



# WISCONSIN BASKETBALL

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## POSTGAME NOTES

#11 WISCONSIN 95, ILLINOIS 74 || FEB. 18, 2025 || KOHL CENTER || MADISON, WIS.

### TEAM NOTES

- Wisconsin improved to 21-5 on the season and 11-4 in the Big Ten following a 95-74 win over Illinois on Tuesday.
- UW is 5-0 in the month of February, out-scoring opponents by an average of 12.0 points during that streak.
- Dating back to Dec. 14, 2024, the Badgers have won 13 of the last 15 games, including 11 of its last 13 Big Ten contests.
- Wisconsin's 21-5 record matches the best start under Greg Gard and the 5th-best 26-game start in program history.

### Best 26-Game Records, Wisconsin History

Record	Season	Record	Season
24-2	2006-07	21-5	1998-99
24-2	2014-15	21-5	2013-14
22-4	2007-08	21-5	2021-22
21-5	2016-17	<b>21-5</b>	<b>2024-25</b>

- Wisconsin clinched a winning Big Ten record for the 22nd time in the last 25 seasons, most of any school in the conference.
- With Illinois ranked 18th in the NET Rankings, Tuesday's game registered as a Quad 1 win, moving the Badgers to 7-5 in Quad 1 games and 14-5 in Quad 1/2 games.
- UW is 1 of 5 schools with 14+ Quad 1/2 wins, joining Auburn (17), Alabama (15), Purdue (14) and Texas A&M (14).
- Head coach **Greg Gard** is now 207-112 (.649) at Wisconsin, including a mark of 115-74 (.608) in Big Ten play.
- UW's .608 conference win percentage in the Gard era (since 2015-16) trails only Purdue (.717) and Michigan State (.651) for best in the best Big Ten during that span.
- Gard's 60.8% conference win percentage ranks 7th-best among Big Ten coaches of the last 45 years (since 1980 - min. 100 wins).
- The Badgers posted their first win over Illinois since 2019, snapping a streak of 9 consecutive losses.
- Wisconsin improved to 60-43 all-time at home vs. the Fighting Illini, including 16-8 at the Kohl Center.
- UW's 21-point margin of victory was the Badgers largest since a 75-50 win on Jan. 19, 2018.
- The Badgers scored their most points against Illinois since a 95-70 win on Jan. 8, 2014.
- After committing 8 1st-half turnovers, the Badgers only gave up the ball twice in the 2nd half. Over the last 6 games, UW is averaging 6.2 TOs in the 1H and 1.8 in the 2H.

- The Badgers are now 14-1 when committing 10 or fewer turnovers.
- Wisconsin shot 17-for-22 (77.3%) from the line in the win. Wisconsin entered the game with a nation's-best 83.7% clip from the line.
- UW is 10-3 on the season when attempting at least 20 free throws.
- Wisconsin moved to 374-71 (.840) all time at the Kohl Center - the 11th-best home record in the country among active venues.
- The Badgers rank 2nd in the Big Ten in home winning percentage over that span, trailing only Michigan State.

### Best Home Win%, Since Jan. 17, 1998 (thru 2/17/25)

Team	W-L	Pct.
1. Michigan State	384-50	.885
<b>2. Wisconsin</b>	<b>374-71</b>	<b>.840</b>
3. Purdue	362-78	.823
4. Ohio State	395-89	.816
5. Maryland	156-36	.813

- UW is 190-54 (.779) in Big Ten play at the Kohl Center. That's the 2nd-best mark in the conference over that span.

### Best Home Win%, Since Jan. 17, 1998 (thru 2/17/25)

Team	W-L	Pct.
1. Michigan State	204-41	.833
<b>2. Wisconsin</b>	<b>190-54</b>	<b>.779</b>
3. Purdue	185-59	.758
4. Maryland	75-28	.728
5. Ohio State	175-70	.714

- The Badgers are 121-34 (.781) at the Kohl Center under Gard.
- The Badgers are 13-1 at home this season.
- Wisconsin reached 90 points in back-to-back games for the first time since doing so in 3 straight from Dec. 14-28, 1995.
- The last time the Badgers scored 90+ in back-to-back Big Ten games was Feb. 20 and 26, 1992 in a 92-78 win over Illinois and a 96-78 win over Michigan.
- UW topped 80 points for the 15th time this season, the team's most since posting 15 such games in 1970-71.
- Wisconsin scored 47 points in the first half, recording their 11th game with 40+ in the first half (7 of which have come in Big Ten play).
- UW shot 10-for-24 from 3-point range, the 16th time the Badgers have hit double-digit triples (13-3 in such games), the most in the Big Ten.

### Most Games with 10+ 3FGs, Big Ten

Gms	Team
<b>16</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
14	Illinois
12	Iowa
12	Michigan

- Wisconsin leads the Big Ten in both 3-point FG Pct. (39.2%) and 3FGs per game (11.3) during Big Ten play.
- Wisconsin posted 12 steals in the win, its 2nd-highest total of the season.
- The Badgers out-scored Illinois, 48-28, in the paint. Wisconsin's 48 points in the paint matches its season high, set against Appalachian State on Nov. 10, 2024.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Graduate student **John Tonje** finished with a game-high 31 points on 9-for-15 shooting from the field, a 3-for-5 mark from deep, and a 10-for-12 clip from the line.
- Tonje recorded his 4th 30-point game of the season. He's scored 20+ points 11 times and 25+ in 6 games this season. The Badgers are 6-0 when Tonje scores 25+.
- Tonje has now scored 30+ in back-to-back games. He's the 4th Badger to ever achieve the feat, joining Michael Finley, Rick Olson and Clarence Sherrod.
- Since Jan. 21, Tonje is averaging 25.1 ppg. Entering the game, that ranked 2nd in nation. He has knocked down 32 3FGs during that 8-game stretch.
- Tonje, who entered the game 4th in the Big Ten in scoring, is averaging 19.6 ppg on the season. Tonje is trying to become just the 5th Badgers to average at least 19.0 ppg in the last 35 years, joining Michael Finley, Devin Harris, Alando Tucker and Johnny Davis.
- Tonje poured in 3-for-5 3FGs, and is now shooting 40.1% (60-146) on the year and 42.9% (39-91) in Big Ten play. Tonje is 2nd in the Big Ten averaging 2.8 3FGs per game in conference play.
- Tonje turned in another big performance at the line, going 10-for-12 at the stripe. Tonje's 162 made FTs already rank 5th in Wisconsin's single-season history.
- Graduate Student **Steven Crowl** scored a season-high 20 points, going 3-for-3 from 3-point range
- Crowl now has 803 career rebounds, surpassing Tyler Wahl (800) and Nigel Hayes (802) for 7th place on UW's all-time list.
- Sophomore **John Blackwell** scored 16 points, going 7-for-15 from the field.
- Blackwell has scored in double figures 21 times this season and 35 times in his career.
- Sophomore **Nolan Winter** tallied a game-high 8 rebounds and chipped in 7 points.