4 times, winning the national championship in 1941 and reaching the national semifinals in 2000.

▶ UW has reached the Sweet 16 or better in 4 of the last 5 years. No team in the nation has gone more frequently over that span.

BADGERS ATTENDANCE IS B1G

▶ In 2014-15, the Badgers led the Big Ten and finished 5th nationally by averaging a sellout capacity of 17,279 per game.

▶ Wisconsin has led the Big Ten in attendance in 10 of the last 13 seasons and has finished among the nation's top 7 in each of the last 15 years.

Wisconsin Attendance (Kohl Center era: 2000-2014)

Year	Average	Big Ten Rank	NCAA Rank
1997-98*	13,335	7th	22nd
1998-99	15,770	2nd	10th
1999-00	16,163	3rd	11th
2000-01	16,811	2nd	7th
2001-02	15,528	3rd	6th
2002-03	16,930	1st	6th
2003-04	17,142	1st	6th
2004-05	17,142	1st	5th
2005-06	17,142	1st	7th
2006-07	17,190	2nd	7th
2007-08	17,190	1st	7th
2008-09	17,230	1st	6th
2009-10	17,230	1st	6th
2010-11	17,230	1st	7th
2011-12	17,181	1st	5th
2012-13	16,843	2nd	7th
2013-14	17,104	2nd	7th
2014-15	17, 279	1st	5th

* Wisconsin played 8 of its 15 home games at the UW Field House (capacity 11,500)

Badgers in the NBA

NBA	Team	UW Years
Sam Dekker	Houston Rockets	2013-15
Duje Dukan	Sacramento Kings	2011-15
Devin Harris	Dallas Mavericks	2002-04
Frank Kaminsky	Charlotte Hornets	2012-15
Jon Leuer	Phoenix Suns	2008-11

Badgers Overseas

Overseas	UW Years	Country	Team
Jared Berggren	2010-13	Italy	Dolomiti Energia Trento
Mike Bruesewitz	2010-13	Norway	Baerum Basket
Brian Butch	2004-08	Japan	Toshiba Brave Kanagawa
Jason Chappell	2003-07	Austria	Xion Dukes Klosterneuburg
Ryan Evans	2010-13	France	Saint-Quentin
Josh Gasser	2011-15	Germany	Braunschweig
Trevon Hughes	2007-10	France	Cholet
Marcus Landry	2006-09	Spain	Gipuzkoa BC San Sebastian
Keaton Nankivil	2008-11	Latvia	VEF Riga
Kirk Penney	2000-03	Australia	Illawarra Hawks
Jordan Taylor	2009-12	Germany	Alba Berlin
Kammron Taylor	2004-07	Venezuela	Gigantes De Guayana
Alando Tucker	2003-07	France	Sluc Nancy

Home Sweet Home

The Badgers are VERY good at the Kohl Center

WISCONSIN AT HOME SINCE 2001-02

223-27 (.892)	Overall Home Record
113-16 (.876)	vs. Big Ten teams
110-11 (.909)	vs. non-conference teams
84-5 (.944)	vs. unranked Big Ten teams
37-15 (.712)	vs. teams ranked in the AP top 25
27-4 (.871)	vs. in-state teams
Undefeated	vs. PSU (12-0), IND (12-0), NEB (4-0)
One-loss	vs. IOWA (11-1), NW (11-1), MINN (11-1), MICH (11-1)

◆ Since the 2001-02 season, the Badgers have compiled a 223-27 (.892) record at the Kohl Center, the fourth-highest mark in the nation.

◆ Over the last 15 seasons, UW is 113-16 (.876) in Big Ten home games, the best mark in the conference.

◆ Four of the 8 longest home winning streaks in UW history have happened in the last 15 years, including the school-record 38-game winning streak from 2002 to 2005.

◆ Over the last 15 seasons, 164 of the Badgers' 223 home wins have come by at least 10 points (73.5 percent).

◆ Wisconsin has trailed at halftime in only 46 of 250 home games since the 2001-02 season. UW has come back to win 29 of those 46 games.

◆ In 2014-15, the Badgers led the Big Ten and ranked 5th nationally in attendance (17,279 per game). UW has led the Big Ten in attendance in 10 of the last 13 seasons and has finished among the nation's top 7 in each of the last 15 years.

◆ This season, the Badgers sold out the 2,100-person Grateful Red (third-largest student section in the Big Ten) in exactly 4 minutes.

HOME COOKING

Since the Kohl Center opened in 1998, Wisconsin has been nearly unbeatable on its home floor. In fact, among active venues, the Kohl Center is among the toughest for road teams to come in and steal a win.

Team	Record	Pct.
1. Gonzaga (McCarthy Center)	164-14	.921
2. Kentucky (Rupp Arena)	541-63	.896
3. Xavier (Cintas Center)	215-31	.874
4. Kansas (Allen Fieldhouse)	741-109	.872
5. Wisconsin (Kohl Center)	***259-39***	***.869***

(records through 2/29/16)

◆ UW had a streak of 143 consecutive sellouts at the Kohl Center snapped in 2011 (vs. Green Bay). Wisconsin sold out every game from 2003 until midway through the 2011-12 season.

Including the home finale vs. Michigan, the Badgers are currently enjoying a streak of 40 consecutive sellouts dating back to Jan. of 2014.

STREAKING

Three of the five longest home winning streaks in Wisconsin history have occurred over the last 15 years. Here is a look at the longest home winning streaks in UW history:

No.	Began	Ended
38	**12/7/2002 (UNLV)**	**1/25/2005 (Illinois)**
33	3/8/1911 (NW)	1/23/1915 (Chicago)
28	**2/8/2006 (Ind.)**	**12/8/2007 (Marq.)**
24	1/14/1929 (Ind.)	2/14/1931 (Minn.)
23	**2/13/2010 (Ind.)**	**12/3/11 (Marq.)**
18	2/27/1909 (Pur.)	3/1/1911 (Minn.)
18	2/19/1915 (Pur.)	1/26/1917 (Chicago)
18	**2/5/2009 (Ill.)**	**2/9/2010 (Illinois)**

Bold indicates since 2001-02

BIG WINS AT THE KOHL CENTER

Most memorable home wins of the last 15 years:

Dec. 1, 2001 - UW 70, UW-Green Bay 57
Bo Ryan's first victory at the Kohl Center

Dec. 22, 2001 - UW 86, #14 MU 63
Kirk Penney scores 33 points in UW's first win over a ranked team under Bo Ryan

Jan. 5, 2002 - UW 72, #7 Illinois 66
Ryan's first win over a top-10 team at UW

Feb. 27, 2002 - UW 74, Michigan 54
UW clinches a share of first Big Ten title since 1947

Dec. 7, 2002 - UW 91, UNLV 74
UW begins school-record 38-game home win streak - Alando Tucker 24 points, 18 rebounds

March 5, 2003 - UW 60, #14 Illinois 59
Devin Harris makes 1-of-2 FTs with 0.4 seconds left to clinch outright Big Ten title

Dec. 23, 2004 - UW 85, UNC Green. 53
UW wins a school-record 34th-straight home game

Jan. 16, 2005 - UW 62, #15 Mich. St. 59
Wisconsin overcomes 8-point deficit with 1:58 remaining to win its 38th-straight home game

Feb. 9, 2005 - UW 72, Iowa 69
UW overcomes a 13-point deficit with 12:27 remaining in the game

March 1, 2005 - UW 62, Indiana 60
Alando Tucker scores putback as time expires

Feb. 15, 2006 - UW 78, #12 Ohio St. 73
UW overcomes a nine-point halftime deficit to beat No. 12 Ohio State

Dec. 16, 2006 - UW 89, #2 Pitt 75
Alando Tucker and Brian Butch combine for 59 points

Jan. 9, 2007 - UW 72, #5 Ohio St. 69
Badgers win the first matchup in school history of top-five teams

March 3, 2007 - UW 52, Michigan St. 50
Kammron Taylor's 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left gives UW the win

Dec. 2, 2009 - UW 73, #6 Duke 69
Trevon Hughes scores 26 as UW's win clinches Big Ten's first Big Ten/ACC title

Jan. 9, 2010 - UW 73, #4 Purdue 66
Jordan Taylor (23) and Jason Bohannon (20) help end Purdue's undefeated season

Feb. 2, 2010 - UW 67, #5 Michigan State 49
Badgers end MSU's 9-0 Big Ten start

Feb. 12, 2011 - UW 71, #1 Ohio State 67
Stopped OSU's 24-0 start and UW's first win over AP No. 1 since 1962

Feb. 9, 2013 - UW 65, #2 Michigan 62 (OT)
Ben Brust's half-court buzzer-beater sends game to overtime where UW wins

Nov. 19, 2013 - UW 103, North Dakota 85
UW's first 100-point game since 1995, Frank Kaminsky scores UW single-game record 43 points

Feb. 9, 2014 - UW 60, #8 Michigan State 58
Treavon Jackson hits game-winning jumper with 2.1 seconds left in Bo Ryan's 150th Big Ten win

March 1, 2015 - #6 UW 68, Michigan State 61
UW claims its 18th Big Ten championship and the 4th under Bo Ryan as Frank Kaminsky scores 31

Dec. 23, 2015 - UW 84, Green Bay 79
Greg Gard's first win as interim head coach

Jan. 17, 2016 - UW 77, #4 Michigan State 76
First ranked win of Gard era, Koenig/Hayes total 52 pts

Wisconsin Coaching Staff

GREG GARD
HEAD COACH

Long considered one of the most best assistant coaches in all of college basketball, Greg Gard was named the interim head men's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin on Dec. 15, 2015 and given the full-time position on March 7. A coaching veteran of more than 20 years, Gard is in his 15th season on the UW staff, serving as the team's associate head coach since 2008.

"Greg is ready, the staff is ready, all the way through, and I feel really good about that," Bo Ryan said upon his retirement. "There are people that have received head coaching jobs who were assistants at places, without anywhere near the record that he has. There's nobody more prepared than him."

As associate head coach, Gard served as the Badgers' recruiting coordinator in addition to on-floor coaching duties, opponent scouting and game preparation, and the constructing of future game schedules. He was also the director of the Badger Boys Basketball Summer Camps.

In November of 2015, Gard was ranked as the fourth-best "X&O" assistant coach in college basketball by coachstat.net. The rankings were made upon receipt of votes from a panel of national college basketball media, scouts and coaches.

2012, Gard was named No. 3 on the list of top assistant coaches in college basketball according to Bleacher Report. Fox Sports also listed Gard No. 10 on its list of the nation's top 25 assistant coaches.

"Greg knows why we do drills the way we do them," Ryan said in 2014. "Why we do things in a game the way we do them. He understands the personalities and the interactions of the players. Greg's a guy that knows the teams in the league, works extremely hard at scheduling, which is a very difficult job. Scouting reports. He just does it all."

Gard has helped pilot the Badgers to four Big Ten regular season titles and three Big Ten tournament championships, most recently winning both crowns in 2015. UW has made the NCAA tournament in each of Gard's 14 seasons, advancing to seven Sweet 16s three Elite Eights and two Final Fours.

"We almost have two head coaches in Coach Ryan and Coach Gard," former guard Josh Gasser said in 2014. "Coach Gard's got that head coach mentality, that moxie about him. And that's perfect to have."

Gard came to the Badgers after spending the previous two seasons as Ryan's assistant at UW-Milwaukee, where he had responsibilities in scouting, summer basketball camp operations and on-floor coaching, as well as involvement with recruiting.

Previously, Gard served as an assistant coach to Ryan at UW-Platteville from 1993-99. During Gard's years on the Pioneer staff, UW-Platteville compiled a 161-13 (.925) record and won three NCAA Division III titles, five straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships and appeared in six consecutive NCAA tournaments. In his final year at UW-Platteville, Gard served as Ryan's top assistant in charge of recruiting, camp operations and scouting. He also worked as an advisor in the admissions office.

Prior to joining Ryan's staff in Platteville, Gard spent three seasons at Southwestern High School and one at Platteville High School, where he served in junior high and assistant varsity coaching capacities.

Gard is a 1995 graduate of UW-Platteville with a degree in physical and health education. He received a master's degree in counselor education from Platteville in 2007. Gard and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters Mackenzie and Peyton and a son, Isaac.

PERSONAL FILE
• **Hometown:** Cobb, Wis.

• **Family:** Wife: Michelle, Daughters, Mackenzie and Peyton; son, Isaac

• **Education:** B.S., Physical & Health Education, UW-Platteville, 1995

M.S.E. Counselor Education, UW-Platteville, 2007

Coaching Experience
• Asst Coach, Southwestern [Wis.] H.S. (1990-93)
• Asst Coach, Platteville [Wis.] H.S. (1993-94)
• Asst Coach, UW-Platteville (1993-99)
• Asst Coach, UW-Milwaukee (1999-2001)
• Asst Coach, Wisconsin (2001-present)

BO RYAN'S COACHING TREE

Since Bo Ryan took over at Wisconsin in 2001, four of his former assistant coaches have gone on to take over Division I head coaching positions: Tony Bennett (Wash St./Virginia), Rob Jeter (Milwaukee), Saul Phillips (NDSU/Ohio) and Howard Moore (Illinois-Chicago).

Several of Ryan's UW's players have also entered the coaching ranks including Tanner Bronson (Saint Louis), Joe Krabbenhoft (South Dakota State), Sharif Chambliss (Milwaukee) and Freddie Owens (Holy Cross).

GARY CLOSE
ASSISTANT COACH - 13TH SEASON AT UW

Gary Close, in his 29th season in Division I, is in his 13th season with the Badgers. Close was an assistant for 16 years at Iowa and Stanford before joining UW's staff in the spring of 2003.

• **Hometown:** Moorsetown, N.J.
• **Family:** Wife, Kellie, Son, Sam; daughter, Ellen
• **Education:** B.S., Business-Agriculture (P.E. minor), Arizona St., 1978
M.S. Athletic Administration & Coaching, Arizona St., 1982

Coaching Experience
• Assistant Coach, Stanford (1983-86)
• Assistant Coach, Iowa (1986-99)
• Head Coach, Regina [Iowa] H.S. (2000-03)
• Assistant Coach, Wisconsin (2003-present)

LAMONT PARIS
ASSISTANT COACH - 6TH SEASON AT UW

Lamont Paris is in his 6th season on the UW coaching staff after being hired in 2010. An 18-year coaching veteran, Paris joined the Badgers' bench after a 6-year stint as an assistant coach at Akron.

• **Hometown:** Findlay, Ohio
• **Education:** B.S., Business-Economics, Wooster, 1996
M.S. Recreation & Sports Mngmnt, Indiana St., 2000

Coaching Experience
• Assistant Coach, Wooster (1997-98)
• Assistant Coach, DePauw (1999-00)
• Assistant Coach, Indiana Univ.-Pennsylvania (2001-04)
• Assistant Coach, Akron (2005-10)
• Assistant Coach, Wisconsin (2010-present)

HOWARD MOORE
ASSISTANT COACH - 6TH SEASON AT UW

A UW alum and former assistant coach under Bo Ryan, Howard Moore returned to Madison on Dec. 22 to fill the vacancy created when Greg Gard was named interim head coach. Most recently, Moore served as the head coach at UIC from 2010-2015.

• **Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.
• **Education:** B.S., Afro-American Studies, Wisconsin, 1995

Coaching Experience
• Assistant Coach, University of Chicago (1998-99)
• Assistant Coach, Bradley University (2000-03)
• Assistant Coach, Ball State (2003-04)
• Assistant Coach, Loyola (2004-05)
• Assistant Coach, Wisconsin (2005-2010)
• Head Coach, Illinois-Chicago (2010-2015)
• Assistant Coach, Wisconsin (2015-present)

ZAK SHOWALTER

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ Starting for the first time in his career and seeing an average of 31.3 minutes, 7.7 points, 3.9 rebounds per game.

Leads UW in charges taken (15), is 3rd in assists (71) and 3rd in steals (33).

▶ Entered the season having hit 4-of-24 (16.7%) from 3-point range in his career. He is 35-for-98 (35.7%) from beyond the arc this season, which is 3rd best on the team.

▶ Last season, Showalter was one of the key reserves and sparks off the bench and averaged 2.1 points, 1.3 rebounds and 7.6 minutes per game.

▶ Prior to redshirting his sophomore season (2013-14), averaged 6.7 minutes per game as a true freshman. Finished the 2012-13 season averaging 1.7 points and 1.0 rebounds per game, while also tallying 12 assists and 7 steals.

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Literally could not miss against Rutgers (1/2), scoring a career-high 21 points on perfect 8-for-8 FG shooting, which included a career high 4 3-pointers (4-4 3FG); also 1-1 FT.

▶ Then-career-high 14 points vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25), going 3-for-7 from 3-point range.

▶ Tallied the first double-double of his career with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Marquette (12/12). He also chipped in 2 assists and 1 steal.

2014-15 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Came off the bench and tallied 6 points (3-3 FG), 1 steal, 1 assist and 1 rebound to help fuel UW's 19-7 comeback run in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament vs. North Carolina (3/26/15).

▶ Tallied 5 points (2-2 FG, 1-1 3FG), a career-high 5 rebounds and 2 assists in 15 minute in the third round of the NCAA Tournament vs. Oregon (3/22/15).

▶ Provided a lift off the bench with 2 points and 3 rebounds (2 offensive) in 7 minutes during the Big Ten tournament semifinals vs. Purdue (3/14).

▶ Scored a career-high 9 points (3-4 FG), while also adding 2 assists and 2 steals in 14 minutes vs. Indiana (2/3).

▶ Played a season-high 18 minutes vs. Iowa (1/20), adding 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal in UW's win.

▶ Contributed 10 key minutes at Michigan (1/24) when UW ran into foul trouble. Finished with 3 rebounds and 1 assist.

▶ Tied season-high 7 points; also 2 steals vs. UAB (11/26).

▶ Scored a season-high 7 points on 3-for-5 shooting vs. Chattanooga (11/16).

SHOWALTER'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

▪ Has played in 89 career games, including 22 as a true freshman in 2012-13; 35 on UW's 2014-15 team that made the national championship game; has started all 32 games this season.

▪ This season, Showalter is a starter for the first time in his career and is averaging 31.3 minutes per game and posting an average of 7.6 points, 3.9 rebounds and 80.4% FT shooting (45-56).

▪ Averaged 7.6 minutes per game last season and finished averaging 2.1 points and 1.3 rebounds per game, while totaling 16 assists and 10 steals.

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	21 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
FIELD GOALS:	8 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
FG ATTEMPTS:	10 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
3-POINT FGS:	4 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	7 (3x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
FREE THROWS:	6 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
FT ATTEMPTS:	6 (2x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
REBOUNDS:	10 vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
ASSISTS:	7 at Northwestern (1/12/16)
BLOCKS:	2 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
STEALS:	3 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
MINUTES:	41 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
5+ POINTS:	23	35
10+ POINTS:	9	9
3+ REBOUNDS:	22	33
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	1	1
2+ ASSISTS	19	29
2+ STEALS:	7	11
CHARGES TAKEN:	15	20

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR SHOWALTER

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	*	40	3-10	.300	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0	6	6	6.0	2	1	0	0	1	8	8.0
SIENA	11/15/15	*	24	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1	3	4	5.0	4	1	1	0	0	8	8.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	*	33	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	5-5	1.000	0	6	6	5.3	3	1	0	0	0	10	8.7
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	*	31	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	4	3	7	5.8	5	2	3	0	0	7	8.3
vs VCU	11/22/15	*	37	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	2	4	6	5.8	1	6	2	2	3	10	8.6
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	*	36	4-8	.500	3-7	.429	3-3	1.000	0	1	1	5.0	1	2	2	0	3	14	9.5
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	*	27	1-6	.167	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.9	4	1	1	0	1	3	8.6
at Syracuse	12/02/15	*	41	3-6	.500	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	5	6	5.0	4	5	3	0	1	6	8.3
TEMPLE	12/05/15	*	38	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	4.9	2	3	1	1	2	11	8.6
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	*	39	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	4.9	5	4	1	0	1	2	7.9
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	*	39	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2	8	10	5.4	4	2	2	0	1	10	8.1
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	*	27	2-6	.333	2-6	.333	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	5.1	4	0	0	0	0	8	8.1
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	*	22	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	5.0	5	4	4	0	3	3	7.7
PURDUE	12/29/15	*	36	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	4.8	3	2	1	1	0	8	7.7
RUTGERS	01/02/16	*	30	8-8	1.000	4-4	1.000	1-1	1.000	1	2	3	4.7	2	2	2	1	1	21	8.6
at Indiana	01/05/16	*	37	1-5	.200	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	4.4	2	0	2	0	2	4	8.3
MARYLAND	01/09/16	*	28	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0	2	2	4.3	3	1	1	0	2	9	8.4
at Northwestern	01/12/16	*	35	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	3	3	4.2	3	7	1	1	0	8	8.3
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	*	24	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	4.0	3	0	0	0	1	4	8.1
at Penn State	01/21/16	*	27	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	0	4	4	4.0	2	2	2	1	1	4	7.9
INDIANA	01/26/16	*	20	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	5	1	1	0	1	0	7.5
at Illinois	01/31/16	*	37	2-7	.286	0-4	.000	4-4	1.000	1	6	7	4.1	3	0	1	0	1	8	7.5
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	*	30	2-4	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.1	1	4	2	0	2	6	7.5
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	*	29	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	2-6	.333	1	4	5	4.2	3	3	1	0	0	10	7.6
at Maryland	2/13/16	*	26	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	3-4	.750	1	0	1	4.0	4	1	0	0	1	11	7.7
at Michigan State	2/18/16	*	28	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	3.9	1	2	1	0	0	8	7.7
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	*	32	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	0	4	4	3.9	1	5	1	0	1	7	7.7
at Iowa	02/24/16	*	19	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1	5	6	4.0	3	2	0	0	1	7	7.7
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	*	30	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	4.0	3	3	3	0	1	4	7.6
at Minnesota	03/02/16	*	30	3-8	.375	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.9	4	2	2	0	1	8	7.6
at Purdue	03/06/16	*	36	5-9	.556	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1	1	2	3.9	1	1	1	0	0	13	7.7
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	*	35	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	0	4	4	3.9	3	1	0	0	1	2	7.6
Totals		32	1003	81-175	.463	35-98	.357	45-56	.804	24	100	124	3.9	94	71	42	7	33	242	7.6

GET TO KNOW ZAK

- One of the most athletic players on the team, known for energy and spirited hustle plays.
- Capable of producing highlight plays when on the court, as seen by his SportsCenter Top 10, put-back dunk last season against UAB at the Battle 4 Atlantis (11/26/14).
- Entered Wisconsin program as a walk-on, but subsequently earned a scholarship; now a starter
- Won the Wisconsin state championship as a prep at Germantown, playing for his father, Steve, who served as his high school coach and also played for Bo Ryan at UW-Platteville ('85-89).
- Earned Wisconsin Basketball Coaches' Association and AP first-team all-state honors during his senior season at Germantown, averaging 22 points, 5.5 assists and 4 rebounds per game.
- Finished his high school career as Germantown's all-time leading scorer.
- Father, Steve, and brother, Jake, are an assistant coach-player combo at Lindenwood University.

NIGEL HAYES

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ A preseason All-American and 2016 First Team All-Big Ten selection, Hayes prides himself on being a well-rounded individual and student-athlete. He was also nominated for the 2015 Allstate NABC Good Works Team.

▶ Leads all Badgers in points (16.3), assists (96), FTs (181), FTAs (244). 2nd for UW in reb (185), 2nd in stl (36).

▶ With 24 points against Green Bay, Hayes became the 42nd player in Wisconsin history to score 1,000 career points. Hayes reached that figure in 91 games and became just the 18th player in school history to reach the century mark in three seasons.

▶ Hayes also owns 538 career rebounds and 211 career assists, becoming just the fifth player in UW history to accumulate 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists.

WISCONSIN'S 1,000-500-200 CLUB:

Players	Pts	Reb	Ast
Alando Tucker	2,217	769	213
Michael Finley	2,147	648	371
Mike Wilkinson	1,532	856	222
Nigel Hayes	*1,311*	*538*	*211*
Josh Gasser	1,075	575	284

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Had a career-high four 3-pointers, 14 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists in a road win at No. 2 Maryland (2/13).

▶ Powered his way to a game-high 31 points against Indiana (1/26) with career highs in FTs (17) and FTAs (22).

▶ Recorded 25 points (7-14 FG, 2-3 3FG, 9-10 FT) and 7 rebounds in UW's upset of No. 4 Michigan State (1/17).

▶ Tallied one of his three double-doubles on the year with 20 points and 11 rebounds at then-No. 7 Oklahoma (12/2).

▶ Scored a career-high 32 points and also grabbed 8 rebounds vs. Milwaukee (12/9).

▶ On an efficient 7-for-8 shooting, scored a team-high 24 points with 5 rebounds and 4 assists vs. Green Bay (12/23).

▶ Had 22 points and added 4 rebounds at Madison Square Garden vs. Georgetown in the 2K Classic (11/20).

2014-15 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Posted 12 points, 5 rebounds and an assist to help Wisconsin knock off undefeated and top-seeded Kentucky in the national semifinal of the 2015 Final Four (4/4).

▶ Matched a then-career-high 25 points (3-4 3FG, 12-12 FT) and added 5 rebounds, 2 steals to lead UW in Big Ten tournament championship game vs. Michigan State (3/15).

HAYES' CAREER AT A GLANCE

- 2016 First Team All-Big Ten honoree
- 2015 Third-Team All-Big Ten honoree
- 2014 Big Ten Sixth Man of the Year and named to Big Ten All-Freshman Team
- Has played in 110 career games (72 starts), including starting all 40 games last season
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week 4x (12/30, 1/6, 2/10, 2/17). Became the first player in conference history to earn back-to-back Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors on multiple occasions

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	32 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
FIELD GOALS:	9 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
FG ATTEMPTS:	18 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
3-POINT FGS:	4 at Maryland (2/13/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	8 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
FREE THROWS:	17 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
FT ATTEMPTS:	22 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
REBOUNDS:	13 (3x) MR at Penn State (2/18/15)
ASSISTS:	7 (2x) MR vs. PVA&M (11/25/15)
BLOCKS:	3 vs. Prairie View A&M (12/28/13)
STEALS:	3 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
MINUTES:	44 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
10+ POINTS:	28	69
20+ POINTS:	9	12
5+ REBOUNDS:	20	57
5+ ASSISTS:	7	9
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	3	7
5+ FTAS:	21	53
2+ STEALS:	12	30
LED UW IN POINTS:	15	23
LED UW IN REBOUNDS:	7	21
LED UW IN ASSISTS:	14	26
CHARGES TAKEN:	2	6

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR HAYES

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	*	40	4-13	.308	1-4	.250	8-11	.727	3	1	4	4.0	1	4	0	0	0	17	17.0
SIENA	11/15/15	*	21	5-6	.833	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	1	2	3	3.5	3	4	0	0	1	14	15.5
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	*	34	4-13	.308	1-3	.333	2-4	.500	2	4	6	4.3	0	7	0	1	1	11	14.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	*	38	7-17	.412	2-5	.400	6-8	.750	3	1	4	4.3	2	1	3	0	2	22	16.0
vs VCU	11/22/15	*	38	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	5-10	.500	2	2	4	4.2	3	2	2	1	1	10	14.8
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	*	34	3-11	.273	0-5	.000	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	3.8	3	7	4	0	0	10	14.0
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	*	36	5-17	.294	2-8	.250	8-11	.727	7	4	11	4.9	3	4	0	1	0	20	14.9
at Syracuse	12/02/15	*	44	5-15	.333	1-5	.200	4-4	1.000	4	8	12	5.8	3	6	5	1	0	15	14.9
TEMPLE	12/05/15	*	36	6-16	.375	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	6	6	12	6.4	1	3	1	0	0	18	15.2
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	*	40	9-18	.500	2-3	.667	12-19	.632	1	7	8	6.6	2	1	2	0	0	32	16.9
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	*	40	4-18	.222	1-6	.167	1-2	.500	5	1	6	6.5	2	6	2	1	2	10	16.3
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	*	38	2-7	.286	1-2	.500	3-6	.500	4	3	7	6.6	0	6	6	0	2	8	15.6
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	*	36	7-8	.875	1-1	1.000	9-9	1.000	0	5	5	6.5	1	4	2	1	3	24	16.2
PURDUE	12/29/15	*	36	6-14	.429	1-4	.250	4-6	.667	1	6	7	6.5	1	2	4	0	1	17	16.3
RUTGERS	01/02/16	*	26	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	2	7	9	6.7	4	3	2	1	2	8	15.7
at Indiana	01/05/16	*	37	3-13	.231	1-5	.200	8-11	.727	2	2	4	6.5	4	1	2	0	2	15	15.7
MARYLAND	01/09/16	*	35	6-15	.400	2-4	.500	3-4	.750	1	2	3	6.3	1	2	2	0	1	17	15.8
at Northwestern	01/12/16	*	38	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	6-7	.857	2	4	6	6.3	4	6	2	0	1	17	15.8
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	*	34	7-14	.500	2-3	.667	9-10	.900	3	4	7	6.3	2	0	2	0	1	25	16.3
at Penn State	01/21/16	*	36	5-14	.357	1-2	.500	4-7	.571	0	3	3	6.2	3	5	1	1	2	15	16.3
INDIANA	01/26/16	*	42	7-12	.583	0-2	.000	17-22	.773	2	3	5	6.1	2	2	5	2	2	31	17.0
at Illinois	01/31/16	*	38	5-12	.417	0-2	.000	7-8	.875	0	3	3	6.0	1	2	2	0	1	17	17.0
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	*	35	6-15	.400	2-7	.286	7-10	.700	1	6	7	6.0	2	3	3	0	2	21	17.1
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	*	38	7-14	.500	1-4	.250	5-6	.833	0	2	2	5.8	1	0	2	1	0	20	17.3
at Maryland	2/13/16	*	36	4-12	.333	4-5	.800	2-4	.500	2	4	6	5.8	1	2	3	0	0	14	17.1
at Michigan State	2/18/16	*	33	1-13	.077	0-5	.000	3-6	.500	2	5	7	5.9	1	2	2	0	0	5	16.7
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	*	37	4-10	.400	1-4	.250	8-9	.889	1	2	3	5.8	3	2	2	0	1	17	16.7
at Iowa	02/24/16	*	38	3-11	.273	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	1	1	2	5.6	2	1	2	0	1	10	16.4
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	*	37	7-14	.500	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1	6	7	5.7	0	4	1	1	2	16	16.4
at Minnesota	03/02/16	*	32	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	1	6	7	5.7	4	0	4	1	2	6	16.1
at Purdue	03/06/16	*	38	8-16	.500	3-5	.600	11-13	.846	5	3	8	5.8	2	3	3	0	1	30	16.5
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	*	39	2-15	.133	0-6	.000	6-9	.667	1	4	5	5.8	3	1	1	0	2	10	16.3
Totals		32	1160	152-399	.381	37-118	.314	181-244	.742	66	119	185	5.8	65	96	72	13	36	522	16.3

GET TO KNOW NIGEL

- Became one of the most endearing figures of the 2015 NCAA Tournament after displaying his playful wit and vocabulary during postseason press conferences.
- Comes from a family of avid Ohio State fans; brother, Kenny, played football for Buckeyes.
- Played football growing up until his senior year of high school.
- Has a playful, comical personality that rubs off on teammates.
- Enjoys random facts and trivia.
- ESPN Top-100 recruit averaged 15.4 points, 8.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.2. blocks per game during senior season at Whitmer High School in Toledo, Ohio.
- Has led the team in community service hours in each of his three seasons at UW.
- Major is business.

JORDAN HILL

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ An under-recruited prep who attended Exeter Academy in New Hampshire after high school, Hill caught the attention of Wisconsin coaches with his hard-working pedigree and tenacity on defense.

▶ Since Greg Gard was promoted to interim head coach, Hill has been a huge benificiary. Under retired head coach Bo Ryan, Hill had 0 points in 27 minutes. Since Gard has taken over, Hill is averaging 4.2 ppg, 40.8% FG and 19.3 mpg.

▶ Made his first-career start in a win at Illinois (1/31) in place of Vitto Brown (injury); grabbed a career-high 5 reb.

▶ Hill served as a valuable member of the UW scout team his first two seasons in the program, typically filling the role of the opponent's lead guard.

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Finished with 9 points, 2 rebounds and a career-high 2 steals in 21 minutes during a road win at No. 8 Iowa (2/24).

▶ Made a career-high three 3-pointers for 9 points and also matched a career-high with 5 rebounds vs. Ohio State (2/4).

▶ Made his first-career start in a win at Illinois (1/31) in place of Vitto Brown (injury); grabbed a career-high 5 reb.

▶ Took full advantage of a career-high 32 minutes, scoring a career-high 13 points (5-5 FG, 2-2 3FG) vs. Indiana (1/26).

▶ Had a breakout game vs. Green Bay (12/23), recording a then-career-high 10 points, 4 assists and 4 rebounds in a win.

2013-14 NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

▶ Finished with 4 points against Minnesota (3/14) in the Big Ten tournament and drained his first career 3-point field goal.

▶ Scored his first career point against Milwaukee (12/11) and finished the game with 2 points in 4 minutes of action.

HILL'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

- Has played in 38 career games; 27 this year.
- Has seen a significant increase in play this season since Greg Gard took over as head coach.
  - Under Bo Ryan: 0 points in 27 minutes
  - Under Gard: 4.2 ppg, 40.8% FG, 19.3 mpg
- Made his first-career start at Illinois (1/31) in place of Vitto Brown (injury).
- Appeared in 11 games as a true freshman in 2013-14 before redshirting the 2014-15 season.
- Led Exeter Academy (N.H.) to its first-ever NEPSAC Class A championship, averaging 7.5 points, 8.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds per game.
- Graduated from LaSalle High School in Pasadena, California, where he earned first-team all-Del Rey League honors as a senior.

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	13 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
FIELD GOALS:	5 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
FG ATTEMPTS:	8 at Iowa (2/24/16)
3-POINT FGS:	3 vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	4 (4x) MR vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
FREE THROWS:	2 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
FT ATTEMPTS:	3 vs. Milwaukee (12/11/13)
REBOUNDS:	5 (2x) MR vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
ASSISTS:	4 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
BLOCKS:	1 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
STEALS:	2 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
MINUTES:	32 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
5+ POINTS	8	8
10+ POINTS:	2	2
2+ 3-POINTERS MADE:	5	5
3+ ASSISTS:	2	2
2+ STEALS:	2	3
LED UW IN POINTS:	0	0
LED UW IN ASSISTS:	0	0

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR HILL

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
SIENA	11/15/15		12	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs VCU	11/22/15		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
GREEN BAY	12/23/15		22	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	0.6	2	4	2	0	0	10	1.3
PURDUE	12/29/15		23	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.7	0	1	0	0	1	4	1.6
RUTGERS	01/02/16		24	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.7	2	1	2	0	0	6	2.0
at Indiana	01/05/16		20	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.8	3	1	1	0	1	7	2.5
MARYLAND	01/09/16		26	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.9	1	0	2	0	2	0	2.3
at Northwestern	01/12/16		21	1-6	.167	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.9	1	3	1	0	0	3	2.3
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16		9	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.1
at Penn State	01/21/16		14	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.9	3	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
INDIANA	01/26/16		32	5-5	1.000	2-2	1.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	1.1	2	0	1	1	0	13	2.7
at Illinois	01/31/16	*	29	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	1	2	2	0	0	2	2.6
OHIO STATE	02/04/16		17	3-5	.600	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	3	2	5	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.0
NEBRASKA	02/10/16		27	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0	0	0	1.4	3	2	1	0	0	7	3.2
at Maryland	2/13/16		12	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.1
at Michigan State	2/18/16		13	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0	1	1	0	1	3	3.0
ILLINOIS	02/21/16		10	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	2	1	1	0	1	0	2.9
at Iowa	02/24/16		21	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.3	1	1	0	0	2	9	3.2
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		24	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1.4	3	1	0	0	0	0	3.0
at Minnesota	03/02/16		14	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	3	0	0	0	0	4	3.1
at Purdue	03/06/16		17	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.3	4	1	0	0	0	6	3.2
vs Nebraska	03/10/16		11	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	3	0	1	0	0	0	3.1
Totals		1	413	31-79	.392	17-48	.354	4-6	.667	11	24	35	1.3	39	21	17	1	8	83	3.1

GET TO KNOW JORDAN

- Born in West Hills, California
- Has artistic taste and interest in music, photography and fashion.
- Has three brothers, Josh, David and Adam, and two sisters, Mycah and Erin
- Jordan's uncle, Anthony Harris, played football at Cal State Northridge
- Majoring in kinesiology

ETHAN HAPP

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ Just the third freshman to start the season opener under retired head coach Bo Ryan, Happ has been in the starting lineup every game this season.

▶ Happ became the second player in UW history to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Year, joining Sam Okey (1996).

▶ Happ is second in the Big Ten in double-doubles this season with 9 so far and tied Rashard Griffth for the most double-doubles by a freshman in UW program history.

▶ A 2016 Big Ten All-Defensive Team honoree, the 6-9 forward actually leads the Big Ten in steals (58) this season. The Milan, Illinois, native is tied with Mike Kelley (58) for the most steals by a freshman in school annals.

Happ has had at least one steal in 25 straight games.

▶ The last Wisconsin freshman to average at least 10.0 points per game was Alando Tucker (12.0) in the 2002-03 season.

▶ Happ has posted at least 10 points and 7 rebounds in 17 of 32 games this season; 10+ rebounds in 10 games.

▶ Happ is tied for 5th in the Big Ten in rebounding (7.8) and is shooting an efficient, team-high 52.7% from the field (min 60 FGAs), which is tied for 10th in the Big Ten.

▶ With back-to-back double-doubles at the 2K Classic in New York, Ethan Happ became the first UW freshman to post consecutive double-doubles since Mike Wilkinson in 2002 (14 pts, 10 reb vs. Minnesota and 16 pts, 10 reb vs. Purdue). Happ had 12 pts, 11 reb vs. Georgetown and 12 pts, 10 reb against VCU.

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Led the Badgers with 17 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists vs. Nebraska at the Big Ten tournament (3/10).

▶ Recorded a double-double with 20 points, 12 rebounds, while also snatching a career-high 6 steals vs. Illinois (2/21).

▶ Attempted a career-high 16 field goals at No. 8 Michigan State (2/18) and finished with a team-high 18 points.

▶ Found ways to contribute outside the scoring column with a game-high 10 rebounds, career-high 4 steals and 3 assists in a road win at No. 2 Maryland (2/13).

▶ Career-high 25 points (10-of-15 FG) and a career-high 4 steals, plus 8 rebounds & 2 blocks vs. No. 19 Indiana (1/26).

▶ Had a then-career-high 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead Wisconsin on the road in a win against Penn State (1/21).

▶ Scored the game-winning layup with 10 seconds left and tallied 14 points, 8 rebounds vs. No. 4 Michigan State (1/17).

▶ Led Wisconsin in knocking off No. 14 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome (12/2), scoring a team-high 18 points and grabbing a game-high 15 rebounds for a double-double. Also had 3 blocks, 2 steals and 2 assists.

▶ Posted his second-straight double-double at Madison Square Garden, this time against VCU (11/22), as part of the 2K Classic, recording 12 points and a game-high 10 boards.

HAPP'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

- 2016 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- Third Team All-Big Ten honoree (media), All-Freshman Team and All-Defensive Team
- Redshirted as a true freshman last season, but has started all 32 games so far this season.
- Becoming a regular double-double watch kind of player, Happ is averaging 12.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game this season.
- Second in the Big Ten in double-doubles with 9 this season.

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	25 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
FIELD GOALS:	10 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
FG ATTEMPTS:	16 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
3-POINT FGS:	--
3-POINT FGAS:	--
FREE THROWS:	10 (2x) MR vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
FT ATTEMPTS:	15 at Penn State (1/21/16)
REBOUNDS:	15 (2x) MR vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
ASSISTS:	3 (3x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
BLOCKS:	3 (3x) MR vs. TAMU-CC (12/15/15)
STEALS:	6 vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
MINUTES:	43 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
10+ POINTS:	23	23
20+ POINTS:	3	3
7+ REBOUNDS:	20	20
10+ REBOUNDS:	10	10
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	9	9
3+ BLOCKS:	3	3
3+ STEALS:	6	6
LED UW IN POINTS:	7	7
LED UW IN REBOUNDS:	18	18
LED UW IN PTS & REB:	4	4

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR HAPP

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	*	19	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	6.0	3	0	1	0	0	4	4.0
SIENA	11/15/15	*	18	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	5.0	4	0	0	0	1	8	6.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	*	25	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	5	2	7	5.7	4	2	1	1	0	17	9.7
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	*	27	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	6	5	11	7.0	3	1	2	1	2	12	10.3
vs VCU	11/22/15	*	31	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	1	9	10	7.6	4	1	4	1	0	12	10.6
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	*	27	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4	4	8	7.7	4	2	1	1	2	12	10.8
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	*	29	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	6	7	7.6	2	0	2	1	0	5	10.0
at Syracuse	12/02/15	*	43	8-15	.533	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	5	10	15	8.5	3	2	5	3	2	18	11.0
TEMPLE	12/05/15	*	25	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	2	4	8.0	4	3	2	0	1	9	10.8
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	*	35	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	5	10	15	8.7	3	1	2	3	1	10	10.7
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	*	29	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	5	7	8.5	2	1	2	2	1	12	10.8
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	*	31	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	2	4	6	8.3	2	2	4	3	1	15	11.2
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	*	28	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	4-9	.444	0	8	8	8.3	2	0	3	1	2	16	11.5
PURDUE	12/29/15	*	16	1-8	.125	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	7.9	3	0	1	1	2	2	10.9
RUTGERS	01/02/16	*	21	7-8	.875	0-0	.000	2-5	.400	1	9	10	8.1	3	1	1	1	1	16	11.2
at Indiana	01/05/16	*	33	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	2	6	8	8.1	1	0	2	0	2	10	11.1
MARYLAND	01/09/16	*	28	8-14	.571	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	7	11	8.2	2	0	1	1	3	16	11.4
at Northwestern	01/12/16	*	27	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	1	5	6	8.1	4	0	2	0	3	12	11.4
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	*	33	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	8-13	.615	3	5	8	8.1	4	1	2	1	1	14	11.6
at Penn State	01/21/16	*	32	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	3	8	11	8.3	3	1	2	0	2	20	12.0
INDIANA	01/26/16	*	38	10-15	.667	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	3	5	8	8.2	2	1	3	2	4	25	12.6
at Illinois	01/31/16	*	22	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	3	6	9	8.3	3	1	2	0	2	6	12.3
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	*	32	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	1	4	5	8.1	4	3	3	1	1	12	12.3
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	*	17	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	7.9	1	3	1	0	2	2	11.9
at Maryland	2/13/16	*	22	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	4	6	10	8.0	4	3	1	0	4	4	11.6
at Michigan State	2/18/16	*	26	7-16	.438	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	1	2	3	7.8	3	2	1	0	2	18	11.8
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	*	36	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	10-14	.714	3	9	12	8.0	3	1	1	0	6	20	12.1
at Iowa	02/24/16	*	28	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	4	6	7.9	4	2	3	1	3	5	11.9
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	*	28	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	2	4	6	7.8	2	1	4	2	2	12	11.9
at Minnesota	03/02/16	*	24	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	4	6	10	7.9	3	1	1	2	1	12	11.9
at Purdue	03/06/16	*	29	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	1	5	6	7.8	4	1	2	0	2	14	11.9
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	*	34	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	1	6	7	7.8	3	2	5	0	2	17	12.1
Totals		32	893	144-273	.527	0-0	.000	99-154	.643	77	173	250	7.8	96	39	67	29	58	387	12.1

GET TO KNOW ETHAN

- Just the third freshman to start the season opener under retired head coach Bo Ryan, joining only Devin Harris (2001) and George Marshall (2012).
- The only scholarship member of UW's 2014 Signing Class, Happ boasts a sturdy frame, strong hands and a tireless work ethic.
- Two-time AP first-team All-State selection at Rockridge (Ill.) High School; MVP honors at Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany (summer 2014) playing on U.S. Under-18 select team.
- First cousins with Blue Jays pitcher J.A. Happ, as well as Northwestern football's Mark Szott.

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ A 2016 Third Team All-Big Ten honoree, Koenig was named to the watch list for the Bob Cousy Award and was on the Preseason Top 50 for the Wooden Award Watch List.

▶ Dating back to last season, Koenig has made at least one 3-pointer in 43 consecutive games, which marks a school record. He surpassed Sean Mason (39) for the longest such streak in program history. Koenig has hit multiple triples in 34 of those contests (27 of 32 games this season).

▶ Began last season averaging 19.8 minutes per game in a lead reserve role, but then made his first career start at Rutgers in place of injured Traevon Jackson and remained the starting point guard the rest of the way, leading UW back to the Final Four and to the national championship game.

▶ Koenig has shown he's capable of having big games on big stages. As a true freshman, he scored 12 pts in a win at Iowa; 14 pts (4-for-4 from 3FGs) vs. Minnesota in the Big Ten tournament; 11 pts in the 1H of the Final Four vs. Kentucky.In last season's Big Ten tournament title game, Koenig had 18 pts, a career-high 9 ast and 4 reb vs. Michigan State. This season playing at Madison Square Garden, Koenig scored a game-winning layup in the final seconds to clinch a 74-73 win over VCU at the 2K Classic.

▶ Earned immediate playing time as a true freshman in 2013-14, playing in 37-of-38 games (avg. 15.5 min/game).

▶ Proud member of the Ho-Chunk Indian Tribe, Koenig was a two-time state champion at La Cross Aquinas High School.

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Hit a career-high 4 3FGs and finished with team highs in points (15) and assists (4) in a win at No. 8 Iowa (2/24).

▶ Had 16 points, a team-high 5 assists and a career-high 6 rebounds in a road win at No. 2 Maryland (2/13).

▶ Scored a career-high 27 points (8-15 FG, 4-8 3FG) and added 4 assists to lead UW past No. 4 Michigan State (1/17).

▶ Hit the game-winning layup in the final seconds to clinch a 74-73 win over VCU (11/22) at Madison Square Garden for the 2K Classic in New York City. Posted 22 points, 3 assists and 3 rebounds.

▶ Then-career-high 23 points, 4 assists and 5 rebounds to lead Wisconsin to a 92-65 win vs. Siena (11/15).

2014-15 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Had 19 points and a career-high 9 assists in Big Ten tournament championship game vs. Michigan State (3/15).

▶ Stepped up on the road with 15 points (3-5 3FG), including 12 pts in the second half alone, at #23/25 Ohio State (3/8).

▶ Played 31 minutes in his first career start at Rutgers (1/11), recording 12 points on 5-for-7 shooting (2-4 3FG) and 3 assists to just 1 turnover.

KOENIG'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

- 2016 Third Team All-Big Ten (coaches)
- Bob Cousy Award Watch List and Preseason Top 50 for the Wooden Award Watch List
- Has played in 109 games with 56 career starts
- Averaging 34.7 minutes per game so far this season in 32 starts; 13.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 2.5
- Dished out 98 assists last season and turned the ball over only 33 times (2.97 assist/TO ratio)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	27 vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
FIELD GOALS:	9 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
FG ATTEMPTS:	18 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
3-POINT FGS:	4 (5x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	14 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
FREE THROWS:	7 (2x) MR vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
FT ATTEMPTS:	8 (2x) MR vs. W. Illinois (11/13/15)
REBOUNDS:	6 (2x) MR at Maryland (2/13/16)
ASSISTS:	9 vs. Michigan State (3/15/15)
BLOCKS:	2 vs. Georgetown (11/20/15)
STEALS:	2 (5x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
MINUTES:	42 (2x) at Syracuse (12/2/15)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
10+ POINTS:	22	44
20+ POINTS:	3	3
3+ 3-POINTERS MADE:	14	24
3+ ASSISTS:	14	31
2+ STEALS:	1	5
LED UW IN POINTS:	11	13
LED UW IN ASSISTS:	12	24

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR KOENIG

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	*	37	7-15	.467	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1	2	0	0	0	17	17.0
SIENA	11/15/15	*	34	8-14	.571	3-6	.500	4-4	1.000	1	4	5	4.5	0	4	3	0	0	23	20.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	*	33	7-13	.538	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0	5	5	4.7	1	4	1	0	0	17	19.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	*	40	2-12	.167	1-6	.167	4-5	.800	0	1	1	3.8	3	3	2	2	0	9	16.5
vs VCU	11/22/15	*	33	9-14	.643	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	1	2	3	3.6	3	3	3	0	0	22	17.6
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	*	33	4-6	.667	3-5	.600	5-5	1.000	0	0	0	3.0	4	3	1	0	0	16	17.3
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	*	39	3-18	.167	3-14	.214	0-0	.000	2	2	4	3.1	2	1	2	0	0	9	16.1
at Syracuse	12/02/15	*	42	3-9	.333	2-7	.286	4-4	1.000	2	4	6	3.5	4	1	0	0	0	12	15.6
TEMPLE	12/05/15	*	39	7-14	.500	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.2	2	3	1	0	1	17	15.8
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	*	35	5-16	.313	2-5	.400	4-4	1.000	0	3	3	3.2	4	1	1	1	0	16	15.8
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	*	36	3-11	.273	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.9	3	2	1	1	0	8	15.1
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	*	38	5-11	.455	2-7	.286	3-7	.429	0	2	2	2.8	0	3	2	1	1	15	15.1
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	*	20	2-8	.250	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	1	0	1	2.7	3	1	8	0	0	6	14.4
PURDUE	12/29/15	*	36	3-8	.375	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.8	2	3	0	0	1	7	13.9
RUTGERS	01/02/16	*	32	6-12	.500	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.7	1	4	1	0	1	14	13.9
at Indiana	01/05/16	*	36	4-12	.333	2-6	.333	5-6	.833	0	2	2	2.6	3	2	2	0	0	15	13.9
MARYLAND	01/09/16	*	33	4-12	.333	3-7	.429	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	2.8	2	3	1	1	0	13	13.9
at Northwestern	01/12/16	*	36	3-9	.333	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.7	5	0	3	0	1	9	13.6
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	*	38	8-15	.533	4-8	.500	7-7	1.000	0	0	0	2.6	0	4	1	0	1	27	14.3
at Penn State	01/21/16	*	35	2-6	.333	2-4	.500	2-5	.400	0	2	2	2.6	1	0	1	0	0	8	14.0
INDIANA	01/26/16	*	39	1-9	.111	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0	0	0	2.4	3	0	3	0	0	4	13.5
at Illinois	01/31/16	*	23	4-10	.400	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.5	5	1	1	0	1	11	13.4
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	*	28	4-9	.444	3-7	.429	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	2.3	2	2	0	0	0	13	13.4
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	*	34	4-7	.571	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	0	3	3	2.4	3	2	1	0	1	12	13.3
at Maryland	2/13/16	*	36	4-13	.308	3-9	.333	5-7	.714	0	6	6	2.5	2	5	2	0	0	16	13.4
at Michigan State	2/18/16	*	31	4-9	.444	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	1	3	4	2.6	2	2	2	0	0	12	13.4
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	*	34	4-11	.364	2-6	.333	4-6	.667	0	5	5	2.7	0	2	1	0	0	14	13.4
at Iowa	02/24/16	*	36	4-6	.667	4-6	.667	3-5	.600	0	0	0	2.6	2	4	1	0	0	15	13.5
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	*	36	6-10	.600	3-6	.500	4-4	1.000	0	3	3	2.6	1	2	0	0	0	19	13.7
at Minnesota	03/02/16	*	35	5-7	.714	2-3	.667	2-4	.500	0	1	1	2.5	3	6	1	0	0	14	13.7
at Purdue	03/06/16	*	37	3-12	.250	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.5	4	4	0	0	2	8	13.5
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	*	37	3-12	.250	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	1	2	3	2.5	2	4	2	0	0	11	13.4
Totals		32	1111	141-350	.403	76-193	.394	71-93	.763	11	69	80	2.5	73	81	48	6	10	429	13.4

GET TO KNOW BRONSON

- Last name pronounced "KAY-nig"
- Member of the Ho-Chunk tribe; very proud and open about his Native American roots
- Possesses remarkable vision; Bo Ryan said he has best vision of any guard he ever coached
- Named Wisconsin Player of the Year by the Associated Press during senior campaign
- Led La Crosse Aquinas to its second WIAA Division 3 state championship in three seasons, scoring 16 points and adding five assists in the 2013 title game

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ Since Greg Gard took over duties as interim head coach, Illikainen has become a key reserve as a true freshman. Under retired head coach Bo Ryan, he was averaging 1.8 points and 4.8 minutes per game. Under Gard, Illikainen has been averaging 2.6 ppg, 2.0 rpg and 12.9 mpg.

▶ Spent his senior year playing for Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, helping lead Brewster to a 34-1 record and the 2015 National Prep School Championship.

Prior to Brewster Academy, he was a two-time all-state selection at Grand Rapids High School, where he averaged 26.5 points and 15.2 rebounds per game as a junior and 26.2 points and 12.0 rebounds as a sophomore.

Illikainen is the Grand Rapids High School all-time leading scorer (2,185 points) and rebounder (1,402 rebounds).

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Made a career-high two 3-pointers and also dished out career-high 2 assists at No. 8 Michigan State (2/18).

▶ Tied for a team-high 5 rebounds and added 3 points and 1 assist in 14 minutes off the bench vs. Nebraska (2/10).

▶ Had six points (2-3 3FG), six rebounds and 1 assist in 22 minutes off the bench for the Badgers vs. Ohio State (2/4).

▶ Played a career-high 26 minutes at Penn State (1/21) and finished with 9 points and a career-high 7 rebounds.

▶ Scored a career-high 9 points (3-5 FG, 2-2 3FG) and added 1 rebound, 1 assist in 11 minutes vs. Purdue (12/29).

ILLIKAINEN'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

- Has become a key reserve as a true freshman and has played in 30 games so far this season.
- Since Greg Gard took over as head coach, Illikainen has seen his role greatly increased.
  - Under Bo Ryan: 1.8 ppg in 4.8 mpg
  - Under Gard: 2.6 ppg, 2.0 rpg in 12.9 mpg
- Spent his senior year of high school playing for Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, helping lead Brewster to a 34-1 record and the 2015 National Prep School Championship.
- Was a two-time all-state selection at Grand Rapids High School in Minnesota and averaged 26.2 points and 12.0 rebounds as a sophomore.

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	10 vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
FIELD GOALS:	4 at Penn State (1/21/16)
FG ATTEMPTS:	7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
3-POINT FGS:	2 (3x) MR at Michigan State (2/18/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	4 vs. Maryland (1/9/16)
FREE THROWS:	3 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
FT ATTEMPTS:	4 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
REBOUNDS:	7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
ASSISTS:	2 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
BLOCKS:	1 (2x) MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)
STEALS:	1 (6x) MR vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
MINUTES:	26 at Penn State (1/21/16)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
5+ POINTS:	9	9
10+ POINTS:	1	1
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	0	0
5+ REBOUNDS:	4	4
10+ REBOUNDS:	0	0
15+ MINUTES:	9	9
LED UW IN POINTS:	0	0
LED UW IN REBOUNDS:	1	1

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR ILLIKAINEN

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		7	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		11	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-2	.000	1	1	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	5	5.5
vs Georgetown	11/20/15		3	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.7
vs VCU	11/22/15		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.8
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.8	0	1	1	0	0	1	2.4
at Oklahoma	11/29/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.8	0	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
at Syracuse	12/02/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.7
TEMPLE	12/05/15		9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	1	0	0	0	6	2.3
MARQUETTE	12/12/15		4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.7	0	0	0	0	1	0	2.0
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.8
GREEN BAY	12/23/15		19	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.8	0	0	2	0	0	2	1.8
PURDUE	12/29/15		11	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.8	4	1	0	0	0	10	2.5
RUTGERS	01/02/16		15	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	2	1	1	0	1	2	2.5
at Indiana	01/05/16		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	0.8	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.3
MARYLAND	01/09/16		23	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	1.1	1	1	0	1	0	5	2.5
at Northwestern	01/12/16		21	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.1	2	1	1	0	1	6	2.7
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16		18	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2.5
at Penn State	01/21/16		26	4-7	.571	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	4	3	7	1.4	2	1	1	0	0	9	2.9
INDIANA	01/26/16		13	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.4	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.7
at Illinois	01/31/16		6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.6
OHIO STATE	02/04/16		22	2-4	.500	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2	4	6	1.6	2	1	1	0	0	6	2.8
NEBRASKA	02/10/16		14	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	3	5	1.7	1	1	1	0	0	3	2.8
at Maryland	2/13/16		12	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2.7
at Michigan State	2/18/16		20	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.8	1	2	1	0	0	6	2.8
ILLINOIS	02/21/16		11	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.8
at Iowa	02/24/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.7	2	0	0	1	0	0	2.7
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.6
at Minnesota	03/02/16		8	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.6	1	0	0	1	0	0	2.5
at Purdue	03/06/16		3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.4
vs Nebraska	03/10/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.3
Totals		0	305	25-60	.417	9-27	.333	10-15	.667	15	31	46	1.5	31	13	10	3	6	69	2.3

GET TO KNOW ALEX

- Last name pronouced, "ill-eh-KAY-nin"
- Alex comes from a family with a long line of athletes, as his father, Darin, played college hockey at Minnesota Duluth, his mother, Mary, played college basketball at Minnesota Duluth, his sister, Morgan, played college hockey at Dartmouth College and his sister, Molly, plays hockey at St. Cloud State.
- Alex's cousin, Nikki, also currently attends the University of Wisconsin.

VITTO BROWN

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PLAYER PROFILE

▶ Brown appears to be finding comfort within his role and within the offense as of late. Over the last 12 games, he's the team's fourth-leading scorer averaging 11.8 points, 55.9% FG, 48.9% 3FG (23-47) and 4.8 rebounds per game.

▶ The recent hot stretch includes back-to-back career-high games vs. Nebraska and at No. 2 Maryland. Brown had a then-career-high 18 points on near perfect shooting (6-7 FG) against the Huskers. He then topped that on the road with a career-high 21 points and 7 rebounds in a win vs. the Terps.

▶ Owning the longest wingspan on UW (7-foot-3), Brown appeared in 34 games last season during the Badgers' run back to the Final Four and the national championship game.

▶ An accomplished singer and performer, Brown sang the national anthem in a quartet at last season's Final Four in Indianapolis. He has also sang the national anthem solo and with his family singing group, "Shades of Brown," prior to Wisconsin home games.

2015-16 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Had 16 points (5-7 FG, 3-4 3FG), team-high 8 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 block vs. Nebraska at the Big Ten tournament (3/10).

▶ Hit a career-high four 3-pointers and finished with 14 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists vs. Michigan (2/28).

▶ Tallied a career-high 21 points (8-14 FG, 3-6 3FG), 7 rebounds, 1 block in a road win at No. 2 Maryland (2/13).

▶ Broke out with a then-career-high 18 pts (6-7 FG, 3-3 3FG), 5 reb, 2 ast, 1 blk and 1 stl vs. Nebraska (2/10).

▶ Posted the first double-double of his career in a win against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (12/15) with 12 points and a career-high 16 rebounds.

▶ Scored a then-career-high 16 points (6-6 FTs) with 7 rebounds in a win over Siena (11/15).

▶ Served a huge role in Wisconsin knocking off No. 14 Syracuse at the Carrier Dome (12/2), as Brown scored 14 points (2-3 3FGs), including a team-high 11 points in the first half alone, while also adding 8 rebounds and 3 blocks.

2014-15 TOP PERFORMANCES

▶ Played an efficient 7 minutes at #23/25 Ohio State, recording 4 points (2-3 FG), 4 rebounds and 1 block (3/8).

▶ Scored a career-high 10 points (6-8 FTs) to go with 6 rebounds and 2 steals vs. Nicholls (12/13).

▶ Made the most of his 11 minutes played at Milwaukee (12/10), scoring 6 points on 3-for-4 shooting and added 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal.

▶ Scored 4 points on 2-for-3 shooting and added 1 block in 5 minutes vs. Duke (12/3).

▶ Had 7 points (3-3 FG), while also grabbing 4 rebounds in the season opener against Northern Kentucky (11/14).

BROWN'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

- Has played in 80 career games, including 34 last season during UW's run back to the Final Four and to the national championship game.
- Has started 31 games this season, averaging 9.7 points, 5.2 rebounds and 25.1 minutes.
- Averaged 1.8 points, 1.3 rebounds and 6.3 minutes per game as a reserve last season.

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	21 at Maryland (2/13/16)
FIELD GOALS:	8 at Maryland (2/13/16)
FG ATTEMPTS:	15 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
3-POINT FGS:	4 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
3-POINT FGAS:	6 (4x) at Minnesota (3/2/16)
FREE THROWS:	6 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
FT ATTEMPTS:	8 vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)
REBOUNDS:	16 vs. TAMU-CC (12/15/15)
ASSISTS:	4 at Iowa (2/24/16)
BLOCKS:	3 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
STEALS:	2 (4x) MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
MINUTES:	39 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

SUPERLATIVES

	SEASON	CAREER
5+ POINTS:	28	33
10+ POINTS:	14	15
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	1	1
5+ REBOUNDS:	20	22
10+ REBOUNDS:	1	1
2+ STEALS:	3	3
LED UW IN POINTS:	2	2
LED UW IN REBOUNDS:	6	6

2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS FOR BROWN

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	*	25	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	4-4	1.000	3	2	5	5.0	3	1	1	2	2	11	11.0
SIENA	11/15/15	*	31	5-10	.500	0-1	.000	6-6	1.000	1	6	7	6.0	3	0	2	0	0	16	13.5
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	*	22	6-12	.500	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	5.7	3	0	1	0	1	12	13.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	*	29	4-14	.286	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2	5	7	6.0	5	1	1	0	1	9	12.0
vs VCU	11/22/15	*	19	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	5.8	5	0	3	1	0	6	10.8
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	*	22	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	2	3	5	5.7	2	1	0	0	1	11	10.8
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	*	25	3-15	.200	0-6	.000	0-0	.000	2	7	9	6.1	3	1	0	0	0	6	10.1
at Syracuse	12/02/15	*	39	6-9	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2	6	8	6.4	2	1	2	3	1	14	10.6
TEMPLE	12/05/15	*	16	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	6.0	3	0	1	0	1	5	10.0
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	*	33	1-9	.111	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	3	3	6	6.0	4	0	3	0	0	3	9.3
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	*	37	7-15	.467	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2	6	8	6.2	2	1	0	0	2	15	9.8
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	*	33	5-10	.500	1-1	1.000	1-4	.250	6	10	16	7.0	3	0	2	1	0	12	10.0
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	*	26	4-12	.333	1-2	.500	6-7	.857	4	5	9	7.2	1	1	4	3	0	15	10.4
PURDUE	12/29/15	*	20	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	6.8	3	0	0	1	1	4	9.9
RUTGERS	01/02/16	*	21	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	6.6	0	2	0	1	0	8	9.8
at Indiana	01/05/16	*	21	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	6.3	2	1	1	1	1	6	9.6
MARYLAND	01/09/16	*	18	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	5.9	3	1	1	0	0	0	9.0
at Northwestern	01/12/16	*	14	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	5.6	1	0	0	0	0	4	8.7
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	*	21	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	4	5	5.6	2	0	1	0	0	5	8.5
at Penn State	01/21/16	*	13	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	1	0	1	5.4	3	0	0	0	1	6	8.4
INDIANA	01/26/16	*	18	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	4-4	1.000	2	1	3	5.2	0	0	0	0	0	9	8.4
at Illinois	01/31/16		12	4-7	.571	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0	1	1	5.0	1	0	1	0	0	9	8.5
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	*	19	5-8	.625	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	3	2	5	5.0	3	1	0	0	0	12	8.6
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	*	34	6-7	.857	3-3	1.000	3-4	.750	0	5	5	5.0	1	2	2	1	1	18	9.0
at Maryland	2/13/16	*	34	8-14	.571	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	5	2	7	5.1	3	0	2	1	0	21	9.5
at Michigan State	2/18/16	*	26	2-6	.333	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	3	5	8	5.2	1	1	0	0	1	5	9.3
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	*	31	4-8	.500	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1	3	4	5.2	1	1	0	1	0	9	9.3
at Iowa	02/24/16	*	29	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1	4	5	5.2	4	4	3	0	0	7	9.2
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	*	23	5-9	.556	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	1	3	4	5.1	2	2	1	0	1	14	9.4
at Minnesota	03/02/16	*	31	5-11	.455	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	2	4	6	5.2	2	2	1	0	1	12	9.5
at Purdue	03/06/16	*	27	3-7	.429	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.1	4	1	0	0	1	9	9.5
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	*	35	5-7	.714	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	3	5	8	5.2	2	0	3	1	2	16	9.7
Totals		31	804	118-268	.440	31-79	.392	42-55	.764	59	106	165	5.2	77	25	36	17	19	309	9.7

GET TO KNOW VITTO

- First name pronouced, "Vee-toe"
- An accomplished singer, Vitto has been in a singing group with his family called "Shades of Brown" ever since he was a young boy. He has sang the national anthem prior to each of the Badgers' last two Red/White Scrimmages and his family has sung the anthem once last year as well as prior to the Boise State game last season
- Owns the largest wingspan on the team, spanning 7-foot-3
- Older brother, Xavier, played basketball at Wooster College
- Majoring in life sciences communication

RESERVES

0 Will Decorah, Jr., G, 6-4, 205
Waunakee, Wis. (HS)
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Team manager for two seasons (2013-15) before walking on this season...has played in 4 games this season...prep standout at Waunakee High School in basketball and football helped the Warriors to the Badger Conference basketball championship all three seasons...on the football field, a member of two state championship teams playing QB and DE...broke the Waunakee school single-season record with 2,166 passing yards...his father, Tim, played for Bo Ryan at UW-Platteville and was a member of the Pioneers' first national championship team in 1991.

DECORAH'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
RUTGERS	01/02/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Minnesota	03/02/16		1	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0

1 Brevin Pritzl, Fr., G, 6-3, 185
De Pere, Wis. (HS)
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Suffered a broken foot in August and re-injured it on Dec. 1. - out indefinitely...freshman heralded by Bo Ryan as one of country's best shooters in his class...finished as the De Pere High School all-time leading scorer (1,720) and as the second-leading scorer in Green Bay metro area history...led the Redbirds to 84 wins and four conference championships, averaging 25.5 points and 6 rebounds per game and 47% FG as a senior ... Named all-state by both the Associated Press and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association...as senior, ranked 48th best player in country by Scout.com; #78 Rivals.com.

PRITZL'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0

2 Jordan Smith, R-Sr., G, 6-3, 181
Orono, Minn. (HS), Twitter: @JTSmith222

Walk-on in his fifth season as the lone senior on Wisconsin's 2015-16 roster...appeared in 14 games last season; 8 games this season; 38 career games...finished with 2,518 career points at Orono High School, the same alma mater as former All-Big Ten standout Jon Leuer.

SMITH'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
RUTGERS	01/02/16		1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
at Penn State	01/21/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
at Michigan State	2/18/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.6
at Minnesota	03/02/16		2	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
Totals		0	9	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	4	0.5

5 Aaron Moesch, R-Fr., F, 6-8, 215
Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
Twitter: @moeschpotato5 / IG: moeschpotato5

Walk-on enters his third season in the program...has seen more minutes under Coach Gard and played in 16 games this season...played a career-high 12 minutes against No. 4 Michigan State and even drew the defensive assignment of guarding Denzel Valentine...appeared in 14 games last season (inc. 6 Big Ten games, 1 NCAA tourn.)...was a 1,000-point scorer at Green Bay Southwest High School... student in prestigious UW Business School.

MOESCH'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		1	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	2	2.0
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.3
RUTGERS	01/02/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
at Indiana	01/05/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
MARYLAND	01/09/16		2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16		12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.6
at Penn State	01/21/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
INDIANA	01/26/16		13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.4
at Illinois	01/31/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.4
NEBRASKA	02/10/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
at Maryland	2/13/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at Michigan State	2/18/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
ILLINOIS	02/21/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
at Minnesota	03/02/16		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Totals		0	48	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.3	4	1	1	0	2	4	0.3

13 Jackson Bax, Fr., G, 5-11, 157
Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
Instagram: jacksonbax10

Walk-on joined the Badgers roster after an open tryout in October of 2015...has played in 3 games this season... first-team All-South Suburban Conference as senior at Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort, Ill ... played wide receiver in football through his sophomore year.

15 Charlie Thomas, Fr., F, 6-8, 253
Highland, Md. (River Hills)
Twitter: @Tr33top_T4LL / IG: s1r_charles

Skilled big man has played in 28 games...hit a pivotal 3-pointer late in the game and finished with 5 points, 3 rebounds in a road win at No. 8 Iowa...career-high 12 pts, 6 reb vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25)...finished at River Hills HS as school's all-time leader in pts (1,717), reb (893) and blks (159)...as a senior, was named Howard County Boy's Player of the Year and was All-Metro First Team from the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun...averaged 23.2 pts, 11.2 reb, 2.0 ast, 2.0 blk, 1.0 stl and 58% FG as a senior... first Team All-County from Baltimore Sun, Howard County Times (2013-14).

20 T.J. Schlundt, R-Fr., G, 6-5, 194
Oconomowoc, Wis. (St. John's Military Aca. [Wis.])
Twitter: @TJSchlundt20 / IG: tjschlundt20

Walk-on guard joins the active roster after redshirting as freshman...has played in 5 games this season...avg. 17.6 pts in one season at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy...played three years at Oconomowoc High School, finishing as third-leading scorer in school history (1,053); avg 16.1 ppg as a junior at Oconomowoc...son of former Marquette basketball player Terrell Schlundt...turned down several Division I scholarship offers to join Badgers.

21 Khalil Iverson, Fr., G/F, 6-5, 205
Delaware, Ohio (Hayes)
Twitter: @iverson_khalil / IG: iversonn24

High-flying, athletic, versatile freshman has seen action in 31 games this season and is becoming a fan favorite for his highlight-creating ability...scored 9 points, including three dunks, and contributed a career-high 3 assists in 20 minutes off the bench in a road win at No. 8 Iowa... career-high 10 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block and 1 steal in a career-high 30 minutes off the bench at Illinois (1/31)...scored 9 pts vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25)...had 8 pts, 5 reb, 1 blk, 1 stl vs. Green Bay (12/23)...avg. 17 pts, 12 reb, 7 ast, 2.8 blk & 2 stl as a senior at Hayes High School...all-district / all-conference honoree all 4yrs at Hayes...led central Ohio in reb and ast as senior; led Pacers to 20-5 mark in 2014-15...Hayes HS all-time leading rebounder (897), second all-time in points (1,222), 4th all-time in assists (416); school record 88 starts and 93 games played.

BAX'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RUTGERS	01/02/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

THOMAS' 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15		14	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	5	0	5	5.0	2	0	1	1	0	4	4.0
SIENA	11/15/15		16	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	4	5	5.0	3	0	0	1	0	7	5.5
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		10	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	2-5	.400	2	1	3	4.3	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.3
vs Georgetown	11/20/15		6	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.3
vs VCU	11/22/15		26	4-8	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	5	5	3.6	4	1	1	2	0	9	4.4
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		15	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3	3	6	4.0	2	1	0	1	1	12	5.7
at Oklahoma	11/29/15		15	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.9	2	0	0	0	0	0	4.9
at Syracuse	12/02/15		10	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	3.6	0	0	1	0	0	1	4.4
TEMPLE	12/05/15		25	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	2-4	.500	1	5	6	3.9	1	0	0	0	0	9	4.9
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15		8	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	3.6	1	0	0	0	0	4	4.8
MARQUETTE	12/12/15		10	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	3.4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4.4
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15		15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	3.5	2	0	0	0	1	4	4.3
GREEN BAY	12/23/15		8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	3.4	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0
PURDUE	12/29/15		15	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.2	2	0	0	2	1	3	3.9
RUTGERS	01/02/16		7	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.7
MARYLAND	01/09/16		7	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	2.9	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.4
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16		7	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.7	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.4
at Penn State	01/21/16		9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	0	0	2.6	0	0	1	0	1	4	3.4
INDIANA	01/26/16		5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.4	1	0	1	0	0	0	3.2
OHIO STATE	02/04/16		2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.1
NEBRASKA	02/10/16		2	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.9
at Maryland	2/13/16		12	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.9
at Michigan State	2/18/16		7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2.7
at Iowa	02/24/16		7	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.2	1	0	0	1	0	5	2.8
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.7
at Minnesota	03/02/16		4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.6
at Purdue	03/06/16		6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.5
vs Nebraska	03/10/16		4	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.5
Totals		0	272	26-70	.371	4-13	.308	14-30	.467	20	37	57	2.0	32	3	5	10	5	70	2.5

SCHLUNDT'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
SIENA	11/15/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RUTGERS	01/02/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Minnesota	03/02/16		1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0

IVERSON'S 2015-16 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
Opponent	Date	gs	min	fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15		24	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	5	2	7	7.0	3	0	0	3	3	6	6.0
SIENA	11/15/15		25	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	2	1	3	5.0	3	2	1	1	0	6	6.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15		20	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	4.0	2	0	1	0	0	2	4.7
vs Georgetown	11/20/15		21	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1	2	3	0	0	2	4.0
vs VCU	11/22/15		13	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	3.2	0	0	2	0	0	5	4.2
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15		22	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	0	1	1	2.8	0	0	1	0	2	9	5.0
at Oklahoma	11/29/15		27	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.4	1	0	2	1	0	5	5.0
at Syracuse	12/02/15		4	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.3	1	0	2	0	0	0	4.4
TEMPLE	12/05/15		12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	4	4	2.4	0	0	0	1	0	1	4.0
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15		10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.6
MARQUETTE	12/12/15		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.3
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15		14	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	0	2	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.2
GREEN BAY	12/23/15		19	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	4	5	2.5	1	0	1	1	1	8	3.5
PURDUE	12/29/15		7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	1	0	1	0	0	0	3.3
RUTGERS	01/02/16		17	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.2
at Indiana	01/05/16		8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	2.3	0	1	1	0	0	1	3.1
at Northwestern	01/12/16		8	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.3	1	2	0	0	2	6	3.2
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.1
at Penn State	01/21/16		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2.9
INDIANA	01/26/16		5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2.8
at Illinois	01/31/16		30	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2	3	5	2.2	1	2	2	1	1	10	3.1
OHIO STATE	02/04/16		15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3.0
NEBRASKA	02/10/16		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2.8
at Maryland	2/13/16		10	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2.8
at Michigan State	2/18/16		16	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	0	4	2.1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2.7
ILLINOIS	02/21/16		8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2.6
at Iowa	02/24/16		20	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	2.0	1	3	1	1	1	9	2.8
MICHIGAN	02/28/16		15	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	2.1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2.8
at Minnesota	03/02/16		15	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.0	0	1	1	0	1	6	2.9
at Purdue	03/06/16		7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2.8
vs Nebraska	03/10/16		4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	1.9	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.7

WISCONSIN ALL-TIME RESULTS IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Date	Region	Round	Site	UW Seed	Opponent	W/L	Score
1941	March 21	East	Regional Semifinals	Madison, Wis.		Dartmouth	W	51-50
	March 22	East	Regional Finals	Madison, Wis.		Pittsburgh	W	36-30
	March 29	East	Championship	Kansas City, Mo.		Washington St.	W	39-34
1947	March 20	East	Regional Semifinals	New York, N.Y.		CCNY	L	56-70
	March 22	East	Regional Consolation	New York, N.Y.		Navy	W	50-49
1994	March 17	West	First	Ogden, Utah	No. 9	(8) Cincinnati	W	80-72
	March 19	West	Second	Ogden, Utah	No. 9	(1) Missouri	L	96-109
1997	March 14	East	First	Pittsburgh, Pa.	No. 7	(10) Texas	L	58-71
1999	March 12	East	First	Charlotte, N.C.	No. 5	(12) SW Missouri St.	L	32-43
2000	March 16	West	First	Salt Lake City, Utah	No. 8	(9) Fresno State	W	66-56
	March 18	West	Second	Salt Lake City, Utah	No. 8	(1) Arizona	W	66-59
	March 23	West	Sweet 16	Albuquerque, N.M.	No. 8	(4) LSU	W	61-48
	March 25	West	Elite Eight	Albuquerque, N.M.	No. 8	(6) Purdue	W	64-60
	April 1	West	Final Four	Indianapolis, Ind.	No. 8	(1) Michigan State	L	41-53
2001	March 15	West	First	Boise, Idaho	No. 6	(11) Georgia State	L	49-50
2002	March 15	East	First	Washington, D.C.	No. 8	(9) St. John's	W	80-70
	March 17	East	Second	Washington, D.C.	No. 8	(1) Maryland	L	57-87
2003	March 20	Midwest	First	Spokane, Wash.	No. 5	(12) Weber State	W	81-74
	March 22	Midwest	Second	Spokane, Wash.	No. 5	(13) Tulsa	W	61-60
	March 27	Midwest	Sweet 16	Minneapolis, Minn.	No. 5	(1) Kentucky	L	57-63
2004	March 19	East Rutherford	First	Milwaukee, Wis.	No. 6	(11) Richmond	W	76-64
	March 21	East Rutherford	Second	Milwaukee, Wis.	No. 6	(3) Pittsburgh	L	55-59
2005	March 18	Syracuse	First	Oklahoma City, Okla.	No. 6	(11) Northern Iowa	W	57-52
	March 20	Syracuse	Second	Oklahoma City, Okla.	No. 6	(14) Bucknell	W	71-62
	March 25	Syracuse	Sweet 16	Syracuse, N.Y.	No. 6	(10) N.C. State	W	65-56
	March 27	Syracuse	Elite Eight	Syracuse, N.Y.	No. 6	(1) North Carolina	L	82-88
2006	March 17	Minneapolis	First	Philadelphia, Pa.	No. 9	(8) Arizona	L	75-94
2007	March 16	Midwest	First	Chicago, Ill.	No. 2	(15) Texas A&M-CC	W	76-63
	March 18	Midwest	Second	Chicago, Ill.	No. 2	(7) UNLV	L	68-74
2008	March 20	Midwest	First	Omaha, Neb.	No. 3	(14) Cal State Fullerton	W	71-56
	March 22	Midwest	Second	Omaha, Neb.	No. 3	(11) Kansas State	W	72-55
	March 28	Midwest	Sweet 16	Detroit, Mich.	No. 3	(10) Davidson	L	56-73
2009	March 20	East	First	Boise, Idaho	No. 12	(5) Florida State	W	61-59 (ot)
	March 22	East	Second	Boise, Idaho	No. 12	(4) Xavier	L	49-60
2010	March 19	East	First	Jacksonville, Fla.	No. 4	(13) Wofford	W	53-49
	March 21	East	Second	Jacksonville, Fla.	No. 4	(12) Cornell	L	69-87
2011	March 17	Southeast	Second	Tucson, Ariz.	No. 4	(13) Belmont	W	74-66
	March 19	Southeast	Third	Tucson, Ariz.	No. 4	(5) Kansas State	W	70-65
	March 24	Southeast	Sweet 16	New Orleans, La.	No. 4	(8) Butler	L	54-61
2012	March 15	East	Second	Albuquerque, N.M.	No. 4	(13) Montana	W	73-49
	March 17	East	Third	Albuquerque, N.M.	No. 4	(5) Vanderbilt	W	60-57
	March 22	East	Sweet 16	Boston, Mass.	No. 4	(1) Syracuse	L	63-64
2013	March 15	West	Second	Kansas City, Mo.	No. 5	(12) Ole Miss	L	46-57
2014	March 20	West	Second	Milwaukee, Wis.	No. 2	(15) American	W	75-35
	March 22	West	Third	Milwaukee, Wis.	No. 2	(7) Oregon	W	85-77
	March 27	West	Sweet 16	Anaheim, Calif.	No. 2	(6) Baylor	W	69-52
	March 29	West	Elite Eight	Anaheim, Calif.	No. 2	(1) Arizona	W	64-63 (ot)
	April 5	West	Final Four	Arlington, Texas	No. 2	(8) Kentucky	L	73-74
2015	March 20	West	Second	Omaha, Neb.	No. 1	(16) Coastal Carolina	W	86-72
	March 22	West	Third	Omaha, Neb.	No. 1	(8) Oregon	W	72-65
	March 26	West	Sweet 16	Los Angeles, Calif.	No. 1	(4) North Carolina	W	79-72
	March 28	West	Elite Eight	Los Angeles, Calif.	No. 1	(2) Arizona	W	85-78
	April 4	West	Final Four	Indianapolis, Ind.	No. 1	(1) Kentucky	W	71-64
	April 6	West	Championship	Indianapolis, Ind.	No. 1	(1) Duke	L	68-63

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1999: No. 5 Seed - East Region																					
(12) Missouri State	3/12/99	Round of 64	L	32-43	12	47	.255	2	16	.125	6	7	.857	4	16	20	17	8	8	0	5
2000: No. 8 Seed - West Region																					
(9) Fresno State	3/16/00	Round of 64	W	66-56	25	63	.397	12	29	.414	4	7	.571	16	21	37	9	18	8	2	13
(1) Arizona	3/18/00	Round of 32	W	66-59	22	45	.489	5	15	.333	17	20	.850	6	20	26	22	11	12	6	10
(4) Louisiana State	3/23/00	Sweet 16	W	61-48	21	55	.382	6	19	.316	13	18	.722	5	25	30	17	15	9	1	11
(6) Purdue	3/25/00	Elite Eight	L	65-92	22	47	.468	7	16	.438	13	24	.542	13	22	35	21	14	15	1	6
(1) Michigan State	4/01/00	Final Four	L	41-53	15	43	.349	4	13	.308	7	11	.636	2	18	20	19	8	11	4	2
2001: No. 6 Seed - West Region																					
(11) Georgia State	3/15/01	Round of 64	L	49-50	17	43	.395	3	12	.250	12	20	.600	6	26	32	15	4	12	0	6
2002: No. 8 Seed - East Region																					
(9) St. John's	3/15/02	Round of 64	W	80-70	21	44	.477	9	15	.600	29	40	.725	7	22	29	18	14	9	0	8
(1) Maryland	3/17/02	Round of 32	L	57-87	21	59	.356	5	19	.263	10	14	.714	12	20	32	19	11	14	4	6
2003: No. 5 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(12) Weber State	3/20/03	Round of 64	W	81-74	31	58	.534	6	16	.375	13	22	.591	10	24	34	16	16	9	2	7
(13) Tulsa	3/22/03	Round of 32	W	61-60	22	57	.386	6	22	.273	11	17	.647	10	22	32	11	12	5	3	5
(1) Kentucky	3/27/03	Sweet 16	L	57-63	19	45	.422	8	21	.381	11	16	.688	7	19	26	20	9	15	1	7
2004: No. 6 Seed - East Rutherford Region																					
(11) Richmond	3/19/04	Round of 64	W	76-64	25	51	.490	8	18	.444	18	24	.750	11	18	29	11	14	9	3	7
(3) Pittsburgh	3/21/04	Round of 32	L	55-59	17	48	.354	8	18	.444	13	17	.765	7	24	31	20	9	13	3	4
2005: No. 6 Seed - Syracuse Region																					
(11) Northern Iowa	3/18/05	Round of 64	W	57-52	20	48	.417	11	26	.423	6	10	.600	5	25	30	13	14	8	2	3
(14) Bucknell	3/20/05	Round of 32	W	71-62	21	46	.457	7	17	.412	22	29	.759	8	22	30	12	14	7	1	5
(10) NC State	3/25/05	Sweet 16	W	65-56	21	42	.500	4	10	.400	19	25	.760	4	31	35	14	7	18	0	2
(1) North Carolina	3/27/05	Elite Eight	L	82-88	30	61	.492	11	24	.458	11	13	.846	10	19	29	17	17	12	0	5
2006: No. 9 Seed - Minneapolis Region																					
(8) Arizona	3/17/06	Round of 64	L	75-94	35	59	.593	5	10	.500	19	23	.826	11	25	36	19	19	9	6	9
2007: No. 2 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(15) Texas A&M-CC	3/16/07	Round of 64	W	76-63	22	55	.400	7	20	.350	25	30	.833	11	23	34	21	13	10	4	8
(7) UNLV	3/18/07	Round of 32	L	68-74	21	51	.412	5	21	.238	21	27	.778	7	24	31	21	14	8	1	6
2008: No. 3 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(14) Cal State Fullerton	3/20/08	Round of 64	W	71-56	25	59	.424	3	16	.188	18	25	.720	18	32	50	11	13	17	7	8
(11) Kansas State	3/22/08	Round of 32	W	72-55	24	46	.522	9	22	.409	15	24	.625	4	22	26	18	10	10	0	3
(10) Davidson	3/28/08	Sweet 16	L	56-73	17	46	.370	8	23	.348	14	21	.667	14	17	31	13	9	12	3	2
2009: No. 12 Seed - East Region																					
(5) Florida State	3/20/09	Round of 64	W OT	61-59	22	54	.407	9	27	.333	8	12	.667	5	21	26	16	10	9	2	4
(4) Xavier	3/22/09	Round of 32	L	49-60	16	56	.286	3	20	.150	14	17	.824	7	23	30	23	5	7	2	5
2010: No. 4 Seed - East Region																					
(13) Wofford	3/19/10	Round of 64	W	53-49	20	54	.370	1	9	.111	12	19	.632	10	20	30	14	3	4	0	7
(12) Cornell	3/21/10	Round of 32	L	69-87	24	49	.490	8	25	.320	13	17	.765	8	13	21	16	13	10	1	6
2011: No. 4 Seed - Southeast Region																					
(13) Belmont	3/17/11	Round of 64	W	72-58	20	40	.500	12	22	.545	20	25	.800	6	27	33	17	13	13	2	3
(5) Kansas State	3/19/11	Round of 32	W	70-65	21	50	.420	9	20	.450	19	23	.826	10	20	30	18	12	5	2	4
(8) Butler	3/24/11	Sweet 16	L	54-61	17	56	.304	7	29	.241	13	19	.684	12	19	31	20	9	11	3	7
2012: No. 4 Seed - East Region																					
(13) Montana	3/15/12	Round of 64	W	73-49	23	48	.479	10	19	.526	17	19	.895	11	26	37	15	15	10	8	3
(5) Vanderbilt	3/17/12	Round of 32	W	60-57	23	55	.418	10	33	.303	4	8	.500	10	20	30	16	13	8	1	4
(1) Syracuse	3/22/12	Sweet 16	L	63-64	21	49	.429	14	27	.519	7	12	.583	8	17	25	12	15	6	2	2
2013: No. 5 Seed - West Region																					
(12) Ole Miss	3/22/13	Round of 64	L	46-57	15	59	.254	7	30	.233	9	13	.692	15	25	40	16	10	11	7	7
2014: No. 2 Seed - West Region																					
(15) American	3/20/14	Round of 64	W	75-35	26	52	.500	10	23	.435	13	14	.929	6	25	31	15	13	7	1	9
(7) Oregon	3/22/14	Round of 32	W	85-77	29	60	.483	11	28	.393	16	25	.640	14	22	36	17	15	8	1	1
(6) Baylor	3/27/14	Sweet 16	W	69-52	26	50	.520	6	16	.375	11	20	.550	8	31	39	16	18	10	6	1
(1) Arizona	3/29/14	Elite Eight	W OT	64-63	24	61	.393	6	17	.353	10	12	.833	13	25	38	15	11	8	0	3
(8) Kentucky	4/05/14	Final Four	L	73-74	23	50	.460	8	20	.400	19	20	.950	6	21	27	18	11	8	3	4
2015: No. 1 Seed - West Region																					
(16) Coastal Carolina	3/20/15	Round of 64	W	86-72	33	61	.541	11	27	.407	9	12	.750	12	24	36	11	14	9	1	5
(8) Oregon	3/22/15	Round of 32	W	72-65	22	51	.431	7	23	.304	21	29	.724	10	22	32	13	11	6	3	3
(4) North Carolina	3/26/15	Sweet 16	W	79-72	26	56	.464	7	21	.333	20	23	.870	12	23	35	18	13	5	0	3
(2) Arizona	3/28/15	Elite Eight	W	85-78	25	45	.556	12	18	.667	23	31	.742	4	17	21	21	11	9	1	5
(1) Kentucky	4/4/15	Final Four	W	71-64	23	48	.479	7	17	.412	18	22	.818	12	22	34	14	10	10	2	1
(1) Duke	4/6/15	Championship	L	68-63	25	61	.410	7	21	.333	6	10	.600	11	24	35	15	13	5	1	3

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1999: No. 5 Seed - East Region																					
(12) Missouri State	3/12/99	Round of 64	L	32-43	13	33	.394	3	6	.500	14	17	.824	5	32	37	14	8	18	2	4
2000: No. 8 Seed - West Region																					
(9) Fresno State	3/16/00	Round of 64	W	66-56	24	48	.500	6	14	.429	2	3	.667	4	25	29	13	13	17	5	5
(1) Arizona	3/18/00	Round of 32	W	66-59	20	51	.392	5	19	.263	14	22	.636	17	20	37	19	12	17	4	8
(4) Louisiana State	3/23/00	Sweet 16	W	61-48	17	47	.362	5	21	.238	9	12	.750	7	33	40	18	6	23	2	7
(6) Purdue	3/25/00	Elite Eight	L	65-92	21	53	.396	7	23	.304	11	17	.647	13	20	33	21	10	13	3	4
(1) Michigan State	4/01/00	Final Four	L	41-53	16	46	.348	2	14	.143	19	23	.826	14	28	42	18	4	14	3	3
2001: No. 6 Seed - West Region																					
(11) Georgia State	3/15/01	Round of 64	L	49-50	20	53	.377	5	23	.217	5	8	.625	8	25	33	16	9	12	1	7
2002: No. 8 Seed - East Region																					
(9) St. John's	3/15/02	Round of 64	W	80-70	24	56	.429	7	24	.292	15	19	.789	11	22	33	29	11	13	1	4
(1) Maryland	3/17/02	Round of 32	L	57-87	32	62	.516	8	16	.500	15	18	.833	13	28	41	14	17	10	5	9
2003: No. 5 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(12) Weber State	3/20/03	Round of 64	W	81-74	29	71	.408	7	24	.292	9	15	.600	22	21	43	20	9	10	0	4
(13) Tulsa	3/22/03	Round of 32	W	61-60	26	59	.441	3	11	.273	5	5	1.000	11	30	41	16	12	11	3	1
(1) Kentucky	3/27/03	Sweet 16	L	57-63	24	49	.490	1	5	.200	14	24	.583	12	21	33	17	9	14	4	10
2004: No. 6 Seed - East Rutherford Region																					
(11) Richmond	3/19/04	Round of 64	W	76-64	25	54	.463	7	16	.438	7	13	.538	13	16	29	19	17	14	3	8
(3) Pittsburgh	3/21/04	Round of 32	L	55-59	21	59	.356	2	10	.200	15	19	.789	15	25	40	17	10	9	3	7
2005: No. 6 Seed - Syracuse Region																					
(11) Northern Iowa	3/18/05	Round of 64	W	57-52	22	53	.415	4	17	.235	4	8	.500	8	27	35	15	8	8	2	4
(14) Bucknell	3/20/05	Round of 32	W	71-62	23	50	.460	5	15	.333	11	14	.786	7	22	29	24	13	10	2	4
(10) NC State	3/25/05	Sweet 16	W	65-56	19	50	.380	9	22	.409	9	13	.692	2	19	21	25	12	13	5	10
(1) North Carolina	3/27/05	Elite Eight	L	82-88	34	64	.531	5	16	.313	15	18	.833	12	22	34	16	21	9	5	5
2006: No. 9 Seed - Minneapolis Region																					\
(8) Arizona	3/17/06	Round of 64	L	75-94	35	59	.593	5	10	.500	19	23	.826	11	25	36	19	19	9	6	9
2007: No. 2 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(15) Texas A&M-CC	3/16/07	Round of 64	W	76-63	20	46	.435	6	12	.500	17	25	.680	7	27	34	26	16	17	5	5
(7) UNLV	3/18/07	Round of 32	L	68-74	24	52	.462	10	20	.500	16	20	.800	6	27	33	22	12	9	2	3
2008: No. 3 Seed - Midwest Region																					
(14) Cal State Fullerton	3/20/08	Round of 64	W	71-56	21	58	.362	7	21	.333	7	13	.538	7	20	27	25	7	14	0	9
(11) Kansas State	3/22/08	Round of 32	W	72-55	21	53	.396	0	13	.000	13	16	.813	12	24	36	23	4	13	1	4
(10) Davidson	3/28/08	Sweet 16	L	56-73	26	53	.491	12	24	.500	9	12	.750	11	17	28	19	18	7	0	9
2009: No. 12 Seed - East Region																					
(5) Florida State	3/20/09	Round of 64	W OT	61-59	20	46	.435	4	13	.308	15	18	.833	4	29	33	16	6	15	4	6
(4) Xavier	3/22/09	Round of 32	L	49-60	18	46	.391	6	14	.429	18	26	.692	7	30	37	20	12	14	5	4
2010: No. 4 Seed - East Region																					
(13) Wofford	3/19/10	Round of 64	W	53-49	20	48	.417	3	7	.429	6	13	.462	11	26	37	15	7	11	2	1
(12) Cornell	3/21/10	Round of 32	L	69-87	33	54	.611	8	15	.533	13	16	.813	9	20	29	14	14	8	1	8
2011: No. 4 Seed - Southeast Region																					
(13) Belmont	3/17/11	Round of 64	W	72-58	18	49	.367	6	22	.273	16	22	.727	6	16	22	21	12	7	0	7
(5) Kansas State	3/19/11	Round of 32	W	70-65	22	48	.458	6	12	.500	15	22	.682	10	22	32	22	7	8	0	3
(8) Butler	3/24/11	Sweet 16	L	54-61	19	45	.422	5	18	.278	18	26	.692	10	27	37	19	7	14	2	8
2012: No. 4 Seed - East Region																					
(13) Montana	3/15/12	Round of 64	W	73-49	18	47	.383	3	9	.333	10	15	.667	5	16	21	16	8	8	2	8
(5) Vanderbilt	3/17/12	Round of 32	W	60-57	20	46	.435	5	19	.263	12	16	.750	9	26	35	17	8	12	3	4
(1) Syracuse	3/22/12	Sweet 16	L	63-64	27	49	.551	5	9	.556	5	9	.556	7	19	26	13	5	6	1	4
2013: No. 5 Seed - West Region																					
(12) Ole Miss	3/22/13	Round of 64	L	46-57	22	57	.386	3	15	.200	10	16	.625	12	31	43	12	8	10	6	6
2014: No. 2 Seed - West Region																					
(15) American	3/20/14	Round of 64	W	75-35	11	37	.297	4	15	.267	9	15	.600	4	20	24	16	8	17	0	5
(7) Oregon	3/22/14	Round of 32	W	85-77	24	49	.490	8	18	.444	21	23	.913	3	23	26	23	9	8	1	5
(6) Baylor	3/27/14	Sweet 16	W	69-52	18	57	.316	2	15	.133	14	18	.778	11	22	33	16	10	6	3	5
(1) Arizona	3/29/14	Elite Eight	W OT	64-63	23	58	.397	5	12	.417	12	17	.706	13	26	39	17	8	7	5	2
(8) Kentucky	4/05/14	Final Four	L	73-74	29	58	.500	2	5	.400	14	21	.667	11	21	32	17	9	4	1	4
2015: No. 1 Seed - West Region																					
(16) Coastal Carolina	3/20/15	Round of 64	W	86-72	28	58	.483	7	12	.583	9	11	.818	7	18	25	14	9	6	1	8
(8) Oregon	3/22/15	Round of 32	W	72-65	26	59	.441	8	19	.421	5	7	.714	10	24	34	20	13	8	4	3
(4) North Carolina	3/26/15	Sweet 16	W	79-72	26	56	.464	8	13	.615	12	18	.667	9	19	28	20	12	4	1	3
(2) Arizona	3/28/15	Elite Eight	W	85-78	24	43	.558	2	6	.333	28	30	.933	3	19	22	22	8	10	1	5
(1) Kentucky	4/4/16	Final Four	W	71-64	26	54	.481	3	5	.600	9	10	.900	6	16	22	20	7	6	4	5
(1) Duke	4/6/16	Championship	L	68-63	24	51	.471	4	11	.364	16	20	.800	6	27	33	13	7	5	6	4

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Points

1. 36 Michael Finley vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 29 Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
3. 28 Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/29/14
4. 27 3x; MR Sam Dekker vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
   27 Frank Kaminsky vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   27 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94

Field Goals

1. 11 Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/29/14
2. 10 4x; MR Sam Dekker vs. North Carolina, 3/26/15
   10 Frank Kaminsky vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   10 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
   10 Bobby Cook vs. Navy, 3/22/47
6. 9 6x; MR: Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/28/15

Field Goal Attempts

1. 22 John Kotz vs. Washington State, 3/29/41
2. 21 Gene Englund vs. Dartmouth, 3/21/41
3. 20 3x; MR Frank Kaminsy vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
   20 Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/29/14
   20 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
6. 19 2x; MR: Jordan Taylor vs. Butler, 3/24/11

Field Goal Percentage (min 10 att.)

1. .727 Sam Dekker (8-11) vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
   .727 Frank Kaminsky (8-11) vs. Baylor, 3/27/14
3. .714 Frank Kaminsky (10-14) vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
4. .666 Sam Dekker (10-15) vs. North Carolina, 3/26/15
   .666 Jon Leuer (8-12) vs. Cornell, 3/21/10
6. .636 2x; MR Frank Kaminsky (7-11) vs. Kentucky, 4/4/15

3-point Field Goals

1. 7 2x; MR Jon Bryant vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
   7 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
3. 5 8x; MR: Sam Dekker vs. Arizona, 3/28/15

3-Point Field Goal Attempts

1. 13 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 11 Jon Bryant vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
   11 Duany Duany vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
4. 10 8x; MR Sam Dekker vs. Ole Miss, 3/22/13
   10 Jordan Taylor vs. Vanderbilt, 3/17/12
   10 Jordan Taylor vs. Butler, 3/24/11
   10 Jason Bohannon vs. Cornell, 3/21/10
   10 Kammron Taylor vs. UNLV, 3/18/07
   10 Sharif Chambliss vs. Northern Iowa, 3/18/05
   10 Devin Harris vs. Pittsburgh, 3/21/04
   10 Michael Finley vs. Missouri, 3/19/94

3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min 6 att.)

1. .833 Sam Dekker (5-6) vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
2. .714 Kirk Penney (5-7) vs. Kentucky, 3/27/03
3 .636 Jon Bryant (7-11) vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
4. .635 Clayton Hanson (5-8) vs. N. Carolina, 3/27/05
5. .571 Ben Brust (4-7) vs. American, 3/20/14
   .571 Kammron Taylor (4-7) vs. Arizona, 3/17/06

Free Throws

1. 15 Alando Tucker vs. Bucknell, 3/20/05
2. 13 Michael Finley vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
3. 12 Rashard Griffith vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94
4. 11 Trévon Hughes vs. Xavier, 3/22/09
5. 10 Frank Kaminsky vs. Arizona, 3/28/15

Free Throw Attempts

1. 18 Alando Tucker vs. Bucknell, 3/20/05
2. 14 3x; MR Alando Tucker, vs. Arizona, 3/17/06
   14 Michael Finley vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
   14 Rashard Griffith vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94
5. 13 2x; MR Trevon Hughes vs. Xavier, 3/22/09
   13 Alando Tucker vs. UNLV, 3/18/07

Free Throw Percentage (min 10 att.)

1. .929 Michael Finley (13-14) vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. .900 Alando Tucker (9-10) vs. Tex. A&M-CC, 3/16/07
3. .857 Rashard Griffith (12-14) vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94
4. .846 Trévon Hughes (11-13) vs. Xavier, 3/22/09
5. .833 Frank Kaminsky (10-12) vs. Arizona, 3/28/15

Rebounds

1. 15 Rashard Griffith vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94
2. 14 Andy Kowske vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
3. 12 4x; MR Frank Kaminsky vs. Duke, 4/16/15
   12 Frank Kaminsky vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   12 Marcus Landry vs. Cal State Fullerton, 3/20/08
   12 Andy Kowske vs. Arizona, 3/18/00
6. 11 3x; MR Frank Kaminsky vs. Kentucky, 4/4/15

Assists

1. 7 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 6 9x; MR: Jordan Taylor vs. Montana, 3/15/12

Steals

1. 6 Mike Kelley vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
2. 5 3x; MR Devin Harris vs. Weber State, 3/20/03
   5 Mike Kelley vs. LSU, 3/23/00
   5 Mike Kelley vs. Arizona, 3/18/00
5. 4 3x; MR Tim Jarmusz vs. Butler, 3/24/11
   4 Trevon Hughes vs. Cal State Fullerton, 3/20/08
   4 Tracy Webster vs. Missouri, 3/19/94

Blocked Shots

1. 7 Jared Berggren vs. Montana, 3/15/12
2. 6 Frank Kaminsky vs. Baylor, 3/27/14
3. 4 Andy Kowske vs. Michigan State, 4/1/00
4. 3 2x; MR Jared Berggren vs. Ole Miss, 3/22/13
   3 Mark Vershaw vs. Arizona, 3/18/00
5. 2 11x; MR: Frank Kaminsy vs. Kentucky, 4/5/14

UW NCAA TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

Games Played

1.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	17
2.	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	15
3.	Duje Dukan (2011-15)	13
4.	Sam Dekker (2013-15)	12
	Traevon Jackson (2012-15)	12
5.	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**11**
	Bronson Koenig (2014-)	**11**
	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	11
	Kirk Penney (2000-03)	11
6.	Jordan Taylor (2009-12)	10
	Jon Leuer (2008-11)	10
	Tim Jarmusz (2008-11)	10
	Alando Tucker (2003-07)	10

Points

1.	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	216
2.	Sam Dekker (2013-15)	181
3.	Alando Tucker (2003-07)	154
4.	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	148
5.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	125
*	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**102**
	Bronson Koenig (2014-)	**84**

3-Point Field Goals

1.	Ben Brust (2011-14)	24
2.	Jordan Taylor (2009-12)	23
3.	Sam Dekker (2013-15)	22
4.	Jon Bryant (1999-00)	19
5.	Kirk Penney (2000-03)	15
6.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	14
*	**Bronson Koenig (2014-)**	**13**
	Nigel Hayes (2014-)	**9**

3-Point FG Pct. (min. 8 made)

1.	Clayton Hanson (2002-05), (14-27)	.519
2.	Michael Finley (1994), (9-18)	.500
3.	Ben Brust (2011-14), (24-52)	.462
4.	Mike Bruesewitz (2010-13), (9-20)	.450
5.	Jon Bryant (1999-00), (19-43)	.442
*	**Nigel Hayes (2014-) (9-24)**	**.375**
	Bronson Koenig (2014-) (13-36)	**.361**

Free Throws

1.	Alando Tucker (2003-07)	59
2.	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	46
3.	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	41
4.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	32
5.	Trévon Hughes (2007-10)	31
*	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**21**

Free Throw Attempts

1.	Alando Tucker (2003-07)	81
2.	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	61
3.	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	56
4.	Trévon Hughes (2007-10)	42
5.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	38
6.	Jordan Taylor (2009-12)	36
	Sam Dekker (2013-15)	36
*	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**31**
	Bronson Koenig (2014-)	**24**

Rebounds

1.	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	92
2.	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	70
3.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	65
4.	Sam Dekker (2013-15)	64
5.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	55
6.	Andy Kowske (1999-01)	45
7.	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**42**
8.	Marcus Landry (2007-09)	41
	Zach Morley (2004-05)	41
9.	Mike Bruesewitz (2010-13)	40
10.	Kirk Penney (2000-03)	39

Assists

1.	Jordan Taylor (2009-12)	39
2.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	34
3.	Traevon Jackson (2012-15)	30
4.	Devin Harris (2002-04)	24
5.	Mike Kelley (1999-01)	23
6.	**Bronson Koenig (2014-)**	**21**
	Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)	21
7.	Mark Vershaw (1999-01)	20
*	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**16**

Blocked Shots

1.	**Frank Kaminsky (2012-15)**	**15**
2.	Jared Berggren (2010-2013)	10
3.	Andy Kowske (1999-2001)	6
	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	6
5.	Joe Krabbenhoft (2005-08)	5
	Marcus Landry (2006-09)	5
	Greg Stiemsma (2005, 07-08)	5

Steals

1.	Mike Kelley (1999-01)	20
2.	Mike Wilkinson (2002-05)	16
3.	Devin Harris (2002-04)	15
4.	Josh Gasser (2011-15)	14
5.	Trévon Hughes (2007-09)	9
6.	**Nigel Hayes (2014-)**	**8**
	Marcus Landry (2006-09)	8
7.	Michael Flowers (2005-08)	7
	Tim Jarmusz (2008-11)	7

UW NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAM SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

Points

1. 96 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 86 vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
3. 85 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
   85 vs. Oregon, 3/22/14
5. 82 vs. North Carolina, 3/27/05

Points in a Half

1. 57 vs. Texas A&M-CC, 3/16/07 (2nd)
2. 55 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15 (2nd)
3. 51 vs. Richmond, 3/19/04 (2nd)
4. 49 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94 (2nd)
5. 48 vs. North Carolina, 3/26/15 (2nd)
   48 vs. Oregon, 3/22/14 (2nd)

Field Goals

1. 33 vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
2. 31 vs. Weber State, 3/20/03
3. 30 vs. North Carolina, 3/27/05
4. 29 vs. Oregon, 3/22/14
5. 28 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94

Field Goal Attempts

1. 67 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
   67 vs. Washington State, 3/29/41
3. 63 vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
4. 61 vs. Duke, 4/6/15
   61 vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   61 vs. Arizona, 3/29/14
   61 vs. North Carolina, 3/27/05

Field Goal Percentage

1. .556 (25-45) vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
2. .541 (33-61) vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
3. .534 (31-58) vs. Weber State, 3/20/03
4. .522 (24-46) vs. Kansas State, 3/22/08
5. .520 (26-50) vs. Baylor, 3/27/14

3-Point Field Goals

1. 15 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 14 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/12
3. 12 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
   12 vs. Belmont, 3/17/11
   12 vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
6. 11 vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   11 vs. Oregon, 3/22/14
   11 vs. Northern Iowa, 3/18/05

3-Point FG Attempts

1. 37 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
2. 33 vs. Vanderbilt, 3/17/12
3. 30 vs. Ole Miss, 3/22/13
4. 29 vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
5. 28 vs. Oregon, 3/22/14
6. 27 vs. Coastal Carolina, 3/20/15
   27 vs. Florida State, 3/20/09

3-Point FG Pct.

1. .667 (12-18) vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
2. .600 (9-15) vs. St. John's, 3/15/02
3. .545 (12-22) vs. Belmont, 3/17/11
4. .526 (10-19) vs. Montana, 3/15/12
5. .519 (14-27) vs. Syracuse, 3/22/12

Free Throws

1. 29 vs. St. John's, 3/15/02
2. 25 vs. Texas A&M-CC, 3/16/07
   25 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
4. 23 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
5. 22 vs. Bucknell, 3/20/05
   22 vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94

Free Throw Attempts

1. 40 vs. St. John's, 3/15/02
2. 35 vs. Missouri, 3/19/94
3. 31 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15
4. 30 vs. Texas A&M-CC, 3/16/07
5. 29 vs. Oregon, 3/22/15
   29 vs. Bucknell, 3/20/05
   29 vs. Texas, 3/14/97
   29 vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94

Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 att.)

1. .950 (19-20) vs. Kentucky, 4/5/14
2. .928 (13-14) vs. American, 3/20/14
3. .895 (17-19) vs. Montana, 3/15/12
4. .870 (20-23) vs. North Carolina, 3/26/15
5. .850 (17-20) vs. Arizona, 3/18/00

Rebounds

1. 50 vs. Cal State Fullerton, 3/20/08
2. 40 vs. Ole Miss, 3/22/13
   40 vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94
4. 39 vs. Baylor, 3/27/14
5. 38 vs. Arizona, 3/29/14

Assists

1. 19 vs. Arizona, 3/17/06
2. 18 vs. Baylor, 3/27/14
   18 vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
4. 17 vs. North Carolina, 3/27/05
5. 16 vs. Weber State, 3/20/03

Fewest Turnovers

1. 4 vs. Wofford, 3/19/10
2. 5 vs. Duke, 4/6/15
   5 vs. North Carolina, 3/26/15
   5 vs. Kansas State, 3/19/11
   5 vs. Tulsa, 3/22/03
5. 6 vs. Oregon, 3/22/15
   6 vs. Syracuse, 3/22/12

Blocked Shots

1. 8 vs. Montana, 3/15/12
2. 7 vs. Ole Miss, 3/22/13
   7 vs. Cal State Fullerton, 3/20/08
4. 6 vs. Baylor, 3/27/14
   6 vs. Arizona, 3/18/00

Steals

1. 13 vs. Fresno State, 3/16/00
2. 11 vs. LSU, 3/23/00
3. 10 vs. Arizona, 3/18/00
4. 9 vs. American, 3/20/14
   9 vs. Cincinnati, 3/17/94

Current Badgers in the NCAA Tournament

	GP/GS	MIN	FG	PCT	3FG	PCT	FT	PCT	REB.	RPG	A	TO	B	S	PTS/AVG
Nigel Hayes	11/6	273	36-84	.429	9-24	.375	21-31	.677	42	3.8	16	12	2	8	102 / 9.3
Bronson Koenig	11/6	270	26-66	.394	13-36	.361	19-24	.792	15	1.4	21	9	0	2	84 / 7.6
Zak Showalter	5/0	41	6-7	.857	1-2	.500	0-0	--	6	1.5	5	2	0	2	13 / 2.6
Vitto Brown	6/0	13	0-4	.000	0-0	--	0-1	.000	1	0.2	0	1	0	1	0 / --
Jordan Hill	2/0	3	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	--	1	0.5	0	2	0	0	0 / --
Aaron Moesch	1/0	1	0-0	--	0-0	--	0-0	--	0	--	0	0	0	0	0 / --
Jordan Smith	1/0	1	0-0	--	0-0	--	0-0	--	0	--	0	0	0	0	0 / --

2015-16 Season Statistics

Updated through March 10, 2016

Overall record: 20-12 Conf: 12-6 Home: 13-5 Away: 6-5 Neutral: 1-2

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
10	Hayes, Nigel	32-32	1160	36.2	152-399	.381	37-118	.314	181-244	.742	66	119	185	5.8	65	0	96	72	13	36	522	16.3
24	Koenig, Bronson	32-32	1111	34.7	141-350	.403	76-193	.394	71-93	.763	11	69	80	2.5	73	2	81	48	6	10	429	13.4
22	Happ, Ethan	32-32	893	27.9	144-273	.527	0-0	.000	99-154	.643	77	173	250	7.8	96	0	39	67	29	58	387	12.1
30	Brown, Vitto	32-31	804	25.1	118-268	.440	31-79	.392	42-55	.764	59	106	165	5.2	77	2	25	36	17	19	309	9.7
03	Showalter, Zak	32-32	1003	31.3	81-175	.463	35-98	.357	45-56	.804	24	100	124	3.9	94	4	71	42	7	33	242	7.6
11	Hill, Jordan	27-1	413	15.3	31-79	.392	17-48	.354	4-6	.667	11	24	35	1.3	39	0	21	17	1	8	83	3.1
21	Iverson, Khalil	31-0	413	13.3	31-66	.470	2-12	.167	19-34	.559	22	37	59	1.9	27	0	20	29	15	11	83	2.7
15	Thomas, Charlie	28-0	272	9.7	26-70	.371	4-13	.308	14-30	.467	20	37	57	2.0	32	0	3	5	10	5	70	2.5
25	Illikainen, Alex	30-0	305	10.2	25-60	.417	9-27	.333	10-15	.667	15	31	46	1.5	31	0	13	10	3	6	69	2.3
35	Dearring, Riley	3-0	6	2.0	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.7	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.7
02	Smith, Jordan	8-0	9	1.1	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0.5
05	Moesch, Aaron	16-0	48	3.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.3	4	0	1	1	0	2	4	0.3
20	Schlundt, T.J.	5-0	4	0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
00	Decorah, Will	4-0	3	0.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
13	Bax, Jackson	3-0	2	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
01	Pritzl, Brevin	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										57	49	106		1			19				
	Total.....	32	6450		751-1748	.430	211-590	.358	491-694	.707	366	751	1117	34.9	542	8	371	351	102	188	2204	68.9
	Opponents.....	32	6450		732-1705	.429	189-499	.379	413-584	.707	295	722	1017	31.8	652	-	342	389	106	169	2066	64.6

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP
SCORING	2204	2066
Points per game	68.9	64.6
Scoring margin	+4.3	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	751-1748	732-1705
Field goal pct	.430	.429
3 POINT FG-ATT	211-590	189-499
3-point FG pct	.358	.379
3-pt FG made per game	6.6	5.9
FREE THROWS-ATT	491-694	413-584
Free throw pct	.707	.707
F-Throws made per game	15.3	12.9
REBOUNDS	1117	1017
Rebounds per game	34.9	31.8
Rebounding margin	+3.1	-
ASSISTS	371	342
Assists per game	11.6	10.7
TURNOVERS	351	389
Turnovers per game	11.0	12.2
Turnover margin	+1.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9
STEALS	188	169
Steals per game	5.9	5.3
BLOCKS	102	106
Blocks per game	3.2	3.3
ATTENDANCE	311166	184257
Home games-Avg/Game	18-17287	11-13521
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-11842

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Wisconsin	1046	1134	24	2204
Opponents	937	1116	13	2066

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/13/15	WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	67-69	17287
	11/15/15	SIENA	W	92-65	17287
	11/17/15	NORTH DAKOTA	W	78-64	17287
	11/20/15	vs Georgetown	L	61-71	18238
	11/22/15	vs VCU	W	74-73	17287
	11/25/15	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W	85-67	17287
	11/29/15	at Oklahoma	L	48-65	8988
	12/02/15	at Syracuse	Wot	66-58	22360
	12/05/15	TEMPLE	W	76-60	17287
	12/09/15	MILWAUKEE	L	67-68	17287
	12/12/15	MARQUETTE	L	55-57	17287
	12/15/15	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHR	W	64-49	17287
	12/23/15	GREEN BAY	W	84-79	17287
*	12/29/15	PURDUE	L	55-61	17287
*	01/02/16	RUTGERS	W	79-57	17287
*	01/05/16	at Indiana	L	58-59	14098
*	01/09/16	MARYLAND	L	60-63	17287
*	01/12/16	at Northwestern	L	65-70	7264
*	01/17/16	MICHIGAN STATE	W	77-76	17287
*	01/21/16	at Penn State	W	66-60	7145
*	01/26/16	INDIANA	Wot	82-79	17287
*	01/31/16	at Illinois	W	63-55	13609
*	02/04/16	OHIO STATE	W	79-68	17287
*	02/10/16	NEBRASKA	W	72-61	17287
*	2/13/16	at Maryland	W	70-57	17950
*	2/18/16	at Michigan State	L	57-69	14797
*	02/21/16	ILLINOIS	W	69-60	17287
*	02/24/16	at Iowa	W	67-59	15400
*	02/28/16	MICHIGAN	W	68-57	17287
*	03/02/16	at Minnesota	W	62-49	12275
*	03/06/16	at Purdue	L	80-91	14846
	03/10/16	vs Nebraska	L	58-70	0

* = Conference game

2015-16 Big Ten Statistics

Updated through March 6, 2016

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	12-6	7-2	5-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	12-6	7-2	5-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
10	Hayes, Nigel	18-18	646	35.9	87-220	.395	23-67	.343	104-136	.765	27	69	96	5.3	38	0	40	44	7	22	301	16.7
24	Koenig, Bronson	18-18	615	34.2	73-177	.412	44-104	.423	41-56	.732	2	40	42	2.3	41	2	46	21	1	8	231	12.8
22	Happ, Ethan	18-18	492	27.3	82-157	.522	0-0	.000	56-96	.583	40	95	135	7.5	53	0	22	33	12	43	220	12.2
30	Brown, Vitto	18-17	412	22.9	59-124	.476	20-48	.417	20-26	.769	23	41	64	3.6	36	0	18	13	6	8	158	8.8
03	Showalter, Zak	18-18	534	29.7	49-93	.527	20-51	.392	22-30	.733	10	45	55	3.1	47	1	38	22	4	16	140	7.8
11	Hill, Jordan	18-1	353	19.6	28-68	.412	15-41	.366	2-4	.500	9	21	30	1.7	31	0	17	12	1	8	73	4.1
25	Illikainen, Alex	18-0	237	13.2	18-47	.383	8-24	.333	5-7	.714	12	25	37	2.1	25	0	9	7	3	4	49	2.7
21	Iverson, Khalil	17-0	193	11.4	15-27	.556	0-4	.000	7-11	.636	11	16	27	1.6	11	0	15	16	8	5	37	2.2
15	Thomas, Charlie	14-0	90	6.4	7-21	.333	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	3	9	12	0.9	11	0	0	2	5	2	16	1.1
02	Smith, Jordan	5-0	4	0.8	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0.8
00	Decorah, Will	3-0	2	0.7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Schlundt, T.J.	3-0	2	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
05	Moesch, Aaron	13-0	44	3.4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.3	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
13	Bax, Jackson	2-0	1	0.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										26	25	51					13				
	Total.....	18	3625		419-939	.446	132-347	.380	259-372	.696	166	390	556	30.9	297	3	206	184	48	117	1229	68.3
	Opponents.....	18	3625		408-937	.435	108-279	.387	227-306	.742	168	403	571	31.7	355	-	200	229	56	81	1151	63.9

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP
SCORING	1229	1151
Points per game	68.3	63.9
Scoring margin	+4.3	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	419-939	408-937
Field goal pct	.446	.435
3 POINT FG-ATT	132-347	108-279
3-point FG pct	.380	.387
3-pt FG made per game	7.3	6.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	259-372	227-306
Free throw pct	.696	.742
F-Throws made per game	14.4	12.6
REBOUNDS	556	571
Rebounds per game	30.9	31.7
Rebounding margin	-0.8	-
ASSISTS	206	200
Assists per game	11.4	11.1
TURNOVERS	184	229
Turnovers per game	10.2	12.7
Turnover margin	+2.5	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.9
STEALS	117	81
Steals per game	6.5	4.5
BLOCKS	48	56
Blocks per game	2.7	3.1
ATTENDANCE	155583	117384
Home games-Avg/Game	9-17287	9-13043
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Wisconsin	580	638	11	1229
Opponents	530	613	8	1151

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	12/29/15	PURDUE	L	55-61	17287
*	01/02/16	RUTGERS	W	79-57	17287
*	01/05/16	at Indiana	L	58-59	14098
*	01/09/16	MARYLAND	L	60-63	17287
*	01/12/16	at Northwestern	L	65-70	7264
*	01/17/16	MICHIGAN STATE	W	77-76	17287
*	01/21/16	at Penn State	W	66-60	7145
*	01/26/16	INDIANA	Wot	82-79	17287
*	01/31/16	at Illinois	W	63-55	13609
*	02/04/16	OHIO STATE	W	79-68	17287
*	02/10/16	NEBRASKA	W	72-61	17287
*	2/13/16	at Maryland	W	70-57	17950
*	2/18/16	at Michigan State	L	57-69	14797
*	02/21/16	ILLINOIS	W	69-60	17287
*	02/24/16	at Iowa	W	67-59	15400
*	02/28/16	MICHIGAN	W	68-57	17287
*	03/02/16	at Minnesota	W	62-49	12275
*	03/06/16	at Purdue	L	80-91	14846

* = Conference game

2015-16 Home Statistics

Updated through February 28, 2016

Overall record: 13-5 Conf: 7-2 Home: 13-5 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
10	Hayes, Nigel	18-18	639	35.5	96-225	.427	18-58	.310	106-139	.763	34	69	103	5.7	29	0	60	40	8	21	316	17.6
24	Koenig, Bronson	18-18	615	34.2	88-201	.438	45-102	.441	37-46	.804	4	39	43	2.4	32	0	45	26	4	6	258	14.3
22	Happ, Ethan	18-18	486	27.0	84-149	.564	0-0	.000	54-86	.628	42	89	131	7.3	52	0	22	33	20	31	222	12.3
30	Brown, Vitto	18-18	450	25.0	66-147	.449	15-34	.441	32-42	.762	34	62	96	5.3	39	0	13	19	10	10	179	9.9
03	Showalter, Zak	18-18	557	30.9	48-94	.511	23-54	.426	24-31	.774	11	58	69	3.8	54	3	39	23	3	20	143	7.9
11	Hill, Jordan	15-0	236	15.7	17-43	.395	11-29	.379	4-6	.667	6	14	20	1.3	16	0	10	11	1	4	49	3.3
25	Illikainen, Alex	16-0	191	11.9	16-40	.400	6-17	.353	10-14	.714	9	21	30	1.9	18	0	8	6	1	3	48	3.0
15	Thomas, Charlie	17-0	166	9.8	16-45	.356	2-8	.250	13-27	.481	14	22	36	2.1	21	0	2	2	5	4	47	2.8
21	Iverson, Khalil	17-0	226	13.3	12-32	.375	0-7	.000	13-25	.520	11	24	35	2.1	16	0	6	12	8	6	37	2.2
02	Smith, Jordan	5-0	6	1.2	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.4	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.8
35	Dearring, Riley	3-0	6	2.0	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	0.7	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.7
05	Moesch, Aaron	10-0	36	3.6	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	0.4	1	0	1	0	0	2	4	0.4
13	Bax, Jackson	3-0	2	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Schlundt, T.J.	4-0	3	0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
00	Decorah, Will	3-0	2	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
01	Pritzl, Brevin	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										30	25	55					7				
	Total.....	18	3625		445-981	.454	120-311	.386	299-423	.707	198	428	626	34.8	281	3	207	184	60	107	1309	72.7
	Opponents.....	18	3625		430-992	.433	109-281	.388	191-270	.707	162	386	548	30.4	389	-	174	220	49	88	1160	64.4

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP
SCORING	1309	1160
Points per game	72.7	64.4
Scoring margin	+8.3	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	445-981	430-992
Field goal pct	.454	.433
3 POINT FG-ATT	120-311	109-281
3-point FG pct	.386	.388
3-pt FG made per game	6.7	6.1
FREE THROWS-ATT	299-423	191-270
Free throw pct	.707	.707
F-Throws made per game	16.6	10.6
REBOUNDS	626	548
Rebounds per game	34.8	30.4
Rebounding margin	+4.3	-
ASSISTS	207	174
Assists per game	11.5	9.7
TURNOVERS	184	220
Turnovers per game	10.2	12.2
Turnover margin	+2.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8
STEALS	107	88
Steals per game	5.9	4.9
BLOCKS	60	49
Blocks per game	3.3	2.7
ATTENDANCE	311166	0
Home games-Avg/Game	18-17287	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Wisconsin	635	663	11	1309
Opponents	531	621	8	1160

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/13/15	WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	67-69	17287
	11/15/15	SIENA	W	92-65	17287
	11/17/15	NORTH DAKOTA	W	78-64	17287
	11/25/15	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W	85-67	17287
	12/05/15	TEMPLE	W	76-60	17287
	12/09/15	MILWAUKEE	L	67-68	17287
	12/12/15	MARQUETTE	L	55-57	17287
	12/15/15	TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHR	W	64-49	17287
	12/23/15	GREEN BAY	W	84-79	17287
*	12/29/15	PURDUE	L	55-61	17287
*	01/02/16	RUTGERS	W	79-57	17287
*	01/09/16	MARYLAND	L	60-63	17287
*	01/17/16	MICHIGAN STATE	W	77-76	17287
*	01/26/16	INDIANA	Wot	82-79	17287
*	02/04/16	OHIO STATE	W	79-68	17287
*	02/10/16	NEBRASKA	W	72-61	17287
*	02/21/16	ILLINOIS	W	69-60	17287
*	02/28/16	MICHIGAN	W	68-57	17287

* = Conference game

2015-16 Road/Neutral Statistics

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-6	0-0	6-5	1-1
CONFERENCE	5-4	0-0	5-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
10	Hayes, Nigel	13-13	482	37.1	54-159	.340	19-54	.352	69-96	.719	31	46	77	5.9	33	0	35	31	5	13	196	15.1
24	Koenig, Bronson	13-13	459	35.3	50-137	.365	30-85	.353	30-43	.698	6	28	34	2.6	39	2	32	20	2	4	160	12.3
22	Happ, Ethan	13-13	373	28.7	55-113	.487	0-0	.000	38-60	.633	34	78	112	8.6	41	0	15	29	9	25	148	11.4
30	Brown, Vitto	13-12	319	24.5	47-114	.412	13-41	.317	7-9	.778	22	39	61	4.7	36	2	12	14	6	7	114	8.8
03	Showalter, Zak	13-13	411	31.6	33-77	.429	12-41	.293	19-22	.864	13	38	51	3.9	37	1	31	19	4	12	97	7.5
21	Iverson, Khalil	13-0	183	14.1	19-34	.559	2-5	.400	6-7	.857	11	13	24	1.8	10	0	13	17	7	5	46	3.5
11	Hill, Jordan	11-1	166	15.1	14-34	.412	6-18	.333	0-0	.000	5	10	15	1.4	20	0	11	5	0	4	34	3.1
15	Thomas, Charlie	10-0	102	10.2	9-23	.391	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	5	15	20	2.0	11	0	1	3	5	1	21	2.1
25	Illikainen, Alex	13-0	113	8.7	9-20	.450	3-10	.300	0-1	.000	6	10	16	1.2	12	0	5	4	2	3	21	1.6
20	Schlundt, T.J.	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
05	Moesch, Aaron	6-0	12	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
02	Smith, Jordan	3-0	3	1.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
00	Decorah, Will	1-0	1	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										24	22	46		1			12				
	Total.....	13	2625		290-714	.406	87-259	.336	170-241	.705	158	300	458	35.2	243	5	155	155	41	74	837	64.4
	Opponents.....	13	2625		279-664	.420	78-210	.371	200-286	.699	127	304	431	33.2	241	-	164	156	50	72	836	64.3

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP
SCORING	837	836
Points per game	64.4	64.3
Scoring margin	+0.1	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	290-714	279-664
Field goal pct	.406	.420
3 POINT FG-ATT	87-259	78-210
3-point FG pct	.336	.371
3-pt FG made per game	6.7	6.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	170-241	200-286
Free throw pct	.705	.699
F-Throws made per game	13.1	15.4
REBOUNDS	458	431
Rebounds per game	35.2	33.2
Rebounding margin	+2.1	-
ASSISTS	155	164
Assists per game	11.9	12.6
TURNOVERS	155	156
Turnovers per game	11.9	12.0
Turnover margin	+0.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	1.1
STEALS	74	72
Steals per game	5.7	5.5
BLOCKS	41	50
Blocks per game	3.2	3.8
ATTENDANCE	0	184257
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	11-13521
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-17762

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Wisconsin	390	434	13	837
Opponents	380	451	5	836

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	11/20/15	vs Georgetown	L	61-71	18238
	11/22/15	vs VCU	W	74-73	17287
	11/29/15	at Oklahoma	L	48-65	8988
	12/02/15	at Syracuse	Wot	66-58	22360
*	01/05/16	at Indiana	L	58-59	14098
*	01/12/16	at Northwestern	L	65-70	7264
*	01/21/16	at Penn State	W	66-60	7145
*	01/31/16	at Illinois	W	63-55	13609
*	2/13/16	at Maryland	W	70-57	17950
*	2/18/16	at Michigan State	L	57-69	14797
*	02/24/16	at Iowa	W	67-59	15400
*	03/02/16	at Minnesota	W	62-49	12275
*	03/06/16	at Purdue	L	80-91	14846

* = Conference game

2016 Postseason Statistics

Updated through March 10, 2016

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1

					Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
22	Happ, Ethan	1-1	34	34.0	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	1	6	7	7.0	3	0	2	5	0	2	17	17.0
30	Brown, Vitto	1-1	35	35.0	5-7	.714	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	3	5	8	8.0	2	0	0	3	1	2	16	16.0
24	Koenig, Bronson	1-1	37	37.0	3-12	.250	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	1	2	3	3.0	2	0	4	2	0	0	11	11.0
10	Hayes, Nigel	1-1	39	39.0	2-15	.133	0-6	.000	6-9	.667	1	4	5	5.0	3	0	1	1	0	2	10	10.0
15	Thomas, Charlie	1-0	4	4.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
03	Showalter, Zak	1-1	35	35.0	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	2-3	.667	0	4	4	4.0	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	2.0
21	Iverson, Khalil	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
25	Illikainen, Alex	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
11	Hill, Jordan	1-0	11	11.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										3	2	5									
	Total.....	1	200		16-53	.302	4-20	.200	22-30	.733	10	23	33	33.0	18	0	9	12	1	7	58	58.0
	Opponents.....	1	200		23-49	.469	2-8	.250	22-28	.786	6	32	38	38.0	22	-	4	13	7	9	70	70.0

TEAM STATISTICS	WIS	OPP
SCORING	58	70
Points per game	58.0	70.0
Scoring margin	-12.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	16-53	23-49
Field goal pct	.302	.469
3 POINT FG-ATT	4-20	2-8
3-point FG pct	.200	.250
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	2.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	22-30	22-28
Free throw pct	.733	.786
F-Throws made per game	22.0	22.0
REBOUNDS	33	38
Rebounds per game	33.0	38.0
Rebounding margin	-5.0	-
ASSISTS	9	4
Assists per game	9.0	4.0
TURNOVERS	12	13
Turnovers per game	12.0	13.0
Turnover margin	+1.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.3
STEALS	7	9
Steals per game	7.0	9.0
BLOCKS	1	7
Blocks per game	1.0	7.0
ATTENDANCE	0	0
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-0

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
03/10/16	vs Nebraska	L	58-70	0

* = Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Wisconsin	21	37	58
Opponents	26	44	70

Wisconsin Game-by-Game Statistics

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TEAM STATISTICS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	Score		fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	67-69	L	22-62	.355	7-21	.333	16-25	.640	21	18	39	39.0	15	8	4	6	6	67	67.0
SIENA	11/15/15	92-65	W	31-53	.585	5-12	.417	25-30	.833	10	27	37	38.0	23	12	10	2	2	92	79.5
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	78-64	W	29-66	.439	6-20	.300	14-22	.636	16	24	40	38.7	15	14	6	2	4	78	79.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	61-71	L	20-63	.317	5-19	.263	16-20	.800	18	22	40	39.0	21	10	14	3	5	61	74.5
vs VCU	11/22/15	74-73	W	26-49	.531	5-10	.500	17-24	.708	11	28	39	39.0	22	13	17	7	4	74	74.4
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	85-67	W	29-56	.518	6-20	.300	21-26	.808	12	17	29	37.3	18	17	12	2	9	85	76.2
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	48-65	L	16-68	.235	7-33	.212	9-13	.692	21	25	46	38.6	17	8	7	3	2	48	72.1
at Syracuse	12/02/15	66-58	Wot	25-60	.417	5-18	.278	11-12	.917	16	35	51	40.1	18	15	20	7	4	66	71.4
TEMPLE	12/05/15	76-60	W	27-59	.458	6-11	.545	16-21	.762	10	28	38	39.9	13	13	7	2	5	76	71.9
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	67-68	L	20-55	.364	4-10	.400	23-32	.719	12	33	45	40.4	21	7	10	4	2	67	71.4
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	55-57	L	24-66	.364	6-17	.353	1-4	.250	14	22	36	40.0	16	12	7	4	7	55	69.9
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	64-49	W	20-44	.455	6-16	.375	18-31	.581	15	27	42	40.2	12	12	15	5	5	64	69.4
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	84-79	W	27-55	.491	7-16	.438	23-32	.719	14	32	46	40.6	16	15	26	6	9	84	70.5
PURDUE	12/29/15	55-61	L	22-57	.386	5-17	.294	6-8	.750	7	19	26	39.6	19	9	7	5	7	55	69.4
RUTGERS	01/02/16	79-57	W	31-58	.534	8-18	.444	9-15	.600	8	29	37	39.4	15	14	9	4	6	79	70.1
at Indiana	01/05/16	58-59	L	19-46	.413	4-16	.250	16-23	.696	9	18	27	38.6	16	6	14	1	9	58	69.3
MARYLAND	01/09/16	60-63	L	24-62	.387	7-21	.333	5-11	.455	11	21	32	38.2	15	8	8	3	8	60	68.8
at Northwestern	01/12/16	65-70	L	24-51	.471	7-21	.333	10-13	.769	7	18	25	37.5	21	19	12	1	8	65	68.6
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	77-76	W	21-47	.447	6-14	.429	29-36	.806	8	17	25	36.8	15	6	6	1	4	77	69.0
at Penn State	01/21/16	66-60	W	20-48	.417	4-10	.400	22-35	.629	13	23	36	36.8	21	9	11	2	7	66	68.8
INDIANA	01/26/16	82-79	Wot	25-48	.521	4-12	.333	28-37	.757	8	18	26	36.3	17	5	16	5	9	82	69.5
at Illinois	01/31/16	63-55	W	22-50	.440	2-14	.143	17-20	.850	9	28	37	36.3	16	8	12	1	6	63	69.2
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	79-68	W	28-57	.491	13-27	.481	10-17	.588	13	23	36	36.3	14	15	11	1	5	79	69.6
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	72-61	W	22-43	.512	11-18	.611	17-28	.607	7	21	28	36.0	13	13	11	2	4	72	69.7
at Maryland	2/13/16	70-57	W	23-56	.411	12-26	.462	12-18	.667	13	27	40	36.1	18	13	11	2	5	70	69.7
at Michigan State	2/18/16	57-69	L	20-59	.339	6-20	.300	11-17	.647	14	17	31	35.9	10	13	9	3	4	57	69.2
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	69-60	W	19-44	.432	5-20	.250	26-33	.788	5	26	31	35.7	12	13	7	2	9	69	69.2
at Iowa	02/24/16	67-59	W	25-52	.481	10-23	.435	7-12	.583	8	22	30	35.5	20	17	11	4	8	67	69.1
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	68-57	W	24-49	.490	8-21	.381	12-15	.800	7	26	33	35.4	12	14	12	4	6	68	69.1
at Minnesota	03/02/16	62-49	W	24-52	.462	7-20	.350	7-14	.500	11	23	34	35.4	20	12	11	6	6	62	68.9
at Purdue	03/06/16	80-91	L	26-60	.433	13-29	.448	15-20	.750	8	14	22	35.0	23	12	6	1	6	80	69.2
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	58-70	L	16-53	.302	4-20	.200	22-30	.733	10	23	33	34.9	18	9	12	1	7	58	68.9
Wisconsin		2204		751-1748	.430	211-590	.358	491-694	.707	366	751	1117	34.9	542	371	351	102	188	2204	68.9
Opponents		2066		732-1705	.429	189-499	.379	413-584	.707	295	722	1017	31.8	652	342	389	106	169	2066	64.6

Opponent Game-by-Game Statistics

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OPPONENT STATISTICS

				Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
Opponent	Date	Score		fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
WESTERN ILLINOIS	11/13/15	67-69	L	27-50	.540	7-9	.778	8-12	.667	8	23	31	31.0	24	11	10	4	0	69	69.0
SIENA	11/15/15	92-65	W	22-56	.393	3-16	.188	18-27	.667	11	15	26	28.5	23	9	10	4	5	65	67.0
NORTH DAKOTA	11/17/15	78-64	W	24-50	.480	7-13	.538	9-17	.529	5	26	31	29.3	23	11	17	2	4	64	66.0
vs Georgetown	11/20/15	61-71	L	21-49	.429	9-18	.500	20-24	.833	8	28	36	31.0	23	15	15	4	6	71	67.2
vs VCU	11/22/15	74-73	W	26-61	.426	4-13	.308	17-29	.586	14	16	30	30.8	20	11	9	3	8	73	68.4
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	11/25/15	85-67	W	24-50	.480	7-11	.636	12-17	.706	11	17	28	30.3	27	6	19	2	7	67	68.2
at Oklahoma	11/29/15	48-65	L	26-61	.426	4-12	.333	9-14	.643	12	32	44	32.3	12	14	5	6	4	65	67.7
at Syracuse	12/02/15	66-58	Wot	20-56	.357	7-24	.292	11-20	.550	6	19	25	31.4	16	12	11	5	8	58	66.5
TEMPLE	12/05/15	76-60	W	22-58	.379	7-20	.350	9-11	.818	6	23	29	31.1	16	11	7	4	3	60	65.8
MILWAUKEE	12/09/15	67-68	L	19-53	.358	8-27	.296	22-27	.815	5	24	29	30.9	27	11	8	1	4	68	66.0
MARQUETTE	12/12/15	55-57	L	24-46	.522	3-5	.600	6-14	.429	6	27	33	31.1	14	13	11	3	4	57	65.2
TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CH	12/15/15	64-49	W	19-58	.328	4-18	.222	7-12	.583	13	18	31	31.1	24	5	10	2	8	49	63.8
GREEN BAY	12/23/15	84-79	W	27-71	.380	9-26	.346	16-26	.615	16	19	35	31.4	26	9	15	3	18	79	65.0
PURDUE	12/29/15	55-61	L	22-50	.440	5-13	.385	12-14	.857	8	28	36	31.7	11	12	16	2	4	61	64.7
RUTGERS	01/02/16	79-57	W	23-58	.397	5-12	.417	6-6	1.000	4	21	25	31.3	16	10	10	1	2	57	64.2
at Indiana	01/05/16	58-59	L	21-43	.488	7-17	.412	10-10	1.000	4	23	27	31.0	21	13	19	4	7	59	63.9
MARYLAND	01/09/16	60-63	L	25-48	.521	4-11	.364	9-12	.750	5	29	34	31.2	15	10	16	6	3	63	63.8
at Northwestern	01/12/16	65-70	L	22-46	.478	4-12	.333	22-34	.647	11	23	34	31.3	17	10	11	2	5	70	64.2
MICHIGAN STATE	01/17/16	77-76	W	28-59	.475	8-18	.444	12-16	.750	15	20	35	31.5	28	11	9	1	3	76	64.8
at Penn State	01/21/16	66-60	W	17-44	.386	6-15	.400	20-27	.741	9	25	34	31.7	29	9	13	4	3	60	64.6
INDIANA	01/26/16	82-79	Wot	28-62	.452	7-16	.438	16-18	.889	13	19	32	31.7	31	6	19	3	8	79	65.2
at Illinois	01/31/16	63-55	W	18-50	.360	6-14	.429	13-15	.867	5	20	25	31.4	17	6	11	0	6	55	64.8
OHIO STATE	02/04/16	79-68	W	26-58	.448	7-18	.389	9-12	.750	10	17	27	31.2	19	8	10	4	2	68	64.9
NEBRASKA	02/10/16	72-61	W	24-59	.407	4-13	.308	9-12	.750	14	19	33	31.3	23	7	10	4	3	61	64.8
at Maryland	2/13/16	70-57	W	20-50	.400	5-14	.357	12-21	.571	9	21	30	31.2	19	11	12	9	8	57	64.4
at Michigan State	2/18/16	57-69	L	26-56	.464	8-17	.471	9-13	.692	12	26	38	31.5	18	20	12	6	4	69	64.6
ILLINOIS	02/21/16	69-60	W	22-56	.393	9-22	.409	7-10	.700	9	24	33	31.5	26	10	12	2	5	60	64.4
at Iowa	02/24/16	67-59	W	18-55	.327	5-18	.278	18-25	.720	20	23	43	31.9	17	9	14	3	8	59	64.2
MICHIGAN	02/28/16	68-57	W	24-50	.480	5-13	.385	4-7	.571	3	17	20	31.5	16	14	11	1	5	57	64.0
at Minnesota	03/02/16	62-49	W	16-48	.333	3-17	.176	14-21	.667	12	22	34	31.6	18	11	13	2	3	49	63.5
at Purdue	03/06/16	80-91	L	28-45	.622	10-19	.526	25-33	.758	5	26	31	31.6	14	23	11	2	2	91	64.4
vs Nebraska	03/10/16	58-70	L	23-49	.469	2-8	.250	22-28	.786	6	32	38	31.8	22	4	13	7	9	70	64.6
Opponents		2066		732-1705	.429	189-499	.379	413-584	.707	295	722	1017	31.8	652	342	389	106	169	2066	64.6
Wisconsin		2204		751-1748	.430	211-590	.358	491-694	.707	366	751	1117	34.9	542	371	351	102	188	2204	68.9

GAME 1: WESTERN ILLINOIS 69, #17 WISCONSIN 67

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Western Illinois 69 • 1-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
32	Tate Stensgaard	f	2-3	0-0	0-1	0	5	5	4	4	1	0	0	0	25
52	Brandon Gilbeck	c	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	4	6	1	1	1	0	16
01	Jabari Sandifer	g	4-8	1-1	3-5	2	5	7	1	12	3	2	0	0	36
14	J.C. Fuller	g	8-13	4-4	0-0	1	4	5	2	20	2	4	2	0	35
31	Garret Covington	g	6-12	1-3	3-3	0	1	1	3	16	3	1	0	0	34
11	De'Angelo Bruster		1-3	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	15
15	Dalan Ancrum		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
22	Jalen Morgan		1-1	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	17
33	Jalen Chapman		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	5	4	0	0	1	0	16
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		27-50	7-9	8-12	8	23	31	24	69	11	10	4	0	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-23 60.9% 2nd half: 13-27 48.1% Game: 27-50 54.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 7-9 77.8%
FT % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 3-3 100.0 Game: 8-12 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 0,1

Wisconsin 67 • 0-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	4-13	1-4	8-11	3	1	4	1	17	4	0	0	0	40
22	Happ, Ethan	f	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	3	4	0	1	0	0	19
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-8	1-2	4-4	3	2	5	3	11	1	1	2	2	25
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-10	2-7	0-1	0	6	6	2	8	1	0	0	1	40-
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	7-15	3-8	0-0	1	3	4	1	17	2	0	0	0	37
11	Hill, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Thomas, Charlie		2-7	0-0	0-3	5	0	5	2	4	0	1	1	0	14
21	Iverson, Khalil		1-6	0-0	4-6	5	2	7	3	6	0	0	3	3	24
	Team					2	0	2				1			
	Totals		22-62	7-21	16-25	21	18	39	15	67	8	4	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd half: 8-32 25.0% Game: 22-62 35.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 7-21 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 11-15 73.3% 2nd half: 5-10 50.0% Game: 16-25 64.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Officials: Terry Wymer, Glenn "Buddy" Mayborg, Courtney Green
Technical fouls: Western Illinois-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287
2K Classic Benefiting Wounded Warrior Project

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Illinois	37	32	**69**
Wisconsin	44	23	**67**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIU	30	5	12	3	11
WIS	20	13	17	6	10

Last FG - WIU 2nd-02:40, WIS 2nd-02:00.
Largest lead - WIU by 8 2nd-06:24, WIS by 8 1st-04:03.
WIU led for 12:55. WIS led for 16:57. Game was tied for 10:08.

Score tied - 11 times.
Lead changed - 10 times.

NOTES: The Badgers' loss to Western Illinois snapped a streak of 51 consecutive regular-season, non-conference wins against unranked teams...prior to the loss to WIU, the last time UW lost to a team not ranked in the AP poll was a 58-51 defeat to Notre Dame at the 2010 Old Spice Classic (11/28/10).

GAME 2: #17 WISCONSIN 92, SIENA 65

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Ogunyemi, Javion	f	1-5	0-1	0-2	1	4	5	2	2	0	2	1	0	19
31	Bisping, Brett	f	0-5	0-1	2-2	3	2	5	5	2	1	1	0	0	33
01	Wright, Marquis	g	8-17	0-3	1-2	1	1	2	3	17	4	1	0	1	38
03	Oliver, Ryan	g	2-6	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	20
24	Long, Lavon	g	3-5	0-1	8-11	1	4	5	4	14	1	1	0	0	32
05	Wormley, Kenny		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Gottfried, Cameron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Clareth, Nico		7-14	2-4	5-7	3	1	4	2	21	1	2	1	3	24
21	Paige, Jimmy		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30	LaRose, Kinnon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
32	Fisher, Evan		1-3	0-1	2-3	0	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	15
34	Silas, Imoh		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	1	7
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		22-56	3-16	18-27	11	15	26	23	65	9	10	4	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-28 39.3% 2nd half: 11-28 39.3% Game: 22-56 39.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 3-16 18.8%
FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 13-19 68.4% Game: 18-27 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Wisconsin 92 • 1-1, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-6	1-1	3-4	1	2	3	3	14	4	0	0	1	21
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-6	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	4	8	0	0	0	1	18
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-10	0-1	6-6	1	6	7	3	16	0	2	0	0	31
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-4	1-2	1-2	1	3	4	4	8	1	1	0	0	24
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	8-14	3-6	4-4	1	4	5	0	23	4	3	0	0	34
00	Decorah, Will		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
01	Pritzl, Brevin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
05	Moesch, Aaron		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
11	Hill, Jordan		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
13	Bax, Jackson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Thomas, Charlie		2-3	0-0	3-4	1	4	5	3	7	0	0	1	0	16
20	Schlundt, T.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
21	Iverson, Khalil		2-4	0-1	2-4	2	1	3	3	6	2	1	1	0	25
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-3	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	7
35	Dearring, Riley		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		31-53	5-12	25-30	10	27	37	23	92	12	10	2	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-28 50.0% 2nd half: 17-25 68.0% Game: 31-53 58.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 5-12 41.7%
FT % 1st Half: 12-16 75.0% 2nd half: 13-14 92.9% Game: 25-30 83.3%

Deadball Rebounds 2,2

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, Rob Riley, Gerald Williams
Technical fouls: Siena-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287
2K CLASSIC benefiting WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT - MADISON REGIONAL - GAME 1

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Siena	28	37	**65**
Wisconsin	43	49	**92**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
SIE	34	12	10	10	25
WIS	34	14	17	2	23

Last FG - SIE 2nd-00:17, WIS 2nd-00:59.
Largest lead - SIE by 3 1st-12:20, WIS by 33 2nd-07:00.
SIE led for 02:05. WIS led for 35:24. Game was tied for 02:31.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

NOTES: Bronson Koenig scored a career-high 23 points ... Vitto Brown scored a career-high 16 points ... freshmen Alex Illikainen, Brevin Pritzl, T.J. Schlundt, Will Decorah and Jackson Bax each saw their first playing time as Badgers.

GAME 3: WISCONSIN 78, NORTH DAKOTA 64

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North Dakota 64 • 1-1, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	SHANKS, Carson	c	4-6	0-0	1-3	1	1	2	4	9	0	2	0	0	20
43	BERNSTINE, Drick	c	7-11	0-0	1-3	1	8	9	2	15	1	4	1	1	33
01	BALDWIN, Corey	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	13
15	SEALES, Cortez	g	1-2	1-2	2-4	0	2	2	3	5	2	2	1	0	25
21	HOOKER, Quinton	g	4-12	0-1	4-5	1	3	4	4	12	4	2	0	0	37
00	CRANDALL, Geno		6-8	6-6	1-2	0	5	5	4	19	2	3	0	1	22
02	COLLINS, Josh		1-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	11
03	MCDERMOTT, Adam		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
25	HOBAUGH, Dustin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
31	CASHMAN, Bryce		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
32	AVANTS, Conner		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	16
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		24-50	7-13	9-17	5	26	31	23	64	11	17	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-22 40.9% 2nd half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 24-50 48.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 7-13 53.8%
FT % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 9-17 52.9%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Wisconsin 78 • 2-1, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	4-13	1-3	2-4	2	4	6	0	11	7	0	1	1	34
22	Happ, Ethan	f	7-11	0-0	3-4	5	2	7	4	17	2	1	1	0	25
30	Brown, Vitto	f	6-12	0-3	0-0	3	2	5	3	12	0	1	0	1	22
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-5	1-3	5-5	0	6	6	3	10	1	0	0	0	33
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	7-13	3-6	0-0	0	5	5	1	17	4	1	0	0	33
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	2
11	Hill, Jordan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-4	0-1	2-5	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	10
20	Schlundt, T.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	Iverson, Khalil		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	20
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-3	1-1	0-2	1	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	11
35	Dearring, Riley		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		29-66	6-20	14-22	16	24	40	15	78	14	6	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-38 36.8% 2nd half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 29-66 43.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 6-20 30.0%
FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 10-15 66.7% Game: 14-22 63.6%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Ted Valentine, Lewis Garrison, Jim Schipper
Technical fouls: North Dakota-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
North Dakota	22	42	**64**
Wisconsin	35	43	**78**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UND	30	7	8	11	21
WIS	28	14	18	2	11

Last FG - UND 2nd-00:26, WIS 2nd-02:41.
Largest lead - UND None, WIS by 26 2nd-02:41.
UND led for 00:00. WIS led for 39:08. Game was tied for 00:52.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

NOTES: Ethan Happ set career highs with 17 points and 7 rebounds...Nigel Hayes had a career-high 7 assists...Zak Showalter had a career-high 10 points.

GAME 4: GEORGETOWN 71, WISCONSIN 61

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Wisconsin 61

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-17	2-5	6-8	3	1	4	2	22	1	3	0	2	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-8	0-0	6-6	6	5	11	3	12	1	2	1	2	27
30	Brown, Vitto	f	4-14	1-3	0-1	2	5	7	5	9	1	1	0	1	29
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-7	1-3	0-0	4	3	7	5	7	2	3	0	0	31
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	2-12	1-6	4-5	0	1	1	3	9	3	2	2	0	40
11	Hill, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
21	Iverson, Khalil		1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	1	2	2	3	0	0	21
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					1	3	4							
	Totals		20-63	5-19	16-20	18	22	40	21	61	10	14	3	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-30 30.0% 2nd half: 11-33 33.3% Game: 20-63 31.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-10 10.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 5-19 26.3%
FT % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 13-15 86.7% Game: 16-20 80.0%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Georgetown 71

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
11	COPELAND, ISAAC	f	5-9	3-4	2-2	0	8	8	4	15	0	4	0	1	31
24	DERRICKSON, MARCUS	f	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	17
42	HAYES, BRADLEY	c	2-6	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	4	1	4	0	0	14
00	PEAK, L.J.	g	2-5	0-1	5-6	0	2	2	4	9	1	0	1	0	21
04	SMITH-RIVERA, D.	g	2-9	1-4	7-10	0	5	5	4	12	4	1	0	3	33
05	CAMERON, REGGIE		5-7	4-6	0-0	2	1	3	1	14	2	1	0	2	29
15	GOVAN, JESSIE		3-7	1-2	6-6	1	4	5	1	13	3	0	3	0	26
21	WILLIAMS, RIYAN		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
32	JOHNSON, KALEB		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	5	4	1	3	0	0	25
33	MOURNING, TREY		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					1	3	4							
	Totals		21-49	9-18	20-24	8	28	36	23	71	15	15	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-31 35.5% 2nd half: 10-18 55.6% Game: 21-49 42.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-12 41.7% 2nd half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 9-18 50.0%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 20-24 83.3% Game: 20-24 83.3%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Bo Borosky, Gary Prager, Roger Ayers
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Georgetown-None.
Attendance:
2K CLASSIC SEMIFINAL #1

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	22	39	**61**
Georgetown	27	44	**71**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	20	11	15	0	2
GU	20	16	8	0	31

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:44, GU 2nd-04:49.
Largest lead - WIS None, GU by 14 2nd-04:34.
WIS led for 00:00. GU led for 37:00. Game was tied for 02:58.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

NOTES: Ethan Happ recorded his first career double-double

GAME 5: WISCONSIN 74, VCU 73

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Wisconsin 74

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	2-5	1-2	5-10	2	2	4	3	10	2	2	1	1	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	4-6	0-0	4-5	1	9	10	4	12	1	4	1	0	31
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-8	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	5	6	0	3	1	0	19
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-5	0-0	6-6	2	4	6	1	10	6	2	2	3	37
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	9-14	2-5	2-3	1	2	3	3	22	3	3	0	0	33
11	Hill, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
15	Thomas, Charlie		4-8	1-1	0-0	0	5	5	4	9	1	1	2	0	26
21	Iverson, Khalil		2-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	13
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					2	4	6	1						
	Totals		26-49	5-10	17-24	11	28	39	22	74	13	17	7	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9% 2nd half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 26-49 53.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 5-10 50.0%
FT % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd half: 11-16 68.8% Game: 17-24 70.8%

Deadball Rebounds 3

VCU 73

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
04	TILLMAN, JUSTIN	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
12	ALIE-COX, MO	f	2-3	0-0	4-5	2	1	3	2	8	0	1	1	0	23
20	BURGESS, JORDAN	f	1-3	0-1	1-4	1	0	1	4	3	3	0	1	1	27
01	LEWIS, JEQUAN	g	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	1	9
32	JOHNSON, MELVIN	g	8-18	2-4	3-4	1	4	5	0	21	3	3	1	1	35
05	BROOKS, DOUG		3-11	1-5	2-2	0	2	2	3	9	1	0	0	1	31
10	WILLIAMS, JONATHAN		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
11	GILMORE, MICHAEL		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
23	HAMDY MOHAMED, AH		6-10	0-0	1-5	4	4	8	3	13	0	1	0	1	25
24	BILLBURY, KOREY		5-12	1-3	6-9	1	2	3	3	17	2	1	0	3	35
	Team					4	0	4							
	Totals		26-61	4-13	17-29	14	16	30	20	73	11	9	3	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-33 51.5% 2nd half: 9-28 32.1% Game: 26-61 42.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 0-8 0.0% Game: 4-13 30.8%
FT % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 12-20 60.0% Game: 17-29 58.6%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Earl Walton, Donnie Eppley
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-TEAM 2. VCU-None.
Attendance: 17287
2K Classic Consolation Game
2K Classic All-Tournament Team: Derryck Thornton (Duke)
Isaac Copeland (Georgetown), Melvin Johnson (VCU), Ethan Happ (Wisconsin)
2K Classic Continental Tire MVP: Grayson Allen (Duke)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	37	37	**74**
VCU	43	30	**73**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	32	3	6	2	14
VCU	30	18	10	4	39

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:08, VCU 2nd-00:32.
Largest lead - WIS by 11 1st-13:45, VCU by 6 1st-00:03.
WIS led for 27:31. VCU led for 09:58. Game was tied for 02:09.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 5 times.

NOTES: Bronson Koenig scored a game-winning layup with 5.9 seconds remaining ... Ethan Happ recorded his second straight double-double and earned 2K Classic all-tournament team honors.

GAME 6: WISCONSIN 85, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 67

Nov. 25, 2015 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Prairie View A&M 67 • 0-5, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
21	Tyler Miller	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
23	Admassu Williams	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	5	6	4	6	0	5	2	0	35
01	Jayrn Johnson	g	3-8	2-2	1-2	1	1	2	4	9	1	2	0	2	17
02	Avery Lomax	g	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	3	4	2	4	0	1	23
05	Tevin Bellinger	g	8-15	3-5	2-2	2	1	3	1	21	2	1	0	0	37
03	Jordan Giddings		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
04	Dominique Shaw		1-1	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	6
10	Lavonne Davis		2-3	0-0	3-4	3	1	4	4	7	1	3	0	2	14
14	Zachary Hamilton		5-9	2-3	0-0	2	2	4	1	12	0	1	0	1	25
15	Nolan Wilson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	Charleston Dobbs		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Ja'Donta Blakely		0-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	13
30	Karim York		1-4	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	4	3	0	3	0	0	12
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		24-50	7-11	12-17	11	17	28	27	67	6	19	2	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-23 60.9% 2nd half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 24-50 48.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 0-2 0.0% Game: 7-11 63.6%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 11-15 73.3% Game: 12-17 70.6%

Deadball Rebounds 3,1

Wisconsin 85 • 4-2, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	3-11	0-5	4-4	0	2	2	3	10	7	4	0	0	34
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-9	0-0	2-2	4	4	8	4	12	2	1	1	2	27
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-9	0-0	1-1	2	3	5	2	11	1	0	0	1	22
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-8	3-7	3-3	0	1	1	1	14	2	2	0	3	36
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-6	3-5	5-5	0	0	0	4	16	3	1	0	0	33
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Hill, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Thomas, Charlie		4-4	0-0	4-6	3	3	6	2	12	1	0	1	1	15
21	Iverson, Khalil		4-8	0-2	1-3	0	1	1	0	9	0	1	0	2	22
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5
35	Dearring, Riley		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
	Team					3	2	5							
	Totals		29-56	6-20	21-26	12	17	29	18	85	17	12	2	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-27 48.1% 2nd half: 16-29 55.2% Game: 29-56 51.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 6-20 30.0%
FT % 1st Half: 13-16 81.3% 2nd half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 21-26 80.8%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Rob Kueneman, Kelly Pfeifer, Evon Burroughs
Technical fouls: Prairie View A&M-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Prairie View A&M	36	31	**67**
Wisconsin	42	43	**85**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
PVAMU	26	11	15	6	27
WIS	38	29	18	4	22

Last FG - PVAMU 2nd-00:37, WIS 2nd-02:13.
Largest lead - PVAMU by 1 1st-13:09, WIS by 23 2nd-02:13.
PVAMU led for 00:15. WIS led for 39:20. Game was tied for 00:25.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

NOTES: Six different Badgers scored in double figures in a single game for the first time since 2013...Charlie Thomas tallied career highs with 12 points and 6 rebounds.

GAME 7: #7 OKLAHOMA 65, WISCONSIN 48

Nov. 29, 2015 • Norman, Okla. • Lloyd Noble Center

Wisconsin 48 • 4-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-17	2-8	8-11	7	4	11	3	20	4	0	1	0	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	2-7	0-0	1-2	1	6	7	2	5	0	2	1	0	29
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-15	0-6	0-0	2	7	9	3	6	1	0	0	0	25
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-6	1-3	0-0	2	2	4	4	3	1	1	0	1	27
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-18	3-14	0-0	2	2	4	2	9	1	2	0	0	39
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
21	Iverson, Khalil		2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	1	0	27
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Team					6	1	7							
	Totals		16-68	7-33	9-13	21	25	46	17	48	8	7	3	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 6-31 19.4% 2nd half: 10-37 27.0% Game: 16-68 23.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-16 25.0% 2nd half: 3-17 17.6% Game: 7-33 21.2%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 9-13 69.2%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Oklahoma 65 • 4-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Spangler, Ryan	f	7-9	2-3	4-4	5	9	14	2	20	1	0	1	0	35
12	Lattin, Khadeem	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	6	8	1	2	0	0	2	1	23
10	Woodard, Jordan	g	1-8	0-3	2-3	1	2	3	0	4	5	0	0	2	29
11	Cousins, Isaiah	g	6-14	2-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	14	3	1	1	0	33
24	Hield, Buddy	g	5-16	0-2	2-2	1	4	5	2	12	1	3	0	1	32
01	Odomes, Rashard		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
02	Walker, Dinjiyl		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	14
03	James, Christian		1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	11
04	McNeace, Jamuni		1-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
21	Buford, Dante		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
30	Manyang, Akolda		2-5	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	1	4	0	0	2	0	11
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		26-61	4-12	9-14	12	32	44	12	65	14	5	6	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-35 42.9% 2nd half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 26-61 42.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-11 36.4% 2nd half: 0-1 0.0% Game: 4-12 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 9-14 64.3%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: John Higgins, Mark Whitehead, Terry Oglesby
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Oklahoma-None.
Attendance: 8988
Est. Attendance: 6543

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	19	29	**48**
Oklahoma	34	31	**65**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	10	8	12	3	5
OU	34	8	12	10	13

Last FG - WIS 2nd-02:15, OU 2nd-00:37.
Largest lead - WIS by 3 1st-19:24, OU by 22 2nd-02:40.
WIS led for 00:30. OU led for 38:05. Game was tied for 01:25.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 1 time.

GAME 8: WISCONSIN 66, #14 SYRACUSE 58

Dec. 2, 2015 • Syracuse, N.Y. • Carrier Dome

Wisconsin 66 • (5-3)

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-15	1-5	4-4	4	8	12	3	15	6	5	1	0	44
30	Brown, Vitto	f	6-9	2-3	0-0	2	6	8	2	14	1	2	3	1	39
22	Happ, Ethan	c	8-15	0-0	2-2	5	10	15	3	18	2	5	3	2	43
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-6	0-3	0-0	1	5	6	4	6	5	3	0	1	41
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-9	2-7	4-4	2	4	6	4	12	1	0	0	0	42
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-4	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	10
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					1	0	1				2			
	Totals		25-60	5-18	11-12	16	35	51	18	66	15	20	7	4	225

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 10-25 40.0% OT: 3-6 50.0% Game: 25-60 41.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% OT: 0-2 0.0% Game: 5-18 27.8%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 4-5 80.0% OT: 7-7 100.0 Game: 11-12 91.7%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Syracuse 58 • (6-1)

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
21	Tyler Roberson	f	3-7	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	5	7	0	3	3	0	37
23	Malachi Richardson	f	3-11	1-7	1-3	0	7	7	2	8	0	0	0	0	39
32	DaJuan Coleman	c	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
00	Michael Gbinije	g	7-16	4-8	1-4	0	1	1	4	19	5	4	0	5	45
10	Trevor Cooney	g	3-10	2-5	6-8	0	2	2	2	14	1	1	0	0	43
14	Kaleb Joseph		2-5	0-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	1	14
20	Tyler Lydon		2-6	0-3	0-0	1	3	4	3	4	3	3	2	2	42
	Team					4	2	6							
	Totals		20-56	7-24	11-20	6	19	25	16	58	12	11	5	8	225

FG % 1st Half: 9-25 36.0% 2nd half: 10-22 45.5% OT: 1-9 11.1% Game: 20-56 35.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 4-12 33.3% OT: 1-4 25.0% Game: 7-24 29.2%
FT % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 5-11 45.5% OT: 2-4 50.0% Game: 11-20 55.0%

Deadball Rebounds 4

Officials: Brian Kersey, John Gaffney, Brian Dorsey
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Syracuse-None.
Attendance: 22360
Big 10/ACC Challenge

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Wisconsin	27	26	13	**66**
Syracuse	24	29	5	**58**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	30	12	18	4	1
SU	14	16	7	6	10

Last FG - WIS OT-01:33, SU OT-00:21.
Largest lead - WIS by 8 1st-04:25, SU by 6 2nd-11:07.
WIS led for 19:57. SU led for 14:36. Game was tied for 10:27.

Score tied - 10 times.
Lead changed - 7 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin won despite turning the ball over 20 times, their first such win since posting 20 turnovers in a 68-58 win over Valparaiso in 2007...the Badgers' last road win with 20+ turnovers came with 22 in a 70-66 win at Marquette in 2006.

GAME 9: WISCONSIN 76, TEMPLE 60
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Temple 60 • 3-4, 0-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Enechionyia, Obi	f	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	18
15	Bond, Jaylen	f	6-13	0-1	0-0	4	6	10	3	12	0	1	0	0	31
01	Brown, Josh	g	2-7	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	5	4	4	1	0	30
25	Decosey, Quenton	g	1-6	1-3	0-0	0	5	5	3	3	3	1	2	1	18
34	Coleman, Devin	g	3-8	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	7	0	1	0	1	28
03	Alston, Jr., Levan S		3-5	2-2	3-4	1	4	5	2	11	3	0	0	0	24
04	Dingle, Daniel		0-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	16
10	Williams, Mark		3-6	0-3	2-3	0	2	2	0	8	1	0	0	0	12
11	Lowe, Trey		3-6	2-4	2-2	0	1	1	0	10	0	0	0	1	21
24	Aflakpui, Ernest		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		22-58	7-20	9-11	6	23	29	16	60	11	7	4	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-27 37.0% 2nd half: 12-31 38.7% Game: 22-58 37.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 7-20 35.0%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 9-11 81.8%

Deadball Rebounds 2

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	6-16	0-0	6-7	6	6	12	1	18	3	1	0	0	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-7	0-0	3-4	2	2	4	4	9	3	2	0	1	25
30	Brown, Vitto	f	2-6	1-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	5	0	1	0	1	16
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-9	1-3	2-2	0	4	4	2	11	3	1	1	2	38
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	7-14	3-5	0-0	0	1	1	2	17	3	1	0	1	39
15	Thomas, Charlie		3-5	1-2	2-4	1	5	6	1	9	0	0	0	0	25
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	12
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	9
	Team					1	3	4				1			
	Totals		27-59	6-11	16-21	10	28	38	13	76	13	7	2	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-28 42.9% 2nd half: 15-31 48.4% Game: 27-59 45.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 6-11 54.5%
FT % 1st Half: 10-12 83.3% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 16-21 76.2%

Deadball Rebounds 4,2

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, Pat Driscoll, Terry Oglesby
Technical fouls: Temple-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Temple	26	34	**60**
Wisconsin	37	39	**76**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
TU	18	9	11	4	31
WIS	30	6	13	5	16

Last FG - TU 2nd-00:13, WIS 2nd-00:49.
Largest lead - TU by 2 1st-17:07, WIS by 21 2nd-03:10.
TU led for 02:31. WIS led for 34:00. Game was tied for 03:29.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 4 times.

NOTES: Nigel Hayes recorded his third-straight double-double...Bo Ryan earned his 746th career win and tied Kansas head coach Phog Allen at No. 26 in NCAA history for most career wins.

GAME 10: MILWAUKEE 68, WISCONSIN 67
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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
23	PANOSKE, J.J.	f	2-5	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	5	2	2	0	0	19
31	TIBY, Matt	f	3-7	2-3	7-8	0	11	11	2	15	1	2	0	0	35
34	ARIANS, Austin	f	2-15	1-12	1-2	0	3	3	4	6	2	0	1	1	34
01	JOHNSON, Jordan	g	6-10	2-4	8-8	0	1	1	3	22	4	1	0	1	39
02	SPRINGS, Akeem	g	2-7	0-3	4-4	0	5	5	3	8	1	2	0	0	26
03	STULL, Brock		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
05	WICHMANN, Cody		1-2	1-2	0-0	2	0	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	12
11	McCLOUD, JayQuan		0-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	9
30	LYLE, J.R.		3-4	1-1	2-5	0	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	2	11
33	TYLER, Scotty		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
50	PRAHL, Brett		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		19-53	8-27	22-27	5	24	29	27	68	11	8	1	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-27 29.6% 2nd half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 19-53 35.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd half: 3-13 23.1% Game: 8-27 29.6%
FT % 1st Half: 8-11 72.7% 2nd half: 14-16 87.5% Game: 22-27 81.5%

Deadball Rebounds 1,2

Wisconsin 67 • 6-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	9-18	2-3	12-19	1	7	8	2	32	1	2	0	0	40
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-6	0-0	4-5	5	10	15	3	10	1	2	3	1	35
30	Brown, Vitto	f	1-9	0-1	1-2	3	3	6	4	3	0	3	0	0	33
03	Showalter, Zak	g	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	5	2	4	1	0	1	39
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	5-16	2-5	4-4	0	3	3	4	16	1	1	1	0	35
15	Thomas, Charlie		2-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	8
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Team					1	3	4				1			
	Totals		20-55	4-10	23-32	12	33	45	21	67	7	10	4	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd half: 7-24 29.2% Game: 20-55 36.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 4-10 40.0%
FT % 1st Half: 11-13 84.6% 2nd half: 12-19 63.2% Game: 23-32 71.9%

Deadball Rebounds 6

Officials: Bo Boroski, Brian Dorsey, Chris Beaver
Technical fouls: Milwaukee-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Milwaukee	29	39	**68**
Wisconsin	40	27	**67**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UWM	22	8	6	2	12
WIS	26	10	18	0	4

Last FG - UWM 2nd-01:27, WIS 2nd-00:13.
Largest lead - UWM by 4 2nd-00:22, WIS by 15 1st-07:38.
UWM led for 02:27. WIS led for 36:20. Game was tied for 01:12.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

NOTES: Nigel Hayes scored a career-high 32 points...Ethan Happ recorded a career-high 15 rebounds...Wisconsin lost to Milwaukee for the first time since 1992.

GAME 11: MARQUETTE 57, WISCONSIN 55
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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Cohen Iii, Sandy	f	2-3	1-2	2-5	0	3	3	2	7	2	1	0	1	32
13	Ellenson, Henry	f	7-17	1-2	0-1	3	8	11	2	15	4	1	0	0	37
40	Fischer, Luke	c	5-10	0-0	2-2	2	6	8	3	12	0	0	2	0	37
21	Carter, Traci	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	13
25	Cheatham, Haanif	g	4-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	2	8	2	3	0	1	35
01	Wilson, Duane		3-4	1-1	2-4	1	3	4	1	9	4	2	0	2	32
23	Johnson, Jajuan		3-6	0-0	0-1	0	2	2	2	6	1	0	1	0	14
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		24-46	3-5	6-14	6	27	33	14	57	13	11	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd half: 12-21 57.1% Game: 24-46 52.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 1-1 100.0 Game: 3-5 60.0%
FT % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 6-14 42.9%

Deadball Rebounds 2,2

Wisconsin 55 • 6-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	4-18	1-6	1-2	5	1	6	2	10	6	2	1	2	40
22	Happ, Ethan	f	6-11	0-0	0-1	2	5	7	2	12	1	2	2	1	29
30	Brown, Vitto	f	7-15	1-3	0-0	2	6	8	2	15	1	0	0	2	37
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-8	2-4	0-0	2	8	10	4	10	2	2	0	1	39
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-11	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	3	8	2	1	1	0	36
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		24-66	6-17	1-4	14	22	36	16	55	12	7	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-32 31.3% 2nd half: 14-34 41.2% Game: 24-66 36.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 6-17 35.3%
FT % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd half: 0-1 0.0% Game: 1-4 25.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Mike Eades, Tom Eades, Steve McJunkins
Technical fouls: Marquette-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Marquette	29	28	**57**
Wisconsin	24	31	**55**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
MU	36	6	6	17	15
WIS	16	13	9	2	0

Last FG - MU 2nd-00:27, WIS 2nd-00:51.
Largest lead - MU by 14 2nd-11:33, WIS by 2 1st-06:08.
MU led for 29:32. WIS led for 05:47. Game was tied for 04:41.

Score tied - 6 times.
Lead changed - 8 times.

GAME 12: WISCONSIN 64, TA&M-CORPUS CHRISTI
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Texas A&M-Corpus Chr 49 • 7-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
23	Douvier,Bryce	f	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	10
25	Thomas,Rashawn	f	5-10	1-2	1-2	5	1	6	4	12	1	0	2	1	19
00	Pye,Brandon	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	21
01	Ali,Hameed	g	4-13	1-4	3-4	2	3	5	4	12	2	0	0	1	28
11	Currie,Jelani	g	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	20
03	Kilgore,Joe		3-6	1-1	3-4	0	0	0	2	10	0	3	0	0	22
04	Amin,Ehab		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	0	3	0	4	23
12	Kocher,Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
13	South,Kareem		1-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	8
22	Toney,Emmanuel		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	16
31	Juricek,Viktor		1-2	0-1	0-2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	13
34	Francis,Dale		1-4	0-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	16
	Team					2	1	3				1			
	Totals		19-58	4-18	7-12	13	18	31	24	49	5	10	2	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-30 26.7% 2nd half: 11-28 39.3% Game: 19-58 32.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-11 18.2% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 4-18 22.2%
FT % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 7-12 58.3%

Deadball Rebounds 3

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	2-7	1-2	3-6	4	3	7	0	8	6	6	0	2	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-6	0-0	5-8	2	4	6	2	15	2	4	3	1	31
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-10	1-1	1-4	6	10	16	3	12	0	2	1	0	33
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-6	2-6	2-2	0	2	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	27
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	5-11	2-7	3-7	0	2	2	0	15	3	2	1	1	38
11	Hill, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Thomas, Charlie		1-2	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	2	4	0	0	0	1	15
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Team					0	2	2				1			
	Totals		20-44	6-16	18-31	15	27	42	12	64	12	15	5	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd half: 11-17 64.7% Game: 20-44 45.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 6-16 37.5%
FT % 1st Half: 6-13 46.2% 2nd half: 12-18 66.7% Game: 18-31 58.1%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Officials: Larry Scirotto, Tim Clougherty, Donnie Eppley
Technical fouls: Texas A&M-Corpus Chr-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Texas A&M-Corpus Chr	19	30	**49**
Wisconsin	27	37	**64**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
AMCC	20	16	10	7	21
WIS	20	12	6	0	6

Last FG - AMCC 2nd-00:39, WIS 2nd-00:14.
Largest lead - AMCC by 2 1st-18:17, WIS by 17 2nd-07:05.
AMCC led for 04:16. WIS led for 32:26. Game was tied for 03:18.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

NOTES: Bo Ryan's final game before retiting as head coach at Wisconsin...Vitto Brown grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds and posted the first double-double of his career with 12 points as well.

GAME 13: WISCONSIN 84, GREEN BAY 79
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Green Bay 79 • 6-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
45	LOWE, Kenneth	f	4-6	0-0	1-2	1	3	4	3	9	2	1	1	3	27
03	SMALL, Khalil	g	2-9	0-2	2-2	3	2	5	3	6	2	2	0	4	27
04	FOUSE, Jordan	g	5-12	3-5	4-4	3	0	3	4	17	1	1	1	1	26
12	LOVE, Carrington	g	11-22	5-11	1-6	1	3	4	2	28	2	4	1	4	37
34	COOPER, Charles	g	0-8	0-3	4-6	2	6	8	0	4	0	1	0	1	19
01	KANTER, Kerem		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
02	BOTZ, Turner		2-5	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	2	5	1	2	0	1	22
05	BROWN, Avery		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
11	BROWN, Anthony		0-3	0-1	3-4	1	2	3	1	3	1	2	0	3	13
23	HURDLE, Jamar		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	5	4	0	0	0	1	11
32	FINDLAY, Tevin		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	8
50	UWADIAE, Henry		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		27-71	9-26	16-26	16	19	35	26	79	9	15	3	18	200

FG % 1st Half: 9-34 26.5% 2nd half: 18-37 48.6% Game: 27-71 38.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 9-26 34.6%
FT % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd half: 10-16 62.5% Game: 16-26 61.5%

Deadball Rebounds 5

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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-8	1-1	9-9	0	5	5	1	24	4	2	1	3	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	6-10	0-0	4-9	0	8	8	2	16	0	3	1	2	28
30	Brown, Vitto	f	4-12	1-2	6-7	4	5	9	1	15	1	4	3	0	26
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	3	4	5	3	4	4	0	3	22
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	2-8	2-5	0-1	1	0	1	3	6	1	8	0	0	20
11	Hill, Jordan		3-6	2-4	2-2	1	3	4	2	10	4	2	0	0	22
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
21	Iverson, Khalil		3-5	0-1	2-4	1	4	5	1	8	0	1	1	1	19
25	Illikainen, Alex		1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	19
	Team					4	1	5							
	Totals		27-55	7-16	23-32	14	32	46	16	84	15	26	6	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-33 48.5% 2nd half: 11-22 50.0% Game: 27-55 49.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 7-16 43.8%
FT % 1st Half: 11-18 61.1% 2nd half: 12-14 85.7% Game: 23-32 71.9%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Officials: Chris Beaver, Terry Oglesby, Rob Riley
Technical fouls: Green Bay-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Green Bay	27	52	**79**
Wisconsin	48	36	**84**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
GB	30	28	10	14	15
WIS	32	19	12	6	20

Last FG - GB 2nd-00:01, WIS 2nd-01:02.
Largest lead - GB by 2 1st-19:11, WIS by 30 2nd-13:01.
GB led for 03:55. WIS led for 34:24. Game was tied for 01:41.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 5 times.

NOTES: Greg Gard earned his first-career win as interim head coach...Jordan Hill posted career highs in points, assists, rebounds and minutes, including 8 of his 10 points coming in the first half alone.

GAME 14: #14 PURDUE 61, WISCONSIN 55
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##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Edwards, Vince	f	3-7	1-2	1-1	0	4	4	2	8	0	2	0	0	29
50	Swanigan, Caleb	f	0-5	0-3	0-0	2	7	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	29
44	Haas, Isaac	c	2-6	0-0	2-3	2	1	3	2	6	1	2	0	0	10
03	Thompson, P.J.	g	2-3	1-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	6	4	1	0	0	27
35	Davis, Rapheal	g	2-5	1-1	2-2	1	5	6	2	7	2	1	0	1	31
01	Hill, Johnny		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	13
14	Cline, Ryan		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	8
20	Hammons, A.J.		9-14	0-0	6-6	1	6	7	2	24	1	5	2	1	28
21	Stephens, Kendall		1-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	10
31	Mathias, Dakota		2-3	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	2	1	0	0	15
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		22-50	5-13	12-14	8	28	36	11	61	12	16	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 12-24 50.0% Game: 22-50 44.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 5-13 38.5%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 12-14 85.7%

Deadball Rebounds 3,2

Wisconsin 55 • 8-6, 0-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	6-14	1-4	4-6	1	6	7	1	17	2	4	0	1	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	1-8	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	1	2	16
30	Brown, Vitto	f	2-6	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	3	4	0	0	1	1	20
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-6	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	8	2	1	1	0	36
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-8	1-4	0-0	0	4	4	2	7	3	0	0	1	36
11	Hill, Jordan		2-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	23
15	Thomas, Charlie		1-5	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	1	15
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
25	Illikainen, Alex		3-5	2-2	2-2	0	1	1	4	10	1	0	0	0	11
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		22-57	5-17	6-8	7	19	26	19	55	9	7	5	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-31 32.3% 2nd half: 12-26 46.2% Game: 22-57 38.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-7 14.3% 2nd half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 5-17 29.4%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 6-8 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 0

Officials: Terry Wymer, Lamont Simpson, Ted Valentine
Technical fouls: PURDUE-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
PURDUE	24	37	**61**
Wisconsin	24	31	**55**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
PURDUE	34	7	9	4	34
WIS	20	16	5	0	17

Last FG - PURDUE 2nd-00:11, WIS 2nd-00:05.
Largest lead - PURDUE by 11 2nd-05:56, WIS by 6 1st-01:53.
PURDUE led for 25:54. WIS led for 10:07. Game was tied for 03:59.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

NOTES: Alex Illikainen scored a career-high 10 points off the bench.

GAME 15: WISCONSIN 79, RUTGERS 57
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Rutgers 57 • 6-9, 0-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Foreman, D.J.	f	3-9	0-0	1-1	2	2	4	4	7	0	2	0	0	33
35	Lewis, Greg	f	1-6	0-0	1-1	2	5	7	3	3	1	2	1	0	32
02	Daniels, Bishop	g	5-11	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	1	11	2	0	0	0	28
05	Williams, Mike	g	7-12	2-3	4-4	0	3	3	1	20	1	1	0	1	27
31	Grier, Omari	g	4-8	1-2	0-0	0	3	3	3	9	1	2	0	0	30
03	Sanders, Corey		1-8	0-4	0-0	0	3	3	0	2	4	3	0	1	23
04	Laurent, Jonathan		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	10
10	Goode, Justin		2-3	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	13
15	Dadika, Jake		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Hyde, Jalen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					0	2	2							
	Totals		23-58	5-12	6-6	4	21	25	16	57	10	10	1	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-29 44.8% 2nd half: 10-29 34.5% Game: 23-58 39.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 5-12 41.7%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 4-4 100.0 Game: 6-6 100.0

Deadball Rebounds 1,1

Wisconsin 79 • 9-6, 1-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	2-7	0-2	4-4	2	7	9	4	8	3	2	1	2	26
22	Happ, Ethan	f	7-8	0-0	2-5	1	9	10	3	16	1	1	1	1	21
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-9	0-1	2-2	0	4	4	0	8	2	0	1	0	21
03	Showalter, Zak	g	8-8	4-4	1-1	1	2	3	2	21	2	2	1	1	30
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	6-12	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	1	14	4	1	0	1	32
00	Decorah, Will		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
02	Smith, Jordan		1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Hill, Jordan		2-5	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	6	1	2	0	0	24
13	Bax, Jackson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
20	Schlundt, T.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	Iverson, Khalil		1-2	0-0	0-2	1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	17
25	Illikainen, Alex		1-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	15
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		31-58	8-18	9-15	8	29	37	15	79	14	9	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 18-32 56.3% 2nd half: 13-26 50.0% Game: 31-58 53.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-9 55.6% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 8-18 44.4%
FT % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd half: 8-11 72.7% Game: 9-15 60.0%

Deadball Rebounds 3,1

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, Larry Scirotto, Ray Perone
Technical fouls: Rutgers-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Rutgers	31	26	**57**
Wisconsin	42	37	**79**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
RUTGER	24	11	2	7	7
WIS	34	18	8	4	12

Last FG - RUTGERS 2nd-04:32, WIS 2nd-00:23.
Largest lead - RUTGERS by 2 1st-19:41, WIS by 22 2nd-00:23.
RUTGERS led for 01:18. WIS led for 37:40. Game was tied for 01:02.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 3 times.

NOTES: Zak Showalter scored a career-high 21 points on perfect 8-for-8 FG shooting (4-4 3FG)...Ethan Happ posted 5th double-double of season (16pts, 10reb).

GAME 16: INDIANA 59, WISCONSIN 58
Jan. 5, 2016 • Bloomington, Ind. • Assembly Hall

Wisconsin 58 • 9-7, 1-2

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	3-13	1-5	8-11	2	2	4	4	15	1	2	0	2	37
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-7	0-0	0-1	2	6	8	1	10	0	2	0	2	33
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	6	1	1	1	1	21
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-5	0-3	2-2	0	1	1	2	4	0	2	0	2	37
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-12	2-6	5-6	0	2	2	3	15	2	2	0	0	36
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Hill, Jordan		3-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	0	1	20
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	8
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
	Team					2	5	7				3			
	Totals		19-46	4-16	16-23	9	18	27	16	58	6	14	1	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-21 47.6% 2nd half: 9-25 36.0% Game: 19-46 41.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 4-16 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 6-11 54.5% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 16-23 69.6%

Deadball Rebounds 2

INDIANA 59 • 13-3, 3-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Williams, Troy	f	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	5	7	1	2	2	2	0	0	26
30	Hartman, Collin	f	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	4	4	1	0	0	1	10
31	Bryant, Thomas	c	5-7	0-0	0-0	0	7	7	2	10	2	1	1	0	27
04	Johnson, Robert	g	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	3	5	0	2	29
11	Ferrell, Kevin Yogi	g	6-14	1-4	6-6	0	3	3	2	19	2	5	0	1	36
00	Bielfeldt, Max		2-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	13
02	Zeisloft, Nick		2-7	1-6	0-0	0	2	2	0	5	3	2	0	0	22
03	Anunoby, O.G.		3-3	3-3	2-2	1	1	2	4	11	0	2	1	1	17
13	Morgan, Juwan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	5	0	0	1	2	1	17
15	Niego, Harrison		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					1	1	2				1			
	Totals		21-43	7-17	10-10	4	23	27	21	59	13	19	4	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-22 50.0% 2nd half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 21-43 48.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 5-11 45.5% Game: 7-17 41.2%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 10-10 100.0 Game: 10-10 100.0

Deadball Rebounds 0

Officials: Gene Steratore, Brian Dorsey, Eric Curry
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. INDIANA-None.
Attendance: 14098

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	28	30	**58**
INDIANA	24	35	**59**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	26	24	10	0	8
IND	22	13	0	4	21

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:01, IND 2nd-00:38.
Largest lead - WIS by 9 1st-07:58, IND by 6 1st-13:48.
WIS led for 18:26. IND led for 16:20. Game was tied for 05:14.

Score tied - 5 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

GAME 17: #3 MARYLAND 63, WISCONSIN 60

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Maryland 63 • 15-1, 4-0

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
04	Robert Carter	f	5-11	1-1	3-4	2	9	11	4	14	1	3	4	0	31
10	Jake Layman	f	2-3	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	2	4	0	1	2	1	35
35	Damonte Dodd	f	3-6	0-0	3-3	3	3	6	3	9	0	4	0	0	17
00	Rasheed Sulaimon	g	2-5	0-1	0-1	0	2	2	2	4	4	3	0	0	35
02	Melo Trimble	g	9-17	3-7	0-0	0	0	0	1	21	5	3	0	0	35
11	Jared Nickens		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
15	Michal Cekovsky		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
33	Diamond Stone		4-5	0-0	3-4	0	4	4	2	11	0	1	0	2	23
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		25-48	4-11	9-12	5	29	34	15	63	10	16	6	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-27 59.3% 2nd half: 9-21 42.9% Game: 25-48 52.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 4-11 36.4%
FT % 1st Half: 4-4 100.0 2nd half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 9-12 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 0,1

Wisconsin 60 • 9-8, 1-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	6-15	2-4	3-4	1	2	3	1	17	2	2	0	1	35
22	Happ, Ethan	f	8-14	0-0	0-0	4	7	11	2	16	0	1	1	3	28
30	Brown, Vitto	f	0-3	0-2	0-2	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	18
03	Showalter, Zak	g	4-6	1-2	0-1	0	2	2	3	9	1	1	0	2	28
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-12	3-7	2-2	1	5	6	2	13	3	1	1	0	33
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
11	Hill, Jordan		0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	26
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-2	0-1	0-2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	5	1	5	1	0	1	0	23
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		24-62	7-21	5-11	11	21	32	15	60	8	8	3	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd half: 11-34 32.4% Game: 24-62 38.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 7-21 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 5-11 45.5%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Pat Driscoll, Tom Eades, Bill Ek
Technical fouls: Maryland-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Maryland	36	27	**63**
Wisconsin	32	28	**60**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
UMD	28	11	5	4	11
WIS	28	18	5	4	5

Last FG - UMD 2nd-00:02, WIS 2nd-00:23.
Largest lead - UMD by 8 2nd-06:50, WIS by 1 1st-12:08.
UMD led for 32:32. WIS led for 02:16. Game was tied for 05:12.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

NOTES: Ethan Happ posted his Big Ten-leading sixth double-double of the season... the Badgers held No. 3 Maryland to a season-low 63 points.

GAME 18: NORTHWESTERN 70, WISCONSIN 65

Jan. 12, 2016 • Evanston, Ill. • Welsh-Ryan Arena

Wisconsin 65 • 9-9, 1-4 B1G

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-10	1-3	6-7	2	4	6	4	17	6	2	0	1	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	4-6	0-0	4-6	1	5	6	4	12	0	2	0	3	27
30	Brown, Vitto	f	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	14
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-9	3-8	0-0	0	1	1	5	9	0	3	0	1	36
3	Showalter, Zak	g	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	3	3	3	8	7	1	1	0	35
11	Hill, Jordan		1-6	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	21
21	Iverson, Khalil		3-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	6	2	0	0	2	8
25	Illikainen, Alex		3-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	2	6	1	1	0	1	21
	Team					1	3	4				2			
	Totals		24-51	7-21	10-13	7	18	25	21	65	19	12	1	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 24-51 47.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-8 25.0% 2nd half: 5-13 38.5% Game: 7-21 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 10-13 76.9%

Deadball Rebounds 0

Northwestern 70 • 15-3, 3-2 B1G

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
34	Lumpkin, Sanjay	f	2-2	1-1	4-6	2	3	5	2	9	0	1	0	1	27
35	Falzon, Aaron	f	2-6	1-4	4-4	2	3	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	28
1	van Zegeren, Joey	c	2-3	0-0	1-2	0	4	4	5	5	0	0	2	0	23
14	Demps, Tre	g	3-10	0-2	2-4	0	4	4	0	8	3	2	0	1	39
30	McIntosh, Bryant	g	10-19	2-3	6-8	1	3	4	2	28	5	5	0	1	37
20	Lindsey, Scottie		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	12
23	Ash, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
32	Taphorn, Nathan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
44	Skelly, Gavin		2-3	0-1	1-2	3	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	1	11
5	Pardon, Dererk		1-1	0-0	4-8	2	2	4	5	6	2	1	0	0	16
	Team					1	3	4							
	Totals		22-46	4-12	22-34	11	23	34	17	70	10	11	2	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd half: 11-22 50.0% Game: 22-46 47.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd half: 2-3 66.7% Game: 4-12 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 2-2 100.0 2nd half: 20-32 62.5% Game: 22-34 64.7%

Deadball Rebounds 7

Officials: DJ Carstensen, Mike Eades, Larry Scirotto
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Northwestern-None.
Attendance: 7264

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	24	41	**65**
Northwestern	26	44	**70**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	18	7	4	0	15
NU	30	11	11	2	11

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:01, NU 2nd-02:59.
Largest lead - WIS by 2 1st-06:52, NU by 9 1st-16:02.
WIS led for 02:13. NU led for 35:55. Game was tied for 01:52.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 8 times.

GAME 19: WISCONSIN 77, #4 MICHIGAN STATE 76

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Michigan State 76 • 16-3, 3-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Costello, Matt	f	8-13	0-0	2-2	5	8	13	2	18	0	0	0	0	32
23	Davis, Deyonta	f	3-4	0-0	1-1	1	2	3	4	7	0	1	0	0	19
14	Harris, Eron	g	5-9	2-2	2-2	1	0	1	4	14	1	3	0	0	29
20	McQuaid, Matt	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	4	0	3	1	0	0	22
45	Valentine, Denzel	g	8-19	4-8	3-5	1	6	7	2	23	5	1	0	2	38
00	Ahrens, Kyle		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
02	Bess, Javon		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
03	Ellis III, Alvin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
05	Forbes, Bryn		4-9	2-6	2-2	1	0	1	2	12	2	1	0	1	28
15	Clark Jr., Marvin		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
25	Goins, Kenny		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
34	Schilling, Gavin		0-1	0-0	2-4	1	1	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	6
41	Wollenman, Colby		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
	Team					2	3	5							
	Totals		28-59	8-18	12-16	15	20	35	28	76	11	9	1	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-32 37.5% 2nd half: 16-27 59.3% Game: 28-59 47.5%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 8-18 44.4%
FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 12-16 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Wisconsin 77 • 10-9, 2-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-14	2-3	9-10	3	4	7	2	25	0	2	0	1	34
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-7	0-0	8-13	3	5	8	4	14	1	2	1	1	33
30	Brown, Vitto	f	1-4	0-0	3-4	1	4	5	2	5	0	1	0	0	21
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-2	0-1	2-2	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	24
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	8-15	4-8	7-7	0	0	0	0	27	4	1	0	1	38
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	12
11	Hill, Jordan		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
15	Thomas, Charlie		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		21-47	6-14	29-36	8	17	25	15	77	6	6	1	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 21-47 44.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 6-14 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 16-19 84.2% 2nd half: 13-17 76.5% Game: 29-36 80.6%

Deadball Rebounds 5,1

Officials: Terry Wymer, Bo Boroski, Ted Valentine
Technical fouls: Michigan State-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Michigan State	36	40	**76**
Wisconsin	41	36	**77**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
MSU	34	9	17	7	14
WIS	20	13	10	0	2

Last FG - MSU 2nd-01:53, WIS 2nd-00:10.
Largest lead - MSU by 6 2nd-14:13, WIS by 6 2nd-09:18.
MSU led for 23:55. WIS led for 12:15. Game was tied for 03:42.

Score tied - 10 times.
Lead changed - 13 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin won its first home game over an AP top-five team since topping No. 2 Michigan in 2013...Ethan Happ scored the game-winning layup with 10sec left.

GAME 20: WISCONSIN 66, PENN STATE 60

Jan. 21, 2016 • University Park, Pa. • Bryce Jordan Center

Wisconsin 66 • 11-9, 3-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-14	1-2	4-7	0	3	3	3	15	5	1	1	2	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-11	0-0	10-15	3	8	11	3	20	1	2	0	2	32
30	Brown, Vitto	f	1-6	0-1	4-4	1	0	1	3	6	0	0	0	1	13
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-1	0-0	2-3	0	4	4	2	4	2	2	1	1	27
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	2-6	2-4	2-5	0	2	2	1	8	0	1	0	0	35
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Hill, Jordan		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	Thomas, Charlie		2-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	9
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
25	Illikainen, Alex		4-7	1-2	0-0	4	3	7	2	9	1	1	0	0	26
	Team					3	1	4				1			
	Totals		20-48	4-10	22-35	13	23	36	21	66	9	11	2	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd half: 9-22 40.9% Game: 20-48 41.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 4-10 40.0%
FT % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 19-29 65.5% Game: 22-35 62.9%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Penn State 60 • 11-9, 2-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Banks, Payton	f	4-10	3-4	0-0	2	4	6	5	11	3	3	1	0	30
10	Taylor, Brandon	f	4-9	1-3	4-4	1	3	4	4	13	1	3	1	0	34
44	Moore, Julian	f	2-4	0-0	4-4	0	10	10	2	8	0	1	2	1	34
32	Dickerson, Jordan	c	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	9
33	Garner, Shep	g	2-7	0-0	6-6	1	1	2	5	10	4	3	0	2	33
01	Zemgulis, Davis		1-5	0-3	2-4	1	2	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	16
03	Foster, Devin		3-5	2-3	2-5	1	2	3	4	10	1	0	0	0	28
05	Jack, Donovon		1-4	0-2	1-2	2	1	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	14
21	Washington, Isaiah		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Team					1	1	2							
	Totals		17-44	6-15	20-27	9	25	34	29	60	9	13	4	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 5-16 31.3% 2nd half: 12-28 42.9% Game: 17-44 38.6%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% 2nd half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 6-15 40.0%
FT % 1st Half: 7-11 63.6% 2nd half: 13-16 81.3% Game: 20-27 74.1%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Gene Steratore, Tom Eades, Steve McJunkins
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Penn State-None.
Attendance: 7145

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	27	39	**66**
Penn State	18	42	**60**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	24	8	8	0	13
PSU	12	6	5	2	17

Last FG - WIS 2nd-01:38, PSU 2nd-00:30.
Largest lead - WIS by 17 2nd-14:02, PSU by 3 1st-18:26.
WIS led for 37:15. PSU led for 02:08. Game was tied for 00:37.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

NOTES: Ethan Happ recorded his Big Ten-leading seventh double-double of the season with a career-high 20 points and 11 rebounds.

GAME 21: WISCONSIN 82, #19 INDIANA 79 (OT)
Jan. 26, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Indiana 79 • 17-4, 7-1

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
05	Williams, Troy	f	4-14	1-2	6-6	1	2	3	4	15	0	3	0	1	31
30	Hartman, Collin	f	2-5	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	5	5	0	1	0	1	28
04	Johnson, Robert	g	2-6	0-1	1-2	0	4	4	2	5	3	2	0	2	29
11	Ferrell, Kevin Yogi	g	12-20	5-6	1-2	2	5	7	3	30	1	4	0	2	41
31	Bryant, Thomas	g	5-8	0-0	6-6	4	3	7	5	16	0	5	2	0	28
00	Bielfeldt, Max		1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	5	2	2	2	1	0	22
02	Zeisloft, Nick		0-4	0-3	2-2	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	23
03	Anunoby, OG		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	2	13
10	Burton, Ryan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
13	Morgan, Juwan		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	7
15	Niego, Harrison		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					3	0	3							
	Totals		28-62	7-16	16-18	13	19	32	31	79	6	19	3	8	225

FG % 1st Half: 13-30 43.3% 2nd half: 13-22 59.1% OT: 2-10 20.0% Game: 28-62 45.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd half: 3-4 75.0% OT: 1-3 33.3% Game: 7-16 43.8%
FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 8-8 100.0 OT: 3-4 75.0% Game: 16-18 88.9%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Wisconsin 82 • 12-9, 4-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-12	0-2	17-22	2	3	5	2	31	2	5	2	2	42
22	Happ, Ethan	f	10-15	0-0	5-7	3	5	8	2	25	1	3	2	4	38
30	Brown, Vitto	f	2-2	1-1	4-4	2	1	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	18
03	Showalter, Zak	g	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	5	0	1	1	0	1	20
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	1-9	1-4	1-2	0	0	0	3	4	0	3	0	0	39
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
11	Hill, Jordan		5-5	2-2	1-2	0	3	3	2	13	0	1	1	0	32
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	5
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	13
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		25-48	4-12	28-37	8	18	26	17	82	5	16	5	9	225

FG % 1st Half: 13-25 52.0% 2nd half: 11-19 57.9% OT: 1-4 25.0% Game: 25-48 52.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd half: 2-5 40.0% OT: 0-2 0.0% Game: 4-12 33.3%
FT % 1st Half: 7-9 77.8% 2nd half: 12-16 75.0% OT: 9-12 75.0% Game: 28-37 75.7%

Deadball Rebounds 4,1

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, Pat Driscoll, Brian Dorsey
Technical fouls: Indiana-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Indiana	34	37	8	**79**
Wisconsin	35	36	11	**82**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
IND	38	21	14	11	8
WIS	36	19	8	6	13

Last FG - IND OT-00:05, WIS OT-03:04.
Largest lead - IND by 6 1st-17:32, WIS by 8 1st-01:10.
IND led for 16:53. WIS led for 23:53. Game was tied for 04:14.

Score tied - 5 times.
Lead changed - 5 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin won its 14th-straight home game against Indiana...Ethan Happ scored a career-high 25 points...Jordan Hill scored a career-high 13 points on perfect 5-for-5 shooting from off the bench.

GAME 22: WISCONSIN 63, ILLINOIS 55
Jan. 31, 2016 • Champaign, Ill. • State Farm Center

Wisconsin 63 • 13-9, 5-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	5-12	0-2	7-8	0	3	3	1	17	2	2	0	1	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	3-6	0-0	0-2	3	6	9	3	6	1	2	0	2	22
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-7	0-4	4-4	1	6	7	3	8	0	1	0	1	37
11	Hill, Jordan	g	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	1	2	2	2	0	0	29
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-10	1-3	2-2	0	3	3	5	11	1	1	0	1	23
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
21	Iverson, Khalil		3-4	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	1	10	2	2	1	1	30
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
30	Brown, Vitto		4-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	1	1	9	0	1	0	0	12
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		22-50	2-14	17-20	9	28	37	16	63	8	12	1	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-31 51.6% 2nd half: 6-19 31.6% Game: 22-50 44.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-9 11.1% 2nd half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 2-14 14.3%
FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 17-20 85.0% Game: 17-20 85.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Illinois 55 • 10-12, 2-7

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
43	Finke, Michael	f	1-6	1-3	0-0	2	1	3	2	3	0	1	0	1	17
01	Tate, Jaylon	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	19
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	6-12	1-3	9-10	0	3	3	0	22	1	3	0	0	38
23	Jordan, Aaron	g	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	3	7	0	2	0	1	15
25	Nunn, Kendrick	g	5-14	3-6	2-3	0	3	3	3	15	1	1	0	1	37
00	Williams, D.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
03	Lewis, Khalid		0-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	21
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen		1-4	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	17
22	Morgan, Maverick		2-5	0-0	2-2	0	4	4	3	6	0	2	0	0	27
44	Austin, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
	Team					1	2	3				1			
	Totals		18-50	6-14	13-15	5	20	25	17	55	6	11	0	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd half: 8-25 32.0% Game: 18-50 36.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 6-14 42.9%
FT % 1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd half: 9-10 90.0% Game: 13-15 86.7%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Officials: Lamont Simpson, John Higgins, Eric Curry
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Illinois-None.
Attendance: 13609

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	33	30	**63**
Illinois	28	27	**55**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	22	10	7	2	19
ILL	8	11	2	0	8

Last FG - WIS 2nd-02:07, ILL 2nd-00:24.
Largest lead - WIS by 10 2nd-07:18, ILL by 8 1st-10:22.
WIS led for 24:56. ILL led for 13:10. Game was tied for 01:54.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 1 time.

NOTES: Wisconsin won its ninth-straight game against Illinois and its fourth-straight in Champaign...Khalil Iverson scored a career-high 10 points and played a career-high 30 minutes off the bench.

GAME 23: WISCONSIN 79, OHIO STATE 68
Feb. 4, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Ohio State 68 • 14-10 6-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
01	Tate, Jae'Sean	f	4-9	0-1	1-1	2	1	3	4	9	1	1	1	0	31
02	Loving, Marc	f	2-7	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	4	6	1	2	0	0	29
33	Bates-Diop, Keita	f	2-7	0-2	3-3	2	6	8	1	7	0	0	2	0	29
04	Giddens, Daniel	c	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	15
12	Harris, A.J.	g	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
00	Mitchell, Mickey		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
13	Lyle, JaQuan		11-19	3-6	2-2	1	1	2	3	27	4	2	0	2	32
15	Williams, Kam		4-10	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	10	1	1	0	0	29
32	Thompson, Trevor		3-4	0-0	3-4	4	2	6	1	9	0	1	1	0	19
	Team					0	1	1							
	Totals		26-58	7-18	9-12	10	17	27	19	68	8	10	4	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 26-58 44.8%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 4-12 33.3% Game: 7-18 38.9%
FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 4-4 100.0 Game: 9-12 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2,3

Wisconsin 79 • 14-9, 6-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	6-15	2-7	7-10	1	6	7	2	21	3	3	0	2	35
22	Happ, Ethan	f	6-11	0-0	0-3	1	4	5	4	12	3	3	1	1	32
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-8	1-2	1-2	3	2	5	3	12	1	0	0	0	19
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-4	2-3	0-0	1	3	4	1	6	4	2	0	2	30
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-9	3-7	2-2	0	0	0	2	13	2	0	0	0	28
11	Hill, Jordan		3-5	3-4	0-0	3	2	5	0	9	0	0	0	0	17
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	15
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-4	2-3	0-0	2	4	6	2	6	1	1	0	0	22
	Team					2	1	3				1			
	Totals		28-57	13-27	10-17	13	23	36	14	79	15	11	1	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 15-34 44.1% 2nd half: 13-23 56.5% Game: 28-57 49.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 7-18 38.9% 2nd half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 13-27 48.1%
FT % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd half: 9-13 69.2% Game: 10-17 58.8%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Terry Wymer, Bo Boroski, Chris Beaver
Technical fouls: Ohio State-Tate, Jae'Sean. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Ohio State	32	36	**68**
Wisconsin	38	41	**79**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
OSU	32	19	13	7	46
WIS	24	10	9	2	15

Last FG - OSU 2nd-01:25, WIS 2nd-00:56.
Largest lead - OSU by 1 1st-07:08, WIS by 12 2nd-09:25.
OSU led for 00:26. WIS led for 38:26. Game was tied for 01:08.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 2 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin made a season-high 13 3-pointers, which marked UW's most in a regulation game since 2012 and was one shy of UW's record in a Big Ten game.

GAME 24: WISCONSIN 72, NEBRASKA 61
Feb. 10, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Nebraska 61 • 13-12, 5-7

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	McVeigh, Jack	f	3-7	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	3	8	0	1	1	0	23
12	Jacobson, Michael	f	2-5	0-0	2-4	5	4	9	3	6	1	1	1	0	23
32	Parker, Benny	f	3-7	0-1	2-2	2	4	6	2	8	3	2	0	0	31
03	White III, Andrew	g	5-11	0-2	0-0	1	6	7	3	10	0	1	0	1	28
05	Watson Jr., Glynn	g	6-14	2-4	2-2	1	0	1	0	16	1	2	0	0	36
00	Webster, Tai		4-11	0-1	1-2	0	1	1	4	9	2	0	0	1	26
11	Evelyn, Bakari		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Fuller, Nick		1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	0	17
24	Hammond, Jake		0-1	0-0	2-2	3	3	6	4	2	0	2	2	1	15
	Team					2	0	2							
	Totals		24-59	4-13	9-12	14	19	33	23	61	7	10	4	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd half: 14-33 42.4% Game: 24-59 40.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-5 20.0% 2nd half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 4-13 30.8%
FT % 1st Half: 5-8 62.5% 2nd half: 4-4 100.0 Game: 9-12 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2,1

Wisconsin 72 • 15-9, 7-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-14	1-4	5-6	0	2	2	1	20	0	2	1	0	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	0-3	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	0	2	17
30	Brown, Vitto	f	6-7	3-3	3-4	0	5	5	1	18	2	2	1	1	34
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-5	2-2	2-6	1	4	5	3	10	3	1	0	0	29
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-7	3-4	1-2	0	3	3	3	12	2	1	0	1	34
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Hill, Jordan		2-5	2-5	1-2	0	0	0	3	7	2	1	0	0	27
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-2	0-0	3-4	2	3	5	1	3	1	1	0	0	14
	Team					3	2	5							
	Totals		22-43	11-18	17-28	7	21	28	13	72	13	11	2	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-21 52.4% 2nd half: 11-22 50.0% Game: 22-43 51.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 11-18 61.1%
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 13-22 59.1% Game: 17-28 60.7%

Deadball Rebounds 5,1

Officials: Lamont Simpson, John Gaffney, Donnie Eppley
Technical fouls: Nebraska-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Nebraska	26	35	**61**
Wisconsin	30	42	**72**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
NEB	24	8	18	4	13
WIS	16	14	7	0	10

Last FG - NEB 2nd-00:27, WIS 2nd-02:49.
Largest lead - NEB by 6 1st-12:00, WIS by 17 2nd-05:00.
NEB led for 06:32. WIS led for 32:11. Game was tied for 01:17.

Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 2 times.

NOTES: Vitto Brown scored a career-high 18 points on near-perfect shooting.

GAME 25: WISCONSIN 70, #2 MARYLAND 57

Feb. 13, 2016 • College Park, Md. • XFINITY Center

Wisconsin 70 • 16-9, 8-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	4-12	4-5	2-4	2	4	6	1	14	2	3	0	0	36
22	Happ, Ethan	f	2-7	0-0	0-1	4	6	10	4	4	3	1	0	4	22
30	Brown, Vitto	f	8-14	3-6	2-2	5	2	7	3	21	0	2	1	0	34
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-4	2-3	3-4	1	0	1	4	11	1	0	0	1	26
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-13	3-9	5-7	0	6	6	2	16	5	2	0	0	36
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
11	Hill, Jordan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	12
15	Thomas, Charlie		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	12
21	Iverson, Khalil		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	10
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
	Team					1	2	3				1			
	Totals		23-56	12-26	12-18	13	27	40	18	70	13	11	2	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-30 43.3% 2nd half: 10-26 38.5% Game: 23-56 41.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 12-26 46.2%
FT % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd half: 8-12 66.7% Game: 12-18 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Maryland 57 • 22-4, 10-3

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
04	Robert Carter	f	3-5	0-0	0-3	4	4	8	4	6	2	2	2	1	22
10	Jake Layman	f	4-7	1-2	1-1	1	4	5	3	10	1	2	3	1	39
33	Diamond Stone	c	5-6	0-0	0-3	0	1	1	1	10	0	1	4	1	29
00	Rasheed Sulaimon	g	5-12	4-7	3-4	0	4	4	1	17	2	2	0	2	38
02	Melo Trimble	g	1-14	0-2	8-10	1	3	4	2	10	6	5	0	2	37
01	Jaylen Brantley		2-4	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	2	4	0	0	0	1	10
11	Jared Nickens		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	12
15	Michal Cekovsky		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	Varun Ram		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35	Damonte Dodd		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		20-50	5-14	12-21	9	21	30	19	57	11	12	9	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-21 33.3% 2nd half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 20-50 40.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 5-14 35.7%
FT % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 8-14 57.1% Game: 12-21 57.1%

Deadball Rebounds 3,2

Officials: DJ Carstensen, Bo Boroski, Rob Riley
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-Thomas, Charlie. Maryland-Diamond Stone.
Attendance: 17950
Technical Foul on MD #33 (:01.8, 1st), on WI #15 (:01.8, 1st)

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	36	34	**70**
Maryland	21	36	**57**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	16	16	20	2	4
UMD	31	12	4	10	4

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:37, UMD 2nd-00:28.
Largest lead - WIS by 16 1st-01:37, UMD by 7 1st-13:32.
WIS led for 32:24. UMD led for 04:57. Game was tied for 02:39.

Score tied - 2 times.
Lead changed - 2 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin's win marked its largest margin of victory in a top-five road win since 1953 (82-66 at No. 5 LSU)...UW earned its highest-ranked road win since a victory at No. 2 Indiana in 2013...Vitto Brown scored a career-high 21 points.

GAME 26: #8 MICHIGAN STATE 69, WISCONSIN 57

Feb. 18, 2016 • East Lansing, Mich. • Breslin Center

Wisconsin 57 • 16-10, 8-5 B1G

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	1-13	0-5	3-6	2	5	7	1	5	2	2	0	0	33
22	Happ, Ethan	f	7-16	0-0	4-5	1	2	3	3	18	2	1	0	2	26
30	Brown, Vitto	f	2-6	0-3	1-2	3	5	8	1	5	1	0	0	1	26
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-6	0-2	2-2	0	1	1	1	8	2	1	0	0	28
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-9	3-5	1-2	1	3	4	2	12	2	2	0	0	31
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
11	Hill, Jordan		1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	13
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	16
25	Illikainen, Alex		2-3	2-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	20
	Team					1	0	1				1			
	Totals		20-59	6-20	11-17	14	17	31	10	57	13	9	3	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-28 25.0% 2nd half: 13-31 41.9% Game: 20-59 33.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 2-9 22.2% 2nd half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 6-20 30.0%
FT % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 11-17 64.7%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Michigan State 69 • 22-5, 9-5 B1G

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Costello, Matt	f	2-7	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	3	4	0	0	1	0	20
23	Davis, Deyonta	f	2-4	0-0	2-4	4	5	9	4	6	2	0	3	0	29
05	Forbes, Bryn	g	6-12	4-8	1-1	1	3	4	1	17	2	2	1	0	32
14	Harris, Eron	g	4-6	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	10	1	2	0	1	25
45	Valentine, Denzel	g	9-19	2-5	4-4	0	7	7	2	24	10	4	0	0	35
00	Ahrens, Kyle		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0+
02	Bess, Javon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
03	Ellis III, Alvin		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
11	Nairn Jr., Lourawls		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
15	Clark Jr., Marvin		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	9
20	McQuaid, Matt		0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	17
30	Van Dyk, Matt		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
34	Schilling, Gavin		2-3	0-0	2-4	3	2	5	1	6	3	0	0	3	20
41	Wollenman, Colby		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					1	0	1				1			
	Totals		26-56	8-17	9-13	12	26	38	18	69	20	12	6	4	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-28 46.4% 2nd half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 26-56 46.4%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 8-17 47.1%
FT % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 9-13 69.2%

Deadball Rebounds 5

Officials: Terry Wymer, Mark Whitehead, Larry Scirotto
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Michigan State-None.
Attendance: 14797

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	23	34	**57**
Michigan State	32	37	**69**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	24	12	15	2	9
MSU	24	13	9	13	8

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:13, MSU 2nd-00:16.
Largest lead - WIS None, MSU by 22 2nd-06:45.
WIS led for 00:00. MSU led for 39:21. Game was tied for 00:14.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

GAME 27: WISCONSIN 69, ILLINOIS 60

Feb. 21, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Illinois 60 • 12-15,4-10

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
22	Morgan, Maverick	c	2-6	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	5	4	0	3	1	0	22
03	Lewis, Khalid	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	4	0	0	2	31
05	Coleman-Lands, Jalen	g	1-3	0-1	2-2	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	26
21	Hill, Malcolm	g	7-17	2-5	4-4	0	7	7	2	20	3	1	0	2	37
25	Nunn, Kendrick	g	5-13	4-8	1-2	0	4	4	4	15	3	4	0	1	37
00	Williams, D.J.		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	15
01	Tate, Jaylon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
23	Jordan, Aaron		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	11
43	Finke, Michael		3-8	2-4	0-2	3	2	5	4	8	0	3	0	0	21
	Team					1	2	3							
	Totals		22-56	9-22	7-10	9	24	33	26	60	10	12	2	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 11-30 36.7% 2nd half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 22-56 39.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 6-15 40.0% 2nd half: 3-7 42.9% Game: 9-22 40.9%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 6-8 75.0% Game: 7-10 70.0%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Wisconsin 69 • 17-10, 9-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	4-10	1-4	8-9	1	2	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	37
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-7	0-0	10-14	3	9	12	3	20	1	1	0	6	36
30	Brown, Vitto	f	4-8	1-4	0-0	1	3	4	1	9	1	0	1	0	31
03	Showalter, Zak	g	1-3	1-3	4-4	0	4	4	1	7	5	1	0	1	32
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-11	2-6	4-6	0	5	5	0	14	2	1	0	0	34
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Hill, Jordan		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	10
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	8
25	Illikainen, Alex		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
	Team					0	0	0				1			
	Totals		19-44	5-20	26-33	5	26	31	12	69	13	7	2	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 8-28 28.6% 2nd half: 11-16 68.8% Game: 19-44 43.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-13 7.7% 2nd half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 5-20 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd half: 19-25 76.0% Game: 26-33 78.8%

Deadball Rebounds 3,1

Officials: Bo Boroski, Ted Valentine, Lamont Simpson
Technical fouls: Illinois-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Illinois	29	31	**60**
Wisconsin	24	45	**69**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
ILL	12	6	5	0	13
WIS	24	16	8	0	2

Last FG - ILL 2nd-00:49, WIS 2nd-01:51.
Largest lead - ILL by 13 2nd-12:22, WIS by 11 2nd-01:51.
ILL led for 23:33. WIS led for 13:49. Game was tied for 02:36.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 4 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin completed its largest comeback in a win (13pts) since 2011 vs. Ohio State (15pts)...Ethan Happ recording his Big Ten-leading eighth double-double of the season...Happ's career-high six steals were most for a Badger since 2009.

GAME 28: WISCONSIN 67, #8 IOWA 59

Feb. 24, 2016 • Iowa City, Iowa • Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Wisconsin 67 • 18-10, 10-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	3-11	2-5	2-3	1	1	2	2	10	1	2	0	1	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	2-4	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	4	5	2	3	1	3	28
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-7	1-4	0-0	1	4	5	4	7	4	3	0	0	29
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-6	1-3	0-1	1	5	6	3	7	2	0	0	1	19
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	4-6	4-6	3-5	0	0	0	2	15	4	1	0	0	36
11	Hill, Jordan		4-8	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	1	9	1	0	0	2	21
15	Thomas, Charlie		2-3	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	1	5	0	0	1	0	7
21	Iverson, Khalil		4-7	0-1	1-1	0	3	3	1	9	3	1	1	1	20
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
	Team					1	2	3				1			
	Totals		25-52	10-23	7-12	8	22	30	20	67	17	11	4	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 14-27 51.9% 2nd half: 11-25 44.0% Game: 25-52 48.1%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 6-14 42.9% Game: 10-23 43.5%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 4-8 50.0% Game: 7-12 58.3%

Deadball Rebounds 1

Iowa 59 • 20-7, 11-4

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
20	Uthoff, Jarrod	f	3-12	2-9	3-5	2	3	5	4	11	0	1	1	0	23
34	Woodbury, Adam	c	2-3	0-0	2-4	10	8	18	3	6	2	2	1	1	34
05	Clemmons, Anthony	g	4-10	0-1	5-8	2	0	2	4	13	2	3	0	0	34
10	Gesell, Mike	g	2-9	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	4	3	1	0	4	33
14	Jok, Peter	g	5-13	3-5	8-8	1	5	6	2	21	0	3	0	3	29
00	Wagner, Ahmad		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
24	Ellingson, Brady		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
25	Uhl, Dom		1-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	21
51	Baer, Nicholas		1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	16
	Team					2	2	4							
	Totals		18-55	5-18	18-25	20	23	43	17	59	9	14	3	8	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd half: 8-30 26.7% Game: 18-55 32.7%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd half: 1-11 9.1% Game: 5-18 27.8%
FT % 1st Half: 10-12 83.3% 2nd half: 8-13 61.5% Game: 18-25 72.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Officials: Gene Steratore, Donnie Eppley, Rob Kueneman
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Iowa-None.
Attendance: 15400

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	35	32	**67**
Iowa	34	25	**59**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	28	13	10	4	23
IOWA	24	11	14	6	4

Last FG - WIS 2nd-01:15, IOWA 2nd-06:01.
Largest lead - WIS by 8 2nd-01:04, IOWA by 6 2nd-18:04.
WIS led for 17:48. IOWA led for 17:21. Game was tied for 04:51.

Score tied - 7 times.
Lead changed - 11 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin clinched a winning conference record for the 16th-straight season, equaling the longest such streak in Big Ten history...UW notched its second top-10 road win of the season, achieving the feat for the first time since 1955.

GAME 29: WISCONSIN 68, MICHIGAN 57
Feb. 28, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Michigan 57 • 20-10, 10-7

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
34	Donnal, Mark	f	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	21
10	Walton Jr., Derrick	g	3-13	1-4	3-4	0	5	5	2	10	8	2	0	2	38
12	Abdur-Rahkman, M-A	g	1-5	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	39
21	Irvin, Zak	g	6-13	1-2	1-2	0	8	8	1	14	1	5	0	2	35
22	Robinson, Duncan	g	4-7	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	10	2	0	0	1	29
03	Chatman, Kameron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	8
05	Wilson, D.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
11	Dakich, Andrew		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
24	Dawkins, Aubrey		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	10
32	Doyle, Ricky		5-5	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	2	10	0	1	0	0	16
	Team					1	0	1							
	Totals		24-50	5-13	4-7	3	17	20	16	57	14	11	1	5	200

FG % 1st Half: 13-24 54.2% 2nd half: 11-26 42.3% Game: 24-50 48.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 5-13 38.5%
FT % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd half: 3-5 60.0% Game: 4-7 57.1%

Deadball Rebounds 0,1

Wisconsin 68 • 19-10, 11-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	7-14	1-3	1-2	1	6	7	0	16	4	1	1	2	37
22	Happ, Ethan	f	4-7	0-0	4-5	2	4	6	2	12	1	4	2	2	28
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-9	4-6	0-0	1	3	4	2	14	2	1	0	1	23
03	Showalter, Zak	g	2-4	0-2	0-0	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	0	1	30
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	6-10	3-6	4-4	0	3	3	1	19	2	0	0	0	36
00	Decorah, Will		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
02	Smith, Jordan		0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0+
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
11	Hill, Jordan		0-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	24
13	Bax, Jackson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
20	Schlundt, T.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-1	0-1	1-2	0	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	15
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Team					0	2	2				1			
	Totals		24-49	8-21	12-15	7	26	33	12	68	14	12	4	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-24 41.7% 2nd half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 24-49 49.0%
3FG % 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 8-21 38.1%
FT % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 12-15 80.0%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Terry Wymer, Mike Eades, D.J. Carstensen
Technical fouls: Michigan-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance: 17287

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Michigan	30	27	**57**
Wisconsin	29	39	**68**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
MICH	28	14	4	2	15
WIS	26	12	8	2	3

Last FG - MICH 2nd-00:13, WIS 2nd-00:57.
Largest lead - MICH by 7 1st-16:07, WIS by 13 2nd-00:19.
MICH led for 14:34. WIS led for 21:09. Game was tied for 04:06.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 13 times.

NOTES: Bronson Koenig set a program record for consecutive games with at least one made 3-pointer (40).

GAME 30: WISCONSIN 62, MINNESOTA 49
March 2, 2016 • Minneapolis, Minn. • Williams Arena

Wisconsin 62 • 20-10, 12-5

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	1-4	1-2	3-4	1	6	7	4	6	0	4	1	2	32
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-10	0-0	2-6	4	6	10	3	12	1	1	2	1	24
30	Brown, Vitto	f	5-11	2-6	0-0	2	4	6	2	12	2	1	0	1	31
03	Showalter, Zak	g	3-8	2-5	0-0	0	3	3	4	8	2	2	0	1	30
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	5-7	2-3	2-4	0	1	1	3	14	6	1	0	0	35
00	Decorah, Will		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
02	Smith, Jordan		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
05	Moesch, Aaron		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Hill, Jordan		2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	14
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
20	Schlundt, T.J.		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21	Iverson, Khalil		3-4	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	6	1	1	0	1	15
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
	Team					3	0	3				1			
	Totals		24-52	7-20	7-14	11	23	34	20	62	12	11	6	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-29 55.2% 2nd half: 8-23 34.8% Game: 24-52 46.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 7-20 35.0%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 7-14 50.0%

Deadball Rebounds 2

Minnesota 49 • 8-21, 2-15

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Murphy, Jordan	f	7-12	1-2	0-0	0	5	5	3	15	2	3	1	1	35
23	Buggs, Charles	f	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	5	3	1	1	2	29
24	King, Joey	f	1-9	0-5	4-5	0	4	4	4	6	0	4	0	0	33
15	Sharp, Stephon	g	4-11	1-3	7-8	3	1	4	3	16	3	0	0	0	37
32	Gilbert, Ahmad	g	1-8	0-4	0-2	1	3	4	3	2	2	2	0	0	31
10	Haugh, Darin		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
21	Konate, Bakary		1-2	0-0	3-6	5	9	14	2	5	0	2	0	0	27
25	Lukashewich, Mike		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
41	Diedhiou, Gaston		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
	Team					3	0	3				1			
	Totals		16-48	3-17	14-21	12	22	34	18	49	11	13	2	3	200

FG % 1st Half: 6-20 30.0% 2nd half: 10-28 35.7% Game: 16-48 33.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd half: 2-11 18.2% Game: 3-17 17.6%
FT % 1st Half: 11-15 73.3% 2nd half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 14-21 66.7%

Deadball Rebounds 4

Officials: Bo Boroski, Mark Whitehead, Kelly Pfeifer
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Minnesota-None.
Attendance: 12275

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	40	22	**62**
Minnesota	24	25	**49**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	26	15	5	4	10
MINN	20	10	6	2	5

Last FG - WIS 2nd-03:13, MINN 2nd-00:48.
Largest lead - WIS by 21 2nd-14:53, MINN None.
WIS led for 39:28. MINN led for 00:00. Game was tied for 00:18.

Score tied - 0 times.
Lead changed - 0 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin clinched its 15th straight season finishing in the top four of the Big Ten Conference standings, a league record.

GAME 31: #15 PURDUE 91, WISCONSIN 80
Feb. 28, 2016 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Wisconsin 80 • 20-11, 12-6

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
10	Hayes, Nigel	f	8-16	3-5	11-13	5	3	8	2	30	3	3	0	1	38
22	Happ, Ethan	f	5-10	0-0	4-7	1	5	6	4	14	1	2	0	2	29
30	Brown, Vitto	f	3-7	3-4	0-0	0	2	2	4	9	1	0	0	1	27
03	Showalter, Zak	g	5-9	3-7	0-0	1	1	2	1	13	1	1	0	0	36
24	Koenig, Bronson	g	3-12	2-9	0-0	0	1	1	4	8	4	0	0	2	37
11	Hill, Jordan		2-4	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	4	6	1	0	0	0	17
15	Thomas, Charlie		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	7
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Team					0	0	0							
	Totals		26-60	13-29	15-20	8	14	22	23	80	12	6	1	6	200

FG % 1st Half: 16-28 57.1% 2nd half: 10-32 31.3% Game: 26-60 43.3%
3FG % 1st Half: 7-13 53.8% 2nd half: 6-16 37.5% Game: 13-29 44.8%
FT % 1st Half: 0-1 0.0% 2nd half: 15-19 78.9% Game: 15-20 75.0%

Deadball Rebounds 3,1

Purdue 91 • 24-7, 12-6

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
12	Edwards, Vince	f	4-9	3-5	0-0	1	3	4	1	11	6	0	0	1	33
50	Swanigan, Caleb	f	6-7	1-2	14-17	0	8	8	2	27	1	1	0	0	27
20	Hammons, A.J.	c	7-10	0-0	2-5	2	6	8	4	16	2	1	2	0	25
03	Thompson, P.J.	g	6-8	6-8	4-5	1	1	2	1	22	4	3	0	0	32
35	Davis, Rapheal	g	1-3	0-1	3-4	0	2	2	4	5	3	2	0	0	30
01	Hill, Johnny		1-3	0-2	2-2	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	11
11	Toyra, Stephen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
14	Cline, Ryan		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
23	Taylor, Jacquil		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
24	Eifert, Grady		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
31	Mathias, Dakota		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	26
44	Haas, Isaac		3-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	6	0	2	0	0	9
	Team					1	1	2				2			
	Totals		28-45	10-19	25-33	5	26	31	14	91	23	11	2	2	200

FG % 1st Half: 17-27 63.0% 2nd half: 11-18 61.1% Game: 28-45 62.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 8-12 66.7% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 10-19 52.6%
FT % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd half: 22-29 75.9% Game: 25-33 75.8%

Deadball Rebounds 5,2

Officials: Mike Eades, Terry Wymer, Steve McJunkins
Technical fouls: Wisconsin-None. Purdue-None.
Attendance: 14846

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wisconsin	39	41	**80**
Purdue	45	46	**91**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
WIS	22	12	12	2	6
PUR	28	8	3	4	10

Last FG - WIS 2nd-00:06, PUR 2nd-02:01.
Largest lead - WIS by 8 1st-07:44, PUR by 15 2nd-09:27.
WIS led for 12:16. PUR led for 25:33. Game was tied for 02:11.

Score tied - 3 times.
Lead changed - 6 times.

GAME 32: NEBRASKA 70, WISCONSIN 58
March 10, 2016 • Indianapolis, Ind. • Bankers Life Fieldhouse

Nebraska 70 • 16-17

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
00	Webster, Tai	*	3-4	0-0	3-6	2	4	6	4	9	0	0	0	3	27
03	White III, Andrew	*	4-9	2-5	0-1	0	5	5	2	10	1	2	1	0	23
12	Jacobson, Michael	*	0-2	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	4	1	0	1	4	1	24
31	Shields, Shavon	*	6-15	0-1	8-9	0	9	9	2	20	2	3	0	1	36
32	Parker, Benny	*	3-3	0-0	6-6	0	4	4	3	12	1	3	1	3	28
05	Watson Jr., Glynn		6-11	0-1	4-4	1	1	2	1	16	0	2	1	1	30
10	McVeigh, Jack		0-4	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	18
23	Fuller, Nick		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
30	Morrow Jr., Ed		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	13
	Team					2	1	3							
	Totals		23-49	2-8	22-28	6	32	38	22	70	4	13	7	9	200

FG % 1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd half: 13-24 54.2% Game: 23-49 46.9%
3FG % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 2-8 25.0%
FT % 1st Half: 5-5 100.0 2nd half: 17-23 73.9% Game: 22-28 78.6%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Wisconsin 58 • 20-12

##	Player		Total FG-FGA	3-Ptr FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Rebounds Off	Def	Tot	PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
03	Showalter, Zak	*	0-4	0-3	2-3	0	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	35
10	Hayes, Nigel	*	2-15	0-6	6-9	1	4	5	3	10	1	1	0	2	39
22	Happ, Ethan	*	5-11	0-0	7-8	1	6	7	3	17	2	5	0	2	34
24	Koenig, Bronson	*	3-12	1-6	4-4	1	2	3	2	11	4	2	0	0	37
30	Brown, Vitto	*	5-7	3-4	3-4	3	5	8	2	16	0	3	1	2	35
11	Hill, Jordan		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	11
15	Thomas, Charlie		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
21	Iverson, Khalil		0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
25	Illikainen, Alex		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Team					3	2	5							
	Totals		16-53	4-20	22-30	10	23	33	18	58	9	12	1	7	200

FG % 1st Half: 7-24 29.2% 2nd half: 9-29 31.0% Game: 16-53 30.2%
3FG % 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd half: 1-10 10.0% Game: 4-20 20.0%
FT % 1st Half: 4-9 44.4% 2nd half: 18-21 85.7% Game: 22-30 73.3%

Deadball Rebounds 3

Officials: Terry Wymer, Lamont Simpson & Steve McJunkins
Technical fouls: Nebraska-None. Wisconsin-None.
Attendance:
Session III Attendance: 15,751

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Nebraska	26	44	**70**
Wisconsin	21	37	**58**

Points	In Paint	Off T/O	2nd Chance	Fast Break	Bench
NEB	30	12	6	8	18
WIS	18	17	9	4	2

Last FG - NEB 2nd-04:05, WIS 2nd-01:53.
Largest lead - NEB by 12 2nd-00:22, WIS by 3 1st-15:17.
NEB led for 33:36. WIS led for 02:37. Game was tied for 03:47.

Score tied - 4 times.
Lead changed - 8 times.

NOTES: Wisconsin was eliminated and went one-and-done in the Big Ten tournament for the first time since 2011, which coincidentally was also at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis (UW would go on to the Sweet 16 that season).

Career and Season Highs

0 • WILL DECORAH

- **POINTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **STEALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 1 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)
  Career: 1 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)

1 • BREVIN PRITZL

- **POINTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **STEALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 4 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
  Career: 4 vs. Siena (11/15/15)

2 • JORDAN SMITH

- **POINTS**
  Season: 2 (2x) MR vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
  Career: 5 vs. Mississippi Valley State (12/23/11)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 1 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
  Career: 2 vs. UMKC (11/22/11)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 2 at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 2 (7x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: 1 (2x) MR vs. Samford (12/29/12)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: 2 (2x) MR at Milwaukee (12/10/14)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 2 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
  Career: 2vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 2 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
  Career: 2 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 1 (2x) MR vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
  Career: 1 (10x) MR vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: --
  Career: 1 vs. Nebraska (2/26/13)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 1 at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 1 at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
- **STEALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 2 (3x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 5 vs. Presbyterian (11/20/12)

3 • ZAK SHOWALTER

- **POINTS**
  Season: 21 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
  Career: 21 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 8 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
  Career: 8 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 10 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 10 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
  Career: 4 vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 7 (3x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
  Career: 7 (3x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 6 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
  Career: 6 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 6 (2x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
  Career: 6 (2x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 10 vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
  Career: 10 vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 7 at Northwestern (1/12/16)
  Career: 7 at Northwestern (1/12/16)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 2 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
  Career: 2 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 3 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 3 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 41 at Syracuse (12/2/15)
  Career: 41 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

Career and Season Highs

5 • AARON MOESCH

- **POINTS**
  Season: 2 (2x) MR vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
  Career: 2 (4x) MR vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 1 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
  Career: 1 (3x) MR vs. Siena (11/15/15)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 1 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
  Career: 3 vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 2 vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
  Career: 2 vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 2 vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
  Career: 2 (2x) MR vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 1 (4x) MR at Illinois (1/31/16)
  Career: 3 vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 1 vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
  Career: 2 vs. UAB (11/26/14)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: --
  Career: 1 vs. Northern Kentucky (11/14/14)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 1 (2x) MR vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 1 (2x) MR vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 13 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 13 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)

10 • NIGEL HAYES

- **POINTS**
  Season: 32 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
  Career: 32 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 9 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
  Career: 9 vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 18 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
  Career: 18 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 at Maryland (2/13/16)
  Career: 4 at Maryland (2/13/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 8 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
  Career: 8 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 17 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 17 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 22 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 22 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 12 (2x) MR vs. Temple (12/5/15)
  Career: 13 (3x) MR at Penn State (2/18/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 7 (2x) MR vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 7 (2x) MR vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 2 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 3 vs. Prairie View A&M (12/28/13)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 3 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 3 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 44 at Syracuse (12/2/15)
  Career: 44 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

11 • JORDAN HILL

- **POINTS**
  Season: 13 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 13 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 5 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 5 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 8 at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 8 at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 3 vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
  Career: 3 vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 4 (5x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
  Career: 4 (5x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 2 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 2 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 2 (3x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
  Career: 3 vs. Milwaukee (12/11/13)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 5 (2x) MR vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
  Career: 5 (2x) MR vs. Ohio State (2/4/16)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 4 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 4 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 1 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 1 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 2 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 2 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 32 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 32 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)

13 • JACKSON BAX

- **POINTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **STEALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 1 (2x) MR vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
  Career: 1 (2x) MR vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)

Career and Season Highs

15 • CHARLIE THOMAS

- **POINTS**
  Season: 12 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 12 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 (2x) MR vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 4 (2x) MR vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 8 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
  Career: 8 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 1 (4x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 1 (4x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 3 vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
  Career: 3 vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 4 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 4 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 6 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 6 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 6 (2x) MR vs. Temple (12/5/15)
  Career: 6 (2x) MR vs. Temple (12/5/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 1 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 1 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 2 (2x) MR vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
  Career: 2 (2x) MR vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 1 (5x) MR at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 1 (5x) MR at Penn State (1/21/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 26 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
  Career: 26 vs. VCU (11/22/15)

20 • T.J. SCHLUNDT

- **POINTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 1 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
  Career: 1 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **STEALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 1 (4x) MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)
  Career: 1 (4x) MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)

21 • KHALIL IVERSON

- **POINTS**
  Season: 10 at Illinois (1/31/16)
  Career: 10 at Illinois (1/31/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 4 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 8 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
  Career: 8 vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 1 (2x) MR at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
  Career: 1 (2x) MR at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 2 (2x) MR at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
  Career: 2 (2x) MR at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 4 (2x) MR at Illinois (1/31/16)
  Career: 4 (2x) MR at Illinois (1/31/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 6 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 6 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 7 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 7 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 3 at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 3 at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 3 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 3 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 3 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 3 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 30 at Illinois (1/31/16)
  Career: 30 at Illinois (1/31/16)

22 • ETHAN HAPP

- **POINTS**
  Season: 25 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 25 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 10 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 10 vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 16 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
  Career: 16 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: --
  Career: --
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 10 (2x) MR vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
  Career: 10 (2x) MR vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 15 at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 15 at Penn State (1/21/16)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 15 (2x) MR vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
  Career: 15 (2x) MR vs. Milwaukee (12/9/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 3 (3x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
  Career: 3 (3x) MR vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 3 (3x) MR vs. TA&MUCC (12/15/15)
  Career: 3 (3x) MR vs. TA&MUCC (12/15/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 6 vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
  Career: 6 vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 43 at Syracuse (12/2/15)
  Career: 43 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

Career and Season Highs

24 • BRONSON KOENIG

- **POINTS**
  Season: 27 vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
  Career: 27 vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 9 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
  Career: 9 vs. VCU (11/22/15)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 18 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
  Career: 18 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 (2x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 4 (5x) MR at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 14 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
  Career: 14 at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 7 vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
  Career: 7 (2x) MR vs. Michigan State (1/17/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 8 vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
  Career: 8 (2x) MR vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 6 (3x) MR at Maryland (2/13/16)
  Career: 6 (3x) MR at Maryland (2/13/16)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 6 at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 9 vs. Michigan State (3/15/15)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 2 vs. Georgetown (11/20/15)
  Career: 2 vs. Georgetown (11/20/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 2 MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
  Career: 2 (5x) MR at Purdue (3/6/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 42 at Syracuse (12/2/15)
  Career: 42 (2x) MR at Syracuse (12/2/15)

25 • ALEX ILLIKAINEN

- **POINTS**
  Season: 10 vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
  Career: 10 vs. Purdue (12/29/15)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 4 at Penn State (1/21/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 2 (3x) MR at Michigan State (2/18/16)
  Career: 2 (3x) MR at Michigan State (2/18/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 4 vs. Maryland (1/9/16)
  Career: 4 vs. Maryland (1/9/16)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 3 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
  Career: 3 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 4 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
  Career: 4 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 7 at Penn State (1/21/16)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 2 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
  Career: 2 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 1 (2x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 1 (2x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 1 (6x) MR vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
  Career: 1 (6x) MR vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 26 at Penn State (1/21/16)
  Career: 26 at Penn State (1/21/16)

30 • VITTO BROWN

- **POINTS**
  Season: 21 at Maryland (2/13/16)
  Career: 21 at Maryland (2/13/16)
- **FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 8 at Maryland (2/13/16)
  Career: 8 at Maryland (2/13/16)
- **FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 15 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
  Career: 15 (2x) MR vs. Marquette (12/12/15)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOALS**
  Season: 4 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
  Career: 4 vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
- **3-POINT FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 6 (4x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
  Career: 6 (4x) MR at Minnestoa (3/2/16)
- **FREE THROWS**
  Season: 6 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 6 (3x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **FREE THROW ATTEMPTS**
  Season: 7 vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 8 vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)
- **REBOUNDS**
  Season: 16 vs. TA&MUCC (12/15/15)
  Career: 16 vs. TA&MUCC (12/15/15)
- **ASSISTS**
  Season: 4 at Iowa (2/24/16)
  Career: 4 at Iowa (2/24/16)
- **BLOCKED SHOTS**
  Season: 3 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
  Career: 3 (2x) MR vs. Green Bay (12/23/15)
- **STEALS**
  Season: 2 (4x) MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
  Career: 2 (4x) MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
- **MINUTES**
  Season: 39 at Syracuse (12/2/15)
  Career: 39 at Syracuse (12/2/15)

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Bax, Jackson

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2015-16	3-0	2/0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	3-0	2/0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

Brown, Vitto

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2013-14	14-0	44/3.1	3-11	.273	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	0	12	12	0.9	5	0	3	2	0	0	6	0.4
2014-15	34-0	214/6.3	26-59	.441	0-0	.000	10-17	.588	12	31	43	1.3	38	0	7	15	8	8	62	1.8
2015-16	32-31	804/25.1	118-268	.440	31-79	.392	42-55	.764	59	106	165	5.2	77	2	25	36	17	19	309	9.7
TOTAL	80-31	1062/13.3	147-338	.435	31-79	.392	52-75	.693	71	149	220	2.8	120	2	35	53	25	27	377	4.7

Decorah, Will

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2015-16	4-0	3/0.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	4-0	3/0.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0

Happ, Ethan

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2015-16	32-32	893/27.9	144-273	.527	0-0	.000	99-154	.643	77	173	250	7.8	96	0	39	67	29	58	387	12.1
TOTAL	32-32	893/27.9	144-273	.527	0-0	.000	99-154	.643	77	173	250	7.8	96	0	39	67	29	58	387	12.1

Hayes, Nigel

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2013-14	38-0	663/17.4	98-192	.510	0-0	.000	96-164	.585	34	72	106	2.8	99	1	36	45	20	32	292	7.7
2014-15	40-40	1318/33.0	166-334	.497	40-101	.396	125-168	.744	85	162	247	6.2	76	1	79	51	16	34	497	12.4
2015-16	32-32	1160/36.2	152-399	.381	37-118	.314	181-244	.742	66	119	185	5.8	65	0	96	72	13	36	522	16.3
TOTAL	110-72	3141/28.6	416-925	.450	77-219	.352	402-576	.698	185	353	538	4.9	240	2	211	168	49	102	1311	11.9

Hill, Jordan

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2013-14	11-0	25/2.3	1-7	.143	1-4	.250	4-7	.571	1	2	3	0.3	5	0	1	2	0	0	7	0.6
2015-16	27-1	413/15.3	31-79	.392	17-48	.354	4-6	.667	11	24	35	1.3	39	0	21	17	1	8	83	3.1
TOTAL	38-1	438/11.5	32-86	.372	18-52	.346	8-13	.615	12	26	38	1.0	44	0	22	19	1	8	90	2.4

Illikainen, Alex

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2015-16	30-0	305/10.2	25-60	.417	9-27	.333	10-15	.667	15	31	46	1.5	31	0	13	10	3	6	69	2.3
TOTAL	30-0	305/10.2	25-60	.417	9-27	.333	10-15	.667	15	31	46	1.5	31	0	13	10	3	6	69	2.3

Iverson, Khalil

Season	gp-gs	min/avg	Total fg-fga	pct	3-Point fg-fga	pct	F-Throws ft-fta	pct	Rebounds off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	Scoring pts	avg
2015-16	31-0	413/13.3	31-66	.470	2-12	.167	19-34	.559	22	37	59	1.9	27	0	20	29	15	11	83	2.7
TOTAL	31-0	413/13.3	31-66	.470	2-12	.167	19-34	.559	22	37	59	1.9	27	0	20	29	15	11	83	2.7

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Koenig, Bronson

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2013-14	37-0	572/15.5	51-115	.443	22-67	.328	6-8	.750	18	28	46	1.2	50	0	41	18	3	11	130	3.5
2014-15	40-24	1152/28.8	115-278	.414	62-153	.405	56-69	.812	19	51	70	1.8	64	2	98	33	8	9	348	8.7
2015-16	32-32	1111/34.7	141-350	.403	76-193	.394	71-93	.763	11	69	80	2.5	73	2	81	48	6	10	429	13.4
TOTAL	109-56	2835/26.0	307-743	.413	160-413	.387	133-170	.782	48	148	196	1.8	187	4	220	99	17	30	907	8.3

Moesch, Aaron

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2014-15	14-0	28/2.0	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	2	4	6	0.4	4	0	3	2	1	0	4	0.3
2015-16	16-0	48/3.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	0.3	4	0	1	1	0	2	4	0.3
TOTAL	30-0	76/2.5	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	4	7	11	0.4	8	0	4	3	1	2	8	0.3

Pritzl, Brevin

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	1-0	4/4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	1-0	4/4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0

Schlundt, T.J.

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	5-0	4/0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	5-0	4/0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0

Showalter, Zak

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2012-13	22-0	147/6.7	11-29	.379	2-10	.200	13-19	.684	13	10	23	1.0	18	0	12	8	1	7	37	1.7
2014-15	35-0	266/7.6	23-53	.434	2-14	.143	24-27	.889	18	27	45	1.3	38	0	16	5	4	10	72	2.1
2015-16	32-32	1003/31.3	81-175	.463	35-98	.357	45-56	.804	24	100	124	3.9	94	4	71	42	7	33	242	7.6
TOTAL	89-32	1416/15.9	115-257	.447	39-122	.320	82-102	.804	55	137	192	2.2	150	4	99	55	12	50	351	3.9

Smith, Jordan

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2011-12	7-0	12/1.7	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.7
2012-13	10-0	21/2.1	3-10	.300	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	2	2	4	0.4	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.7
2014-15	14-0	35/2.5	0-9	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2015-16	8-0	9/1.1	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0.5
TOTAL	39-0	77/2.0	6-25	.240	2-13	.154	2-3	.667	4	6	10	0.3	5	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.4

Thomas, Charlie

			Total		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
Season	gp-gs	min/avg	fg-fga	pct	fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	fo	ast	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
2015-16	28-0	272/9.7	26-70	.371	4-13	.308	14-30	.467	20	37	57	2.0	32	0	3	5	10	5	70	2.5
TOTAL	28-0	272/9.7	26-70	.371	4-13	.308	14-30	.467	20	37	57	2.0	32	0	3	5	10	5	70	2.5

Team Superlatives

WISCONSIN	HIGH		LOW	
Points	92	SIENA (11/15/15)	48	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
First-Half Points	48	GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	19	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
Second-Half Points	49	SIENA (11/15/15)	22	at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Field Goals Made	31	2x; MR RUTGERS (1/2/16)	16	2x; MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
Field Goal Attempts	68	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)	43	NEBRASKA (2/10/16)
Field Goal Percentage	.585 (31-53)	SIENA (11/15/15)	.235 (16-68)	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
3-Point Field Goals Made	13	2x; MR at Purdue (3/6/16)	2	at Illinois (1/31/16)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	33	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)	10	3x; MR at Penn State (1/21/16)
3-Point Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 att.)	.611 (11-18)	NEBRASKA (2/10/16)	.143 (2-14)	at Illinois (1/31/16)
Free Throws Made	29	MICHIGAN STATE (1/17/16)	1	MARQUETTE (12/12/15)
Free Throw Attempts	37	INDIANA (1/26/16)	4	MARQUETTE (12/12/15)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 12 att.)	.917 (11-12)	at Syracuse (12/2/15)	.500 (7-14)	at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Offensive Rebounds	21	2x; MR at Oklahoma (11/29/15)	5	ILLINOIS (2/21/16)
Defensive Rebounds	35	at Syracuse (12/2/15)	17	3x; MR at Michigan State (2/18/16)
Total Rebounds	51	at Syracuse (12/2/15)	22	at Purdue (3/6/16)
Assists	19	at Northwestern (1/12/16)	5	INDIANA (1/26/16)
Blocked Shots	7	2x; MR at Syracuse (12/2/15)	1	7x; MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
Steals	9	5x; MR ILLINOIS (2/21/16)	2	3x; MR MILWAUKEE (12/9/15)
Turnovers	26	GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	4	WESTERN ILLINOIS (11/13/15)
Fouls	23	2x; MR at Purdue (3/6/16)	10	at Michigan State (2/18/16)

OPPONENTS	HIGH		LOW	
Points	91	at Purdue (3/6/16)	49	2x; MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)
First-Half Points	45	at Purdue (3/6/16)	18	at Penn State (1/21/16)
Second-Half Points	52	GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	25	2x; MR at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Field Goals Made	28	3x; MR at Purdue (3/6/16)	16	at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Field Goal Attempts	71	GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	43	at Indiana (1/5/16)
Field Goal Percentage	.622 (28-45)	at Purdue (3/6/16)	.327 (18-55)	at Iowa (2/24/16)
3-Point Field Goals Made	10	at Purdue (3/6/16)	2	vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	27	MILWAUKEE (12/9/15)	5	MARQUETTE (12/12/15)
3-Point Field Goal Percentage	.778 (7-9)	WESTERN ILLINOIS (11/13/15)	.176 (3-17)	at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Free Throws Made	25	at Purdue (3/6/16)	4	MICHIGAN (2/28/16)
Free Throw Attempts	34	at Northwestern (1/12/16)	6	RUTGERS (1/2/16)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 12 att.)	.889 (16-18)	INDIANA (1/26/16)	.429 (6-14)	MARQUETTE (12/12/15)
Offensive Rebounds	20	at Iowa (2/24/16)	3	MICHIGAN (2/28/16)
Defensive Rebounds	32	2x; MR vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)	15	SIENA (11/15/15)
Total Rebounds	44	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)	20	MICHIGAN (2/28/16)
Assists	23	at Purdue (3/6/16)	4	vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
Blocked Shots	9	at Maryland (2/13/16)	0	at Illinois (1/31/16)
Steals	18	GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	0	WESTERN ILLINOIS (11/13/15)
Turnovers	19	3x; MR INDIANA (1/26/16)	5	at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
Fouls	31	INDIANA (1/26/16)	11	PURDUE (12/29/15)

MISCELLANEOUS	HIGH	2nd-LARGEST
UW's Largest Deficit Overcome in Win	13 - (46-33, 12:22 2H) ILLINOIS (2/21/16)	8 - (18-10 ,10:22 1H) at Illinois (1/31/16)
UW's Largest Deficit Overcome in Win (2nd Half)	13 - (46-33, 12:22 2H) ILLINOIS (2/21/16)	6 - 4x; MR (41-35, 18:04 2H) at Iowa (2/24/16)
UW's Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	15 (30-15, 7:38 1H) MILWAUKEE (12/9/15)	9 (22-13, 7:58 1H) at Indiana (1/5/16)
UW's Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss (2nd Half)	11 (40-29, 19:44 2H) MILWAUKEE (12/9/15)	7 (44-37, 18:43 2H) WESTERN ILLINOIS (11/13/15)
UW's Largest Halftime Lead	21 GREEN BAY (12/23/15)	16 at Minnesota (3/2/16)
UW's Largest Halftime Deficit	15 - 2x; MR at Maryland (2/13/16)	9 at Michigan State (2/18/16)
UW's Largest Lead	33 (78-45, 7:00 2H) SIENA (11/15/15)	30 (68-38, 13:01 2H) GREEN BAY (12/23/15)
UW's Largest Deficit	22 (63-41, 2:40 2H) at Oklahoma (11/29/15)	14 (2x); MR (46-32, 11:33 2H) MARQUETTE (12/12/15)

Individual Superlatives

WISCONSIN	HIGH		2nd-HIGHEST	
Points	32	Nigel Hayes (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)	31	Nigel Hayes (INDIANA - 1/26/16)
Field Goals Made	10	Ethan Happ (INDIANA - 1/26/16)	9	2x; MR Nigel Hayes (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)
Field Goal Attempts	18	3x; MR Nigel Hayes (MARQUETTE - 12/12/15)	17	2x; MR Nigel Hayes (at Oklahoma - 11/29/15)
Field Goal Pct. (min. 7 made)	1.000 (8-8)	Zak Showalter (RUTGERS - 1/2/16)	.875 (7-8)	2x; MR Ethan Happ (RUTGERS - 1/2/16)
3-Point Field Goals Made	4	5x; MR Vitto Brown (MICHIGAN - 2/28/16)	3	21x; MR Vitto Brown (vs. Nebraska - 3/10/16)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	14	Bronson Koenig (at Oklahoma - 11/29/15)	9	2x; MR Bronson Koenig (at Purdue - 3/6/16)
3-Point FG Pct. (min. 3 made)	1.000	2x; MR Vitto Brown (3-3 3FG) (NEBRASKA - 2/10/16)	.800 (4-5)	Nigel Hayes (at Maryland - 2/13/16)
Free Throws Made	17	Nigel Hayes (INDIANA - 1/26/16)	12	Nigel Hayes (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)
Free Throw Attempts	22	Nigel Hayes (INDIANA - 1/26/16)	19	Nigel Hayes (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)
Free Throw Pct. (min. 6 made)	1.000 (9-9)	4x; MR Nigel Hayes (GREEN BAY - 12/23/15)	.900 (9-10)	Nigel Hayes (MICHIGAN STATE - 1/17/16)
Total Rebounds	16	Vitto Brown (TA&MUCC - 12/15/15)	15	2x; MR Ethan Happ (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)
Assists	7	3x; MR Zak Showalter (at Northwestern - 1/12/16)	6	6x; MR Bronson Koenig (at Minnesota - 3/2/16)
Blocked Shots	3	6x; MR Vitto Brown (GREEN BAY - 12/23/15)	2	11x; MR Ethan Happ (at Minnesota - 3/2/16)
Steals	6	Ethan Happ (ILLINOIS - 2/21/16)	4	2x; MR Ethan Happ (at Maryland - 2/13/16)
Turnovers	8	Bronson Koenig (GREEN BAY - 12/23/15)	6	Nigel Hayes (TA&MUCC - 12/15/15)
Fouls	5	8x; MR Bronson Koenig (at Illinois - 1/31/16)	4	31x; MR 4 Badgers (at Purdue - 3/6/16)

OPPONENTS	HIGH		2nd-HIGHEST	
Points	30	Yogi Ferrell (INDIANA - 1/26/16)	28	2x; MR Bryant McIntosh (at Northwestern - 1/12/16)
Field Goals Made	12	Yogi Ferrell (INDIANA - 1/26/16)	11	2x; MR JaQuan Lyle (OHIO STATE - 2/4/16)
Field Goal Attempts	22	Carrington Love (GREEN BAY - 12/23/15)	20	Yogi Ferrell (INDIANA - 1/26/16)
Field Goal Pct. (min. 6 made)	.857 (6-7)	Caleb Swanigan (at Purdue - 3/6/16)	.777 (7-9)	Ryan Spangler (at Oklahoma - 11/29/15)
3-Point Field Goals Made	6	2x; MR P.J. Thompson (at Purdue - 3/6/16)	5	2x; MR Yogi Ferrell (INDIANA - 1/26/16)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	12	Austin Arians (MILWAUKEE - 12/9/15)	11	Carrington Love (GREEN BAY - 12/23/15)
3-Point FG Pct. (min. 3 made)	1.000	3x; MR O.G. Anunoby (3-3 3FG, at Indiana - 1/5/16)	.833 (5-6)	Yogi Ferrell (INDIANA - 1/26/16)
Free Throws Made	14	Caleb Swanigan (at Purdue - 3/6/16)	9	Malcolm Hill (at Illinois - 1/31/16)
Free Throw Attempts	17	Caleb Swanigan (at Purdue - 3/6/16)	11	Lavon Long (SIENA - 11/15/15)
Free Throw Pct. (min. 8 att.)	1.000 (8-8)	2x; MR Peter Jok (at Iowa - 2/24/16)	.900 (9-10)	Malcolm Hill (at Illinois - 1/31/16)
Total Rebounds	18	Adam Woodbury (at Iowa - 2/24/16)	14	2x; MR Bakary Konate (at Minnesota - 3/2/16)
Assists	10	Denzel Valentine (at Michigan State - 2/18/16)	8	Derrick Walton Jr. (MICHIGAN - 2/28/16)
Blocked Shots	4	3x; MR Michael Jacobson (vs. Nebraska - 3/10/16)	3	4x; MR Deyonta Davis (at Michigan State - 2/18/16)
Steals	5	Michael Gbinije (at Syracuse - 12/2/15)	4	4x; MR Mike Gesell (at Iowa - 2/24/16)
Turnovers	5	7x; MR Zak Irvin (MICHIGAN - 2/28/16)	4	15x; MR Joey King (at Minnesota - 3/2/16)
Fouls	5	14x; MR Maverick Morgan (ILLINOIS - 2/21/16)	4	54x; MR Jacobson, Webster (vs. Nebraska - 3/10/16)

The Last Time Wisconsin...

Wisconsin Team

UW ranked No. 1 in AP Top 25: (2/19/07)
UW ranked in AP Top 25: No. 17 (11/2/15)
UW ranked in ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll: No. 25 (3/6/16)
Played AP No. 1-ranked opponent: Win vs. Kentucky, 71-64 (4/4/15)
Defeated AP No. 1-ranked opponent: Kentucky, 71-64 (4/4/15)
Played AP No. 2-ranked opponent: Win at Maryland, 70-57 (2/13/16)
Defeated opponent ranked 3-10 by AP: No. 8 Iowa, 67-59 (2/24/16)
Defeated opponent ranked 11-25 by AP: No. 19 Indiana, 82-79 (OT) (12/26/16)
Defeated AP Top 25 opponent on the road: No. 8 Iowa, 67-59 (2/24/16)

Scoring

Scored 20 or more points: 30, Nigel Hayes at Purdue (3/6/16)
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Scored 40 or more points: 43, Frank Kaminsky vs. North Dakota (11/19/13)
Two or more Badgers scored 30 points, same game: Joe Franklin (31) and Chuck Nagle (30) vs. Purdue (3/2/68) — only other time this happened in school history was Jack Brens (31) and Ken Siebel (31) vs. Utah (12/28/62)
Two or more Badgers scored 20 points, same game: Nigel Hayes (31), Ethan Happ (25) vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
Three or more Badgers scored 20 points, same game: Jon Leuer (24), Josh Gasser (21), Jordan Taylor (20), vs. PVAMU (11/14/10)
Scored 20 or more points in one half: Frank Kaminsky (22 in 2nd) vs. North Dakota (11/19/13)
Scored 20 points/two straight games: Nigel Hayes (21 vs. Ohio State, 2/4/16; 20 vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
Scored 20 points/three straight games: Frank Kaminsky (29 vs. Arizona, 3/28/15; 20 vs. Kentucky, 4/4/15; 21 vs. Duke, 4/6/15)
Scored 20 points/four straight games: Jordan Taylor (28 vs. Indiana, 1/20/11; 22 vs. Illinois, 1/15/11; 21 at Michigan State, 1/11/11; 20 vs. Michigan, 1/5/11)
Scored 30 points/two straight games: Michael Finley (30 at Michigan, 1/29/94; 32 vs. Michigan State, 2/2/94)
No Badger scored in double figures: vs. Marquette (12/8/12)
One Badger scored in double figures: Nigel Hayes (20) at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
Four players scored in double figures: Ethan Happ (17), Vitto Brown (16), Bronson Koenig (11), Nigel Hayes (10) vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
Five players scored in double figures: Happ (17), Koenig (17), Brown (12), Hayes (11), Showalter (10) vs. North Dakota (11/17/15)
Six players scored in double figures: Bronson Koenig (16), Zak Showalter (14), Ethan Happ (12), Charlie Thomas (12), Vitto Brown (11), Nigel Hayes (10) vs. Prairie View A&M (11/25/15)
UW Scored 70 or more points: 70 at Maryland (2/13/16)
UW Scored 80 or more points: 80 at Purdue (3/6/16)
UW Scored 90 or more points: 92 vs. Siena (11/15/15)
UW Scored 100 or more points: 103 vs. North Dakota (11/19/13)

Field Goal Shooting

Shot 90 percent or better (min. 10 att.): .900 (9-10), Carlton McGee vs. Michigan (2/26/92)
UW shot 50 percent or better: .512, vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
UW shot 60 percent or better: .604, vs. Indiana (2/3/15)
UW shot 70 percent or better: .744, vs. Army (12/30/79)
UW made 30 or more field goals: 31, vs. Rutgers (1/2/16)
UW made 40 or more field goals: 42, vs. Iowa (3/9/94)
UW made 50 or more field goals: Has not happened
UW attempted 60 or more field goals: 60, at Purdue (3/6/16)
UW attempted 70 or more field goals: 71, vs. Iowa (2/6/13)
UW attempted 80 or more field goals: 83, vs. Northwestern (1/28/95)
UW attempted 100 or more field goals: 102, vs. S. Dakota (12/9/72)

3-Point Field Goal Shooting

Made 5 or more 3-point field goals: 5, Sam Dekker vs. Arizona (3/28/15)
UW shot 40 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .448, at Purdue (3/6/16)
UW shot 50 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .545, vs. Temple (12/5/15)
UW shot 60 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .611, vs. Nebraska (2/10/16)
UW shot 70 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .727, at Indiana (2/25/10)
UW shot 80 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .889, vs. North Dakota St. (12/10/86)
UW shot 90 percent or better (min. 8 att.): .900, at Illinois (1/25/97)
UW made 10 or more 3-point field goals: 13, at Purdue (3/6/16)
UW made 15 or more 3-point field goals: 16, vs. Presbyterian (11/20/12)
UW attempted 20 or more 3-point field goals: 20, vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
UW attempted 30 or more 3-point field goals: 33, at Oklahoma (11/29/15)
UW attempted 40 or more 3-point field goals: 40, vs. Temple (12/3/01)

Double-Double / Triple-Double

Had a triple-double: Josh Gasser (10 pts., 12 reb., 10 ast.) at Northwestern (1/23/11)
Had a double-double (Pts./Ast.): Jordan Taylor (15 pts., 10 ast.) vs. Green Bay (12/7/11)
Had a double-double (Pts./Reb.): Ethan Happ (12 pts., 10 reb.) at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Two with double-double: Happ (18 pts., 15 reb.) and Hayes (15 pts., 12 reb.) at Syracuse (12/2/15)

Free Throw Shooting

Perfect at the FT line (min. 10 att.): 12-12, Nigel Hayes vs. Michigan State (3/15/15)
UW shot 80 percent or better (min. 12 att.): .800, vs. Michigan (2/28/16)
UW shot 90 percent or better (min. 12 att.): .917, at Syracuse (12/2/15)
UW shot 100 percent (min. 12 att.): 14-14, at Michigan State (2/16/12)
UW made 20 or more free throws: 22, vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
UW made 30 or more free throws: 30, vs. Minnesota (2/13/14)
UW made 40 or more free throws: 40, vs. Minnesota (1/12/53)
UW attempted 30 or more free throws: 30, vs. Nebraska (3/10/16)
UW attempted 40 or more free throws: 42, at Illinois (2/3/13)
UW attempted 50 or more free throws: 50, at Indiana (2/12/62)
UW attempted 60 or more free throws: 61, at Michigan (2/21/53)

Rebounds

Had 10 or more rebounds: 10, Ethan Happ at Minnesota (3/2/16)
Had 15 or more rebounds: 16, Vitto Brown vs. TA&MUCC (12/15/15)
Had 20 or more rebounds: 25, Joe Chrnelich vs. St. Mary's (12/2/76)
Had 30 or more rebounds: 30, Paul Morrow vs. Purdue (1/3/53)
Had 10 or more reb. in consecutive games: Nigel Hayes: 11, 12, 12 (11/29/15 - 12/2/15 - 12/5/15)
UW had 40 or more rebounds: 40, at Maryland (2/13/16)
UW had 50 or more rebounds: 51, at Syracuse (12/2/15)

Assists

Had 10 or more assists: 10, Jordan Taylor vs. Green Bay (12/7/11)
Had 15 or more assists: Has not happened
UW had 20 or more assists: 23, at Northwestern (1/4/15)
UW had 30 or more assists: 30, vs. Iowa (3/9/94)

Blocked Shots

Had 5 or more blocked shots: 6, Frank Kaminsky vs. Buffalo (12/28/14)
Had 10 or more blocked shots: Has not happened
UW had 10 or more blocked shots: 10, vs. Indiana (3/16/13)
UW had 15 or more blocked shots: Has not happened

Steals

Had 5 or more steals: 6, Ethan Happ vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
Had 10 or more steals: 10, Mike Kelley vs. Texas (12/7/99)
UW had 10 or more steals: 10, vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)
UW had 15 or more steals: 16, (2x) MR vs. California (12/2/12)

Turnovers

UW had 1 or fewer turnovers: 1, vs. Iowa (1/20/15)
UW had 5 or fewer turnovers: 4, vs. Western Illinois (11/13/15)
Opponent committed 15 or more turnovers: 19, vs. Indiana (1/26/16)
Opponent committed 20 or more turnovers: 21, vs. Nicholls (12/13/14)

Overtime

Won a game in overtime: vs. Indiana, (82-79), 12/26/15
Lost a game in overtime: at Minnesota (53-58), 2/14/13
Played a 2-overtime game: vs. Iowa (74-70), 2/6/13
Played a 3-overtime game: vs. Indiana (85-86), 2/16/87
Played in consecutive OT games: (3) vs. Iowa (2/6/13), vs. Mich. (2/9/13), at Minn. (2/14/13)

Miscellaneous

Hit a buzzer beater: at Indiana, 1/5/16 (Nigel Hayes nails 3-pointer just inside halfcourt, UW lost 59-58)
Won after trailing by at least 10 pts in second half: 13 vs. Illinois, 2/21/16 (down 46-33, 12:22 remaining - won 69-60)
Won after trailing by at least 15 pts in second half: 15 vs. Ohio State, 2/12/11 (down 47-32, 13:21 remaining - won 71-67)
UW scored 10 straight points or more: 17-0 (11:55 to 5:42 2H), vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
UW scored 15 straight points or more: 17-0 (11:55 to 5:42 2H), vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
UW held opponent scoreless for 5:00 or longer: 6:13 (11:55 to 5:42 2H), vs. Illinois (2/21/16)
UW held opponent scoreless for 8:00 or longer: 8:06 (13:32 to 5:26 1H), at Maryland (2/13/16)

All-Time UW NCAA Tournament Summaries

1941

UW 51 • Dartmouth 50

March 21, 1941 • Madison, Wis. • UW Field House (12,500)
The Badgers began their quest for the national championship by rallying in the second half to down Dartmouth in the NCAA East Regional at the UW Field House. The lead changed hands four times in the first half before Dartmouth assumed a 24-22 lead at intermission. The Big Green managed to stay ahead or even through the first 15 minutes of the second half. The score was knotted at 42-42 with 8:00 left when three-time Ivy League scoring champion Gus Broberg scored inside to give Dartmouth a 44-42 lead. The Badgers tied it again on a hook shot by Charles Epperson, then took their first lead since early in the game on an inside basket by Gene Englund. Englund scored again minutes later, and John Kotz added a pair of free throws to put Wisconsin up 51-46 with just over a minute remaining. Dartmouth scored the game's final four points, including a desperation field goal from near half-court as the final gun sounded. Englund (18) and Kotz (15) led the Badgers in scoring.

DARTMOUTH	FG	FT	PTS
Broberg	9-33	2-2	20
Munroe	7-15	1-2	15
Olsen	1-11	0-1	2
Pearson	0-4	1-1	1
Skaug	4-13	2-3	10
Else	0-2	0-0	0
Shaw	0-0	0-1	0
Parmer	1-2	0-0	2
Horner	0-0	0-0	0
TOTALS	**22-80**	**6-10**	**50**
	(.275)	**(.600)**	

WISCONSIN	FG	FT	PTS
Kotz	5-10	5-9	15
Epperson	4-11	0-0	8
Englund	6-21	6-7	18
Strain	0-6	1-3	1
Rehm	2-5	5-5	9
Timmerman	0-0	0-0	0
Alwin	0-0	0-0	0
TOTALS	**17-53**	**17-24**	**51**
	(.321)	**(.708)**	

SCORING BY HALVES

Dartmouth	24	26	50
Wisconsin	22	29	51

UW 36 • Pittsburgh 30

March 22, 1941 • Madison, Wis. • UW Field House (14,000)
Wisconsin avenged a 36-34 home loss to Pittsburgh earlier in the season with a 36-30 victory over the Panthers in the NCAA East Regional title game at the UW Field House. The Badgers jumped to a 10-5 lead and were in front 12-9 before Pittsburgh's Eddie Straloski scored six straight points to give the Panthers a 15-12 lead. Pittsburgh led 18-14 at halftime and built its lead to 23-18 early in the second period. The Badgers scored the next six points to go up 24-23, getting a basket from Gene Englund and a field goal and two free throws from John Kotz. They built the lead to 29-25 and eventually extended the margin to 36-26 to win handily. Wisconsin outscored the Panthers 16-6 from the free throw line, going to the stripe 20 times compared to Pittsburgh's seven. Englund was 7 of 8 from the line and finished with 11 points, while Kotz made all four charity tosses and totaled 10 points. Straloski paced the Panthers with 12 points.

PITTSBURGH	FG	FT	PTS
Straloski	6-21	0-0	12
Klein	0-3	0-0	0
Kocheran	1-11	2-2	4
Port	1-4	2-3	4
Milanovich	2-4	0-0	4
Paffrath	1-5	1-1	3
Malarkey	1-8	1-1	3
Ziolkowski	0-5	0-0	0
Egan	0-2	0-0	0
TOTALS	**12-63**	**6-7**	**30**
	(.190)	**(.857)**	

WISCONSIN	FG	FT	PTS
Kotz	3-18	4-4	10
Epperson	2-6	3-4	7
Englund	2-11	7-8	11
Timmerman	0-0	0-1	0
Strain	2-4	0-1	4
Rehm	1-2	2-2	4
Scott	0-2	0-0	0
TOTALS	**10-43**	**16-20**	
36			
	(.233)	**(.800)**	

SCORING BY HALVES

Pittsburgh	18	12	30
Wisconsin	14	22	36

UW 39 • Washington State 34

March 29, 1941 • Kansas City, Mo. • Municipal Aud. (7,219)
Wisconsin's 15th consecutive win — a five-point decision over Washington State — netted the Badgers the NCAA crown. The Cougars led 10-8 and 12-9, but the Badgers rallied to take a 13-12 lead on a pair of baskets by John Kotz and never trailed again. Wisconsin took a 21-17 lead to the locker room at halftime. Kirk Gebert scored Washington State's first three field goals in the second period to help the Cougars pull even at 24-24, but free throws by Kotz and Ted Strain and baskets by Gene Englund and Charles Epperson gave the Badgers a comfortable 30-24 lead. Gebert pitched in three more field goals to help the Cougars narrow the margin to 34-32, but the Badgers nailed down the title on a field goal by Kotz and a free throw by Strain. Englund had 13 points to pace the victors, while Kotz totaled 12 points and was selected tournament MVP. Gebert led the Cougars with a game-high 21 points. Wisconsin ended the season with a 20-3 record.

WASHINGTON STATE	FG	FT	PTS
Gentry	0-7	1-2	1
Gilberg	1-7	0-2	2
Butts	1-6	1-1	3
Lindeman	0-5	3-4	3
Zimmerman	0-1	0-0	0
Gebert	10-24	1-2	21
Hunt	0-3	0-0	0
Sundquist	2-9	0-0	4
Hooper	0-1	0-0	0
TOTALS	**14-63**	**6-11**	**34**
	(.222)	**(.545)**	

WISCONSIN	FG	FT	PTS
Epperson	2-13	0-0	4
Schrage	0-0	0-0	0
Kotz	5-22	2-3	12
Englund	5-12	3-3	13
Timmerman	1-2	0-0	2
Rehm	2-10	0-1	4
Strain	0-7	2-2	2
Alwin	1-1	0-0	2
TOTALS	**16-67**	**7-9**	**39**
	(.239)	**(.778)**	

SCORING BY HALVES

Washington State	17	17	34
Wisconsin	21	18	39

1947

City College of New York 70 • UW 56

March 20, 1947 • New York • Madison Sq. Garden (18,000)
City College of New York used an impressive second-half rally to carry themselves to a 70-56 win at Madison Square Garden in the opening round of the East Regional. The Badgers seemed in command in the first half, jumping to a 13-2 lead, extending the edge to 26-10 and cruising to a 37-27 halftime advantage. The second half, however, was dominated by CCNY. The Beavers began with a 12-2 run that tied the game at 39-39. The lead see-sawed for a few minutes before CCNY took the lead for good at 48-47. The Beavers pulled steadily away and rolled to an easy victory. The victors outscored UW 43-19 in the final period, including a 24-9 run during one stretch. Irwin Dambrot led CCNY with a game-high 16 points, including 11 in the second half, while Exner Menzel paced the Badgers with 15 points.

CCNY	FG	FT	PTS
Trub'witz	0	0-0	0
Galiber	0	4-6	4
Dambrot	6	4-5	16
Malamed	6	1-1	13
Shapiro	0	1-2	1
Finestone	4	1-1	9
Farbman	2	2-3	6
Schmones	3	1-2	7
Jameson	5	0-0	10
Finger	2	0-0	4
TOTALS	**28**	**14-20**	**70**
		(.700)	

WISCONSIN	FG	FT	PTS
Cook	5	3-4	13
Menzel	5	5-8	15
Falls	0	0-0	0
Pokrzywinski	0	0-0	0
Hertz	1	0-0	2
Mills	2	2-3	6
Rehfeldt	2	0-2	4
Haarlow	0	1-1	1
Selbo	6	0-0	12
Lautenbach	1	0-0	2
Krueger	0	1-1	1
Mader	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	**22**	**12-19**	**56**
		(.632)	

SCORING BY HALVES

CCNY	27	43	70
Wisconsin	37	19	56

UW 50 • Navy 49

March 22, 1947 • New York • Madison Sq. Garden (NA)
Glen Selbo's basket in the final seconds propelled the Badgers to a 50-49 win over the Midshipmen in the East Regional consolation game. Wisconsin led by as many as eight points in the first half and held a 29-24 lead at intermission, but the Middies rallied and went ahead 36-35 on a rebound basket by Bobby Searle and a free throw by Charles Sheehan. Bobby Cook put the Badgers back in front with a long basket and a free throw. Wisconsin extended the lead to 45-38 and appeared in command until Navy staged one final rally and cut the margin to 48-47. A rebound basket by Johnny Barrow pushed Navy in front, 49-48, setting the stage for Selbo's game-winner. Cook led the Badgers with a game-high 21 points, while Ken Shugart and Cy Waldrop paced the Navy attack with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Wisconsin ended the season with a 16-6 record.

NAVY	FG	FT	PTS
Robbins	2	0-0	4
Shugart	6	2-2	14
Waldrop	6	1-2	13
Barrow	2	1-2	5
Dick	0	1-1	1
Searle	3	1-3	7
Sheehan	1	1-2	3
Woods	0	0-0	0
Rensberger	0	0-1	0
Eliopolus	1	0-0	2
TOTALS	**21**	**7-13**	**49**
		(.538)	

WISCONSIN	FG	FT	PTS
Cook	10	1-1	21
Menzel	2	1-2	5
Mills	0	2-3	2
Selbo	3	2-4	8
Lautenbach	2	2-2	6
Rehfeldt	1	0-0	2
Haarlow	2	2-4	6
TOTALS	**20**	**10-16**	**50**
		(.625)	

SCORING BY HALVES

Navy	24	25	49
Wisconsin	29	21	50

1994

(9) UW 80 • (8) Cincinnati 72

March 17, 1994 • Ogden, Utah • Dee Events Center (12,126)
Playing in their first NCAA tournament since 1947, the ninth-seeded Badgers posted a first-round victory over 25th-ranked and eighth-seeded Cincinnati. Wisconsin was led by Michael Finley (22 points, four assists, three steals) and Rashard Griffith (22 points, 15 rebounds). Griffith, who entered the game as a 56 percent free throw shooter, was 12 of 14 from the line. The Badgers jumped to a 10-2 lead, extended the advantage to 36-23 and were up 40-32 at halftime. Cincinnati rallied to take a 55-54 lead with just under 10 minutes left, but the Badgers went on a 22-12 run to put the game out of reach. Wisconsin outshot Cincinnati .455-.381 from the field and outrebounded the Bearcats 40-38. Dontonio Wingfield paced Cincinnati with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kelley	17	1-4	0-0	1-3	3	4	0	1	0	1	3
Roberts	16	3-4	2-2	1-2	2	1	1	1	0	0	9
Hoskins	12	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
Webster	30	2-9	0-4	0-0	3	1	6	3	0	2	4
Kilbride	30	2-8	2-8	2-2	5	5	1	2	0	2	8
Finley	34	7-13	4-8	4-5	3	3	4	3	1	3	22
Johnson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Griffith	37	5-9	0-0	12-14	15	0	2	4	1	0	22
Petersen	21	4-7	0-0	0-1	7	1	0	1	0	0	8
team					1			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**25-55 (.455)**	**8-22 (.364)**	**22-29 (.759)**	**40**	**16**	**15**	**16**	**2**	**9**	**80**

CINCY	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Flint	35	5-11	1-5	0-0	4	1	2	6	0	2	11
Wingfield	28	7-17	1-7	5-6	10	4	1	1	1	0	20
Wright	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gregor	21	4-5	0-0	2-2	5	2	2	1	1	2	10
Durden	31	3-7	3-6	6-7	2	3	1	2	0	3	15
Harris	18	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	1	0	4	4
Burton	21	0-5	0-1	3-3	1	4	0	1	0	2	3
Julson	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bostic	26	3-7	0-0	2-2	4	3	1	1	1	1	8
Jacobs	17	0-4	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
team					3			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**24-63 (.381)**	**5-19 (.263)**	**19-22 (.864)**	**38**	**24**	**8**	**13**	**4**	**14**	**72**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	40	40	80
Cincinnati	32	40	72

(1) Missouri 109 • (9) UW 96

March 19, 1994 • Ogden, Utah • Dee Events Center (12,126)
Big Eight Player of the Year Melvin Booker poured in a career-high 35 points, hitting 11-of-14 field goal tries, 6-of-8 3-point attempts and all seven FTs, to lead top-seeded and fifth-ranked Missouri to a second-round victory in the NCAA West Regional. The Tigers, who shot under 41 percent from the field the previous four games, shot a season-high .680 against Wisconsin, including a sizzling .708 mark in the second half. Mizzou connected on 6-of-6 3-point tries in the second half and was 12-of-19 from beyond the arc for the game (.632). The Badgers were led by Michael Finley, who netted 36 points, and Tracy Webster, who tallied 27 points, seven assists and four steals. Webster tied the school records for 3-pointers (7) and three-point attempts (13). Missouri jumped to a 26-13 lead and led 54-47 at halftime. The Badgers cut the gap to 67-63 at the 13:24 mark, but the Tigers responded with a 25-9 run to go up 92-72 with less than seven minutes left. The Badgers could get no closer than 10 points the rest of the way. The teams combined for an NCAA Tournament record 27 three-point field goals.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Johnsen	3	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelley	21	0-0	0-0	2-4	3	2	2	2	0	0	2
Roberts	19	0-5	0-2	2-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Hoskins	9	0-1	0-1	2-2	0	2	1	2	0	0	2
Webster	30	10-20	7-13	0-2	1	3	7	0	0	4	27
Kilbride	32	4-9	3-8	4-4	5	5	1	2	0	0	15
Finley	40	9-19	5-10	13-14	7	3	2	0	1	1	36
Petersen	19	3-5	0-0	0-2	5	2	1	3	0	0	6
Johnson	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	1	2	0	0
Griffith	16	2-5	0-0	2-5	5	4	0	1	1	0	6
team					2			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**28-67 (.418)**	**15-37 (.405)**	**25-35 (.714)**	**34**	**27**	**14**	**11**	**4**	**5**	**96**

MIZZOU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Crudup	16	4-5	0-0	2-2	1	5	3	0	1	0	10
Atkins	18	6-10	4-5	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	16
Smith	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	2	0	0	0
Sutherland	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Winfield	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	0	0	0	2
Booker	29	11-14	6-8	7-7	3	2	7	3	0	1	35
Finner	11	4-5	0-1	5-7	5	1	2	1	0	0	13
Frazier	26	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	2	2	4	0	0	3
O'Liney	32	4-5	2-3	13-17	3	0	3	2	0	3	23
Thames	21	2-3	0-0	1-4	3	4	0	0	1	0	5
Heller	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Grimm	11	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	2
team					1			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**34-50 (.680)**	**12-19 (.632)**	**29-39 (.744)**	**29**	**25**	**20**	**14**	**2**	**4**	**109**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	47	49	96
Missouri	54	55	109

1997

(10) Texas 71 • (7) UW 58

March 14, 1997 • Pittsburgh, Pa. • Civic Arena (17,300)
Wisconsin fell behind 15-3 just 5:39 into the game and never cut Texas' lead to fewer than seven points in a 71-58 loss to the Longhorns in the first round of the 1997 East Regional in Pittsburgh. Texas guard Reggie Freeman scored a game-high 31 points while Sam Okey paced the Badgers with 17 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. The seventh-seeded Badgers, who shot only 39 percent from the field, sliced the Texas lead to seven points twice in the first half but trailed 33-24 at the half. An Okey dunk to start the second half trimmed the Longhorn lead to 33-26, but the Badgers never again came that close.

TEXAS	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Muoneke	19	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	1	0	2
Clack	25	2-5	1-3	10-10	5	4	1	5	0	3	15
Jordan	19	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	0	0	2
Vazquez	28	1-5	0-4	0-1	1	4	3	1	0	1	2
Freeman	38	11-19	2-7	7-8	3	4	3	4	1	0	31
Quarles	15	1-5	0-0	0-1	7	4	0	1	0	0	2
Coleman	9	0-4	0-3	3-5	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Perryman	25	3-9	2-8	4-4	3	1	0	2	0	1	12
Goode	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	19	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2
Dixon	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					5			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**21-51 (.412)**	**5-25 (.200)**	**24-29 (.828)**	**34**	**25**	**7**	**14**	**2**	**5**	**71**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Okey	30	5-8	0-2	7-10	10	4	6	5	0	0	17
Daugherty	38	4-5	0-1	1-2	6	2	3	1	1	0	9
Grant	24	4-8	0-0	8-10	4	5	0	2	1	0	16
Auriantal	24	1-6	0-1	0-0	4	3	1	2	0	1	2
Burkemper	22	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Duany	8	0-1	0-1	0-2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Calderwood	23	3-11	3-6	0-1	7	5	2	3	0	3	9
Meiners	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kosolcharoen	19	0-4	0-2	3-4	2	1	1	1	0	1	3
Shafer	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vraney	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Coleman	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quest	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
team					1			1			
TOTALS	**200**	**18-46 (.391)**	**3-14 (.214)**	**19-29 (.655)**	**35**	**22**	**15**	**17**	**2**	**5**	**58**

SCORING BY HALVES

Texas	33	38	71
Wisconsin	24	34	58

1999

(12) Missouri St. 43 • (5) UW 32

March 12, 1999 • Charlotte, N.C. • Charlotte Col. (15,007)
Fifth-seeded Wisconsin's record-setting season came to an end after a 43-32 loss to Missouri State in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Charlotte, N.C. The Badgers shot a season-low .255 from the field and their 32 points were the fewest in an NCAA tournament game since the advent of the shot clock in 1986. Sean Mason was the only Badger in double figures with 11 points. Danny Moore led the Bears with 12 points. Wisconsin managed just 12 points in the first half on 21-percent shooting, but trailed just 21-12 thanks to a typically solid defensive effort. Wisconsin trailed by as few as six points in the second half, but never came closer than that.

MO. ST.	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Stringer	28	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	2	0	1	3
Bruton	25	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
Moore	35	4-8	0-0	4-6	13	3	0	4	1	0	12
Fontleroy	27	0-5	0-0	2-2	0	4	0	3	0	0	2
Ault	30	3-6	1-2	3-3	14	0	2	2	0	1	10
Murans	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Bettenhausen	15	3-4	1-1	2-2	1	0	2	1	0	0	9
Brakebill	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judd	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tshomba	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	15	1-3	1-3	2-2	1	2	0	2	0	0	5
Reuter	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
team					2			1			
TOTALS	**200**	**13-33 (.394)**	**3-6 (.500)**	**14-17 (.824)**	**37**	**14**	**8**	**18**	**2**	**4**	**43**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kowske	18	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	1	0	1	2
Kelley	26	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Wills	31	3-6	0-0	0-1	5	1	1	0	0	1	6
Mason	33	4-12	1-6	2-2	3	3	1	2	0	2	11
Calderwood	29	0-8	0-6	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Duany	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	3	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Auriantal	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant	24	1-5	1-4	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3
Linton	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	1	2
Vershaw	26	2-5	0-0	2-2	1	2	4	1	0	0	6
team					2			0			
TOTALS	**200**	**12-47 (.255)**	**2-16 (.125)**	**6-7 (.857)**	**20**	**17**	**8**	**8**	**0**	**5**	**32**

SCORING BY HALVES

Missouri State	21	22	43
Wisconsin	12	20	32

2000

(8) UW 66 • (9) Fresno St. 56

March 16, 2000 • Salt Lake City, Utah • Huntsman Cent. (13,464)
Guard Jon Bryant connected on a school record-tying seven three-point field goals to lead the Badgers to a 66-56 first-round NCAA tournament win over Fresno State at the West Regional in Salt Lake City, Utah. Andy Kowske added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the UW and Duany Duany contributed 12 points on four three-pointers. Terrance Roberson led the Bulldogs with 19 points. National scoring leader Courtney Alexander was held to just 11 points on 5-19 field goal shooting. Coach Jerry Tarkanian's Bulldogs led 34-30 at the half and expanded that margin to seven points (42-35) with 16:23 remaining to play. Wisconsin responded, however, and led 49-44 with 6:12 left. Bryant then went on a tear, hitting four straight three-pointers to give the Badgers a 61-46 edge that capped a 26-4 run at the 4:32 mark. Wisconsin's bench outscored the Fresno State reserves 33-0.

FRESNO	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Abney	37	3-3	0-0	0-0	8	2	0	1	2	0	6
Roberson	35	8-13	3-7	0-1	3	3	4	8	0	1	19
Ely	36	5-7	0-0	2-2	6	2	0	2	3	2	12
Porter	39	3-6	2-3	0-0	2	4	6	3	0	2	8
Alexander	37	5-19	1-4	0-0	4	2	3	1	0	0	11
Felix	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
DeManby	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-48 (.500)**	**6-14 (.429)**	**2-3 (.667)**	**29**	**13**	**13**	**17**	**5**	**5**	**56**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Linton	16	2-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
Kowske	36	7-9	0-0	0-1	14	2	1	1	0	1	14
Vershaw	31	2-8	1-1	1-2	6	2	2	6	1	1	6
Kelley	38	3-4	0-1	1-1	4	1	6	0	0	6	7
Boone	19	0-7	0-3	2-2	5	0	6	0	0	1	2
Davis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bryant	28	7-12	7-11	0-1	3	3	0	1	0	2	21
Duany	12	4-11	4-11	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	12
Penney	6	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wills	12	0-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**25-63 (.397)**	**12-29 (.414)**	**4-7 (.571)**	**37**	**9**	**18**	**8**	**2**	**13**	**66**

SCORING BY HALVES

Fresno State	34	22	56
Wisconsin	30	36	66

(8) UW 66 • (1) Arizona 59

March 18, 2000 • Salt Lake City, Utah • Huntsman Cent. (13,857)
Four Badgers scored in double figures and Wisconsin forced 17 turnovers to upset top-seeded and fourth-ranked Arizona 66-59 in the second round of the 2000 NCAA Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. Andy Kowske registered 10 points and 12 rebounds and limited Wildcat center Michael Wright to just four field goal attempts in 37 minutes. Mark Vershaw had 15 points for the UW, while Maurice Linton added 14 and Jon Bryant 12. Gilbert Arenas had a game-high 21 points for the Wildcats, who shot just .392 from the field, including .263 from three-point range. Arizona scored first for a 2-0 lead, but never led after that. The UW put together a 28-23 advantage at the half and steamrolled to a 50-33 edge with 8:07 remaining to play. The Wildcats chipped away but never cut their deficit to fewer than five points. Wisconsin shot .489 from the floor and made 17-20 from the free throw line. UW's Mike Kelley added eight points, four assists, no turnovers and five steals in 26 minutes of play.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Duany	16	1-5	0-3	0-0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2
Kowske	37	5-9	0-0	0-0	12	1	0	1	1	0	10
Vershaw	33	6-8	1-1	2-2	2	2	4	2	3	2	15
Bryant	31	4-8	3-7	1-2	1	5	0	0	0	0	12
Kelley	26	2-5	0-1	4-5	0	4	4	0	1	5	8
Davis	16	1-1	0-0	1-1	3	1	0	2	0	0	3
Linton	20	3-4	1-1	7-8	3	2	0	3	1	0	14
Penney	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boone	11	0-4	0-2	2-2	3	3	1	1	0	2	2
Wills	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-45 (.489)**	**5-15 (.333)**	**17-20 (.850)**	**26**	**22**	**10**	**13**	**6**	**10**	**66**

ARIZONA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Walton	24	0-3	0-1	1-2	5	2	2	5	0	0	1
Wessel	30	3-5	0-0	0-3	6	3	1	5	0	0	6
Wright	37	1-4	0-0	0-0	9	1	1	0	0	1	2
Arenas	37	7-18	1-5	6-7	5	4	5	1	1	1	21
Gardner	32	3-11	1-7	3-6	4	1	2	2	0	3	10
Anderson	24	4-5	2-3	2-2	3	4	0	1	3	2	12
Jefferson	16	2-5	1-3	2-2	1	4	1	3	0	1	7
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-51 (.392)**	**5-19 (.263)**	**14-22 (.636)**	**37**	**19**	**12**	**17**	**4**	**8**	**59**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	28	38	66
Arizona	23	36	59

(8) UW 61 • (4) LSU 48

March 23, 2000 • Albuquerque, N.M. • Univ. Arena (16,004)
Wisconsin put on one of its best defensive performances of the Dick Bennett era in a 61-48 victory over fourth-seeded LSU in the West Regional semifinals at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M. Jon Bryant paced the Badgers with 16 points, while Stromile Swift and Jabari Smith each had 12 points for the Tigers. Wisconsin's suffocating defense forced 23 LSU turnovers and held the Tigers to .362 field goal shooting. Trailing 14-11 with five minutes left in the first half, the Badgers went on a 25-4 run over the next 12 minutes to gain a commanding 36-18 lead. The Tigers committed 10 turnovers during that stretch. Wisconsin extended its lead to 47-29 before settling for a 13-point win. The Badgers shot only .382 from the field, but committed just nine turnovers and registered 11 steals, including five from Mike Kelley. It was LSU's lowest offensive output of the season.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Linton	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	2	8
Vershaw	30	2-8	1-2	2-2	5	3	3	2	0	1	7
Kowske	31	3-5	0-0	2-2	4	3	0	1	1	1	8
Bryant	32	6-14	3-9	1-2	3	1	4	0	0	0	16
Kelley	35	1-2	0-0	1-2	4	3	5	3	0	5	3
Davis	5	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Duany	9	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Penney	12	2-6	1-4	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Boone	10	0-1	0-0	5-8	3	1	2	1	0	0	5
Wills	9	1-6	0-1	0-0	2	4	0	0	0	1	2
Swartz	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Faust	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-55 (.382)**	**6-19 (.316)**	**13-18 (.722)**	**30**	**17**	**15**	**9**	**1**	**11**	**61**

LSU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Beshara	33	2-7	1-5	0-0	8	2	2	3	0	3	5
Swift	37	3-5	1-1	5-7	10	2	2	3	0	1	12
Smith	33	5-12	1-3	1-1	7	3	0	3	2	0	12
Bright	26	1-7	0-6	2-2	2	4	0	5	0	1	4
Roland	28	2-7	0-2	1-2	4	2	2	4	0	0	5
Dupree	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Williams	17	3-4	1-1	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	2	7
Temple	17	1-3	1-3	0-0	3	1	0	3	0	0	3
Bridgewater	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**17-47 (.362)**	**5-21 (.238)**	**9-12 (.750)**	**40**	**18**	**6**	**23**	**2**	**7**	**48**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	22	39	61
LSU	14	34	48

(8) UW 64 • (6) Purdue 60

March 25, 2000 • Albuquerque, N.M. • Univ. Arena (16,004)
Wisconsin advanced to the Final Four for the second time in school history with a hard-fought 64-60 victory over Big Ten-rival and sixth-seeded Purdue in the West Regional final at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M. Jon Bryant made five three-point field goals and scored a game-high 18 points on his way to West Regional Most Outstanding Player honors. Andy Kowske added 14 points and eight rebounds and was named, along with Mike Kelley, to the West Regional all-tournament team. Brian Cardinal and Carson Cunningham, also named to the all-tournament team, had 13 points apiece for the Boilermakers. Wisconsin battled its way to a 31-28 halftime lead on 57-percent field goal shooting. Bryant scored the Badgers' first nine points on three three-pointers. The second half was a see-saw battle that resulted in a 52-52 tie with 5:23 remaining to play. Wisconsin, however, then went on an 8-1 run over the next four minutes for a 60-53 lead with 1:08 left. A Cunningham three-pointer with 11.5 seconds left made it 63-60 Wisconsin. The Badgers added a free throw for the final tally.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Linton	23	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	3	2	3	0	0	5
Kowske	27	6-10	0-0	2-2	8	4	0	2	0	0	14
Vershaw	30	2-9	0-2	3-6	7	1	3	1	0	1	7
Bryant	35	6-12	5-9	1-2	2	1	1	1	0	1	18
Kelley	36	2-3	0-0	1-4	1	2	5	1	0	1	5
Davis	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Duany	8	1-2	1-2	0-0	3	3	1	2	0	1	3
Penney	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Boone	16	3-6	0-0	6-10	2	2	2	1	1	2	12
Wills	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	5	3	0	2	0	0	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-47 (.468)**	**7-16 (.438)**	**13-24 (.542)**	**35**	**21**	**14**	**15**	**1**	**6**	**64**

PURDUE	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Robinson	36	4-10	0-0	4-5	1	3	4	3	0	0	12
McQuay	31	4-5	0-0	2-3	12	3	0	0	2	0	10
Cardinal	27	4-8	2-4	3-5	4	4	1	2	0	1	13
Cornell	32	1-9	1-7	0-2	2	4	1	1	1	1	3
Cunningham	31	4-12	3-8	2-2	2	2	2	4	0	1	13
Kerkhof	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
Lewis	18	3-5	1-2	0-0	5	2	1	0	0	0	7
Lowe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	15	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Allison	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
team					6						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-53 (.396)**	**7-23 (.304)**	**11-17 (.647)**	**33**	**21**	**10**	**13**	**3**	**4**	**60**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	31	33	64
Purdue	28	32	60

(1) Michigan State 53 • (8) UW 41

April 1, 2000 • Indianapolis, Ind. • RCA Dome (43,116)
Wisconsin's magical run to the Final Four ended with a 53-41 semifinal loss to season-long nemesis and eventual national champion Michigan State at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Roy Boone scored 18 points but he was the only Badger to tally more than six points in the game. Morris Peterson paced the Spartans with 20 points. UW trailed 19-17 at the half, after shooting 29 percent from the floor while MSU made just 25 percent of its shots. The Spartans, however, opened the second half on a 13-2 run to open a 32-19 lead with 13:25 left in the second period. Wisconsin never cut the deficit to fewer than 10 points again. The Badgers forced 14 Spartan turnovers, but were outrebounded 42-20. Wisconsin shot .349 from the field compared to .348 for the Spartans. It was the fourth time during the 1999-2000 season that Michigan State defeated the Badgers.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kowske	20	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	4	0	0	4	0	2
Kelley	30	1-2	0-1	0-0	7	3	3	0	0	2	2
Vershaw	31	2-11	0-1	1-1	2	3	3	1	0	0	5
Bryant	27	1-5	0-3	0-0	1	3	1	2	0	0	2
Boone	25	6-9	1-1	5-6	3	2	0	5	0	0	18
Wills	19	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Duany	11	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Linton	10	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Davis	10	1-1	1-1	1-2	2	2	1	0	0	0	4
Penney	14	2-3	2-3	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Faust	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swartz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**15-43 (.349)**	**4-13 (.308)**	**7-11 (.636)**	**20**	**19**	**8**	**11**	**4**	**2**	**41**

MICH ST	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hutson	32	3-7	0-0	4-5	10	2	0	3	0	0	10
Peterson	33	7-15	2-8	4-4	7	3	0	1	0	1	20
Granger	32	0-3	0-1	1-2	7	4	1	3	0	0	1
Cleaves	36	1-7	0-0	9-11	4	3	1	4	0	2	11
Bell	30	2-9	0-3	0-0	8	2	2	2	0	0	4
Richardson	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anagonye	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	0	2
Chappell	9	2-4	0-2	1-1	0	1	0	0	2	0	5
Ballinger	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Thomas	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**16-46 (.348)**	**2-14 (.143)**	**19-23 (.826)**	**42**	**18**	**4**	**14**	**3**	**3**	**53**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	17	24	41
Michigan State	19	34	53

2001

(11) Georgia State 50 • (6) UW 49

March 15, 2001 • Boise, Idaho • BSU Pavilion (10,216)
Wisconsin let a 13-point, second-half lead slip away and Georgia State scored the game-winning basket with just 12 seconds left to play as the Badgers dropped a 50-49 decision in the first round of the West Regional in Boise, Idaho. The UW moved out to a 30-19 halftime advantage and increased that edge to 32-19 early in the second half. But Georgia State went on a 23-10 run to tie the game at 42-42 with 7:11 left. Wisconsin led 49-44 with 1:00 remaining, but the Panthers scored six points in the final minute for the victory. Wisconsin's Mark Vershaw led all scorers with 19 points and teammate Andy Kowske added 11 points. Kevin Morris paced Georgia State with 18 points. Wisconsin limited the Panthers to .377 field goal shooting, including .217 from three-point range. The Badgers, however, shot only .395 from the floor, including .250 from beyond the arc.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kowske	34	3-3	0-0	5-6	4	2	0	1	0	1	11
Vershaw	36	6-16	0-2	7-11	5	2	1	1	0	1	19
Penney	25	2-5	1-3	0-1	6	0	1	4	0	0	5
Kelley	38	0-4	0-3	0-0	4	4	0	2	0	1	0
Boone	26	2-6	0-1	0-0	4	3	1	1	0	1	4
Davis	16	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	3	0	1	4
Linton	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bower	15	2-3	2-2	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Wills	6	0-0	0-0	0-2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**17-43 (.395)**	**3-12 (.250)**	**12-20 (.600)**	**32**	**15**	**4**	**12**	**0**	**6**	**49**

GEO. ST.	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Campbell	34	1-3	0-0	3-4	11	5	2	1	0	2	5
Terrell	40	1-10	1-6	0-0	9	3	1	1	0	0	3
Cooper	38	4-9	2-5	1-1	4	3	2	3	0	1	11
Morris	39	8-16	2-8	0-1	2	0	3	1	1	3	18
Long	38	6-15	0-4	1-2	3	4	0	5	0	1	13
McIntosh	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunsby	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gilchrist	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patton	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-53 (.377)**	**5-23 (.217)**	**5-8 (.625)**	**33**	**16**	**9**	**12**	**1**	**7**	**50**

SCORING BY HALVES

Georgia State	19	31	50
Wisconsin	30	19	49

2002

(8) UW 80 • (9) St. John's 70

March 15, 2002 • Washington, D.C. • MCI Center (18,770)
No. 8 Wisconsin defeated No. 9 St. John's 80-70 in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Tournament. The Badgers used a 12-0 run to turn a 28-26 deficit into a 38-28 lead with 16 seconds left in the first half. UW never trailed again. Wisconsin shot 9-15 from 3-point range and made 29 free throws compared to 15 for SJU. Kirk Penney led five UW scorers in double figures with 19 points while Freddie Owens chipped in 18 points off the bench. The Red Storm's Marcus Hatten led all scorers with 18 points though shot only 12-33 from the field, 3-13 from three-point range.

SJU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Glover	32	4-6	1-3	8-9	5	5	0	2	1	0	17
Emanuel	25	4-9	3-7	2-2	3	3	3	3	0	0	13
King	30	2-2	0-0	4-5	4	5	1	0	0	0	8
Hatten	39	12-33	3-13	1-3	6	4	1	1	0	2	28
Stanley	29	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	5	3	1	0	2	0
Fordham	21	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	3	0	0	0
Keita	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Scheiman	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuffe	15	1-5	0-1	0-0	2	3	1	2	0	0	2
Johnson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-56 (.429)**	**7-24 (.292)**	**15-19 (.789)**	**33**	**29**	**11**	**13**	**1**	**4**	**70**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Wills	28	3-7	1-2	3-4	9	3	0	3	0	0	10
Mader	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	1	0	0	1	13
Davis	28	2-3	1-1	4-5	2	4	5	0	0	1	9
Penney	37	5-10	3-5	6-8	5	3	4	3	0	0	19
Harris	38	4-9	2-5	4-8	4	3	2	2	0	3	14
Ukawuba	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owens	28	5-8	2-2	6-8	2	2	2	1	0	2	18
Plank	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buchanan	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkinson	28	2-6	0-0	6-7	3	0	0	0	0	1	10
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-44 (.477)**	**9-15 (.600)**	**29-40 (.725)**	**29**	**18**	**14**	**9**	**0**	**8**	**80**

SCORING BY HALVES

St. John's	31	39	70
Wisconsin	38	42	80

(1) Maryland 87 • (8) UW 57

March 17, 2002 • Washington, D.C. • MCI Center (18,789)
No. 1 seed Maryland defeated No. 8 seed Wisconsin 87-57 in the second round of the 2002 NCAA Tournament. Maryland, the eventual national champion, opened the second half with a 17-3 run that blew open an eight-point halftime lead. The Badgers had led 23-19 with 6:16 left in the first half but the Terps scored 19 of the final 26 points in the stanza. UW senior Charlie Wills paced the Badgers with 17 points while classmate Travon Davis added 15. Maryland's Juan Dixon led all scorers with 29 points.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Harris	30	3-9	1-4	0-0	1	2	0	3	2	0	7
Wills	29	6-12	2-4	3-6	6	3	1	2	0	1	17
Mader	25	1-6	0-0	0-0	8	3	4	2	2	0	2
Davis	34	5-7	1-1	4-5	4	2	3	2	0	0	15
Penney	37	3-14	0-6	3-3	4	0	1	2	0	2	9
Hanson	3	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Owens	15	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	2	0	1	0
Wilkinson	27	3-5	1-2	0-0	4	4	2	1	0	2	7
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-59 (.356)**	**5-19 (.263)**	**10-14 (.714)**	**32**	**19**	**11**	**14**	**4**	**6**	**57**

MARY	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Mouton	25	0-4	0-0	2-2	7	1	1	3	0	1	2
Wilcox	26	9-13	0-0	0-1	7	0	1	1	1	1	18
Baxter	28	5-6	0-0	6-7	7	3	3	1	4	2	16
Dixon	36	10-19	4-7	5-6	5	1	3	1	0	2	29
Blake	30	1-4	1-3	0-0	2	3	4	1	0	1	3
Badu	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
McCall	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Nicholas	20	3-7	2-4	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	1	8
Grinnon	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randle	10	2-4	0-0	0-0	4	3	0	1	0	0	4
Holden	13	1-2	1-2	2-2	1	2	1	1	0	0	5
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**32-62 (.516)**	**8-16 (.500)**	**15-18 (.833)**	**41**	**14**	**17**	**10**	**5**	**9**	**87**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	30	27	57
Maryland	38	49	87

2003

(5) UW 81 • (12) Weber St. 74

March 20, 2003 • Spokane, Wash. • Spokane Arena (11,171)
Led by a terrific all-around game from senior Kirk Penney, No. 5 seed Wisconsin defeated No. 12 seed Weber State, 81-74, in the first round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament in Spokane, Wash. Penney scored 21 points with nine rebounds and five assists while playing all 40 minutes. The Badgers used a 9-0 run to end the half with a 41-26 lead. Wisconsin maintained that advantage most of the second half, leading 70-56 with just over three minutes left. Weber State's Jermaine Boyette scored 10 of his 25 points in the final 42 seconds but WSU could get no closer than five points down the stretch.

WEBER	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Sparrow	29	5-8	2-5	0-0	4	5	1	2	0	0	12
Ocokoljic	35	10-21	3-5	3-4	14	4	2	2	0	0	26
Bachmann	12	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Boyette	39	9-21	1-4	6-10	5	2	2	1	0	1	25
Hamilton	33	1-8	1-6	0-0	4	2	2	2	0	1	3
Barton	19	2-6	0-4	0-0	3	4	1	1	0	1	4
Eyre	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carter	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danley	20	1-4	0-0	0-0	8	3	0	2	0	0	2
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**29-71 (.408)**	**7-24 (.292)**	**9-15 (.600)**	**43**	**20**	**9**	**10**	**0**	**4**	**74**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	22	5-6	0-0	1-2	7	3	2	3	0	0	11
Wilkinson	38	5-10	0-2	5-9	9	3	2	3	1	1	15
Penney	40	9-17	3-7	0-1	9	1	5	2	0	1	21
Owens	21	3-11	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Harris	40	3-6	2-4	6-8	4	1	5	0	1	5	14
Wade	25	2-3	0-0	1-2	1	4	1	0	0	0	5
Hanson	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Helmigk	11	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	6
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**31-58 (.534)**	**6-16 (.375)**	**13-22 (.591)**	**34**	**16**	**16**	**9**	**2**	**7**	**81**

SCORING BY HALVES

Weber State	26	48	74
Wisconsin	41	40	81

(5) UW 61 • (13) Tulsa 60

March 22, 2003 • Spokane, Wash. • Spokane Arena (11,271)
Freddie Owens hit a 3-pointer with one second left to cap the greatest comeback in UW history and give Wisconsin a 61-60 win over Tulsa in the second round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament in Spokane, Wash. The Badgers trailed 58-45 with 3:36 remaining before outscoring Tulsa 16-2 the rest of the way. A Devin Harris 3-pointer started an 11-0 UW run that pulled Wisconsin within two with 1:16 left. The teams traded baskets before the Badgers forced Tulsa into a shot clock violation with 12 seconds left. Harris then brought the ball upcourt, came off a high pick, drove to the middle of the lane and found a wide-open Owens on the left baseline. Owens' shot hit nothing but net and gave Wisconsin its first lead since 4:02 remained in the first half.

TULSA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Davis	34	4-7	0-0	1-1	9	4	1	3	1	0	9
Johnson	30	11-18	1-3	0-0	9	3	2	0	1	0	23
Swanson	38	3-12	0-5	0-0	5	0	4	1	0	0	6
Glenn	36	0-2	0-0	0-0	6	4	2	3	0	0	0
Parker	40	6-15	2-3	3-3	2	2	3	2	0	1	17
Collins	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ledoux	14	1-2	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	1	1	0	2
Price	2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-59 (.441)**	**3-11 (.273)**	**5-5 (1.000)**	**41**	**16**	**12**	**11**	**3**	**1**	**60**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	40	3-9	1-3	3-5	6	2	0	1	1	0	10
Wilkinson	33	7-11	1-2	3-3	8	2	0	1	0	2	18
Penney	35	2-12	0-5	2-4	5	1	4	2	0	1	6
Owens	24	2-6	2-4	1-2	0	1	4	0	0	0	7
Harris	38	5-11	2-7	0-1	4	2	3	1	1	2	12
Wade	21	3-7	0-1	2-2	3	1	0	0	1	0	8
Hanson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Helmigk	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-57 (.386)**	**6-22 (.273)**	**11-17 (.647)**	**32**	**11**	**12**	**5**	**3**	**5**	**61**

SCORING BY HALVES

Tulsa	32	28	60
Wisconsin	25	36	61

(1) Kentucky 63 • (5) UW 57

March 27, 2003 • Minneapolis, Minn. • Metrodome (28,168)
Playing in front of 28,168 friendly fans in Minneapolis, Wisconsin nearly upset the No. 1 team in the country, Kentucky, in the "Sweet 16" of the 2003 NCAA Tournament. The Badgers trailed by just one after a Mike Wilkinson lay-up with 1:33 left in the game. UK scored seven of the last nine points, however, to thwart the upset bid. In his final game as a Badger, Kirk Penney scored 20 points (5-7 on 3-pointers). Neither team led by more than seven points (UW 15-8 at the 11:19 mark of the first half and UK 62-55 with 11 seconds left).

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Harris	36	6-9	1-2	2-3	3	4	4	4	0	3	15
Tucker	36	1-4	0-1	2-2	7	3	0	2	0	1	4
Wilkinson	35	4-11	1-5	4-7	3	5	1	2	0	2	13
Penney	40	6-12	5-7	3-4	6	2	3	4	0	0	20
Owens	27	1-8	0-5	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	0	2
Wade	18	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	0	1	2	0	1	3
Helmigk	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mader	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**19-45 (.422)**	**8-21 (.381)**	**11-16 (.688)**	**26**	**20**	**9**	**15**	**1**	**7**	**57**

KENT	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Daniels	32	2-3	0-0	5-6	6	1	2	3	0	0	9
Estill	32	12-18	0-0	4-10	6	3	0	1	1	0	28
Hayes	28	2-5	0-0	0-0	7	2	0	2	1	3	4
Bogans	15	2-6	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	1	1	1	5
Fitch	31	3-7	0-1	1-2	1	2	1	2	0	0	7
Hawkins	28	1-4	0-1	2-2	1	3	2	3	1	4	4
Azubuike	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	1	1	0	1	0
Barbour	15	0-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	1	0	1	2
Camara	10	2-2	0-0	0-2	3	3	1	0	0	0	4
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-49 (.490)**	**1-5 (.200)**	**14-24 (.583)**	**33**	**17**	**9**	**14**	**4**	**10**	**63**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	28	29	57
Kentucky	32	31	63

2004

(6) UW 76 • (11) Richmond 64

March 19, 2004 • Milwaukee, Wis. • Bradley Center (18,866)
Trailing by 13 points with 13:16 to play, Wisconsin went on one of the great runs in school history. The Badgers outscored Richmond 36-8 the rest of the way, at one point scoring on 19 straight possessions, including five 3-pointers. After a Mike Wilkinson jumper, the Badgers hit three consecutive 3-pointers (Wilkinson, Devin Harris and Boo Wade) to cut Richmond's lead to four. After a Spider bucket, four UW free throws cut the lead to two. Clayton Hanson then hit a 3-pointer to give the Badgers their first lead since midway through the first half. Richmond answered but Wilkinson's trey with 7:15 remaining began a 14-0 UW run that put the game away.

RICH	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Scott	26	4-11	1-2	3-4	7	4	4	2	0	1	12
Skrocki	34	4-14	2-7	2-4	0	2	4	3	0	2	12
Steeberge	14	2-3	0-0	1-3	4	2	0	0	0	1	5
Dobbins	34	4-7	0-0	1-2	5	1	4	3	0	2	9
Brown	28	3-5	3-4	0-0	2	2	1	2	0	1	9
Merritt	6	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Thomas	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moliva	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	0	2
O'Malley	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Bucknor	24	3-4	1-2	0-0	3	3	2	1	0	1	7
Zwayer	13	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	1	0	6
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**25-54 (.463)**	**7-16 (.438)**	**7-13 (.538)**	**29**	**19**	**17**	**14**	**3**	**8**	**64**

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Wilkinson	35	5-10	2-3	6-8	5	1	2	1	2	1	18
Mader	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wade	37	6-9	1-3	3-3	3	2	4	5	0	2	16
Owens	25	4-8	1-3	1-2	0	0	1	0	0	1	10
Harris	36	2-6	1-4	6-8	3	4	6	2	0	2	11
Ukawuba	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nixon	12	2-3	1-1	0-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Hanson	19	2-5	2-4	1-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Taylor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morley	25	4-8	0-0	1-1	9	1	0	1	1	1	9
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**25-51 (.490)**	**8-18 (.444)**	**18-24 (.750)**	**29**	**11**	**14**	**9**	**3**	**7**	**76**

SCORING BY HALVES

Richmond	32	32	64
Wisconsin	25	51	76

(3) Pittsburgh 59 • (6) UW 55

March 21, 2004 • Milwaukee, Wis. • Bradley Center (18,866)
In a game that included 10 ties and 11 lead changes, Pittsburgh scored seven of the final 10 points to hold on for a 59-55 win and advance to the 2004 "Sweet 16." Neither team led by more than seven points. Mike Wilkinson hit a pair of free throws with 3:03 remaining to tie the game for the 10th and final time. After a Pittsburgh turnover, Devin Harris missed a 3-pointer. Pitt's Carl Krauser then made a jumper for a two-point lead. UW got two cracks at the other end, with Boo Wade and Harris both missing jumpers. Krauser missed on Pitt's next possession but Jaron Brown grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled. He hit both free throws. Wade hit a trey for UW with 21 seconds left to cut the lead to one. After a pair of free throws by Krauser, Pitt denied the Badgers a look at a 3-pointer and when Zach Morley's jumper rimmed out, the Panthers had the win.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Wilkinson	39	2-8	0-0	5-5	6	3	0	2	2	2	9
Mader	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	0	1	0	0	1
Wade	32	3-8	1-2	2-2	4	4	1	1	0	0	9
Owens	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Harris	38	7-14	5-10	2-2	7	2	4	6	0	0	21
Ukawuba	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nixon	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hanson	30	1-4	1-4	0-2	3	4	2	1	0	1	3
Morley	30	4-9	1-2	3-4	9	1	2	2	0	1	12
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**17-48**	**8-18**	**13-17**	**31**	**20**	**9**	**13**	**3**	**4**	**55**
		(.354)	**(.444)**	**(.765)**							

PITT	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Troutman	34	3-7	0-1	3-3	14	1	2	1	2	1	9
Taft	29	4-8	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	0	0	0	8
Page	36	5-15	2-4	0-0	4	2	1	2	0	2	12
Brown	37	2-7	0-1	4-5	6	3	2	2	0	1	8
Krauser	39	4-14	0-3	8-10	8	4	3	3	0	2	16
Demetris	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCarroll	17	3-7	0-1	0-1	2	1	1	0	1	0	6
Graves	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-59**	**2-10**	**15-19**	**40**	**17**	**10**	**9**	**3**	**7**	**59**
		(.356)	**(.200)**	**(.789)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	26	29	55
Pittsburgh	26	33	59

2005

(6) UW 57 • (11) Northern Iowa 52

March 18, 2005 • Oklahoma City, Okla. • Ford Center (18,567)
No. 6 seed Wisconsin got a combined 31 points from point guards Sharif Chambliss and Kammron Taylor as they held off a pesky Northern Iowa (No. 11 seed) team to win 57-52 in the first round of the 2005 NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma City. The Badgers never trailed in the game and led by as many as 16 points in the first half. With 4:08 remaining in the game, UNI's Chris Foster hit a 3-pointer to cut UW's lead to 51-48. Northern Iowa would not score again until four seconds remained and Taylor hit a jumper in the final minute to give the Badgers some breathing room. Wisconsin's first 15 points came off 3-pointers and 11 of UW's 20 field goals were treys.

N. IOWA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Stout	35	3-7	0-1	2-2	8	1	1	0	1	1	8
Coleman	33	4-8	0-0	0-2	10	3	1	1	1	1	8
Crawford	37	6-14	0-5	1-1	10	3	1	1	0	1	13
Jacobson	38	8-18	3-7	1-3	3	1	3	4	0	0	20
Foster	24	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	3	1	2	0	0	3
Little	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKowen	11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Godfread	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-53**	**4-17**	**4-8**	**35**	**15**	**8**	**8**	**2**	**4**	**52**
		(.415)	**(.235)**	**(.500)**							

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	35	2-8	0-3	2-2	5	1	2	3	0	0	6
Wilkinson	32	3-6	1-3	0-2	11	1	3	2	0	0	7
Morley	28	0-3	0-1	0-0	4	4	6	1	1	1	0
Chambliss	26	5-11	5-10	0-0	3	1	0	1	0	1	15
Hanson	30	2-5	2-3	0-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	6
Nixon	10	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Helmigk	8	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Flowers	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	20	5-9	2-5	4-6	0	1	2	1	0	1	16
Butch	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-48**	**11-26**	**6-10**	**30**	**13**	**14**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**57**
		(.417)	**(.423)**	**(.600)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Northern Iowa	22	30	52
Wisconsin	30	27	57

(6) UW 71 • (14) Bucknell 62

March 20, 2005 • Oklahoma City, Okla. • Ford Center (18,567)
Behind 55 points and 24 rebounds from its starting frontcourt, Wisconsin defeated No. 14 seed Bucknell 71-62 in Oklahoma City. The Badgers, who led by as many as 13 points in the first half, trailed for the first time in the game when Bucknell's Donald Brown scored to make it 44-43 with 10:20 remaining. Two minutes later, Zach Morley scored off a tip-in to give UW a lead it would never relinquish. That started a 17-5 UW run. Mike Wilkinson and Alando Tucker combined for 13 points during that run.

Bucknell	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Mastropaolo	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0
Lee	34	4-13	0-3	0-0	7	5	1	1	0	2	8
McNaughton	31	10-14	0-1	3-4	4	2	1	2	1	1	23
Badmus	32	1-2	1-1	2-2	2	3	4	2	0	0	5
Bettencourt	31	1-9	1-6	0-0	2	4	6	3	0	0	3
Thomas	0+	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brown	17	3-6	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
Griffin	12	2-3	2-3	3-3	1	2	1	0	0	1	9
Clark	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mack	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niesz	20	1-1	0-0	3-3	4	2	0	0	1	0	5
McClymont	3	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-50**	**5-15**	**11-14**	**29**	**24**	**13**	**10**	**2**	**4**	**62**
		(.460)	**(.333)**	**(.786)**							

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	36	1-6	0-1	15-18	7	0	3	2	0	0	17
Morley	30	6-7	3-4	0-0	8	3	1	1	0	1	15
Wilkinson	38	9-15	0-0	5-7	9	2	1	1	1	3	23
Chambliss	24	2-6	1-4	0-0	1	3	4	0	0	0	5
Hanson	33	2-5	2-4	2-4	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
Nixon	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Chappell	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bronson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helmigk	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Flowers	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	28	1-6	1-4	0-0	0	1	3	2	0	1	3
Butch	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-46**	**7-17**	**22-29**	**30**	**12**	**14**	**7**	**1**	**5**	**71**
		(.457)	**(.412)**	**(.759)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Bucknell	29	33	62
Wisconsin	35	36	71

(6) UW 65 • (10) NC State 56

March 25, 2005 • Syracuse, N.Y. • Carrier Dome (30,713)
Wisconsin overcame a nine-point halftime deficit to defeat 10th-seeded NC State in the Sweet 16 in Syracuse, N.Y. The Badgers opened the second half with a 13-4 run, making three 3-pointers after not hitting one in the first half. After NC State took a 37-34 lead, UW went on a 13-0 run with Alando Tucker scoring 10 of those points. NC State never got closer than four points the rest of the way. After shooting just .389 from the field in the first half, the Badgers were 14-of-24 (.583) in the second stanza.

NC ST.	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hodge	36	4-16	0-2	6-8	5	3	5	3	0	2	14
Brackman	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	5	0	2	1	0	0
Evtimov	38	2-10	2-7	2-2	4	4	3	5	0	3	8
Bennerman	31	4-6	2-3	0-1	3	3	1	0	0	0	10
Atsur	40	6-12	4-8	0-0	0	4	3	0	0	4	16
Grant	11	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2
Bethel	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins	19	1-1	1-1	0-0	2	2	0	2	1	0	3
Simmons	9	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**19-50**	**9-22**	**9-13**	**21**	**25**	**12**	**13**	**5**	**9**	**56**
		(.380)	**(.409)**	**(.692)**							

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	39	9-17	0-2	4-6	1	1	1	3	0	1	22
Morley	35	3-5	0-0	4-5	8	3	2	2	0	1	10
Wilkinson	31	5-8	0-0	7-8	5	3	1	5	0	0	17
Chambliss	30	2-4	2-4	1-2	7	0	1	3	0	0	7
Hanson	32	2-5	2-4	0-0	3	1	2	0	0	0	6
Nixon	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chappell	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Helmigk	5	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	0	2	0	0	2
Taylor	11	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
Butch	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
team					6						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-42**	**4-10**	**19-25**	**35**	**14**	**7**	**18**	**0**	**2**	**65**
		(.500)	**(.400)**	**(.760)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

N.C. State	30	26	56
Wisconsin	21	44	65

(1) North Carolina 88 • (6) UW 82

March 25, 2005 • Syracuse, N.Y. • Carrier Dome (30,123)
In an exciting, down-to-the-wire game, Wisconsin fell to No. 1 seed and eventual national champion North Carolina, 88-82, in the Syracuse Regional Final. After trailing most of the first half, UW went on an 11-0 run to go into halftime tied at 44-44. Alando Tucker scored the first five points of the second half to give Wisconsin a 49-44 lead with 17:42 left. UNC then unleashed a 14-0 run to take a nine-point lead. The Badgers would cut the Tar Heel lead to one point on three different occassions. UW trailed by three after Kammron Taylor hit a 3-pointer with 56 seconds left but North Carolina made 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch to advance to the Final Four. UW's Alando Tucker and Clayton Hanson were both named to the Regional All-Tournament team.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Tucker	33	9-17	0-4	7-9	2	4	2	0	0	1	25
Morley	20	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	3	3	2	0	1	0
Wilkinson	39	5-11	1-2	0-0	7	4	5	3	0	2	11
Chambliss	26	3-7	3-6	0-0	3	2	4	2	0	0	9
Hanson	32	5-8	5-8	0-0	2	0	1	1	0	1	15
Nixon	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
Helmigk	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Flowers	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	28	6-12	2-3	4-4	3	2	1	2	0	0	18
Butch	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**30-61**	**11-24**	**11-13**	**29**	**17**	**17**	**12**	**0**	**5**	**82**
		(.492)	**(.458)**	**(.846)**							

UNC	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
J. Williams	21	3-6	0-3	0-0	2	0	1	0	1	0	6
McCants	31	8-17	3-6	2-4	4	2	4	0	1	0	21
May	34	13-19	0-0	3-4	12	2	2	1	2	0	29
Felton	33	5-11	1-5	6-6	5	2	7	3	1	0	17
Manuel	27	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	1	0	3	4
Scott	15	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3
Thomas	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
M. Williams	21	1-6	0-1	4-4	3	2	1	1	0	2	6
Noel	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	1	0	0	2
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**34-64**	**5-16**	**15-18**	**33**	**15**	**19**	**9**	**5**	**5**	**88**
		(.531)	**(.313)**	**(.833)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	44	38	82
North Carolina	44	44	88

2006

(8) Arizona 94 • (9) UW 75

March 17, 2006 • Philadelphia, Pa. • Wachovia Cent. (19,990)
The ninth-seeded Badgers fell behind early, 24-8, and never recovered in a 94-75 loss to No. 8-seed Arizona in a first-round NCAA tournament game at the Wachovia Center. UW got 19 points from Alando Tucker, 12 points from Kammron Taylor and 11 points from Michael Flowers. Arizona's Hassan Adams led all scorers with 21 points. The Wildcats shot a season-high 59.3 percent from the field, made 50 percent (5 of 10) of their 3-point attempts and connected on 19 of 23 (82.6 percent) free throw tries. Arizona also held a 36-27 rebounding advantage, totaled nine steals and committed only nine turnovers. Wisconsin knocked down 10 3-pointers, including six in the second half, but couldn't get within single digits of the Wildcats.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Butch	19	1-4	0-2	4-4	1	5	2	0	0	1	6
Tucker	37	5-15	1-1	8-14	4	0	2	2	0	1	19
Chappell	19	4-6	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	2	0	0	8
Nixon	22	2-4	2-3	0-0	5	1	2	0	1	0	6
Taylor	31	4-11	4-7	0-0	0	0	4	3	0	1	12
Barry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bronson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cain	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	29	4-8	2-4	1-1	2	2	4	2	1	1	11
Gullikson	14	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	0	1	0	4
Krabbenhoft	25	3-6	1-2	2-3	4	2	4	1	0	0	9
team					7						
Totals	**200**	**25-58 (.431)**	**10-20 (.500)**	**15-22 (.682)**	**27**	**17**	**19**	**10**	**3**	**4**	**75**

ARIZONA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Williams	29	3-10	1-3	3-3	7	2	2	1	2	3	10
Radenovic	34	8-12	0-1	2-2	7	3	2	3	1	0	18
Walters	16	2-2	0-0	2-2	2	4	0	1	1	2	6
Shakur	37	6-13	3-5	2-4	5	1	9	2	1	2	17
Adams	23	10-14	0-0	1-2	2	3	3	0	0	1	21
Bagga	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dillon	15	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Rodgers	13	2-2	1-1	3-4	2	2	0	1	0	1	8
Tangara	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Onobun	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Prince	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brielmaier	25	3-3	0-0	4-4	8	2	0	0	0	0	10
team					0						
Totals	**200**	**35-59 (.593)**	**5-10 (.500)**	**19-23 (.826)**	**36**	**19**	**19**	**9**	**6**	**9**	**94**

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	34	41	75
Arizona	46	48	94

2007

(2) UW 76 • (15) Texas AM-C.C. 63

March 16, 2007 • Chicago, Ill. • United Center (18,237)
No. 2 seed Wisconsin overcame a slow start, scoring 57 points in the second half, to knock off 15th-seeded Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at the United Center. The islanders jumped out to a 10-0 lead and led by as many as 18 points in the first half. TAMU-CC still held a 12-point lead with 14:41 left in the game before UW started its decisive rally. The Badgers scored 48 points in the final 14+ minutes with Kammron Taylor scoring all 24 of his points during that stretch. At one point, Taylor scored 14 straight points for UW. He led all scorers while Alando Tucker chipped in with 23.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	23	2-3	0-0	3-4	7	3	0	0	1	2	7
Tucker	35	6-17	2-4	9-10	5	4	1	0	0	0	23
Chappell	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	4	1	1	0	2	0
Flowers	20	1-4	0-2	2-3	6	3	1	2	1	1	4
Taylor	38	7-15	3-8	7-9	1	0	3	2	0	2	24
Bohannon	26	3-8	2-5	2-2	0	2	3	1	1	1	10
Bronson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cain	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Stiemsma	17	1-3	0-0	2-2	6	3	3	1	1	0	3
Gullikson	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krabbenhoft	19	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	1	0	0	4
team					3						
Totals	**200**	**22-55 (.400)**	**7-20 (.350)**	**25-30 (.833)**	**21**	**21**	**13**	**10**	**4**	**8**	**76**

TAM-CC	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Menifee	24	2-4	0-1	0-2	4	4	4	1	1	0	4
Engelken	19	2-2	0-0	2-2	1	3	2	1	0	0	6
Daniels	34	7-14	1-3	5-6	9	3	0	4	4	1	20
Ervin	29	2-4	1-1	0-0	5	2	3	4	0	0	5
Mitchell	30	3-8	3-4	2-4	3	5	7	4	0	2	11
Washington	20	2-5	1-2	2-4	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Johnson	10	1-3	0-0	2-3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Slatnick	8	0-3	0-1	2-2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Smith	22	1-3	0-0	2-2	6	4	0	3	0	1	4
Nelson	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
team					4						
Totals	**200**	**20-46 (.435)**	**6-12 (.500)**	**17-25 (.680)**	**34**	**26**	**16**	**17**	**5**	**5**	**63**

SCORING BY HALVES

Texas A&M-C.C.	27	36	63
Wisconsin	19	57	76

(7) UNLV 74 • (2) UW 68

March 18, 2007 • Chicago, Ill. • United Center (20,916)
Wisconsin's record-setting season came to a close with a 74-68 loss to No. 7 seed UNLV. The Badgers again started slowly, only to rally in the second half. UW trailed by as many as 13 points but used a 16-2 run to take a 53-48 lead with 8:19 left in the game. UNLV's Kevin Kruger got hot after that, though, scoring 12 points in a span of 4:27 to lead UNLV to the win. Kammron Taylor again led all scorers with 24 points, including 19 in the second half. UNLV's Wendell White finished with 22 points as the Runnin' Rebels connected on 10-of-20 3-pointers.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	27	2-6	0-1	0-0	3	3	2	2	1	2	4
Tucker	39	4-11	1-6	8-13	7	1	3	0	0	1	17
Chappell	18	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	1	4
Flowers	19	3-5	0-1	3-4	3	5	3	2	0	1	9
Taylor	36	6-16	3-10	9-9	2	2	2	3	0	0	24
Bohannon	30	3-6	1-3	0-0	6	2	1	1	0	1	7
Hughes	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	8	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Gullikson	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krabbenhoft	16	0-3	0-0	0-0	4	5	1	0	0	0	0
team					3						
Totals	**200**	**21-51 (.412)**	**5-21 (.238)**	**21-27 (.778)**	**31**	**21**	**14**	**8**	**0**	**6**	**68**

UNLV	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Essengue	29	3-6	0-0	3-3	9	4	0	3	0	1	9
Adams	27	3-10	3-6	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	1	9
Kruger	37	4-10	4-9	4-5	6	0	7	0	1	0	16
Umeh	37	2-6	1-3	2-2	7	4	3	2	0	0	7
White	29	8-12	0-0	6-6	3	2	1	1	1	1	22
Bailey	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rougeau	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	1	1	0	0	6
Terry	13	2-3	1-1	1-4	0	3	1	1	0	0	6
Darger	9	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
team					3						
Totals	**200**	**24-52 (.462)**	**10-20 (.500)**	**16-20 (.800)**	**33**	**22**	**14**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**74**

SCORING BY HALVES

UNLV	39	35	74
Wisconsin	27	41	68

2008

(3) UW 71 • (14) Cal St. Fullerton 56

March 20, 2008 • Omaha, Neb. • Qwest Center (17,162)
As a No. 3 seed, Wisconsin opened up the 2008 NCAA Tournament with a 71-56 win over 14th-seeded Cal State Fullerton behind double-digit scoring from Brian Butch (14), Joe Krabbenhoft (13) and Jason Bohannon (13). The Titans gave the Badgers a good fight in the first half, entering the locker room only trailing 30-28. Wisconsin opened up the second half with a little run, and by the 10-minute mark, was up 52-40. The Badgers out-rebounded the Titans 50-27 and held them to only 36 percent shooting even though Josh Akognon scored a game-high 31 points. UW tied the school record of 30 wins set in 2007.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	34	3-11	0-1	2-2	12	1	1	1	2	1	8
Krabbenhoft	31	5-7	1-1	2-2	9	2	0	5	2	0	13
Butch	29	7-14	0-1	0-3	9	0	1	3	1	0	14
Hughes	23	2-6	0-3	4-7	2	3	4	3	0	4	8
Flowers	39	3-10	1-5	2-3	6	3	4	2	0	2	9
Bohannon	33	2-7	1-5	8-8	3	0	2	1	0	0	13
Bronson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarmusz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leuer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	8	3-4	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	1	2	1	6
team					3			1			
Totals	**200**	**25-59 (.424)**	**3-16 (.188)**	**18-25 (.720)**	**50**	**11**	**13**	**17**	**7**	**8**	**71**

CSF	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Cutley	35	3-9	1-2	2-4	3	2	2	4	0	0	9
Robinson	23	5-11	1-2	0-0	3	5	2	2	0	0	11
Morgan	25	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	2	0	0	2
Akognon	37	11-23	5-12	4-5	8	2	0	3	0	3	31
Reed	27	1-3	0-0	1-4	2	4	3	0	0	3	3
Lassiter	16	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Lima	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Green	15	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
Crenshaw	17	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
team					7						
Totals	**200**	**21-58 (.362)**	**7-21 (.333)**	**7-13 (.538)**	**27**	**25**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**9**	**56**

SCORING BY HALVES

Cal State Fullerton	28	28	56
Wisconsin	30	41	71

(3) UW 72 • (11) Kansas State 55

March 22, 2008 • Omaha, Neb. • Qwest Center (17,162)
Wisconsin advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the fourth time in school history as it defeated No. 11 seed Kansas State in the second round to set a program record with its 31st win. Trevon Hughes matched a career-high 25 points, while Greg Stiemsma scored a career-high 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds as he shut down KSU freshman phenom Michael Beasley in the second half. Michael Flowers quietly tallied 15 points and the Badger defense held the Wildcats without a 3-pointer (0-for-13) for the first time in 348 games.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	24	0-0	0-0	2-4	0	3	2	2	0	1	2
Krabbenhoft	31	1-5	0-2	0-0	5	3	0	1	0	0	2
Butch	23	3-7	1-3	2-4	4	3	0	0	0	0	9
Hughes	36	8-14	4-9	5-8	2	3	3	1	0	1	25
Flowers	33	5-6	3-3	2-2	5	3	4	5	0	1	15
Bohannon	32	1-4	1-4	2-3	1	0	1	1	0	0	5
Bronson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valentyn	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarmusz	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leuer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	14	6-9	0-0	2-3	7	3	0	0	0	0	14
Nankivil	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
Totals	**200**	**24-46 (.522)**	**9-22 (.409)**	**15-24 (.625)**	**26**	**18**	**10**	**10**	**0**	**3**	**72**

KSU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Walker	28	7-11	0-2	4-4	6	5	0	2	0	0	18
Sutton	11	0-1	0-1	2-2	2	2	0	0	1	0	2
Beasley	37	8-19	0-4	7-7	13	3	0	3	0	2	23
Young	27	2-4	0-1	0-0	3	2	0	1	0	0	4
Stewart	32	0-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	3	0	1	0
Pullen	22	2-7	0-3	0-2	0	4	1	0	0	0	4
Brown	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gilbert	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Merriewether	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2
Kent	13	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	2	1	2	0	0	2
Colon	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					5						
Totals	**200**	**21-53 (.396)**	**0-13 (.000)**	**13-16 (.813)**	**36**	**23**	**4**	**13**	**1**	**4**	**55**

SCORING BY HALVES

Kansas State	33	22	55
Wisconsin	39	33	72

(10) Davidson 73 • (3) UW 56

March 28, 2008 • Detroit, Mich. • Ford Field (57,028)
Wisconsin's season came to an end with a 73-56 loss to No. 10 seed Davidson in the Midwest Regional semifinal. Hot shooting led to a 36-36 tie at halftime. Davidson bested UW early, connecting on 8-of-14 3s, compared to Wisconsin's 7-of-17 shooting from long range in the first half. The Badgers were unable to keep up the scoring pace in the second half as Davidson steadily pulled away and outscored UW 37-20 after intermission. Wisconsin shot just 23.8 percent in the second half, while Davidson connected on 44.4 percent of their tries. The Wildcats were led by sophomore All-American Stephen Curry - who had 33 points on 11-of-22 shooting - and senior Jason Richards (11 points, 13 assists and zero turnovers). Michael Flowers paced the Badgers with 12 points and six rebounds..

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	31	1-4	0-1	5-6	6	3	1	1	0	0	7
Krabbenhoft	35	4-5	1-4	1-2	3	2	2	3	0	0	10
Butch	29	4-9	2-6	1-4	2	1	1	2	0	0	11
Hughes	12	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers	40	4-14	3-9	1-1	6	2	2	2	0	1	12
Bohannon	34	3-8	2-4	3-4	2	2	3	1	1	1	11
Bronson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jarmusz	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leuer	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiemsma	16	1-3	0-0	3-4	5	3	0	2	2	0	5
Nankivil	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**17-46**	**8-23**	**14-21**	**31**	**13**	**9**	**12**	**3**	**2**	**56**
		(.412)	**(.238)**	**(.778)**							

DAVID	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Sander	25	2-2	0-0	0-1	2	3	0	0	0	0	4
Lovedale	23	5-5	0-0	2-3	4	3	0	2	0	0	12
Richards	39	4-13	3-8	0-0	3	2	13	0	0	1	11
Gosselin	24	1-3	0-1	2-2	6	3	1	1	0	2	4
Curry	37	11-22	6-11	5-5	3	4	4	2	0	4	33
McKillop	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meno	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Civi	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schmitt	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Archambault	8	1-2	1-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Rossiter	20	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Barr	10	2-5	2-3	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
Nelms	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-53**	**12-24**	**9-12**	**28**	**19**	**18**	**7**	**0**	**9**	**73**
		(.491)	**(.500)**	**(.750)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Davidson	36	37	73
Wisconsin	36	20	56

2009

(12) UW 61 • (5) Florida State 59 - OT

March 20, 2009 • Boise, Idaho • Taco Bell Arena (12,194)
Wisconsin advanced to the second round of the 2009 NCAA Tournament with a thrilling overtime victory against Florida State. The Badgers rallied back from a 31-19 halftime deficit by scoring the first 13 points after intermission to quickly seize a 32-31 lead. The game would see-saw back and forth until FSU's Toney Douglas hit two free throws to send the game into overtime at 52-52. Jason Bohannon set the tone on the first possession of OT with his fourth 3-pointer of the night. FSU would not go away, grabbing a 59-58 lead in the final minute. After a Douglas missed trey, the stage was set for Trevon Hughes' heroics. With just two seconds left, the point guard flipped in a remarkable twisting shot over two defenders and converted the three-point play to give the Badgers a 61-59 lead. Hughes then stole the in-bounds pass to secure a Badger victory.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	31	5-10	0-4	0-0	3	4	0	2	0	0	10
Leuer	16	0-7	0-4	0-0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Krabbenhoft	34	1-5	1-2	0-0	6	1	3	0	2	2	3
Hughes	39	3-4	1-2	3-5	1	3	4	4	0	1	10
Bohannon	30	6-11	4-8	0-1	4	2	1	1	0	1	16
Taylor	25	1-3	0-1	1-2	2	1	2	0	0	0	3
Jarmusz	25	1-4	1-3	2-2	2	1	0	0	0	0	5
Wilson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nankivil	23	5-9	2-2	2-2	4	4	0	0	0	0	14
team					2						
TOTALS	**225**	**22-54**	**9-27**	**8-12**	**26**	**16**	**10**	**9**	**2**	**4**	**61**
	(.407)	**(.333)**	**(.667)**								

FSU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Singleton	40-	4-8	2-4	2-2	3	2	1	0	0	2	12
Echefu	18	0-2	0-2	0-0	3	3	0	2	0	0	0
Alabi	20	3-4	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	1	1	0	6
Kitchen	36	3-8	0-1	0-0	8	0	1	3	0	1	6
Douglas	41	8-16	2-5	8-9	5	3	2	5	0	0	26
Gibson	5	2-3	0-0	2-3	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
Demercy	22	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Louks	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Dulkys	9	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0
Hoff	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reid	20	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	1	0	1	1	1	2
team					5						
TOTALS	**225**	**20-46**	**4-13**	**15-18**	**33**	**16**	**6**	**15**	**4**	**6**	**59**
		(.435)	**(.308)**	**(.833)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	19	33	9	61
Florida State	31	21	7	59

(4) Xavier 60 • (12) UW 49

March 22, 2009 • Boise, Idaho • Taco Bell Arena (12,194)
Wisonsin lost a 60-49 second-round match-up with fourth-seeeded Xavier. The Badgers built a 27-25 halftime lead thanks to 10 points from Trévon Hughes on 8-of-8 shooting from the free throw line. The Badgers' momentum continued after intermission as UW opened up a 33-26 lead. Xavier responded to take a 40-37 lead with just over seven minutes left. A Marcus Landry dunk cut the Xavier lead to only five at 44-39, but the Badgers were unable to regain the lead. The Xavier bench out-scored UW's reserves by a 20-5 margin and the Badgers shot just 1-of-15 from 3-point range in the second half.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Landry	35	8-14	2-3	2-2	10	3	0	3	1	2	18
Leuer	17	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	2	0	1	0	0	4
Krabbenhoft	21	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	5	1	1	1	1	0
Hughes	30	3-16	2-7	11-13	4	4	1	2	0	2	17
Bohannon	39	2-12	1-2	0-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Taylor	17	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0
Jarmusz	20	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Wilson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nankivil	20	1-8	1-2	0-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**16-56**	**3-20**	**14-17**	**30**	**23**	**5**	**7**	**2**	**5**	**49**
		(.286)	**(.150)**	**(.692)**							

XAVIER	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Brown	27	3-10	2-3	2-2	4	5	0	1	0	1	10
Anderson	31	1-6	0-0	3-6	8	0	3	2	0	1	5
Love	16	0-3	0-0	2-2	4	4	0	2	1	0	2
Raymond	34	4-11	2-7	5-6	4	1	2	2	0	0	15
Jackson	31	2-5	1-2	3-4	5	3	3	2	1	1	8
Redford	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McLean	18	3-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	2	1	1	6
Frease	18	3-3	0-0	1-4	4	2	1	2	2	0	7
Holloway	18	2-3	1-2	2-2	1	4	3	1	0	0	7
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**18-46**	**6-14**	**18-26**	**37**	**20**	**12**	**14**	**5**	**4**	**60**
		(.391)	**(.429)**	**(.692)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	27	22	49
Xavier	25	35	60

2010

(4) UW 53 • (13) Wofford 49

March 19, 2010 • Jacksonville, Fla. • Memorial Arena (10,657)
Jon Leuer followed a game-winning jump shot with an even more critical steal on the other end, and the No. 4 seed Badgers eked out a 53-49 win over 13th-seeded Wofford in the first round. After UW built an eight-point halftime lead, Wofford stormed back to move ahead 38-37. With the game tied in the waning moments, Trevon Hughes kicked it out to Leuer for a corner jumper to put Wisconsin up 51-49 with 17 seconds left. Leuer, who scored 20 points, would then tip the ball out of bounds off a Wofford player to give UW the ball back. Leuer's two free throws sealed the victory. Trevon Hughes added 19 points for Wisconsin.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Leuer*	40-	8-16	0-2	4-4	8	2	1	2	0	1	20
Nankivil*	17	1-4	0-1	0-0	5	2	0	0	0	2	2
Hughes*	37	6-13	1-3	6-7	3	4	1	2	0	1	19
Taylor*	40	4-10	0-1	1-3	3	3	0	0	0	1	9
Bohannon*	40	0-4	0-1	0-0	6	2	1	1	0	0	0
Evans	10	1-4	0-1	1-4	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Jarmusz	8	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bruesewitz	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-54**	**1-9**	**12-19**	**30**	**14**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**7**	**53**
		(.370)	**(.111)**	**(.632)**							

WOF	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Diggs*	36	6-12	1-2	0-0	4	2	2	2	1	0	13
Johnson*	20	3-9	0-0	0-2	9	4	1	0	0	1	6
Dahlman*	36	3-6	0-0	4-6	5	1	0	1	0	0	10
Salters*	26	2-4	2-2	0-0	3	2	1	1	0	0	6
Loesing*	19	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
Rundles	26	3-8	0-1	0-1	5	1	1	0	0	0	6
Martin	21	2-4	0-0	1-2	5	1	1	0	1	0	5
Dawson	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Giltner	6	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Godzinski	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-48**	**3-7**	**6-13**	**37**	**15**	**7**	**11**	**2**	**1**	**49**
		(.417)	**(.429)**	**(.462)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wofford	19	30	49
Wisconsin	27	26	53

(12) Cornell 87 • (4) UW 69

March 21, 2010 • Jacksonville, Fla. • Memorial Arena (10,657)
Despite 23 points from junior Jon Leuer, Wisconsin couldn't match Cornell's 61-percent shooting and fell, 87-69. The Badgers fell behind quickly, as Cornell raced out to an 11-1 lead just three minutes into the first half, and the Big Red's hot shooting never gave the Badgers a chance to fight their way back into it. Jason Bohannon and Leuer kept UW close early on, helping the Badgers cut a double-digit deficit to 24-21 with 7:01 to play. But Cornell stayed hot. In their final game as Badgers, seniors Jason Bohannon and Trévon Hughes finished with 18 and 10 points, respectively. Ryan Evans added 11 points off the bench. Louis Dale led Cornell with 26 points and Ryan Wittman added 24.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Leuer*	38	8-12	2-3	5-8	4	0	0	0	1	0	23
Nankivil*	5	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	1	0
Hughes*	32	3-8	2-5	2-2	3	5	2	6	0	0	10
Taylor*	27	2-6	2-5	1-2	3	2	6	2	0	1	7
Bohannon*	40	7-15	2-10	2-2	1	1	1	1	0	2	18
Evans	27	4-5	0-0	3-3	6	3	3	0	0	2	11
Jarmusz	17	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bruesewitz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berggren	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-49**	**8-25**	**13-17**	**21**	**16**	**13**	**10**	**1**	**6**	**69**
		(.490)	**(.320)**	**(.765)**							

CORN	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Wittman*	38	10-15	3-5	1-2	3	0	2	0	0	2	24
Jaques*	14	3-4	1-2	2-2	2	5	2	1	0	2	9
Foote*	33	4-4	0-0	4-6	7	2	4	3	0	1	12
Wroblewski*	23	5-9	2-2	0-0	3	4	1	2	0	0	12
Dale*	30	10-17	2-6	4-4	3	0	3	1	0	0	26
Reeves	22	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0
Wire	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	1	1	0	0	1	0
Coury	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Tyler	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Peck	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Asafo-Adjei	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groebe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osgood	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reynolds	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkins	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**33-54**	**8-15**	**13-16**	**29**	**14**	**14**	**8**	**1**	**8**	**87**
		(.611)	**(.533)**	**(.813)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Cornell	43	44	87
Wisconsin	31	38	69

2011

(4) UW 72 • (13) Belmont 58

March 17, 2011 • Tucson, Ariz. • McKale Center (10,293)
On the strength of hot shooting and tenacious defense, the No. 4-seeded Badgers knocked off No. 13 Belmont, 72-58, in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Jon Leuer led all scorers with 22 points while Jordan Taylor chipped in 21. Trailing 20-17 with 5:36 left in the first half, the Badgers connected on treys in five straight possessions en route to opening a 32-25 lead just before intermission. Belmont cut the lead to four points with 13 minutes left in the game but UW responded with a 13-1 run to put the game out of reach.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Jarmusz*	33	1-3	1-3	2-2	3	0	3	0	0	1	5
Leuer*	35	7-12	1-3	7-7	7	2	1	2	1	1	22
Nankivil*	23	1-2	1-2	2-2	3	4	0	0	1	0	5
Taylor*	39	5-13	5-9	6-8	2	3	6	3	0	0	21
Gasser*	18	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	2	3	0	0	1
Smith	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Evans	12	1-3	0-0	2-4	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Valentyn	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bruesewitz	28	3-4	2-3	0-0	9	1	1	4	0	0	8
Berggren	9	2-2	2-2	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6
team					4			1			
TOTALS	**200**	**20-40 (.500)**	**12-22 (.545)**	**20-25 (.800)**	**33**	**17**	**13**	**13**	**2**	**3**	**72**

BEL	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
House*	21	1-3	0-1	2-2	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
Noack*	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hedgepeth*	29	6-8	2-3	3-4	3	1	0	0	0	0	17
Hanlen*	19	1-7	1-4	2-4	1	3	2	1	0	2	5
Clark*	23	1-8	0-3	2-2	0	2	0	1	0	0	4
Jenkins	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Johnson	24	4-8	0-3	5-5	3	4	4	0	0	2	13
Mann	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Saunders	9	2-6	0-0	2-5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Barnes	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Campbell	23	3-7	3-7	0-0	1	2	2	2	0	1	9
Baker	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	2	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**18-49 (.367)**	**6-22 (.273)**	**16-22 (.727)**	**22**	**21**	**12**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**58**

SCORING BY HALVES

Belmont	27	31	58
Wisconsin	34	38	72

(4) UW 70 • (5) Kansas State 65

March 19, 2011 • Tucson, Ariz. • McKale Center (11,267)
Wisconsin survived a 38-point effort from KSU's Jacob Pullen to advance to the Sweet 16 with a 70-65 win over Kansas State. Jordan Taylor, who was just 2-of-16 from the field, made the plays when it mattered most, getting a steal in the post against a much bigger player to set up Mike Bruesewitz's tiebreaking 3 with 91 seconds left, then swatting Pullen's tying attempt in the final seconds after hitting two free throws that put the Badgers up by three. UW battled back from a 55-49 deficit with less than seven minutes remaining. Jon Leuer led four Badgers in double figures with 19 points.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Jarmusz*	30	3-3	2-2	0-0	1	1	3	0	0	1	8
Leuer*	28	6-12	1-2	6-9	7	4	1	2	0	0	19
Nankivil*	20	2-6	1-4	0-0	1	4	0	1	1	0	5
Taylor*	40	2-16	2-6	6-6	4	2	6	0	1	1	12
Gasser*	36	3-4	1-2	4-4	7	2	0	1	0	2	11
Evans	5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Valentyn	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bruesewitz	29	3-4	2-3	3-4	6	2	0	1	0	0	11
Berggren	7	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-50 (.420)**	**9-20 (.450)**	**19-23 (.826)**	**30**	**18**	**12**	**5**	**2**	**4**	**70**

KSU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kelly*	38	5-12	0-0	1-4	9	4	0	1	0	0	11
Samuels*	32	4-6	0-1	0-0	9	4	1	0	0	3	8
Pullen*	32	13-22	6-8	6-8	2	4	2	3	0	0	38
Southwell*	18	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	1	2	0	0	0
McGruder*	32	0-2	0-2	3-4	3	2	2	0	0	0	3
Irving	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Myles	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Russell	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hen.-Rob.	10	0-1	0-0	2-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Spradling	24	0-2	0-1	2-2	0	2	1	1	0	0	2
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-48 (.458)**	**6-12 (.500)**	**15-22 (.682)**	**32**	**22**	**7**	**8**	**0**	**3**	

SCORING BY HALVES

Kansas State	30	35	65
Wisconsin	36	34	70

(8) Butler 61 • (4) UW 54

March 24, 2011 • New Orleans, La. • N.O. Arena (12,320)

Wisconsin's 2011 season came to an end with a 61-54 Sweet 16 loss to No. 8 seed and eventual national runner-up Butler. Jordan Taylor scored 22 for UW (25-9), which shot just 30.4 percent (17 of 56) on the night. Jon Leuer had a streak of 40 consecutive games in double figures snapped when he finished with three points on 1-of-12 shooting. Butler rode a hot-shooting start to building a 33-24 halftime advantage. That lead would balloon to 20 points (47-27) with 11:32 remaining before the Badgers mounted a furious comeback. Seven straight points from Taylor jumpstarted the rally and a Josh Gasser layup with 2:15 left cut the deficit to single-digits. A pair of 3-pointers from Taylor would twice bring UW within four points with the last coming at 56-52 with 35 seconds left. However, Butler would knock down 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to ice the win.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Jarmusz*	33	3-4	1-2	0-0	5	2	1	2	0	4	7
Nankivil*	25	3-7	2-4	1-2	3	1	1	1	2	0	9
Leuer*	33	1-12	1-6	0-0	6	5	2	2	1	0	3
Taylor*	39	6-19	3-10	7-12	5	4	2	4	0	1	22
Gasser*	33	2-5	0-2	2-2	2	2	2	1	0	1	6
Brust	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evans	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Dukan	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valentyn	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bruesewitz	22	2-6	0-4	3-3	4	3	1	1	0	1	7
Wilson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berggren	3	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gavinski	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**17-56 (.304)**	**7-29 (.241)**	**13-19 (.684)**	**31**	**20**	**9**	**11**	**3**	**7**	**54**

BUTLER	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Stigall*	33	1-5	1-5	0-0	4	2	1	1	0	1	3
Howard*	37	4-8	3-5	9-10	12	1	0	2	0	2	20
Smith*	24	3-4	0-0	2-5	6	0	1	1	0	1	8
Mack*	27	4-13	0-5	5-7	2	4	1	5	1	1	13
Vanzant*	32	4-8	1-2	1-2	2	4	4	2	0	2	10
Hahn	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fromm	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nored	19	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Anglin	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopkins	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall	18	3-3	0-0	1-2	7	4	0	0	1	1	7
Kampen	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butcher	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					2			1			
TOTALS	**200**	**19-45 (.422)**	**5-18 (.278)**	**18-26 (.692)**	**37**	**19**	**7**	**14**	**2**	**8**	**61**

SCORING BY HALVES

Butler	33	28	61
Wisconsin	24	30	54

2012

(4) UW 73 • (13) Montana 49

March 15, 2012 • Albuquerque, N.M. • The Pit (10,774)
Jordan Taylor scored 17 points, dished out six assists and pulled down eight rebounds in the fourth-seeded Badgers' 73-49 rout of No. 13 seed Montana in the East Region. Ryan Evans led Wisconsin with 18 points and had eight boards, 14 of which came in the first half as the fourth-seeded Badgers built a double-digit lead that the Grizzlies couldn't erase. Wisconsin raced out to a 14-7 lead when Evans swished his first four shots, including a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Jared Berggren swatted away four shots in the first half and three more in the second, finishing with seven to set a Badgers record for blocks in an NCAA tournament game. Rob Wilson also added 10 points for the Badgers.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Evans*	30	6-8	1-1	5-6	8	0	1	5	0	0	18
Bruesewitz*	21	3-5	2-3	0-0	4	4	2	1	1	0	8
Berggren	24	2-9	0-1	1-2	3	0	2	1	7	1	24
Taylor*	36	6-10	3-5	2-2	8	1	6	0	0	2	17
Gasser*	36	3-6	2-3	4-4	2	3	1	2	0	0	12
Brust	14	1-3	1-2	0-0	2	3	1	0	0	0	3
Smith	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fahey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dukan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	28	2-5	1-3	5-5	2	3	2	1	0	0	10
Kaminsky	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-48 (.479)**	**10-19 (.526)**	**17-19 (.895)**	**37**	**15**	**15**	**10**	**8**	**3**	**73**

UM	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Steward*	39	6-10	0-1	6-7	3	2	1	2	0	1	18
Ward*	24	1-5	1-1	2-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
Selvig*	31	3-7	1-2	0-0	4	0	4	1	1	2	7
Cherry*	33	3-14	1-3	2-4	2	3	0	2	1	2	9
Jamar*	35	3-8	0-1	0-0	4	2	3	2	0	2	6
Henderson	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gregory	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wood	1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deshields	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stockton	17	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	4	0	1	0	1	2
Weisner	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hutchison	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**18-47 (.383)**	**3-9 (.333)**	**10-15 (.667)**	**21**	**16**	**8**	**8**	**2**	**8**	**49**

SCORING BY HALVES

Montana	29	20	49
Wisconsin	39	34	73

(4) UW 60 • (5) Vanderbilt 57

March 17, 2012 • Albuquerque, N.M. • The Pit (12,128)
The Badgers held the Southeastern Conference's two leading scorers in check and Ryan Evans grabbed a crucial rebound with 2.1 seconds left to help Wisconsin fend off Vanderbilt 60-57. The Badgers held John Jenkins (20.1) and Jeffery Taylor (16.3) to 13 and 9 points. Jenkins got a wide-open 3-pointer in the final seconds, but with the Commodores trailing 59-57, his shot was long. Ryan Evans grabbed the rebound, and made one of two free throws. Jared Berggren then got his right hand on Lance Goulbourne's overhand heave to thwart Vanderbilt's attempt at a game-tying 3-pointer. The Badgers were led by Jordan Taylor's 14 points and also got 12 from Berggren, 11 from Evans and reserve Ben Brust and 10 from Mike Bruesewitz.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Evans*	31	4-7	1-3	2-5	5	3	4	3	1	1	11
Bruesewitz*	26	4-6	2-3	0-0	3	3	2	1	0	3	10
Berggren	32	5-12	1-6	1-1	6	2	2	2	0	0	12
Taylor*	39	5-15	3-10	1-1	2	1	3	2	0	0	14
Gasser*	24	1-2	0-1	0-1	3	3	0	0	0	0	2
Brust	19	4-8	3-5	0-0	4	0	0	0	0	0	11
Wilson	23	0-3	0-3	0-0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kaminsky	6	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-55**	**10-33**	**4-8**	**30**	**16**	**13**	**8**	**1**	**4**	**60**
		(.418)	**(.303)**	**(.500)**							

VANDY	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Goulbourne*	28	2-3	0-0	3-4	11	2	2	1	0	1	7
Tchiengang*	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	1	1	0	2
Taylor*	30	4-12	1-5	0-0	1	3	0	3	1	0	9
Tinsley*	23	4-6	2-4	0-0	2	4	1	3	0	0	10
Jenkins*	33	3-13	2-9	5-6	2	2	2	1	0	1	13
Johnson	18	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Ezeli	27	5-7	0-0	4-6	11	1	0	2	1	1	14
Parker	15	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Odom	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**20-46**	**5-19**	**12-16**	**35**	**17**	**8**	**12**	**3**	**4**	**57**
		(.435)	**(.263)**	**(.750)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Vanderbilt	31	26	57
Wisconsin	32	28	60

(1) Syracuse 64 • (4) UW 63

March 22, 2012 • Boston, Mass. • TD Garden (18,796)
Wisconsin's defense held Syracuse 10 points below its season average, while the Badgers connected on 14 3-pointers on the offensive end -- including six straight in a key second-half surge, but the Orange prevailed with a 64-63 win in the Sweet 16. Wisconsin turned the ball over just six times against the Orange's vaunted 2-3 zone defense and got 17 points each from senior Jordan Taylor and junior Jared Berggren. It wasn't decided until Taylor missed a long 3-pointer with 3 seconds left. Josh Gasser corralled the rebound but his toss toward the basket was off at the buzzer.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Evans*	32	3-11	1-2	0-0	4	2	0	1	0	0	7
Bruesewitz*	18	1-3	0-1	0-0	4	4	4	1	1	0	4
Berggren*	25	6-7	3-3	2-3	2	3	1	1	0	0	17
Taylor*	40	6-15	5-9	0-0	4	0	6	1	1	1	17
Gasser*	30	1-3	1-3	4-5	4	1	2	0	0	1	7
Brust	25	3-6	3-6	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	9
Jackson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	20	1-4	1-3	1-2	4	1	0	2	0	0	4
Kaminsky	10	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**21-49**	**14-27**	**7-12**	**25**	**12**	**15**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**63**
		(.429)	**(.519)**	**(.583)**							

SU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Fair*	37	7-9	0-0	1-3	7	0	0	1	0	4	15
Christmas*	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph*	39	3-8	1-2	0-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
Jardine*	35	5-8	2-3	2-2	2	1	4	1	0	0	14
Triche*	19	5-7	1-2	0-1	2	2	0	2	0	0	11
Waiters	27	5-11	1-1	2-2	3	1	1	1	0	0	13
Keita	28	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	5	0	0	1	0	4
Southerland	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**27-49**	**5-9**	**5-9**	**26**	**13**	**5**	**6**	**1**	**4**	**64**
		(.551)	**(.556)**	**(.556)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	27	36	63
Syracuse	33	31	64

2013

(12) Ole Miss 57 • (5) Wisconsin 46

March 22, 2013 • Kansas City, Mo. • Sprint Center (18,972)
Wisconsin endured one of its worst shooting performances of the season in a 57-46 loss to the 12th-seeded Ole Miss Rebels in the opening round of the 2013 NCAA Tournament. Despite holding a 25-22 lead heading into the half, the Badgers' shot just 22.2 percent (8-36) from the field in the second stanza and saw junior Marshall Henderson score 17 of his game-high 19 points in the final 20 minutes of action. Freshman Sam Dekker gave UW a lift off the bench, tallying a team-best 14 points on 5-for-13 (.385) shooting from the field. He was the only Badgers player to reach double-figures as UW was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA tournament for just the third time in the last 13 seasons.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Evans*	28	2-8	0-0	1-3	7	0	2	1	1	1	5
Bruesewitz*	32	1-4	1-3	0-0	6	3	1	4	2	1	3
Berggren*	30	2-10	1-5	3-4	9	2	1	2	3	0	8
Brust*	38	2-9	2-9	0-0	4	1	0	0	0	3	4
Jackson*	35	2-10	1-2	3-4	5	4	4	2	0	1	5
Marshall	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dekker	20	5-13	2-10	2-2	3	3	0	1	0	1	14
Kaminsky	10	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	2	2	1	1	0	2
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**15-59**	**7-30**	**9-13**	**40**	**16**	**10**	**11**	**7**	**7**	**46**
		(.254)	**(.233)**	**(.692)**							

OLE MISS	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Buckner*	33	4-10	0-0	1-5	12	2	0	1	5	2	9
Holloway*	37	4-7	0-0	2-4	9	2	2	0	1	2	10
Williams*	27	2-6	1-2	0-0	3	2	1	0	0	0	4
Henderson*	35	6-21	3-12	4-4	4	0	1	3	0	1	19
Summers*	32	3-7	0-0	3-3	3	5	3	4	0	1	9
Newby	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millinghaus	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
White	20	3-6	0-1	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Perez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brutus	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-57**	**3-15**	**10-16**	**43**	**12**	**8**	**10**	**6**	**6**	**57**
		(.386)	**(.200)**	**(.625)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Ole Miss	22	35	57
Wisconsin	25	21	46

2014

(2) Wisconsin 75 • (15) American 35

March 20, 2014 • Milwaukee, Wis. • BMO Harris Bradley Center
Playing the first two tournament games close to home was a goal all year, and Wisconsin players fed off the energy to extinguish any upset hopes of 15th-seeded American. Traevon Jackson led UW with 18 points. Ben Brust scored 17 points and the No. 2 seed devastated the Eagles with a 22-5 run to close the first half in a 75-35 victory Thursday in Milwaukee. No. 2 seed Wisconsin recovered from a brief first-half rut as the Eagles, champions of the Patriot League, built a seven-point lead with their Princeton-style offense. The Badgers hit 57 percent of their shots in the second half on the way to their largest margin of victory in the school's 44 NCAA postseason games.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Dekker*	27	5-11	1-3	0-0	6	2	0	0	0	2	11
Kaminsky*	20	3-9	0-3	2-2	4	4	2	2	0	2	8
Brust*	25	6-9	4-7	1-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	17
Jackson*	29	6-8	2-4	4-4	4	1	3	2	0	0	18
Gasser*	32	1-2	1-1	4-4	2	1	4	1	0	0	7
Hayes	22	2-3	0-0	2-2	4	2	1	0	1	2	6
Hill	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dukan	12	2-2	1-1	0-0	3	1	1	1	0	0	5
Koenig	19	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Brown	6	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bohannon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-52**	**10-32**	**13-14**	**31**	**15**	**13**	**7**	**1**	**9**	**75**
		(.500)	**(.435)**	**(.929)**							

AU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Kager*	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wroblicky*	35	3-6	0-0	5-6	5	4	4	6	0	1	11
Gardner*	38	2-7	0-1	0-0	8	3	3	5	0	1	4
Reed*	40	2-9	1-5	4-6	5	1	0	2	0	1	9
Schoof*	37	4-10	3-5	0-0	3	2	0	3	0	2	11
Carroll	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vasic	25	0-2	0-1	0-1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Rhea	3	0-1	0-1	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elcano	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**11-37**	**4-15**	**9-15**	**24**	**16**	**8**	**17**	**0**	**5**	**35**
		(.297)	**(.267)**	**(.600)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

American	22	13	35
Wisconsin	32	43	75

(2) Wisconsin 85 • (7) Oregon 77

March 22, 2014 • Milwaukee, Wis. • BMO Harris Bradley Center (18,206)
In a test of tempos, Wisconsin delivered the knockout punch. Ben Brust hit a 3-pointer with 1:07 left and the second-seeded Badgers overcame seventh-seeded Oregon's transition game for a thrilling 85-77 win Saturday night to get into the Sweet 16. Brust's clutch 3 from the wing gave the Badgers the lead for good and pushed the senior past Tim Locum for the most career 3s in UW history. The Badgers trailed by 12 at the half, but began the second half with a 17-6 run in front of a partisan crowd. All five Wisconsin starters scored in double figures, led by Frank Kaminsky's 19 points. Sam Dekker added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Traevon Jackson had 16 points (9-of-11 FTs), eight rebounds and five assists in the balanced effort. After giving up 19 fast break points in the first stanza, UW held uptempo Oregon to none in the final 20 minutes. Wisconsin also outrebounded the Ducks, 36-26, including 14 offensive rebounds.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Dekker*	32	4-10	1-4	3-4	8	1	4	1	0	0	12
Kaminsky*	33	8-15	1-5	2-7	5	3	0	1	1	1	19
Brust*	32	4-9	4-8	0-0	3	4	1	1	0	0	12
Jackson*	35	3-8	1-2	9-11	8	2	5	3	0	0	16
Gasser*	34	5-7	3-5	0-0	5	3	3	0	0	0	13
Hayes	10	2-5	0-0	2-3	2	2	1	1	0	0	6
Dukan	5	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Koenig	19	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
team					4	1					
TOTALS	**200**	**29-60**	**11-28**	**16-25**	**36**	**17**	**15**	**8**	**1**	**1**	**85**
		(.483)	**(.393)**	**(.640)**							

OREGON	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Moser*	22	4-9	2-5	2-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	12
Austin*	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Young*	34	10-19	4-7	5-6	3	0	2	0	0	0	29
Loyd*	32	1-7	0-2	0-0	1	3	5	1	0	1	2
Dotson*	19	2-3	1-1	0-0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5
Artis	7	1-2	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
Calliste	29	4-5	1-2	11-11	4	4	0	2	0	1	20
Amardi	7	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	4	0	0	0	1	2
Cook	23	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	3	1	3	0	1	5
Carter	19	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	1	1	0
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-49**	**8-18**	**21-23**	**26**	**23**	**9**	**8**	**1**	**5**	**77**
		(.490)	**(.444)**	**(.913)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Oregon	49	29	77
Wisconsin	37	48	85

(2) Wisconsin 69 • (6) Baylor 52

March 27, 2014 • Anaheim, Calif. • Honda Center (17,773)
It was domination from the tip as the Badgers jumped out to a quick 8-2 and led by at least 15 points for the entire second half in dispatching No. 7 seed Baylor. Wisconsin dissected the Bears' vaunted zone defense, makin 52.0 percent of its shots. Frank Kaminsky did the damage on the inside, making 8-of-11 shots and scoring 19 points, while Ben Brust made 3-of-5 3 pointers and added 14. On the defensive end, UW limited Baylor to a season-low 16 first-half points and its 52 total points matched a season low. In addition to his domincance on the offensive end, Kaminsky patrolled the lane on defense, blocking a career-high six shots.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Dekker*	22	3-8	1-4	0-3	2	1	1	2	0	0	7
Kaminsky*	34	8-11	0-0	3-4	4	3	3	0	6	0	19
Brust*	34	5-7	3-5	1-2	6	1	2	1	0	0	14
Jackson*	23	2-4	1-2	2-2	7	4	5	2	0	0	7
Gasser*	34	0-5	0-2	4-4	8	0	3	2	0	1	4
Hayes	18	5-9	0-0	0-2	6	4	2	1	0	0	10
Hill	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dukan	15	2-3	0-0	1-3	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Koenig	16	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	2	1	1	0	0	3
Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bohannon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-50**	**6-16**	**11-20**	**40**	**16**	**18**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**69**
		(.520)	**(.375)**	**(.550)**							

BAYLOR	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
O'Neale*	29	1-6	0-1	1-2	5	3	4	2	1	1	3
Jefferson*	31	6-13	0-3	3-4	7	1	1	1	0	0	15
Austin*	31	5-12	0-2	2-2	5	4	1	0	2	0	12
Chery*	33	2-10	1-2	7-8	8	2	1	1	0	0	12
Heslip*	34	1-6	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Gathers	14	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2
Franklin	18	2-8	0-3	0-0	1	2	2	1	0	1	4
Heard	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lowery	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wainright	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Prince	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**18-59**	**2-15**	**14-18**	**33**	**16**	**10**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**52**
		(.305)	**(.133)**	**(.778)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Baylor	16	36	52
Wisconsin	29	40	69

(2) Wisconsin 64 • (1) Arizona 63 (OT)

March 29, 2014 • Anaheim, Calif. • Honda Center (17,814)
Riding a monster performance from Frank Kaminsky, the Badgers advanced to the second Final Four in school history by outlasting No. 1 seed Arizona, 64-63, in overtime. Kaminsky recorded the second double-double of his career, scoring 28 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. In a tense battle that saw neither team lead by more than three points for the final 18 minutes of game action, the Badgers came up with the big plays in overtime. Traevon Jackson had a chance to win the game in regulation but his pull-up jumper at the buzzer was just short. In overtime, Ben Brust opened the scoring with his only 3-pointer of the game. After that, Kaminsky scored six of UW's final seven points, including the go-ahead basket with 2:21 left. His tip-in with just over a minute remaining gave the Badgers a three-point lead. After Arizona cut the lead to one, the Wildcats got the ball back and had three chances to take the lead in the final 12 seconds but UW's defense turned them away each time.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Dekker*	35	2-5	1-2	2-2	8	0	2	1	0	0	7
Kaminsky*	37	11-20	3-5	3-4	11	3	1	1	0	0	28
Brust*	39	2-7	1-3	0-0	2	2	1	1	0	0	5
Jackson*	40	4-14	0-3	2-2	3	1	5	2	0	0	10
Gasser*	38	1-5	0-3	3-4	5	3	1	2	0	1	5
Hayes	16	2-8	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	2	4
Dukan	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Koenig	17	2-2	1-1	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	5
team					4	1					
TOTALS	**200**	**24-61**	**6-17**	**10-12**	**38**	**15**	**11**	**8**	**0**	**3**	**64**
		(.393)	**(.353)**	**(.833)**							

ARIZONA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Gordon*	39	3-11	1-2	1-2	18	1	2	1	2	1	8
Tarczewski*	32	5-8	0-0	2-3	4	2	0	2	1	0	12
York*	29	0-2	0-0	1-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
McConnell*	39	2-10	2-5	3-4	3	3	2	2	0	0	9
Johnson*	43	6-16	1-3	3-4	4	2	3	1	0	0	16
Mayes	5	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	4
Hollis-Jeff.*	31	4-7	0-0	2-2	4	3	1	0	2	1	10
Pitts	7	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-58**	**5-12**	**12-17**	**39**	**17**	**8**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**63**
		(.397)	**(.417)**	**(.706)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	25	29	10	64
Arizona	28	26	9	63

(8) Kentucky 74 • (2) Wisconsin 73

April 5, 2014 • Arlington, Texas • AT&T Stadium (79,444)
In front of the largest crowd to ever witness a college basketball game, 79,444, the fans at AT&T Stadium were treated to one of the most entertaining national semifinals in history. It was a game-winning 3-pointer from Kentucky's Aaron Harrison that proved to be the difference as the Wildcats advanced with a thrilling 74-73 victory. Wisconsin did almost everything it needed to do to beat Kentucky, as UW held one of the country's most dominant offensive rebounding teams off of the glass, while shooting a Final Four record 95.0 percent (19-20) from the charity stripe. Bronson Koenig provided most of the entertainment in the first 20 minutes of action after point guard Traevon Jackson was charged with his second foul just six minutes into the first half. Coming off the bench, the freshman lit up Kentucky for 11 points in 16 minutes, as UW took a 40-36 halftime advantage into the locker room. After a Sam Dekker 3-pointer opened the second-half scoring, Kentucky went on a 15-0 run to build a 51-43 lead. UW would answer with a 10-2 run to tie the game and set up a thrilling finish. With the game tied at 72-72 and 16 seconds left in regulation, Jackson was fouled and sent to the line for three free throw attempts, making 2-of-3. The Badgers' lone miss from the line gave Kentucky the hope it needed, as Harrison's deep 3-pointer clanged in with five seconds remaining. Jackson, who has earned a reputation for knocking down clutch game-winners, missed a jumper at the buzzer and the Badgers fell short in their quest for the school's first national title appearance since 1941.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Dekker*	25	3-4	1-2	8-8	4	2	1	0	1	1	15
Kaminsky*	32	4-7	0-0	0-0	5	3	0	1	2	0	8
Brust*	38	3-9	3-7	6-6	4	3	0	2	0	0	15
Jackson*	22	4-9	1-3	3-4	4	3	3	2	0	1	12
Gasser*	40	1-4	0-1	0-0	5	2	3	0	0	1	2
Hayes	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2
Dukan	15	3-5	2-3	0-0	5	0	2	0	0	0	8
Koenig	20	4-10	1-4	2-2	0	2	1	2	0	1	11
Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-50**	**8-20**	**19-20**	**27**	**18**	**11**	**8**	**3**	**4**	**73**
		(.460)	**(.400)**	**(.950)**							

UK	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Young*	37	5-11	1-2	6-7	5	3	2	1	0	2	17
Randle*	27	6-10	0-0	4-6	5	1	0	1	0	1	16
Johnson*	18	4-6	0-0	2-3	7	3	1	0	0	0	10
Harrison, Aa.*	36	3-8	1-1	1-2	3	2	2	0	0	0	8
Harrison, An.*	29	4-14	0-2	1-2	3	3	4	2	0	1	9
Lee	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	0	1	0	4
Polson	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poythress	29	4-4	0-0	0-1	7	2	0	0	0	0	8
Hawkins	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**29-58**	**2-5**	**14-21**	**32**	**17**	**9**	**4**	**1**	**4**	**74**
		(.500)	**(.400)**	**(.667)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Kentucky	36	38	74
Wisconsin	40	33	73

2015

(1) Wisconsin 86 • (16) Coastal Carolina 72

March 20, 2015 • Omaha, Neb. • CenturyLink Center (17,534)
Wisconsin's frontcourt of Frank Kaminsky, Sam Dekker and Nigel Hayes did the heavy lifting as UW cruised to an opening-round win over Coastal Carolina. Playing as a No. 1 seed for the first time in school history, the Badgers used a combined 62 points from the frontcourt trio, including 27 points from Kaminsky and 20 from Dekker. The Badgers shot a school-NCAA tournament record 54.1%, hitting 11-of-27 3-pointers. UW's 86 points marked the second-highest scoring output in school tourney annals. Wisconsin move to 12-2 in opening tournament games under Bo Ryan as it posted a 36-25 rebounding edge, including 12 to 7 on the offensive glass which led to 14 second chance points.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	28	6-12	1-2	2-3	8	1	3	1	0	1	15
Dekker*	35	8-15	4-8	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	0	20
Kaminsky*	35	10-14	3-5	4-5	12	0	4	2	1	0	27
Gasser*	33	3-4	1-2	2-2	5	3	0	1	0	3	9
Koenig*	33	3-7	2-6	0-0	2	3	4	2	0	0	8
Smith	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Showalter	9	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2
Moesch	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dukan	21	2-6	0-3	1-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Brown	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dearring	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**33-61**	**11-27**	**9-12**	**36**	**11**	**14**	**9**	**1**	**5**	**86**
		(.541)	**(.407)**	**(.750)**							

COASTAL	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Curtis*	26	0-1	0-0	0-0	6	3	0	0	1	0	0
Diagne*	31	1-4	0-1	4-4	3	3	0	2	0	0	6
Gillis*	34	10-19	0-1	2-2	5	2	1	1	0	1	22
Cameron*	31	4-9	3-5	0-0	1	1	3	0	0	2	11
Wiggins*	25	2-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	1	0	4	4
Enanga	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wilson	29	7-11	4-4	2-3	1	3	0	2	0	0	20
Ray-St. Cyr	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Freeman	18	3-6	0-0	1-2	4	2	0	0	0	0	7
team					1						
TOTALS	**200**	**28-58**	**7-12**	**9-11**	**25**	**14**	**9**	**6**	**1**	**8**	**72**
		(.483)	**(.583)**	**(.818)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Coastal Carolina	32	40	72
Wisconsin	47	39	86

(1) Wisconsin 72 • (8) Oregon 65

March 22, 2015 • Omaha, Neb. • CenturyLink Center (17,563)
A rematch of the 2014 third-round NCAA tournament matchup between Wisconsin and Oregon, Sam Dekker scored 17 points and led four Badgers in double digits, as UW punched its ticket back to the Sweet 16 with a 72-65 win. Wisconsin never trailed thanks to a 20-9 start to the game. Dwayne Benjamin would tie the game at 52-52 with 5:27 left, but the Badgers responded with a 10-2 run jumpstarted by Dekker's reverse layup and 3-pointer to make it 58-52 UW. Joseph Young scored 30 points for the Ducks, but it was not enough to counter the balanced attack of Wisconsin, which received 16 points from Frank Kaminsky, 14 from Nigel Hayes and 12 from Bronson Koenig. UW would limit Oregon to just four fast break points and own a decided advantage at the free throw line.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	37	4-9	1-5	5-8	5	1	3	1	1	1	14
Dekker*	33	6-12	3-8	2-4	5	2	0	1	1	0	17
Kaminsky*	38	6-13	0-0	4-5	7	2	2	1	0	1	16
Gasser*	36	1-4	0-3	2-2	1	1	4	0	1	1	4
Koenig*	28	2-7	1-3	7-8	1	3	0	1	0	0	12
Showalter	15	2-2	1-1	0-0	5	2	2	0	0	0	5
Dukan	13	1-4	1-3	1-2	3	2	0	2	0	0	4
team					5						
TOTALS	**200**	**22-51**	**7-23**	**21-29**	**32**	**13**	**11**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**72**
		(.431)	**(.304)**	**(.724)**							

OREGON	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Bell*	30	4-5	0-0	0-0	7	1	1	1	4	1	8
Cook*	31	1-8	0-0	0-0	6	4	1	3	0	0	2
Brooks*	29	2-7	0-3	0-0	4	4	1	1	0	0	4
Young*	40-	12-25	2-6	4-4	3	3	4	1	0	1	30
Abdul-Bassit*	22	4-6	4-5	0-0	0	4	1	0	0	1	12
Benjamin	30	3-6	2-4	0-0	8	3	1	2	0	0	8
Benson	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Rorie	4	0-1	0-0	1-3	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-59**	**8-19**	**5-7**	**34**	**20**	**13**	**8**	**4**	**3**	**65**
		(.441)	**(.421)**	**(.714)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Oregon	28	37	65
Wisconsin	31	41	72

(1) Wisconsin 79 • (4) North Carolina 72

March 26, 2015 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Staples Center (19,067)

Trailing by two points at halftime, and down by as much as seven points in the second half, Wisconsin looked like a top seed on the ropes. Led by Sam Dekker's career- and game-high 23 points, the Badgers proved their grit, however, rallying in the final 10 minutes to hold off North Carolina, 79-72, and advance to the Elite Eight. Both teams shot 46 percent for the game, but UW improved to 58 percent in the second half and made 20 of 23 free throws to keep its hopes of a second straight Final Four berth alive. Zak Showalter came off the bench in the second half and scored six points that sparked a 19-7 comeback run that helped UW regain a 65-60 lead with just over five minutes remaining. Marcus Paige hit consecutive 3-pointers that drew North Carolina within one with 54 seconds to go, but UW made all eight of its free throws -- four by Frank Kaminsky -- over the closing seconds to help UW stave off No. 4 seed North Carolina. Kaminsky added 19 points and eight rebounds in the win, while Nigel Hayes had 12 points and six rebounds.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	35	3-11	0-4	6-7	6	3	0	2	0	1	12
Dekker*	32	10-15	1-5	2-2	10	0	1	0	0	0	23
Kaminsky*	39	5-11	1-1	8-8	8	2	2	2	0	0	19
Gasser*	40-	2-4	2-3	0-0	4	3	4	0	0	1	6
Koenig*	23	2-9	2-6	3-4	3	5	4	0	0	0	9
Showalter	8	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	0	0	1	6
Jackson	9	1-3	1-2	1-2	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
Dukan	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-56**	**7-21**	**20-23**	**35**	**18**	**13**	**5**	**0**	**3**	**79**
		(.464)	**(.333)**	**(.870)**							

UNC	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Meeks*	14	1-4	0-0	2-2	4	3	0	0	0	0	4
Johnson*	22	7-9	0-0	1-2	4	4	0	0	1	0	15
Jackson*	31	6-11	3-3	0-0	2	2	3	0	0	0	15
Paige*	37	4-11	3-5	1-2	2	2	3	1	0	2	12
Tokoto*	33	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	1	0	1	4
Britt	9	1-4	0-1	2-2	2	2	0	1	0	0	4
Pinson	4	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Berry II	19	2-3	2-3	3-4	1	2	3	0	0	0	9
Hicks	18	2-5	0-0	2-4	6	3	0	0	0	0	6
James	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-56**	**8-13**	**12-18**	**28**	**20**	**12**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**72**
		(.464)	**(.615)**	**(.667)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

North Carolina	33	39	72
Wisconsin	31	48	79

(1) Wisconsin 85 • (2) Arizona 78

March 28, 2015 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Staples Center (19,067)

On one of the biggest stages in college basketball, Sam Dekker had a second-half performance that will go down in Wisconsin basksetball lore. Despite trailing by three points at halftime, Dekker hit five of UW's 10 3-pointers in the second half -- a perfect 6-for-6 from the floor in the final 20 minutes -- on his way to a career-high of 27 points and helping UW secure its second-straight trip to the Final Four with an 85-78 win. Frank Kaminsky kept the Badgers in the game throughout, including a key stretch that fueled an offensive outburst from UW to start the second half. Kaminsky scored eight of UW's first 14 points out of the break and finished with a game-high 29 points. Arizona applied full-court pressure in the last four minutes, which helped the Wildcats twice draw the game to within five points in the last two and a half minutes. Dekker put his foot down, both times connecting on arcing 3-pointers that led top-seeded Wisconsin past No. 2 Arizona and onto the fourth Final Four in school history. UW hit 10 of 12 3-pointers in the second half, connecting on a season-high 67 percent overall, and outscored UA 30-3 from long range. Dekker had five 3-pointers and was named West Regional Most Outstanding Player. A rematch of last year's West Regional Final, Wisconsin denied Arizona a Final Four berth for the second-straight year, having also beaten them by one point in overtime in Anaheim, California, a year ago when their seeds were reversed.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	26	3-6	2-4	0-0	3	4	4	1	0	1	8
Dekker*	37	8-11	5-6	6-7	5	2	1	1	0	0	27
Kaminsky*	38	9-20	1-2	10-12	6	4	1	3	1	1	29
Gasser*	36	3-4	2-3	2-4	2	3	2	0	0	2	10
Koenig*	33	1-1	1-1	3-4	1	4	3	2	0	0	6
Showalter	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0		1	0
Jackson	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dukan	18	1-2	1-2	2-4	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
team					3						
TOTALS	**200**	**25-45**	**12-18**	**23-31**	**21**	**21**	**11**	**9**	**1**	**5**	**85**
		(.556)	**(.667)**	**(.742)**							

ARIZONA	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Johnson*	25	2-4	0-1	2-2	2	5	0	3	0	1	6
Ashley*	21	5-8	0-0	7-7	4	4	0	0	0	0	17
H.-Jefferson*	37	6-12	0-0	5-6	8	5	0	0	0	0	17
Tarczewski*	25	3-5	0-0	5-5	2	4	1	1	1	0	11
McConnell*	38	4-8	0-2	6-6	0	1	5	3	0	2	14
J.-Cartwright*	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
York	33	3-5	2-3	3-4	2	1	1	2	0	2	11
Ristic	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pitts	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**24-43**	**2-6**	**28-30**	**22**	**22**	**8**	**10**	**1**	**5**	**78**
		(.558)	**(.333)**	**(.933)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Arizona	33	45	78
Wisconsin	30	55	85

(1) Wisconsin 71 • (1) Kentucky 64

April 4, 2015 • Indianapolis • Lucas Oil Stadium (72,238)

Everyone remembered the heartbreaking loss Wisconsin suffered to Kentucky in the 2014 Final Four, especially the Badgers. It's not every day a team gets a second chance, but that's exactly what UW got when it found itself squaring off with the Wildcats in the 2015 Final Four. The opportunity would not go wasted. Wisconsin did what nobody else could, knocking off the undefeated Wildcats (38-1) in a 71-64 thriller behind 20 points and 11 rebounds from Frank Kaminsky and a clutch comeback down the stretch. Trailing by four after going six minutes without a basket, the Badgers responded with an 8-0 run to take a lead Kentucky would not overcome. The Wildcats led 60-56 with 6:37 left and didn't score again until there were 56 seconds left. By then, it was too late, as Sam Dekker added 16 points of his own, including six during UW's pivotal 8-0 run, and Bronson Koenig had 12 points to drive the Badgers in one of the program's most iconic victories. With the win, Wisconsin advanced to its first NCAA final since 1941.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	37	3-9	2-5	4-4	5	3	1	2	0	0	12
Dekker*	34	6-9	2-3	2-4	3	1	1	0	0	0	16
Kaminsky*	37	7-11	1-3	5-6	11	3	2	3	2	0	20
Gasser*	32	1-2	1-1	0-0	4	3	0	3	0	0	3
Koenig*	31	4-12	1-4	3-4	4	1	2	0	0	1	12
Showalter	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jackson	12	1-3	0-0	4-4	2	1	2	1	0	0	6
Dukan	11	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
team					4						
TOTALS	**200**	**23-48**	**7-17**	**18-22**	**34**	**14**	**10**	**10**	**2**	**1**	**71**
		(.479)	**(.412)**	**(.818)**							

UK	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Towns*	31	7-11	0-0	2-3	9	2	1	2	1	1	16
Cauley-Stein*	33	1-4	0-0	0-0	5	2	1	1	2	1	2
Lyles*	29	3-7	0-0	3-3	1	2	0	1	0	0	9
Harrison, Aa.*	27	5-10	0-1	2-2	3	5	0	0	0	0	12
Harrison, An.*	31	5-11	1-1	2-2	2	2	4	1	1	1	13
Lee	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Booker	19	3-6	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	6
Ulis	17	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	2	6
Johnson	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
team					0						
TOTALS	**200**	**26-54**	**3-5**	**9-10**	**22**	**20**	**7**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**64**
		(.481)	**(.600)**	**(.900)**							

SCORING BY HALVES

Wisconsin	36	35	71
Kentucky	36	28	64

(1) Duke 68 • (1) Wisconsin 63

April 6, 2015 • Indianapolis • Lucas Oil Stadium (71,149)

The most prolific season in Wisconsin basketball history came to an unfortunate end, as Wisconsin fell in a 68-63 loss to Duke in the national championship game. Frank Kaminsky finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds, but "Frank The Tank" was unable to drive the Badgers any further on their magical NCAA tournament run. UW held a nine-point lead, 49-38, with 13:00 remaining but Duke would tie the game up at 54-54 with 7:00 left. Kaminsky hit a 3-pointer with 1:08 left that gave UW some late hope to pull within 66-61. Nigel Hayes, who finished with 13 points, then converted a dunk with 49 seconds left that got the Badgers within three. But Duke and its freshmen held on from there. Sam Dekker finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, but was unable to rely on his previously hot 3-point shot. Fouls also hurt in the second half. Wisconsin had just two fouls in the first half, but 13 in the second - unusual for a team that led the nation in fewest fouls per game. Wisconsin ended its season with 36 wins, the most in program history.

UW	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Hayes*	37	5-10	3-4	0-2	1	2	0	1	0	0	13
Dekker*	34	6-15	0-6	0-0	8	1	2	0	0	1	12
Kaminsky*	39	7-16	2-4	5-6	12	1	2	2	1	1	21
Gasser*	36	0-1	0-0	0-0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0
Koenig*	31	4-9	1-3	1-2	0	3	4	0	0	0	10
Jackson	13	1-7	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	1	0	1	2
Dukan	10	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	4	0	1	0	0	5
team					2						
TOTALS	**200**	**25-61**	**7-21**	**6-10**	**35**	**15**	**13**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**63**
		(.410)	**(.333)**	**(.600)**							

DU	MP	FG	3P	FT	R	F	A	TO	B	S	TP
Winslow*	32	3-9	1-2	4-7	9	4	1	2	3	1	11
Okafor*	22	5-9	0-0	0-1	3	4	0	2	0	0	10
Cook*	35	3-8	0-3	0-0	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
Jones, T.*	37	7-13	2-3	7-7	5	1	1	1	0	0	23
Jones, M.*	23	0-1	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Allen	21	5-8	1-2	5-5	2	0	0	0	0	1	16
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On Gard: Interim coach Greg Gard has Wisconsin basketball back on track

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MADISON, Wis. — "I know it's a red folder," Greg Gard says, as he roots around a blast zone of papers near his desk, as well as on the floor behind it.

In the office of the interim Wisconsin basketball coach, which is also the office for a permanent Wisconsin basketball coach, the search is on for notes from a clinic in 1992. It was held at Indiana and presided over by Bob Knight. Only two years after he started his career as a jayvee coach, Gard assiduously recorded the wide array of drills, defensive sets and zone offenses the legendary Hoosiers coach presented over a couple days. He less assiduously noted the names of assistants—Gard recalls identifying then-Indiana aide Dan Dakich as Dan "Dockridge," because he had no clue who the guy was—and he has kept those notes and the flier for the clinic ever since.

Where he kept them is the issue. After Gard took over for the suddenly retired Bo Ryan in mid-December, staffers moved his belongings to the head coach's suite. He insisted upon personally filing everything away, so he could sort through it all. On the table next to his desk, there are three piles of binders and two piles of folders, bursting with playbooks and practice plans. There are maybe a dozen small stacks of folders and documents on the floor behind his chair. Somewhere in there are the clinic notes. Somewhere in the data and wisdom collected over a quarter-century of coaching, Greg Gard is certain he can find what he's looking for.

"Like I said," he tells his visitor, "it's an adventure around here right now."

Though anxiety and uncertainty followed Ryan's unexpected Dec. 15 departure, the Badgers' fortunes are now far more settled than their coach's filing system. They've won eight of nine games heading into a showdown at No. 8 Iowa on Wednesday and, at 17–10 overall and 9–5 in Big Ten play, they are trending toward an 18th straight NCAA tournament bid that seemed no sure thing as recently as mid-January. At that point, Wisconsin had added four Big Ten losses (in five games) to its five nonconference defeats—featuring an inexplicable season-opening 69–67 dud against Western Illinois, which is now 9–16 for the year. The core that reached consecutive Final Fours, and the coach that guided it, were gone. And the Badgers needed some work on transition.

"Last year, we kind of got away from some good habits that we needed to have," junior guard Zak Showalter says. "We were so talented that we could kind of cover up some of those things. With this group of guys, we couldn't take any shortcuts."

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Bo Ryan called Gard on the afternoon of Dec. 15 and detailed plans to announce his retirement that evening. Ryan's decision was so abrupt that it was beneficial: It squeezed out time for nerves or deep contemplation. "When you get all the other plates spinning in your life and everything coming at you from 100 different directions, your focus has to be on your team," he says. Indeed, about the only guy not panicking during the initial stumbles was the one with the most to lose. Gard had changed the offense. He asked the Badgers to improve their most basic habits. He informed his team that it wasn't permitted to feel sorry for itself, citing several examples of what he considered true adversity, including the loss of his father to brain cancer in October. This fresh foundation just needed time to settle.

And, if nothing else, Gard is adept at waiting. He took no shortcuts after growing up in miniscule Cobb, Wis. (pop. 463), adjusting rabbit ear antennae to watch Big Ten games on his basement television. He started as a jayvee coach and varsity assistant at Southwestern High School in Hazel Green, Wis., before moving on to Platteville (Wis.) High School, and then finally linking up with Ryan at Wisconsin-Platteville in 1994. He spent 23 years as Ryan's trusted lieutenant at three schools, the last 14-plus in Madison. Gard was the ultimate dues-payer, and finally his time had come.

And that's fine. That story shaped who he is. But paying dues guaranteed nothing. If Gard wanted a long-term lease on that new office, he had to demonstrate he could fix things in the gym downstairs. He had to be good at the job he was asked to do now. "I told the team that, too, when that 'audition' word starting going out there—I said, this is not my audition," Gard says. "This is not about me. This is about getting our season going in the right direction ... Whatever happens down the road, I'm going to coach you guys the same way, whether I have a three-month contract or whether I have a 10-year contract. I'm going to push you. I'm going to prod you. I'm going to teach you."

His first lesson: Telling his team what it didn't know.

As Gard says, there was a lot of "not knowing." Sixty-six wins in two years and back-to-back Final Fours did not spoil the Badgers as much as it deluded them. "Our culture was skewed," Gard says. His point: those victories didn't just happen. A much less polished roster required more fundamental work—but perhaps more importantly, an understanding of the value in that work. Even key Final Four holdovers like juniors Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig had to be disabused of certain theories: They claimed the leadership mantel for 2015–16, but when had they ever learned how to pick a college team up after a spectacular failure like Western Illinois? Or during a three-game losing streak? "Definitely a trap that I guess you could say was waiting for us," Hayes says.

So Gard took a team victimized by its own assumptions—"I've asked them how you break down 'assume,'" he says—and began a brick-by-brick rebuild.

At the rear of the Wisconsin players' lounge, a table stands by the door to the locker room. On it rest more than 30 actual bricks. After his promotion, Gard handed each player, coach and staffer his or her own brick. He asked that they write one word or phrase on it, something meaningful in the context of what they could offer the team. One brick reads "Selfless." Another reads "Heart." Yet another reads "Fight." Hayes's contribution was blunt: "WIN." (Gard's own contribution: "Leader.") Then each individual signed the brick and stacked it on the table. It has tipped over since, but the symbolism has held firm.

Can't build anything with just one brick, Gard told his players, who pass by the reminders of their self-assigned responsibilities every day.

"It helped get us in the right frame of mind," Gard says. "When we were mentally wavering, a little fragile, it got us all looking in the same direction."

Then there was the matter of the problem on the floor. The drudgery of Wisconsin's offense in particular through

mid-December—103rd nationally in efficiency on the day of the coaching shift—demanded new ideas. "Our offense was just all over the place," Koenig says. "Very stagnant. No spacing whatsoever. It was kind of a mess."

Here, Gard made a bold choice: Go to an old idea. He reinstalled the Swing, the signature offensive system essentially invented by Ryan. Because veterans like Frank Kaminsky and Sam Dekker and Josh Gasser flowed so well off each other during the two Final Four runs, running by-the-book Swing grew less essential. Veterans hadn't done it much. Newcomers hadn't done it at all. And everyone had about a week to get it down.

But the Badgers were happy for the crash course. "The Swing is a spacing mechanism," Hayes says. "We didn't run Swing (last year)—we spaced extremely well, because we had four guys around Frank and we played off of that. At the beginning of [this] year, we had guys on top of each other. By him implementing the Swing, it gave people landmarks where to be on the court. A lot of guys didn't have a grasp of spacing, and knowing how to play off of one another."

In Gard's first game as interim coach, the Swing helped produce a 30-point second-half lead against Wisconsin-Green Bay ... one that nearly disappeared entirely in an 84–79 victory on Dec. 23. Nevertheless, the trajectory had been reset. Wisconsin is now 55th nationally in adjusted offensive efficiency after finishing fourth and first the last two seasons, respectively. A far cry, yes. But this is one of those incremental improvements Gard anticipated.

He devours coaching tomes and has adapted the idea of The Process, made famous by Alabama football coach Nick Saban: Don't focus on the end result. Focus on every job and drill and practice along the way, and the end result will take care of itself. So Gard emphasized fundamental improvements in practice and now gets more consistently productive efforts. He offered Hayes and Koenig advice based on how he'd seen other successful leaders drive a team out of doldrums, and in turn, the veterans called a players' meeting after the bus ride back from a desultory Jan. 12 loss at Northwestern. That set the tone for a seven-game win streak that resuscitated the season. "We just told each other that we need to do everything individually that we can do to help this team succeed, no matter how big or small it is, no matter if you play or not," Koenig says.

After practice Monday, redshirt freshman forward Ethan Happ held court for a small bank of recorders and television cameras with his hands folded behind his back. As Koenig left the floor, the junior guard passed behind Happ and caressed his hand, trying to muck up the interview. Following a Feb. 10 win over Nebraska, the Badgers passed the time during postgame interviews by playing rock-paper-scissors under the table on the media room dais. They may not recapture the vibe of last year's crew, which turned news conferences into performance art. But a bit of breeziness is an auspicious sign. It's nice to breathe easy when, not too long ago, it felt like all the air had left the building.

Every game, Greg Gard carries his father's funeral card in his suit coat pocket. Glen Gard died at 71 years old on Oct. 30 following a six-month battle with glioblastoma multiforme, a form of brain cancer. Glen sat behind the bench and offered a thumbs-up after every win for nearly three decades, and thus his absence was pronounced even before his son moved over a seat on the Wisconsin bench. And there is, of course, regret that Glen would not see Greg realize this dream.

At that thought, Greg Gard, 45 years old and a father of three, takes a sip of bottled water to stifle whatever is welling in his throat. He then assures you that he believes this has happened for a reason: The disease; playing "Doctor Google" all those nights, as he puts it, scouring the Internet for a new treatment; thinking about what the cancer did to his father and what it put his family through. "There would be nothing professionally that was ever going to match that," Gard says. "It wasn't going to matter what came at me professionally. It was nothing compared to what I watched over that six months. It's been a life-changing experience. Not that I didn't have perspective before, but I have more perspective. It's helped me in this position, without a doubt."

How Greg Gard got here is important. But there is nothing sentimental about what happens next.

He must do this job and do it well, and it doesn't matter how many tough jobs he had before, or how well he did any of them. He'll be judged, in large part, on what Wisconsin accomplishes by the end of March. Gard says athletic director Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin's longtime football coach, has given him space and has been a priceless counsel. Alvarez recently offered an affirming review—"All I can say is I've been very impressed with the job he's done," he told the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel on Feb. 16—but Gard doesn't have the gig until he's offered the gig.

The players, for what it's worth, believe their coach is in place already. "He's a little more of a player's coach than coach Ryan was," Koenig says with a smile. "I definitely want him to get the job. I'm sure everyone else does, too." This goes slightly against Gard's wishes, in that he instructed the Badgers not to think about this at all. He won't even discuss how much he wants the job, as plain as that seems.

"I've always had a one-year contract," Gard says, referring back to his high school coaching days. "I've always had the mindset of, hey, if you don't do a good job, you might not be asked back."

It's midday on Monday, just a few hours after Gard's team completed a comeback from a 13-point second-half hole to beat Illinois 69–60, when a visitor pokes his head into the office doorway. Josh Gasser has a flight to catch to Germany, where the ex-Badgers guard and captain now plays professionally. He was stateside due to an injury and came through Madison to pick up some souvenirs: Big Ten championship and Final Four rings from last season, trinkets that conveniently measure how long ago that was and how far the Badgers have come since.

The Illinois game comes up as Gard and Gasser chat, and Gard notes that it was ugly for a while, what with Wisconsin missing 12 of 13 three-pointers before halftime. Sometimes that happens, Gasser tells him with a laugh. He points out that the big, bad marauding Badgers of last year lost at woebegone Rutgers.

Sometimes, things just need a little fixing, and soon you hardly remember when anything was wrong at all.

First, a foundation

By Mike Lucas
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MADISON, Wis. — Look for Devin Harris and he'll take you there.

Walk past the row of leather chairs and video game screens, past the ping pong table. Now look up, there he is, on a rear wall of the Wisconsin locker room at the Kohl Center.

It's hard to miss the super-sized action cutout of Harris in his 2009 NBA All-Star uniform.

Harris, a second-team All-American (2004), was one of the program's early building blocks. Maybe it's a fitting coincidence that he's now hovering over the table in the back of the room.

"Devin," UW coach Greg Gard said, "is overseeing it."

Overseeing the bricks, construction bricks, the kind you'd buy at a Menards or find at a work site.

Every player on this season's basketball team has his own brick on the table. So does every member of the coaching/administrative staff, including Gard, the true overseer. Every individual has signed his or her brick.

"I felt when I took over that we needed to develop or reestablish an identity that was deeper than the X's and O's," Gard said. "Everybody talks about that part and the things that are visible.

"But there are so many things that go into building a team and the commitment players make to each other, that I felt we needed to have a visual of what was important."

Following a Dec. 15 victory over Texas A&M Corpus-Christi, Bo Ryan, the architect and leader of the program for the past 15 seasons, announced his retirement, effective immediately.

Gard, the associate head coach and Ryan assistant for 23 years, was put in charge. Before coaching his first game on Dec. 23 against Green Bay, he came up with the idea for the bricks.

There have been variations of this theme -- building something one brick at a time -- throughout college sports, especially with football teams, from Boise State to Purdue to Tennessee, et al.

"Everybody has done different team-building activities, but we had never done anything quite like this here," Gard said, "trying to educate our players on what is important in terms of the team and the importance of teamwork.

"We've won a lot of games over the years where our chemistry, cohesiveness and togetherness was able to outlast maybe more talent on the other bench.

"We've won more games collectively than with individual performances."

Gard paused and emphasized, "Now, obviously, we've had terrific players, too."

Last season, the Badgers had Frank Kaminsky, a lottery pick and the Player of the Year in college basketball, along with Sam Dekker and Duje Dukan, both of whom are on NBA rosters. They also leaned on stalwarts Josh Gasser and Traevon Jackson.

The personnel losses were overwhelming.

Add five freshmen to the returning mix, and subtract Ryan, one Hall of Fame-in-waiting head coach; an unexpected departure, at that, two weeks before the Big Ten opener against Purdue.

When Gard took over, the Badgers were 7-5 with home losses to Western Illinois, Milwaukee and Marquette.

Drastic times called for … creative measures.

On the floor, it was a renewed commitment to the Swing offense and an expanded bench.

Off the floor, it was the symbolism of the bricks, better communication and a history lesson.

"Between my past here and going back even further with Coach Moore's past," Gard said of assistant coach Howard Moore, who played for the Badgers in the '90s, "we needed to talk. We talked about what this program has meant to the former players and the sweat equity that has gone into it over the course of time.

"We also talked about those intangibles that are important and have nothing to do with talent, how fast you can run or how high you can jump.

"So we purchased these bricks and gave everyone their own brick. We gave them a visual of what is at the foundation of this program and what could not change, what had to be reaffirmed."

From there, Gard stressed to the players, "The brick is part of the building process. Each brick is just one piece in the whole foundation. But it's a very important piece.

"We've always emphasized that no one individual is bigger than the team. And their bricks are just that -- an individual brick alone.

"But when you put them all together, we've got something that can be formidable."

As far as his timetable, Gard admitted, "I knew with such a young team we had to expedite the process. I didn't have June, July and August to try and work through this.

"We had to do it in a matter of a few days to establish how united we'd have to be in order to take steps forward. We weren't going to be able to do this individually.

"We had to be united if we were going to accomplish anything."

Besides signing their name, Gard had each player write a word or two or three on their bricks.

"That was their own decision, what they wrote," he said, "what they felt they could contribute or what they felt was important to them as this team moved forward."

The words were written on different sides of the bricks; words like sacrifice, selfless, accountability, dedication, energy, heart, work, compete, pride, integrity, faith, together, win.

"They could do whatever they wanted," Gard said, "and there was no limit."

Looking at the bricks on the table, he added with a grin, "Nobody wrote Me or I."

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The bricks have generated the desired response from the players, young and old alike.

"I thought it was a great idea because it gave us a chance to write down what was important," said junior forward Vitto Brown. "By doing that, our team got a sense of everybody's ideas and we were able to move from there.

"I always look at it (the table of bricks) and I don't look at the same brick. I'll pick out a different word and I'll kind of think about, 'Are we doing this?' Are we competing? Are we doing this together?'"

Gard's intent was to position the bricks in a heavily trafficked area of the locker room.

"They see it when they come through every day," Gard said. "They probably spent more time in this room (the game room) than anywhere else. It's always there for them to reflect back on."

Junior guard Zak Showalter, UW's second-oldest player, appreciated the reminder.

"They're in a spot where you see them often, so you read a couple of words and kind of reassess," he said. "It kind of put things back into perspective to see what we're trying to accomplish as a team -- to hold each other accountable and set the pace for where we want to go this year."

Alex Illikainen, a freshman, liked the fact that each player got to personalize the bricks.

"I thought it was a cool idea," he said. "And for everyone to have their own contribution was really cool. I don't think we repeated very many words. Everyone

brings their own little thing."

The team managers are the "caretakers" of the bricks, according to Gard. Occasionally, the table will be moved into the main locker room area where the players dress before games.

"We've jockeyed it back and forth," Gard said. "It tipped over one time."

And he cautioned, "We don't want any of the bricks dropping on someone's toe."

Junior forward Nigel Hayes, the team catalyst, has gotten a kick out of it all.

"Apparently, it seems to be working," said Hayes, who didn't have to be reminded that the Badgers are in the midst of a five-game winning streak. "We don't know if correlation means causation. I'm learning that right now in class.

"Are the bricks the reason for winning? Who knows? They look good. Maybe they're serving a purpose. The things that the guys wrote on them, I think they're starting to embody and make sure they show up in our play so it has been good overall."

The last time Wisconsin lost was Jan. 12 at Northwestern. It would turn out to be a watershed moment with Hayes expressing his concerns during a team meeting, and to the media.

"There were things that went unsaid that needed to be said and guys needed to refocus their minds," Hayes recalled. "There was a lot going on. I think we needed a refocusing type of deal, and that's what happened."

Hayes, by his admission, has improved his leadership skills the last two months.

"I try my best to always keep improving in that area," he said. "I've always tried to do a good job of communicating to the guys the things that need to be done. There are ways to say things. Sometimes it's not about what you say but how you say it and I've tried to do a better job of doing that.

"Also I've been leading by example. I've consciously picked up my level of play, which has made other guys step up their game as well because it always starts with your leader."

Brown knew that Hayes, a close friend, had it in him to lead. It was just a matter of transitioning into that role after two years following others.

"It's not something that is natural," Brown said. "Just because all of a sudden you're the main player, it doesn't mean necessarily that you will be the leader. I think it took him (Hayes) awhile to figure out what he needed to do -- not only to lead by example but also vocally and I think he has done a real nice job of it."

Gard has noticed the changes in Hayes. Some more subtle than others.

"I think the reason that he's playing better is because he's a better leader," he suggested. "He's showing it by example; he's practicing better; he's taking younger guys under his wing more frequently.

"More than anything, the locker room has gotten much tighter," Gard went on. "There's a higher care factor. Not that they didn't like each other and get along with each other before. But the best teams we've had were talented but also the closest teams.

"There's no doubt that we've grown as much off the court -- collectively in the locker room -- as we have on the court, and that has helped us make the strides that we've been able to make."

As Gard strolled through the locker room, he stopped in front of a framed picture of Alando Tucker, an undersized jumping-jack on Ryan's early teams and the school's all-time leading scorer.

"Alando might be one of the best leaders we've ever had," he said. "He was a man of few words. He didn't say hardly anything in the locker room. But when he spoke, it was like E.F. Hutton. Everyone listened.

"I've always told them (the current players) you don't have to say that much. Just lead by example. You can do more for the younger players by how they see you in practice every day, how you conduct yourself in the locker room, how you conduct yourself on the road.

"That will speak volumes, more than anything you can tell them in 15 to 20 minutes."

There have been team-bonding events. Last week, it was bowling. The week before, laser tag. The players have also gone to movies together. They last saw The Revenant with Leonardo DiCaprio.

"It's good for this group," Showalter said, "because we've got a lot of young guys who haven't spent as much time here as the guys from the past couple of years have spent together.

"And I think it translates on to the court. The more you're together off the court, the more comfortable you are with each other. I think that has had an impact on us."

Speaking for the freshmen, Illikainen said, "It really impacts us. I had a blast bowling. You just feel that much closer with the older guys and more confident to play with them. You see them off the floor enjoying each other and bonding, and it really makes it easier on the court."

During practices, Gard has introduced some new drills that are skill-specific.

"I definitely think we've responded well to those," Showalter said. "It's more game-situation stuff so that when you're in that situation you know that you've done it multiple times in practice. It's easier to go off the habits that you've built and it has helped us get to where we are right now."

The last few years, the Badgers have had a wealth of experienced, savvy players. As a result, the focus in practice was on possessions, honing their craft, sharpening their edge.

With such a young group, the emphasis has been on player development. No detail has been too small. Nothing has been assumed. Teaching the fundamentals has been critical to their growth.

Gard has even set aside "developmental days" -- what he has labeled as bowl practices.

While the starters will be excused -- "The heavy-minute guys appreciate getting off their legs and doing more recovery with our training staff," Gard said -- the younger players will scrimmage.

"They've embraced these days because it's a chance for them to run all of our stuff (on offense and defense)," Gard said. "We play eight-minute quarters and have media timeouts. And we make them execute our things and we teach within it."

Illikainen has welcomed the tweaked approach to practice ("The specific, fundamental drills have really helped me") and the extra attention and work that the freshmen have been afforded.

"Staying after practice to scrimmage is always fun for me," he said. "I really enjoy it because it's a time to get up and down (the court) for those of us who don't play as much."

With so much inexperience, Gard has been fond of saying, "We're Dow Jones, we're riding like the stock market, up and down, depending on what day it is."

Gard has expanded his rotation with that in mind.

"The competition off the bench is good," he said. "We're relying on whoever is playing well -- whether they have the hot hand or they're just doing things solid -- they're going to get more minutes. It fluctuates from game to game.

"I always say, 'We'll take the contributions however we can get them, whether it's a minute, 10 minutes or 30 minutes. No matter what the stat line says, come in and add to the bucket, don't take anything out of the bucket,' and they've embraced that."

Throughout his nine-week tenure, Gard has been adamant about certain things.

"The continuum of success is not guaranteed," Gard has pointed out. "Just because you put on a Wisconsin jersey does not guarantee that you're going to win 30 games and go to a Final Four.

"The older guys here, the juniors, have not had a typical college basketball experience. They've been 66-12 with two Final Fours. That's not normal.

"Most teams have to go through growing pains and face some type of adversity."

What happened during the non-conference season was foreign to the returning players. So much so that they weren't as prepared to handle it because they had no previous reference point at Wisconsin.

That prompted Gard to ask of himself, "How can we help them understand this is normal?"

There was no simple solution or painless remedy.

"There is a process you have to go through," he advised everyone, "as long as we embrace and stick to that, we'll be fine; the results will take care of themselves.

"If you skip parts in the process, you'll find yourself in trouble."

Restoring the Swing has been one of Gard's changes. None have been dramatic.

"He wants to be consistent for us," Showalter said. "Teams respond when you're consistent."

But he has been more of a presence in the locker room and training room.

"I circle through to see how they're doing," Gard said. "I want to make sure I'm visible to them in areas other than the court and offer my support other than when they see me with the whistle on."

That's the foundation Gard has been building among the players. Brick by brick, 17 in all.

"The main thing is they've bought in," he said. "We've got 17 pairs of feet in the boat. They all have ahold of their oar and they're all rowing in the same direction."

Gard printed two words on his own brick: Leader. Mentor.

Wisconsin goes back to the old ways and gets back to winning

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — It didn't feel good. The ball didn't move. Players didn't move. Defenders didn't move.

It was November, and then December, and the Badgers weren't running an offense. They were running plays.

These plays were familiar, of course. After decades of running his homemade stew of motion offense he dubbed the Swing, Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan realized the scoring superiority his players now possessed and reduced the Swing to a mere framework in 2013-14. He installed simple ball screens and isolation post-ups -- the kind of things you run when you know your guys can't be stopped one-on-one.

The result? Two Final Fours, one national championship appearance, a Big Ten title sweep and a unanimous player of the year in forward Frank Kaminsky III.

In November and December, these Badgers were still running those plays. Except these Badgers weren't those Badgers, and those plays weren't producing moments of Kaminsky brilliance or sweet Sam Dekker dunks, but instead exposed a broken offensive team, stagnant and stuck, watching its season slip away.

Then a funny thing happened: Wisconsin got back to playing Bo Ryan basketball -- after Ryan retired.

Interim coach Greg Gard, in his first decision as head coach, dusted off the Swing. And, gradually, Wisconsin laid the groundwork for its remarkable run of current success -- which culminated in massive fashion with Saturday's 70-57 win at No. 2 Maryland.

"This group has grown so much together over the last eight to nine weeks," Gard said. "We've grown as much off the court as you've seen improvement on the court. That's a huge reason why we're able to do something like this. Seven, eight weeks ago, there was no way this group had a maturity level enough to be able to come in here and stick together and do this."

The Badgers' victory over the heavily favored Terrapins -- at Maryland, in front of a raucous crowd in convincing, end-to-end fashion -- marked their seventh win in a row in Big Ten play. That span began with a home win over Michigan State on Jan. 17, and included an overtime victory over Indiana.

Once 1-4 in the league and 9-9 overall, the Badgers are now 16-9 and 8-4 in conference, just two wins behind league leaders Iowa and Indiana, and just a half game out of fourth place -- where they famously finished at or better in every one of Ryan's seasons.

Once headed toward the NIT, the Badgers' win on Saturday night was their boldest statement yet that they are not to be excluded from the NCAA tournament -- a contest in which every one of Ryan's UW teams participated.

The why all leads back to Gard's assessment in December that this team couldn't play like the brilliant Badgers who came two seasons before. This team needed more structure, more passing, more forced movement. This would mean a drastic teardown of everything his team had worked on for months.

"You wouldn't do that with a a junior-high team, let alone at this level," Gard told reporters earlier this week.

So be it.

"I think it's just [about] staying true to who you are," Gard said Saturday. "That's what I went back to in late December, going back to the Swing.

"I had been with [Ryan] for 23 years. I saw a lot of wins over the time, [spent a lot of time] watching teams grow. What was going to make us good if we continued to improve? I thought that, offensively, was one thing [we could do]."

He was right. The Badgers scored more than one point per possession in just one of their first nine losses -- the season-opening shocker to Western Illinois on Nov. 13. The other eight defeats, whether close or in blowout fashion, reliably featured some of the worst, most stagnant offense in recent Wisconsin history. Guard Bronson Koenig found himself dribbling out the clock; forward Nigel Hayes was frequently doubled. The supporting pieces -- mostly new faces or spot reserves from 2015-16 -- not only weren't as skilled as their predecessors but weren't used to the intuitive read-and-react style that made those predecessors so great.

In their seven straight wins since, the Badgers have scored 1.13 points per trip. On Saturday, on the road against the Big Ten's best per-possession defense, Wisconsin averaged 1.11.

Saturday's victory was a perfect display of the benefits that Gard's decision has wrought. Maryland's own offensive woes -- particularly in the first half -- played a major role in the outcome, but Wisconsin's own offensive success was what sealed the margin. In the first half, the Terps' turnovers and poor shooting (including a 1-for-14 night from guard Melo Trimble) was one aspect of the 29-7 run on which the Badgers ended the half; Wisconsin's own 1.2 points-per-trip effort was the other.

The Terps emerged from the locker room determined to change the trajectory of the game. They came close numerous times. But whenever the lead shrank below double digits -- it was as low as six midway through the second half -- Wisconsin would answer with yet another huge play on the offensive end. The buckets came from everywhere: from Koenig and Hayes, as expected, but also from Zak Showalter and Vitto Brown.

"The Swing has helped us for sure," said Brown, who had a career-high 21

points and shot 3-of-6 from 3. "A lot of times [in nonconference] we got stagnant, we just watched the ball. Now we're all moving, and we're all engaged."

The rotation is deeper. The touches are spread more evenly. The ball is moving. Players are moving. Defenders are moving, and not always where they'd prefer.

The basketball feels good now. Wisconsin can feel the differences, can feel itself improving, in both the "little things," as Brown said -- a snapped reverse pass leading to an open 3, a smart secondary break flowing into a back-side post-cut -- and the big.

"There's one really obvious thing," Brown said. "We're winning."

They are. Just as they always have. The old coach might be gone, but the old ways -- and after Saturday, the old Wisconsin it seems -- remain.

Back into the swing

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MADISON, Wis. — It took awhile for Zak Showalter to get into the swing of things against Rutgers Saturday at the Kohl Center. Once he did, he was virtually unstoppable.

"I made a bad pass to start off the game," lamented Wisconsin's junior guard. "That started me off a little slow."

Less than 90 seconds after the opening tip, Showalter's errant pass sailed out of bounds as he was attempting to hit a baseline cutter.

Showalter got some time to think about it, too. Less than four minutes into the half, he was replaced by Jordan Hill who has suddenly become an integral component of the rotation.

Since taking over as the UW's head coach, Greg Gard has been expanding his bench. Prior to the Rutgers game, in fact, he admitted that he's still trying to get a feel for his personnel.

"A lot of it will be on what I see in the game and instinctually feel," Gard said of his substitution pattern. "What are we doing well? Do we need some help in certain areas?

"I'm getting more and more comfortable with it (subbing). But I'm still figuring these guys out. A lot of them are platooning back and forth between the scout team."

From that standpoint, Gard mentioned Hill, who's a redshirt sophomore, in the same breath with freshmen Khalil Iverson, Charlie Thomas and Alex Illikainen.

"Those four are all doing double-duty in practice," he said. "I'm still figuring out who can do what? Who's good in what situations? Who's good against a zone? Who's good against pressure?'"

By contrast, Gard knows exactly what he's going to get out of Showalter.

"We've had a lot of guys over the years that have resembled Zak Showalter in terms of how he plays," said Gard, citing his "tenacity, effort, toughness and the attitude he brings every day in practice."

Showalter was back on the floor at 13:32 of the first half Saturday and it didn't take him long to impact the game after Rutgers had used an 8-2 run to tie the score, 12-12.

Off a Vitto Brown assist, he hit a 3-pointer to trigger a 13-2 counter-punch. The Badgers got five points from Showalter, four from Ethan Happ and two each from Brown and Bronson Koenig in the run.

"My teammates did a good job of attacking the paint and kicking it out to me," Showalter said. "Coach (Gard) always says, '10 toes facing the rim and you can knock it down.' It felt good."

Showalter drove the lane, finished on the glass, drew contact and a foul and knocked down his free throw – he has made 21 straight since last missing on Nov. 15 – for an old fashioned 3-point play.

"I saw the lane and I'm going to take it if no one is guarding me and I got right to the rim," Showalter said. "It just opened up for me."

So did the game. On the impetus of Showalter's aggressive drive-and-one, the Badgers went on an 18-4 run that sealed a 79-57 victory over Rutgers and handed Gard his first Big Ten triumph.

Showalter ended up with a career-high 21 points. He was perfect from the field (8-of-8), the 3-point arc (4-of-4) and the stripe (1-of-1). He also had two assists, a block and steal in 30 minutes.

"In high school, I got a lot of stuff around the rim which helped a lot," said the former All-Stater from Germantown. "Today, I was feeling good from inside and outside."

How often has he felt that good? "Not that often actually," said Showalter who had never scored more than 10 in a Big Ten game. "But it's a good feeling to have. I like it. I could get used to it."

As a team, the Badgers are still getting used to the Swing. Since Gard took over the program from Bo Ryan, there has been a renewed commitment to the offense that Ryan designed and perfected.

"I think it's good for me, I'm comfortable with it, I've been running it since I was in the third grade probably," said Showalter, whose dad played for Ryan at UW-Platteville.

"I know where stuff is going to be and what's going to be open. I'm just familiar with it. And anytime you're familiar with the system, it's pretty easy to play in."

Happ, a redshirt freshman, is just starting to find his comfort level with the Swing.

"So far, I've liked it," he said. "We've moved the ball better. Especially when we're catching it and swinging it from side to side, it makes the defensive shift. They can't just sit and lock on their man."

Happ is now focusing on the next progression.

"I need to knock down some elbow jumpers," he said, "for them to come out on me."

One of the reasons why Ryan shied away from incorporating more of the swing into the offense this season was the lack of consistent perimeter scoring threats – bigs who can stretch a defense.

Nonetheless, the Badgers are getting more movement and better spacing. Koenig, for instance, had more freedom with the way Rutgers checked him one-on-one. So, obviously, did Showalter.

"We moved the ball better, it didn't stick in one guy's hands too long as it has in the past," Gard said. "We also pushed the ball and got some things in transition to force them to protect the rim."

Happ was seeking a little redemption after a disappointing Big Ten opener. He played his fewest minutes (16) and scored his fewest points (2) of the season in a 61-55 loss to Purdue.

"I needed to play better this game," Happ vowed.

Purdue's size on the frontline – 7-foot A.J. Hammons, 7-2 Isaac Haas, and 6-9 Caleb Swanigan – was more than the 6-8 Happ could fight off and handle. But he learned from it.

"I've got to slow down and pump fake a little bit more," said Happ. "When I get a guy in the air, I've got to go into him rather than trying to fade away. I took the Purdue game pretty hard."

Rutgers paid for it. Happ responded with 16 points and 10 rebounds in just 21 minutes.

"It was a credit to him and I told him that in the locker room," Gard said. "He was able to bounce back from not playing exceptionally well the other night against Purdue.

"Any time you can get young guys some confidence and they feel good about themselves, it's definitely a stepping stone and hopefully he will use that."

Gard boosted Happ's confidence by

playing him despite foul trouble. Happ picked up two early ones against Rutgers. And he got his third foul less than four minutes into the second half.

"That gave me a lot of confidence," Happ said, "knowing my coach is behind me like that."

In the first half, Gard used 10 different players and eight scored. A seldom-used sub, Aaron Moesch, a redshirt freshman, played three minutes; one less minute than he had collected all season.

Before the game, Gard told him, "Hey, Aaron, if I get the chance, I'm going to reward you because you've been doing some really good things in practice (on the scout team)."

Afterwards, Gard said of Moesch, a walk-on from Green Bay, "He's got his master's degree with the Swing, and the rest of the guys are working on their bachelor's degree."

Expanding on that theme, Gard added, "He (Moesch) is a great teacher for the other guys because I will use him as an example in the film sessions.

"He knows how to find opening and the cracks and knows when to cut and when not to. He reads and cuts and plays out of the Swing as well as anyone we have."

The Badgers will swing back into action Tuesday night at Indiana.

"They've got shot-makers," Showalter said of the Hoosiers, "and playmakers."

They've also got a 6-foot-10 freshman center with a wing span of a Condor. Happ will be challenged by Thomas Bryant and Maryland's 6-11 freshman center Diamond Stone the next two games.

Knowing that he will be giving away so much size and length in the paint, Happ concluded, "I'm going to have to play just as hard (as them) but smarter."

The on-going, in-game education continues for Happ and his teammates.

"We need to continue to develop our identity," Gard said, "and play like Wisconsin. And we've shown signs of it."

Greg Gard ready for his audition as Wisconsin coach

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The ad was maybe two inches long by an inch wide, tucked in among the calls for livestock for sale printed in the Hazel Green, Wisconsin, weekly shopping circular. Published on Tuesdays, the paper mostly made for good cat litter liner, rarely read and often tossed.

But Greg Gard was at a crossroads. Just cut from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville baseball team, he was an athlete with time and energy on his hands, and a college sophomore with a wallet to fill. So he scrolled through the ads, figuring maybe he'd find a job bagging groceries or washing cars.

And that's when he saw it:

Wanted: Junior varsity basketball coach. Southwestern High School.

Some 20-plus years later, Gard has moved less than two hours away from that first job, but he's covered an awful lot of territory. He is now a Division I head coach, at least temporarily. On Tuesday night, Bo Ryan stunned the college basketball community when he announced his immediate retirement at the University of Wisconsin, shuttering his four-decade career with the hastiness of Cinderella trying to beat the clock. Gard, his longtime lieutenant, was named interim head coach in his place.

Ryan purposefully set his departure up to give his loyal assistant an audition for the full-time job. Whether athletic director Barry Alvarez agrees remains to be seen. Gard is not the sexiest name on Wisconsin's would-be candidate list. He's not going to make anyone's hot assistant list, or crack the top recruiter code. He has a Twitter account. He's never tweeted. He recruits good players, but they're more of the Frank Kaminsky to-be-developed subset than the already arrived one-and-doners.

Gard is known more for the mundane notions of loyalty and steadfastness, rather than networking and branding.

He has hustled without ever being a hustler, climbed the coaching ladder without being a nomad. From JV coach to Division III student coach all the way to today, he has been steadily upwardly mobile but 23 years ago, he hitched his wagon to Ryan's side, his entire professional career contained on an 85-mile stretch of Highway 151.

"I know that is extremely rare,'' Gard said. "Whatever the opposite word of nomadic is, that's me. Some people may look at it and say I've been in one place a long time, but that doesn't mean I haven't always been growing. You don't have to move to grow.''

Gard's proof?

His name was Glen. Her name is Connie.

He lived his life with irreproachable honesty, integrity and honesty. He kept his principles simple, and always lived his life to the fullest. He will be greatly missed.

That's how the Gard family chose to end the obituary for Glen Gard, who passed away on Oct. 30 after a six-month battle with cancer. His role in the Wisconsin basketball turnover already has been documented - Bo Ryan said he might have stepped aside sooner had Glen Gard not been ill. Instead, with Greg Gard consumed first with trying to find a cure for the brain cancer that his father was diagnosed with, and later with being close when he knew his dad would lose the battle, Ryan waited to retire.

But to limit Glen's influence to that little paragraph overlooks a lifetime of lessons. Glen was a show more than say guy, his three boys learning what was expected not because they were told what to do but because their dad led the way.

Glen was born on a hog farm in the tiny town of Cobb, Wisconsin, and when his parents passed, he assumed the responsibilities of running it. His boys grew up like he did, working the farm and participating in - and winning ribbons at - the Iowa County Fair.

Glen worked his entire life at the same farm credit and loan, sticking with the company for 40 years through its countless name changes and iterations. His wife, Connie, started working at Iowa-Grant High School the day after she received her diploma and never left until her retirement date.

They were an extraordinary couple in a wonderfully ordinary way, leaving an indelible mark in their community even if the rest of the world didn't notice it. The volunteer fire company, the local 4-H club, the high school booster club, the Cobb Little League: Glen Gard's name was associated with all of them.

They raised their boys on the same values they were taught, ingraining in them the value of the simple pleasures of hard work.

"Growing up on a farm, you don't look for accolades or praise; you just do your job,'' said Jeff Gard, Greg's younger brother and the head coach at Wisconsin-Platteville. "We never had an allowance. Being part of a family, it's what you did. We all had to pull our own weight not for the reward, but for the satisfaction of a job well done.''

They called Glen "a salt of the earth" man in that obituary, too, and that's the same way folks describe his son now.

Greg Gard's basketball knowledge is vast. Ryan said that when Bill Carmody coached at Northwestern, Gard had the Wisconsin scout team so prepared that they ran the Princeton offense to near perfection. And it's not, Ryan said, a

coincidence that the Badgers have the only winning record against Tom Izzo-coached Michigan State among Big Ten foes. Gard had that scout, too. "You can say, 'Give me two specials using the 4 man as a stretch 4,' and he has it for you before you finish talking,'' Ryan said.

Yet asked why Gard can be a successful head coach, friends and colleagues are as apt to discuss his humility and hard work as his intelligence and acumen.

"Substance over style, that's who he is,'' said Ohio University coach Saul Phillips, whose relationship with Gard stretches back to when Phillips was an undergraduate at Wisconsin-Platteville and Gard was a student coach. "You'd be hard pressed to find anyone who has spent time around Greg Gard to say one bad word about him. Go ahead and try. Try to find a Greg Gard enemy. You're not going to find one.''

Jim Nedelcoff beat Bo Ryan to the Wisconsin coaching legend thing by a few decades. Nedelcoff is the only man who is in both the state's football and basketball hall of fame, his successful run dating back to the early 1970s.

You likely haven't heard from him because unlike Ryan, Nedelcoff toiled in relative obscurity, making his mark at Southwestern High - the basketball court there now bears his name.

Whether it was dumb luck or good fortune, he also was still coaching when Gard took the JV job at Southwestern. He recognized the go-getter in Gard, and so when Gard asked if he could help out with the varsity after his JV duties were through, Nedelcoff welcomed the assistance.

Before long, Gard's day began in class at Wisconsin-Platteville, continued at JV practice in the afternoon, varsity practice at dinner time and more often than not, ended in the bleachers at some far-flung high school gym, scouting opponents -- all for $800 in salary.

Gard jokes he might have done a little better at school had he not been so intent on the A+ in high school scouting, but he loved it. A former high school three-sport athlete, coaching relit his competitive fire and ignited a new passion that he soon realized would be his career path.

"He never complained,'' Nedelcoff, now 86, remembered. "He even volunteered to do some extra things. His knowledge of basketball was high, very high, but he also was a very hard worker. He just impressed me.''

Ryan soon felt the same. Gard worked Ryan's summer camps as an undergraduate and when Jim Nedelcoff's son, Jon, left the Wisconsin-Platteville staff, Gard asked Ryan if he could come on board as a student coach.

He was a college junior, which meant he would sit in class next to the same players he later would presumably have authority over.

But Gard was completely nonplussed. Like his dad taught him, he had a job to do and his job was simply to do it well.

Phillips remembers a coach who was not much older than him in years, but completely advanced in maturity. An old soul, he called Gard, someone far more pragmatic than most college students.

By example, Phillips references his own graduation party. By then he, too, was a student assistant so the two were peers but Phillips' party was not for the pragmatic. He figures the better part of Platteville showed up for the soiree, the event beginning with a tiki torch run through town.

"And Gardo, he met his wife there,'' Phillips said. "Let's just say it was an unlikely place for a lasting young romance to bud but he can walk into that environment and find his wife. That's resourceful.''

The convenient analogy now, of course, will be to compare Gard to Tim Jankovich at SMU or Mike Hopkins at Syracuse. Both are coaches in waiting, who now have been forced into early action (though the Jankovich and Hopkins fast tracking were laid by NCAA violations, not retirement).

But to cast Gard as some Prince Charles or lord in waiting is inaccurate. Gard could have left years ago, long before retirement was even on Ryan's horizon. As far back as 2008. Toledo expressed interest in hiring Gard.

He stayed put, content just as his dad was, to grow roots for himself and for his family rather than search for something else.

"The old thing, the grass is always greener, I think from Greg's standpoint, the grass has always been pretty dang green on the side he's on,'' Jeff Gard said. "Sometimes when we're searching for something bigger and better, we lose focus on what's in front of us in the moment. Greg hasn't done that.''

Nor now that he has the job does Gard intend to worry about what comes next. The interim tag can be either an albatross or an opportunity.

You can guess which way Gard views it.

"I've never had a multi-year anything,'' he said. "That's not what it's about. It's about taking another step. I have always stayed true to who I am and it's turned out pretty well. I see no reason to change now and be someone I'm not.''

Game days are different than regular days. Superstition and preparation combine to create routines that are as personal as they are habitual. Most coaches don't go into the office, at least not early, and so Gard was at home when Bo Ryan called.

Ryan announced in June that this season would be his last but for those close to him, the word season never necessarily meant the whole thing. They knew he would likely call it quits early, maybe even before the Badgers officially tipped off. He was ready, his body clock telling him that it no longer had the vim and vigor needed to sustain him, his inner caretaker wishing to reward his longtime assistant with a chance to take over.

But Glen Gard's illness delayed things, and so Ryan decided to shepherd the Badgers through the early going. The team was young, the third-youngest statistically in college basketball, but really even younger than that in experience. Three starters from last year's national runner-up are gone, including player of the year Kaminsky, and this team has taken some lumps. Ryan didn't want to set up Gard to fail, so he coached for 12 games, through the inexplicable loss to Western Illinois and the beatdown from Oklahoma. It gave Gard time to regroup personally but also told the world that this team would be in transition, no matter who coached.

Yet Ryan also didn't want to wait too long. He wanted, he said, "to make a decision in time to give him a chance to be able to show what he knows'' and so with the nonconference season closing and still a few days left before the rigors of the Big Ten season sets in, this seemed like the right time.

So he called Gard and told him on Tuesday that today would be the day. Few others knew. Ryan's son, Will, was in his assistant coach's office late Tuesday night after his Ohio University's game against Ohio Dominion. Phillips, watching the Wisconsin press conference as it unfolded, shouted over, "Hey, I think your dad is retiring.''

"Quitter,'' Will Ryan deadpanned.

Rob Jeter, Ryan's longtime assistant and now the head coach at Milwaukee, was woken up by his wife and a sudden and steady stream of text messages.

Kaminsky had no clue what was coming.

Even armed with advanced knowledge, was Gard ready?

Is anyone ever?

"I feel like I've been auditioning for this my whole life,'' Gard said.

But before he headed out the door that afternoon and not long after Ryan had called, Gard sought a little extra support, searching through some papers at home.

And so it was that when Greg Gard sat down for the postgame news conference, his first official duty as the head coach at the University of Wisconsin, his dad's funeral program was tucked into the breast pocket of his suit jacket.

His father was sitting there with him, right next to his heart.

Wisconsin's coaching question has an obvious answer in Greg Gard

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It is not an easy decision that confronts Barry Alvarez. Let's get that out of the way right up front. Never in more than a century of college basketball has there been a more daunting time to hire a major college coach.

The cost has become so great, the stakes even larger, and the difficulty of extricating a program from an errant hire is most profound.

And yet Wisconsin and its athletic director have more information available than most who, by choice or by chance, find themselves in the position of needing to hire a new head coach. One of the leading candidates already is doing the job, albeit in an impermanent circumstance.

And man, is Greg Gard doing the job.

He's doing the job so well that he ought to get the job. Presuming Virginia's Tony Bennett would decline any approach, and it seems a logical assumption, Alvarez could hire a coach with a better resume than Gard without necessarily finding someone better for the job. It's not that Gard "deserves" the job or has "earned" it. It's not that the players clearly want him, something they made apparent through the video of their postgame celebration following a victory over No. 2 Maryland. All this is of no consequence to Alvarez. The key is it's obviously smart.

Bo Ryan retired from college coaching on the night of Dec. 15, following a victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi that left the Badgers with a 7-5 record. Included among the defeats were baffling performances against Western Illinois and Milwaukee, both of them at home, results made more confounding by UW's victories over Syracuse and Temple.

What's happened since? Wisconsin's record since is 9-4. Among its victims are Indiana and Maryland, two of the top three teams in the Big Ten Conference standings. The Badgers now stand fifth in the league, and, improbably, the string of top-four finishes in the conference that stretches back 15 years could continue. Their four defeats came by a combined margin of 15 points.

Gard's influence in all of this is obvious to anyone who watched the Badgers before the transition and after. It was his decision to return them to the "Swing" offense Ryan employed for so many years before the magical influx (and development) of talent that occurred in his final seasons made it prudent to play more urgently, to rely less on system and more on the skills of Frank Kaminsky and Sam Dekker.

The Swing absolutely wrecked Maryland on Saturday evening, grinding a team many consider to be the nation's most talented into the XFINITY Center court. It was so frustrating for the Terps that freshman center Diamond Stone tried, at one juncture, to literally grind the head of Badgers forward Vitto Brown into that same hardwood.

Wisconsin methodically recovered from an early 14-7 deficit with a 17-0 walk that transformed the score to 24-14. It wouldn't be accurate to call it a "run." It took eight minutes for all of that to occur. The Badgers' possession from the time they began their recovery until they entered the halftime break with a 36-21 lead averaged 22 seconds.

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When Maryland tried to heat things up at the start of the second half with a 1-2-1-1 fullcourt press, the Badgers committed two turnovers in the first three minutes and appeared a little wobbly. But they hit two threes to keep their lead in double-digits.

When starters Ethan Happ and Zak Showalter were both hit with fourth personal fouls in that period and had to exit, Maryland closed to a six-point deficit with 10:36 remaining. So in perhaps the boldest move of his brief (interim) head coaching tenure, Gard sent them back into the game. They played foul-free the rest of the way. Showalter made a free throw for a seven-point lead less than a half-minute after returning and Maryland never again was two possessions away from the lead.

What is most compelling about Wisconsin's move back to the Swing is that it's not as though Wisconsin is loaded with players who had extensive experience using that approach. The team's stars, forward Nigel Hayes and point guard Bronson Koenig, played both their prior seasons with Dekker and Kaminsky as teammates. They no doubt learned the offense's principles from Ryan and Gard and the rest of the UW staff, but they'd had essentially no experience using it in games.

The bottom line is that Gard understands – in recruiting, player development and strategy -- what has worked for Wisconsin over the past 15 years to achieve results that are an anomaly relative to the program's history. Simple math: Wisconsin qualified for five of the 18 NCAA Tournaments staged with 64 teams before Ryan and Gard arrived on campus following the 2001 season. That's 28 percent. It has reached 100 percent of tournaments since.

With their seven-game win streak, the Badgers put themselves in position to perhaps make another appearance. But if they miss, which might be considered as much a product of the coaching uncertainty as anything, they'd still be at 93 percent.

Pitt found a similarly pleasant aberration when it brought Ben Howland in to coach in 1999, with Jamie Dixon as his assistant. The Panthers had made six appearances 15 years of the expanded tournament; they've made 12 of 16 since. Howland was around for only two of those before taking off for the UCLA job. The rest have been under Dixon's command.

Sometimes, the best answer is the easiest one, the obvious one, even in a difficult predicament.

A stark contrast

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MADISON, Wis. — It appeared as if Nigel Hayes had been fouled. It was late in the first half against Michigan State earlier this month and the junior was trying to force his way inside when he went up and got the ball knocked away. It was clear to the obviously biased fans at the Kohl Center that Hayes should have been going to the line for a pair of free throws, but the officials disagreed, calling him for an offensive foul.

As almost a reflex, conditioned into everyone that watched the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team during Bo Ryan's tenure, eyes all over the arena darted to the Badgers sideline. For more than 14 years, a call like that would have left Ryan, in a fit of rage, screaming at the referee who blew the whistle. Those moments -- and the many faces that accompanied them -- provided endless fodder for

fanbases throughout the Big Ten.

But this time, instead of seeing spittle flying from Ryan's mouth, onlookers saw Greg Gard standing there, arms folded with no apparent outward emotion, thus not giving any indication whether he thought it was a good call or not. The reaction, or more accurately the non-reaction, from the interim Wisconsin coach has been on display since Ryan stepped down in the middle of December.

"No, I haven't noticed that at all and I'm sure that's a good thing," Hayes said of the difference between the two coaches sideline behavior. "Maybe that leads [the media] to say, similar to what I [am] told when I don't show my emotions, it's a lack of caring. So maybe Coach Gard doesn't care. I doubt that's it."

It definitely isn't. Gard cares passionately about a program he helped turn into one of the Big Ten's best over the last 15 years, and the lack of showing that passion on a nightly basis doesn't change that. And while no one is saying Ryan's sideline antics were the right way to go about things or that Gard's way is wrong, the stark contrast between the two is noticeable for most.

"You've got to be yourself," assistant coach Gary Close said. "Whatever's comfortable [for you] to get your point across. There's a lot of ways to skin a cat."

Ryan's way was bombastic and over-the-top, both of which are traits imbedded within his personality, while Gard's approach is more even-keeled and less confrontational, something rarely seen in the college game these days.

"What I notice, he's just talking to them more in a civilized manner," junior Zak Showalter said of Gard and the officials. "I hear the conversations he has with the refs, and they respect that. (But) Coach Ryan earned the right to do what he did."

And for nearly 25 years, Gard saw it firsthand. Ryan was notorious for riding officials and did it with the best of them. It's a tactic that worked for him in a big way, but it wasn't manufactured angst. It's who he was, and Gard's stoic method is who he is. It's not that Gard won't yell -- certain players have been on the end of his wrath in practice multiple times over the past month. But that side rarely comes out when it comes to dealing with officials and other game situations.

"You can't get too out of check emotionally because what message does that send to your team?," Gard asked. "If I've lost my mind [from] that standpoint, I'm not doing a good job of communicating and adjusting as we go on."

The changes Gard has made since taking over eight games ago have been well-documented. Using more players, reintroducing the Swing offense and minor tweaks to how the team practices have all been part of the plan. But the difference in voice and temperament on the sideline has also been -- at least for some -- a welcome change. One player said Gard was more approachable during games. When Ryan would lay into a guy coming off the floor following a mistake, it was almost always a one-way conversation, with follow-up responses a rarity.

"I think he's more trying to teach the guys," Hayes said. "Where as Coach Ryan always told us that he'd been spoiled, where he's had players and teams that had a better grasp on the game. [Gard is] more of a teacher, so when something happens he'll turn around and talk to the bench and explain to them what happened. During the timeout, he'll do the same thing. He's always in the teaching mode, which I think has paid dividends for us."

So many coaches are control freaks -- think Indiana's Tom Crean or Kentucky's John Calipari -- that they feel the need to call out plays and tell guys where to go on almost every possession. Ryan was never that way, simply allowing what they'd worked on in practice to unfold in a game, and Gard is largely the same way -- at least when the clock is running. When it's not, the wide chasm between the two coaches is once again on display.

For Ryan, timeouts were about relaxing, and whereas many coaches would breakout their dry erase boards to diagram a new wrinkle or adjustment, he left it in the practice gym. Gard, though, tries to get as much out of those timeouts as he can.

"They've learned I adjust and tweak things quite a bit in timeouts," Gard said. "That dry erase board, they were all kinds of shocked the first time they saw that pulled out. I said, 'I'll use one of these. Get ready, pay attention.' They don't drift off to sleep in the timeout, I'll tell you that. They're all locked in, so they never know what I'll draw up there."

The unknown there is countered by knowing what type of coach they are going to get every day. Gard has given them -- and the media -- a consistent message since the abrupt and surreal press conference when Ryan stepped down. Essentially there is only one Bo Ryan and Gard wouldn't try to be like him. He was going to be himself and do things the way he felt they needed to be done -- whether on the court or off.

"I can't pretend to be somebody else, nor should I, nor would I. It's not sending the right message, and it's not who I am," Gard said. "I've just tried to be who I am, and I've told the players that from day one."

Gard motivated by late father's memory

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NEW YORK — The shoulder bag filled with bad news will remain in plain sight in Greg Gard's home so he can easily retrieve the documents inside of it.

It'd be easy to toss that bag deep in a closet, where the folders jam-packed with copious notes, MRI reports and documents on anything from chemotherapy and radiation to nutrition and diet could hide in darkness, but that was never a consideration for Gard.

Nor will the associate head coach for the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team delete all the contact information he gathered on doctors from coast to coast over the past six months. Those numbers will remain on Gard's iPhone, and they will be dialed again when he finds time.

Gard is on a mission. Well, two of them, actually. There's his job as Bo Ryan's right-hand man, and Gard is doing everything he can to help the young Badgers (2-1), who play Georgetown (0-2) today at 4 p.m. in a semifinal of the 2K Classic at Madison Square Garden, grow up in a hurry.

The other objective is more personal for Gard, whose father, Glen, died last month at the age of 72 of glioblastoma multiforme, a type of brain cancer.

While it's true that Glen Gard lost his battle with cancer, that's not the way his family views it. Their fight against the specific type of cancer that killed the popular patriarch of their family is only getting started.

"This is our new mission," said Michelle Gard, Greg's wife, "in honor of him."

A shocking diagnosis

Like most people, the Gards had never heard of glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) until it entered their world without much warning back in the spring.

On May 2, Greg and his brother, Jeff, attended the Coaches vs. Cancer Wisconsin gala at the Kohl Center. Both walked away from the event, which raised $1.3 million, feeling tremendous pride that they had been part of something special that could make an impact.

The following day, the 1998-99 UW-Platteville men's basketball team

that won an NCAA Division III title was inducted into the Pioneers athletic department's Hall of Fame. After the ceremony, the Gard family went out for dinner and signs of trouble — so subtle that anybody who didn't know Glen may not have noticed — began to show up.

Connie mentioned that she had seen some things that concerned her. Jeff, the head coach at UW-Platteville, thought back to a few instances over the previous weeks in which he called his parents' home in the middle of the day and woke up his father, which was odd because Glen was typically on the go from sunrise to sunset. Naps weren't in his DNA.

By Monday, Glen was at his doctor's office for tests. Lyme disease was suspected but quickly ruled out. A CT scan the same day showed a mass on his brain, and an MRI and two brain biopsies later confirmed the doctor's fears: it was GBM, which is highly malignant and extremely aggressive because the cells are supported by a large network of blood vessels that allow the cells to reproduce quickly.

Not only was the tumor large, it was located deep inside Glen's head, near the brain's motor strip. Doctors advised against surgery because there was a high risk for paralysis.

About a month earlier, Glen Gard had driven to Indianapolis for the Final Four to watch the Badgers. Two weeks prior to that, he had driven to Omaha, Nebraska, for the opening weekend of the NCAA tournament.

Now, there was a harsh reality to face: He was dying. The median survival time for GBM patients is about 14 months.

But Glen and Connie weren't quitters, and they didn't raise quitters. Each member of the family took on a role, and Greg, the oldest of Glen and Connie's three sons, became the point person on the medical end of things. He jumped head-first into researching GBM and seeking advice and second opinions from various renowned cancer experts across the country.

"He has made so many contacts," Glen told the Dodgeville Chronicle in early September, "that he should have MD after his name."

Gard is used to preparing scouting reports on opponents for the Badgers. Watch a team play enough and you can always find ways to attack them.

But this scouting report was different. The more research he did, the more daunting the opponent sounded.

"Playing Dr. Google isn't always the best thing to do," Greg said earlier this week as he looked back at his late-night sessions on the Internet. "But I just felt like I was going to exhaust all the options as best I could.

"Everything you read about it, it was not good: 'Deadliest cancer,' or 'one of deadliest cancers there is.' So you knew you were dealing with something that was really bad."

Glen underwent chemo and radiation — "like throwing rocks at a monster," Greg said — as the family continued to hope for a solution.

Eventually, the Gards tried an outside-the-box approach. Glen traveled to the Case Medical Center at University Hospital in Cleveland in September to undergo a procedure called AutoLITT/NeuroBlate, where a specifically designed laser probe heats and destroys brain tumors from the inside out.

Again, because of the proximity of Glen's tumor to his motor strip, destroying the entire tumor wasn't possible. But according to Greg, the surgeon felt the procedure had worked on 90 percent of the tumor.

The idea was to buy more time.

"Keep fighting, get to overtime, find a way to win," Jeff said.

Glen returned from Cleveland and was taken to UW Hospital and Clinics to start rehabilitation, but his mobility had been affected significantly. Already at a high risk for blood clots, being bedridden only increased those odds.

A clot developed in his leg on a Tuesday. Over the next few days, Glen developed an allergic reaction to the blood thinner medicine he was on, which caused more clots to form in his body. Two big clots made it to his lungs, which made it difficult for him to breathe.

A proud man, the suffering had become too much for Glen. He was moved to Agrace HospiceCare, where he spent only 12 hours. He died on Oct. 30, surrounded by his family.

Making a difference

Those who know Glen best say his best quality was making a difference without bringing attention to himself.

He spent nearly four decades as an agricultural loan officer and volunteered his time whenever he could. He was active in his church, coached baseball as part of the Cobb Little League program when his sons were young, served as president of the Iowa-Grant Athletics Booster Club and assisted as a group leader for the Cobb Busy Badgers 4-H Club.

His sons referred to it as making an impact in a subtle way, yet it was clear his efforts were noticed by how many people flocked to Ss. Anthony & Phillip Catholic Church in Highland over the course of two days to pay their respects to the family.

The visitation was scheduled for 4-8 p.m. on Nov. 2, a Monday night. The Gards shook their first hand at 3:45 and greeted the last visitor at 11 p.m.

The following day, visitation was scheduled from 10-11 a.m. But the process began 15 minutes early, and the start of the funeral was delayed by 30 minutes so everybody could get through the line.

"You could put him in any room with any type of person," said Garry Gard, the middle of the three sons. "It didn't matter if they were into sports or hunting or any of that. He could sit down and have a conversation with them and give them his full attention. He felt comfortable with everybody, and everybody felt comfortable with him."

The one thing that made Glen uncomfortable was attention. It showed in September when he was honored at the Iowa County Fair, where the swine area was renamed the "Gard Swine Pavilion."

It was supposed to be a surprise, but Glen could sense some sort of recognition was coming.

"He was mad," Jeff said. "He's like, 'That's not what I'm about.' Dad never did things for recognition."

Glen and Connie often pulled off basketball doubleheaders on Saturday so he could watch both Jeff's Pioneers and Greg's Badgers in person. He'd be just as interested in Garry's work as a grain manager at Didion Milling in Cambria.

And his kids' kids? Glen doted on them. He'd send handwritten letters to his grandchildren after their games to tell them what he liked and always seemed to know when one of them needed his help. When the youngest of Greg's three children wasn't old enough to swim with the dolphins like her older siblings during a trip to the Bahamas, Glen spent the day with her having fun on the beach.

"He just knew," Michelle said, "how to make people feel really special."

Next step

Fundraising requests frequently make their way to the UW basketball offices, and one came in recently for a patient who had been diagnosed with GBM.

Greg called the family and offered to help in any way he could.

"I'm so thankful for what Greg has done, and I know he wants to use what he has learned — and we all do — to continue to push," Garry said. "Someday there's going to be a cure for it, and I think Dad felt that as well.

"Realistically, he was probably in no shape to go to Cleveland. But he was always about helping somebody else. 'If they do this procedure on me, maybe they'll learn something and the next per-

son five, 10 years from now will benefit.' "

When Greg finds time, he's going to open up that shoulder bag and review the documents inside. He's going to call all the doctors he dealt with and not only thank them, but to try to find out more about GBM.

He has a list of questions running through his head: What isn't being done? What could be done better? Is the answer in research? Is it in awareness? Is it in funding? How can we approach this to make a difference?

Glen Gard taught his sons about hard work and discipline as they tended to the family farm north of Cobb. There was always more work to do, even when the job might seem like it's finished.

That's how the Gard family is approaching the next chapter of this battle against GBM.

"It's that competitor in us that, 'Hey we're going to beat this,' " Jeff said. "We're not going to give in. We're not going to throw in the towel. You can see how dad rubbed off onto us. We're not going to give up."

Nigel Hayes, the most interesting man in college hoops, set to lead Badgers

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MADISON, Wis. — The story of Nigel Hayes, Wedding Crasher, began at a Men's Wearhouse near the Franklin Park Mall in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio. There was a summer sale that offered two suits for about the price of one. Hayes did not have a blue suit. Neither did his close friend and former AAU teammate, Zach Garber. So Hayes decided they should go in together on two blue suits. As college basketball players—Garber at Toledo, Hayes at Wisconsin—they did not have a lot of money. After a first visit to the store to select the ensembles, they tried to convince Garber's parents to chip in for the purchase on a return trip.

Then Hayes had another idea.

Man, he thought, we can crash weddings.

It was, undoubtedly, a great idea. But the easy part was acquiring funding for the suits, which they did. Hayes then had to find out when the weddings were. After he stumbled across a bridal shower and unsuccessfully attempted to find out the wedding date, he took to social media. On June 20, he sent a tweet asking anyone in the Toledo area to alert him to weddings taking place in the following week. After that, he noted, he'd head back to school and move on to Wisconsin weddings. He added a hashtag: #ijustwantcake.

In mid-July, after returning to Madison, Hayes crashed his first wedding. He and teammates Vitto Brown and Riley Dearring were walking home from the Memorial Union Terrace when they struck up a conversation with two women outside a venue hosting a wedding reception. Next thing you know, Hayes says, the Shively party came outside and invited them in. The players joined the festivities and took pictures, and Hayes helped the bride and groom cut a cake with a Harley Davidson logo on it.

Since, the junior forward has crashed about a half-dozen weddings, so to speak; many Wisconsinites, it turns out, welcome the presence of a charismatic character from two Final Four teams. Hayes gave a speech for the Strans, whom he met a day earlier, advising them always to kiss each other goodnight. He danced with the Rices. The Vanderbergs had the best cake he'd ever eaten. He attended two weddings in one day when Garber visited Madison in early October. The receptions were perfectly timed, he says, so he could show up fashionably late to both.

It has been a blast. But, in the end, Hayes actually crashes weddings for two reasons. He only goes for what he calls The Two Cs.

He says he is not sure he can share what The Two Cs are.

Then he does anyway.

"It's Cake," Hayes says, "and Cougars."

This might be another fun winter in Wisconsin.

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You may think you know the most fascinating man in college basketball. But understanding Nigel Hayes is a far more complicated undertaking than you imagine. This becomes clear soon after Wisconsin's best player walks into Dotty Dumpling's Dowry on a warm October afternoon, with his sweatshirt hood cinched tight around his face.

Hayes lives about 13 steps from one of Madison's finest purveyors of hamburgers, and he has never been here. He actually doesn't go out much. And he doesn't eat red meat, and he doesn't drink. So it makes some sense that he would bypass the place. The funny part about Hayes is not what he does, like teasing stenographers and crashing weddings and analogizing the expectations for the Badgers to the aerodynamics of a bumblebee. It's how certain everyone is of who he is, all based on a caricature.

"It's hilarious," says Brown, who was Hayes's freshman year roommate and is now one of his closest friends. "Especially when people come up to you all the time: 'How crazy is Nigel? Is he always doing this or that?' We're like, naw, man, that's not Nigel. You have no clue. Nigel is at home right now, doing some homework, or in the gym working out."

That sweatshirt hood is still up well after Hayes slides into a booth and sips his water. As a disguise, it is at best a half-measure. He is 6'8" and 240 pounds, and he is the Badgers' leading returning scorer at 12.4 points per game. The hood doesn't cover the most recognizable face remaining from the national runners-up, now that Frank Kaminsky, the colorful player of the year, and Sam Dekker, son of Sheboygan and Dairy State celebrity, are both gone. But Hayes insists on tugging it tight anyway, whether he's at the mall with Garber or making a 13-step walk from his apartment building to a restaurant. Just in case it inspires a second guess for picture-seekers or gives him an extra moment of peace. Hayes doesn't want a lot of the attention he can't help bring upon himself.

He finds awkward situations hysterical, but it gets too awkward around town. Like the time Hayes was in line for a pizza slice next door at Ian's: A lady walked up and, without a word, handed him her baby. Then she took a picture. Then she said thank you.

"I talk to my Mom about it—people come up, and the things they do are so weird sometimes," Hayes says. "She's like, well, it's probably because you're so personable and all that, they feel like they know you when they walk up to you. I was like, 'How do you feel like you know me? When you've never met me?' But they walk up to me in the street and they really act like they know me. I don't know how that happens."

Welcome to being famous, he's told. He shrugs.

"Well," Hayes says, "I'm only what they make me."

This is somewhat disingenuous, because Hayes obsesses over what he can make himself into. During his freshman year, Brown would snooze until the time for early morning lifts approached. When he lifted an eyelid to locate his roommate, he realized he was sleeping alone: Oh, Nigel is already gone. When the Badgers arrived for 7 a.m. workouts last summer, they were greeted regularly by Hayes, already drenched in sweat after an hour-long session of shooting or ball-handling.

Security footage of Hayes entering the Kohl Center and toiling under dim house lighting—it's not exactly the sort of viral clip Hayes is known for. "He has worked extremely hard when no one is looking," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan says. "The people in arena control—they know that Nigel has been in the gym, more than most. It's no accident he has put himself in the position he has."

Those close to him diagnose the root cause of the mania. "If he has a weakness, then he just works at it—a lot," junior guard Bronson Koenig says. After his freshman year, many wondered about his proficiency from three-point range, given the zero long-distance shots he attempted. In reality, the Badgers had ample threats from long range that year—including Ben Brust, the school's all-time leader in three-pointers—and Hayes simply didn't need to hoist bombs.

But along with his 58.5% free throw shooting as a freshman, it was a perceived flaw. So he addressed both issues. At one point during that summer of 2014, Garber advised his friend to take a day off from basketball. Hayes was incredulous, but it was a reasonable suggestion: Hayes's right forearm was swollen from shooting so much.

His arm wasn't the only thing puffed up from the work: Hayes shot 74.4% from the line and hit 40 three-pointers at 39.6% clip as a sophomore in 2014-15. This year, he'll be entrusted to handle the ball and create off screens more than he has in the past for the Badgers; it may be no coincidence, then, that Hayes purchased eyewear that prevents him from looking down at the ball when he dribbles, the better to hone his handle. "I think he's got a lot of me in him—I never wanted to be yelled at by my coach, so I always tried to do everything right," Ryan says. "Nigel takes pride in his work. He wants to be doing everything correctly."

Specifically, he wants to be doing everything productively. Other than the occasional wedding interlude, he has little time or patience for the trappings of college life.

When Garber visited Madison, he dragged his friend out with the other Badgers. During the night, Hayes never left the safe haven of a de facto team huddle. "He despises it," Garber says. "Every five minutes: 'You ready to leave yet?'"

"I stay in, I clean my apartment, I get ahead on homework, I read, and I'm very content with that," Hayes says. "There are other things to do. More productive things, too, than standing around a bar or a party where everyone's drunk and it's hot and people are touching you."

He permits himself some mind-numbing indulgences; Brown and Dearring got him into Naruto, a Japanese anime series about a boy growing up to be a master ninja. But the flat-screen television in Hayes's apartment isn't plugged in and it still has plastic wrapping on it. His curiosity extends beyond standard programming.

Most notably, he is one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit brought by attorney Jeffrey Kessler against the NCAA, a suit that seeks a free market for athletes. He also took Italian at Wisconsin and occasionally sends text messages in that language. He goes off the syllabus for reading material, recently digesting a biography of Malcom X, a collection of Marcus Garvey speeches and a book called Brainwashed: Challenging the Myth of Black Inferiority, by retired advertising executive Tom Burrell. In it, Hayes says, Burrell details why black America is in the condition it's in and what it can do to improve its current state. It has prompted Hayes to rethink his own behaviors. Specifically, Brainwashed's exploration of the origins of the N-word inspired Hayes to wipe it from his vocabulary.

"Why would you call another person, especially a family member or friend, something derogatory like that?" Hayes says. "A Jewish person doesn't call another person a derogatory Jewish word. You don't see a white person call (a white person) a derogatory word. But black people do that. So I try my best not to do that ... Literally, they say it just means 'friend,' 'homie,' but it really doesn't mean that. No matter how much you want it to mean that, it doesn't mean that."

He could, he says, put down the book and "go out and smoke weed or go party or go chase women or go get in trouble." Instead, Hayes makes time for what he wants to do, and he can't waste any of the minutes he has. He uses walks to class to call his two sisters and ask how their days are going. He even leaves the intrasquad Super Smash Bros. battles in the locker room these days. He knows playing video games is harmless. But he also knows working on a GameCube is not working in any meaningful way.

"You could be getting better," Hayes says, "but you're not."

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Of course, the Nigel Hayes you think you know does exist. He is probably, in fact, more idiosyncratic than you've imagined. But before we get to that, Hayes would like to clarify the stenographer deal, and why he is not that funny.

As anyone who tracked the NCAA tournament this spring knows, Hayes became a star of sorts for intentionally reciting long words to challenge the stenographer transcribing Wisconsin's news conferences. Hayes would like to remind everyone that this was not his idea. An NCAA official thought it would be humorous if either Kaminsky, Dekker or he dropped some multisyllabic words as a joke. Hayes happened to volunteer to read the three provided to him.

He does, however, walk around doing and saying unnecessarily strange things, even outside of times he turns media sessions into performance art. "He knows what he's doing," Brown says. "I'm not going to call (the attention) unfair, because he obviously has set himself up, put himself in that light to where that's how people will perceive him." So when people assume they know Hayes because of how they interpret him through a camera lens, their assumption is not too far off.

For example: Hayes eats a tremendous amount of breakfast food, and not always for breakfast. "It'll be like 9 o'clock at night, and he'll Snapchat me with a stack of 12 pancakes and eggs," Garber says.

There was also the dinner on Wisconsin freshman Andy Van Vliet's recruiting trip. A native of Antwerp, Belgium, Van Vliet speaks four languages. Hayes was one of his hosts on the visit. And during a dinner that included Van Vliet's parents—his mother is French, his father German—Hayes said a phrase in German as the group was at the meal.

"Of course, the Dad, he answered in German, and Nigel did not have anything after that," Ryan says. "A little later on, (Hayes) says something in French. The Mom responds back. And Nigel has no response for that. What happened was, he was caught. He had his cell phone down below the table, and to be endearing to the family, he wanted to say something in the languages they knew. But that's Nigel."

There are also the motivational practices of Hayes and redshirt freshman Ethan Happ, who regularly discuss before practices which one will be the wolf, and which one will be the sheep. Of course, the original quote is usually regarded as "Lions don't lose sleep over the opinion of sheep." Happ pointed this out.

"Nigel says a lion is in the circus and trained," Happ says. "Whereas the wolf is by himself."

And then it became what it became, with people walking up to him on the street and asking for a word. How contradistinctive is that reality? "I don't even use big words when I speak, honestly," Hayes says. "I don't walk around saying long, unnecessarily challenging words."

And then there is the fact that Nigel

Hayes crashes weddings. Including one for the sister of the woman who works where he pays his electric bill. Hayes and Garber went to that event. They walked up the stairs and heard music playing and thought, great, everyone is on the dance floor already and no one will pay attention.

"Nope," Garber says. "They were announcing the wedding party. The bride and groom are about to be announced. They see us and they're like, 'We didn't think you guys would actually come! You want to walk out with us?' They kind of pulled us out there and the DJ announces, yeah, we had the bride and groom here ... and it looks like a couple wedding crashers. They walked to their table. We had no idea what to do. We're standing in the middle and everyone is taking pictures."

Hayes is terrifically, strangely and inexhaustibly entertaining. The only nuance is that he generally intends to entertain himself, not the public. He has a habit of finding the fun where he can, whether it is at a wedding or on an NCAA tournament interview dais or on the practice floor, where he addresses the 67-year-old Ryan as "Pops."

How such a free spirit can take on a very consequential leadership mantle this year is no concern for Ryan and the Badgers, who have a young roster in need of an anchor. Hayes is silly when silliness is required, and impassioned when it's not. Even last season, when Wisconsin raced to a lead, it heard a singular voice in the huddle: Good to great.

It was Hayes's pet phrase, intended to inspire his teammates to build on something instead of settling. It was a reminder that they were either getting better, or they weren't.

"If I can't be me, because I'm caught up in trying to do something else, in essence I'm not me," Hayes says. "It won't have the same type of effect. Now that I will be in this role, the more I can stay Nigel, the better we'll be. Faking it doesn't work. People catch on."

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On the short walk from the restaurant to the Kohl Center for weightlifting and practice, Nigel Hayes keeps the sweatshirt hood down. It may be because he has company, which should discourage any potential unwanted approaches. But for all his protests about the decorum of strangers, Hayes wants to be remembered at Wisconsin. He wants everyone to think, When Nigel was here, it was a great time.

This winter, more than ever, that much is up to him.

And Hayes has come to understand that some ridiculousness is an unavoidable byproduct of his mission, and maybe some of it isn't so ridiculous after all. He is easily the most requested Badger for community outreach. The reactions he gets during these appearances—yes, they are another part of being famous that confounds him. But those appearances him to give people something they won't forget. Somehow, Nigel Hayes can show up for 10 or 15 minutes and make someone's day.

He recalls one meaningful visit to the children's hospital. There, a little girl waited for members of her favorite team to arrive, including the biggest character of them all.

"Later we found out she was so excited that she peed herself," Hayes says. "I always tell myself, do I mean that much to people? That me walking in somewhere will make you so excited or happy that you pee on yourself?

"That's when I go, well, I guess I do have a pretty good life."

An Open Mind

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Wisconsin's Nigel Hayes couldn't pinpoint the exact time and place that he was first introduced to classical music.

There was a high school classmate who played the piano and exposed him to the genre. He also recalled some slick marketing for the NBA Finals that tapped into Carl Orff's musical composition of "O Fortuna" that is as recognizable as Kobe Bryant, at least to Hayes, a huge Kobe fan.

"That's great stuff – 'O Fortuna' — great song," said Hayes, a junior from Toledo, Ohio. "If you watch any type of sports commercial or any commercial trying to get an emotion — an emotional feeling out of you — then you've heard the song. You may not know the name, but you will recognize it.

"Sometimes, I'll listen to it when I'm studying. Sometimes, I'll put it on when I'm making my pancakes at night. I've worked out to it on the court a couple of times. I've played it over the surround sound or whatever in the arena. Sounded great, sounded great."

What kind of emotion does "O Fortuna" stimulate in Hayes?

"It's nice and calming," he said.

Calming?

"O Fortuna," the opening and closing movement of Orff's cantata Carmina Burana, has been characterized as "an incredibly compelling and passionate piece of music" by a website source on "Bold and Beautiful" music.

"There's a little part in there that is calming," Hayes insisted, "and then it gets exciting.

"That's sometimes how the game of basketball goes."

Picture the 6-foot-8 Hayes working on his low post techniques in the paint. The musical backdrop puts him in the mood, the right mindset, he says, reminding him in the process of executing the moves "to make sure they're smooth and it just flows. It's not anything forced."

Hayes' approach has summarily piqued the curiosity of UW freshman Charlie Thomas.

"I was trying to explain to Charlie," Hayes said, "when he catches the ball in the post, it should be classical music (on his mind), not rock 'n' roll. He went out there and made a couple of great post moves. And he gave me the look, 'Yeah, Nige, good advice.'"

Hayes has reiterated the very same things to his other teammates. "When you catch it," he has advised them, "there's got to be calm — peacefulness — and you just let the move happen. You don't try and force a move or have it predetermined. You just let it flow."

Hayes is adept at going with the flow, or whatever is brought on by his celebrity and personality.

What does he like the most about being who he is?

"It's a pretty fun life," he confided. "I get to do a lot of things based on and attributed to putting the ball through the rim. But I also think I have a very good, engaging personality that people love to be around. It allows me to do a lot of cool things like the weddings you saw …."

On this week's installment of The Journey — a popular Big Ten Network production — Hayes is seen crashing a local wedding party — much to the delight of the couple that is getting married.

"For people to allow me to be in their wedding," he said, "and, in one, cut their cake — what I feel like is a special moment those two people — and for them to think that I'm important enough to let me in on that, it means a lot to me."

What else does he like about being Nigel Hayes?

"When people come to the games and they want your autograph or they want to talk to you because you're their favorite player, that's all great stuff," he said. "I guess that's what you want growing up — you want to be good at your sport and have people love watching you play."

It's pretty fun being Nigel Hayes on those occasions, he agreed. When isn't it

as much fun?

"Sometimes, I wish my hood over my head was a little bigger, so I was a little bit more invisible," he said. "There are times when I'm out and about and I would rather be left alone. But that's not going to happen and I guess that's understandable.

"I appreciate the fact that people want to talk to me and take a picture with me because they think that I'm decent enough at playing something l love to do — which is playing basketball — and that's something that I have to always be thankful for."

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Beethoven's Fifth is another one of Hayes' classical favorite.

But he doesn't play a lot of music around his apartment, a short walk from the Kohl Center.

"I'm not like some of the guys on our team," he said. "A Jordan Hill or an Ethan Happ will have music on 24/7. They listen to music all the time. Occasionally, in a blue moon, I might put it on."

As a freshman, Hayes lived in the dorms with Vitto Brown; a natural connection since they're both from Ohio (Brown is from Bowling Green), competed against each other as preps and on the AAU circuit and became friends during the recruiting process.

For the last two years, Hayes has lived by himself. He says one of the first things you'll notice when you walk into his apartment is "how clean it is overall." He takes that cue from his mom, Talaya.

"My mother raised a clean child, so I try and do my best to keep it clean," he said. "She was actually a little upset that my apartment was a little dirty this past weekend. It was dirty in her eyes. In the eyes of anyone else, it's probably immaculate for a college male living by himself."

Hayes likes candles; a lot of candles, an acquired taste. He picked up the idea from a former UW volleyball player. While taking part in a study group session at her apartment, he noticed, "She had a million candles and it smelled great, so I went out and bought a bunch of candles."

It's not like he's reading by candlelight. Not that he has much time to read anything beyond his business and finance assignments. Most of his books are on a shelf in a closet. "Two piles," he said. "On the right side are the ones that I have read. On the left side are the ones I still have to read."

At the centerpiece of Hayes' apartment is an autographed Kobe Bryant jersey.

"It's in a corner in a case," he said. "It's sitting there all beautiful."

On Feb. 22, the 37-year-old Bryant made his last visit to Milwaukee. Along with some of his UW teammates, Hayes was in attendance for the game against the Bucks at the BMO Bradley Center. Hayes wore a purple Lakers No. 24 jersey and got his picture taken with Bryant afterwards.

"There was a lot of small talk," said Hayes, who used Bryant's locker in the Staples Center during last season's Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games of the NCAA tournament in Los Angeles. "At one point, I told him that he was the reason I picked No. 10 because that was his USA number."

Although Bryant has worn Nos. 8 and 24 during his 20-year Lakers career, he wore No. 10 at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2012 London Olympics. FIBA limits jersey selection to numbers 4 through 15. Beyond that, No. 10 is worn by soccer's greatest playmakers. Bryant was raised in Italy.

"I told him that I try to wear it to keep him proud," Hayes related of their brief postgame conversation. "He said, 'Keep up the good work. You'll do great.' If Kobe says that to you — whew — that bodes well. Hopefully I can keep working and maybe one day I'll be good."

Hayes has not committed Bryant's encouraging words to ink. Not yet.

Less than two months ago, Hayes got his first tattoo. Two weeks ago, he got a second tat.

"I got them both because of specific reasons," said the 21-year-old Hayes. "They're motivating influences in my life; something to keep me going, not only in basketball, but throughout life in general and the situations that I might find myself in."

On his right wrist, there are three words: Love. Life. Family.

"If I'm on the court and I'm playing well, would my family be proud of how I'm playing?" said Hayes, who also has the initials of his family members tattooed on his wrist. "If the answer is yes, keep it up. If it's no, it means I need to do a little better. That's always there as a reminder."

Before the Badgers played at Michigan State, he got a tattoo on the outside of his left leg.

This one is more involved. It looks like a written passage or a paragraph out of a book. The text comes from the Egyptian Book of the Dead.

"Good karma there," he said, craning his neck to read what it says. "A lot going on there."

One of the messages is, "If you speak in anger — anger will be your truth."

"If you put out bad things in the world, negative energy, negative vibes, that will come back on you and vice versa," Hayes observed. "If you're more positive about the world and you do well, do good for people, good things will come back."

He pointed to another sentence on his leg, once again craning his neck to read it aloud.

"Who you are," he said, "is limited only by who you think you are."

How did he interpret this message?

"When I'm doing whatever I'm doing," he said, "I'm going to try and be the best and do the best at it. That's the mindset I try to take on the court so that every time I step out there I feel that I will be the best player that I need to be for my team to win. And I'll do my best to make that happen."

Hayes was more than willing to translate the tattoo.

"People will see it and they will always ask me about it and what it means," he said. "And I will always have to keep explaining it and (in turn) I will keep reminding myself. I will keep telling myself over and over why I have it … and it's to make sure I keep living through it."

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On Monday morning, Hayes agreed to answer some questions for a Sports Literature class and what he understood to be a mock radio show. The lead question: "Is it good for kids to be one-and-done?" The "kids" are college basketball players who declare for the NBA draft after one season.

"It just depends on the kids obviously," said Hayes, repeating his answer. "Some kids are ready to make the leap, which is good for them, good that they have that talent and ability.

"Some kids think that they're ready and that's the worst problem that you can have. They end up leaving too early and not being developed enough and then they have troubles in the NBA and they bounce around from team to team or they go to the D-League or overseas, et cetera, et cetera."

How does an individual determine his own readiness?

"It's easy if you have the right people around you," Hayes suggested. "A lot of those kids have people around them who are telling them, 'Go, go, go …' And they end up going early and they're nowhere ready, they haven't developed aspects of their game that will help them succeed in the NBA.

"My freshman year I wasn't ready to go at all, so it was a no-brainer to come back. My sophomore year, it was one of those traps where a team wins a lot of games and goes far in the tournament and you're thinking, 'You should go, you should go …'"

But after discussing the situation with the people in his inner circle, Hayes said,

"It wasn't the right time to go. So I came back and here we are … probably one of the reasons why I came back was so I could develop more and try to be a more well-rounded and complete player."

As far as that goes, his personal development, Hayes tweaked his shooting mechanics.

"It started before the offseason," he said of the process that led to the changes. "I knew that it needed to be (tweaked) but there was no point in changing obviously during the season, during March.

"It's always a frustrating process because when you change something, especially something like that, it gets worse before it gets better."

That can lead to doubts or second-guessing or both.

"The ball is never going to go in. It's bad. It's terrible. This, that and the other,'" said Hayes, who heard it all. "That happened in the beginning of the season; my shooting percentage was down."

Did he lose confidence in his shot?

"Never, never," he emphasized. "Kobe would never do that. So I wouldn't."

Bryant has forever espoused shooting your way out of a slump. He once chastised Deron Williams for going 0-for-9 with the logic that he would rather be 0-for-30 and still hunting his shot.

"It's repetition, that's all it was," Hayes said. "Mechanics, repetition and confidence are what make people a great shooter. I had the confidence in myself. I fixed the mechanics — that was the whole point of me changing it — and I just needed to keep shooting and it would all come together eventually."

Hayes has certainly developed into a far more complete player. During Wisconsin's seven-game winning streak, he averaged 20 points. But it doesn't tell the whole story on the impact that he can have on the outcome of a game, especially with his court vision and awareness and his passing skills.

Has he made the people around him better? Absolutely. Hayes has 92 assists. Through his first two seasons combined (78 games) he had 115 assists. Moreover, Hayes has attempted 218 free throws. Only one UW player has ever shot more in a single season. Alando Tucker holds the record with 249.

Hayes knows where he needs to get better, notably with his ball-handling and shooting. "And putting those two together — being able to shoot off the dribble," he said. "Until you can shoot off the dribble like Steph (Curry) you always have room to improve."

Nobody can match Curry.

"Exactly," he said. "That's why you have to keep working …"

That's one of his strengths. His work ethic. That extends from the court to the classroom, where after this semester he will need a little more than 20 credits to graduate.

"I pride myself on being a very intelligent player," said Hayes, citing an oft-heard description of what it takes to be successful at different levels of competition. "In high school, you play with your hands. In college, you play with your feet. In the NBA, you play with your mind."

All things considered, then, is Hayes ready to make that leap?

"I guess that remains to be seen," he said. "If people think I'm ready, then I guess I'm ready to go. If not, then I'll be back … it's not solely based on my confidence in myself. It's also based on the people who pay you and draft you to come and play for them.

"You can think all you want that you're NBA material, but if the people who pick you don't think so, you'll never get there."

Hayes was not about to answer the question. Nor does he really have to yet. To this end, the NCAA has enacted legislation to give undergraduate players more flexibility to evaluate and assess their NBA readiness without losing their eligibility. This will allow them to make more informed decisions.

In the past, the deadline for withdrawing your name from the draft was tied to the national letter-of-intent signing date in the spring. Last season, it was April 16. Now, it has been pushed back to May 25 or 10 days after the NBA draft combine. Players may also have one NBA team tryout per year.

Until then, and when or if a decision has to be made on his future, Hayes will stay in the present and heed his own advice as far as something that he has discussed with his teammates — something that has really taken hold over the last 11 games, 10 of which have been victories for the Badgers.

"I've always told them," he said, "you don't have to be amazing. You don't have to be Frank (Kaminsky), You don't have to be Sam (Dekker) and you don't have to be Duje (Dukan) …"

All three players are on NBA rosters.

"Just do whatever you do," Hayes has preached. "Do it well. Play within yourself. Believe in yourself. And we'll be all right."

A Few More Words From Nigel Hayes

By Jason Gay
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MADISON, Wis. — This sounds too good to be true, a little too convenient, but I promise you it happened: On the afternoon I went to go see Nigel Hayes at Wisconsin, the Official Word of the Day was "catawampus."

Hayes told me himself. "It's the Word of the Day on Dictionary.com," he said. This was Wednesday, March 9, and we were sitting in the front row of a team meeting room near Wisconsin's lockers. "I take full credit for that."

If you followed any part of Wisconsin's near-perfect ride through the NCAA men's basketball tournament last season, you might remember "catawampus," or its alternate spelling, "cattywampus." Hayes may be personally responsible for the re-entry of the adjective (first definition: "askew, awry") into the modern lexicon, at least in the idyllic isthmus of Madison. Impressed by the speed of the stenographer at March Madness news conferences, Hayes (with a quiet assist from another stenographer, who suggested it) began dropping 25-cent words in an effort to test her flow.

"Catawampus," Hayes said.

"Onomatopoeia."

"Antidisestablishmentarianism."

Another time he dropped: "syzygy."

These were hilarious and endearing moments from a Wisconsin team that had more fun than anybody at last year's tournament, right up until a heartbreaking loss in the final to Duke. That Badger run made national stars of players like Frank "The Tank" Kaminsky and Sam Dekker (both drafted in the NBA's first round last June) as well as Hayes, a 6 foot 8 inch, then-sophomore from Toledo, Ohio.

(At this point I will own up to the fact that I graduated from Wisconsin, so this column is going be as balanced as a stumble down Madison's State Street at 2 a.m. Few things in life have given me as much pleasure as that 2014-15 Badger team. After the Duke loss, I spent a month in a darkened room listening only to Joni Mitchell.)

But you don't have to like Wisconsin—or even know where it is on a map (it's right there between Minnesota and Nova Scotia)—to like Nigel Hayes, whom Sports Illustrated has described as "The Most Interesting Man in College Basketball." Everyone, it seems, likes Nigel Hayes.

Maybe it started with "catawampus,"

or when a live NCAA microphone caught Hayes whispering to his teammates "Gosh, she's beautiful" about a reporter at another news conference ("They knew what they did with those microphones," Hayes said to me with a deadpan look. "I was set up.") Journal readers may appreciate the fact that the all-Big Ten academic honoree is a business major (just studied risk management, which he loved, and endured accounting, which he less-than-loved.) Maybe it's the twin stacks of books in his apartment—books he's read, books he's about to (Hayes is currently reading a book on the origins of philosophy—not for class, but for fun.) Maybe it's that Hayes said the TV in his apartment has never been plugged in.

Yes, there is also Hayes's basketball acumen (with 16.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, he was first team all-Big Ten this season) or how he, fellow junior Bronson Koening and Big Ten freshman of the year Ethan Happ steadied the Badgers as they turned around a chaotic 2015-16 season which included a midwinter coaching change. Near sunk at 9-9, Wisconsin recovered to win 11 out of 12, including four victories over top-20 teams. When the NCAA bracket was unveiled Sunday, Wisconsin was seeded No. 7 in the East, and will play Pittsburgh on Friday. No. 1 seeds went to Kansas, North Carolina, Virginia and Oregon.

"His role has changed so much," said Badgers coach Greg Gard, recently named Wisconsin's permanent coach after replacing his former boss, Bo Ryan, when Ryan stepped down in mid-December. "Outside, everyone sees how it's changed on the court because of the loss of those guys from last year, but his biggest adjustment is how he's grown into a leader."

There is also Hayes's lack of timidity about speaking on behalf of college athletes. Hayes is one of the active players to sign on to the current lawsuit against the NCAA overseen by sports labor lawyer Jeffrey Kessler, which seeks to open the market and eliminate any cap on money and benefits to student-athletes. Hayes has been unafraid about discussing the imbalances in the economy of college sports, where events like March Madness command billions in television fees, coaches make millions, and players continue to fight for a sliver of the pie.

"You only have a voice for a limited amount of time, so when I am here, I should use it, " Hayes said. "Do my best to bring positive change to wherever I am at. In this case, it would be the NCAA, because everyone knows the problem."

Like a lot of Badger fans, I appreciate that Hayes speaks his mind, unencumbered. To me, Madison is a place where conscientious dissent is part of the landscape; When I was there, protests were routine, including a fragrant gathering on the state capitol lawn urging the relaxation of marijuana laws.

I loved it recently when Hayes ridiculed all the various basketball manufacturer deals across the Big Ten, another example of schools cashing in. I confess: I had no idea the ball could be different at every school.

"Six balls in one conference," Hayes told me. He said the grip can be different on each. "That's more than a little absurd."

It has been a hectic year already. Hayes said he intends to put off any decisions about going professional until Wisconsin's season is done. ("If I give my all… that stuff will take care of itself.") Just last week, the university cleared ex-coach Ryan of allegations that he'd misused school resources in a personal relationship. (Hayes is understandably guarded on the topic of Ryan but said: "It didn't affect his basketball…We just came off two back-to-back Final Fours.") After that strong turnaround, the Badgers dropped their regular-season finale to Purdue and then their Big Ten tournament opener to Nebraska.

Wisconsin entered last year's tournament as a No. 1 seed. This madness will be different, Hayes said.

"I enjoy playing under the radar, which is a complete 180 from last year," he said.

It's true. This Badgers season could have gone totally catawampus. But Nigel Hayes and Wisconsin will have a few more words in March.

Point the Way: Koenig at forefront of Badgers' offensive resurgence

By Mike Lucas
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By the time Bronson Koenig got out of the Kohl Center on Sunday night, it was nearing 10 o'clock and he still had to grab something to eat and write a paper, a rough draft for a Monday morning class, not the easiest thing to do when you're still decompressing emotionally after playing 34 minutes in a tense Big Ten game.

It's even tougher to get to sleep on such nights. Especially when you're replaying so many things in your mind because they're still so fresh and you're still so wired. "That's definitely what always happens," Koenig said with a sigh. "You think about the times you messed up and the stuff you could have done better."

In addition, everything is magnified by the importance of these February games for a Wisconsin team, an NCAA tournament bubble team, that does not have a large margin of error. "Usually I've got a lot of adrenaline going so it's kind of hard to fall asleep right away," Koenig said. "I do eventually. But it's definitely tougher after losses."

Although Wisconsin rallied for a 69-60 victory over Illinois, there were still plenty of things to keep him awake. The offense got off to a sluggish start in the first half — Koenig was 1-of-7 from the field, Nigel Hayes was 0-for-5 — and the Badgers trailed by as many as 13 in the second half.

But they were able to mount a spirited comeback on the strength of a 17-0 run, their second in three games (they also had a 17-0 counterpunch at Maryland). So while they were getting stops and forcing Illinois turnovers, they were making shots and drawing fouls to get to the free throw line.

That has been a winning recipe around Madison for a very long time.

"I knew things weren't going our way, but I knew we were going to make a run," said Koenig, who has become more and more comfortable with his leadership responsibilities. "When people were starting to put their heads down, I just told them 'Get your heads up. We have a run in us and they're going to start missing shots.'"

Koenig was motivated by something else Sunday night at the Kohl Center.

"We couldn't lose with those guys back," he said.

Captain America was in the house. So was the Energizer Benny.

Josh Gasser and Ben Brust.

Gasser led the 2015 Final Four team in minutes played, intangibles and family caravans. Nobody traveled like the Gasser clan from Port Washington.

Brust led the 2014 Final Four team in minutes played, 3-point scoring and cheerleading brothers. Nobody stirred up a crowd like Jonathan and Stephen Brust.

Gasser flew in from Germany — where he's playing professionally — to have an injury checked out.

Brust drove up from Illinois — where he's in business with Jonathan — to see old friends.

"It was awesome to have those guys back," Koenig enthused.

Both former UW guards/gym rats have influenced Koenig's development as a player/leader. Brust and Koenig were together for one year, Gasser and Koenig for two.

"Ben was a leader who led by example

and did all the little things," Koenig said. "He was kind of like Josh in the way he did all the dirty work. He took charges and got a lot of rebounds for being such a small guard. He was a really good example for me.

"Josh was the same. Led by example. Did all the dirty work. Took charges. Played defense on the other team's best player. All that kind of stuff. Josh is the most favorite teammate I've ever had — just how unselfish he was. He was always in the right position doing the right thing at the right time."

In attempting to take the best from Gasser and Brust, the 21-year-old Koenig said, "I've tried to emulate their games in any little way I can and also incorporate the skills that I have, as well."

To this end, Gasser offered some thoughts on how Koenig has handled a different role in a Wisconsin program that suffered heavy personnel losses and underwent a mid-season coaching transition from Bo Ryan to Greg Gard.

"It's very different for him," Gasser said. "I keep in touch with Bronson and a lot of the guys on the team. Especially earlier in the year, you could tell that they were frustrated."

Koenig has admitted as much.

"I was pretty frustrated; I was stressed out that things weren't going the way that I had planned for them to go," he said. "But that's life. I never gave up. I was never too worried. I knew after awhile we'd be fine. Everyone is seeing that we've progressed. But we still have a long way to go."

Gasser talked about how Koenig had to adjust his game to how opponents were defending him.

"Every time he comes off a ball screen, he's seeing bodies," Gasser said. "The big guy (opposing center) is coming out with him as opposed to last year when they were sticking with Frank (Kaminsky). They weren't going to leave Frank open, so Bronson had a lot more room to operate."

Koenig has acknowledged as much.

"It has been a little tough," he said. "Obviously not having the shooters that we've had, the floor is nowhere near as spaced. There are not as many driving lines. Guys are scouting me a lot harder and getting up and pressuring me a lot more. I mean, it's tough. All I really tell myself after having a tough game is that it's only going to make me better in the long run."

When Gard took over, he recommitted to the Swing offense, long a UW staple. With so many skilled offensive players the last few years, the Badgers got away from it to tap into the individual talent.

"Before we put the Swing in, the spacing was pretty bad," said Koenig, who started 24 games last season for the injured Traevon Jackson. "I felt like when I tried to drive, I was literally running into guys. Now, it gives everyone a spot to be in and they know where to go, especially the younger players.

"It's five guys constantly moving and cutting and screening. It's about getting the ball in the post and playing inside-out and getting to the free throw line. It's a continuity offense. There are a lot of actions off the Swing that we haven't really picked up on yet. I'm sure we'll get better with time."

Brust, who joined the team for its shootaround before the Illinois game, has taken notice of something with Koenig that only another scorer might pick up on. "A lot of times Bronson is missing shots when he's open," he said. "When he has a hand in his face, he has a laser focus in his eyes where he knows that he's knocking it down."

Koenig has conceded as much.

"For some reason, I just feel more comfortable when a guy is closer to me than when I'm wide open sometimes," he said. "I don't know exactly why that is.

"From the start, there were not many driving lines and I've been forced to take so many more tough shots. My shot has felt really good the past six games (all in double-figure scoring). The past couple of games, I felt like I could have had 30-point games. I just wasn't aggressive enough, whatsoever, and that's my fault."

What's the best advice that Gasser could give to Koenig?

"Keep plugging along, keep learning," said Gasser, who was scheduled to return to Germany on Monday. "He knows how to win, it's clear he knows how to win. He has been in two Final Fours in his first two seasons and he played a big part in both of those seasons.

"He has to trust himself that he knows that he can lead a team because he has shown that he can."

Koenig has accepted as much.

"That's something I've been working on — trying to be the best leader that I can be," he said. "I think I've gotten more vocal, which has helped out guys. You have to know how you can lead every single person and how you can talk to everyone, because not everyone responds the same way.

"Me and Nigel talk a lot about what's going on with the team and what we need to do. After the Northwestern loss, we kind of put our heads together and decided enough is enough. We're going to have a team meeting and get all of our emotions out in the open. I think it did us a lot of good."

There was a much different leadership dynamic for Koenig at La Crosse Aquinas High School.

"In high school his play could dictate so much of the game whether he was vocal or not," said Dave Donarski, a Koenig confidant and mentor. Donarski assisted head coach Rick Schneider at Aquinas before taking over the girls' program a couple of years ago.

"We trusted him just like Coach Gard does to make the right decisions and the right reads. That's really where he's at his best. We gave him that at the high school level, a lot of the confidence to go and do it. And I feel like the same thing is occurring this year."

Since leaving La Crosse, Koenig has still stayed in touch with Donarski and Schneider.

"I talk to them quite a bit about everything," Koenig said. "They know the game and they see what's going on. It's definitely comforting that other people can see how I'm seeing it."

Most of their communication has centered on positive reinforcement.

"He has a real high basketball IQ," said Donarski. "Even if he's frustrated, he knows what the right answers are. So, in a lot of cases, in those conversations, he ends up answering a lot of his own questions because he just knows how to play.

"And, certainly, it's all about winning with him. It always has been. I feel like it's a reflection of what has happened over the last eight games. You can really see a big transition with that basketball team. It's not just him, but he has a large role in being their floor leader."

Given several mentions of "stress," how does Koenig relieve the stress?

"I do a little meditation, which helps quite a bit," he said. "I try to get my mind off basketball, whether it's going to a movie or just getting more rest. It has been a long season and I've played a lot of minutes, so I try to get as much rest as I possibly can."

Koenig just started doing meditation on the recommendation of Fred Nicklaus, the owner and master instructor of Martial Arts America in La Crosse. Nicklaus' son, Kirk, played with Koenig on one of Aquinas' state championship teams. Koenig wasn't interested in learning karate moves to ward off Big Ten defenders. But he went to Nicklaus for some core training exercises, many involving boxing.

"I wouldn't spar or get hit or anything," said the 6-4, 193-pound Koenig. "But I'd work with the bag and he'd have

hand pads on. At first, I was like, 'How is this going to help my basketball?' But I did some research and talked to other guys who had done some boxing in the past and it was great for me."

"Bronson was looking for a little different way to train (during the offseason) as opposed to just hitting the weights and the normal cardio stuff," Donarski said. "This was a welcomed opportunity to do something different. There are some funny videos of him working out, punching and stuff."

Laughing, he noted, "I'm glad he's a basketball player and doesn't have to live with his fists."

As far as being introduced to the powers of meditation, Koenig said, "It works when I do it consistently. That's the key, consistency. A lot of successful people meditate every single day, like Kobe (Bryant) and LeBron (James), and a number of others. When I was stressed out, I meditated."

There has been far less stress lately. Over the last six games, Koenig has scored 11, 13, 12, 16, 12 and 14 points. Consistency. There haven't been the wide swings in production like the 27 he scored in the first Michigan State game to the eight that he had in the very next game at Penn State.

In four of the last five games, he has connected on three 3-pointers. Overall, Koenig has made at least one triple in 38 consecutive games, one shy of the school record held by Sean Mason (1995-99). Moreover, he has been guilty of just seven turnovers the last 186 minutes.

"He has been getting back to some of the things that we were counting on him to do and he has been playing better overall," said UW assistant coach Lamont Paris. "He has been really solid with the ball and you see his numbers for assists-to-turnovers getting back to where we're used to with him. That helps set the tone for how we're going to play."

Gard feels like Koenig is just scratching the surface as a floor general.

"I think he can still be a much more effective point guard as time goes on," said Gard. "This has been a big adjustment for him this year. Bronson and Nigel have not only had to go through a learning curve on the floor, where they're getting everybody's best shot, they've also had to adjust to a new role.

"Their seats have changed, so to speak, in our locker room. They went from sitting in the fifth, sixth, seventh, eight row to being up in row one. That's as big of a challenge as anything that Bronson has seen on the floor, too."

It's only a two and one-half hour drive to La Crosse and Koenig has enjoyed going back home, particularly when he can spend a month or so there during the offseason.

"We have enjoyed his time back, too," Donarski said. "He's in the spotlight in La Crosse but it's a little different than downtown Madison. We can kind of kick back and talk about basketball. We tape all of his games and we'll sit and watch them. He has really become a big part of my family over the course of the last seven years. He's like a brother to my kids."

Donarksi, like Gard, is buying Koenig stock. "I personally know him really, really well," he said, "and he has more to give to this team. He has shown some incredible spurts of growth."

Koenig has never lost confidence in his shot, nor has he lost his focus on the team and all the things that go into playing as one. "Playing for each other and being unselfish," he said. "And that's not necessarily just passing the ball. It's doing everything within your power to help the team, whether that's chasing guys off screens or boxing out every single possession. Those are the little things that you can do to help the team win."

Looking back on how this season unfolded with all of its rough edges, with so much inexperience on the roster and so many unexpected home losses, Koenig confided, "I put a lot of pressure on myself. And no one is going to play up to their potential when they do that. Now, I feel like I'm going out there and letting the game come to me more. I'm not pressuring myself and forcing the issue."

He could probably write a book on what he has gone through.

Sunday night, he settled for writing a paper; a rough draft, at that.

Without Reservation

By Andy Baggot
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Will Decorah and Bronson Koenig are more than just teammates on the Wisconsin men's basketball team.

They are more than just homegrown talents -- Decorah is a junior guard from Waunakee; Koenig a junior guard from La Crosse -- who helped lead their high schools to multiple state championships in football and basketball, respectively.

They are more than just good friends with thoughtful voices and even-keeled personalities.

They are uncommon symbols of cultural diversity.

Decorah and Koenig are Native Americans -- proud members of the Ho-Chunk tribe -- whose roles with the Badgers put them in remarkable company.

History shows that a tiny percentage of NCAA Division I men's basketball rosters are Native Americans. A year ago, there were 13 out of 5,432 players, according to data compiled by the NCAA. The year before that, there were 14 in a pool of 5,493.

That two would share the same uniform and walk the same prestigious Big Ten Conference campus -- Decorah is majoring in economics and is Koenig seeking a degree in community and non-profit leadership -- is something to explore and celebrate.

That's especially the case during 25th anniversary of Native American Heritage Month, which was formalized in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush and runs through November.

The concept of having two Native Americans on the same major college men's team came to life when Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan added Decorah to the roster after Decorah had spent the previous two seasons as manager.

Koenig, meanwhile, has started 29 of 82 career games and currently leads the Badgers in scoring heading into a non-conference game with Prairie View A&M on Wednesday night at the Kohl Center.

"To have two on one team is pretty incredible," Decorah said. "I think it's kind of a close bond that me and Bronson share. We've been friends since high school -- knowing each other through basketball -- and now being on the same team brings us together even more.

"I think it's spectacular. It's something that's really cool. I feel lucky to be a part of it and I feel very lucky that my friend in Bronson is a guy who is also sharing that with me."

It's a shared distinction to be sure, but Decorah will be the first to say that Koenig has set the tone of activism. Koenig said supporting the cause of Native Americans -- speaking out about issues and offering a hand of encouragement to all who seek it -- "is one of the biggest priorities in my life."

"I feel it's necessary to be an activist," he added. "I do because there aren't enough activists out there for Native Americans in general."

Koenig estimates that he's made five or six presentations to Native American audiences, including a remarkable one in March of 2014 when the Badgers were in Lincoln, Nebraska, to play the Cornhuskers in a Big Ten game.

Students and coaches from a high school in Winnebago, Nebraska, made the two-hour trip to hear Koenig give

a 20-minute talk about his life and ask questions. At the heart of the presentation was Koenig's pride in his heritage and the sacrifices he's made to live a rare dream.

Aaron Bird Bear, the interim assistant dean of student diversity programs in the UW School of Education, said there are generally 300 to 350 self-identified American Indians or Alaskan Indians in the entire student body on the Madison campus of approximately 43,000 undergraduates. That translates to less than 1 percent of the academic population.

So the odds of being a Native American student-athlete at Wisconsin are extremely long.

"We don't see a lot of American Indian role models in Division I athletics," Bird Bear said. "That's incredible leadership (for Decorah and Koenig) to be a part of in a top-tier program" like the UW men's basketball team.

Bird Bear said he doesn't know Decorah or Koenig all that well -- their majors are outside the school of education, he notes -- but Bird Bear can accurately measure the optics of having two Native Americans in the UW athletic spotlight.

"It's astounding to see two tremendous young gentlemen succeeding in scholarship athletics," he said.

Decorah and Koenig say they have not yet sat down and discussed their new circumstances at length, but they expect to do so as the season unfolds.

"That will be really cool," Koenig said.

There's much to talk about.

Decorah, whose father, Tim, was a guard for Ryan during his days at UW-Platteville and is a member of the Ho-Chunk tribe, said he was in middle school when he first began to realize that he had a different background than his classmates.

He understood "it was something I should embrace" but was unaware of the plight facing most Native Americans because he was "spoiled a little bit" by his parents.

"Growing up in Waunakee it's kind of hard to … relate to people that actually go through struggles of growing up in poor economic times and places like the reservation where kids don't have a lot," he said.

Koenig said he first became aware of his heritage while in grade school before attending Aquinas High and evolving into the state Player of the Year and a highly-regarded prospect. College basketball bluebloods such as Duke, Kansas and North Carolina tried to recruit him, but a unique pitch by Ryan ultimately kept Koenig home.

According to Koenig, whose mother, Ethel Funmaker, works for the Ho-Chunk in their technology department, Ryan emphasized that the Native American population in Wisconsin would be able to revel in his exploits.

"A big selling point," Koenig said.

"There are definitely a large number of people around here that obviously are looking to support me and Bronson," Decorah said.

Being a role model to Native Americans in the state -- Bird Bear said there are 12 tribes in Wisconsin -- is important to Koenig, but he doesn't draw the line at his heritage.

"I'm trying to be the best role model I can be," he said.

"Me and Bronson both are kind of representing," Decorah said. "We have to set an example not only on the court -- the level of skill that we can attain -- but also off the court by setting an example of getting involved in the community.

"A lot of kids are looking up to us whether they're Native American or not."

Is there a specific agenda? Yes, said Koenig.

"I like speaking to Native American youth and just kind of inspiring them," he said. "I just try to give them any motivation I can to help them better their lives, their selves and their situations."

"Even if their situation isn't always good, they can change that with hard work and belief in themselves. You see the suicide rates and the alcohol abuse and the drug abuse on some of these reservations. They're just incredibly high. Hopefully I can make an impact that way.

"But I also want to help (how) people view Native Americans in general. We're kind of like the forgotten race a little bit. We're the minority of the minority. That's kind of crazy because we were the first to ever inhabit this country."

Decorah wants to follow in his friend's footsteps.

"Going forward, looking at what Bronson has done, I'd really like to try to be more aware of the cultural aspects of the Ho-Chunk Nation," he said. "People look at me and see Native American. It would be definitely something I'd be interested in going forward."

How should people embrace this cause? Koenig said most of us draw our knowledge of Native Americans from the Trail of Tears -- a series of forced relocations of multiple nations following the Indian Removal Act of 1830 -- while he often cites the 2011 documentary Off the Rez. That film chronicles Shoni Schimmel, a standout women's basketball player, and her family as they struggle to find the right path off an Oregon reservation.

"Educate yourself on a little bit of Native American history and appreciate Native Americans," Koenig said. "Just be aware of what we went through and why the Native American society is the way it is today."

Decorah said people should embrace the Native American culture because its roots in this state are deep.

"It's something to be proud of because it represents Wisconsin as a whole," he said. "All the tribes across Wisconsin are a huge part of what makes up Wisconsin. People know about the Ho-Chunk tribe. People know about the Potowatomi tribe. That's something that kind of makes Wisconsin unique."

Bird Bear, a member of the Mandan Hidatsa tribe out of the Dakotas, said Decorah and Koenig amount to "astounding representation" as student-athletes at Wisconsin.

But there's work to be done.

"I still have a long ways to go," Koenig said.

Koenig using martial arts to become better basketball player

By Todd Sommerfeldt
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Bronson Koenig couldn't begin to count how much basketball he's played during his lifetime. He'd probably be hard-pressed to tally the amount of time he's spent in a weight room since joining the University of Wisconsin men's basketball program, too.

Koenig is still going to play lots of basketball and lift plenty of weights this summer in preparation for his junior season with the Badgers, but he's also drawing more and more strength from workouts with Fred Nicklaus at Nicklaus' Martial Arts America building in La Crosse.

Koenig, who splits time between La Crosse and Madison in the summer, was in town for a workout Tuesday and said he was first introduced to the benefits of martial arts while still a student at Aquinas High School.

"(Nicklaus) started working our team, and we could see a big difference," Koenig said. "I liked it a lot, and I've been working with him throughout the years now."

Koenig likes the workouts for a number of reasons, but two of the biggest are an improvement with his breathing while competing and lack of true wear and tear on his body during the offseason.

His two seasons at Wisconsin couldn't have been much longer. The Badgers lost in the Final Four semifinals when he was a freshman and in the championship game almost three months ago.

That means his legs have been put through 78 games in addition to the practices and other workouts that surround them. He averaged nearly 30 minutes per game after taking over as the team's starting point guard last season.

"When I'm doing these workouts, it cuts down on the pounding," Koenig said. "It's a hard workout, and I'm not running the whole time."

Instead, he's kicking, he's punching and focused intently — along with Nicklaus, who observes and interjects when necessary — on the movements he makes while fulfilling the requirements of the workout.

Koenig finished Tuesday's workout — it didn't last much more than an hour — with Fred's son, Kirk, while Fred watched. Kirk was also an athlete at Aquinas and helped the football and boys basketball teams win WIAA state championships during the 2007-2008 school year.

They took video as Koenig threw punches at a stationary bag and discussed the speed and technique after each flurry. They made adjustments and continued, leaving Koenig winded as he sat down afterward.

"The hardest workout was probably the first one we did," Koenig said with a smile as Kirk and Fred chuckled. "I was in rough shape back then.

"It's gotten better."

Koenig, who battles asthma, is excited for it to get even better for his next basketball season. Part of what Fred designed for him is aimed at helping his breathing on the court.

"There were times last year where I would catch myself on the court holding my breath and trying to explode to make a play," Koenig said. "I'm trying to work on my inhales and exhales.

"That's something I can do on my own, but it's also something I can do effectively here while doing something physical."

And it's all geared toward helping Wisconsin continue the success it's built over the last two seasons. The losses of Frank Kaminsky and Sam Dekker to the NBA will mean Koenig will shoulder the biggest load he's had since arriving.

To attack it rather than react to it when it happens will make him a better player, and simply knowing that he can will make that easier. Koenig said he feels himself getting stronger with these workouts, and that strength will be necessary in the winter.

"I think a big part of it is also the psychological strength that can be gained from this," Fred said. "You have better core strength, you have better cardio, you have better flexibility, and those things make you feel better."

They make Koenig feel well enough to talk about getting Wisconsin teammates involved.

"There are a few guys who I think would be up for trying it out," he said. "They play a lot of basketball and do all of the weight-lifting (in the offseason), but I think they could get a lot out of this, and I'm thinking of asking them to come here with me.

"I think it can help make us all better."

Front and Center

By Mike Lucas
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MADISON, Wis. — The memory hasn't completely faded for Vitto Brown; the memory of an aggressive media horde storming a cramped Wisconsin locker room at one of the NCAA tournament sites; crowding around his high profile teammates, the overflow sometimes driving Brown out of his dressing stall, leaving him to utter under his breath, "I'm on the team, too."

Nothing personal. And he didn't take it that way.

"You know in your head that you can be out there (playing)," he would remind himself. "I was recruited here for a reason. I know I was able to play out there with those guys."

One of those guys was Nigel Hayes, an AAU rival during their prep days in Ohio. They grew up 30 minutes apart; Hayes in Toledo and Brown in Bowling Green. And as soon as they stepped on campus together, they began solidifying their friendship even though they have been on different playing tracks, with Hayes basking in the spotlight and Brown languishing in the background the last two seasons.

At times, they have even been mistaken for the other, Hayes for Brown, Brown for Hayes.

"My freshman and sophomore year," Brown said, "if I would go out on the street, I'd hear, 'Nigel, can we get a picture?' I'd say, 'I'm sorry, that's not me.' They'd go, 'Oh, you're No. 30.'"

Nothing personal. And he didn't take it that way.

"It never got disrespectful, I understand people make mistakes," said the 6-foot-8, 230-pound Brown. "The funniest ones were when we were out together and they still got us mixed up. I don't really know how. We don't look alike obviously. But we're the same build. Sometimes we'd play around."

Hayes might say, "I'm Vitto Brown."

Brown might say, "I'm Nigel Hayes."

And the response might be, "Awesome. Can we get a picture with you guys?'"

Brown laughed at that memory, a baritone's laugh. As a freshman, Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan put him in the Final Four semifinal game against Kentucky for one minute. Brown thought it was by accident because he had been used so sparingly that season (44 minutes in 14 games).

"I think he meant to say Nigel," he suggested, "because me and Nigel had gotten mistaken for each other, whether it was practice or anything else. When he said, 'Vitto, go in,' I sat there for about two seconds. Then I sprang up. I was thinking, 'No way, I'm getting in this game.'"

On the other hand, there was no mistaking the overall impact of Hayes, the 2014 Big Ten Sixth Man of the Year. Last season, he moved into the lineup and started all 40 games. In the Final Four runs, he was a media darling and a stenographer's nightmare. That cast an even longer shadow over Brown.

"That can be a very difficult situation," said UW assistant coach Lamont Paris. "They're from a similar part of the country, they're similar in stature and build, they're coming here at the same time, they're friends. To handle all of that is not easy when you know you need a little more time to develop."

Brown and Hayes, to their credit, have not let anything interfere with their rapport and bond.

"It was never a me-against-him thing," Brown said. "I would never be jealous of what he was doing. If anything, I was proud. It was fun watching someone you grew up around do well. By the same token, me and Nigel had some battles in high school. He'll tell you that we've always been competitive.

"But my mental (focus) was not where it needed to be and I think that held me back from having the right outlook and the right preparedness. Nigel figured that out earlier. You have to give him credit. He has always been a step ahead of the average guy in terms of his mental swagger.

"But I definitely think I've figured it out now. I've just been a late bloomer."

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Over the last five games, Brown has been flowering into one of Wisconsin's leading scoring options. It started modestly with a Big Ten high of nine points against Indiana. He then matched that

total against Illinois despite coming off the bench while nursing a rib injury. He played just 12 minutes.

Against Ohio State, he scored 12 points, his first time in double-figures since Dec. 23 when he had 15 against Green Bay in Greg Gard's first game as the UW head coach. Against Nebraska, Brown had a career high of 18 points, topping his previous best of 16 against Siena, the second game of the year.

Going into the Maryland game, Brown had made 17 of his last 24 field goals after making just 4 of 18 shots in the previous four games. He also had made 6 of his last 10 shots from beyond the 3-point arc after going 0-for-5 in the first five Big Ten games. What would he do for an encore?

Last Saturday, Brown led both teams in scoring with 21 points as the Badgers overpowered the No. 2 ranked Terrapins, 70-57, snapping their 27-game home winning streak at the XFINITY Center. Brown was 8-of-14 from the field, 3-of-6 from behind the arc, 2-of-2 from the line. And he had seven rebounds.

"I wasn't even looking at any of the stats to be honest," said Brown, who didn't score in the first Maryland game. "When somebody told me I had 21, I thought they were kidding. I thought I was at 15. I had no idea. And the rebounds? The same thing. I was just trying to play as hard as I could and make sure we finished that game out."

Some national pundits questioned whether Maryland freshman Diamond Stone should have been allowed to finish that game after a baseline incident with Brown at the end of the first half.

Some felt that Stone should have been tagged with a Flagrant 2 and ejected. But the officiating crew interpreted it differently after reviewing the video at the scorer's table. Stone was assessed a technical. So was UW freshman Charles Thomas, who saw what happened to his teammate and began verbally engaging Stone, a sign of "I've got your back" solidarity bound to play well in the locker room.

Stone was suspended one game by Maryland and publically reprimanded by the Big Ten on Monday.

Brown had met Stone, a Milwaukee native, during his official recruiting visit to Wisconsin. Brown wasn't sure what exactly transpired after he went down on the court -- "I felt my head hit the ground, but I'm fine" -- until he saw the replay of the incident. On Sunday, Brown said that Stone had reached out to him and apologized.

"I know that he was frustrated and I'm not holding that against him," Brown said. "I know he's young and sometimes maybe it's hard to handle those frustrations. The fact that he was big enough to hit me up (touch base with him later) meant a lot."

There was another physical confrontation with Stone during the game that drew far less attention. But it may have been more meaningful for the big picture and Brown's upside.

On a 50/50 ball, Brown and the 6-11, 255-pound Stone both jumped in the air and Brown came down with the ball -- using both hands to wrestle it away from Stone. It was a clean and welcomed basketball move by Brown who hasn't always applied himself so aggressively.

"Coach Ryan used to always say, 'No one-handed rebounds' and Coach Gard is no different," Brown said. "I've definitely been trying to focus on grabbing them a lot stronger and I had to, otherwise it would have been in his hands (Stone's) for sure."

That play left an imprint on the UW coaches.

"He has developed more fight and some toughness," Gard said.

During practices, Paris will frequently hold a blocking shield and condition the low-post players on finishing through contact. In the process, he can get a feel for the individual's strength in meeting force with force. And he has always felt that Brown has been one of the strongest players on the team.

"I was always strong but I didn't necessarily use my strength," Brown conceded. "I still don't use it all the way like I should. I'm still working on that. I've always been physically ready to play. But it was more the mental (process) and using the physicality for the right purpose."

Brown didn't feel like his mind was right at the start of last season. And it affected his game.

"It got to a point where I knew I had messed around and not taken care of business," he said. "and I knew at a certain point that things wouldn't change for that season. So I had to enjoy the (Final Four) ride and focus on what I could do when my time did come. And I knew that inevitably it was going to come this year just because of the attrition with everybody leaving. I never got down and out."

Brown got off to a fast start this season by scoring in double-figures in the first three games. In Wisconsin's overtime victory at Syracuse, he played 39 minutes and contributed 14 points and eight rebounds. After struggling against Temple and Milwaukee, he bounced back impressively over the final three non-conference games in December.

Brown had 15 points and eight rebounds in 37 minutes against Marquette; 12 points and 16 rebounds in 33 minutes against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi; and 15 points and 9 rebounds in 26 minutes against Green Bay. That was the momentum that he carried into the Big Ten season.

But he wasn't able to sustain it.

"That's about when our coaching change happened," he said of Ryan's unexpected retirement following the Corpus Christi game on Dec. 15. "Obviously, Coach Gard has done an awesome job. But it was still different and some guys responded to that transition better and adapted quicker.

"It took me a little bit longer. Now, I know what is expected and everything makes more sense. But in the beginning, it took me a little time to learn what I was supposed to be doing."

The numbers bear that out.

Through the first six Big Ten games, Brown averaged 19.2 minutes, 4.5 points and 2.2 rebounds. He shot 34 percent from the field and 62 percent from the line. He was 0-for-4 from the arc.

It got worse before it got better.

At Penn State (Jan. 21), he played 13 minutes, the fewest of the season. He missed five of his six shots from the field and had one rebound.

Since then, he has averaged 14 points and 23 minutes of playing time the last five games. He was on the floor for 34 minutes in both of the wins over Nebraska and Maryland.

So what has accounted for the transformation, the late blooming of Vitto Brown?

Why has he begun to flower?

"I think he has become comfortable with where he's good at -- by that, I mean facing the basket," Gard said. "He has evolved within the Swing and our spacing.

"When you have a guy who's 6-8 or 6-9 and can pick-and-pop and is a threat that you have to guard on the perimeter, we're able to stretch the floor a little bit. He (Brown) has that understanding. He also has figured out what is a good shot and what is not -- what he can do and, more importantly, what he can't do."

As far as improving his shot selection, Brown said, "That just comes with getting used to how our offense is flowing, knowing what we're looking for and being able to hit the shots that come within the flow as well. It's one part repetition. The other part is watching film and studying."

Those video sessions can reveal many things. "You have to look back at it from the outside," Brown said, "to see who else was open. Or did I rush it (the shot)? Sometimes in the heat of the moment, you don't know how bad of a shot it might

have been or how good of a shot it was."

The most consistent scorers don't dwell on the misses, the negatives.

"He has managed his adversity better, that's part of it, too," Paris said of Brown's hoops renaissance. "That's adversity in the form of a missed shot, or a play that doesn't go his way. At the beginning of the season, if a play went poorly, it would snowball. Now, he will battle through it."

Paris can vouch for Brown's character in handling whatever is thrown at him.

"The guy sings the national anthem at the Final Four for crying out loud," Paris said. "He's willing to give up his time, like a lot of our guys are, and he always goes out of his way.

"I've had neighbors that have had impromptu interactions with Vitto and they can't wait to call me or text or email me about how good he made their kids feel or how much time he spent with them. Character-wise, he's always great, always wanting to try and do what you ask him to do."

Brown has been conscientious about making changes. "I've been trying to focus, week-in and week-out, on having a more positive attitude," he said, "whether that's my body language or just not getting down if I miss a shot. All of that plays into the confidence portion (of his turnaround)."

Gard has been pushing Brown on technical facets: limiting his dribbling, staying ready to catch and shoot and playing stronger with the ball in the post.

"He has a better feel in terms of the flow of the offense," Gard said. "Early in the year, I thought when the ball hit his hands, it was like a needle going off a record. We just stopped."

Brown has seemingly found his comfort zone, his niche within the offense, his identity.

"He's playing within himself," Paris said. "He's not trying to do too much. I don't think he feels like he has to prove that he can do this or that. He knows, and everybody knows, what his strengths are and he's fine with that and playing more to his strengths.

"I know his confidence in his shot is at an all-time high. He's playing a little slower. This is not to say that he still doesn't make mistakes, but it allows him do the things that he does the best. Is this the Vitto Brown from here on out? I hope so."

Brown's physicality in the Maryland game underlined what he was saying.

"He's embracing things," Paris continued. "His game is more of a skill game and that's not a knock at all. But that's how you can really get a sense of how a guy has grown and how much a guy wants to be good -- when they embrace the things that are naturally uncomfortable for them."

That does not come as a surprise to Brown's parents, Angelo and Sheila.

"I'm most proud of his attitude and how he's developing," said Angelo Brown, who was born and raised in Detroit and brings that edge and frame of reference to the family dynamic. "I'm really proud of the way he's handling himself and how he's responding to the coaches.

"When he lost a lot of minutes, my thing was, 'You keep working hard and attack and do the things that you need to do and you'll earn those minutes back.' That has been the thrust. I'm probably more fired up about him trying to do those things than making the jumpers."

"I would echo what my husband said," Sheila Brown added. "In addition, it's just his maturity over the last couple of years. He's always had this attitude, 'I going to do it, I'm going to get better.'"

Angelo was the basketball influence on their sons; he coached and taught the fundamentals to Vitto and his older brother, Xavier, a 5-11, 175-pound guard who scored 1,637 points and had 139 career steals for the College of Wooster. Sheila was the singing influence.

"We're still kind of debating on his stubbornness," she said, laughing. "I don't know if that's more me or my husband. He has taken a fair amount from both of us. He's a hard worker and both of us are hard workers. Once we set our minds to do something, we kind of dig in."

Since meeting as undergrads at Langston University in Oklahoma, Sheila and Angelo Brown have been singing together, eventually bringing the family into the mix as a group called The Shades of Brown. In 2013, they released their debut CD, Beautiful Sunset. Sheila is the lead singer. Angelo is the writer-producer. They have a jazzy R&B flavor to their worship-gospel music.

The Browns will sing the national anthem before next Sunday's game against Illinois. They may be at full-strength, too, with Xavier and Vitto teaming up with their younger sister, Carla. Because of work conflicts, Xavier wasn't able to sing with the group in an earlier appearance at the Kohl Center.

Vitto, meanwhile, has recorded his first single, "My One and Only Love."

It has nothing to do with his mid-range jump shot, either. But the release was delayed when the Browns' home studio flooded over the summer.

"He (Vitto) has an old-school crooner type of voice," said Sheila. "We wanted to write something for him in the style of that era. When you listen to it, I think that's the vibe we're going for."

Right now, Vitto Brown's vibe has never been better.

Vitto Brown making sweet music from long distance

By Jeff Potrykus
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MINNEAPOLIS — Vitto Brown's preseason vow to become a three-point threat probably was met with skepticism and a few snickers among Wisconsin fans.

Brown in his first two seasons had zero three-point attempts.

Through UW's first seven games this season Brown's three-point numbers were awful – 2 of 16 for 12.5%.

Brown was undeterred.

"There are a lot of times I walk through the practice gym upstairs," interim head coach Greg Gard said, "and he's got the shooting machine out and he's working on the perimeter shooting."

The extra time has not been wasted.

Since that 2-of-16 start, Brown has made 21 of 49 three-point attempts (42.9%). Brown is shooting 39.5% from three-point range in Big Ten play (15 of 38), the No. 2 mark on the team.

UW (19-10, 11-5 Big Ten) is set to face host Minnesota (8-20, 2-14) at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Brown has been white hot from three-point range. In the last nine games, Brown has made 15 of 33 three-point attempts (45.5%) and is averaging 11.6 points per game.

Brown is getting clean looks from the perimeter because opposing teams are looking to double-team Ethan Happ and Nigel Hayes down low.

"Through repetition and getting used to the new offense they've been coming more naturally and more in rhythm," Brown said.

Brown has also gotten away from a nasty habit, taking a long two-point with one or both feet on the three-point line.

"Now I'm a little bit more aware of where I'm at," he said.

Brown made 4 of 6 three-pointers in UW's 68-57 victory over Michigan and opponents are shooting 36.4% from three-point range against Minnesota.

"He's found himself in positions where he was set up, ready to shoot a little bit better," Gard said. "Teammates have done a very good job of finding him. I think we've been very unselfish and that's been

growing here recently, in terms of moving the ball."

Teammate Nigel Hayes, who shot 39.6% from three-point range last season after not launching a three-point attempt in his first season, isn't surprised to see Brown's growth.

"We had a conversation during open gym and I told him in order for us to be good you need to be able to shoot that shot and make it consistently," he said. "So here we are."

Patience has paid off for Badgers guard Zak Showalter

By Jeff Potrykus
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Greg Gard's future — will he be named full-time head coach after the season? — is the No. 1 question hanging over the Wisconsin men's basketball program.

The next question is whether UW will reach the NCAA Tournament for the 18th consecutive season.

The play and leadership skills of Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig are dissected after each game.

Ethan Happ, whose all-around game is impressive, appears to be in the running for Big Ten freshman of the year.

Vitto Brown's emergence has been a heartwarming story and critical to UW's recent success.

Lost amid those story lines has been the play of redshirt junior guard Zak Showalter, a former walk-on who quietly stuffs the box score and has made critical plays in several recent victories.

"I like his confidence," said Gard, whose Badgers (17-10, 9-5 Big Ten) play at No. 8 Iowa (20-6, 11-3) at 8 p.m. Wednesday. "I like his aggressiveness....

"I do like how he has progressed."

The graduate of Germantown High School entered the season with 35 games, all as a reserve, on his UW résumé. He averaged 7.6 minutes, 2.1 points and 1.3 rebounds per game. His shooting numbers ranged from poor to modest: 16.7% from three-point range (4 of 24) and 41.5% overall (34 of 82).

Showalter has started all 27 games this season and is averaging 7.7 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

In 13 non-conference games, he averaged 7.7 points and 5.0 rebounds but shot just 34.1% from three-point range (15 of 44) and 41.0% overall (32 of 78).

In 14 Big Ten games, he is averaging 7.7 points and 2.9 rebounds but his shooting has improved dramatically. Showalter is shooting 41.2% from three-point range (14 of 34) and 54.5% overall (36 of 66).

"He hasn't taken a lot of threes but his percentage is pretty high," Gard said. "He has hit timely ones for us."

Showalter hit critical three-pointers late in victories over Maryland and Illinois.

He scored five points in a 10-3 run at Maryland to help UW push a 53-45 lead to 63-48 with 2 minutes 14 seconds left.

Showalter buried a three-pointer from the right wing to give UW a 56-45 lead and later drove into the lane for a twisting layup and a 61-48 lead.

He hit 2 of 3 three-pointers and finished with 11 points in the 70-57 victory.

"He is picking and choosing his spots pretty well, particularly off the dribble," UW assistant Lamont Paris said. "And he is making better decisions once he gets in there if there is not a shot."

Showalter scored all seven of his points, grabbed three of his four rebounds and added two of his five assists in the second half of UW's 69-60 victory over Illinois.

His three-pointer gave UW a 53-48 lead with 4:42 left. Then after being fouled on a hard drive, Showalter hit two crucial free throws to give UW a 57-50 lead with 2:52 left.

"I think I am waiting for others, just playing off of my teammates," Showalter said. "If they're feeling it I might not have to attack as much in certain games.

"If Nigel has got it going and Bronson has got it going I am going to let them keep doing what they're doing because that leads us to victory.

"But if I see a couple times where I think we're stagnant on offense I'm going to look to attack and be aggressive."

Showalter sometimes gambles on defense, which has led to open shots, but he has 15 of the 26 charges UW has taken this season.

"That's always been part of my game ever since I was 8 years old," he said of the art of taking charges. "It was just something I picked up early. Once you get that habit in your brain you kind of fall back on it."

Showalter led Germantown to the WIAA Division 1 state title and a 28-0 record as a senior and was a first-team all-state pick.

His offensive game was raw, however, so after playing sparingly in 22 games as a freshman in 2012-'13, Showalter redshirted the next season. Although he practiced every day he watched from the sideline as UW reached the Final Four.

He learned several valuable lessons that season, showed promise in the 2015 NCAA Tournament and has embraced his starting role this season.

"It really gave me a chance to sit back and watch some of the older guys and see their tendencies even away from the court," he said of the redshirt season, "what it takes to be a productive Big Ten player.

"Forming good habits that a lot of high school players don't come in with. I think I have grown in that area."

His numbers reflect that growth.

Zak Showalter's tenacity boosts Badgers

By Jeff Potrykus
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MADISON, Wis. — Like Josh Gasser, his former Wisconsin teammate, Zak Showalter brings one valuable piece of equipment to every practice and every game.

A mouth guard.

"I get popped in the face plenty of times during games and practice," the redshirt junior guard said. "I'm not afraid of anything on the basketball court, and I think that is something Coach Ryan really appreciates."

UW coach Bo Ryan does appreciate all that the 6-foot-2 guard brings to the team.

"We need Zak on the floor," he said.

Showalter's diverse contributions have been impossible to ignore through nine games, with UW (6-3) set to host UW-Milwaukee (6-3) at 8 p.m. Wednesday (BTN).

"He comes with that same characteristic Josh did," UW associate head coach Greg Gard said. "Kind of like a glue, a leader and emotional guy. Lunch pail. Hard hat. Dive on the floor. Do all the little things that Josh did.

"Josh was the mortar between the bricks in the locker room. Zak has those same characteristics and can have that same effect."

Of the players back from the team that finished 36-4 last season, Showalter has seen the most significant jump in minutes.

He averaged 7.6 minutes per game last season and is at 34.1 this season, No. 3 among the starters.

A former walk-on from Germantown High School, Showalter leads the team in steals (11) and charges drawn (nine). The nine drawn charges make up 75% of UW's total.

"Help defense has carried us a long way over the decades," Ryan said. "So we're not going to stop helping.

"Some guys just anticipate better. Showy anticipates really well."

He is third in assists (22), fourth in rebounds (4.9 per game) and fifth in scoring (8.6).

Showalter had five assists in the overtime victory over Syracuse. The most crucial came in overtime when he cut hard to get open for an inbound pass from Ethan Happ and then deftly fed Happ inside for a dunk and a 60-55 lead with 1 minute 33 seconds left.

Last season Showalter shot just 14.3% from three-point range (2 of 14). Through nine games this season he is at 32.3% (10 of 31).

His three-pointer from the corner early in the second half in UW's victory over Temple ended a 6-0 run by the Owls and started a 13-0 run by UW to help the Badgers take a 52-34 lead.

"I was in the gym every morning getting some shots up with a manager," Showalter said of his off-season workouts. "I really feel like that helped me a lot."

Showalter isn't making his mark as a scorer, however. His tenacity on the defensive end has been a key part of UW's overall improvement in that area.

Nigel Hayes was given the No. 1 defensive assignment against Oklahoma and Temple, but Showalter guarded Syracuse's top scorer, guard Michael Gbinije.

Gbinije eventually reached his scoring average of 19 points, in 45 minutes, but he had to work to get open shots. Showalter also switched off to 6-8 forward Tyler Lydon several times in the low post.

Lydon didn't score against Showalter, who drew an offensive foul and stole an entry pass during his battles with the taller foe.

"I think he did a good job against them," UW assistant Lamont Paris said. "But that's not surprising. He is made out of the type of stuff that he is going to go down there and battle, like a Josh Gasser."

Gasser was adept at drawing charges and chasing scorers through a maze of screens.

"If you get a couple feet of separation you're screwed," Showalter said when asked about chasing scorers around screens. "You've got to make sure you're never relaxing. Because all it takes is one second and you stand up and he is gone and you've got two screens to chase and you're screwed because you're going to get bumped off.

"Watching Josh do it, you don't realize how fundamentally sound he was. He was so good at it. You keep that first shoulder low. You've got to duck, dip in and stay as close to him as you can."

Showalter's defensive work will be critical for UW, whether chasing scorers on the perimeter or battling big men near the basket.

"He does a good job creating space and using his quickness," Paris said of Showalter's work against big men. "But a lot of that is just the will to want to do it.

"He is turning into a guy that hopefully we can rely on to perform to a certain level defensively."

Beyond His Years

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The night before the Michigan State-Wisconsin game, Ethan Happ got a chance to reminisce with his former prep coach, Toby Whiteman, and his family.

"Coach Whiteman meant a lot to me," Happ said. "He was like another dad."

During Happ's conversation with his old coach, there was a passing reference to the only game that the Rockridge Rockets lost during Happ's junior season: a 56-55 defeat at the hands of Bloomington Central Catholic in the Class 2A sectional championship.

"In third quarter," Whiteman said, "Ethan pretty much put us on his shoulders."

Happ scored 10 of his game-high 29 points in the quarter, but it wasn't enough. The Rockets' 28-game winning streak came to a screeching halt. Bloomington Central went on to win the state title but it was of little consolation to Happ.

"To be honest with you," Whiteman said, "he took it hard."

The game was played nearly three years ago, and the pain hasn't gone away. Instead, it bubbled to the surface again while Whiteman and Happ were trading remembrances.

"Ethan looked at me said, 'I don't want to talk about it.' I said, 'Neither do I,'" Whiteman related. "He still has a bad taste in his mouth."

"It was the end of our undefeated season," Happ said. "We were predicted to win state that year and it still hurts to talk about it right now."

Whiteman has always known that about Happ -- how things have an extended shelf life.

"If anything, he probably holds on to stuff too much," he said. "But, on the same hand, that's why he works so hard, that's what pushes him, that's why he's playing as a freshman."

His competitive drive goes well beyond what happens on a basketball court.

"If you're playing him in cards," Whiteman said, "if you're playing him in golf, if you're playing him in H-O-R-S-E, if you're playing him in a video game -- in whatever -- he does not like to lose."

Asked for a specific example to illustrate what he was saying, he struggled to cite just one.

"I don't necessarily know if there was one moment, one play or one thing that stands out about Ethan," said Whiteman, who paused and then blurted out, "Yeah, there was one -- his junior year."

Rockridge was playing host to its rival, Monmouth-Roseville.

"I think their philosophy for that game was, 'We have 10 players and that's 50 fouls and we're going to keep fouling him,'" Whiteman recounted. "They were going to push and they were going to shove. It was the old 'Hack-a-Shaq.'

"To be honest, I really felt bad for Ethan. There were a lot of times when I would get a technical. Heck, I even got thrown out of a couple of games. I'm like, 'This is bigger than a high school game. This is a kid's livelihood. This is his career.'

"I thought they were extremely physical with him, overly physical; they double- and triple-teamed him. I remember during the game Ethan came out and said, 'Coach, it's like a war out there.'"

"I think their game plan was to see how much they could get away with, and they got away with a lot," Happ said. "That was like a preview of the Big Ten. That's what it's like every game -- it's a free-for-all down there in the post."

Monmouth-Roseville beat Rockridge and Whiteman knew how Happ would respond.

"He didn't shoot free throws all that great his junior year," Whiteman said. "So what does he do? He's grabbing my keys and going to the school at 5 every morning and shooting free throws."

Happ also realized that he had to get stronger and more physical.

"Ethan is one of those kids," Whiteman said, "who walks away from a game thinking, 'OK, that went well, but that didn't go well and that's never going to happen to me again.'"

Whiteman went out to dinner with Happ after the Badgers edged Michigan State, 77-76, on his game-winning basket with 10 seconds remaining.

"Ethan doesn't care if he scores, he doesn't care if he pulls down rebounds," Whiteman said. "The smile on his face afterwards was because of the win, not

because of that basket that he made.

"That's just the type of kid that he is. All he wants to do is win."

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Happ's mailing address is Milan, Illinois, a village of a little over 5,000 near the Quad Cities.

"But he lives in a subdivision outside of Milan," Whiteman said. "There are all these little neighborhoods out in the middle of the country, nice pop-up neighborhoods."

These communities funnel their kids into Rockridge High School, grades 9-12 (enrollment: 442). Whiteman lives in Andalusia, five minutes from the school and eight miles from Milan.

"We've got kids from five or six different towns," Whiteman said. "Hardworking kids. The parents in this school district don't give their kids everything. They expect them to work for it."

That was the case in the Happ household. Randy Happ played basketball at North Central, a Division III program in Chicago. And he instilled in his sons, Eric and Ethan, that work ethic.

"Since I was little," Ethan offered, "my dad always said that I had the talent to be a Division I player. Getting in the gym and putting the time in was something I learned from him."

His older brother taught him a few things, too, during pickup games in their driveway. Usually, it was two-on-two, the Brothers Happ and a combination of the neighbors: Luke, Alex, Nile and Nolan.

"I was always the youngest one," said Ethan, two years younger than Eric, who played at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois. "Playing against those guys, playing up (in age), it always helped me with my toughness.

"If you shy away from contact or if you pout or anything like that, you're done playing. They're not going to let you play anymore. They were always taller and stronger and I was more of a shooter back then in the driveway games so I would try and create my own shot.

"I was actually a point guard until my sophomore year of high school.

"And that's when I hit my growth spurt."

Whiteman had heard about that spurt -- how a smallish eighth grader had sprouted from 5-9 to 6-3 by the end of his freshman season.

Beyond that, Happ was just another player to Whiteman, one of the sophomores that he was inheriting after taking over as the new basketball coach at Rockridge.

"The first thing I saw was his skill set," he said. "I saw that he could handle it (the ball) and shoot it and he had passing skills and a good feel for the game for as big and long as he was."

Whiteman wanted another set of eyes to evaluate Happ. So he called one of his best friends, Chad Boudreau, an assistant coach on Rob Jeter's staff at Milwaukee.

"Chad, I've got a kid here who I think can play at the next level," Whiteman told him.

Boudreau agreed to check him out.

"Chad really liked him," Whiteman said. "It was a classic case of a kid who has those point guard skills and goes through two or three growth spurts and continues to have those skills.

"He kept growing and growing and growing. And he just kept getting better and better and better."

Milwaukee was one of the first schools to offer a scholarship to Happ.

"We offered him right after Milwaukee did," said UW assistant Howard Moore, who was then the head coach at Illinois-Chicago. "I saw him in a spring event with his AAU team (Quad City Elite).

"He was just finishing his sophomore year and I really liked his skill set and I liked his length. I know that Quad City area very well and it's a good recruiting base."

Happ never considered UIC.

"We never had a chance once Wisconsin offered," said Moore, who left Big Ten Network to assist Greg Gard in December. "At the mid-major level, you have to be honest with yourself.

"You're not going to beat the Wisconsins of the world on a kid. So you go on to the next one. At least I knew my eyes weren't deceiving me when I saw him play."

Happ averaged 15.1 points and 10.6 rebounds during his sophomore year. Two weeks after attending UW's advance camp, he verbally committed to the Badgers in late June of 2012.

"I saw him at an AAU tournament in St. Louis during the spring evaluation period in April," said UW assistant Gary Close, who was tipped off to Happ by a friend, Rock Island coach Tom Sigel.

"Tom called and said, 'Here's a perfect guy for the way you play -- you should check him out,'" Close recalled of their conversation. "And he was right. He was very active. He looked like he enjoyed playing. And, obviously, he had some natural talent and ability."

Happ showed promise in other sports. In football, he was a quarterback and wide receiver through the eighth grade. After giving up baseball for a year to focus on basketball, he went back out as a senior. His first cousin is J.A. Happ, 33, a veteran Major League pitcher.

During the offseason, Happ signed a three-year, $36 million free agent contract with the Toronto Blue Jays. The cousins have been known to exchange tests congratulating each other.

"Ethan could have played a lot of sports," Whiteman said. "He came up to me before his senior year and says, 'I'm thinking about playing football.'"

Whiteman, also a football assistant, was startled and advised him, "Guys are taking shots at you during the basketball season, what do you think they're going to do in football?'"

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His USA select jerseys are hanging in his closet at home.

"They're a good reminder," Happ said.

A good reminder of how much fun he had and what he accomplished in the 2014 Albert Schweitzer Tournament, an Under-18 mini-World Cup for basketball, and an unofficial world championship involving teams from 16 countries. The games are staged every two years in Mannheim, Germany.

Close was the conduit for Happ. One of his friends, Mike Olson, a prep school coach in New Hampshire, was in charge of the select team. Olson contacted Close and inquired if he knew of any players that might be interested in competing against the best in the world. Close recommended Happ.

"That week in Germany," Happ said, "was definitely one of the best times in my life."

Happ was reminded of that experience during Wisconsin's road trip to Penn State. Happ got a text from Mike Leazier, one of Olson's assistant coaches with the U.S. team. Leazier is now living in State College where his wife is the head of the philosophy department on campus.

Last Thursday afternoon, Leazier met Happ at the team hotel. They chatted in the lobby for about 30 minutes.

"It was such an interesting trip (to Germany)," Leazier said. "We met these players in the airport at JFK, flew overnight, landed, checked into the hotel and went to practice. We were just trying to put a group of guys together quickly, two days removed from our first game.

"One of the things that stood out right away was that Ethan was so athletic around the rim, a great finisher; he could really run the floor and he was an active defender around the basket.

"He quickly emerged in the minds of a lot of us on the coaching staff as what looked like our best player. That was our first impression. As we started playing games that was substantiated."

During the seven-game tournament, Happ averaged 19.1 points, 10.7 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 1.9 blocks. The select team opened with a win over Italy in the qualification round and then defeated Chile, France, the Ukraine, defending champ Spain and Serbia to reach the championship game.

It was the first time that the United States had made the final since 1996. Happ led the way with 29 points, 13 rebounds and seven steals against Serbia in the semis. Despite 20 points and 11 rebounds from Happ, Italy avenged its earlier loss by beating the Americans, 86-73, for the gold medal.

Nonetheless, Happ was honored as the Most Valuable Player of the Schweitzer Tournament; the first U.S. player to be MVP since 2000. Magic Johnson, Kyle Lowry, Paul Gasol, Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan and Dirk Nowitzki are among the many Schweitzer alums.

"The United States is the one team in the tournament that is not sponsored by the country's federation," Leazier said. "It's a select team put together by a group of coaches that are basically volunteering to do it. The opponents were national teams that had been together for a number of years.

"It speaks absolute volumes to be the MVP of that tournament … it was unique for him because he was in an environment where he felt like he had to prove himself and earn his minutes whereas he was coming from a high school environment where he was the star."

Upon returning to the states, Leazier said all of the U.S. coaches agreed on one thing: "This kid is going to be really good at Wisconsin. I don't think it has surprised any of us to see his productivity. But it has certainly brought a smile to our faces, that's for sure."

Happ still stays in touch with some of his Schweitzer teammates, including Northwestern's Scottie Lindsey and Rutgers' Mike Williams. He also made friends with some Argentina players. They communicate via Twitter and Facebook. He holds those relationships dear to his heart.

"Those were some of the best players in the world at my age," Happ said. "And to play well against them, it gave me a boost going into my freshman year (at Wisconsin). Even though I ended up redshirting, I still really cherish having gone to Germany."

Leazier watched Happ produce his seventh double-double (20 points and 11 rebounds) of the season last Thursday night in Wisconsin's 66-60 victory over Penn State. Earlier in the day, Leazier pointed out, "He doesn't shy away from competitive challenges. He wants to do well, he wants to play."

Big Ten Network analyst Shon Morris has observed many of the same qualities.

"He's really good around the basket and when he gets a little bit more consistent with that 12- to 15-foot jump shot, he's going to be difficult to defend," said the 6-10 Morris, a four-year letterwinner and 1,000-point scorer at Northwestern.

"You can tell that he has spent a lot of time working on his footwork. It just goes to show you what it can mean to big guys having that extra year (as a redshirt) -- like he did going against (Frank) Kaminsky -- and taking their beatings, just like Frank did from Jared Berggren.

"To have that happen in practice before the lights come on really gives you a chance to come in when the redshirt comes off and play. And he's showing that. He's definitely going to be a member of my all-freshman team this year and down the road, I see him as an All-Big Ten player."

Morris praised Happ for beating guys to spots on the floor and understanding angles and the patience that it takes to move a defender up and down the lane. "He's as advanced as anyone I've seen over the last five or six years of understanding that," he said.

Some of Happ's footwork can be traced to his early training as a point guard.

Some of his familiarity with angles can be credited to Kaminsky, the reigning national player of the year.

"Frank definitely schooled me on it a lot of times," he said. "When you talk about angles, you talk about the pivot foot. If one way is shut off, you can still pivot and go back the other way. Patience and pivoting is what I think of when I think of angles.

"A lot of people think it's about who's bigger, who's stronger. I've gone against a lot of people who are bigger and stronger than me. It's almost like a puzzle. You have to try and figure out what you can do better than the other guy in order for you to win your matchup."

Happ has studied clips of former Creighton star Doug McDermott, now with the Chicago Bulls.

"I've watched a lot of him in the post -- that's where he got a lot of his points (in college)," Happ said. "Once he caught the ball and read the defense, he made a quick, decisive move. A lot of times he did his work before he caught the ball, and that's something I need to improve on as well."

McDermott could stretch a defense with his jumper. Happ hasn't refined one yet.

"But next year," he said, "I see myself being able to play on the perimeter a little more."

Close believes that Happ's range will improve in time to where he can face up and score.

"He's got a chance to make a jump similar to what Nigel (Hayes) did when he didn't shoot a 3-pointer his entire freshman year," Close said, "It's more of a confidence factor than anything else."

Close brought something else up.

"This is a tough league," he said, "and you have to keep telling yourself that he's a freshman even though he has been around here for a couple of years. He's doing this for the first time.

"So there are going to be some ups-and-downs."

The 19-year-old Happ can be tough on himself. Emotionally, he's an open book.

"You don't want to squelch it too much," Close said. "That's part of what makes him good."

When Leazier asked how he was handling everything as a starter, Happ conceded, "I used the 'up-and-down' term a lot, and it has been an up-and-down season -- for myself and the team."

When pressed for more clarity, Happ explained, "There have been times where I've felt really good about what we're doing. And, then, there are times where I've been disappointed in myself for not playing up to what I should be doing.

"It's different in college because it's not all on my shoulders like it was in high school or even in Germany. It's not up to me entirely whether we win or lose, not that it was ever entirely. But I had a lot more say in it than I do now. I'm just a piece to the puzzle."

A pretty big one at that. And he's figuring out how he fits.

Familiarity breeds attempt to improve for Ethan Happ

By Jim Polzin
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The starters on the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team had off from practice last Monday afternoon, but that didn't stop Ethan Happ from getting in the gym later that day.

The redshirt freshman forward spent the session working on some post moves. Rather than focus on his two or three go-to moves on the block, Happ was trying to

perfect some new ones so he was comfortable enough using them in games.

If Happ has discovered anything over the past couple of weeks, it's that the going through the grind of the Big Ten Conference season is a little bit like a chess match. Staying one move ahead of your opponent isn't easy, but it's sure helpful if you can pull it off.

"This league is well-scouted," UW assistant coach Gary Close said. "But that's good. It forces you to continue to improve on your game."

Happ reached the midway point of his first run through the Big Ten on a roll. When Happ scored a career-high 25 points during a victory over Indiana on Jan. 26, it was the seventh consecutive game in which he had reached double figures.

Then the second half of conference play started, and things started to get more difficult for Happ.

"There's a price to come with drawing attention," Happ said, "because you have to make the right play at the right time."

The Badgers (16-10, 8-5 Big Ten), who are coming off a 69-57 loss at No. 8 Michigan State on Thursday night, return to action tonight with a game against Illinois (12-14, 4-9) at the Kohl Center.

The Fighting Illini were one of the first teams to send extra attention Happ's way when he received the ball in the post. Even when Happ isn't getting double-teamed, opponents are usually having guards dig down when he receives a pass.

Happ, to his credit, has been pretty good at finding the open man. His ability to do that helped create scoring opportunities on the perimeter over the course of a three-game stretch in which UW made 36 3-pointers.

But Happ's scoring numbers suffered as a result of the extra attention. Over a stretch of four games after the midway point of Big Ten play, Happ reached double figures in scoring just once.

"Coach has always said that you have to have one go-to move and then a counter to that," Happ said. "They're starting to key on my go-to moves and then scout those with film, so I have to get a couple more counter moves."

UW junior forward Nigel Hayes was in Happ's position — a player going through the Big Ten grind for the first time — two years ago. But as Hayes pointed out, he was a reserve and wasn't being counted on to help carry an offense the way Happ is with this group.

"In the Big Ten, teams will find out players' tendencies … and try to key on those," Hayes said. "He's probably going through some of that now."

The Michigan State game was a tale of two halves for Happ, who finished with a team-high 18 points. He had four points on 1-for-5 shooting in the first half and 14 points on 6-for-11 shooting after halftime.

"He has like two Ethans he plays with, where the first couple of minutes it's like, 'Who are you?' And the second half is like, 'That's the Ethan that we want,' " Hayes said. "So he's playing that battle with himself."

Happ was in foul trouble in the first half against Michigan State, but he also said he thought he was trying too hard and that led to some of his struggles. When he relaxed in the second half, his production was much better.

UW interim coach Greg Gard counted nine misses by the Badgers from point-blank range vs. the Spartans — six in the first half, three in the second half — and Happ was responsible for some of those.

Still, Happ's motor was going strong even after it became evident that the Badgers were going to lose. That's one of the reasons Gard refused to put up the white flag, leaving his main players in the game even after Michigan State coach Tom Izzo put in some of his seldom-used players late in the game.

"I saw a group that wouldn't quit; they wanted to scrap," Gard said. "They kept talking about that in the huddles that we're not going to quit on this thing. We're going to keep fighting and keep scrapping.

"I saw some growth, specifically Ethan Happ. I thought he really battled. For as frustrating a night early as he had, I saw a lot of fight there down the stretch from him, which was good to see."

Another thing the coaching staff loves about Happ is he's constantly trying to get better. The fact he was in the gym on an off day, trying to get ready for the next move in the chess match that is the Big Ten, was another sign of his determination.

"I think he's added things to his game around the basket," Close said. "He's not a finished product by any means. He's got a ways to go, but that's the exciting part."

Ethan Happ making his point without outside shooting

By Jim Polzin
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Ethan Happ decided to stick around after practice was finished Tuesday afternoon to work on his game.

The redshirt freshman for the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team began the session by shooting some mid-range jumpers. Later, he took a few steps back and fired away from beyond the 3-point arc.

Happ's success rate in both areas was good enough that it begged the question: Why hasn't he attempted one of those shots in a game during his first season playing for the Badgers?

"It's just different," Happ said after pondering the question for a few moments. "I feel like I'd waste a possession. I feel like I can get a better shot in the post than I could if I shot a jump shot."

Every single one of Happ's 103 made field goals this season have come in the paint. That stat isn't meant to be viewed as a knock on Happ for what he can't do; rather, it's one that shows how productive he's been near the basket despite the fact he has yet to prove himself as a threat outside the paint.

Happ, who has earned at least a share of Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Week honors for three weeks running, is averaging 12.3 points per game to go along with team-leading contributions in rebounds (8.3), steals (1.5) and blocked shots (1.0).

"They're guarding him a little bit differently because he doesn't shoot the ball from the perimeter," UW assistant coach Lamont Paris said as the Badgers (13-9, 5-4 Big Ten) prepared to play Ohio State (14-9, 6-4) tonight at the Kohl Center in a matchup of teams fighting for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"But he still finds a way. He's got a knack for just finding a way to get the ball to the rim."

It's unfair to call Happ a one-trick pony because he has plenty of tricks up his sleeve when it comes to his work on the block.

His best one might be a spin along the baseline. Happ used it in UW's 63-55 victory at Illinois on Sunday night, leaving Fighting Illini center Maverick Morgan in his dust. The same thing happened to Thomas Bryant four days earlier, when the Indiana center seemed to be in good position with an arm bar on Happ's back only to be left flat-footed after Happ spun around and blew past him.

The idea of using the spin move came to Happ after watching video of Nigel Hayes from his freshman season in 2013-14. Hayes, now a junior forward, says he was inspired by a high school teammate who began using the spin move after watching highlights of former NBA star Hakeem Olajuwon.

Happ spent most of his life as a guard

before a growth spurt turned him into a frontcourt player. That helps explain why he's more comfortable using finesse moves in the paint, though the UW coaching staff has encouraged him to embrace the physical aspect to playing in the post.

"I'm trying to get more going into contact rather than shying away," he said.

Happ has averaged 13.7 points per game since interim coach Greg Gard took over, up from 11.2 during the first 12 games of the season under Bo Ryan.

Gard's decision to go to the swing offense has provided a boost to the offense as a whole, and it's clearly helped create more space for Happ. But there are also individual improvements the coaching staff has noticed in Happ's game over the past month or so.

"His footwork has gotten better," UW assistant coach Gary Close said. "He's slowed down. He's pump-faking. He's doing all the things that a good player can do, using the rim really well. He's done a little bit off the dribble.

"And I think offensively we've gotten better, so other guys have to be guarded a little more closely. So maybe that's created some openings. And he's getting the ball in positions where he can score, where maybe earlier in the year he wasn't."

After Happ scored a career-high 25 points vs. Indiana, he was greeted with more double teams later in the week vs. Illinois. He'll likely continue to receive a lot of attention and be forced to counter whatever the defense comes up with to slow him down.

Ohio State presents a stiff challenge because of its size and length. The Buckeyes are No. 17 nationally in Ken Pomeroy's adjusted defensive efficiency ratings and have three players — freshman center Daniel Giddens, sophomore forward Keita Bates-Diop and sophomore center Trevor Thompson — who average at least one blocked shot per game.

In time — possibly as early as next season — Happ will feel confident facing the basket and shooting jumpers if the defense chooses to give him space.

That part of his game isn't quite game-ready, though he made a mid-range jumper in practice last month and was mobbed by a group of teammates that included Hayes.

"We went ballistic," Hayes said. "He needs the confidence, but we don't need him to do that for us to be successful. He scored 25 in the Indiana game and everything was inside the black charge arc and on free throws."

Hayes, as only Hayes can, offered up an analogy.

"It's kind of like a birthday cake and you have those sparkler candles instead of the regular candles," Hayes said. "We'll take the regular candles. The sparkler candles would be nice, but I'd still take my regular candles and eat my delicious birthday cake."

The scary part for opponents is that Happ is hungry to expand his game.

"The sky's the limit," Close said. "I want to be his agent in four years."

Supporting cast takes leading role in Badgers' win

By Tom Oates
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Eight minutes in, the score was 12-12 and it looked like yet another game where playing offense would be like pulling teeth for the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team.

In the words of interim coach Greg Gard, UW was jump-shot happy, players weren't finishing inside and the ball wasn't touching the post enough. In the words of virtually everyone else, the Badgers offense, top-heavy and inconsistent all season, was letting Rutgers, the only team in the Big Ten Conference with a losing record in non-conference play, keep the game closer than it should have been.

But after an unsightly 4-minute first-half stretch during which UW managed only a reverse layup by leading scorer Nigel Hayes, everything changed for the Badgers. What followed could end up being 12 of the most significant minutes UW plays this season.

Starting with Zak Showalter's 3-point shot, the Badgers closed out the opening half with a 30-19 run en route to a 79-57 victory over the Scarlet Knights on Saturday at the Kohl Center. However, it wasn't how much UW scored during the stretch that was important, it was who was providing the scoring.

Hayes went scoreless and Bronson Koenig, UW's other returning starter, had only two in the 30-point spree. In one of the most encouraging developments of this often-frustrating season, UW's ever-growing supporting cast carried the scoring load as the Badgers evened their Big Ten record at 1-1. For a change, UW's offensive success didn't depend entirely on its two best players.

"In our earlier games this year, there were points where if Bronson and I weren't scoring the majority of our points, we were kind of stagnant in our offense and not scoring," Hayes said.

UW will face far better teams than Rutgers over its remaining 16 Big Ten games, but the Badgers showed Saturday they can have balance and depth in their scoring. They just need to do it more often.

The best thing about the hot stretch was that it appeared to be a byproduct of the changes Gard has made since he took over from Bo Ryan following Ryan's unexpected retirement on Dec. 15. Gard immediately went back to the movement-based swing offense after UW had morphed into an isolation team with the ball mostly in the hands of Koenig and Hayes. Gard also started using his bench players more frequently and with a longer leash, helping them gain confidence.

The changes paid off Saturday with one of UW's best prolonged stretches of offense this season, especially against high-major opponents.

"Hopefully, we can get everybody clicking all at once," Gard said. "But it's a good sign that we had other people pick up. Guys off the bench, even though their numbers may not show it, I thought they did some good things at times."

The 12-minute stretch at the end of the half was one of those times. During the run, Showalter had 10 points, Jordan Hill six, Ethan Happ and Vitto Brown four each and Koenig, Alex Illikainen and Khalil Iverson two apiece.

Hayes and Koenig were far from idle during the run. Even though they are no longer being asked to monopolize the ball and force the issue on offense, UW's two leading scorers each had three assists during the decisive stretch.

With them, less might be more. Both can handle the ball effectively, but both are also good catch-and-shoot players, something that had largely been lost in the old offense. Plus, by moving around more, they make it harder for defenses to focus on them.

"Anytime those guys cut to the rim or are in proximity to the ball, they're going to draw a lot of attention, which is going to free up others," Gard said. "We were able to move the ball and those guys draw a lot of attention and the other guys were opportunistic and took advantage of it."

Increasingly, that has been the case since the coaching change. In 12 games under Ryan, UW averaged 69.4 points per game and shot 41.2 percent. In three games under Gard, it is scoring 72.7 points per game and shooting 47.1 percent.

The offense remains fickle, of course. After going up by 11 at the half, UW missed its first seven shots of the second half and Rutgers cut the lead to 45-41.

At that point, Gard had Hayes and Koe-

nig on the bench together for 3½ minutes, during which time UW outscored Rutgers 10-4. When Gard put the twosome back in, UW went on an 8-0 run, with Hayes and Koenig getting four each.

Showalter's career game — 21 points on 8-for-8 shooting — grabbed the headlines, but it was the offensive contributions from multiple role players that put UW over the top, including the bench players. Gard went 10 deep in the first half, a rarity under Ryan.

"Not a knock on coach Ryan at all, of course, but I think they're getting more of an opportunity," Happ said. "We have guys that are capable of coming off the bench to score and defend, but they're getting more of a chance now."

The lesser-known Badgers made the most of that chance against Rutgers. If they can keep it up, it should make Hayes and Koenig more effective and smooth out some of the rough spots with UW's offense.

Digging Deeper

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Two seasons ago, you didn't have to nudge someone and ask "Who's going in?" when Nigel Hayes, Bronson Koenig or Duje Dukan entered a game. They were the first players off the Wisconsin bench and their identity was born out of consistent minutes and the promise of the two freshmen.

Hayes immediately won over the fan base with his personality and production. He was the Sixth Man of the Year in the Big Ten. Koenig had already made a name for himself in the state after winning championships at La Crosse Aquinas. Dukan was the veteran, a fourth-year junior coming off a redshirt.

Last season, the bench crew was nearly the same, at least, initially. It was Koenig, Dukan and Zak Showalter, who had played some as a freshman (2012-13) before redshirting his second year. He also had some name recognition from an undefeated season and state title at Germantown High School.

But the UW rotation was altered during a mid-January game at Rutgers when point guard Traevon Jackson was injured in the second half. Koenig moved into the starting lineup. And when Jackson returned in March, he came off the bench. Still, there was a familiarity with the top reserves.

Not so this season.

For one thing, the bench minutes have been scarce because the starters have been logging so many. Hayes and Koenig have been averaging over 35, Showalter over 33. They've been ranked among the Big Ten leaders in minutes played. Hayes has even briefly held the conference lead.

The other two starters, Ethan Happ and Vitto Brown, have been in the 25- to 28-minute range. Happ, a redshirt freshman, has played over 30 minutes on five occasions. Brown, a junior, has also exceeded 30 five times.

Prior to his Dec. 15 retirement, UW coach Bo Ryan was largely relying on a couple of freshmen -- Khalil Iverson and Charlie Thomas -- to provide help off the bench. Through 12 games, Iverson was averaging 16.4 minutes and Thomas 14.2.

There was a significant drop-off to No. 8 in the rotation. That would be another freshman, Alex Illikainen, who was averaging 4.8 minutes in 10 games under Ryan.

When associate head coach Greg Gard took over the team, he vowed to get more out of the bench. Against Rutgers, he used 10 players in the first half and eight scored. Gard admitted that his substitution tendencies are subject to his knowledge of the personnel in different situations.

"A lot of it will be on what I see in the game and instinctually feel," he explained. "What are we doing well? Do we need some help in certain areas? I'm still figuring out who can do what. Who's good in what situation? Who's good against a zone? Who's good against pressure?"

The 6-foot-8, 253-pound Thomas didn't play against Indiana because Gard didn't feel comfortable matching Thomas against smaller, quicker players. Conversely, the 6-5, 205-pound Iverson didn't play against Maryland because of all the height that the Terps can put on the floor.

Sophomores Jordan Hill and Aaron Moesch, a walk-on, have benefited the most under Gard. Hill averaged 22 minutes over Gard's first five games and didn't play less than 20. He had been buried on the bench with Ryan. Moesch saw spot duty in three of those five; however limited the minutes, he was getting some playing time.

"When he got the job, Coach Gard said to a lot of people, 'Be ready, be ready,'" Moesch pointed out. "He has kind of preached that, so you always have to be ready. If I'm on the bench, I'll be the loudest one (backing his teammates) and if Coach needs me, I'll be ready to go in."

Has there been a common thread with the reserves? Dare we call them a crew? Or a mob?

"We're not the bench mob," Moesch mildly protested. "Don't give us that much credit."

True, the Monmouth Hawks have locked up that title.

"I'm not sure there is a discernible thread," said assistant coach Lamont Paris. "They're a pretty fun-loving group. They're all well-liked. They get along with each other. That helps on the court.

"It's just really hard for anyone to come off the bench. To go from being the 'guy' in high school to not playing or getting limited minutes is a big adjustment.

"They have a common bond in that -- they're dealing with the same stuff. And they're still trying to figure out what it is that they bring to the table."

Despite breaking into the rotation, they have maintained scout team responsibilities. Last week, Hill, Moesch and Thomas were among the scouts simulating Maryland's offense and defense.

"It's a weird situation," Paris said, "in that you're competing with each other for some minutes and opportunities. And on the scout team, you're in the same fox hole against the main team."

Maybe that's why it's so easy to stay grounded, especially for the first-year players.

"The game doesn't change no matter what side you're on (scouts or rotation)," said Hill, who likes to emphasize to the freshmen, "Look, these were the things that we talked about on the film as a group, let's work on these things within the possessions and try to make some improvement."

Big picture dialogue. Yet given the inexperience (Hill and Moesch) and youth (Thomas, Iverson, Illikainen) of the bench players, especially in relationship to what it has been the last two seasons with UW's Final Four teams, it's more than fair to ask, "Who's going in?"

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Geographically, they're from all over the map. Iverson is from Delaware, Ohio, about 22 miles from the Ohio State campus in Columbus. Thomas is from Highland, Maryland, about 22 miles from the University of Maryland campus in College Park.

Illikainen, who's from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, went to prep school at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Hill, who's from Pasadena, California, went to prep school at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire. Exeter is 64 miles from Wolfeboro. Moesch is a Cheesehead from Green Bay (Southwest High School).

"It's fun," Moesch said, "to have a bunch of different cultures."

To this extent, Hill doesn't suppress his Cali chic/confidence. He's into his music, Kendrick Lamar, for sure. And he's currently reading Ta-Nehisi Coate's best-selling book Between the World and Me, which speaks to America's racial history in the form of a letter to a black teenager.

"Very interesting book," he confessed.

On the bus ride to the airport for the Indiana trip, Illikainen noticed people skating on frozen ponds. He grew up playing shinny hockey in Minnesota. His dad played at Minnesota Duluth. One sister played at Dartmouth and another is playing at St. Cloud State. He regrets not bringing his skates to Madison.

"When I go home," he said, "I love hunting and fishing. All that kind of stuff."

Such is the background mix with these bench players who have a variety of reference points.

"It's the best way to do it," Illikainen said. "Everyone has seen different things. We're not all from Minnesota. We're not all from Wisconsin. We've all played with different types of players."

And they all have different personalities to go along with those experiences.

"It all meshes pretty well," Hill said. "We bring some different views. For the most part, we all pretty much understand each other. Whenever we don't, we work it out and explain it to each other.

"Probably the weirdest thing I've noticed is the vernacular that Charlie uses, the words in D.C. are just weird. I don't understand it. But, then, they say the same thing about me and the West Coast."

Thomas confirmed as much.

"We're learning to cope with it," Thomas said with a chuckle. "We've agreed to disagree with some of our lingo. Sometimes I don't understand him. Sometimes he doesn't understand me."

Iverson sounded like he was siding with Hill when he teased Thomas, "He uses different words and everybody looks at him and thinks, 'What are you talking about?'"

Thomas is 18 and the youngest by four months. Iverson is also 18 and arguably the quietest.

"He's quiet, but he's a card," Thomas contended. "He's very funny if you get to know him."

Moesch couldn't stop laughing over a video that Iverson recently posted of Thomas getting stuck in a dorm elevator. "It's hilarious; funniest thing I've seen," he said.

Moesch usually gets most of his laughs at home. He shares an apartment with Showalter, Matt Ferris (a sophomore who's redshirting), UW tailback Dare Ogunbowale and golfer Matt Ross.

"They do what I call 804 things," Hill said. "It's hard to explain."

Their apartment number is 804. Mini-hoops on the wall is the décor. But 804 things?

"It's kind of a cult," Moesch said.

A cult that cooks, among other things.

"We like to bake," he said. "Made some brownies and cookies the other day."

Moesch, Showalter and Ferris are in the business school. Ogunbowale and Ross are Econ majors.

"We watch certain shows that aren't mindless," Moesch said proudly. "We watch TV shows that make you think, like 'The Newsroom.' We also have a lot of business talk going on in the apartment."

Moesch and Hill are well into their majors whereas the freshmen …

"They like to be on Snapchat and Instagram and all that social media stuff all day," Hill said.

But the older players feel some accountability in watching over them.

"We're all in the same boat," said Moesch, 21. "We know where we were as freshmen. And we have to make sure they know where they can go if something goes wrong and where they can go if they have a question. They need to know that they have a lot of support systems here to help them."

That message has begun to sink in.

"I honestly think that we're on our way to becoming closer than we were the last couple of years because there's not that huge age divide," said Hill, 21. "You had Frank (Kaminsky) and Tre (Jackson) and Josh (Gasser) who were really old and then you had my class and everyone else.

"Because we're a little closer in age, we're all trending in the right direction as far as chemistry. The common thread is probably that we're all growing in the right direction as far as confidence goes, which is big coming off the bench."

The rule of thumb is that freshmen are no longer freshmen by now. Do they still feel like one?

"I do still feel like a freshman," Illikainen said. "But not in a bad way. I feel like I have a lot of trust for a freshman. I feel like the (older) guys believe in me and my abilities."

"I don't feel like one anymore," said Iverson. "One thing I can say about the competition level going into the Big Ten, people are bigger, stronger, faster, can shoot better. That's been an adjustment."

"I'm always learning something new," Thomas said. "But I don't really feel like a freshman. In this league, you really have to grow up very fast. There's no room for little kids, I guess I'd say."

Moesch seconded that take.

"As soon as you get into Big Ten play, you can't really be a freshman," he said. "You kind of have to be a veteran because there's no room for errors. We've already seen that (in the close losses).

"In college basketball, you have to grow up quick."

If nothing else, the freshmen are growing together.

"It's kind of nice having a bunch of guys in the same situation, going through the same things," said Illikainen, 19. "We're learning from each other."

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Over the last month, Gard has recommitted to the Swing offense. Among the bench players, Moesch has been the main beneficiary because of his mastery of the general concepts.

"In high school, we ran a regular motion offense," he said. "In AAUs, we ran some Princeton offense which is a lot of reading -- reading the cut, reading the defense."

Thomas played in the Swing at River Hill High School (Clarksville, Maryland).

"So I'm familiar with it," he said. "And we've been clicking better on it."

"It's not complicated," said Iverson. "But you can run a lot of different things out of it."

He's starting to see the impact of hard cuts.

"If you make a cut," Iverson said, "there's no such thing as a bad cut, I guess, if you're getting other people or yourself open. That just helps the offense run more fluid."

Illikainen is also a fan of the Swing.

"I think it's the best thing for me," he said. "And I'm just starting to learn it."

He's confident, like the others, that it will come easier with more practices, more possessions.

"When we really get it clicking," Hill said, "it's going to be something to see."

Regardless of the offense, there are no guarantees on how many shots, if any, a player may get when he's entering the game cold; one of the challenges coming off the bench.

"Getting warm is probably the toughest part for me -- to come in and guard somebody who has already been playing," Hill said. "That's really difficult, especially when it's a good player like Yogi (Ferrell from Indiana) or Melo Trimble (from Maryland).

"I'm just trying to get my body going as fast as I possibly can; I'm trying to get comfortable dribbling the ball and getting a good feel for it moving up and down the court. Mentally, I'm always ready, so that's not a problem. I'm always into

the game when I'm watching from the sidelines."

Thomas couldn't remember the last time that he came off the bench. Neither could Iverson. "Maybe like the seventh grade," he guessed.

Illikainen didn't start at Brewster Academy. But it had something to do with the vast talent pool. Last year's team had 11 players earn Division I scholarships.

"Before that (in high school)," said Illikainen, the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at Grand Rapids, "I never came out and I kind of had to do everything."

When Gard inserts Illikainen into a game, he tries to bring one thing.

"I try to bring toughness," said Illikainen, who is also looking to make plays, smart plays, without turning the ball over. "On defense, I try to stop the big guy from getting easy baskets."

Even though he scored 10 points against Purdue, he struggled to stop A.J. Hammons.

"That was tough," Illikainen acknowledged. "I learned a lot. I tried my hardest."

They all are -- trying their hardest to help this team in whatever way they can.

"We're not looking to do anything spectacular," Thomas said. "We're not looking to score 50 off the bench. We're just looking to do all the little things to contribute to the team in a good way."

Added Iverson, "Play defense. Play hard. Rebound the ball."

Moesch had that understanding about doing the little things when he walked on. The bench players are the equivalent of walk-ons. Whenever they get minutes, they have to prove themselves.

"Everyone is the star in high school. Everyone is the big man on campus," Moesch said. "Coming in here, you've got 16 guys on the team and only eight or nine are going to play.

"But our coaching staff does a good job of developing players and making sure they know if they keep working hard and doing what the coaches are saying, they're probably going to get their chance."

That's what is happening now for the bench crew: Hill, Illikainen, Thomas, Iverson and Moesch. And they're trying to make the most of it.

"We're trying to do everything that we can to help," Hill said.

Jordan Hill making most of opportunity

By Jim Polzin
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You didn't need to hear the words coming out of Jordan Hill's mouth last season to understand how frustrating it was for him to sit and watch from the bench during games.

That scowl on his face told the story.

But at least then, Hill was redshirting during his second season with the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team and could rationalize that he wasn't watching a year of eligibility waste away. Imagine how irritated the third-year sophomore guard was this season as he sat and watched, wondering if and when he'd ever get a chance to play significant minutes.

"Not being able to help the team and to contribute on the floor during the game killed me," Hill said.

It's like Hill has been granted a new lease on his basketball life since interim coach Greg Gard took over the program Dec. 15 following the retirement of Bo Ryan.

Hill appeared in seven of the first 12 games this season, playing 27 minutes in all.

In the two games since Gard replaced Ryan, Hill has played a total of 45 minutes, contributing 14 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Hill and the Badgers (8-6, 0-1 Big Ten) play Rutgers (6-8, 0-1) today at 1 p.m. at the Kohl Center.

"For me, personally, I don't know how I'd deal with sitting all that time because I'm such a competitor and I know he is, too," UW junior point guard Bronson Koenig said of the 6-foot-3 Hill, who's from Pasadena, California.

"Once I even asked him, 'How do you do it?' "

It was a great question on Koenig's part. How did Hill, who's as competitive as anyone in the program, cope with the lack of playing time?

The one thing Hill didn't do was look for an exit route. When Riley Dearring announced on Dec. 13 that he was leaving the program — the sophomore guard was in the same 2013 recruiting class as Hill, Koenig and junior forwards Nigel Hayes and Vitto Brown — some wondered whether Hill would be next to transfer.

Did Hill consider a move?

"No," he said. "I don't want to have to start a new life somewhere else. It's a long process, I've made friendships with people here who I'm going to be friends with the rest of my life. Nigel and Bronson and Vitto are going to be in my wedding. I don't want to leave those guys. I have some work left to do here and I wanted to give it everything I could.

"I understand what Riley had to do and I understand when people transfer it just wasn't the right fit and you have to do what's best for you. I felt what's best for me is to do everything I could and exhaust all possibilities to be on the floor and make an impression on this program."

What has impressed the coaching staff was how engaged and invested Hill remained even when he wasn't playing.

Hill was the unofficial captain of the scout team last season and continued in that role this season. He and Koenig are friends — the two were roommates as freshmen — but they've been involved in some spirited battles in practice because Hill takes his scout team role very seriously, is animated and clearly enjoys being a pest.

"I think he's done an excellent job," UW assistant coach Gary Close said of Hill, who played 25 minutes in 11 games as a true freshman in 2013-14 before sitting out last season. "You can hear him on the bench, you can hear him encouraging people. He's very impressive in that regard and deserves an awful lot of credit.

"A lot of kids would not have handled it as well as he has. I've been impressed with that, very much so."

Even after games in which Hill didn't play a single second, he'd still find time to watch the video on his own. Part of it was to serve as an extra set of eyes for Hayes — the two are extremely close — but Hill also couldn't stand losing and wanted to search for answers.

"My personal success is very important to me. I'm not going to lie — it's paramount," Hill said. "That's why everybody comes to a big university to do this at this level. I would never lie about that.

"But at the same time, I'm part of a team. Those are my brothers out there and I want them to be the best that they can be. If I see something I can help them with, I'd be remiss if I didn't tell them."

That said, it was much more enjoyable for Hill to sit down and watch the video from Gard's debut on Dec. 23 against UW-Green Bay. Hill contributed 10 points, four rebounds and four assists in 22 minutes during the Badgers' 84-79 victory over the Phoenix.

When Hill went back and watched the game, he tried to focus on what he was doing when he didn't have the ball in his hands. How was his spacing? Was he being a good leader and putting his teammates in position to score? Did he look

relaxed? Was he playing with confidence?

"I think he's welcomed the chance," Gard said. "I think he's taken advantage of his opportunities. He hasn't played every possession perfect, and I think that's what we've really strived to emphasize is that every possession matters, every drill matters, everything we do as we build toward making ourselves better, matters.

"Everybody's going to get an opportunity. They've understood that I will (hand out minutes) based on how you're playing."

At the very least, Hill can take some of the toll off Koenig.

"He needs to get off the floor a little bit," Close said of Koenig, whose 35.4 minutes per game ranks third in the Big Ten, two spots below Hayes (36.5). "Especially with all the ball-handling that he's doing and the defensive requirements that we have, he's just going to wear down with that many minutes."

All along, Hill has lived by a simple mantra: Stay ready so you don't have to get ready. Now that he's been given a chance to play, Hill wants to be ready to contribute as much as possible.

"I'm glad that he just stayed patient and stuck with it," Koenig said. "I can't tell you how happy I am for him."

Loss of father pushes freshman Khalil Iverson to succeed

By Jeff Potrykus
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MADISON, Wis. — Time has not completely healed Khalil Iverson's wounded heart.

Ask the soft-spoken but poised freshman guard-forward about his relationship with his father and tears begin streaming down Khalil's cheeks.

"That was a bad day," Khalil said quietly, wiping the tears from his face.

That day was Nov. 9, 2014. Kevin Iverson left home in Delaware, Ohio, to do some shopping for the family.

"He went to the grocery story and just fell down," Khalil said.

Husband to Tracey Iverson and father to sons Khalil and Kevin Jr. and daughter Kourtnie, Kevin Iverson died after suffering a heart attack. He was 43.

"I used it to push me even more," said Khalil, who was a senior at Hayes High School when his father passed. "I used it as a drive for me.

"If I'm having a bad day I just think about him and it pushes me and gets me over that last little hump and makes me work that much harder."

Tracey Iverson attended UW's Red-White scrimmage Sunday at the Kohl Center, along with Kevin Jr. and his wife.

"One day at a time," Tracey said when asked how the family is handling the loss. "Some days are better than others."

An intriguing member of the Badgers' five-player freshman class, Khalil is expected to contribute this season because he was pushed first by his father, then by his older brother, Kevin Jr., and because he refused to allow an unexpected death to ruin his dream.

"He is going to be in the mix," UW associate head coach Greg Gard said. "There is no doubt. Every day he comes forward and there is something different he shows us.

"He has improved over the last three weeks. I'm excited about where he can be in the future because I think he is just scratching the surface."

Gard has seen the tears. They flowed last year on the night Gard extended a scholarship offer from UW.

"For anybody who has gone through that, especially at that age," Gard said, "you could tell how close he was to his family, not only to his dad but to his mom and his brother and his sister.

"He wasn't sure what he was going to do in college. He didn't know which way he was going to go, which way was the best route. It was an emotional time for him."

UW was the first major program to offer a scholarship. Before that, his offers were from Bowling Green and North Carolina-Asheville.

"Getting that scholarship ... I knew that would help my mom out," Khalil said. "That is something I always wanted so she wouldn't have to pay for college for me."

Tracey Iverson made it clear Khalil was going to college, scholarship or not.

"It was a blessing," she said of UW's offer.

The offer from UW was delayed, however.

Khalil attended UW's advanced camp in the summer of 2014.

His physical tools — explosiveness, quickness and strength — were impressive. But the UW staff told him without hesitation he needed to work on his ball-handling and ability to score from the perimeter.

"I went to the advanced camp here and at the time I was just OK," he said. "They told me the things I would need to work on.

"So after the camp me and my brother got right back in the gym and went to work. The next time they came to watch me play they'd seen major improvement. They came back a couple times and then they offered me. It was a big relief."

Khalil showed flashes of an all-around game Sunday in the annual scrimmage. He finished with six points, four assists, four rebounds one steal and two turnovers in 36 minutes for the White team, which suffered a 47-45 loss.

"He is still in awe that he is really here and he is about to go into his first Big Ten season," Kevin Jr. said. "He is really appreciative."

Khalil learned quickly after arriving at UW what he would need to do to earn playing time.

"Defense, rebounding and do not turn the ball over — ever," he said.

His father taught him many of the same lessons.

"He was another person who pushed me a lot," Khalil said. "He would encourage me.

"He would be proud of me."

And if Kevin Iverson were still alive, his face might also be covered with tears.

"He would be more than proud," Tracey Iverson said. "More than proud."

Freshmen Iverson, Thomas finding their footing

By Jim Polzin
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MADISON — Khalil Iverson's highlight-reel dunk was played over and over on ESPN and went viral on social media as well.

Naturally, the focus was on the spectacular finish by the freshman swingman on the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team during the Badgers' 67-59 victory at No. 8 Iowa on Wednesday night. Iverson double-pumped to avoid getting his shot rejected by Iowa's Jarrod Uthoff before finishing with an emphatic slam, a conversion that gave the Badgers a two-point lead with 8 minutes, 47 seconds remaining in the game.

What was easy to miss on the play was the help Iverson got from a teammate. Not only did UW's Charlie Thomas make a hard dive in the lane after setting a screen near the top of the key, the freshman forward then put a body on Uthoff, sealing him off long enough to delay the Hawkeyes senior forward's arrival at the rim.

Had Thomas not done his part, Iverson's path to the basket likely would have been obstructed by the Big Ten's leader in blocked shots. A dunk that left the UW bench in awe probably never would have occurred.

The beauty of the play was that it was two freshmen working in concert during a tight, important game in a difficult road venue. Iverson and Thomas, together with sophomore guard Jordan Hill, combined for 23 points off the bench, 19 more than Iowa's reserves produced.

"It definitely helps," UW junior forward Nigel Hayes said, "when you have guys coming off the bench and playing extremely well like they were."

Iverson finished with nine points, three rebounds and three assists in 20 points. He had three dunks in all to go along with a three-point play in which he showed patience near the rim, used a pump fake to draw a foul on Iowa's Nicholas Baer and finished with contact.

Two words came to mind when UW assistant coach Lamont Paris assessed Iverson's performance: Active. Explosive.

"He's been in some situations this season where he had similar plays and didn't explode like that to the rim," Paris said. "I don't know why, maybe he felt pressure. He's had four or five times where he's been in a similar situation and got blocked toward the rim, but he was active."

Thomas, meanwhile, gave the Badgers (18-10, 10-5 Big Ten) a big lift in the second half when UW was struggling to keep Iowa off the offensive glass.

Thomas finished with five points and three rebounds in 7 minutes, a stat line that was even more impressive when UW interim coach Greg Gard revealed after the game that Thomas' spent all of his practice time the previous two days with the scout team.

What impressed Paris the most was the process which led to a 3-pointer by Thomas that gave the Badgers a 56-54 lead with 6:12 left. UW never trailed the rest of the way.

Thomas got the ball between the top of the key and the left wing and was wide open, but he wasn't ready to shoot and wisely reversed the ball to Iverson in the corner. Nobody came to cover Thomas and, while waiting for a return pass, he got his feet set and presented a hand target to Iverson.

"He has all 10 toes toward the basket and he's prepared to catch it and shoot it," Paris said. "Now, he still could have missed it, but you like the odds a lot more."

Iverson and Thomas made their share of mistakes. Iverson committed a turnover on a sloppy entry pass to the post and broke a defensive role by leaving Iowa's Peter Jok open in the corner for a 3-pointer. Thomas missed a putback from point-blank range and failed to box out, leading to one of Iowa's 20 offensive rebounds.

But on a night when UW needed as many contributions as it could find, Iverson and Thomas delivered in a big way.

"Greg has done a tremendous job of continuing to have faith and recognizing what these guys are capable of," Paris said. "They are capable of making big plays in big games. People think in terms of scoring, but just playing in the moment of a big game. They're capable of helping us. All of them.

"If you're playing a guy and one day he doesn't have it, that's the challenge in substitution patterns in coaching with a team like this. Do you stick with them? Has he done enough in the past?"

Freshman forward Alex Illikainen (two fouls in two minutes) had a rough night vs. Iowa. Other games, it's been Illikainen who has given the Badgers a lift off the bench.

It's all part of the process of being a freshman, and it's the challenge for Gard and his staff is to push the right buttons.

"You play them and you get what you get out of Charlie and you play Alex and you don't (get that same production). And then there's another game you get it out of Alex and you don't get it out of Charlie. Or Khalil is nowhere to be found and then, boom, he's right there," Paris said. "Those are the rigors of your typical freshman in college basketball."

Wisconsin freshman Charlie Thomas, in midst of 'typical freshman season,' returns to Maryland to face Terps

By Don Markus
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The return of Wisconsin freshman forward Charlie Thomas to his home state will be much different Saturday at the Xfinity Center in College Park than Diamond Stone's homecoming game was last month at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisc.

Thomas, who grew up in Clarksville and graduated last spring from River Hill, knows Maryland fans will not be booing his every move, as Badger fans did with Stone.

"I hope not," Thomas said with a laugh during a Thursday phone interview. "We'll just have to see."

Then again, the 6-foot-8 Thomas was not nearly as prominent a recruit as Stone despite finishing as River Hill's all-time leader in points, rebounds and blocked shots. Thomas was not offered a scholarship by Maryland coach Mark Turgeon before committing to Wisconsin early in his senior year.

There's also the fact that Thomas is not having the type of freshman year Stone is having. After some promising performances early in the season, Thomas has seen his playing time cut dramatically in Big Ten Conference play.

Since playing 15 minutes against Purdue in the league opener, Thomas is averaging less than six minutes per game for the Badgers in league play, and made just two-minute cameos in recent home wins over Ohio State and Nebraska. He didn't play in three Big Ten games and played seven minutes in a 63-60 loss to the Terps on Jan. 9.

"I've always had high expectations of myself," Thomas said. "I knew that when I came in I was going to be with a group of guys and a coaching staff that was going to help me improve. My expectations are still pretty high for myself, but I've got to take it as it goes, as you can see with the coaching change. I've got to take it step by step."

Along with the transition from a team that went to two straight Final Fours behind center Frank Kaminsky, last year's national Player of the Year, the Badgers also found themselves in a coaching change when Bo Ryan suddenly retired in early December and longtime assistant Greg Gard took over.

Redshirting was never an option that was seriously discussed, according to both Thomas and Gard.

"I just think we didn't have that luxury and at that point in time, when those decisions were being made, everyone was pretty even," Gard said. "We needed to have bodies ready to go and as the season went on, some would progress at a faster rate than others. I like what Charlie's doing. He has a lot on his plate in terms of learning the college game on the fly."

Ethan Happ, who was able to redshirt as a freshman last season, is starting at center and has been one of the biggest surprises in the Big Ten, including a 16-point, 11-rebound performance against Maryland in Stone's return. True freshman Alex Illikainen has emerged as the backup behind Happ and senior forward Nigel Hayes. That doesn't leave much playing time for Thomas.

"He's going through your typical freshman season, those ups and downs, learning how we want to play, adjusting to the speed of the game, adjusting to how important every possession is in college on both ends of the floor," Gard said of Thomas. "I just think there's been a gradual progression with him.

"I like the direction he's going. In an ideal world, would I be able to get him more time? Yeah, but with where we are and what I need defensively from our frontline, at times I've leaned on more experience. It's not so much the post defense, it's when they have to come out on the floor [to guard ball screens]."

Thomas admits that trying to come out and stop guards from penetrating after ball screens has been his biggest adjustment.

"I see a lot of people go through a phase, especially the freshman year, transitioning from high school to college. You see teams with quick guards like a Melo Trimble and people like Yogi [Ferrell] coming off screens and you have to know how to react. It just takes time. It's not going to happen overnight."

The playing time he received and the success he had early in the season — including getting nine points and six rebounds in 25 minutes in a 16-point win over Temple 10 days before Ryan announced his sudden retirement after a Dec. 15 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi — shows Thomas that he can play for the Badgers.

"I know I'm capable of playing at a high level," Thomas said. "Those games are sparks to remind me that I'm capable of doing more. You can always do better than you did before."

The visit to College Park on Saturday will be a chance for Thomas to catch up with family and friends, including a few former River Hill teammates. He said he is familiar with the atmosphere at Xfinity Center, having attended a number of games at Maryland's arena when he was growing up.

"I'm bringing a crew up, I'm not sure how many," Thomas said. "I'm pumped, to be able to come and be able to play back at home. The atmosphere was just crazy, that's one of the things I'm excited about, just to experience that."

Thomas thinks Wisconsin (15-9, 7-4 Big Ten) is a different team than the one now-No. 2 Maryland (22-3, 10-2) played last month.

"Our attitude hasn't changed at all, we've still got the same goals that we always had," he said. "Go as far as we can and don't let anyone get in the way of that. The last couple of games, we've changed our ways a bit, just playing more as a team and just coming together more."

Are the Badgers looking for payback after losing to the Terps on Trimble's long 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left?

"I think," Thomas said, "you've got to kind of look at like that."

Jordan Smith made his mark off the floor for UW

By Jim Polzin
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Frank Kaminsky remembers overhearing a conversation between Sam Dekker and Jordan Smith in the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team's locker room last season.

Dekker and Smith were the lone juniors on the team, and the former was considering leaving school early for the NBA.

"I remember Jordan making a comment to Sam how if he leaves, he's going to be the only one on Senior Night and how awkward it's going to be," Kaminsky said.

Sure enough, Dekker bolted to the NBA, leaving Smith as the only senior on the 2015-16 team. He'll have the spotlight all to himself today when the Badgers (18-10, 10-5 Big Ten) host Michigan (20-9, 10-6) on Senior Night at the Kohl Center.

Smith, a fifth-year senior guard who began his career as a walk-on, has seen the emotions of this day play out the four previous seasons.

"So I know what to expect," he said. "It's just kind of weird that it's going to be only me."

Smith, a native of Orono, Minnesota, has gotten his fair share of playful teasing this season as the oldest player on a roster that includes eight freshmen. Sometimes, the mocking even comes from a guy Smith considers one of his best friends.

"(Smith) has mellowed out," said Kaminsky, who's in his rookie season with the NBA's Charlotte Hornets. "He goes to bed early. I'm pretty sure he's already planning his grandchildren's names."

Smith, who will graduate in May with a degree in economics, already has his first job out of college lined up. He recently accepted a position as a national analyst for General Mills in Minneapolis.

In the next few months, Smith will start the process of hunting for an apartment.

"Some real big-guy stuff," he said.

But Smith still has work left to accomplish at UW, even if his contributions come in ways that don't appear in the box score.

Smith, the leading scorer in Orono High School history with 2,518 points, stuck with his plan of walking on at UW despite a last-minute scholarship offer from then-Saint Louis coach Rick Majerus.

Smith said he doesn't regret that decision even though he's had to pay his own way eight of his 10 semesters on campus and has played 75 minutes in 37 career games.

He said he cherishes the relationships he's built with teammates and coaches that will last well beyond his time in Madison.

"It's been incredible," Smith said. "I wouldn't trade the experience I had here for anything."

UW interim coach Greg Gard used two words to describe Smith's time with the Badgers: commitment and sacrifice.

"The guys that get minutes … get a lot of the spotlight," Gard said. "But there's been so many guys over the years that have come through that have made huge contributions to this program that maybe don't get the headlines or the accolades and are just as important in terms of what they do in the locker room and how they help us every day up here on the floor.

"Jordan's definitely right in that category in terms of somebody who's really made a positive contribution in his five years here."

Smith has appeared in six games for a total of seven minutes this season, but teammates say he's been a valuable resource in the locker room because he's seen highs and lows during his career.

Juniors Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig stepped into leadership roles this season as the players with the most on-court experience, but neither had experienced much adversity in two previous seasons that both ended with trips to the Final Four.

Smith, on the other hand, has been through losing streaks and was on the bench in 2012-13 when UW's season ended with a loss to Mississippi in an NCAA tournament opener.

"I've always looked up to him," UW junior guard Zak Showalter said. "He's always kind of been the leader, in my eyes."

Showalter also appreciates how seriously Smith takes his role on the scout team.

"He torches (us) sometimes," Showalter said. "Especially me, because I'm usually guarding him in practice and I say a lot of times that he's a tougher (cover) than some of the guys I have to end up guarding in games."

If there's a snapshot to describe how memorable his time with the Badgers has

been, it's the selfie Smith took after the Badgers' victory over Kentucky in the Final Four last season. Smith has a shocked look on his face as he leans over a balcony at the team hotel in Indianapolis with a horde of UW fans celebrating below him.

Today will be memorable as well, even if Smith has to deal with the fact that all eyes will be on him.

"He's a great teammate," Kaminsky said. "Hopefully, it's not as awkward as he expects it to be."

Assistant Lamont Paris has made long climb up coaching ladder

By Jim Polzin
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Twice this season, including the trip it took to Pennsylvania last week, the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team has traveled in style.

The Badgers' charter flight to and from State College, where they beat Penn State 66-60 on Thursday night, was on a Miami Air International plane dubbed "Billie." Charter flights are convenient for obvious reasons, but this 737 was particularly special because it featured first-class seats throughout the cabin.

UW assistant coach Lamont Paris smiled as he sat back in comfort on a plane that sometimes carries the Miami Heat from city to city on NBA trips. He also reflected on a coaching career that has spanned nearly two decades and began at his alma mater.

It was at the College of Wooster, an NCAA Division III school in Ohio, where Paris was put in charge of the junior varsity the season after he graduated. He'd sometimes hop in the driver's seat of a 15-passenger van and drive the Fighting Scots to and from games, trips that often stretched into the wee hours.

There are no potholes while cruising along at 36,000 feet, but that doesn't mean Paris looks back at his early days in the profession with disdain. In fact, those are cherished memories for Paris.

"Sure, you appreciate things," Paris said. "But you're doing the same thing. I've always believed that I was doing the same thing then that I'm doing here. People pretend that it's different. I was doing the same thing — it's just no one cared as much there."

Paris, 42, has made an impressive climb up the coaching ladder.

There are more rungs yet to reach, and those who know Paris best believe it's only a matter of time before he ascends another step.

That fan club includes UW interim coach Greg Gard, who will lead the Badgers (11-9, 3-4 Big Ten) against No. 19 Indiana (17-3, 7-0) tonight at the Kohl Center. Paris has become a right-hand man of sorts to Gard, who took over for Bo Ryan on Dec. 15.

Gard looks at Paris and, in many ways, sees another Ryan protégé: Rob Jeter, who's now the coach at UW-Milwaukee.

"He's reminded me a lot of Rob just in talking to him and how he saw the game and what he thought was important and also the path they had to take," Gard said.

"It wasn't handed to him. He didn't grow up with a silver spoon in his mouth."

Mop duty

Paris' entrance into the coaching world began with a fork in the road.

He had just graduated from Wooster in 1996 with a business degree and was a finalist for a position at the Ford Motor Company headquarters near Detroit. For a young man from Findlay, Ohio, who didn't grow up with a lot of money, it was a golden opportunity.

But Paris declined the interview and instead accepted a position at Wooster, where he'd spend half the day in the admissions department and the other half coaching.

The previous season, Paris had been a senior captain and team most valuable player for the Fighting Scots. Now, he was telling some of his former teammates what to do in practice and trying to stay in the moment when, during JV games, those veterans would sit behind the bench giggling as he gave instructions in the huddle.

"You always wonder how it's going to work out with someone that young," said Steve Moore, who has won 680 games in 28-plus seasons as Wooster's coach. "But I just had a lot of faith in Lamont. He was mature and a quality person. I had confidence he would make that adjustment."

After two seasons at Wooster, Paris moved into a graduate assistant role at DePauw, a Division III program in Indiana. The move had more to do with academics because Paris was pursuing a master's degree in recreation and sports management, but the time he spent at DePauw convinced Paris that he wanted to coach for a living.

"After those two years, I knew I was in it," he said. "I was sucked in."

His next step up the ladder landed him at Indiana University-Pennsylvania, a Division II program about an hour's drive east of Pittsburgh.

The Crimson Hawks coach at the time was Gary Edwards, who was intrigued by Paris' background. Edwards, who now coaches at Francis Marion (Pa.), also worked his way up from the Division III level.

"Once you meet Lamont, you know that he's a rising star," Edwards said. "You just know he's a special guy."

While it was another rung on the ladder for Paris, it wasn't as if he had reached rare air. It was at IUP one hot summer day that Paris found himself outside mopping up pizza and coconuts that a group of youngsters attending a Crimson Hawks camp had dropped from a window.

Paris made about $10,000 as a part-time assistant during his first season at IUP. The next season, he got a raise to $35,000. "You could not tell me I wasn't Bill Gates," Paris said. "I was on top of the world."

Smart connection

Edwards knew it was only a matter of time before Paris had another chance to climb and, sure enough, a Division I opportunity came calling after four seasons with the Crimson Hawks.

It was at Akron, where Paris spent six seasons, that he reconnected with another rising star in the profession. Paris and Shaka Smart had played against each other in college in the North Coast Athletic Conference, with Paris at Wooster and Smart at Kenyon College. Later, they had coached against each other in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, with Paris at IUP and Smart at California University-Pennsylvania.

Finally, Paris and Smart were on the same side: two hungry, young assistants who would try to be the first one to the office in the morning and the last one to leave.

"He was really good with the players — guys really liked him," said Smart, who's in his first season at Texas after a successful run at VCU that included a trip to the Final Four in 2011. "And he's a good evaluator. He was really good at watching high school games and being able to project who would be able to turn into a really good player at that level and in our program."

Smart was single at the time — Paris still is — and it was only natural the two would hang out when their work day was finished. They'd place their quarters on a pool table at a bar in Akron and sometimes keep the table for hours.

Smart, who grew up in Madison and graduated from Oregon High School, says Paris was so good he could have been a professional billiards player. But that wasn't Paris' greatest attribute, according

to Smart.

"People want to be around him," Smart said. "He just has a good personality. People gravitate to him."

Just like Gard

Gard gravitated to Paris — and the other way around — when they'd bump into each other at high school or AAU games in Ohio. This was Paris' home territory, so Gard would pick the younger coach's brain and the two would compare notes.

The two discovered they had a lot in common, starting, of course, with their humble beginnings. Paris would nod his head as Gard told stories about his early days at UW-Platteville, where it was common for the coaching staff to make up for a tight budget by looking for 2-for-1 meal deals in the student newspaper on road trips.

When Paris would share anecdotes about sweeping floors, taping ankles and driving a 15-passenger bus through the night, Gard could relate.

Been there, done that.

Ryan needed to find an assistant when Howard Moore landed the head coaching job at Illinois-Chicago a few months before the start of the 2010-11 season. Ryan asked Gard if he had anyone to recommend.

"Well," Gard told his longtime mentor, "I've got my guy."

Ryan agreed, and Paris took another big step up the coaching ladder. Gard was there waiting at Dane County Regional Airport the day Paris arrived in Madison after being hired.

"The smile when he was coming down that escalator," Gard said, "was as big as Lake Mendota."

'Sky's the limit'

The natural next step for Paris is to run his own program, and he nearly got that opportunity following the 2014-15 season.

Two days after the Badgers' season ended with a 68-63 loss to Duke in the NCAA tournament title game, Paris was contacted about an opening at Chattanooga. It was a spot that opened when Will Wade left to replace Paris' buddy, Smart, at VCU.

The next day, Paris flew to Atlanta for an interview. Paris returned to Madison feeling good about the interview, but Chattanooga instead hired Florida assistant Matt McCall.

One of the people who called Chattanooga on behalf of Paris was Smart.

"I think he's a heck of a lot more ready to be a head coach than I was when I got the VCU job," Smart said. "It's all about the opportunity. It only takes one. But I think coaching is a combination of people skills and work ethic and understanding basketball and what goes into teams and communication. He's got all that stuff."

Paris was disappointed when he didn't get the Chattanooga job, but he quickly turned his focus to doing whatever he could to help an inexperienced UW team in 2015-16.

Even before Ryan stepped down, Paris was doing a lot more hands-on in practices and games. Part of that was a young coach feeling more comfortable in his skin, but Paris also felt a group of young players needed as much coaching as possible.

Paris has a front-row seat to UW's growth process this season and he recently called it a very rewarding experience. "Probably more so than even a year like last year," he said.

One piece missing

The idea of Paris lounging in a first-class seat at 36,000 feet would bring a smile to his father's face, maybe one as big as Lake Mendota.

Back in 1996, when Paris was at that fork in the road and chose Wooster over Ford, he had the full support of Henry "Chucky" Paris.

It might not have made much sense to Chucky from a financial standpoint — he had been a factory worker who had raised three sons — but he was pleased Lamont had found a job he enjoyed.

Lamont was a 22-year-old who hadn't even coached his first game that debut season when Chucky, 46, died of a heart attack.

It was with that perspective that, nearly 20 years later, Lamont was there for Gard when his father was diagnosed with brain cancer.

"He sat me down and said, 'Hey, your dad got the chance to watch you coach in two Final Fours. My dad didn't get a chance to see me coach a single possession,'" said Gard, whose father Glen died in October after a six-month battle with glioblastoma multiforme. "His ability to really put things in perspective and keep it real was helpful."

Paris is very close with his mother, Kathy Gutierrez, but he wishes his father could have been around to see his climb up the coaching ladder.

Chucky would have been beaming in the stands at Wooster when his son was coaching the JV team. He would have been on cloud nine watching the Badgers make back-to-back runs to the Final Four.

It was Chucky who put Lamont in wrestling as a youngster, even though the latter was a self-described runt who was always among the skinniest students in his age group. "He just knew it was a way you had to learn how to compete," Lamont said.

It was Chucky who stressed the importance of knowing where you came from and setting your sights on where you wanted to be.

"A guy from where I'm from, that had the background I had, getting the opportunity to do this? I think about that all the time," Paris said. "I'm thankful."

Moore key to getting Badgers in tune

By Mike Lucas
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Not long after Wisconsin had subdued Ohio State with a flurry of 3-pointers on a Thursday night in early February, the players cleared out of the Kohl Center locker room and assistant coach Howard Moore followed them out the door. He already had his bags packed.

Since the team wasn't practicing the next day, he had a chance to see his family again. So instead of walking the two blocks to his temporary campus housing, Moore jumped in his car and steered it home -- sweet home Chicago -- where his wife Jennifer would be waiting up for him.

Accompanying Moore on the three-hour drive were Run-DMC and Eric B. & Rakim.

"As I've gotten older," said the 43-year-old Moore, "I've listened to a lot of jazz. When I'm at home or in the office, I'll listen to Donald Byrd and John Coltrane. Classic jazz artists. My musical range has grown quite a bit over the years. But I can't listen to jazz when I'm driving."

So when he's behind the wheel, he favors classic hip-hop or classic R&B. And if he's not chewing on sunflower seeds, plastic cup at his side, something that he has been wont to do on long recruiting trips, he's turning up the volume on his go-to artist, James Brown.

"If it's late at night and I'm driving and I need something to keep me going," he said, "I'm listening to James Brown -- something that has a good groove. It keeps me moving, it keeps me alert and it allows me to stay focused while I'm trying to get home to my wife and kids."

By the time that Moore got home -- it was nearing midnight -- the kids, Jerell (9) and Jaidyn (6), had long since been tucked away and were sleeping. But it was still comforting to pop his head into their rooms and check on them because that's what fathers do, especially this one.

(In 2010, Moore received the Ricky Byrdsong Award which annually recognizes men who are good fathers and have reached out and made a difference in

the lives of youth while demonstrating a spiritual dimension to their lives. The late Byrdsong was the first African American men's basketball coach at Northwestern. In 1999, he was gunned down, the victim of a hate crime. He was 43.)

On Friday morning, Moore got the kids up, hung out with them and then saw them off to school. He had breakfast with Jennifer, tended to some odds and ends and went to a high school game in the Chicago area to scout a potential recruit before heading back that night to Madison.

Moore has taken advantage of the mandated off-days -- when the team isn't practicing -- to get back to Chicago three or four times since joining Greg Gard's coaching staff in December. Howard and Jennifer Moore discussed the family sacrifices that would have to be made before he took the job.

"I always joke around that I've overachieved -- I have a special wife," he said. "She has done a great job of understanding of what we're trying to do. This is a big picture thing. We met in Madison (as UW undergraduates) and our kids were born in Madison. It's a special place for us."

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On the night of Dec. 15, Moore was working as a studio analyst for Big Ten Network when Bo Ryan announced that he was retiring, effective immediately. Gard would take over as the head coach. On the air, BTN host Dave Revsine and analyst Jess Settles joked that Moore was doing his last show.

"At that point, I had no idea and didn't think about it because I was still stunned that Coach (Ryan) had retired," said Moore, a former UW assistant under Ryan. "When they put it in my mind that it was a possibility that Greg could call me, I went home and talked with Jen."

They got everything out in the open right away.

"What if Greg calls," he asked her, "What do we do?"

Jennifer Moore looked at her husband and said, "You know what you want to do. And if that's what you want to do (get back into coaching), we're behind you."

Gard did call.

"He said, 'Hey, man, I want to know if you want to come and help me get this done,'" Moore recalled. "I said, "Thanks for asking and thinking about me. And, of course, I would love to do it.'"

His next priority was to have a heart-to-heart with the kids.

"What if we can move back to Wisconsin?" he posed.

And they were all for it. His son was 5 when they left. His daughter was barely 1.

"Daddy might have to leave for a couple of months, but I'll be back and forth," he explained to them. "I won't be here every day."

That gave them pause. But they still bought into the move.

His next priority? A heart-to-heart with the kids -- Wisconsin's players.

"It was so emotional," Moore said. "For one thing, I told them I was excited to be back. But, at the same time, it was business and we've got work to do. We hadn't been achieving to the point where we felt we should have been -- we hadn't been living up to the success that we've had.

"Watching these things from a distance (as a TV analyst), I had an idea of what we weren't doing. We weren't defending well. We weren't moving on offense. We weren't moving the ball. And now I can be a part of the change, I can be a part of the solution."

Moore didn't pull any punches.

"I thought we were underachieving," he told them in no uncertain terms.

That got them to sit up in their chairs, maybe even squirm.

"He came in and basically said, 'Hey, you guys need to step up,'" said senior Jordan Smith, who looked around the meeting room and saw a lot of stunned faces. "It was like, 'Who is this guy telling us what we need to do? People were like, 'Dang …'"

But after the initial shock, the players were on board with Moore.

"It was really good because it was what we needed to hear," Smith said. "Coach Moore brings that extra intensity that maybe we had gotten away from prior to Coach Gard taking over. Right away, he was loud and demanding our attention. That was awesome.

"He has been there, done that, gone through that -- (as a former UW player and assistant and a former head coach at Illinois Chicago) -- so he knew what we needed to hear and he wasn't afraid to say it and he made sure to say it loudly so everyone could hear him.

"We had talked about getting away from Wisconsin's identity. Coach Moore brought us a step closer to getting back to that."

Moore didn't want to burden them with too much personal history.

So he gave them the CliffsNotes version.

"I gave them the historical context about what I went through as a player," said Moore, who had three different head coaches -- Steve Yoder, Stu Jackson and Stan Van Gundy -- at Wisconsin. "I told them that I understood the position that they were in.

"When you go through a transition, there's a pause and there's a reaction, and the reaction needs to be positive moving forward. That was the key. We've got to move forward.

"I wanted them to know, 'You can't control Coach Ryan retiring or if Coach Gard is going to be here permanently or temporarily. But what you can control is how you play, how you practice and how your approach is to these things every day.' It was the first thing that I tried to get them to understand."

From the onset, Gard had an understanding of what Moore offered, not the least of which was his previous experience with coaching transitions as a student-athlete on this campus. More importantly, he had served the program as an assistant, so he was already part of the winning culture.

"He understood how we do things, day in and day out; he had an under-the-hood look, so to speak," Gard said. "From there, he went out on his own and got some experience as a head coach (at UIC) and he has come back to us as a more mature, wiser coach."

He wasn't about to get an argument from Moore on that point. "I'm not the same Howard Moore that was here and left in 2010," he said. "I bring a totally different perspective now that I've run a program for five years … I've had to make those decisions, those tough decisions."

And he was more than willing to share what he had learned in an appropriate manner.

"Howard has been great for me from that standpoint that he hasn't hovered or tried to tell me what to do," Gard said. "He always phrases it, 'Have you thought about this? Did you think about that? Here's what might be coming … here's something to think about.'

"I could not have scripted it any better in terms of the timing of it all then to have someone come in here with that type of experience -- having sat in my seat."

Moore has been careful not to overstep his bounds as an old/new member of the staff.

"Whether it's in practice or in games," he said, "Coach Gard does a great job of seeing things on his own, so I try not to bombard him with useless information.

"The biggest thing you can do as an assistant for a head coach, now that I've been on both sides, is take as many things off his plate as you can to free him up. That's a huge asset."

Gard has tremendous respect for assistant coaches Gary Close and Lamont Paris. So does Moore, who has meshed effectively with Close and Paris during

this transition. "I've been on enough staffs where I'm sensitive to the point," Moore said, "where I don't want to step on toes.

"With Gary, we've worked together, we know each other, we understand each other. With Lamont working with the post players -- which I've always worked with -- I'm going to follow his lead and he has always been, 'Hey, if there's anything you want to throw in, just throw it in.'"

Teamwork. It's one of the things that has driven Moore back to the profession and Wisconsin.

"I did like TV, it was fun," he said. "At the end of the day, you pack up your bag, you go home and you're undefeated. That's a beautiful feeling. But it's not coaching. As a player, as a coach, you're a competitor and you miss the moments when you're competing.

"You miss being in the locker room after beating a quality opponent. You miss getting on a plane after a win -- the meal tastes a lot better. When I get older, when I don't have the energy anymore and I feel like I've given the game all I could from that standpoint then I can share my thoughts on TV.

"I'm a coach; I've been a coach for over 18 years," Moore stressed. "I want to be here as long as I can. I want to help this program get back to a Final Four and hopefully win a championship. That's the goal. We want to work and get that done under Coach Gard."

They should all get that chance.

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- 1 Kansas (30-4) vs. 16 Austin Peay (18-17), Mar 17 — Des Moines, Mar 19
- 8 Colorado (22-11) vs. 9 Connecticut (24-10), Mar 17 — Des Moines, Mar 19
- Des Moines, Mar 19 — Mar 24
- 5 Maryland (25-8) vs. 12 S. Dakota St. (26-7), Mar 18 — Spokane, Mar 20
- 4 California (23-10) vs. 13 Hawai'i (27-5), Mar 18 — Spokane, Mar 20
- Spokane, Mar 20 — Mar 24
- 6 Arizona (25-8) vs. 11 Vanderbilt/Wichita St., Mar 17 — Providence, Mar 19
- 3 Miami (Fla.) (25-7) vs. 14 Buffalo (20-14), Mar 17 — Providence, Mar 19
- Providence, Mar 19 — Mar 24
- 7 Iowa (21-10) vs. 10 Temple (21-11), Mar 18 — Brooklyn, Mar 20
- 2 Villanova (29-5) vs. 15 UNC Asheville (22-11), Mar 18 — Brooklyn, Mar 20
- Brooklyn, Mar 20 — Mar 24

WEST
ANAHEIM
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- 1 Oregon (28-6) vs. 16 Holy Cross/Southern, Mar 18 — Spokane, Mar 20
- 8 Saint Joseph's (27-7) vs. 9 Cincinnati (22-10), Mar 18 — Spokane, Mar 20
- Spokane, Mar 20 — Mar 24
- 5 Baylor (22-11) vs. 12 Yale (22-6), Mar 17 — Providence, Mar 19
- 4 Duke (23-10) vs. 13 UNC Wilmington (25-7), Mar 17 — Providence, Mar 19
- Providence, Mar 19 — Mar 24
- 6 Texas (20-12) vs. 11 Northern Iowa (22-12), Mar 18 — Oklahoma City, Mar 20
- 3 Texas A&M (26-8) vs. 14 Green Bay (23-12), Mar 18 — Oklahoma City, Mar 20
- Oklahoma City, Mar 20 — Mar 24
- 7 Oregon St. (19-12) vs. 10 VCU (24-10), Mar 18 — Oklahoma City, Mar 20
- 2 Oklahoma (25-7) vs. 15 CSU Bakersfield (24-8), Mar 18 — Oklahoma City, Mar 20
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- North Carolina (28-6) 1 vs. FGCU/Fair. Dickinson 16, Mar 17 — Raleigh, Mar 19
- USC (21-12) 8 vs. Providence (23-10) 9, Mar 17 — Raleigh, Mar 19
- Raleigh, Mar 19 — Mar 25
- Indiana (25-7) 5 vs. Chattanooga (29-5) 12, Mar 17 — Des Moines, Mar 19
- Kentucky (26-8) 4 vs. Stony Brook (26-6) 13, Mar 17 — Des Moines, Mar 19
- Des Moines, Mar 19 — Mar 25
- Notre Dame (21-11) 6 vs. Michigan/Tulsa 11, Mar 18 — Brooklyn, Mar 20
- West Virginia (26-8) 3 vs. S.F. Austin (27-5) 14, Mar 18 — Brooklyn, Mar 20
- Brooklyn, Mar 20 — Mar 25
- Wisconsin (20-12) 7 vs. Pittsburgh (21-11) 10, Mar 18 — St. Louis, Mar 20
- Xavier (27-5) 2 vs. Weber St. (26-8) 15, Mar 18 — St. Louis, Mar 20
- St. Louis, Mar 20 — Mar 25

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- Virginia (26-7) 1 vs. Hampton (21-10) 16, Mar 17 — Raleigh, Mar 19
- Texas Tech (19-12) 8 vs. Butler (21-10) 9, Mar 17 — Raleigh, Mar 19
- Raleigh, Mar 19 — Mar 25
- Purdue (26-8) 5 vs. Little Rock (29-4) 12, Mar 17 — Denver, Mar 19
- Iowa St. (21-11) 4 vs. Iona (22-10) 13, Mar 17 — Denver, Mar 19
- Denver, Mar 19 — Mar 25
- Seton Hall (25-8) 6 vs. Gonzaga (26-7) 11, Mar 17 — Denver, Mar 19
- Utah (26-8) 3 vs. Fresno St. (25-9) 14, Mar 17 — Denver, Mar 19
- Denver, Mar 19 — Mar 25
- Dayton (25-7) 7 vs. Syracuse (19-13) 10, Mar 18 — St. Louis, Mar 20
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