



# WISCONSIN BASKETBALL

27 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 4 FINAL FOURS | 23 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS | 22 CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICANS

## (5) WISCONSIN BADGERS

23-8, 13-7 BIG TEN



**Head Coach:** Greg Gard  
**Record at WIS:** 209-115 (10th season)  
**Overall Record:** Same  
**Gard in BTT:** 8-8 (2 Champ. Game Appear.)

VS.

## (12) MINNESOTA / (13) NORTHWESTERN



**UW IN THE BIG TEN TOURNAMENT**  
**Overall Record:** 29-23 (27th appearance)  
**Championships:** 3 (2004, 2008, 2015)  
**Top 5 Seed:** 20th time

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 | 1:30 PM (CT) | BTN | INDIANAPOLIS | GAINBRIDGE FIELDHOUSE

## BADGERS BEGIN POSTSEASON AT BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

- Wisconsin tied for 4th place in the 2025 Big Ten standings, earning a No. 5 seed in the Big Ten Tournament. The Badgers will open against the winner of No. 12 seed Minnesota and No. 13 seed Northwestern at 1:30 pm (CT) on BTN.
- UW is seeking its 4th Big Ten Tournament championship, winning in 2004, 2008 and 2015. The Badgers have made 8 total championship game appearances.



Wisconsin finished 4th in the Big Ten regular season standings, marking the school's 20th top-4 finish in the last 24 seasons (since 2001-02).

## FAST BREAK FACTS

- **THE RECORD SHOWS:** At 23-8, Wisconsin has tallied the 13th-highest win total in program history. **Greg Gard** has led teams to 7 of the top 20 winningest seasons in program history. (pg 7)
- **TRENDING UP:** Wisconsin sits at No. 12 in KenPom, No. 15 in T-Rank and No. 19 in the NET.
  - The Badgers are 15-8 in Quad 1/2 games with 6 Quad 1 wins and just 1 loss outside of Quad 1. UW is 1 of 9 schools with 15+ Q1/2 wins.
- **SO HONORED:** Guard **John Tonje** was named unanimous first-team All-Big Ten, the Badgers' 18th such selection since 2001-02. That trails only Purdue (21) for most in that span.
- **GARD ON NAISMITH LIST:** Head coach **Greg Gard** was 1 of 15 coaches named to the Naismith Men's Coach of the Year Watch List. In his 10th season, Gard owns a 117-77 (60.3%) Big Ten record and the 7th-best win pct among B1G coaches of the last 45 years. (pg 7 & 11)
- **BADGER BALANCE:** During conference play, Wisconsin ranked 2nd in the Big Ten in scoring (79.5) and 5th in scoring defense (71.5), owning the 2nd-highest scoring margin (+7.95).
- **OFFENSIVELY ELITE:** Ranking 11th nationally in offensive efficiency, the Badgers are averaging 80.8 ppg overall, their most since 1970-71 (pg 4).
  - The Badgers have scored at least 80 points in 16 games this season, the most in school history.
- **HOT SHOTS:** Wisconsin leads the Big Ten making 9.8 3FGs per game and ranks 7th shooting 35.0%. (pg 4)
  - UW leads the nation and is on pace to set the NCAA record, shooting 83.6% at the FT line and its 16.6 FTs/gm are its most since 1970-71. (pg 8)
- **DEFENSE STILL WINS:** Dating back to last season, Wisconsin is 32-1 when holding foes to 70 or fewer points (16-1 this year).
  - During conference play, the Badgers ranked 5th in the B1G in scoring defense (71.5 ppg) and 3rd in FG% def. (42.6%).
- **TOP-10 TAKEDOWNS:** Wisconsin has tallied a pair of AP Top-10 wins this season (#9 Arizona and #7 Purdue) and 14 under Greg Gard. Of those, 5 have come in true road games. (pg 10)
- **TONJE TAKEOVER:** A second-team All-American, **John Tonje** was named national Transfer of the Year by The Field of 68. He is 6th in the Big Ten averaging 18.9 ppg. (pg 5-6)
  - Tonje ranked 2nd during Big Ten play with 2.5 3FGs/game and 3rd in 3FG Pct (38.6%). He ranks 5th in the nation shooting 91.6% at the FT line and leads all major conf. players avg 6.0 FTs per game.
- **CENTURY CLUB:** Grad. student **Steven Crawl** recently became the 8th Badger all-time to play in 100 wins. He is also 1 of just 11 Big Ten players in the last 40 years to tally at least 1,400 points, 800 boards and 250 assists. (pg 8-9)
- **BLACKWELL BREAKOUT:** Surging late in the season, honorable mention pick **John Blackwell** is averaging 21.0 ppg and 8.0 rpg over the last 4 games, scoring 15+ in each. (pg 7)
- **WINTER IS HERE:** Including a 12p, 17r performance at Michigan State, **Nolan Winter** has made 1 of the biggest jumps in the Big Ten averaging 9.7 ppg, 6.0 rpg and shooting a team-high 56.6% FGs, including 36.6% from deep. (pg 9)

## POTENTIAL STARTING FIVE

No.	Name	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Of Note
9	JOHN TONJE	18.9	5.1	1.7	Second-Team All-American; 37.8% 3FG; 91.6% FT
11	MAX KLESMIT	9.7	2.4	2.7	1,406 career points; 250 career 3FGs; 84.5% FT Pct.
22	STEVEN CRAWL	9.9	5.4	2.5	101 career wins played in; 6th in UW history with 823 reb.
25	JOHN BLACKWELL	15.6	5.2	2.2	25p, 11r at Minnesota; Career-high 32 pts vs. Iowa (1/3)
31	NOLAN WINTER	9.7	6.0	1.0	Leads the Big Ten shooting 70.7% on 2-point FGs

## 2024-25 SCHEDULE

Nov. 4	HOLY CROSS	W, 85-61
Nov. 7	MONTANA STATE	W, 79-67
Nov. 10	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 87-56
Nov. 15	ARIZONA [#9]	W, 103-88
Nov. 18	UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY	W, 87-84

### GREENBRIER TIP-OFF (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

Nov. 22	vs. UCF [RV]	W, 86-70
Nov. 24	vs. Pitt [RV]	W, 81-75
Nov. 30	CHICAGO STATE	W, 74-53
Dec. 3	MICHIGAN [RV]	L, 64-67
Dec. 7	at Marquette [#5]	L, 74-88
Dec. 10	at Illinois [RV]	L, 80-86
Dec. 14	vs. Butler (Gainbridge, Indy)	W, 83-74
Dec. 22	DETROIT MERCY	W, 76-53
Jan. 3	IOWA	W, 116-85
Jan. 6	at Rutgers	W, 75-63
Jan. 10	MINNESOTA	W, 80-59
Jan. 14	OHIO STATE	W, 70-68
Jan. 18	at USC	W, 84-69
Jan. 21	at UCLA	L, 83-85
Jan. 26	NEBRASKA	W, 83-55
Jan. 29	at Maryland	L, 68-76
Feb. 1	at Northwestern	W, 75-69
Feb. 4	INDIANA	W, 76-64
Feb. 8	at Iowa	W, 74-63
Feb. 15	at Purdue [#7]	W, 94-84
Feb. 18	ILLINOIS	W, 95-74
Feb. 22	OREGON	L, 73-77 (ot)
Feb. 25	WASHINGTON	W, 88-62
March 2	at Michigan State [#8]	L, 62-71
March 5	at Minnesota	W, 74-67
March 8	PENN STATE	L, 75-86

### BIG TEN TOURNAMENT (Indianapolis, Ind.)

March 13 vs. Minnesota/Northwestern 1:30 p.m.

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BADGERS IN THE B1G TOURNEY

Appearances: 26  
Overall Record: 29-23  
Championships: 3 ('04, '08, '15)  
Champ. Games: 7 ('04, '05, '07, '08, '13, '15, '17, '23)  
Record vs. lower seeds: 22-13  
Record vs. higher seeds: 7-10



UW Record by Seed

Seed	W-L	Years
12	0-1	'23
10	1-1	'98
9	1-1	'18
8	0-0	
7	0-0	
6	2-3	'00, '16, '21
5	3-2	'01, '24
4	5-7	'99, '06, '09, '10, '12, '13, '19
3	2-2	'05, '11
2	8-4	'04*, '07, '14, '17, '22
1	6-2	'01, '03, '08*, '15*

\*indicates a championship team

UW Record vs. Seeds

Seed	W-L	Years
14	0-0	
13	1-1	'19, '23
12	1-0	'24
11	2-1	'00, '16, '21
10	3-0	'04, '08, '17
9	2-1	'02, '08, '15
8	1-2	'03, '17, '18
7	4-1	'98, '05, '07, '14, '22
6	3-1	'05, '07, '11, '17
5	3-3	'99, '06, '09, '10, '12, '13
4	3-1	'01, '08, '15, '24
3	3-2	'00, '04, '14, '15, '21
2	0-4	'98, '00, '13, '24
1	3-6	'99, '04, '05, '07, '12, '13, '18, '19, '24

UW vs. Opponent

Opponent	W-L	Years
vs. Illinois	3-4	'98, '04, '05, '07, '08, '10, '24
vs. Indiana	3-2	'01, '06, '12, '13, '17
vs. Iowa	2-2	'99, '02, '05, '21
vs. Maryland	2-0	'18, '24
vs. Michigan	3-1	'08, '12, '15, '17
vs. Michigan St.	4-7	'99, '00, '04, '07, '08, '12, '14, '15, '18, '19, '22
vs. Minnesota	2-0	'04, '14
vs. Nebraska	1-1	'16, '19
vs. Northwestern	3-0	'00, '17, '24
vs. Ohio State	1-5	'03, '05, '07, '09, '12, '23
vs. Penn State	2-1	'98, '11, '21
vs. Purdue	3-0	'00, '15, '24

UW IN BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

- Wisconsin is 29-23 (.558) overall in 26 Big Ten Tournament appearances, claiming titles in 2004, 2008 and 2015. The Badgers have advanced to the tournament finals an additional 5 times, including last season. (2005, 2007, 2013, 2017 and 2024)
- Last year, Wisconsin ascended to the title game after 3 wins, including a 76-75 OT triumph over 1-seed Purdue in the Big Ten semis. UW eventually fell to #2 Illinois in the title game, 93-87.
- Wisconsin's 3 tournament titles trail only Michigan State (6), Ohio State (4) and Illinois (4). The Badgers' 8 championship game appearances trails only Ohio State's 9 trips to the finals.

Big Ten Tourn. Championship Appearances

Team	Apps	1st	2nd
1. Ohio State . . . . .	9	4	5
2. <b>Wisconsin</b> . . . . .	8	3	5
Illinois . . . . .	8	4	4
4. Michigan State . . . . .	7	6	1

- Wisconsin has had 3 players earn Most Outstanding Player honors at the Big Ten tournament, including Devin Harris (2004), Marcus Landry (2008) and Frank Kaminsky (2015).
  - A total of 15 Badgers have earned 17 All-Tournament Team selections:

■ Devin Harris '04	■ Traevon Jackson '13
■ Mike Wilkinson '04	■ Nigel Hayes '15 '17
■ Zach Morley '05	■ Frank Kaminsky '15
■ Alando Tucker '05 '07	■ Ethan Happ '17
■ Kammron Taylor '07	■ Bronson Koenig '17
■ Michael Flowers '08	■ Chucky Hepburn, '24
■ Marcus Landry '08	■ AJ Storr, '24
■ Ryan Evans '13	
- The Badgers' 29 Big Ten tournament wins and .558 win pct. both rank 4th in the conference.

Best All-Time Big Ten Tournament Record

Team	W	L	Pct.	Titles
1. Ohio State . . . . .	34	19	.642	4
2. Michigan State . . . . .	35	20	.636	6
3. Illinois . . . . .	34	22	.607	4
4. <b>Wisconsin</b> . . . . .	29	23	.558	3
5. Michigan . . . . .	24	22	.522	2

- Wisconsin is 8-8 in the Big Ten tournament under Greg Gard, making 4 semifinals appearances and reaching the title game in 2017 and 2024.
  - In addition to Gard, Tom Izzo (35), Matt Painter (17) and Fran McCaffery (9) are the only other active coaches with at least 8 Big Ten tournament wins.
- Wisconsin earned a No. 5 seed in the 2024 Big Ten Tournament, marking the 2nd straight season and third time ever the Badgers have earned that slot.
- The Badgers have earned a 5 seed or better in 20 of the 27 all-time Big Ten Tournaments.

WISCONSIN IN INDIANAPOLIS

With the Big Ten Tournament returning to Indy for the first time since 2022, Wisconsin feels right at home in Indianapolis. The Badgers own an extensive history and a lot of success in the "Crossroads of America".

- Earlier this season, Wisconsin scored a 83-74 win over Butler at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. All 5 UW starters scored in double figures, led by Nolan Winter's season-high 20 points.
- Wisconsin won the 2004 and 2008 Big Ten Tournaments in Indianapolis at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.
  - The Badgers are 8-9 all-time in Big Ten tournament games at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.
- UW has also made prominent appearances in Indianapolis during the NCAA tournament.
  - Wisconsin advanced to the 2015 National Championship Game at Lucas Oil Stadium.
  - UW also advanced to the 2000 Final Four, hosted at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.
- Wisconsin has also appeared in 6 Big Ten Football Championship Games in Indy, tied with OSU for the most in the event's 14-year history. That includes titles in the 2011 and 2012 Big Ten Championship Game.
- Wisconsin is 9-5 away from home this season, including 6 true road wins.
  - Michigan State (11) and Oregon (11) are the only Big Ten teams with more road/neutral wins than Wisconsin (9).
- Over the last 2 seasons, UW is 8-2 in neutral site games. Only 2 Major Conference teams have a better winning % in neutral site games over the last 2 seasons: Auburn and 2024 National Champion UConn.

Neutral Site Winning %, Last 2 Seasons (Major Confs.)

Team	Record	Win %
1. Auburn	13-2	.867
2. Connecticut	13-3	.813
3. <b>Wisconsin</b>	8-2	.800
Mississippi St.	12-3	.800
Clemson	8-2	.800
Oklahoma	8-2	.800

### HISTORY VS. NORTHWESTERN

- Overall: WIS leads, 125-67
- WIS vs. NU in BTT: 3-0
- Active Streak: WIS won last 3



#### LAST 10 MEETINGS (Wisconsin leads, 8-2)

Date	Result	Score	Location
2/23/19	22/--	W 69-64	Evanston
3/4/20	24/--	W 63-48	Madison
1/20/21	10/--	W 68-52	Madison
2/18/21	21/--	W 68-51	Evanston
1/18/22	8/--	W 82-76	Evanston
1/23/23	--/--	L 63-66	Evanston
2/5/23	--/--	L 52-54	Madison
1/13/24	15/--	W 71-63	Madison
3/15/24	--/--	W 70-61	Minneapolis
2/1/25	17/--	W 75-69	Evanston

### ALL-TIME SERIES VS. NORTHWESTERN

Thursday's game would mark the 193rd meeting between Wisconsin and Northwestern in a series that dates back to 1910. UW would look to improve to 4-0 in the BTT vs. NW.

- The Badgers have won the last 3 meetings with Northwestern and 25 of the last 32 dating back to 2007.
- Last season, Wisconsin pulled out a 70-61 victory against NU in the 2024 Big Ten Tournament.
- This year, Wisconsin won a 75-69 affair in Evanston on Feb. 1 behind 27 points from **John Tonje** and 15 from **Carter Gilmore** (3 3Ps).
- Under head coach Greg Gard, Wisconsin owns a 11-5 record against the Wildcats.
- Northwestern has reached 70 points just once in its last 49 meetings with Wisconsin (UW's 82-76 win at NU in 2022). That stretch of defensive efforts dates back to 1997.

### LAST GAME VS. NORTHWESTERN

Feb. 1, 2025 | Evanston, Ill. | Welsh-Ryan Arena

- Wisconsin came back from a 9-point second-half deficit (matching its largest overcome in a win), to pull out a 75-69 win at Northwestern.
- The Badgers turned it over 9 times in the first half, but just once in the second half. UW shot 13-for-32 from 3-point range. The Badgers converted 18-of-21 (85.7%) FT attempts.
- The game was played from the exterior as the team's combined for just 34 points in the paint (NU 18, UW 16).
- **John Tonje** finished with 27 points (5-11 3FGs and 6-for-6 FTs) – his 4th straight game with 20+.
- **Carter Gilmore** scored a career-high 15 points (all in the 2nd half) to go with 7 reb in 24 min. **Max Klesmit** totaled 11 points (all in 2nd half) and **Nolan Winter** added 10 points and 5 reb.

### HISTORY VS. MINNESOTA

- Overall: WIS leads, 106-98\*
- WIS vs. MINN in BTT: 2-0
- Active Streak: WIS won last 9



#### LAST 10 MEETINGS (Series tied, 9-1)

Date	Result	Score	Location
2/5/20	--/--	L 52-70	Minneapolis
3/1/20	--/--	W 71-69	Madison
12/31/20	6/21	W 71-59	Madison
1/30/22	11/--	W 66-60	Madison
2/23/22	13/--	W 68-67	Minneapolis
1/3/23	14/--	W 63-60	Madison
3/5/23	--/--	W 71-67	Minneapolis
1/23/24	13/--	W 61-59	Minneapolis
1/10/25	--/--	W 80-59	Madison
3/5/25	12/--	W 74-67	Minneapolis

### ALL-TIME SERIES VS. MINNESOTA

Wisconsin and Minnesota would meet for the 215th time on Thursday. The all-time series is remarkably close with the Badgers holding a 110-104 lead.

- UW has won 9 straight against Minnesota and 18 of the last 20 meetings, including 2 wins during the 2024-25 regular season.
- UW has won 18 in a row when scoring at least 55 points vs. Minnesota. The Gophers have topped 70 points in just 1 of the last 20 meetings (78-76 UW overtime win in 2017).
- Wisconsin is 14-2 overall against Minnesota under head coach **Greg Gard**.
- UW's roster features 5 players from Minnesota: senior **Steven Crowl** (Eagan), sophomore **Nolan Winter** (Lakeville), red-shirt freshman **Jack Janicki** and true freshmen **Daniel Freitag** (Bloomington) and **Jack Robison** (Lakeville).
- Winter's father, Trevor, played basketball on Minnesota's 1997 Final Four team, and his mother, Heidi, played volleyball at MINN.
- Minnesota has been a very fertile recruiting area for UW recently. Since 2007, UW has featured All-Big Ten standouts Jon Leuer, Jordan Taylor, Jared Berggren, Kammron Taylor, Nate Reuvers and Brad Davison.
- In 6 career starts vs. Minnesota, **Steven Crowl** is averaging 15.7 ppg and 5.2 rpg, shooting 37-56 FG (66.1%). He's 8-0 vs. the Gophers in his career.

### LAST GAME VS. MINNESOTA

March. 5, 2024 | Minneapolis, Minn. | Williams Arena

- Wisconsin claimed its 9th-straight win over Minnesota with a 74-67 victory at Williams Arena in Minneapolis on March 5.
- The Badgers hit just 5 3FGs (5-for-22), but won by limiting Minnesota to 41.3% shooting. Wisconsin went 21-for-24 (87.5%) at the free throw line.
- After turning the ball over 9 times in the first half, the Badgers coughed it up just twice in the second half, finishing with 11.
- Sophomore **John Blackwell** recorded his 2nd double-double in the last 3 games, finishing with a game-high 25 points and 11 rebounds.

### CHARTING THE BADGERS

#### CAREER GAMES PLAYED

	Games	Starts	Cons. Starts
John Tonje	161	81	31
UW total	31	31	31
Steven Crowl	147	135	135
Max Klesmit	146	129	0
UW total	96	96	0
Carter Gilmore	130	3	0
Kamari McGee	117	28	3
UW total	87	4	3
Markus Ilver	69	0	0
Camren Hunter	68	60	0
UW total	8	0	0
Nolan Winter	67	31	31
John Blackwell	65	31	31
Xavier Amos	63	26	0
UW total	30	0	0
Chris Hodges	38	0	0
Jack Janicki	30	0	0
Isaac Gard	22	0	0
Jack Robison	12	0	0
Daniel Freitag	12	0	0
Riccardo Greppi	8	0	0
Aidan Konop	4	0	0

#### DOUBLE-DIGIT POINTS

	Career	'24-25	Cons.
John Tonje	78 (55-23)	29 (21-8)	13
UW total	29 (21-8)	29 (21-8)	13
Max Klesmit	75 (46-29)	11 (9-2)	0
UW total	43 (26-17)	11 (9-2)	0
Steven Crowl	69 (51-18)	15 (10-5)	6
Camren Hunter	50 (18-32)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0
John Blackwell	39 (27-12)	25 (18-7)	4
Kamari McGee	25 (10-15)	8 (7-1)	1
UW total	9 (8-1)	8 (7-1)	1
Xavier Amos	18 (7-11)	2 (2-0)	0
UW total	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0
Nolan Winter	15 (13-2)	15 (13-2)	0
Carter Gilmore	5 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0
Jack Janicki	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0

#### 20-POINT SCORING GAMES

	Career	'24-25	Cons.
John Tonje	21 (17-4)	12 (9-3)	0
UW total	12 (9-3)	12 (9-3)	0
Camren Hunter	13 (7-6)	0 (0-0)	0
Max Klesmit	12 (8-4)	2 (1-1)	0
UW total	5 (4-1)	2 (1-1)	0
Steven Crowl	9 (7-2)	1 (1-0)	0
Xavier Amos	8 (2-6)	0 (0-0)	0
John Blackwell	7 (6-1)	7 (6-1)	0
Kamari McGee	5 (0-5)	0 (0-0)	0
Nolan Winter	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)	0

#### 30-POINT SCORING GAMES

	Career	'24-25	Cons.
John Tonje	5 (5-0)	4 (4-0)	0
UW total	4 (4-0)	4 (4-0)	0
John Blackwell	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0
Steven Crowl	1 (1-0)	0 (0-0)	0
Camren Hunter	1 (1-0)	0 (0-0)	0

#### DOUBLE-DIGIT REBOUNDS

	Career	'24-25	Cons.
Steven Crowl	18 (11-7)	2 (1-1)	0
Camren Hunter	5 (3-2)	0 (0-0)	0
Nolan Winter	3 (2-1)	3 (2-1)	0
Xavier Amos	3 (2-1)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0
John Blackwell	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0
John Tonje	1 (0-1)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0

#### DOUBLE-DOUBLES

	Career	'24-25	Cons.
Steven Crowl	12 (9-3)	1 (1-0)	0
Camren Hunter	5 (5-0)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0
Nolan Winter	3 (2-1)	3 (2-1)	0
John Tonje	1 (0-1)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0
Xavier Amos	1 (0-1)	0 (0-0)	0
UW total	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)	0
John Blackwell	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)	0

CHARTING THE BADGERS

LED UW IN SCORING

	2024-25	Career
Steven Crowl	3 (2-1)	19 (16-3)
John Tonje	16 (12-4)	16 (12-4)
John Blackwell	9 (7-2)	13 (9-4)
Max Klesmit	2 (1-1)	9 (6-3)
Nolan Winter	3 (2-1)	3 (2-1)

Record in those contests in parentheses

LED UW IN REBOUNDING

	2024-25	Career
Steven Crowl	11 (8-3)	56 (36-20)
Nolan Winter	12 (10-2)	14 (12-2)
John Blackwell	7 (6-1)	11 (9-2)
John Tonje	6 (3-3)	6 (3-3)
Max Klesmit	1 (1-0)	2 (1-1)
Carter Gilmore	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)

Record in those contests in parentheses

LED UW IN ASSISTS

	2024-25	Career
Steven Crowl	10 (7-3)	35 (25-10)
Max Klesmit	9 (7-2)	17 (11-6)
John Blackwell	8 (4-4)	9 (5-4)
John Tonje	7 (6-1)	7 (6-1)
Kamari McGee	7 (5-2)	7 (5-2)
Carter Gilmore	2 (0-2)	3 (0-3)
Nolan Winter	1 (0-1)	1 (0-1)

Record in those contests in parentheses

LED UW IN MINUTES

	2024-25	Career
Max Klesmit	3 (3-0)	17 (13-4)
John Tonje	14 (11-3)	14 (11-3)
John Blackwell	13 (7-6)	14 (8-6)
Steven Crowl	0 (0-0)	8 (4-4)
Kamari McGee	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Xavier Amos	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Carter Gilmore	0 (0-0)	1 (0-1)

Record in those contests in parentheses

2024-25 STARTING LINEUP RECORD

Blackwell, Klesmit, Tonje, Winter, Crowl	21-6
Blackwell, McGee, Tonje, Winter, Crowl	2-2

ACTIVE WIN/LOSS STREAKS

Overall	Lost 1
Vs. Unranked teams (AP)	Lost 1
Vs. Ranked teams (AP)	Won 1
At Home	Lost 1
At Home vs. Big Ten	Lost 1
At Home vs. ranked Big Ten	Lost 3
At Home vs. unranked Big Ten	Lost 1
At Home vs. non-conference	Won 12
At Home vs. ranked opp.	Won 1
On Road	Won 1
On Road vs. Big Ten	Won 1
On Road vs. ranked opp.	Lost 1
On Road vs. unranked opp.	Won 3
Neutral	Won 3
Neutral vs. ranked opp.	Lost 1
Neutral vs. unranked opp.	Won 3

RESUME BUILDING

Wisconsin is off to an 23-8 start, ranked No. 12 in KenPom and No. 19 in the NET (as of March 11).

- The Badgers' 23-8 record matches the 2nd-best start under Greg Gard and equals the 11th-highest single-season win total in school history. Gard-led teams are responsible for 7 of the top 20 winningest seasons all-time.

Wisconsin Record Book, Single-Season Wins

1.	36	2014-15	25	2004-05
2.	31	2007-08	25	2003-04
3.	30	2013-14	11.	24
	30	2006-07	24	2002-03
5.	27	2016-17	13.	23
	26	2011-12	23	2018-19
7.	25	2021-22	23	2012-12
	25	2010-11		

- The Badgers are 15-8 against the top 2 quadrants of the NET rankings, including 6 Quad 1 wins and just 1 loss outside the first Quadrant.

- UW is 1 of 9 schools with 15+ Quad 1/2 wins:

Most Quad 1/2 Wins, NET Rankings (as of March 6)

Q1/2 Ws	Team	6.	16	Purdue
1.	21	Auburn	16	Texas A&M
2.	18	Alabama	8.	15
	18	Houston		Wisconsin
4.	17	Florida	15	Oregon
	17	Michigan St.		

- Wisconsin is 9-5 away from home, including a mark of 6-5 in true road games and 3-0 in neutral site contests.

BUILDING THE BADGERS OFFENSE

*"They're leading the country, and could break an NCAA record, at 84% from the line... they counter your defense in a variety of ways and can beat you with four, five, six different concepts."*

- John Fanta, CBB Analyst

- The Wisconsin offensive evolution under Greg Gard has been remarkable. Consider...
- **SCORING:** Wisconsin is averaging 80.8 points per game, which would rank 5th in UW history and the highest since the school-record 86.3 ppg in 1970-71.
- UW is second in the Big Ten in scoring during conference play, averaging 79.5 ppg.
- The Badgers have scored at least 80 points in 16 games this season, most in school history.
- UW has 4 games of 90+ points this season for the first time since 2016-17.
- The Badgers have reached 90 points in 3 of their last 16 Big Ten games. Prior to that, Wisconsin had 3 total in the previous 403 games dating back to 2002.

Games with 90+ Points, Wisconsin, Big Ten Play

Last 17 games	3 games
Previous 403 games	3 games

- **TEMPO:** Wisconsin is averaging 70.8 possessions per game, which would register as its fastest pace in at least 30 years.
- **EFFICIENCY:** Wisconsin ranks 11th in the nation in offensive efficiency per KenPom. UW's mark of 123.1 would rank as the school's 2nd-highest mark in the KenPom era (1997).

Best Adjusted Off. Efficiency, Wisconsin (since 1997)

Season	Adj.O	Rank	Record	Postseason
2014-15	129.0	1st	36-4	National Finals
2024-25	123.1	11th	23-7	?????
2010-11	122.3	2nd	25-9	Sweet 16
2013-14	122.0	4th	30-8	Final Four
2023-24	119.2	17th	22-14	NCAA 1st Rd

- **BALANCE:** Three different Badgers have scored 25+ pts in a game this season and the Badgers have 6 30-point efforts already:  
**Tonje** 6x (41-Ariz, 33-Pitt, 32-Pur, 31-III, 27-Neb, 27-NW)  
**Blackwell** 4x (32-Iowa, 30-UTRGV, 28-USC, 25-MN)  
**Klesmit** 1x (26-Montana St)
- The last time Wisconsin had 3 different players tally 25+ points in a game in the same season was Ethan Happ, Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig in the 2016-17 season.
- **3-POINT SHOOTING:** Wisconsin leads the Big Ten averaging 10.3 3FGs per game during conference play. The Badgers also rank 5th shooting 35.9% from deep during league play.
- UW is on pace to shoot (28.0 3FGA) and make (9.8 3FG) more 3s than ever since the inception of the 3-point line in 1986-87.

Most 3FGs per game, Big Ten History

	3FGs/Gm	Team	Season
1.	10.4	Penn State	2022-23
2.	10.1	Purdue	2018-19
3.	10.0	Wisconsin	2024-25
4.	9.8	Iowa	2024-25

- Wisconsin is on pace to shatter its school record for 3FGs per game of 8.6 set during the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.
- The Badgers have also already broken the school single-season record for 3FGs with 304. The previous high was 297 set in 2013-14.
- UW has made 10 or more 3FGs in 18 games this season, the most in the Big Ten and the most such games in school history.
- **FREE THROW SHOOTING:** Wisconsin leads the NCAA in free throw percentage, 83.6% FT (514-for-615) at the line. That is on pace to break the NCAA record of 83.0% by Villanova in 2020-21. Wisconsin currently holds the Big Ten record, hitting 81.8% in 2010-11.
- UW is averaging 16.6 FTs per game, which ranks 28th in the NCAA (3rd in the Big Ten) and would be the Badgers' most since 1970-71.
- UW has won 27 straight when making 25+ FTs dating back to 2009-10 (4-0 this season).
- In its win over #9 Arizona, UW went 41-for-47 (87.2%) at the line, which tied UW's program record - 41 at Illinois, Jan. 1, 1955.
- **SHARING THE ROCK:** Wisconsin is averaging 14.7 assists per game (most since 1993-94).

Wisconsin Offensive Comparison

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
KenPom O-Effic.	140th	17th	11th
PPG	65.3	74.7	80.8
FG Pct.	.414	.461	.460
2-Pt FG Pct.	.463	.522	.560
3 FG Pct.	.342	.349	.350
3FG per game	7.9	7.1	9.8
3FGA per game	23.1	20.4	28.0
FT Pct.	.691	.755	.836
FT per game	9.9	14.7	16.6

# JOHN TONJE

"TONJE IS A LEGITIMATE ALL-AMERICAN AND BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE."

JEFF BORZELLO, ESPN.COM



18.9

Tonje is 6th in the Big Ten in scoring at **18.9** points per game. He is trying to become the 5th Badger to average 19.0 ppg since 1990, joining Michael Finley (1993-95), Devin Harris (2004), Alando Tucker (2006-07) and Johnny Davis (2022).

22.5

In 12 games against teams ranked in the top-50 of the NCAA's NET Rankings, Tonje is averaging **22.5** ppg and 5.0 rpg, while shooting 43.2% (32-74) from 3-point range and 92.0% (81-88) at the free throw line.

21.4

Since Jan. 21, Tonje is 5th among Major Conference players in scoring, averaging **21.4** ppg during that 13-game span.

He has knocked down 40 3-pointers during that stretch, 3rd-highest total among Major Conference players.

38.5

Tonje finished 3rd in the Big Ten shooting **38.5%** from 3-point range during conference play.

He is also averaging 2.5 triples per game during Big Ten play, the 2nd-best mark in the league.

6.0

Tonje leads all Major Conference players averaging **6.0** made free throws per game (6th overall).

He is shooting 91.6% from the stripe, which ranks 5th in the nation.

Tonje's 185 made FTs rank 2nd in school history and just 5 shy of Nigel Hayes' program record (190 in 2015-16).

30+

Tonje has authored **four 30-point** games this season, no other Major Conference player has more than 3.

He is 1 shy of tying Wisconsin's single-season record for 30-point games, held by Rick Olson in 1985-86.

## TONJE'S TROPHY CASE

- Second-Team All-American (Field of 68)
- Unanimous First-Team All-Big Ten
- National Transfer of the Year (Field of 68)
- Naismith Men's Player of the Year Midseason Team
- Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Naismith Player of the Week (2/17/25)
- Oscar Robertson National POW (11/19 & 11/26)
- Lute Olson National Player of the Week (11/18)
- Big Ten Player of the Week (3x)
- 2024 Greenbrier Tip-Off Tournament MVP

## BEST AGAINST THE BEST

- Wisconsin has played 11 games against teams ranked in the top-50 of the NCAA's NET Rankings. In those games, Tonje is averaging 22.5 ppg and 5.0 rpg, while shooting 43.2% (32-74) from 3-point range and 92.0 (81-88) at the FT line.

### TONJE VS. TOP-50 NET TEAMS

Opponent (rank)	PTS	REB	3FG	FT
Arizona (10)	41	6	4-6	21-22
Michigan (25)	18	3	3-5	5-6
at Marquette (22)	14	5	1-5	7-8
at Illinois (16)	14	4	2-7	2-2
Ohio State (36)	17	4	1-4	10-10
at UCLA (27)	24	5	6-7	2-3
at Maryland (12)	23	6	5-8	2-2
at Purdue (17)	32	6	4-9	8-9
Illinois (16)	31	3	3-5	10-12
Oregon (31)	22	7	2-10	2-2
Michigan State (11)	11	4	1-8	4-4
Total	22.5	5.0	43.2%	92.0%

## TONJE'S TOP GAMES

### ■ W, 103-88 vs. #9 ARIZONA (11/15)

**41 points (4-6 3FGs, 21-22 FTs)**

- Most points by a Badger since Frank Kaminsky's school-record 43 in 2013 - coincidentally, Kaminsky was in attendance this night
- Broke the Wisconsin single-game record for FTs, finishing 21-for-22 at the line
- 5th-most points in a win over an AP Top-10 team in Big Ten history

### ■ W, 81-75 vs. PITT (11/24)

**33 points (10-10 FTs), 7 rebounds**

- Earned MVP of the Greenbrier Tip-Off, averaging 24.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in wins over UCF and Pitt

### ■ L, 83-85 vs. UCLA (1/21)

**27 points (6-7 3FGs) 5 rebounds**

### ■ W, 83-55 vs. NEBRASKA (1/26)

**27 points (5-11 3FGs, 6-6 FTs)**

### ■ W, 75-69 at NORTHWESTERN (2/1)

**27 points (5-11 3FGs), 8 rebounds**

### ■ W, 94-84 at #7 PURDUE (2/15)

**32 points (4-9 3FGs), 6 rebounds**

- Scored 22 of his 32 in the second half, including a personal 11-0 run
- 3rd-most points scored by a Badger vs. Purdue

### ■ W, 96-74 vs. ILLINOIS (2/18)

**31 points (3-5 3FGs, 10-12 FTs)**

- First back-to-back 30-point games by a Badger since Michael Finley in 1994

## TONJE'S ON A TEAR

A unanimous first-team All-Big Ten selection and a second-team All-American, **John Tonje** has been one of the nation's best players all season long.

- Tonje earned the Badgers' 18th first-time All-Big Ten honor since 2001-02, trailing only Purdue (21) over that span. Illinois (15), Ohio State (15) and Michigan (12) are next.
- Tonje is a catalyst for one of the nation's best offenses, ranking 6th in the Big Ten averaging 18.9 ppg and scoring at all 3 levels.
- Tonje is trying to become just the 5th Badger to average at least 19.0 ppg in the last 35 years, joining Michael Finley, Devin Harris, Alando Tucker and Johnny Davis.
- Tonje is shooting 46.0% overall, 37.8% 3FGs and 91.6% FTs.
- During conference play, Tonje ranked 3rd in the Big Ten shooting 38.5% from 3FGs and tied for 2nd averaging 2.5 triples per game.
- Tonje has been on a tear over the last 13 games, averaging 21.4 ppg over that stretch. He is shooting 40-for-99 (.404) from 3-point range over that stretch.
- Since Jan. 21, Tonje ranks 11th in the NCAA - and 5th among Major Conference players - in scoring (21.4 ppg) and is 3rd among Major Conf. players with 40 3FGs over that span.
- The 6-foot-5 guard has been at his best in big games, leading the nation in points per game against Top-25 opponents, averaging 24.5 ppg.
- Tonje has 4 games with 30+ points, placing him 1 shy of the school's single-season record.

### Most Games with 30+ pts, Wisconsin, Single Season

Gms	Player	Season
5	Rick Olson	1985-86
4	Joe Franklin	1967-68
4	Clarence Sherrod	1969-70
4	Michael Finley	1992-93
4	John Tonje	2024-25

- Tonje has scored in double figures in 29 of 31 games this season and 20+ points 12 times.
- The 6-foot-5 guard has been nearly perfect at the free throw line, ranking 2nd in the Big Ten and 5th in the NCAA shooting 91.6% FT (185-for-202).

- The UW single-season FT Pct. record is 90.5%, shared by Brian Good (1990) and Bronson Koenig (2017).
- Tonje leads the Big Ten and ranks 5th in NCAA with 185 made FTs. Tonje's 185 FTs already rank 2nd on Wisconsin's single-season record list and just 5 shy of Nigel Hayes' single-season record (190).
- Averaging 6.0 made FTs per game, Tonje would rank 4th on UW's single-season list and the most by a Badger since Clarence Sherrod averaged 6.0 FTs in 1970-71.
- Tonje is trying to become 1 of just 6 Big Ten players to avg 6.0 FTs/gm over the last 15 seasons.

### Most FTs per game, Big Ten (since 2010-11)

FTs/Gm	Player (school)	Season
1. 8.3	Tim Frazier (PSU)	2012-13
2. 7.9	Zach Edey (PUR)	2023-24
3. 6.9	Terrance Shannon (ILL)	2023-24
4. 6.2	Jahmir Young (MARY)	2023-24
5. 6.0	<b>John Tonje (WIS)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
6.0	James Palmer (NEB)	2018-19

- Over the last 20 years, only 5 Big Ten players have scored at least 32 points in a road win over a team ranked in the top 10 of the AP Poll.

### 32+ pts in a Top-10 road win, Big Ten (Last 20 yrs)

Pts	Player (Team)	Opp.	Date
37	Johnny Davis (WIS)	#3 Purdue	1/3/22
35	Brandon Paul (ILL)	#10 Gonzaga	12/8/12
35	Jalen Hood-Schifino (IND)	#5 Purdue	2/25/23
32	Evan Turner (OSU)	#6 Purdue	1/12/10
32	John Tonje (WIS)	#7 Purdue	2/15/25

- Tonje became the nation's only player with multiple 30-point games vs. top-10 opponents this season (41 vs. #9 Arizona).
- Tonje avg just 2.6 ppg last season playing in 8 games (4 starts) at Missouri before suffering a foot injury that resulted in a medical redshirt.
- Tonje spent 4 seasons at Colorado State (122 games, 46 starts), scoring 1,051 points helping the Rams reach the 2022 NCAA tournament.
- As a senior at Colorado State in 2022-23, he avg 14.6 ppg (47.3% FG) and 4.7 rpg.



With 574 points this season, Tonje already ranks 13th on Wisconsin's single-season scoring list. He is just 18 points of reaching the top-10 (592 - Michael Finley, 1994).

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JOHN TONJE

"If you were putting together a first-team All-America team today, it might have John Tonje on it. In a sport that's filled with great stories, there is one originating at Wisconsin."

- Gary Parrish, CBS Sports (2/19/25)

"Tonje is cooking right now. He'd be on my first-team All-America ballot if the season ended today."

- CJ Moore, The Athletic (2/17/25)

"Tonje is one of the better players in our league. He's been phenomenal all year long."

Chris Collins, Northwestern (2/1/25)

"The way he's playing, Tonje is making a strong case to end up being the 4th or 5th guy on my first-team All-American ballot."

Kyle Boone, CBS Sports (2/19/25)

"He's a great scorer. He is great at driving the basketball, but he had a step-back three in the corner down at their end to start the second half that was big time."

Matt Painter, Purdue (2/15/25)

"He has great understanding of the game, combined with the IQ and the footwork. He's a match-up nightmare with his size and frame."

Jay Williams, ESPN (3/1/25)

### GARD'ING THE BADGER LEGACY

"Greg Gard, the job he does. We don't talk about Wisconsin and him, but that dude can flat coach."  
- Seth Greenberg, ESPN Analyst

- Head coach **Greg Gard** is earning national recognition for the season Wisconsin has put together. A finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year, Gard was also 1 of 15 named to the 2025 Werner Ladder Naismith Men's College Coach of the Year Watch List.
- In his 10th season, Gard has led Wisconsin to Big Ten titles in 2 of the last 5 seasons. His teams have qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 7 of 9 - including the canceled 2020 tourney. (More on page 11).
- Gard has guided UW to a record of 209-115 (.645), the 4th-highest win total and 3rd-highest win percentage in school annals.

**Best Win Pct, Wisconsin Coaches (min. 50 wins)**

Coach (School, Years)	Record	Pct.
1. Bo Ryan (2002-15)	364-130	.737
2. Walter Meanwell (1912-17, '21-34)	246-99	.712
3. <b>Greg Gard (2016-present)</b>	<b>209-115</b>	<b>.645</b>
4. Dick Bennett (1996-2000)	94-68	.580
5. Bud Foster (1935-59)	265-267	.498

- Earlier this season, Gard became the 4th Wisconsin coach to reach the 200-win milestone, joining a trio of Naismith Hall of Famers: Bo Ryan, Walter Meanwell and Bud Foster. He is also the 3rd-fastest in UW history to hit that mark, trailing only Ryan and Meanwell.
- During the Gard era (since 2015-16), the Badgers are 117-77 (.603) in Big Ten play, trailing only Purdue and Michigan State for the most wins and best win% in during that span.

**Best Win% in B1G play since 2015-16 (thru March 5)**

School	Record	Pct.
1. Purdue	138-55	.715
2. Michigan State	126-66	.656
3. <b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>117-77</b>	<b>.603</b>
4. Michigan	111-80	.581
5. Maryland	107-87	.552

- Gard's 60.3% conference win percentage ranks 7th-best among Big Ten coaches of the last 45 years (since 1980). (page 11)
- With 117 Big Ten wins, Gard ranks 21st on the conference's all-time wins list. Among coaches with 100 wins, his win percentage of 60.3% is tied for 14th in B1G history (pg 12).
- Gard has led teams to 7 of the top 20 winningest seasons in program history:

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	30	2006-07		23	2018-19
5.	27	2016-17		23	2012-12
6.	26	2011-12	16.	22	2023-24
7.	25	2021-22		22	2015-16
	25	2010-11		22	1999-00
	25	2004-05		22	1998-99
	25	2003-04	20.	21	2019-20

### BLACKWELL BREAKOUT

"The Badgers need a go-to scoring option on the perimeter. That's where Blackwell comes into the equation...He boasts All-Big Ten caliber potential." - Jon Rothstein, CBS Sports

- Sophomore **John Blackwell** is emerging as one of the Big Ten's most well-rounded players, ranking 2nd on the Badgers in points (15.6 ppg), 3rd in rebounds (5.2 rpg) and 3rd in assists (2.2 apg).
  - Those averages rise to 16.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg and 2.0 apg during Big Ten play.
- Blackwell is on a hot streak lately averaging 21.0 ppg and 8.0 rpg over the last 4 contests, including a pair of double-doubles.
  - 24p, 10r vs. Washington (2/25)
  - 25p, 11r at Minnesota (3/5)
- The Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, native has tallied 8 games with 20+ points. He averaged 25.5 ppg in UW's games at USC and UCLA.
  - Blackwell also owns a trio of games with 28+ points: a career-high 32 points (6-10 3FGs) vs. Iowa, 30 vs. UTRGV and 28 at USC.
  - Blackwell is 1 of 10 Big Ten players to have at least 3 games of 28 points or more, joining teammate John Tonje (4).
- One of the Big Ten's best on-ball defenders, Blackwell often draws the opponent's top-scoring guard. On the year, he is tied for the team lead with 28 steals, including 19 in conference play.
- Another strength of Blackwell's game is getting to the free throw line with regularity. He is 13th in the Big Ten this season, going 96-for-118 (81.4%) at the line.
  - Last season, Blackwell led Wisconsin shooting an impressive 82.1% FT (78-for-95).
- Blackwell went 6-for-10 from 3-point range vs. Iowa (1/3) further showing the shooting ability he demonstrated as a freshman.
  - Blackwell is shooting 33.7% from deep during conference play.
  - Last season, Blackwell set the UW freshman 3FG Pct. record at 45.5%.
- In 2024, Blackwell earned Big Ten All-Freshman Team honors after averaging 8.0 ppg.
  - Blackwell became the third-straight Badger to earn Big Ten All-Freshman Team honors, joining Chucky Hepburn (2022) and Connor Essegian (2023).
- Blackwell's father, Glynn Blackwell, played 4 seasons at Illinois (1984-88), appearing in 106 games (57 starts) for the Illini where he averaged 12.1 ppg as a senior.

### SITUATIONAL RECORDS

	2024-25	Under Gard
Ahead at the half	17-6	167-24
Behind at the half	6-2	33-86
Tied at the half	0-0	8-5
FG% of .450 or more	14-3	116-22
FG% less than .450	9-5	92-93
Better FG% than opp.	19-3	162-17
Worse FG% than opp.	4-5	44-95
Same FG% as opp.	0-0	3-3
Opp. FG% less than 45%	18-5	157-42
3FG% of 40% or more	9-1	92-16
3FG% less than 40%	14-7	115-99
Try more than 20 3FGs	21-7	121-75
Try 20 or fewer 3FGs	2-1	87-39
Make at least 70% FT	23-7	136-54
Try at least 20 FTs	12-3	89-27
Try fewer than 20 FTs	11-5	117-87
Out-rebound opponent	17-4	131-30
Tied or out-rebounded	6-4	77-85
Same or fewer TOs than opp.	16-4	155-73
More TOs than opp.	7-4	53-42
Commit fewer than 12 TOs	18-4	161-73
Commit 12 or more TOs	5-4	48-41
Score fewer than 50 points	0-0	2-4
Score 50-59 points	0-0	8-40
Score 60-69 points	0-3	59-40
Score 70-79 points	9-3	78-22
Score 80-89 points	10-2	48-9
Score 90 or more pts.	4-0	13-0
Allow fewer than 50 pts.	0-0	25-1
Allow 50-59 pts.	5-0	60-10
Allow 60-69 pts.	10-1	85-35
Allow 70-79 pts.	4-3	31-43
Allow 80-89 pts.	4-4	7-22
Allow 90 or more pts.	0-0	0-4
Overtime	0-0	11-9
vs. AP Top 25 opponents	2-2	32-48
vs. AP Top 25 opp. at home	1-0	16-15
Home games	14-3	123-36
Road games	6-5	56-56
Neutral site games	3-0	30-23
Day games	9-4	65-44
Night games	14-4	144-71

**GAMES DECIDED BY**

3 points or less	2-2	29-21
4-5 points	0-1	29-22
6-10 points	5-3	46-35
11-19 points	7-2	57-30
20 or more points	9-0	48-5

**TELEVISED GAMES**

Big Ten Network	6-1	97-31
Big Ten Plus (B1G+)	3-0	10-0
CBS	1-1	13-16
CBS Sports Network	2-0	2-1
ESPN	0-0	18-16
ESPN2	0-0	19-12
ESPNU	0-0	1-3
ESPN+	0-0	3-1
FOX	0-2	4-9
FS1	4-0	25-16
NBC	1-0	1-0
Peacock	6-4	9-6
TBS	0-0	1-3
TNT	0-0	2-1

2024-25 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Michigan State (#7)	17-3	26-5
Maryland (#11)	14-6	24-7
Michigan (#22)	14-6	22-9
UCLA	13-7	22-9
<b>Wisconsin (#18)</b>	<b>13-7</b>	<b>23-8</b>
Purdue (#20)	13-7	21-10
Illinois (#24)	12-8	20-11
Oregon (#23)	12-8	23-8
Indiana	10-10	19-12
Ohio State	9-11	17-14
Rutgers	8-12	15-16
Minnesota	7-13	15-16
Northwestern	7-13	16-15
USC	7-13	15-16
Iowa	7-13	16-15
Nebraska	7-13	17-14
Penn State	6-14	16-15
Washington	4-16	13-18

RECORDS THROUGH GAMES PLAYED MARCH 9

AP TOP 25 (WEEK 17 - 3/10/25)

Team	Record	Points
1 Duke	28-3	1516
2 Houston	27-4	1427
3 Auburn (61)	27-4	1407
4 Florida	27-4	1350
5 Alabama	23-6	1176
6 St. John's	27-4	1201
7 Michigan State	26-5	1191
8 Tennessee	25-6	1163
9 Texas Tech	24-7	1012
10 Clemson	26-5	949
11 Maryland	24-7	836
12 Iowa State	23-8	792
13 Louisville	25-6	723
14 Texas A&M	22-9	647
15 Kentucky	21-10	629
16 Memphis	26-5	602
17 BYU	23-8	586
<b>18 Wisconsin</b>	<b>23-8</b>	<b>575</b>
19 Saint Mary's	27-4	477
20 Purdue	21-10	339
21 Missouri	21-10	203
22 Michigan	22-9	171
23 Oregon	23-8	140
24 Illinois	20-11	137
25 Marquette	22-9	127

**Others receiving votes:**  
Drake 103, Arizona 82, UCLA 52, UC San Diego 39, UConn 38, Gonzaga 28, New Mexico 20, Creighton 18, Ole Miss 17, VCU 6, High Point 4, Kansas 3, Akron 2, Xavier 1, McNeese 1

WISCONSIN IN THE AP TOP 25:

Preseason.....	RV	Jan. 13.....	#24
Nov. 11.....	RV	Jan. 20.....	#18
Nov. 18.....	#19	Jan. 27.....	#17
Nov. 25.....	#15	Feb. 3.....	#21
Dec. 2.....	#11	Feb. 10.....	#16
Dec. 9.....	#20	Feb. 17.....	#11
Dec. 16.....	RV	Feb. 24.....	#11
Dec. 23.....	RV	March 3.....	#12
Dec. 30.....	RV	March 10.....	#18
Jan. 6.....	RV		

TURN IT UP TO THE MAX

Senior **Max Klesmit** has established himself as an alpha team leader for UW and an offensive threat in opponent scouting reports.

- Klesmit has missed the last two games at MSU and Minnesota with a lower body injury and his status remains questionable for Saturday.
- Klesmit is averaging 9.7 points per game this season (4th on the team).
  - Including 17 points in UW's win at #7 Purdue, Klesmit has scored in double figures in 11 of 28 games this season. For his career, he has scored 10+ a total of 74 times.
  - Klesmit scored 18 points at USC (1/18), his highest total since posting 22 at Marquette earlier this season (12/7/24). Against the Trojans, Klesmit was a perfect 5-for-5 inside the arc (2-9 3FGs) while adding 4 assists.
- It's been more than just scoring for Klesmit this season, however, as he now leads the team with 2.7 assists/game.
- More impressive, he's maintaining a 2.4 assist-to-turnover ratio (74 ast, 31 TO), the 2nd-best mark on the team.
- The senior guard is shooting 84.5% (60-for-71) at the free throw line, the 2nd best clip on the team.
- Klesmit scored a season-high 26 points vs. Montana State (Nov. 7), just 1 shy of his career high. He made a career-high six 3s.
  - Klesmit has tallied 12 games scoring 20+ points. UW is 4-1 in such games.
- When the native of Neenah, Wisconsin, gets things going offensively, he has shown a tendency to heat up ... and in a hurry.
  - Earlier this season at #5 Marquette, Klesmit matched his career high with 6 triples (6-11 3FG), finishing with a team-high 22 points.
  - Last season, Klesmit scored a UW career high 26 points (8-11 FG, 5-7 3FG) vs. Indiana (1/19/24). That included a stretch during which Klesmit scored 20 straight points in a span of 4.5 minutes.
  - Last year vs. #3 Marquette (12/2/23), he scored a game-high 21 pts (all in the first half), shooting 5-for-10 from 3-point range.
- Klesmit eclipsed 1,000 career points last season (617 pts in two seasons at Wofford). He is up to **1,514 career points**.
- Including 93 3FGs during his 2 seasons at Wofford and 157 while at Wisconsin, Klesmit has hit 250 career triples, which is 4th among all active Big Ten players.

Big Ten Career 3FG Leaders, Active

Player	Career 3Fs
1. Zach Hicks (Penn State)	282
2. DJ Davis (Washington)	267
3. Payton Sandfort (Iowa)	261
<b>4. Max Klesmit (Wisconsin)</b>	<b>250</b>
5. Mike Mitchell Jr. (Minnesota)	247

\* Stats thru March 10, 2025

TAKING WHAT'S FREE

One of the staples of Wisconsin's program is getting to the free throw line and taking advantage. So far, so good this season...

- **The Badgers lead the NCAA** shooting 83.6% (514-for-615) from the free throw line. At this rate, UW is on pace to set the NCAA record as well as the Big Ten record - which UW set at 81.8% in 2010-11.
- NCAA Record Book, Highest FT pct.**
- | Pct. (FT-FTA)         | School           | Season         |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>.836 (514-615)</b> | <b>Wisconsin</b> | <b>2024-25</b> |
| 1. .830 (527-635)     | Villanova        | 2020-21        |
| 2. .822 (535-651)     | Harvard          | 1983-84        |
| 3. .821 (407-496)     | Oral Roberts     | 2020-21        |
| 4. .820 (456-556)     | Villanova        | 2022-23        |
- UW ranks th in the Big Ten (29th nationally) averaging 16.6 made FTs per game. That mark would be the team's highest since the 2013-14 (16.9) and prior to that the 1975-76 season (16.6).
    - By comparison, the Badgers averaged 14.7 made FTs per game last season.

Most Wisconsin FTs Per Game (since 1975)

FTs/Gm	Season
1. 16.9	2013-14
2. 16.6	1975-76
<b>16.6</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
4. 16.3	1994-95
5. 16.2	2006-07

- Wisconsin has out-scored its opponents, 514-to-365, at the free throw line. UW has made more free throws (514) as its opponents have attempted (511).
- The Badgers went 25-for-28 at the line vs. Ohio State (1/14), marking the 4th time making 25+ free throws in a game this season. The Badgers have won 27 consecutive games when making 25+ FTs dating back to 2009-10.
- UW is 89-27 under coach **Greg Gard** when attempting 20 or more FTs (12-3 this year).
- In its upset of #9 Arizona, UW shot 41-for-47 at the line. The 41 made free throws tied UW's program record (at Illinois, 1/1/55).
- In the season opener vs. Holy Cross, the Badgers were a perfect 16-for-16, the 2nd-most FTs without a miss in school history.

'BIG STEVE' HAVING BIG IMPACT

With 135 starts (147 total games) **Steven Crawl** has seen it all in his 5-year career at Wisconsin. A starter on the Badgers' 2022 Big Ten championship team, Crawl is comfortable playing the role of go-to scorer as well as glue guy to help win.

- Crawl has appeared in 101 wins during his career at Wisconsin, becoming just the 8th Badger ever to play in 100 wins.
  - Crawl has now scored in double figures in each of the last 6 games and 15 times this season. The Badgers are 51-18 when he scores 10+.
- On the season, Crawl is averaging 9.9 ppg and 5.4 rpg while shooting 54.6% from the field, 37.9% from deep and 82.0% at the FT line.

- Crowl is 1 of just 12 Big Ten players since 1986-87 to accumulate at least 1,300 points, 800 rebounds and 250 assists (see box below).
- Crowl owns 147 career games played (tied for 5th in UW history) and 135 starts (4th in UW history. (page 14)
- His 1,433 points rank 15th on UW's all-time scoring list. He is 22 points from passing Kirk Penney (1,454 from 2000-03) for 14th place.
- With 823 career rebounds, Crowl ranks 6th in school history. He is 21 boards from passing Joe Chrnelich (841 from 1977-80) for 5th.
- A skilled 7-foot passer, Crowl ranks 2nd for UW averaging 2.5 assists per game.
- In fact, with 291 in his career, **Crowl holds the Big Ten's top mark for career assists by a 7-footer since 2002-03:**

Most Career Assists by B1G 7-Footers (Since 2002-03)

Name	Team	Assists
1. <b>Steven Crowl</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>291</b>
2. Frank Kaminsky	Wisconsin	188
3. Zach Edey	Purdue	185

- Crowl has 12 career double-doubles.
- Last season, the Eagan, Minn., native developed into a leading contributor, ranked 1st in rebounds (7.3 rpg), 2nd in scoring (11.2 ppg) and 2nd in assists (2.1 apg) for UW.

WINTER IS COMING

Sophomore **Nolan Winter** has been one of the Badgers' most improved players this season.

- A starter for the first time, Winter is averaging a career-best 9.7 ppg and leads the Badgers with 6.0 rpg.
- Winter logged a double-double in Wisconsin's loss at Michigan State (3/2), hauling in a career-high 17 rebounds and totaling 12 points.
  - Winter's 17 rebounds were the most for a Badger since Alonzo Tucker totaled 18 during the 2002-03 season (vs. UNLV, 12/7).
  - His 17 boards were the most for a Badger in a Big Ten game since Rashard Griffith grabbed 18 against Iowa on 1/21/95.

- Winter leads UW shooting 56.6% from the field. He also leads Big Ten shooting 70.7% (82-116) on 2-point FGs.
- Winter is shooting 35.8% (29-81) from 3-point range, the NCAA's 3rd-highest mark among 7-footers with 50 attempts, trailing only Arkansas' Zvonimir Ivisic (41.3%).

NCAA 3FG Pct Leaders, 7-Footers (Min. 50 3FGAs)

Player	Pct.	3FG-3FGA
1. Zvonimir Ivisic (Arkansas)	38.5%	47-122
2. Reece Potter (Miami OH)	38.2%	21-55
3. <b>Steven Crowl (Wisconsin)</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>22-58</b>
4. <b>Nolan Winter (Wisconsin)</b>	<b>36.6%</b>	<b>30-82</b>
5. Amaei L'Etang (Dayton)	34.5%	20-58
6. Danny Wolf (Michigan)	33.7%	29-86

- Last season, the Lakeville, Minnesota, native averaged 2.4 points per game, an increased scoring average of 7.4 points per game, the 5th-largest increase in the Big Ten.

Largest scoring increases from last season, B1G

Name	2023-24	2024-25	Diff.
1. Trey Kaufman-Renn (PUR)	6.4	19.7	+13.3
2. Nick Martinelli (NW)	8.8	20.2	+12.4
3. Devin Royal (OSU)	4.7	13.6	+9.9
4. <b>Nolan Winter (WIS)</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>+7.3</b>
5. Connor Essegian (WIS/NEB)	3.2	10.4	+7.2

\* Stats thru March 10, 2025

- Winter has scored 15+ in 5 games this season, including a stretch of 4 straight (ILL, Butler, Detroit and Iowa) that included a career-high 20 points vs. Butler and his second career double-double vs. Detroit Mercy (18p, 11r).
- Winter prepped at Lakeville North, the same high school as former Badgers Tyler Wahl (2019-24) and Nate Reuvers (2017-21).
- Nolan's father, Trevor, played Big Ten basketball as a 7-foot center on Minnesota's 1997 Final Four team. His mother, Heidi, played volleyball for the Gophers.

QUICK FACTS

University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI 53711



Founded	1848
Enrollment	50,662
Nickname	Badgers
School Colors	Cardinal and White
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big Ten
Chancellor	Jennifer Mnookin
Director of Athletics	Chris McIntosh
Website	UWBadgers.com
X/Twitter	@BadgerMBB
Instagram	badgermbb
Facebook	/WisconsinMensBasketball

HEAD COACH - GREG GARD

Seasons	10th at Wisconsin / 10th overall
Overall Record	208-115 (.645)
Record at Wisconsin	Same
Big Ten Record	116-77 (.603)
Big Ten Tournament Record	8-8 (.500)
NCAA Tournament Record	6-6 (.500)
	6 appearances

KOHL CENTER

Opened	Jan. 17, 1998
Capacity	16,838
Student Section	AreaRED
Overall Kohl Center Record	375-73 (.837)
Big Ten Kohl Center Record	191-56 (.773)
Gard record at Kohl Center	123-36 (.774)

ALL-TIME RECORD

127th season of Wisconsin Basketball
Years: 1898 to present
Overall Record: 1,745-1,279 (.577)
Big Ten Record: 892-887 (.501)
NCAA Tournament Record: 40-26 (.606)
Big Ten Tournament Record: 29-23 (.558)

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (20)

**Titles:** 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1935, 1941, 1947, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2015, 2020, 2022

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT TITLES (3)

**Titles:** 2004, 2008, 2015

NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

**Appearances (27):** 1941, 1947, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024

**National Championship:** 1941

**Final Four (4):** 1941, 2000, 2014, 2015

**Elite Eight (6):** 1941, 1947, 2000, 2005, 2014, 2015

**Sweet 16 (11):** 1941, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

CROWL JOINS BIG TEN LEGENDS

- **Steven Crowl** became just the 4th Badger ever to accumulate 1,300 points, 800 rebs and 250 assists.
- Since 1986-87, only 12 Big Ten players have reached those milestones.
- Crowl reached the 1200-750-250 club in 133 games, becoming the fastest Badger ever to reach these marks and the 6th-fastest Big Ten player since 1986-87.

1,300 Pts, 800 Reb, 250 Ast Career, Big Ten (since 1986-87)

	YRS	GMS	PTS	REB	AST
1. Glen Rice (MICH)	1986-89	134	2,442	859	274
2. Trayce Jackson-Davis (IND)	2020-23	126	2,258	1143	271
3. Lamar Stevens (PSU)	2017-20	135	2,207	875	262
4. <b>Ethan Happ (WIS)</b>	<b>2016-19</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>1217</b>	<b>423</b>
5. <b>Nigel Hayes (WIS)</b>	<b>2014-17</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>319</b>
6. Robbie Hummel (PUR)	2008-12	127	1,772	862	268
7. Denzel Valentine (MSU)	2013-16	144	1,645	855	639
8. Kevin Rankin (NW)	1991-94	112	1,575	885	271
9. Brad Miller (PUR)	1995-98	128	1,530	862	257
10. Draymond Green (MSU)	2009-12	145	1,517	1096	425
11. <b>Steven Crowl (WIS)</b>	<b>2021-25</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>291</b>
12. <b>Tyler Wahl (WIS)</b>	<b>2020-24</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>271</b>

### KAMARI AMONG BEST SIXTH MEN

"We're going to have to start having the conversation about Kamari McGee and the Sixth Man of the Year Award in the Big Ten." - Kevin Kugler, BTN

- Making a case as one of the most valuable "sixth man" players in college basketball, **Kamari McGee** has been terrific for Wisconsin.
- McGee averages 22.3 minutes per game off the bench, averaging a UW career best 6.8 points and 2.0 assists per game.
- McGee has scored in double figures 8 times this season, including 5 times during B1G play.
  - The Badgers are now 8-1 all-time when he scored in double figures (7-1 this season).
  - With Max Klesmit out with injury vs. Minnesota (1/10), McGee made his first UW start and responded with 15 points, his highest output as a Badger. He also 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals in 33 minutes.
  - McGee started again, in place of Klesmit, in Wisconsin's games at Michigan State (3/2), at Minnesota (3/5) and vs. Penn State (3/8) McGee dished 5 assists with zero TOs in 32:30 at Minnesota and scored 11 points vs. Penn State.
- McGee has had a breakout season from behind the arc, shooting 47.9% from 3-point range (34-71) and 47.1% overall.
  - McGee ranks 10th in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage among players with at least 50 3FGAs.
  - McGee is also challenging Wisconsin's single-season 3-point percentage record.

#### Wisconsin, Single-Season 3FG Pct. (min. 60 3FGAs)

Player	Pct.	3FG-3FGA
1. Tracy Webster (1989)	49.0%	75-153
2. Tim Locum (1989)	48.6%	54-111
3. Tim Locum (1991)	48.5%	65-134
<b>Kamari McGee (2024-25)</b>	<b>47.9%</b>	<b>34-71</b>
5. Mike Heineman (1987)	47.5%	29-61
6. Tim Locum (1990)	46.9%	67-143

- The senior point guard is taking care of the ball, leading the Badges with a 3.4 assist-to-turnover ratio (62 ast, 18 TO). That number would rank 3rd in school history.

#### McGee's Year-Over-Year Comparison

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
PPG	1.3	2.1	6.8
FG Pct.	28.0%	54.3%	47.1%
3FG Pct.	18.5%	27.3%	47.9%
Assists	16	11	62
Turnovers	8	8	18
MPG	7.1	8.3	22.3

- Dating back to last season, **Wisconsin is 31-8** when McGee plays 10+ min. in a game.
- The Racine, Wisconsin, native began his career at Green Bay before transferring to Wisconsin as a sophomore in 2022-23. At Green Bay, he was named to the Horizon League's All-Freshman Team.

### HAPPY GILMORE

- Senior **Carter Gilmore** is enjoying the most productive season of his 5-year career, providing a spark off the Badgers' bench.
  - Gilmore's 3-point success has been a revelation in 2024-25, shooting 37.0% (17-46) from 3-point land. He was a combined 9-for-55 (16.5%) his first four years in Madison.

#### Gilmore First Four Years vs. This Year Comparison

	2021-24	2024-25
PPG	1.7	3.8
FG Pct.	39.5%	48.8%
3FG-3FGAs	9-55	17-44
3FG Pct.	16.4%	37.0%
RPG	1.6	2.54
MPG	11.7	18.3

- Gilmore posted two unforgettable performances in February during Wisconsin's wins at Northwestern and against Indiana.
  - Gilmore ignited a comeback at Northwestern (Feb. 1), scoring a career-high 15 points (all in the second half) to lead UW to a 75-69 win. He also matched a career high with 7 boards and shot 60.0% (3-5) from 3-point land.
  - Days later at home against Indiana (Feb. 4), Gilmore tallied 10 points and was a perfect 3-for-3 from beyond the arc while "M-V-P" chants came from the UW student section.

### REGULARS OF 'THE BIG DANCE'

Wisconsin has been one of the most consistent programs to make "The Big Dance" over the past two and a half decades.

- Wisconsin is 1 of 5 schools to participate in 23 of last 25 NCAA tournaments, joining Kansas, Duke, Michigan State and Gonzaga
- Under Gard, the Badgers have appeared in six NCAA tournaments reaching a pair of Sweet 16s. As the 2020 Big Ten champions, the Badgers also would have participated in the canceled 2020 Big Dance.

#### NCAA Tournament Appearances (last 25 championships, since 1999)

Team	Appearances
Kansas.....	25
Michigan State.....	25
Gonzaga.....	25
Duke.....	24
<b>Wisconsin.....</b>	<b>23</b>
Kentucky and Texas.....	22

- That stretch includes a run of 19 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances for Wisconsin (1999-2017), which ranks as the 6th-longest streak in NCAA history.
  - The only such streaks longer than Wisconsin are Kansas (33, active), North Carolina (27, 1975-01), Duke (24, 1996-19), Michigan State (25, active), Gonzaga (24, active).
  - The Badgers are 40-26 (.606) all-time in the NCAA tournament, advancing to 4 Final Fours and winning the 1941 NCAA title.

### BIG TEN BEASTS

- Including this season, Wisconsin has won 10+ Big Ten games in 21 of the last 24 seasons. **No other team can make that claim.**
  - Including this season, UW has posted a winning Big Ten record in 22 of the last 25 seasons.
  - This season's 4th-place finish marks a top-4 finish in the Big Ten standings for the 20th time in the last 24 seasons. **No other team can make that claim.**
- Since 2001-02 when Bo Ryan and Greg Gard arrived in Madison, **UW has the most Big Ten wins** (289) and **best win pct.** (.666).

#### Best B1G Win%, Since 2001-02 (thru 2024-25 season)

Team	W-L	Pct.
<b>1. Wisconsin</b>	<b>289-145</b>	<b>.666</b>
2. Michigan State	288-145	.665
3. Purdue	264-169	.610
4. Ohio State	255-179	.588
5. Maryland	121-91	.571

- Wisconsin won a share of the 2022 Big Ten title, marking UW's 2nd league title in the last 5 seasons and the 20th in school history.
- UW has won 20 Big Ten regular season championships, third-most in the Big Ten behind only Purdue (26) and Indiana (22).
- Coach **Greg Gard** has led UW to Big Ten regular season titles 2 of the last 6 seasons.
- With 2 B1G titles during his tenure, Gard joins Tom Izzo and Matt Painter as the only active Big Ten coaches with multiple titles.
- UW has won 6 Big Ten regular season titles since 2002 (02-03-08-15-20-22), trailing only MSU (7) for most titles during that span.

#### Most Big Ten Regular Season Championships

School	B1G Titles	Since 2002	Last
1. Purdue	26	5	2024
2. Indiana	22	3	2016
<b>3. Wisconsin</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2022</b>
Ohio State	20	5	2012
5. Illinois	18	4	2022
6. Michigan St.	17	7	2025

### TOP-TEAM TAKEDOWNS

Wisconsin has made a habit of taken down AP Top-10 teams under **Greg Gard**. This year, the Badgers added 2 more top-10 wins, knocking off No. 9 Arizona and No. 7 Purdue.

- Wisconsin has collected 14 wins over AP top-10 opponents in 10 seasons under Gard:

#### Wins Over Top-10 Opponents Under Greg Gard

Opponent	Score	Date
<b>#7 at Purdue</b>	<b>94-84</b>	<b>2/15/25</b>
<b>#9 vs. Arizona</b>	<b>103-88</b>	<b>11/15/24</b>
#3 vs. Purdue	76-75 OT	3/16/24
#3 MARQUETTE	75-64	12/2/23
#8 PURDUE	70-67	3/1/22
#3 at Purdue	74-69	1/3/22
#5 at Ohio State	61-57	1/3/20
#2 MICHIGAN	64-54	1/19/19
#6 PURDUE	57-53	2/14/18
#1 vs. Villanova (NCAA)	65-62	3/18/17
#9 vs. Xavier (NCAA)	66-63	3/20/16
#8 at Iowa	67-59	2/24/16
#2 at Maryland	70-57	2/13/16
#4 MICHIGAN STATE	77-76	1/17/16

HEAD COACH GREG GARD

TWO-TIME BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR

A coaching veteran of more than 30 years, Greg Gard heads into his 10th season leading the Wisconsin men's basketball program in 2024-25 and has proven himself to be one of the best head coaches in the Big Ten. A finalist for the Naismith National Coach of the Year in 2022, Gard has guided the Badgers to Big Ten regular season championships in two of the last five seasons. Gard was named Big Ten Coach of the Year in each of those title-winning campaigns (2020 and 2022).

Wisconsin's postseason success hasn't wavered on Gard's watch either, qualifying for the NCAA tournament in six of his eight seasons (Big Ten automatic qualifier status in canceled 2020 Big Dance, due to COVID pandemic). His postseason ledger includes Sweet 16 appearances his first two seasons at the helm.

In his first nine seasons as head coach, Gard has amassed a record of 186-107 (.635), owning the third-highest win percentage in school history behind only Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame members Bo Ryan (.737) and Walter Meanwell (.712). Gard has led the Badgers to five of the top-20 winningest seasons in program history.

Gard enters the 2024-25 season with a conference record of 104-70. During the 2023-24 season, he became the sixth-fastest coach to reach 100 Big Ten wins in the last 50 years trailing only Bob Knight, Bo Ryan, Thad Matta, Tom Izzo and Gene Keady.

Gard had arguably his most impressive coaching job in 2021-22. Picked to finish preseason 10th in the Big Ten, UW went 25-8 overall and 15-5 in league play, claiming a share of the Big Ten regular season title for the second time in the past three seasons. Gard was

named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. Sophomore guard Johnny Davis garnered consensus first-team All-America honors and won Lute Olson National Player of the Year, the Jerry West Award and Big Ten Player of the Year.

Gard's leadership during the 2019-20 season is among his best. After opening 5-5 in the Big Ten, Wisconsin won nine of its last 10 games, including its final eight games of the season to win a share of the 2020 conference championship and claim the No. 1 seed for the later canceled Big Ten tournament.

In his inaugural season as head coach, Gard led the Badgers to the 2016 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16, becoming just the second-ever first-year coach to win the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year award. He followed that up by leading UW to the fifth-highest single-season win total in school history (27-10) and making a second-consecutive visit to the Sweet 16.

Long considered one of the top assistant coaches in the game, Gard served as an assistant at Wisconsin for 14-plus seasons. During that time he helped guide the Badgers to back-to-back Final Fours in 2014 and 2015, and in 2015 UW reached its first national championship game since 1941.

Prior to coming to Wisconsin in 2001, Gard spent two seasons as Bo Ryan's assistant at UW-Milwaukee (2000-01) and six seasons as an assistant to Ryan at UW-Platteville (1993-99). During Gard's years on the Pioneer staff, UW-Platteville went 161-13 (.925) and won three NCAA Division III national titles.

Gard and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Mackenzie and Peyton, and their son, Isaac, is a junior on the Badgers men's basketball team.



THE GARD FILE

■ Career Record (10th season): 209-115 (.645)

■ Big Ten Record (10th season): 117-77 (.603)

- NCAA Tournaments/Record: 6 / 6-6
- Hometown: Cobb, Wis.
- Alma Mater: UW-Platteville, 1995 (Phys. & Health Ed)
- Master's Degree: UW-Platteville, 2007 (Counselor Ed)
- Family: Wife Michelle; Children Mackenzie, Isaac, Peyton

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Position	School	Years
Assistant Coach	Southwestern (Wis.) HS	1990-93
Assistant Coach	Platteville (Wis.) HS	1993-94
Assistant Coach	UW-Platteville	1993-99
Assistant Coach	UW-Milwaukee	1999-01
Assoc. Head Coach	Wisconsin	2001-15
Head Coach	Wisconsin	2015-Present

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Date	Highlight
Dec. 15, 2015	Assumed role of interim head coach upon the retirement of Bo Ryan
Dec. 23, 2015	First career win, 84-79, vs. Green Bay
Jan. 2, 2016	First Big Ten win, 79-57, vs. Rutgers
Jan. 17, 2016	First ranked win, 77-76, vs. #4 MSU
Feb. 13, 2016	First road win over ranked team, 70-57, at #2 Maryland
March 7, 2016	Officially named UW head coach
March 18, 2016	First NCAA tournament win, 47-43, vs. 10th-seeded Pittsburgh
April 4, 2016	Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year
March 18, 2017	UW knocks off No. 1 overall seeded Villanova in NCAA second round
Feb. 15, 2018	UW tallied sixth top-10 win in 3 seasons under Gard (#6 PUR, 57-53)
Jan. 19, 2019	UW earned 4th win vs. top-5 team under Gard (#2 MICH, 64-54)
Jan. 3, 2020	UW won at #5 Ohio State, 61-47
March 7, 2020	Claims first Big Ten title by winning final 8 games, including 60-56 at Indiana
March 9, 2020	Named 2020 Big Ten Coach of the Year
Dec. 25, 2020	UW wins at MSU first time since 2004
Nov. 24, 2021	UW wins first Maui Invitational tournament title in school history
Jan. 3, 2022	UW wins at #3 Purdue, 74-69
March 1, 2022	Led UW to Big Ten title with 70-67 home win over #8 Purdue
March 8, 2022	2022 Big Ten Coach of the Year
Nov. 15, 2024	UW takes down #9 Arizona, 103-88
Jan. 14, 2025	Gard posts 200th win at Wisconsin
Feb. 15, 2025	UW wins at #7 Purdue, 94-84

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Conf.	Place	Postseason
2015-16	Wisconsin	15-8	.652	12-6	T-3rd	NCAA Sweet 16
2016-17	Wisconsin	27-10	.730	12-6	T-2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
2017-18	Wisconsin	15-18	.455	7-11	9th	--
2018-19	Wisconsin	23-11	.676	14-6	4th	NCAA First Round
2019-20	Wisconsin	21-10	.677	14-6	T-1st	Postseason Cancelled
2020-21	Wisconsin	18-12	.600	10-10	T-6th	NCAA 2nd Round
2021-22	Wisconsin	25-8	.758	15-5	T-1st	NCAA 2nd Round
2022-23	Wisconsin	20-15	.588	9-11	12th	NIT Semifinals
2023-24	Wisconsin	22-13	.629	11-9	5th	NCAA First Round
2024-25	Wisconsin	23-8	.742	13-7	--	--
Totals (10th season)		209-115	(.645)	117-77	(.603)	6 NCAA appearances

■ Gard owns the 4th-highest win total and 3rd-highest win percentage in UW annals.

Best Win Pct., Wisconsin Coaches (min. 50 wins)					
Coch (Years)	Yrs.	Overall	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.
1. Bo Ryan (2002-15)	14	364-130	.737	172-68	.717
2. Walter Meanwell (1912-17, '21-34)	20	246-99	.712	158-80	.660
3. <b>Greg Gard (2016-present)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>209-115</b>	<b>.645</b>	<b>117-77</b>	<b>.603</b>
4. Dick Bennett (1996-2000)	25	94-68	.580	40-44	.476
5. Bud Foster (1935-59)	5	265-267	.498	143-182	.440

■ Gard's 60.3% conference win percentage ranks 7th-best among Big Ten coaches of the last 45 years.

Best Win Pct., B1G w/100+ Wins (since 1980)		
Coch (School, Years)	Record	Pct.
1. Bo Ryan, WIS (2002-15)	172-68	.717
2. Bob Knight, IND (1972-00)	353-151	.700
3. Tom Izzo, MSU (1995-)	358-172	.675
4. Thad Matta, OSU (2005-17)	150-78	.658
5. Matt Painter, PUR (2005-)	239-129	.649
6. Gene Keady, PUR (1981-05)	265-169	.611
7. <b>Greg Gard, WIS (2016-)</b>	<b>117-77</b>	<b>.603</b>

\* Through 2024-25 season

■ Gard became the 23rd coach in conference history (and 4th Badger) to reach 100 Big Ten wins. He is the 6th-fastest to that milestone in the last 50 years.

Fastest to 100 Big Ten Wins (LAST 50 YRS)		
Gms	Coch (School)	Record at 100
135	Bob Knight (IND)	100-35 (.741)
140	Bo Ryan (WIS)	100-40 (.714)
141	Thad Matta (OSU)	100-41 (.709)
143	Tom Izzo (MSU)	100-43 (.699)
144	Gene Keady (PUR)	100-44 (.694)
162	<b>Greg Gard (WIS)</b>	<b>100-62 (.617)</b>
173	Matt Painter (PUR)	100-73 (.578)
183	John Beilein (MICH)	100-83 (.546)

WISCONSIN BASKETBALL RECORD BOOK WATCH

INDIVIDUAL CAREER

POINTS			
11.	1,532	Mike Wilkinson	2002-05
12.	1,459	Bronson Koenig	2014-17
13.	1,458	Frank Kaminsky	2012-15
14.	1,454	Kirk Penney	2000-03
15.	1,433*	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
16.	1,430	D'Mitrik Trice	2017-21
17.	1,425	Devin Harris	2002-04

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 FGAS)			
1.	.573	Patrick Tompkins (306-534)	1988-91
2.	.557	Andy Kowske (359-645)	1998-01
3.	.554	Rashard Griffith (294-531)	1994-95
4.	.545	Willie Simms (391-717)	1988-91
5.	.544	Ethan Happ (880-1618)	2016-19
6.	.535	Danny Jones (723-1351)	1987-90
7.	.529	Steven Crowl (567-1072)	2020-Present
8.	.528	Nolan Winter (142-269)	2024-Present
9.	.527	J.J. Weber (405-768)	1984-87
10.	.522	Frank Kaminsky (529-1013)	2012-15

REBOUNDS			
3.	858	Joe Franklin	1966-68
4.	856	Mike Wilkinson	2002-05
5.	841	Joe Chnelich	1977-80
6.	823*	Steven Crowl	2020-Pres.
7.	806	Kim Hughes	1972-74
8.	802	Nigel Hayes	2014-17

ASSISTS			
13.	307	Traevon Jackson	2012-15
14.	296	Bronson Koenig	2014-17
15.	295	Devin Harris	2002-04
16.	291*	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
17.	290	Arnold Gaines	1977-80
18.	284	Josh Gasser	2011-15

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS			
5.	240	Andy Kowske	1998-01
6.	239*	Tyler Wahl	2019-Present
7.	231	Joe Krabbenhoft	2006-09
8.	230*	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
9.	227	Sean Daugherty	1995-98
10.	222	Brian Butch	2005-08

3-POINTERS			
13.	167	Tracy Webster	1992-92
14.	166	Sean Mason	1995-99
15.	163	Kammron Taylor	2004-07
16.	162	Andy Kilbride	1992-95
17.	157	Josh Gasser	2011-15
	157	Max Klesmit	2023-Present
19.	144	Chucky Hepburn	2022-24

WINS (PLAYED IN)			
1.	117	Josh Gasser	2011-15
2.	115	Nigel Hayes	2014-17
3.	114	Frank Kaminsky	2012-15
	114	Bronson Koenig	2014-17
5.	102*	Tyler Wahl	2019-Present
6.	101*	Brad Davison	2018-22
	101*	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
8.	100	Joe Krabbenhoft	2006-09

GAMES PLAYED			
1.	161	Brad Davison	2018-22
2.	150	Nigel Hayes	2014-17
3.	148	Josh Gasser	2011-15
	148	Bronson Koenig	2014-17
5.	147	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
6.	144	Frank Kaminsky	2012-15

GAMES STARTED			
1.	157	Brad Davison	2018-22
2.	144	Josh Gasser	2011-15
3.	139	Ethan Happ	2016-19
4.	135	Steven Crowl	2020-Present
5.	126	Alando Tucker	2003-07

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON

POINTS			
6.	612	Johnny Davis	2022
7.	611	Danny Jones	1989
8.	605	AJ Storr	2024
9.	592	Michael Finley	1994
10.	590	Ethan Happ	2018
11.	589	Ethan Happ	2019
12.	588	Alando Tucker	2006
13.	587	John Tonje	2025
14.	574	Trent Jackson	1989

FREE THROWS			
1.	190	Nigel Hayes	2016
2.	185	John Tonje	2025
3.	171	Devin Harris	2004
4.	168	Clarence Sherrod	1970

FREE THROWS PER GAME			
1.	7.0	Clarence Sherrod	168-202, 24 gms 1970
2.	6.6	Dick Miller	145-181, 22 gms 1956
3.	6.2	Clarence Sherrod	148-200, 24 gms 1971
4.	6.0	John Tonje	185-202, 31 gms 2025
	6.0	Ron Jackson	78-112, 13 gms 1962
6.	5.9	Dick Cable	130-170, 22 gms 1955

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 50 MADE)			
1.	.916 (185-202)	John Tonje	2025
2.	.905 (57-63)	Brian Good	1990
	.905 (57-63)	Bronson Koenig	2017
4.	.899 (80-89)	Ben Brust	2014

3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 60 3FGAS)			
1.	.490 (75-153)	Tracy Webster	1989
2.	.486 (54-111)	Tim Locum	1989
3.	.485 (65-134)	Tim Locum	1991
4.	.479 (34-71)	Kamari McGee	1992
5.	.475 (29-61)	Mike Heineman	1987

ASSIST-TO-TURNOVER RATIO (MIN. 50 ASSISTS)			
1.	4.30 (86-20)	Mike Kelley	1999
2.	3.83 (161-42)	Jordan Taylor	2011
3.	3.44 (62-18)	Kamari McGee	2025
4.	3.33 (70-21)	Josh Gasser	2015
5.	3.26 (114-35)	Mike Kelley	2000

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

POINTS			
1.	43	Frank Kaminsky vs. N Dakota	11/19/13
2.	42	Ken Barnes vs. Indiana	3/8/65
	42	Michael Finley at E. Michigan	12/10/94
4.	41	John Tonje vs. Arizona	11/15/24
5.	39	Rick Olson vs. Michigan	1/14/84
	39	Jordan Taylor at Indiana	3/3/11

FREE THROWS			
1.	21	John Tonje vs. Arizona	11/15/24
2.	17	Dale Koehler vs. Loyola (Chi.)	12/6/75
	17	Nigel Hayes vs. Indiana	1/26/16

FREE THROWS ATTEMPTS			
1.	24	Paul Morrow at Michigan	2/21/53
2.	23	Dale Koehler vs. Loyola (Chi.)	12/6/75
3.	22	Nigel Hayes vs. Indiana	1/26/16
	22	John Tonje vs. Arizona	11/15/24

NCAA, TEAM SINGLE SEASON

FREE THROWS PERCENTAGE			
1.	.836 (514-615)	Wisconsin	2024-25
2.	.830 (527-635)	Villanova	2020-21
3.	.822 (535-651)	Harvard	1983-84
4.	.821 (407-496)	Oral Roberts	2020-21
5.	.820 (456-556)	Villanova	2022-23

BIG TEN, TEAM SINGLE SEASON

FREE THROWS PERCENTAGE			
1.	.836 (514-615)	Wisconsin	2024-25
2.	.818 (436-533)	Wisconsin	2010-11
3.	.813 (266-327)	Michigan St.	2024-25
4.	.809 (452-559)	Ohio State	1969-70

TEAM SINGLE SEASON

POINTS PER GAME			
1.	86.3		1970-71
2.	84.7		1961-62
3.	81.9		1963-64
4.	81.8		1966-67
5.	80.8		2024-25
6.	80.1		1967-68

FREE THROWS PERCENTAGE			
1.	.836 (514-615)		2024-25
2.	.818 (436-533)		2010-11
3.	.768 (364-474)		2020-21
4.	.764 (353-462)		2019-20
5.	.763 (584-765)		2014-15

BEST STARTS (NCAA TOURNAMENT ERA, 1938-39)			
1.	16-0	2013-14	
2.	11-0	1993-94	
3.	8-0	1986-86	
	8-0	2024-25	
4.	7-0	1973-74	
	7-0	2014-15	

BIG TEN RECORDS – CAREER

BIG TEN WINS			
14.	150-78 (.658)	Thad Matta, OSU	2005-17
15.	143-182 (.440)	Harold Foster, WIS	1935-59
16.	140-134 (.511)	Fran McCaffery, IOWA	2010-pres.
17.	138-141 (.495)	Arthur Lonborg, NU	1928-50
18.	126-92 (.578)	John Beilein, MICH	2008-19
19.	125-104 (.546)	Tom Davis, IOWA	1986-99
20.	120-72 (.625)	Johnny Orr, MICH	1969-80
21.	117-77 (.603)	Greg Gard, WIS	2016-present
22.	103-100 (.507)	L.J. Cooke, MINN	1897-24
	103-116 (.470)	Dave MacMillan, MINN	1928-42, '46-48

BIG TEN WIN PERCENTAGE (MIN. 100 WINS)			
1.	172-68 (.717)	Bo Ryan, WIS	2002-Present
2.	353-151 (.700)	Bob Knight, IND	1972-2000
3.	228-105 (.685)	Ward Lambert, PUR	1917, '19-45
4.	354-172 (.673)	Harry Combes, ILL	1995-Present
5.	158-80 (.660)	Walter Meanwell, WIS	1912-17, '21-34
6.	150-78 (.658)	Thad Matta, OSU	2005-17
7.	237-127 (.651)	Matt Painter, PUR	2005-Present
8.	210-116 (.644)	Branch McCracken, IND	1939-43, '47-65
9.	174-104 (.626)	Harry Combes, ILL	1948-67
10.	120-72 (.625)	Johnny Orr, MICH	1969-80
11.	265-169 (.611)	Gene Keady, PUR	1981-2005
12.	158-102 (.608)	Fred Taylor, OSU	1959-76
13.	98-64 (.605)	Bill Frieder, MICH	1981-89
14.	117-77 (.603)	Greg Gard, WIS	2016-present
15.	126-92 (.578)	John Beilein, MICH	2008-19

\* 5-year player

## WISCONSIN ALL-TIME RESULTS IN THE BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

Year	Date	Round	Site	UW Seed	Opponent	W/L	Score
1998	March 5	First Round	United Center, Chicago	No. 10	(7) Penn State	W	52-51
	March 6	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 10	(2) Illinois	L	61-66
1999	March 5	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(5) Iowa	W	74-60
	March 6	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(1) Michigan State	L	41-56
2000	March 9	First Round	United Center, Chicago	No. 6	(11) Northwestern	W	51-41
	March 10	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 6	(3) Purdue	W	78-66
	March 11	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 6	(2) Michigan State	L	46-55
2001	March 9	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 5	(4) Indiana	L	52-64
2002	March 8	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 1	(9) Iowa	L	56-58
2003	March 8	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 1	(8) Ohio State	L	50-58
2004	March 12	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(10) Minnesota	W	66-52
	March 13	Semifinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(3) Michigan State	W	68-66
	March 14	Championship	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(1) Illinois	W	70-53
2005	March 11	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 3	(6) Ohio State	W	60-49
	March 12	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 3	(7) Iowa	W	59-56
	March 13	Championship	United Center, Chicago	No. 3	(1) Illinois	L	43-54
2006	March 10	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 4	(5) Indiana	L	56-61
2007	March 9	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 2	(7) Michigan State	W	70-57
	March 10	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 2	(6) Illinois	W	53-41
	March 11	Championship	United Center, Chicago	No. 2	(1) Ohio State	L	49-66
2008	March 14	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 1	(9) Michigan	W	51-34
	March 15	Semifinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 1	(4) Michigan State	W	65-63
	March 16	Championship	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 1	(10) Illinois	W	61-48
2009	March 13	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 4	(5) Ohio State	L	57-61
2010	March 12	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 4	(5) Illinois	L	54-58
2011	March 11	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 3	(6) Penn State	L	33-36
2012	March 9	Quarterfinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 4	(5) Indiana	W	79-71
	March 10	Semifinals	Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 4	(1) Michigan State	L	52-65
2013	March 15	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(5) Michigan	W	68-59
	March 16	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(1) Indiana	W	68-56
	March 17	Championship	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(3) Ohio State	L	43-50
2014	March 14	Quarterfinals	Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(7) Minnesota	W	83-57
	March 15	Semifinals	Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(3) Michigan State	L	75-83
2015	March 13	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 1	(8) Michigan	W	71-60
	March 14	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 1	(4) Purdue	W	71-51
	March 15	Championship	United Center, Chicago	No. 1	(3) Michigan State	W	80-69 (ot)
2016	March 10	Second Round	Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 6	(11) Nebraska	L	58-70
2017	March 10	Quarterfinals	Verizon Center, Washington DC	No. 2	(10) Indiana	W	70-60
	March 11	Semifinals	Verizon Center, Washington DC	No. 2	(6) Northwestern	W	76-48
	March 12	Championship	Verizon Center, Washington DC	No. 2	(8) Michigan	L	56-71
2018	March 1	Second Round	Madison Square Garden, New York City	No. 9	(8) Maryland	W	84-74
	March 2	Quarterfinals	Madison Square Garden, New York City	No. 9	(1) Michigan State	L	65-62
2019	March 15	Quarterfinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(13) Nebraska	W	66-62
	March 16	Semifinals	United Center, Chicago	No. 4	(1) Michigan State	L	55-67
2020	March 13	Quarterfinals	Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 1	Cancelled		
2021	March 11	Second Round	Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis	No. 6	(11) Penn State	W	75-74
	March 12	Quarterfinals	Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis	No. 6	(3) Iowa	L	57-62
2022	March 11	Quarterfinals	Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis	No. 2	(7) Michigan State	L	63-69
2023	March 8	Second Round	United Center, Chicago	No. 12	(13) Ohio State	L	57-65
2024	March 14	Second Round	Target Center, Minneapolis	No. 5	(12) Maryland	W	87-56
	March 15	Quarterfinals	Target Center, Minneapolis	No. 5	(4) Northwestern	W	70-61
	March 16	Semifinals	Target Center, Minneapolis	No. 5	(1) Purdue	W	76-75 (ot)
	March 17	Championship	Target Center, Minneapolis	No. 5	(2) Illinois	L	87-93

WISCONSIN'S BIG TEN TOURNAMENT RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME

POINTS				
1.	30	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012
	30	AJ Storr	vs. NW	2024
3.	29	Devin Harris	vs. ILL	2004
	29	Ben Brust	vs. MINN	2014
5.	28	Frank Kaminsky	vs. MSU	2014
6.	25	Nigel Hayes	vs. MSU	2015
7.	24	Sean Daugherty	vs. ILL	1998
	24	AJ Storr	vs. ILL	2024
9.	23	Zach Morley	vs. OSU	2005
10.	23	Brad Davison	vs. MSU	2022

FIELD GOALS				
1.	11	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012
2.	10	Devin Harris	vs. ILL	2004
	10	Alando Tucker	vs. ILL	2007
	10	Ethan Happ	vs. MSU	2018
	10	Ethan Happ	vs. MSU	2019
	10	AJ Storr	vs. NW	2024

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS				
1.	23	AJ Storr	vs. PUR	2024
2.	21	Jordan Taylor	vs. PSU	2011
3.	20	Ethan Happ	vs. MSU	2019
	20	AJ Storr	vs. ILL	2024

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)				
1.	.750 (9-12)	Chucky Hepburn	vs. PUR	2024
2.	.727 (8-11)	Zach Morley	vs. OSU	2005
3.	.688 (11-16)	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012

3-POINT FGS				
1.	7	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012
2.	5	Devin Harris	vs. MSU	2004
	5	Aleem Ford	vs. IOWA	2021

3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS				
1.	12	Devin Harris	vs. MSU	2004
2.	10	Kammron Taylor	vs. OSU	2007
	10	Trevon Hughes	vs. ILL	2010
	10	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012
	10	Ben Brust	vs. MINN	2014
	10	AJ Storr	vs. PUR	2024

3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)				
1.	.700 (7-10)	Rob Wilson	vs. IND	2012
2.	.833 (5-6)	Aleem Ford	vs. IOWA	2021
3.	.667 (4-6)	John Blackwell	vs. MARY	2024
	.667 (4-6)	Max Klesmit	vs. ILL	2024

FREE THROWS				
1.	12	Nigel Hayes	vs. MSU	2015
2.	10	Mark Vershaw	vs. PUR	2000
3.	9	Joe Krabbenhoft	vs. MSU	2008
	9	Marcus Landry	vs. MSU	2008

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS				
1.	13	Marcus Landry	vs. MSU	2008
2.	12	Mark Vershaw	vs. PUR	2000
	12	Nigel Hayes	vs. MSU	2015

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FTAS)				
1.	1.000 (12-12)	Nigel Hayes	vs. MSU	2015
2.	.900 (9-10)	Joe Krabbenhoft	vs. MSU	2008
3.	.833 (10-12)	Mark Vershaw	vs. PUR	1999

REBOUNDS				
1.	12	Frank Kaminsky	vs. MINN	2014
	12	Frank Kaminsky	vs. MICH	2015
	12	Ethan Happ	vs. IND	2017

ASSISTS				
1.	9	Bronson Koenig	vs. MSU	2015
2.	9	D'Mitrik Trice	vs. IOWA	2021
3.	8	Chucky Hepburn	vs. MARY	2024

BLOCKED SHOTS				
1.	4	Mark Vershaw	vs. NU	2000
	4	Greg Stiemsma	vs. MSU	2007
	4	Ryan Evans	vs. IND	2013
	4	Ethan Happ	vs. MSU	2019

STEALS				
1.	5	Trevon Hughes	vs. ILL	2010
2.	4	Mike Kelley	vs. PUR	2000
	4	Devin Harris	vs. IOWA	2002
	4	Mike Wilkinson	vs. MINN	2004
	4	Mike Wilkinson	vs. ILL	2004

MINUTES				
1.	44	Josh Gasser	vs. MSU	2015
2.	42	Frank Kaminsky	vs. MSU	2015
	42	Bronson Koenig	vs. MSU	2015

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-TOURNAMENT

POINTS				
1.	90	AJ Storr		2024
2.	71	Devin Harris		2004
3.	58	Steven Crowl		2024
4.	53	Mike Wilkinson		2004
5.	52	Alando Tucker		2007
	52	Chucky Hepburn		2024

TEAM SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

POINTS				
1.	87	vs. Illinois		2024
	87	vs. Maryland		2024
3.	83	vs. Minnesota		2014
4.	80	vs. Michigan State		2015
5.	79	vs. Indiana		2012

FIELD GOALS				
1.	32	vs. Purdue		2024
2.	31	vs. Maryland		2024
3.	30	vs. Minnesota		2014
	30	vs. Illinois		2024

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS				
1.	74	vs. Purdue		2024
2.	68	vs. Michigan State		2019
3.	64	vs. Indiana		2006
	64	vs. Illinois		2024

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)				
1.	.615 (24-39)	vs. Iowa		1999
2.	.545 (30-55)	vs. Minnesota		2014
3.	.533 (24-45)	vs. Illinois		2004

3-POINT FGS				
1.	16	vs. Maryland		2024
2.	13	vs. Michigan State		2015
3.	12	vs. Northwestern		2017
	12	vs. Iowa		2021

3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS				
1.	32	vs. Purdue		2024
2.	29	vs. Illinois		2010
	29	vs. Northwestern		2017

3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)				
1.	.640 (16-25)	vs. Maryland		2024
2.	.600 (9-15)	vs. Iowa		1999
3.	.522 (12-23)	vs. Iowa		2021

FREE THROWS				
1.	26	vs. Michigan State		2008
2.	24	vs. Purdue		2000
	24	vs. Michigan State		2014

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS				
1.	37	vs. Michigan State		2008
2.	34	vs. Purdue		2000
3.	31	vs. Michigan State		2014

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FTAS)				
1.	.917 (11-12)	vs. Iowa		2002
	.917 (11-12)	vs. Purdue		2015
	.917 (11-12)	vs. Nebraska		2019

REBOUNDS				
1.	42	vs. Michigan		2008
	42	vs. Maryland		2024
3.	41	vs. Ohio State		2005

ASSISTS				
1.	25	vs. Maryland		2024
2.	20	vs. Purdue		2000
3.	18	vs. Purdue		2015
	18	vs. Michigan State		2015
	18	vs. Iowa		2021
	18	vs. Purdue		2024

BLOCKED SHOTS				
1.	12	vs. Northwestern		2000
2.	10	vs. Indiana		2013
3.	7	vs. Minnesota		2014

STEALS				
1.	13	vs. Minnesota		2004
2.	11	vs. Illinois		2010
3.	9 (4x)	MR: vs. Maryland		2018

TEAM SINGLE-GAME LOWS

POINTS				
1.	33	vs. Penn State		2011
2.	41	vs. Michigan State		1999
3.	43	vs. Illinois		2005
	43	vs. Ohio State		2013

FIELD GOALS				
1.	14	vs. Illinois		2005

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS				
1.	39	vs. Iowa		1999

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)				
1.	.259 (14-54)	vs. Illinois		2005

3-POINT FGS				
1.	2 (5x) MR:	vs. Michigan State		2019

3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS				
1.	7	vs. Penn State		1998

3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)				
1.	.095 (2-21)	vs. Penn State		2011

FREE THROWS				
1.	1	vs. Penn State		2011

FREE THROW ATTEMPTS				
1.	2	vs. Illinois		2008

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE				
1.	.333 (1-3)	vs. Penn State		2011

REBOUNDS				
1.	23	vs. Michigan State		2015

ASSISTS				
1.	2	vs. Indiana		2006

BLOCKED SHOTS				
1.	0 (5x) MR:	vs. Purdue		2024

STEALS				
1.	1 (3x) MR:	vs. Indiana		2006

OPPONENT BIG TEN TOURNAMENT RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME

POINTS			
1.	34	Terrence Shannon, Jr. (Illinois)	2024
FIELD GOALS			
1.	11	Kevin Turner (Illinois)	1998
FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS			
1.	22	Trey Burke (Michigan)	2013
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)			
1.	.800 (8-10)	MR: Mike Tisdale (Illinois)	2010
3-POINT FGS			
1.	7	Boo Buie (Northwestern)	2024
3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS			
1.	14	Glynn Watson (Nebraska)	2019
3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)			
1.	.714 (5-7)	Sean Connolly (Ohio State)	2003
FREE THROWS			
1.	14	Zach Edey (Purdue)	2024
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS			
1.	19	Zach Edey (Purdue)	2024
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FTAS)			
1.	.882 (15-17)	Terrence Shannon, Jr. (Illinois)	2024
REBOUNDS			
1.	16	Draymond Green (Michigan State)	2012
ASSISTS			
1.	11	Mateen Cleaves (Michigan State)	1999
BLOCKED SHOTS			
1.	4 (5x) MR:	Luka Garza (Iowa)	2021
STEALS			
1.	5	Luke Recker (Iowa)	2002
MINUTES			
1.	42	Travis Trice (Michigan State)	2015

TEAM SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

POINTS			
1.	93	vs. Illinois	2024
2.	83	vs. Michigan State	2014
3.	75	vs. Purdue	2024
4.	74	vs. Iowa	2021
FIELD GOALS			
1.	30	vs. Illinois	2024
FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS			
1.	64	vs. Iowa	2021
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)			
1.	.569 (29-51)	vs. Michigan St.	2014
3-POINT FGS			
1.	10	vs. Michigan	2017
3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS			
1.	28	vs. Nebraska	2019
3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)			
1.	.600 (6-10)	vs. Illinois	2010
FREE THROWS			
1.	26	vs. Indiana	2001
	26	vs. Illinois	2024
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS			
1.	35	vs. Indiana	2001
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FTAS)			
1.	.867 (26-30)	vs. Illinois	2024
REBOUNDS			
1.	46	vs. Purdue	2024
ASSISTS			
1.	18	(4x) MR vs. Purdue	2024
BLOCKED SHOTS			
1.	10	vs. Iowa	2021
STEALS			
1.	13	vs. Iowa	2002

TEAM SINGLE-GAME LOWS

POINTS			
1.	34	vs. Michigan	2008
2.	36	vs. Penn State	2011
3.	41	vs. Northwestern	2000
	41	vs. Illinois	2007
FIELD GOALS			
1.	10	vs. Michigan	2008
FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTS			
1.	39 (2x) MR:	vs. Penn State	2011
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 FGAS)			
1.	.200 (10-50)	vs. Michigan	2008
3-POINT FGS			
1.	0	vs. Indiana	2001
3-POINT FGS ATTEMPTS			
1.	6 (2x) MR:	vs. Indiana	2012
3-POINT FG PERCENTAGE (MIN. 6 3FGAS)			
1.	.000 (0-6)	vs. Indiana	2001
FREE THROWS			
1.	0	vs. Michigan	2015
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS			
1.	2	vs. Michigan	2015
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE			
1.	.000 (0-2)	vs. Michigan	2015
REBOUNDS			
1.	19	vs. Michigan	2015
ASSISTS			
1.	4	vs. Nebraska	2016
BLOCKED SHOTS			
1.	0 (4x) MR:	vs. Northwestern	2017
STEALS			
1.	1	vs. Indiana	2012

CURRENT BADGERS IN THE BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

	GP-GS	MIN	FG	PCT	3FG	PCT	FT	PCT	REB.	RPG	A	B	S	PTS-AVG
Crowl	6-6	161	32-54	.593	8-16	.500	3-3	1.000	20	3.3	15	1	0	75-12.5
Klesmit	5-5	146	15-33	.455	10-23	.435	3-7	.429	15	3.0	19	0	3	43-8.6
Blackwell	4-1	74	7-25	.280	5-12	.417	2-3	.677	12	3.0	3	0	3	21-5.3
Winter	4-0	39	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	10	2.5	2	0	0	8-2.0
Gilmore	5-0	64	4-11	.364	2-5	.400	5-7	.714	9	1.8	5	0	1	15-3.0
McGee	5-0	65	5-12	.417	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	6	1.2	3	1	1	8-1.6
Ilver	3-0	41	1-6	.167	0-4	.000	2-2	1.000	8	2.7	2	0	1	4-1.3

2 | JACK ROBISON

Freshman | Forward | 6-5 | 190  
Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville North HS



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GET TO KNOW JACK

Jack Robison is a three-star wing from Lakeville, Minnesota. The fourth player from Lakeville North High School to commit to play for Wisconsin and Coach Gard, he follows in the path of a growing line that includes current Badgers Tyler Wahl and Nolan Winter (teammate of Robison at Lakeville North), and former UW forward Nate Reuvers. As a junior at Lakeville North, Robison earned all-conference honors averaging 16 points, six rebounds and four assists per game to help lead his team to third in state. His sophomore season, Robison averaged 16.8 points per game. A versatile player at 6-foot-6, Robison is known for his shooting ability, but is also a skilled athlete that utilizes his length to makes plays on both ends of the floor. His multi-dimensional skill set allows him to play shooting guard, small forward, and in some instances a stretch forward.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	12/0	12/0
5+ POINTS:	0	0
10+ POINTS:	0	0
3+ 3-PTERS MADE:	0	0
5+ REBOUNDS:	0	0
10+ REBOUNDS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN REB:	0	0

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs. App State (11/10/24):** Scored his first career points, sinking a three on his first career field goal attempt.
- **vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Made his Badger debut, playing 2 minutes in the win.

SEASON HIGHS

**POINTS:** 3 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 2 vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** --  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** --  
**REBOUNDS:** 2 vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**ASSISTS:** 1 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
**BLOCKS:** --  
**STEALS:** --  
**MINUTES:** 3 (3x) MR vs. Minnesota 1/10/25

CAREER HIGHS

**POINTS:** 3 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 2 vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. UCF (11/22/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** --  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** --  
**REBOUNDS:** 2 vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**ASSISTS:** 1 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
**BLOCKS:** --  
**STEALS:** --  
**MINUTES:** 3 (3x) MR vs. Minnesota 1/10/25

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#2 ROBISON, Jack

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF A TO BLK STL PTS AVG						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		01:40	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
App State	11/10/2024		00:42	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
Arizona	11/15/2024		00:12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
vs UCF	11/22/2024		01:20	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		00:30	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		01:41	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Iowa	01/03/2025		01:08	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
Minnesota	01/10/2025		01:37	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
at Southern California	01/18/2025		00:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7
Nebraska	01/26/2025		01:53	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.6
Indiana	02/04/2025		01:09	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Washington	02/25/2025		01:32	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Totals			0 14:03	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.3	1	1	0	0	0	6	0.5

CAREER STATISTICS

ROBISON, Jack

			Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring			
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	Wisc	12-0	14/1.2	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.3	1-0	1	0	0	0	6	0.5
TOTAL		12-0	14/1.2	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.3	1-0	1	0	0	0	6	0.5

3 | CAMREN HUNTER

Junior | Guard | 6-2 | 222  
Bryant, Ark. | Central Arkansas



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GET TO KNOW CAMREN

Camren Hunter begins his first season at Wisconsin after transferring from Central Arkansas, where he spent three seasons. Hunter missed his junior season at Central Arkansas due to injury. A prolific scorer, he was recognized as the ASUN Conference Freshman of the Year and named to the All-ASUN First Team in 2021-22 after averaging 14.1 points per game. He increased his scoring average to 16.9 points per game as a sophomore (2022-23). In all-around player, Hunter has recorded five career double-doubles, as well as a triple-double.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	9/0	69/60
15+ POINTS:	0	33
20+ POINTS:	0	13
3+ 3-PTERS MADE:	0	11
5+ REBOUNDS:	0	30
5+ ASSISTS:	0	17
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	15
LED TEAM IN REB:	0	3

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **at Queens (NC) (1/12/23):** Scored career high 33 points, going 11-for-20 in the win.
- **vs. North Alabama (1/18/23):** Recorded first career triple-double with 20 points, 12 rebounds, and tied a career-high 11 assists.
- **at Jacksonville State (2/12/22):** Led his team to victory after scoring 21 points, with 8 rebounds and 7 assists. Swiped a career-high 5 steals as well.

SEASON HIGHS

**POINTS:** 3 vs. Iowa (1/03/25)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 1 vs. Iowa (1/03/25)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 4 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 1 vs. Iowa (1/03/25)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 2 vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
**FREE THROWS:** --  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** --  
**REBOUNDS:** 4 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**ASSISTS:** 1 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**BLOCKS:** --  
**STEALS:** --  
**MINUTES:** 8 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)

CAREER HIGHS

**POINTS:** 33 at Queens (NC) (1-12-23)\*  
**FIELD GOALS:** 11 at Queens (NC) (1-12-23)\*  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 23 at Northwestern St (11-26-22)\*  
**3-POINT FGS:** 4 (3x) MR vs. Kennesaw St (2-24-23)\*  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 9 (2x) MR at Queens (NC) (1-12-23)\*  
**FREE THROWS:** 10 (2x) MR vs. North Florida (1-26-23)\*  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 14 vs. North Alabama (1-18-23)\*  
**REBOUNDS:** 13 vs. Champion Christian (12-31-21)\*  
**ASSISTS:** 11 (2x) vs. North Alabama MR (1-18-23)\*  
**BLOCKS:** 4 at Texas A&M (12-29-21)\*  
**STEALS:** 5 (2x) MR at Oral Roberts (12-10-22)\*  
**MINUTES:** 41 (3x) MR vs. Florida Gulf Coast (1-2-23)\*

\*recorded at Central Arkansas

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#3 HUNTER, Camren

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF A TO BLK STL PTS AVG						
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
App State	11/10/2024		00:42	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Arizona	11/15/2024		00:17	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		01:36	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
at Marquette	12/07/2024		00:06	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		08:28	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Iowa	01/03/2025		02:12	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.5
Illinois	02/18/2025		01:19	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
at Minnesota	03/05/2025		01:14	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Penn St.	03/08/2025		05:18	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.3
Totals		0	21:12	1-8	.125	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	4	1	1	0	0	3	0.3

CAREER STATISTICS

HUNTER, Camren

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2021-22	UCA	30-30	976/32.5	155-347	.447	25-100	.250	88-108	.815	56	91	147	4.9	57-2	102	86	15	45	423	14.1
2022-23	UCA	30-30	1020/34.0	182-430	.423	50-161	.311	92-117	.786	34	116	150	5.0	43-0	118	83	17	45	506	16.9
2024-25	Wisc	9-0	21/2.4	1-8	.125	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	4-0	1	1	0	0	3	0.3
TOTAL FOR Wisc		9-0	21/2.4	1-8	.125	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	4-0	1	1	0	0	3	0.3
TOTAL		69-60	2017/29.2	338-785	.431	76-265	.287	180-225	.800	92	210	302	4.4	104-2	221	170	32	90	932	13.5

4 | KAMARI McGEE

Senior | Guard | 6-0 | 181  
Racine, Wis. | Racine St. Catherine's



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GET TO KNOW KAMARI

A native of Racine, Wisconsin, junior guard Kamari McGee begins his third season representing his home state Badgers in 2024-25. As someone who grew up in the state of Wisconsin, McGee is realizing a lifelong dream of being a Wisconsin Badger. He's played in 56 career games at Wisconsin, averaging 7.6 minutes per game over his career with the Badgers as a key reserve player. He serves a valuable role as a defensive guard, leading the 2023-24 squad in steal percentage. Prior to Wisconsin, McGee averaged 11.6 points per game at Green Bay, and was named to the Horizon League's All-Freshman Team.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/1	117/22
10+ POINTS:	8	25
20+ POINTS:	0	5
3+ ASSISTS:	11	20
2+ STEALS:	5	16
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	11
LED TEAM IN AST:	5	17

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs Minnesota (1/10/25):** Scored a UW career high 15 pts (3-4 3FG), plus 5 reb, 3 steals in his first ever start with Wisconsin.
- **vs UCF (11/22/24):** Scored a then UW career high 14 pts (5-6 FG, 3-4 3FG), plus 4 reb, 3 ast in the win.
- **vs Montana State (11/7/24):** Matched his then-career-high at UW scoring 11 points (5-7 FG, 1-1 3FG), to go along with 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal.
- **vs Northwestern (3/15/24):** Played a season-high 23 minutes, tallying 4 pts, 3 reb, 1 ast and 1 blk.
- **vs Rutgers (3/7/24):** Scored a then-UW-career-best 11 pts (5-5 FG, 1-1 3FG) in 10 minutes off the bench.
- **vs Robert Morris (11/17/23):** Season high 17 minutes off bench with 6 points (4-6 FT), 1 reb, 1 stl.
- **vs Michigan (2/26/23):** Played a season high 25 points in a win over Michigan, tallying 6 pts and 3 reb
- **at Marquette (12/3/22):** Scored his first points as a Badger, finishing with 5 pts off the bench in a win.
- **vs Wright State (2/9/22):** Finished with a career high 24 points, 5 rebounds and 5 steals for Green Bay

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 15 vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 5 (3x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 11 vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 4 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 5 (5x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
FREE THROWS: 4 at Maryland (1/29/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 4 at Maryland (1/29/25)  
REBOUNDS: 5 (2x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
ASSISTS: 5 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
BLOCKS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
STEALS: 3 (2x) MR vs. Oregon (2/22/25)  
MINUTES: 34 at Michigan State (3/2/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 24 vs. Wright State (2/9/22)\*  
FIELD GOALS: 9 (2x) MR vs. Wright State (2/9/22)\*  
FG ATTEMPTS: 19 vs. UIC (1/15/22)\*  
3-POINT FGS: 4 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 8 at Milwaukee (2/13/22)\*  
FREE THROWS: 8 vs. Milwaukee (1/5/22)\*  
FT ATTEMPTS: 8 vs. Milwaukee (1/5/22)\*  
REBOUNDS: 9 (2x) MR vs. Detroit (3/1/22)\*  
ASSISTS: 5 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
BLOCKS: 1 (5x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
STEALS: 4 at IUPUI (2/26/22)\*  
MINUTES: 40 vs. UIC (1/15/22)\*

\*recorded at Green Bay

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#4 MCGEE, Kamari

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds		PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF								TOT	AVG
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		27:39	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	2.0	2	4	1	0	1	7	7.0
Montana St.	11/07/2024		27:45	5-7	.714	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.5	0	3	0	0	1	11	9.0
App State	11/10/2024		21:42	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.7	3	0	1	0	0	4	7.3
Arizona	11/15/2024		16:54	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	2.8	4	1	1	0	0	6	7.0
UTRGV	11/18/2024		20:43	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	2	2	0	0	1	0	5.6
vs UCF	11/22/2024		18:59	5-6	.833	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	0	4	4	2.7	4	3	1	0	1	14	7.0
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024		28:26	4-5	.800	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.7	4	2	0	0	0	10	7.4
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		14:44	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.6	2	0	2	0	0	0	6.5
Michigan	12/03/2024		25:27	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	3-3	1.000	1	3	4	2.8	0	1	0	1	1	8	6.7
at Marquette	12/07/2024		19:24	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	2.5	5	0	0	0	2	7	6.7
at Illinois	12/10/2024		20:38	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	0	2	2.5	2	3	0	0	1	4	6.5
vs Butler	12/14/2024		26:07	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	3	3	2.5	5	3	0	0	1	6	6.4
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		14:11	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	5	5	2.7	2	1	0	0	2	3	6.2
Iowa	01/03/2025		21:13	4-8	.500	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.8	2	4	1	0	1	12	6.6
at Rutgers	01/06/2025		23:54	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.7	1	3	1	0	1	6	6.5
Minnesota	01/10/2025	*	33:24	5-10	.500	3-4	.750	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	2.8	1	2	1	0	3	15	7.1
Ohio St.	01/14/2025		16:21	3-5	.600	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	2.7	2	0	1	0	0	9	7.2
at Southern California	01/18/2025		28:32	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	2.7	2	4	1	0	2	10	7.3
at UCLA	01/21/2025		18:50	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.6	1	3	1	0	1	3	7.1
Nebraska	01/26/2025		17:59	4-6	.667	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.6	1	1	0	0	1	11	7.3
at Maryland	01/29/2025		22:48	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	0	2	2	2.6	1	1	1	0	0	9	7.4
at Northwestern	02/01/2025		22:16	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	1	1	2	2.5	1	3	1	0	1	4	7.2
Indiana	02/04/2025		18:47	3-7	.429	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.6	3	1	0	0	0	9	7.3
at Iowa	02/08/2025		20:44	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.5	2	2	1	0	1	5	7.2
at Purdue	02/15/2025		07:06	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	2.5	1	1	0	0	0	4	7.1
Illinois	02/18/2025		21:20	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	4	4	2.5	3	2	0	0	0	4	7.0
Oregon	02/22/2025		18:15	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.5	4	2	1	0	3	7	7.0
Washington	02/25/2025		23:21	4-8	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.5	0	2	0	0	1	8	7.0
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	*	34:36	1-8	.125	0-5	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	2.6	3	3	2	0	1	3	6.9
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	*	32:30	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.5	2	5	0	0	0	0	6.6
Penn St.	03/08/2025	*	26:25	4-11	.364	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	2	1	3	2.5	4	0	0	1	1	11	6.8
Totals			4 690:59	74-157	.471	34-71	.479	28-34	.824	17	61	78	2.5	69	62	18	2	28	210	6.8

CAREER STATISTICS

MCGEE, Kamari

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds		PF-FO		A		TO		BLK		STL		Scoring	
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
2021-22	GB	30-21	873/29.1	132-340	.388	25-91	.275	59-73	.808	16	67	83	2.8	72-1	58	76	2	32	348	11.6			
2022-23	Wisc	31-0	219/7.1	14-50	.280	5-27	.185	7-8	.875	4	16	20	0.6	24-0	16	8	0	7	40	1.3			
2023-24	Wisc	25-0	206/8.3	19-35	.543	3-11	.273	11-18	.611	3	17	20	0.8	32-0	11	8	1	13	52	2.1			
2024-25	Wisc	31-4	691/22.3	74-157	.471	34-71	.479	28-34	.824	17	61	78	2.5	69-2	62	18	2	28	210	6.8			
TOTAL FOR Wisc		87-4	1116/12.8	107-242	.442	42-109	.385	46-60	.767	24	94	118	1.4	125-2	89	34	3	48	302	3.5			
TOTAL		117-25	1990/17.0	239-582	.411	67-200	.335	105-133	.789	40	161	201	1.7	197-3	147	110	5	80	650	5.6			

5 | DANIEL FREITAG

Freshman | Guard | 6-2 | 181  
Bloomington, Minn. | Breck HS



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GET TO KNOW DANIEL

Daniel Freitag is a four-star prospect from Bloomington, Minnesota, ranked as the ninth-best point guard in the nation for the 2024 class, according to 247Sports. The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 28.8 points, 9.9 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game as a junior at Jefferson High School. He was named the Metro West Conference Player of the Year, while earning all-conference honors. He became Jefferson's all-time leading scorer in just three years.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	12/0	12/0
5+ POINTS:	0	0
10+ POINTS:	0	0
20+ POINTS:	0	0
3+ ASSISTS:	0	0
2+ STEALS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN AST:	0	0

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs. Iowa (1/3/25):** Slammed down a dunk to score his first collegiate points, finishing with 2 points in 1 minute of play.
- **vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Made his Badger debut, playing 3 minutes in the win.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 2 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
FREE THROWS: --  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
REBOUNDS: 1 (4x) vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
ASSISTS: 1 (3x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: --  
STEALS: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
MINUTES: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 2 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
FREE THROWS: --  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
REBOUNDS: 1 (4x) vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
ASSISTS: 1 (3x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: --  
STEALS: 1 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
MINUTES: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#5 FREITAG, Daniel

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF				A TO BLK STL PTS AVG			
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		02:42	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0		
App State	11/10/2024		03:11	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0		
Arizona	11/15/2024		00:12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
vs UCF	11/22/2024		01:20	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		04:48	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	1	1	0	0	1	0.0		
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		03:19	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	4	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Iowa	01/03/2025		01:08	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	1	0	0	0	2 0.3		
Minnesota	01/10/2025		04:24	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	1	1	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.3		
at Southern California	01/18/2025		00:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.2		
Indiana	02/04/2025		01:09	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	1	0	0	0.2		
Washington	02/25/2025		03:27	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	0	1	0.4	2	0	0	0	0	0.2		
at Minnesota	03/05/2025		00:08	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.2		
Totals			0 26:27	1-9	.111	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2	2	4	0.3	9	3	1	0	1	2 0.2		

CAREER STATISTICS

FREITAG, Daniel

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring		
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	Wisc	12-0	26/2.2	1-9	.111	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2	2	4	0.3	9-0	3	1	0	1	2	0.2
TOTAL		12-0	26/2.2	1-9	.111	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2	2	4	0.3	9-0	3	1	0	1	2	0.2

7 | CARTER GILMORE

Senior | Forward | 6-7 | 225  
Hartland, Wis. | Arrowhead



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GET TO KNOW CARTER

A 6-foot-7 forward from Hartland, Wisconsin, Carter Gilmore is now in his fifth season with Wisconsin. Gilmore played in 33 games last season for the Badgers, averaging 9.2 minutes per game as a key rotation player. A preferred walk-on who has since earned a scholarship, Gilmore provides a wealth of veteran leadership. He was a member of the 2021-22 conference championship for the Badgers, and has appeared in four NCAA Tournament games. Gilmore was a standout in-state recruit at Arrowhead, where he finished as the all-time leading scorer (1,565 points). His parents are Brian and Stephanie Gilmore. Carter's father, Brian, played for former Wisconsin head coach and hall of famer Bo Ryan's first Division III national championship team at UW-Platteville in 1991. His mother, Stephanie, was a standout player on the University of Wisconsin-Platteville women's team, inducted into the WIAC Hall of Fame in 2018.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/0	130/3
5+ POINTS:	11	22
10+ POINTS:	2	2
5+ REBOUNDS:	3	10
LED UW IN PTS:	0	--
LED UW IN REB:	1	1

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **at Northwestern (2/1/25):** Scored 15 points (all in the second half) to lead UW to a comeback victory over Northwestern. Set additional career-highs in FGM (5), 3PM (3), and matched carrer-high in rebounds (7).
- **vs. #13 Illinois (3/17/24):** Matched his season high with 7 points (2-3 FG, 3-3 FT) in 16 minutes.
- **vs. #3 Purdue (3/16/24):** Played a season high 18 minutes, tallying 3 points, 2 assists and 1 rebound.
- **vs. #24 Virginia (11/20/23):** Had 4 points (2-2 FG) and 4 rebounds in 13 minutes off the bench in a win.
- **at Iowa (11/12/22):** Scored a career high 8 points, plus 4 rebounds off the bench in a win at Iowa.
- **vs #13 Maryland (12/6/22):** Tallied 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 block in a win.

SEASON HIGHS

**POINTS:** 15 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 5 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 7 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 3 (2x) MR vs. Indiana (2/4/25)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 5 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FREE THROWS:** 6 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 6 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**REBOUNDS:** 7 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**ASSISTS:** 5 at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**BLOCKS:** 2 (3x) MR at Purdue (2/15/25)  
**STEALS:** 1 (5x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
**MINUTES:** 28 vs Ohio State (1/14/25)

CAREER HIGHS

**POINTS:** 15 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 5 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 7 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 3 (2x) MR vs. Indiana (2/4/25)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 5 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**FREE THROWS:** 6 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 6 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**REBOUNDS:** 7 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**ASSISTS:** 5 at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**BLOCKS:** 2 (4x) MR at Purdue (2/15/25)  
**STEALS:** 2 (2x) MR vs. Kansas (11-24-22)  
**MINUTES:** 33 at Indiana (1-14-23)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#7 GILMORE, Carter

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds			PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT								AVG		
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		08:09	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	5.0			
Montana St.	11/07/2024		19:03	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.0	1	2	0	1	0	4	4.5		
App State	11/10/2024		10:26	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.7	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	3.0	
Arizona	11/15/2024		08:25	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2.3	
UTRGV	11/18/2024		20:32	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	4	5	2.0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1.8	
vs UCF	11/22/2024		19:56	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	1.7	3	2	0	2	0	0	2	1.6	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024		01:43	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.8	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		11:32	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.6
Michigan	12/03/2024		10:30	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.7	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.8	
at Marquette	12/07/2024		19:51	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3	3	6	2.1	1	5	2	0	1	5	2.1		
at Illinois	12/10/2024		19:56	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.3	5	0	1	0	0	0	7	2.5	
vs Butler	12/14/2024		21:29	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.3	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	2.9	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		11:23	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.7	
Iowa	01/03/2025		22:41	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.2	3	1	1	0	0	0	6	2.9	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025		22:43	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.2	3	0	2	0	0	0	3	2.9	
Minnesota	01/10/2025		07:22	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.8	
Ohio St.	01/14/2025		28:26	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.1	3	1	1	1	0	0	5	2.9	
at Southern California	01/18/2025		24:14	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	2.2	1	3	1	0	0	0	2	2.8	
at UCLA	01/21/2025		24:04	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.1	4	1	1	0	0	0	5	2.9	
Nebraska	01/26/2025		21:16	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	4	4	2.2	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.0	
at Maryland	01/29/2025		16:43	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	2.3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.9	
at Northwestern	02/01/2025		24:05	5-7	.714	3-5	.600	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	2.5	2	1	0	0	0	0	15	3.3	
Indiana	02/04/2025		18:38	3-4	.750	3-3	1.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	2.6	0	1	0	1	0	0	10	3.7	
at Iowa	02/08/2025		22:42	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.6	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.7
at Purdue	02/15/2025		24:17	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.6	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	3.6	
Illinois	02/18/2025		19:58	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.5	2	0	1	1	1	1	5	3.7	
Oregon	02/22/2025		24:22	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	4	5	2.6	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	3.7	
Washington	02/25/2025		15:18	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.5	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	3.6	
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025		15:53	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	1	1	2.5	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	3.7	
at Minnesota	03/05/2025		24:20	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	6-6	1.000	1	1	2	2.5	4	2	1	1	0	0	8	3.8	
Penn St.	03/08/2025		26:26	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	2.4	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	3.8	
Totals			0	566:24	42-86	.488	17-46	.370	17-21	.810	23	52	75	2.4	68	37	16	13	6	118	3.8	

CAREER STATISTICS

GILMORE, Carter

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds			PF-FO		A	TO	BLK	STL	Scoring	
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PTS					AVG	
2020-21	Wisc	9-0	16/1.8	1-5	.200	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	2-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
2021-22	Wisc	22-0	172/7.8	7-27	.259	1-13	.077	4-7	.571	6	16	22	1.0	20-0	8	2	4	2	19	0.9
2022-23	Wisc	35-3	659/18.8	37-91	.407	5-26	.192	12-27	.444	37	50	87	2.5	71-0	33	12	6	19	91	2.6
2023-24	Wisc	33-0	305/9.2	19-39	.487	3-12	.250	19-24	.792	22	24	46	1.4	39-0	16	16	1	3	60	1.8
2024-25	Wisc	31-0	566/18.3	42-86	.488	17-46	.370	17-21	.810	23	52	75	2.4	68-2	37	16	13	6	118	3.8
TOTAL		130-3	1718/13.2	106-248	.427	26-101	.257	52-79	.658	88	145	233	1.8	200-2	94	46	24	30	290	2.2

9 | JOHN TONJE

Graduate Student | Guard | 6-5 | 218  
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GET TO KNOW JOHN

Tonje joins the Badgers as a sixth-year transfer graduate student after playing at Missouri and Colorado State. He instantly became one of the most experienced players on Wisconsin's roster, entering the 2024-25 season having played in 130 career games (50 starts). Tonje is an old soul. He likes drinking coffee, reading books, listening to podcasts, and going for long walks around Madison at around 20,000 steps a day. Tonje averaged 14.6 points (47.3% FG) and 4.7 rebounds per game as a senior at Colorado State in 2022-23. He played in eight games (four starts) at Missouri before sitting out the rest of the season and applying for medical redshirt. Tonje was a member of the Cameroon National Team in the 2023 FIBA Pre-Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Nigeria.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/31	161/81
20+ POINTS:	12	21
30+ POINTS:	4	5
40+ POINTS:	1	1
2+ 3FG:	16	58
LED UW IN PTS:	16	16
LED UW IN 3FG:	16	16

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs #7 Purdue (2/15/25):** Led the team with 32 points (10-15 FG, 4-9 3FG, 8-9 FT), on the way to a road victory over #7 Purdue.
- **vs #9 Arizona (11/15/24):** Erupted for a career high 41 points (8-14 FG, 4-6 3FG, 21-22 FT), plus 6 rebounds in an upset win over #9 Arizona.
- **vs Pitt (11/24/24):** Greenbrier Tip-Off tournament MVP scored 33 points (25 points in the 2H alone), plus 7 rebounds, in title game win.
- **vs Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Scored 23 points (3-6 3FG, 8-8 FT) in his first game at Wisconsin, the most in a Badger debut since at least 2000.
- **vs Oral Roberts (11/9/21):** Went 10-14 from the field in a win, scoring a career high 31 points in 29 minutes.
- **vs Penn State (11/20/22):** Secured first career double-double with 14 points and a career high 13 rebounds.
- **vs Fresno State (3/8/23):** Led Colorado State to conference tournament victory against Fresno State, scoring 20 points with 3 three-pointers.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 41 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 11 vs. Pitt (11/24/24)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 20 vs. Oregon (2/22/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 6 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 11 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
FREE THROWS: 21 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 22 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
REBOUNDS: 9 at Rutgers (1/6/25)  
ASSISTS: 5 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
BLOCKS: 2 at Rutgers (1/6/25)  
STEALS: 4 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
MINUTES: 38 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 41 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 11 vs. Pitt (11/24/24)  
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3-POINT FGS: 6 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 11 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
FREE THROWS: 21 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 22 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
REBOUNDS: 13 vs. Penn State (11-20-22)\*  
ASSISTS: 5 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
BLOCKS: 2 (3x) MR at Rutgers (1/6/25)  
STEALS: 4 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
MINUTES: 38 (2x) MR at Northwestern (2/1/25)

\*recorded at Colorado State

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#9 TONJE, John

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds			PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT								AVG	
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	*	26:54	6-11	.545	3-6	.500	8-8	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	2	1	3	0	1	23	23.0	
Montana St.	11/07/2024	*	27:07	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	8-9	.889	1	3	4	4.5	2	1	3	0	0	13	18.0	
App State	11/10/2024	*	30:20	8-14	.571	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	6	7	5.3	1	5	0	0	2	17	17.7	
Arizona	11/15/2024	*	33:53	8-14	.571	4-6	.667	21-22	.955	0	6	6	5.5	4	1	4	0	1	41	23.5	
UTRGV	11/18/2024	*	30:40	3-5	.600	3-5	.600	10-10	1.000	1	2	3	5.0	3	0	3	0	1	19	22.6	
vs UCF	11/22/2024	*	30:06	6-14	.429	0-3	.000	3-4	.750	1	5	6	5.2	2	4	2	0	0	15	21.3	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	*	37:51	11-19	.579	1-5	.200	10-10	1.000	3	4	7	5.4	3	1	2	0	0	33	23.0	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	*	29:23	5-12	.417	3-6	.500	9-10	.900	0	5	5	5.4	0	3	1	0	1	22	22.9	
Michigan	12/03/2024	*	30:27	5-12	.417	3-5	.600	5-6	.833	0	3	3	5.1	3	0	3	0	2	18	22.3	
at Marquette	12/07/2024	*	29:06	3-11	.273	1-5	.200	7-8	.875	1	4	5	5.1	3	1	5	0	0	14	21.5	
at Illinois	12/10/2024	*	32:30	5-15	.333	2-7	.286	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	5.0	2	3	4	0	0	14	20.8	
vs Butler	12/14/2024	*	30:51	2-8	.250	0-4	.000	7-7	1.000	0	6	6	5.1	1	3	1	0	0	11	20.0	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	*	24:41	2-6	.333	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	1	3	4	5.0	1	3	2	0	0	9	19.2	
Iowa	01/03/2025	*	23:04	3-6	.500	2-3	.667	4-5	.800	2	1	3	4.9	0	2	1	0	3	12	18.6	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	*	32:23	6-12	.500	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	1	8	9	5.1	2	2	1	2	1	15	18.4	
Minnesota	01/10/2025	*	24:34	4-10	.400	1-6	.167	7-8	.875	0	6	6	5.2	1	3	1	0	0	16	18.3	
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	*	35:30	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	10-10	1.000	0	4	4	5.1	0	0	3	0	1	17	18.2	
at Southern California	01/18/2025	*	22:03	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	4.8	2	1	2	0	0	0	17.2	
at UCLA	01/21/2025	*	33:39	8-9	.889	6-7	.857	2-3	.667	1	4	5	4.8	3	2	2	0	0	24	17.5	
Nebraska	01/26/2025	*	28:48	9-19	.474	5-11	.455	4-5	.800	1	4	5	4.9	1	0	1	0	0	27	18.0	
at Maryland	01/29/2025	*	32:00	8-16	.500	5-8	.625	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	4.9	3	0	2	0	0	23	18.2	
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	*	37:32	8-18	.444	5-11	.455	6-6	1.000	1	1	2	4.8	0	3	2	0	0	27	18.6	
Indiana	02/04/2025	*	32:47	5-11	.455	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	0	5	5	4.8	0	1	1	0	1	15	18.5	
at Iowa	02/08/2025	*	33:14	5-11	.455	3-9	.333	9-10	.900	0	6	6	4.8	2	4	2	1	0	22	18.6	
at Purdue	02/15/2025	*	34:26	10-15	.667	4-9	.444	8-9	.889	0	6	6	4.9	0	3	2	1	0	32	19.2	
Illinois	02/18/2025	*	30:58	9-15	.600	3-5	.600	10-12	.833	1	2	3	4.8	2	0	3	0	4	31	19.6	
Oregon	02/22/2025	*	36:49	9-20	.450	2-10	.200	2-2	1.000	1	6	7	4.9	2	2	2	0	2	22	19.7	
Washington	02/25/2025	*	32:18	4-10	.400	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	4.9	1	1	1	0	1	13	19.5	
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	*	35:48	3-13	.231	1-8	.125	4-4	1.000	0	6	6	4.9	3	0	2	1	1	11	19.2	
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	*	26:53	5-10	.500	2-3	.667	6-6	1.000	1	6	7	5.0	4	1	2	0	1	18	19.1	
Penn St.	03/08/2025	*	33:05	2-13	.154	2-7	.286	7-8	.875	1	6	7	5.1	1	2	0	0	0	13	18.9	
Totals			31	959:41	167-363	.460	68-180	.378	185-202	.916	24	133	157	5.1	54	53	63	5	23	587	18.9

CAREER STATISTICS

TONJE, John

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals			3-Point			F-Throws			Rebounds			PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	Scoring	
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PTS	AVG							
2019-20	CSU	31-0	263/8.5	35-76	.461	20-46	.435	21-31	.677	5	27	32	1.0	28-0	10	15	0	5	111	3.6		
2020-21	CSU	28-1	564/20.1	56-144	.389	25-80	.313	48-56	.857	19	63	82	2.9	43-0	23	32	5	12	185	6.6		
2021-22	CSU	30-12	759/25.3	89-193	.461	32-88	.364	64-78	.821	18	73	91	3.0	50-0	26	31	6	12	274	9.1		
2022-23	CSU	33-33	1032/31.3	157-332	.473	61-157	.389	106-130	.815	22	132	154	4.7	55-0	43	61	11	25	481	14.6		
2023-24	MO	8-4	78/9.7	6-12	.500	2-6	.333	7-7	1.000	1	6	7	0.9	7-0	3	6	1	2	21	2.6		
2024-25	Wisc	31-31	960/31.0	167-363	.460	68-180	.378	185-202	.916	24	133	157	5.1	54-0	53	63	5	23	587	18.9		
TOTAL FOR Wisc		31-31	960/31.0	167-363	.460	68-180	.378	185-202	.916	24	133	157	5.1	54-0	53	63	5	23	587	18.9		
TOTAL		161-81	3655/22.7	510-1120	.455	208-557	.373	431-504	.855	89	434	523	3.2	237-0	158	208	28	79	1659	10.3		

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GET TO KNOW MAX

With two seasons for the Badgers under his belt, Max Klesmit is poised to be a leader for the 2024-25 Badger team. He sports some of the most memorable scoring performances in recent memory for Wisconsin, including scoring 21 points in a win against #3 Marquette and a game-winner against #3 Purdue. One of the key contributors to the 2023-24 team's success, he averaged 14.1 points per game during an eight game stretch where the Badgers went 7-1, all against conference opponents. Klesmit also lead the team in scoring (18 points) in the Badger's NCAA Tournament game. Klesmit brings valuable shooting to the team, sporting a career .392 3PT% with Wisconsin.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	27/27	146/129
10+ POINTS:	11	75
20+ POINTS:	2	12
3+ ASSISTS:	12	36
LED TEAM IN PTS:	2	17
LED TEAM IN 3FG:	7	45

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs Montana State (11/7/24):** Made a career high 6 triples and scored a game-high 26 points in the win.
- **vs #3 Purdue (3/16/24):** 12 pts (3-4 3FG), including the game-winner in Big Ten Tournament semifinals.
- **vs Indiana (1/19/24):** Scored 26 points, his most as a Badger, shooting 8-for-11 from the floor (5-7 3FG).
- **vs Northwestern (1/13/24):** Finished with 24 pts (5-7 3FG) in a win.
- **at Ohio State (1/10/24):** Scored all 18 of his points in the second half (5-9 FG, 2-4 3FG, 6-6 FT) in a win.
- **vs #3 Marquette (12/2/23):** Finished with a game-high 21 points (all first half) in the win.
- **vs #5 Purdue (3/1/22):** Matched a season high with 19 points (3-5 3FG) - 17 pts in the second half alone.
- **vs #3 Kansas (11/24/22):** Played a career high 43 minutes, finishing with 13 points (4-6 FG, 2-3 3FG).

SEASON HIGHS

**POINTS:** 26 vs. Montana State (11/7/24)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 7 (2x) MR vs. USC (1/18/25)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 15 vs. Montana State (11/7/24)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 6 (2x) MR at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 11 (2x) MR at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** 8 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 8 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
**REBOUNDS:** 7 (2x) MR at Maryland (1/29/25)  
**ASSISTS:** 6 (3x) at Purdue (2/15/25)  
**BLOCKS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. Indiana (2/4/25)  
**STEALS:** 5 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**MINUTES:** 36 (2x) MR vs. Michigan (12/3/24)

CAREER HIGHS

**POINTS:** 27 (2x) MR vs. The Citadel (1/19/22)\*  
**FIELD GOALS:** 10 vs. The Citadel (1/19/22)\*  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 16 (3x) MR at Chattanooga (1/26/22)\*  
**3-POINT FGS:** 6 (2x) MR at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 11 (2x) MR at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** 8 (2x) MR vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 10 at Samford (2/9/22)\*  
**REBOUNDS:** 8 (2x) MR at Nebraska (2/11/23)  
**ASSISTS:** 8 at Iowa (2/17/24)  
**BLOCKS:** 2 at Michigan (2/26/23)  
**STEALS:** 5 (2x) MR vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**MINUTES:** 43 vs. Kansas (11/24/22)

\*recorded at Wofford

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#11 KLESMIT, Max

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds		PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG					
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	*	27:38	3-9	.333	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1	1	0	2	7.0
Montana St.	11/07/2024	*	36:11	7-15	.467	6-11	.545	6-6	1.000	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	0	2	26.16.5
App State	11/10/2024	*	27:55	5-11	.455	2-6	.333	3-3	1.000	0	1	1	1.0	2	4	1	0	15.16.0
Arizona	11/15/2024	*	35:27	3-7	.429	1-5	.200	6-6	1.000	0	3	3	1.5	2	3	0	0	13.15.3
UTRGV	11/18/2024	*	34:14	3-11	.273	1-6	.167	4-4	1.000	1	0	1	1.4	2	2	3	1	11.14.4
vs UCF	11/22/2024	*	27:25	3-9	.333	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.7	0	3	2	0	8.13.3
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	*	33:48	1-7	.143	1-5	.200	4-6	.667	0	2	2	1.7	3	5	0	0	7.12.4
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	*	26:06	2-9	.222	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	2	5	2	0	5.11.5
Michigan	12/03/2024	*	35:47	3-14	.214	1-9	.111	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.9	2	2	1	0	8.11.1
at Marquette	12/07/2024	*	33:37	6-12	.500	6-11	.545	4-4	1.000	1	0	1	1.8	2	2	0	0	22.12.2
at Illinois	12/10/2024	*	28:34	4-10	.400	2-5	.400	3-6	.500	0	1	1	1.7	3	4	3	0	1.13.2.3
vs Butler	12/14/2024	*	34:27	1-7	.143	1-6	.167	8-8	1.000	0	3	3	1.8	2	2	1	0	11.12.2
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	*	24:43	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.8	0	2	1	0	0.11.2
Iowa	01/03/2025	*	22:40	3-5	.600	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.8	3	6	1	0	8.11.0
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	*	24:20	1-5	.200	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.9	0	3	1	0	1.3.10.5
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	*	29:52	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.9	2	1	2	0	4.10.1
at Southern California	01/18/2025	*	27:16	7-14	.500	2-9	.222	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1.9	0	4	1	0	2.18.10.5
at UCLA	01/21/2025	*	30:27	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	2.0	3	1	2	0	8.10.4
Nebraska	01/26/2025	*	26:11	3-9	.333	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	0	7	7	2.3	1	3	2	0	1.8.10.3
at Maryland	01/29/2025	*	30:58	1-8	.125	1-6	.167	2-4	.500	1	6	7	2.5	2	3	1	0	1.5.10.0
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	*	27:01	3-7	.429	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	0	4	4	2.6	1	2	1	0	1.11.0.0
Indiana	02/04/2025	*	25:12	4-10	.400	2-6	.333	3-3	1.000	0	1	1	2.5	2	6	0	1	3.13.10.2
at Iowa	02/08/2025	*	29:59	3-8	.375	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	0	2	2	2.5	0	2	1	0	9.10.1
at Purdue	02/15/2025	*	33:28	5-10	.500	1-6	.167	6-7	.857	0	2	2	2.5	0	6	1	0	1.17.10.4
Illinois	02/18/2025	*	23:16	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2	1	3	2.5	2	1	1	0	5.10.2
Oregon	02/22/2025	*	26:38	3-9	.333	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.5	1	0	2	0	8.10.1
Washington	02/25/2025	*	04:58	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2.4	0	0	0	0	0.9.7
Totals			27 768:08	79-224	.353	45-156	.288	60-71	.845	7	59	66	2.4	40	74	31	2	25 263 9.7

CAREER STATISTICS

KLESMIT, Max

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds		Scoring								
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	WOF	19-2	429/22.6	54-116	.466	25-67	.373	22-26	.846	9	43	52	2.7	46-1	22	23	0	24	155	8.2
2021-22	WOF	31-31	986/31.8	156-350	.446	68-200	.340	82-98	.837	13	73	86	2.8	84-2	60	66	3	50	462	14.9
2022-23	Wisc	33-33	1059/32.1	91-215	.423	46-120	.383	48-69	.696	11	77	88	2.7	78-1	45	32	6	41	276	8.4
2023-24	Wisc	36-36	1032/28.7	118-270	.437	66-166	.398	56-68	.824	9	68	77	2.1	76-1	67	39	3	31	358	9.9
2024-25	Wisc	27-27	768/28.4	79-224	.353	45-156	.288	60-71	.845	7	59	66	2.4	40-0	74	31	2	25	263	9.7
TOTAL FOR Wisc		96-96	2859/29.8	288-709	.406	157-442	.355	164-208	.788	27	204	231	2.4	194-2	186	102	11	97	897	9.3
TOTAL		146-129	4274/29.3	498-1175	.424	250-709	.353	268-332	.807	49	320	369	2.5	324-5	268	191	14	171	1514	10.4

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GET TO KNOW XAVIER

Amos begins his first season at Wisconsin after transferring from Northern Illinois, where he spent his first two seasons. He broke out in his sophomore season (2023-24), starting all 25 games he played in while averaging 13.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Amos stretches the floor as a big man, shooting 38.5% from three in 2023-24.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/0	63/26
10+ POINTS:	2	18
5+ REBOUNDS:	2	20
3+ 3-PTERS MADE:	1	7
2+ BLOCKS:	0	9

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs. Washington (2/25/25):** Scored a UW-high 12 points in a Badger victory, going 4-for-5 from the field, and 3-for-4 on 3-point attempts.
- **vs. App State (11/10/24):** In 12 minutes of play, recorded then-UW career highs with 10 points and 6 rebounds, while making 4-of-4 free throws.
- **vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Made his Badger debut, tallying 2 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist in the win.
- **at Northwestern (11/27/23):** Scored a career-high 26 points while going 11-for-15 from the field, including going 4-for-5 on 3-point attempts.
- **at Monmouth (12/09/23):** Secured first ever double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds, while also putting up a career-high four blocks and going 10-for-15 from the field.

SEASON HIGHS

- POINTS: 12 vs. Washington (2/25/25)
- FIELD GOALS: 4 vs. Washington (2/25/25)
- FG ATTEMPTS: 8 (2x) MR vs. Chicago St (11/30/24)
- 3-POINT FGS: 3 vs. Washington (2/25/25)
- 3-POINT FGAS: 4 (6x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)
- FREE THROWS: 4 (vs. App State (11/10/24)
- FT ATTEMPTS: 4 (2x) vs. Indiana (2/4/25)
- REBOUNDS: 6 vs. App State (11/10/24)
- ASSISTS: 4 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)
- BLOCKS: 1 (6x) at Minnesota (3/5/25)
- STEALS: 2 vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)
- MINUTES: 22 vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)

CAREER HIGHS

- POINTS: 26 at Northwestern (11-27-23)\*
- FIELD GOALS: 11 at Northwestern (11-27-23)\*
- FG ATTEMPTS: 18 at South Alabama (2-10-24)\*
- 3-POINT FGS: 5 vs. Little Rock (11-18-23)\*
- 3-POINT FGAS: 8 (2x) MR at South Alabama (2-10-24)\*
- FREE THROWS: 9 at Central Michigan (1-30-24)\*
- FT ATTEMPTS: 13 vs. Buffalo (2-13-24)\*
- REBOUNDS: 12 at Miami (OH) (2-6-24)\*
- ASSISTS: 4 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)
- BLOCKS: 5 at Georgia State (11-17-23)\*
- STEALS: 3 (2x) MR at Miami (OH) (2-6-24)\*
- MINUTES: 40 at Monmouth (12-9-23)\*

\*recorded at Northern Illinois

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#13 AMOS, Xavier

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds			PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT								AVG	
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		10:43	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	2.0	
Montana St.	11/07/2024		03:41	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	
App State	11/10/2024		12:06	2-8	.250	2-4	.500	4-4	1.000	2	4	6	3	0	0	1	0	1	10	4.0	
Arizona	11/15/2024		14:01	2-6	.333	2-4	.500	2-3	.667	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	5.0	
UTRGV	11/18/2024		12:47	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	9	5.8	
vs UCF	11/22/2024		14:16	2-7	.286	0-4	.000	1-1	1.000	0	5	5	3	3	1	2	0	0	5	5.7	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024		05:28	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.9	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		12:33	3-8	.375	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	8	5.3	
Michigan	12/03/2024		06:09	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	2	7	0	0	0	0	1	4.8	
at Marquette	12/07/2024		06:01	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	4.3	
at Illinois	12/10/2024		11:22	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	5.4	
vs Butler	12/14/2024		05:23	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	4.0	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		13:05	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	
Iowa	01/03/2025		08:30	2-2	1.000	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	6	4.1	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025		09:38	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.1	
Minnesota	01/10/2025		22:20	1-6	.167	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	4	4.1	
Ohio St.	01/14/2025		04:59	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	1	0	2	4.0	
at Southern California	01/18/2025		08:52	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	0	1	4.0	
at UCLA	01/21/2025		06:04	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	1	9	2	0	0	0	4	4.0	
Nebraska	01/26/2025		14:12	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	2	3.9	
at Maryland	01/29/2025		09:11	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	9	1	1	1	0	0	3.7	
at Northwestern	02/01/2025		07:28	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	3.5	
Indiana	02/04/2025		13:03	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	1	9	2	0	1	0	0	6.3	
at Iowa	02/08/2025		06:27	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	2.3	
at Purdue	02/15/2025		07:13	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	2.3	
Illinois	02/18/2025		13:15	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1	8	1	1	2	0	0	5.6	
Oregon	02/22/2025		08:34	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	8	1	0	1	0	0	3.6	
Washington	02/25/2025		14:40	4-5	.800	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	12.3	
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025		02:00	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	3.7	
at Minnesota	03/05/2025		08:09	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1	7	1	0	1	1	0	3.6	
Penn St.	03/08/2025		06:32	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1	7	0	0	1	0	1	2.5	
Totals			0	298:40	37-97	.381	17-54	.315	19-26	.731	11	42	53	1.7	28	13	18	6	8	110	3.5

CAREER STATISTICS

AMOS, Xavier

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds			Scoring							
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PP-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	NIU	7-1	103/14.8	9-28	.321	2-12	.167	3-4	.750	6	16	22	3.1	7-0	4	8	4	2	23	3.3
2023-24	NIU	25-25	772/30.9	129-260	.496	40-104	.385	46-71	.648	34	110	144	5.8	70-5	29	58	33	20	344	13.8
2024-25	Wisc	31-0	299/9.6	37-97	.381	17-54	.315	19-26	.731	11	42	53	1.7	28-0	13	18	6	8	110	3.5
TOTAL FOR Wisc		31-0	299/9.6	37-97	.381	17-54	.315	19-26	.731	11	42	53	1.7	28-0	13	18	6	8	110	3.5
TOTAL		63-26	1174/18.6	175-385	.455	59-170	.347	68-101	.673	51	168	219	3.5	105-5	46	84	43	30	477	7.6

14 | AIDAN KONOP

Freshman | Guard | 6-2 | 195  
Sussex, Wis. | Sussex Hamilton HS



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GET TO KNOW AIDAN

Aidan Konop, a 6-foot-2 guard from Sussex, Wisconsin, joined the Wisconsin men's basketball team as a preferred walk-on ahead of the 2024-25 season. As a senior at Sussex Hamilton High School, Konop averaged 20 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals per game ... He shot over 50 percent from the field, including a 40 percent clip from 3-point range. A first-team all-Greater Metro Conference selection as a senior, Konop led Sussex Hamilton to a 20-6 record last season, culminating with an appearance in the WIAA regional final.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	4/0	4/0
5+ POINTS:	0	0
3+ ASSISTS:	0	0
2+ STEALS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN AST:	0	0

TOP PERFORMANCES

- vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24): Made his Badger debut, playing 1 minute in the win.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS:	--
FIELD GOALS:	--
FG ATTEMPTS:	--
3-POINT FGs:	--
3-POINT FGAS:	--
FREE THROWS:	--
FT ATTEMPTS:	--
REBOUNDS:	--
ASSISTS:	--
BLOCKS:	--
STEALS:	--
MINUTES:	1 (4x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS:	--
FIELD GOALS:	--
FG ATTEMPTS:	--
3-POINT FGs:	--
3-POINT FGAS:	--
FREE THROWS:	--
FT ATTEMPTS:	--
REBOUNDS:	--
ASSISTS:	--
BLOCKS:	--
STEALS:	--
MINUTES:	1 (4x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#14 KONOP, Aidan

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		01:05	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
App State	11/10/2024		00:42	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		00:45	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Washington	02/25/2025		00:31	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		0	03:03	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

CAREER STATISTICS

KONOP, Aidan

			Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring			
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	Wisc	4-0	3/0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		4-0	3/0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

15 | ISAAC GARD

Junior | Guard | 6-3 | 170  
Oregon, Wis. | Oregon



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GET TO KNOW ISAAC

Isaac Gard joined the Badgers as a walk-on and begins his third season with the Badgers in 2024-25. Gard has appeared in 11 career games with Wisconsin. He recorded his first career minutes as a Badger in a win vs. South Dakota. As a senior at Oregon High School, he started all 14 games and averaged 9.6 points per game while shooting 39 percent from 3-point range. A three-year letterwinner in basketball, Gard was also a two-year participant in baseball. Gard's father, Greg, is the current head coach of the Wisconsin men's basketball team.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	11/0	21/0
5+ POINTS:	0	--
5+ REBOUNDS:	0	--
10+ MIN PLAYED:	0	--

TOP PERFORMANCES

- Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Scored the first points of his collegiate career, hitting a 3-pointer in the win.
- South Dakota (11/7/22):** Played 1 minute off the bench, his first career playing time at Wisconsin.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 3 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
3-POINT FGS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FREE THROWS: --  
FT ATTEMPTS: --  
REBOUNDS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
ASSISTS: 1 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: --  
STEALS: --  
MINUTES: 2 (3x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 3 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
3-POINT FGS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
FREE THROWS: --  
FT ATTEMPTS: --  
REBOUNDS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
ASSISTS: 1 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: --  
STEALS: --  
MINUTES: 2 (4x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#15 GARD, Isaac

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		00:56	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.0
App State	11/10/2024		00:42	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
vs UCF	11/22/2024		00:30	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		00:30	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
Iowa	01/03/2025		01:08	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.6
Minnesota	01/10/2025		01:37	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
at Southern California	01/18/2025		00:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Nebraska	01/26/2025		01:53	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4
Indiana	02/04/2025		01:17	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Illinois	02/18/2025		00:56	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Washington	02/25/2025		01:32	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
Totals			0 11:40	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.3

CAREER STATISTICS

GARD, Isaac

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Wisc	5-0	5/0.9	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2023-24	Wisc	6-0	5/0.9	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2024-25	Wisc	11-0	12/1.1	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	1-0	1	0	0	0	3	0.3
TOTAL		22-0	22/1.0	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.1	3-0	1	0	0	0	3	0.1

18 | RICCARDO GREPPI

Freshman | Forward | 6-10 | 255  
Lecco, Italy | Verona



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GET TO KNOW RICCARDO

Greppi begins his freshman year with an experienced overseas career. He played for Verona in the Italy-NextGen league, appearing in eight games and averaging 9.1 points and 8.6 rebounds per contest. Greppi also has national team experience for Italy. At the 2023 Under-18 European Championships, he played in seven games averaging 2.3 points (43.8% FG) and 3.6 rebounds. In the 2022 U18 European Championships, Greppi averaged 2.4 points (50% FG) and 4.2 rebounds playing an average of 10 minutes per contest.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	8/0	8/0
5+ POINTS:	0	0
5+ REBOUNDS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN PTS:	0	0
LED TEAM IN REB:	0	0
5+ MINUTES PLAYED:	1	1

TOP PERFORMANCES

- vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24): Made his Badger debut, playing 2 minutes in the win.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 2 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
FREE THROWS: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 4 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
REBOUNDS: 3 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
ASSISTS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
BLOCKS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
STEALS: --  
MINUTES: 5 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 2 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
FREE THROWS: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 4 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
REBOUNDS: 3 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
ASSISTS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
BLOCKS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
STEALS: --  
MINUTES: 5 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#18 GREPPI, Riccardo

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF A TO BLK STL				PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG						
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		01:40	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
App State	11/10/2024		01:45	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		02:20	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2	0	2	1.7	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		05:10	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.8	0	1	1	1	0	1.0
Nebraska	01/26/2025		03:30	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	2	0	0	0	0	2.1
Indiana	02/04/2025		01:17	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	1	0	0	0	0	1.0
Illinois	02/18/2025		01:19	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	2.1
Washington	02/25/2025		02:36	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
Totals			0 19:37	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	1.1	3	1	1	1	0	8 1.0

CAREER STATISTICS

GREPPI, Riccardo

			Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring			
SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2024-25	Wisc	8-0	20/2.5	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	1.1	3-0	1	1	1	0	8	1.0
TOTAL		8-0	20/2.5	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	1.1	3-0	1	1	1	0	8	1.0

21 | CHRIS HODGES

Junior | Forward | 6-9 | 257  
Schaumburg, Ill. | Schaumburg



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GET TO KNOW CHRIS

Chris Hodges enters his junior season with 25 career games played. Last season, he made appearances in three Big Ten Tournament games, collecting four rebounds in a win over Maryland. A great teammate, Hodges was recognized with the 2024 Big Ten Sportsmanship Award for Wisconsin. The 6-foot-9 forward from Schaumburg, Illinois, played at Schaumburg High School, where he was named the 2019 Mid-Suburban League West Player of the Year as a junior.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	12/0	37/0
5+ POINTS:	0	--
5+ REBOUNDS:	0	--
LED UW IN PTS:	0	--
LED UW IN REB:	0	--
5+ MINUTES PLAYED:	0	1

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs. Maryland (3/14/24):** Played a season high 5 minutes, tallying a career high 4 rebounds, plus 1 assist, 1 block and his first point of the season.
- **South Dakota (11/7/22):** Played 6 minutes off the bench, his first career minutes at Wisconsin.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
FIELD GOALS: --  
FG ATTEMPTS: 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
FREE THROWS: 1 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
REBOUNDS: --  
ASSISTS: --  
BLOCKS: --  
STEALS: 1 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
MINUTES: 2 (2x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 2 vs. Michigan St. (1/10/23)  
FIELD GOALS: 1 vs. Michigan St. (1/10/23)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 3 vs. Maryland (3/14/24)  
3-POINT FGS: --  
3-POINT FGAS: 1 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
FREE THROWS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 (3x) MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
REBOUNDS: 4 vs. Maryland (3/14/24)  
ASSISTS: 1 vs. Maryland (3/14/24)  
BLOCKS: 1 (4x) MR vs. Maryland (3/14/24)  
STEALS: 1 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
MINUTES: 6 vs. South Dakota (11/7/22)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#21 HODGES, Chris

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds									
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		00:44	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
App State	11/10/2024		00:42	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Arizona	11/15/2024		01:03	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
vs UCF	11/22/2024		00:30	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		00:30	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		01:23	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	1	0.2
Iowa	01/03/2025		02:11	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Minnesota	01/10/2025		01:37	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
at Southern California	01/18/2025		00:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
Nebraska	01/26/2025		01:15	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Illinois	02/18/2025		00:56	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Washington	02/25/2025		00:31	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
Totals		0	12:01	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	0	1	0.1

CAREER STATISTICS

HODGES, Chris

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring		
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Wisc	14-0	30/2.2	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.2	3-0	0	0	1	0	2	0.1
2023-24	Wisc	11-0	21/1.9	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	2	6	0.5	0-0	2	0	3	0	1	0.1
2024-25	Wisc	12-0	12/1.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	1	0	1	1	0.1
TOTAL		37-0	63/1.7	1-9	.111	0-1	.000	2-6	.333	6	3	9	0.2	4-0	2	1	4	1	4	0.1

22 | STEVEN CROWL

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GET TO KNOW STEVEN

Steven Crowl enters the 2024-25 season as the most tenured Badger, playing in 116 career games with the team. Crowl elevates his game from year-to-year, and now serves as one of the most important contributors to the team. Last season, he put up new career highs in field goal percentage (55.6%) and rebounds per game (7.6). He became the 49th Badger to reach 1000 career points after scoring 22 against Iowa on 2/17/24. His passing is one of the key elements of his game, with the most career assists of any 7-0 foot Big Ten player since 1990. Crowl proved to be one of the most effective players during the Badger's 2024 Big Ten Tournament run, averaging 14.5 points per game on 64.1% FG shooting. With a team full of new faces, Crowl's veteran leadership will prove to be valuable.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/31	147/135
10+ POINTS:	15	69
20+ POINTS:	1	9
10+ REBOUNDS:	2	18
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	1	12
LED UW IN PTS:	4	19
LED UW IN REB:	11	55

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs Northwestern (3/15/24):** Scored 19 points (8-12 FG, 3-5 3FG), plus 7 boards in Big Ten Tournament.
- **vs Maryland (3/14/24):** Had 17 points, shooting an efficient 7-for-8 FG (3-3 3FG) in Big Ten Tournament.
- **vs Ohio St (2/13/24):** Recorded a double-double with a team-high 16 points, plus 10 rebounds in win.
- **vs #3 Marquette (12/2/23):** Finished with 16 points and 8 rebounds, shooting 5-6 FG and 6-8 FT.
- **vs #24 Virginia (11/20/23):** Tallied a double-double with a team-high 15 pts, 10 reb, plus 2 ast and 1 blk.
- **vs Bradley (3/14/23):** Exploded for a career high 36 points in an NIT win vs. Bradley at the Kohl Center.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 20 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 8 (2x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 15 vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 3 vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 4 (3x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
FREE THROWS: 6 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 6 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
REBOUNDS: 11 at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)  
ASSISTS: 6 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
BLOCKS: 3 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
STEALS: 3 at Iowa (2/8/25)  
MINUTES: 32 at Maryland (1/29/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 36 vs. Bradley (3/14/23)  
FIELD GOALS: 12 vs. Bradley (3/14/23)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 18 at Illinois (1/7/23)  
3-POINT FGS: 5 vs. Bradley (3/14/23)  
3-POINT FGAS: 7 (2x) MR vs. Bradley (3/14/23)  
FREE THROWS: 11 at Iowa (2/17/24)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 13 at Iowa (2/17/24)  
REBOUNDS: 13 (3x) MR at Rutgers (2/10/24)  
ASSISTS: 8 vs. Indiana (1/19/24)  
BLOCKS: 3 (2x) MR vs. Chicago St (11/30/24)  
STEALS: 3 at Iowa (2/8/25)  
MINUTES: 40 at Nebraska (2/11/23)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#22 CROWL, Steven

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds		PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF								TOT	AVG	
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	*	25:39	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2	6	8	8.0	1	2	3	0	1	7	7.0	
Montana St.	11/07/2024	*	24:28	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	1	3	4	6.0	3	4	0	0	0	6	6.5	
App State	11/10/2024	*	28:17	7-12	.583	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	4.3	1	4	1	0	2	17	10.0	
Arizona	11/15/2024	*	31:11	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	3	4	4.3	5	6	1	1	0	8	9.5	
UTRGV	11/18/2024	*	20:26	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	4	5	4.4	0	1	1	0	0	9	9.4	
vs UCF	11/22/2024	*	14:24	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.3	5	3	2	0	0	6	8.8	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	*	27:57	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	3	6	9	5.0	1	3	0	0	0	6	8.4	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	*	27:48	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	4	7	5.3	0	5	1	3	0	9	8.5	
Michigan	12/03/2024	*	21:43	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	5.1	5	0	0	1	0	2	7.8	
at Marquette	12/07/2024	*	28:13	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4	7	11	5.7	1	3	2	0	0	2	7.2	
at Illinois	12/10/2024	*	18:43	3-9	.333	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	5.2	3	1	0	0	1	9	7.4	
vs Butler	12/14/2024	*	17:12	7-10	.700	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	0	6	6	5.3	2	1	0	0	0	18	8.3	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	*	21:05	7-10	.700	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	5.2	0	0	1	1	0	15	8.8	
Iowa	01/03/2025	*	20:17	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	1	6	7	5.3	1	3	3	0	0	14	9.1	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	*	24:41	8-11	.727	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3	7	10	5.6	3	3	3	0	1	18	9.7	
Minnesota	01/10/2025	*	26:10	6-7	.857	2-2	1.000	4-4	1.000	1	4	5	5.6	0	3	2	1	0	18	10.3	
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	*	28:03	5-10	.500	0-3	.000	4-4	1.000	0	7	7	5.6	3	1	0	1	0	14	10.5	
at Southern California	01/18/2025	*	17:40	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	5.5	4	1	1	1	0	9	10.4	
at UCLA	01/21/2025	*	29:19	4-6	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	5.5	3	3	2	1	1	11	10.4	
Nebraska	01/26/2025	*	20:11	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	6	7	5.6	3	3	1	1	0	1	10.0	
at Maryland	01/29/2025	*	31:50	4-9	.444	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	4	5	9	5.7	2	3	2	1	0	10	10.0	
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	*	27:45	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	7	7	5.8	3	1	1	1	0	3	9.6	
Indiana	02/04/2025	*	23:46	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	3	3	5.7	2	1	0	1	2	3	9.3	
at Iowa	02/08/2025	*	30:26	2-7	.286	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	2	6	8	5.8	2	2	1	1	3	7	9.3	
at Purdue	02/15/2025	*	20:25	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	5.6	4	3	0	0	0	3	9.0	
Illinois	02/18/2025	*	27:43	7-10	.700	3-3	1.000	3-4	.750	2	5	7	5.6	0	5	1	0	2	20	9.4	
Oregon	02/22/2025	*	30:49	5-8	.625	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	5.6	2	1	6	0	0	12	9.5	
Washington	02/25/2025	*	25:11	5-8	.625	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	5.5	1	4	1	0	1	12	9.6	
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	*	29:31	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2	2	4	5.5	1	3	1	0	0	10	9.6	
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	*	28:15	4-6	.667	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	5.4	1	3	1	0	2	10	9.6	
Penn St.	03/08/2025	*	31:25	8-15	.533	2-4	.500	1-1	1.000	2	2	4	5.4	0	3	2	0	1	19	9.9	
Totals			31	780:34	118-216	.546	22-58	.379	50-61	.820	40	126	166	5.4	62	79	44	15	17	308	9.9

CAREER STATISTICS

CROWL, Steven

SEASON TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	Scoring			
			FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF						TOT	AVG	PTS	AVG
2020-21 Wisc	12-0	36/3.0	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4	5	9	0.8	9-0	2	3	1	0	8	0.7
2021-22 Wisc	33-33	834/25.3	114-230	.496	26-82	.317	36-45	.800	48	96	144	4.4	84-1	48	31	9	9	290	8.8
2022-23 Wisc	35-35	1071/30.6	173-339	.510	27-88	.307	52-82	.634	53	190	243	6.9	74-0	86	56	17	12	425	12.1
2023-24 Wisc	36-36	1044/29.0	155-279	.556	26-58	.448	66-89	.742	85	176	261	7.3	92-2	76	60	17	11	402	11.2
2024-25 Wisc	31-31	781/25.2	118-216	.546	22-58	.379	50-61	.820	40	126	166	5.4	62-3	79	44	15	17	308	9.9
TOTAL	147-135	3765/25.6	564-1072	.526	101-287	.352	204-277	.736	230	593	823	5.6	321-6	291	194	59	49	1433	9.7

25 | JOHN BLACKWELL

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GET TO KNOW JOHN

John Blackwell enjoyed a successful first year at Wisconsin, will step into a larger role during his sophomore season in 2024-25. Blackwell became the ninth player in program history to make the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Along the way, he took home four Big Ten Freshman of the Week title, the first Badger to do so since Nigel Hayes. Blackwell averaged 8.0 points per game on very efficient shooting, his .455 3PT% was the best of any freshman in program history with at least 60 attempts. Despite playing just 18.5 minutes per game, Blackwell led the team in scoring four times. John's father, Glynn Blackwell, played four seasons at Illinois (1984-88) at shooting guard, appearing in 106 games (57 starts) for the Illini where he averaged 12.1 points per game as a senior.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/31	65/32
10+ POINTS:	25	39
20+ POINTS:	7	8
30+ POINTS:	2	2
3+ 3FG MADE:	6	8
LED UW IN PTS:	9	13
LED UW IN 3FG:	7	13

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs Washington (2/25/25):** Secured first career double-double, leading the team with 24 points and collecting a career-high 10 rebounds in the victory.
- **vs Iowa (1/3/25):** Scored a career-high 32 pts, shooting 6-for-10 from the 3, plus 8 reb, 5 ast.
- **vs UTRGV (11/18/24):** Scored a then career-high 30 pts, shooting 11-for-18 from the floor, plus 7 reb, 3 ast.
- **vs Maryland (3/14/24):** Matched a then-career-high 18 pts (4-6 3FG) in the Big Ten Tournament.
- **at #3 Purdue (3/10/24):** Matched a career high with 18 points (7-10 FG, 2-3 3FG), plus 4 rebounds.
- **vs Rutgers (3/7/24):** Posted 17 points, one shy of his career high, finishing 9-for-10 at the free throw line, plus 8 rebounds and 2 steals.
- **at #1 Arizona (12/9/23):** Scored a team-high 17 points (4-5 3FG), while grabbing a team-high 7 rebounds.
- **vs Robert Morris (11/17/23):** Then career high 18 points (4-5 FG, 2-3 3FG, 8-10 FT) in 18 minutes off bench.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 32 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 11 (2x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 21 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 6 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 10 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FREE THROWS: 10 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 12 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
REBOUNDS: 11 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
ASSISTS: 5 (3x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: 1 (2x) MR vs. Chicago St (11/30/24)  
STEALS: 2 (9x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
MINUTES: 40 vs. Oregon (2/22/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 32 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 11 (2x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 21 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 6 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 10 vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FREE THROWS: 10 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 12 at UCLA (1/21/25)  
REBOUNDS: 11 at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
ASSISTS: 5 (3x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
BLOCKS: 1 (4x) MR vs. Chicago St (11/30/24)  
STEALS: 2 (12x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
MINUTES: 40 vs. Oregon (2/22/25)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#25 BLACKWELL, John

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds		PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF								TOT		
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	*	30:04	5-10	.500	2-4	.500	4-4	1.000	0	4	4	2	1	1	0	1	16	16.0		
Montana St.	11/07/2024	*	34:00	4-13	.308	3-6	.500	2-2	1.000	0	6	6	5	3	3	0	2	13	14.5		
App State	11/10/2024	*	23:33	4-10	.400	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1	3	4	4	7	3	1	0	8	12.3		
Arizona	11/15/2024	*	25:41	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	7-8	.875	0	2	2	4	3	3	2	1	14	12.8		
UTRGV	11/18/2024	*	38:13	11-18	.611	2-5	.400	6-8	.750	2	5	7	4	6	3	1	0	30	16.2		
vs UCF	11/22/2024	*	25:46	6-10	.600	2-4	.500	3-5	.600	0	5	5	4	7	3	3	2	0	17	16.3	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	*	37:02	5-11	.455	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	0	3	3	4	4	3	0	0	2	14	16.0	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	*	26:45	2-8	.250	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4	2	0	1	1	7	14.9		
Michigan	12/03/2024	*	36:18	6-12	.500	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	4	5	9	4	9	2	5	0	1	16	15.0	
at Marquette	12/07/2024	*	34:57	7-11	.636	1-4	.250	2-3	.667	1	2	3	4	7	3	3	4	0	17	15.2	
at Illinois	12/10/2024	*	22:16	4-6	.667	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	2	3	5	4	7	5	0	2	0	10	14.7	
vs Butler	12/14/2024	*	29:31	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	4	4	4	5	0	0	10	14.3	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	*	25:32	4-9	.444	1-5	.200	3-3	1.000	3	3	6	4	5	2	5	0	2	12	14.2	
Iowa	01/03/2025	*	32:22	11-18	.611	6-10	.600	4-4	1.000	0	8	8	4	8	2	5	2	0	32	15.4	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	*	33:02	8-15	.533	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	0	4	4	4	7	3	3	5	0	1	21	15.8
Minnesota	01/10/2025	*	29:53	3-10	.300	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4	7	1	2	1	0	2	9	15.4
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	*	30:55	5-12	.417	1-4	.250	4-6	.667	2	4	6	4	8	4	2	3	0	1	15	15.4
at Southern California	01/18/2025	*	33:49	10-16	.625	2-7	.286	6-7	.857	0	5	5	4	8	1	1	3	0	2	28	16.1
at UCLA	01/21/2025	*	33:51	5-14	.357	3-7	.429	10-12	.833	1	3	4	4	7	5	4	4	0	1	23	16.4
Nebraska	01/26/2025	*	29:13	5-11	.455	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4	7	0	1	3	0	1	14	16.3
at Maryland	01/29/2025	*	26:56	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	3-5	.600	0	3	3	4	6	4	1	2	0	0	10	16.0
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	*	25:40	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	2	2	4	5	3	1	1	0	1	5	15.5
Indiana	02/04/2025	*	29:12	3-12	.250	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1	7	8	4	7	2	1	3	0	2	8	15.2
at Iowa	02/08/2025	*	33:03	7-15	.467	3-7	.429	2-3	.667	1	5	6	4	7	2	2	3	0	1	19	15.3
at Purdue	02/15/2025	*	27:46	5-8	.625	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	2	2	4	4	7	2	2	0	0	0	11	15.2
Illinois	02/18/2025	*	29:59	7-15	.467	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	2	4	6	4	7	3	4	2	0	2	16	15.2
Oregon	02/22/2025	*	39:52	2-9	.222	0-6	.000	2-2	1.000	0	7	7	4	8	2	2	3	0	0	6	14.9
Washington	02/25/2025	*	29:58	9-16	.563	4-7	.571	2-2	1.000	1	9	10	5	0	1	2	1	0	2	24	15.2
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	*	37:04	7-19	.368	0-6	.000	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	5	0	3	1	2	0	0	16	15.2
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	*	37:20	8-21	.381	2-9	.222	7-8	.875	2	9	11	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	25	15.5
Penn St.	03/08/2025	*	34:25	6-15	.400	3-6	.500	4-4	1.000	2	3	5	5	2	5	3	1	0	2	19	15.6
Totals			31	963:57	171-375	.456	47-144	.326	96-118	.814	32	130	162	5.2	83	68	66	2	28	485	15.6

CAREER STATISTICS

BLACKWELL, John

		Field Goals				3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds								Scoring		
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	Wisc	34-1	628/18.5	82-184	.446	30-66	.455	78-95	.821	23	85	108	3.2	63-3	21	27	2	15	272	8.0
2024-25	Wisc	31-31	964/31.1	171-375	.456	47-144	.326	96-118	.814	32	130	162	5.2	83-3	68	66	2	28	485	15.6
TOTAL		65-32	1592/24.5	253-559	.453	77-210	.367	174-213	.817	55	215	270	4.2	146-6	89	93	4	43	757	11.6

31 | NOLAN WINTER

Sophomore | Forward | 7-0 | 235  
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GET TO KNOW NOLAN

Nolan Winter made an immediate impact as a freshman last season. He played in all 36 games, averaging 9.4 minutes per game. Additionally, he appeared in all five postseason games for the Badgers. Winter played basketball at Lakeville North, the same high school program that current senior forward Tyler Wahl and former forward Nate Reuvers attended. . Nolan's father, Trevor, played Big Ten basketball as a 7-foot center on Minnesota's 1997 Final Four team, and Nolan's mother, Heidi, played volleyball for the Gophers.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	31/31	67/31
10+ POINTS:	15	15
20+ POINTS:	1	1
5+ REBOUNDS:	21	23
10+ REBOUNDS:	3	3
DOUBLE-DOUBLES:	3	3
LED UW IN PTS:	3	3
LED UW IN REB:	12	14

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **at No. 8 Michigan State (3/2/25):** Secured a double-double with 12 points and a career-high 17 rebounds - the most rebounds by a Badger since 2002.
- **vs. Butler (12/14/24):** Led UW with a career-high 20 points, as well as 8 rebounds in a win against Butler in the Indy Classic.
- **vs. UCF (11/22/24):** Recorded his first-career double-double, finishing with 13 pts, 10 reb in win.
- **vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Made his first career start, finishing with 15 points (6-6 FG, 2-2 3FG, 1-1 FT), plus 4 rebounds and 2 assists in the win.
- **vs Maryland (3/14/24):** Played 15 minutes off the bench, tallying 6 points, a team-high 5 rebounds and 2 assists in the Big Ten Tournament second round.
- **at Ohio State (1/10/24):** Scored a then-career-high 7 points (3-5 FG), plus 2 rebounds in the road win.
- **vs Arkansas State (11/6/23):** Made his debut as a Badger, scoring 6 points and grabbing a team-high 7 rebounds in 14 minutes off the bench.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 20 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 8 (2x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 15 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
3-POINT FGS: 2 (8x) MR at Purdue (2/15/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 7 at Illinois (12/10/24)  
FREE THROWS: 4 (4x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 6 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
REBOUNDS: 17 at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
ASSISTS: 3 (2x) MR at Maryland (1/29/25)  
BLOCKS: 2 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
STEALS: 2 (3x) MR at Illinois (12/10/24)  
MINUTES: 29 (3x) MR vs. Butler (12/14/24)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 20 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
FIELD GOALS: 8 (2x) MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 15 vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
3-POINT FGS: 2 (8x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
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FREE THROWS: 4 (4x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 6 at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
REBOUNDS: 17 at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
ASSISTS: 3 (2x) MR at Maryland (1/29/25)  
BLOCKS: 2 vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)  
STEALS: 2 (3x) MR at Illinois (12/10/24)  
MINUTES: 29 (3x) MR vs. Butler (12/14/24)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#31 WINTER, Nolan

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	*	20:11	6-6	1.000	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	1	3	4	4.0	2	2	0	1	0	15	15.0	
Montana St.	11/07/2024	*	20:51	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	7	8	6.0	1	1	0	1	1	6	10.5	
App State	11/10/2024	*	22:52	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	3-5	.600	6	2	8	6.7	3	0	1	0	2	10	10.3	
Arizona	11/15/2024	*	12:06	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	5.8	3	1	0	1	1	4	8.8	
UTRGV	11/18/2024	*	11:57	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	5.2	0	1	0	0	0	6	8.2	
vs UCF	11/22/2024	*	28:21	5-8	.625	1-2	.500	2-3	.667	5	5	10	6.0	0	1	2	0	0	13	9.0	
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	*	20:00	5-7	.714	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	3	3	5.6	2	0	0	0	0	11	9.3	
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	*	20:25	4-4	1.000	1-1	1.000	3-3	1.000	0	6	6	5.6	0	1	0	0	0	12	9.6	
Michigan	12/03/2024	*	29:01	4-10	.400	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.6	3	2	1	0	2	8	9.4	
at Marquette	12/07/2024	*	20:44	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	1	1	2	5.2	1	2	0	1	0	7	9.2	
at Illinois	12/10/2024	*	28:44	5-11	.455	2-7	.286	3-3	1.000	3	4	7	5.4	0	1	1	0	2	15	9.7	
vs Butler	12/14/2024	*	28:47	8-15	.533	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	3	5	8	5.6	2	1	0	1	0	20	10.6	
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	*	21:28	6-9	.667	2-5	.400	4-4	1.000	5	6	11	6.0	0	0	2	1	0	18	11.2	
Iowa	01/03/2025	*	24:57	8-11	.727	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2	6	8	6.1	2	0	1	0	0	18	11.6	
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	*	22:58	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	6	6	6.1	1	1	3	0	0	5	11.2	
Minnesota	01/10/2025	*	20:54	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	4	2	6	6.1	3	1	1	0	0	8	11.0	
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	*	18:07	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	1	5	6	6.1	2	1	1	0	0	4	10.6	
at Southern California	01/18/2025	*	27:30	6-7	.857	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2	3	5	6.1	3	3	0	0	1	13	10.7	
at UCLA	01/21/2025	*	18:36	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	5.8	1	0	1	0	0	5	10.4	
Nebraska	01/26/2025	*	17:06	2-3	.667	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0	7	7	5.9	0	2	0	2	1	6	10.2	
at Maryland	01/29/2025	*	20:29	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	0	2	2	5.7	4	3	0	1	0	9	10.1	
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	*	20:19	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	4-6	.667	1	4	5	5.6	2	1	2	0	0	10	10.1	
Indiana	02/04/2025	*	20:53	5-7	.714	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3	2	5	5.6	2	1	0	0	0	12	10.2	
at Iowa	02/08/2025	*	19:03	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	3	4	7	5.7	0	0	1	0	0	4	10.0	
at Purdue	02/15/2025	*	28:05	4-7	.571	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	0	5	5	5.6	3	0	0	0	1	12	10.0	
Illinois	02/18/2025	*	16:57	3-8	.375	0-4	.000	1-2	.500	4	4	8	5.7	0	1	0	0	1	7	9.9	
Oregon	02/22/2025	*	25:26	5-8	.625	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	2	3	5.6	1	0	0	0	0	11	10.0	
Washington	02/25/2025	*	20:12	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	3	4	7	5.7	0	1	1	1	0	6	9.8	
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	*	28:47	3-8	.375	2-6	.333	4-4	1.000	3	14	17	6.1	0	1	1	1	0	12	9.9	
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	*	18:52	3-5	.600	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	6.0	2	2	3	0	0	7	9.8	
Penn St.	03/08/2025	*	13:16	3-4	.750	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	6.0	0	0	0	1	0	7	9.7	
Totals			31	667:53	112-198	.566	30-82	.366	47-61	.770	57	128	185	6.0	43	31	22	12	12	301	9.7

CAREER STATISTICS

WINTER, Nolan

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	Wisc	36-0	339/9.4	30-71	.423	12-39	.308	16-23	.696	16	48	64	1.8	33-1	12	11	1	7	88	2.4
2024-25	Wisc	31-31	668/21.5	112-198	.566	30-82	.366	47-61	.770	57	128	185	6.0	43-0	31	22	12	12	301	9.7
TOTAL		67-31	1007/15.0	142-269	.528	42-121	.347	63-84	.750	73	176	249	3.7	76-1	43	33	13	19	389	5.8

33 | JACK JANICKI

R-Freshman | Guard | 6-5 | 198  
White Bear Lake, Minn. | White Bear Lake HS



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GET TO KNOW JACK

Jack Janicki joined Wisconsin as a preferred walk-on ahead of the 2023-24 season. After redshirting last season, Janicki will make his debut for the Badgers in 2024-25. The 6-foot-5 guard was a prolific scorer for White Bear Lake, breaking the school's scoring record and becoming the first player in program history to score 2,000 career points. As a senior, he averaged 22 points, six rebounds and four assists per game while leading the Bears to a 23-8 record and a fifth-place finish in the program's first state tournament appearance since 2000. Janicki's parents are Kevin Janicki and Stacy Fields. His mother, Stacy, was an All-American basketball player at Notre Dame. Jack has two older sisters, Ella Janicki and Sophie Janicki. His sister, Ella, is also a student at the University of Wisconsin, and his aunt, Laurel Fields, attended UW-Madison in the '90s.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS	31/0	31/0
5+ POINTS:	6	6
10+ POINTS:	1	1
3+ 3-PTERS MADE:	1	1
3+ ASSISTS:	3	3
2+ STEALS:	3	3
10+ MINUTES PLAYED:	18	18

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **vs. #7 Purdue (2/15/25):** Stepped up in 17 minutes off the bench at #7 Purdue, going 3-for-4 on 3FG for a career-high 11 points. Collected a block on the defensive side.
- **vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24):** Played a career high 19 minutes off the bench vs. #9 Arizona, scoring a then career high 9 points (2-6 FG, 2-4 3FG), plus 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal in the win.
- **vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24):** Made his Badger debut, tallying 2 assists and 1 rebound while playing 11 minutes in the win.

SEASON HIGHS

POINTS: 11 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 4 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 6 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 3 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 4 (2x) MR at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FREE THROWS: 1 (3x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 (2x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
REBOUNDS: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
ASSISTS: 3 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
BLOCKS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
STEALS: 2 (3x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
MINUTES: 23 vs. Penn State (3/08/25)

CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 11 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FIELD GOALS: 4 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FG ATTEMPTS: 6 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
3-POINT FGS: 3 at Purdue (2/15/25)  
3-POINT FGAS: 4 (2x) MR at Purdue (2/15/25)  
FREE THROWS: 1 (3x) MR at Michigan State (3/2/25)  
FT ATTEMPTS: 2 (2x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
REBOUNDS: 5 vs. Chicago State (11/30/24)  
ASSISTS: 3 (3x) MR at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
BLOCKS: 3 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
STEALS: 2 (3x) MR vs. Penn State (3/08/25)  
MINUTES: 23 vs. Penn State (3/08/25)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#33 JANICKI, Jack

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds		PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG			
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF										
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		10:56	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	2	0	0	0.0			
Montana St.	11/07/2024		02:06	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	1	0	0	0	0.0			
App State	11/10/2024		08:55	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.3	1	1	0	0	0.0			
Arizona	11/15/2024		19:07	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0	2	2	1.5	3	2	0	1	2.3			
UTRGV	11/18/2024		10:28	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.2	1	0	0	1	3.4			
vs UCF	11/22/2024		14:34	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.2	3	1	0	1	3.25			
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024		07:45	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	0	1	1	0	2.1			
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		18:11	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.6	2	1	1	0	2.3			
Michigan	12/03/2024		04:38	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	0	1	0	0	2.0			
at Marquette	12/07/2024		08:01	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	1	0	0	0	1.8			
at Illinois	12/10/2024		17:17	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.5	1	3	0	1	3.9			
vs Butler	12/14/2024		06:13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	2	1	0	0	1.8			
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		13:19	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.5	0	1	3	0	5.0			
Iowa	01/03/2025		11:38	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.4	1	2	0	0	1.9			
at Rutgers	01/06/2025		06:21	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	2	0	0	0	1.7			
Minnesota	01/10/2025		15:44	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.4	2	1	0	0	2.4			
Ohio St.	01/14/2025		07:47	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.4	0	0	0	0	1.8			
at Southern California	01/18/2025		06:50	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	1	0	0	0	1.7			
at UCLA	01/21/2025		03:14	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.3	1	0	0	0	1.6			
Nebraska	01/26/2025		10:42	3-3	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	1	7.9			
at Maryland	01/29/2025		09:05	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	1	1.8			
at Northwestern	02/01/2025		07:54	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.1	1	1	0	0	1.7			
Indiana	02/04/2025		11:33	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	1	1	0	0	1.6			
at Iowa	02/08/2025		04:23	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.1	1	0	0	0	3.17			
at Purdue	02/15/2025		17:14	4-6	.667	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.1	0	2	0	1	11.20			
Illinois	02/18/2025		10:45	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.1	1	3	0	1	0.20			
Oregon	02/22/2025		14:15	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.2	1	0	1	0	0.19			
Washington	02/25/2025		19:20	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	2	2	4	1.3	1	2	0	2	8.21			
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025		13:05	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	1	1	1.3	3	0	0	1	0.3			
at Minnesota	03/05/2025		22:19	3-6	.500	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1	2	3	1.3	0	3	1	1	6.23			
Penn St.	03/08/2025		22:49	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	1.4	4	2	3	0	2.22			
Totals			0	356:27	26-61	.426	13-42	.310	3-6	.500	8	36	44	1.4	36	30	8	8	14	68	2.2

CAREER STATISTICS

JANICKI, Jack

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds						Scoring				
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2024-25	Wisc	31-0	356/11.5	26-61	.426	13-42	.310	3-6	.500	8	36	44	1.4	36-0	30	8	8	14	68	2.2
TOTAL		31-0	356/11.5	26-61	.426	13-42	.310	3-6	.500	8	36	44	1.4	36-0	30	8	8	14	68	2.2

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Markus Ilver broke new ground in 2023-24, playing in a career high 27 games. The 6-foot-8, combo forward's biggest contribution came on the road against Purdue, playing 10 minutes, with five points, and a career high two blocks. He also averaged 13 minutes per game in the three Big Ten Tournament games he appeared in. For his career, Ilver earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in both 2023 and 2024. During the summer of 2022, Ilver represented Estonia at the FIBA U20 European Championship in Tbilisi, helping lead his country to a third-place finish.

INDIVIDUAL BENCHMARKS

	SEASON	CAREER
GP/GS:	17/0	70/0
5+ POINTS:	2	7
10+ POINTS:	0	0
2+ 3FGS:	2	3
10+ MIN PLAYED:	2	16

TOP PERFORMANCES

- **at Penn State (1/16/24):** Played 5 minutes, tallying 3 points (1-1 3FG), 5 rebounds, 1 block and 1 assist.
- **at Illinois (1/7/23):** Played a career high 19 minutes, finishing with 2 points and 3 rebounds.
- **vs Dayton (11/23/22):** Scored 6 points (2-4 3FG) while playing 10 minutes off the bench vs. Dayton.

SEASON HIGHS

**POINTS:** 8 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 2 (2x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 4 (3x) MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 2 (2x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 4 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** 2 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 2 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**REBOUNDS:** 3 vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**ASSISTS:** 1 vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
**BLOCKS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**STEALS:** 1 (2x) MR vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**MINUTES:** 10 (2x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)

CAREER HIGHS

**POINTS:** 8 vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FIELD GOALS:** 2 (4x) MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FG ATTEMPTS:** 6 (2x) MR at Purdue (3/10/24)  
**3-POINT FGS:** 2 (3x) MR vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
**3-POINT FGAS:** 4 (2x) MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)  
**FREE THROWS:** 3 vs. Green Bay (11/12/21)  
**FT ATTEMPTS:** 4 vs. Green Bay (11/12/21)  
**REBOUNDS:** 5 (3x) MR at Penn State (1/16/24)  
**ASSISTS:** 1 (8x) MR vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
**BLOCKS:** 1 (3x) MR vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
**STEALS:** 2 (2x) MR at Purdue (3/10/24)  
**MINUTES:** 19 vs. Arkansas State (11/6/23)

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

#35 ILVER, Markus

Opponent	Date	GS	MIN	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG							
Holy Cross	11/04/2024		03:20	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0.0
Montana St.	11/07/2024		04:48	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
App State	11/10/2024		05:28	1-4	.250	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1.0
Arizona	11/15/2024		01:32	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.8
vs UCF	11/22/2024		02:33	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.6
Chicago St.	11/30/2024		02:20	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024		09:47	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.6	1	0	1	0	0	8	2.0
Iowa	01/03/2025		04:51	1-2	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.6	1	0	1	0	0	3	2.1
Minnesota	01/10/2025		10:24	2-3	.667	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.6
at Southern California	01/18/2025		00:39	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.3
at UCLA	01/21/2025		01:56	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.1
Nebraska	01/26/2025		05:51	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.8	1	0	1	0	0	2	2.1
Indiana	02/04/2025		01:17	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9
Illinois	02/18/2025		01:19	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.8
Washington	02/25/2025		04:35	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.9
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025		03:15	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.9
Penn St.	03/08/2025		00:19	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.8
Totals			0 64:13	10-28	.357	7-21	.333	4-4	1.000	2	7	9	0.5	8	1	4	2	2	31	1.8

CAREER STATISTICS

ILVER, Markus

Season	Team	GP-GS	Min/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds				Scoring						
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	Off	Def	Tot	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2021-22	Wisc	8-0	28/3.4	1-8	.125	0-5	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	0.5	7-0	0	2	0	0	5	0.6
2022-23	Wisc	18-0	119/6.6	11-37	.297	5-21	.238	2-2	1.000	5	12	17	0.9	10-0	3	2	0	1	29	1.6
2023-24	Wisc	27-0	160/5.9	11-35	.314	7-28	.250	2-3	.667	12	23	35	1.3	19-0	6	5	2	5	31	1.1
2024-25	Wisc	17-0	64/3.8	10-28	.357	7-21	.333	4-4	1.000	2	7	9	0.5	8-0	1	4	2	2	31	1.8
TOTAL		70-0	370/5.3	33-108	.306	19-75	.253	11-13	.846	20	45	65	0.9	44-0	10	13	4	8	96	1.4

2024-25 OVERALL STATISTICS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	23-8	14-3	6-5	3-0
CONFERENCE	13-7	7-3	6-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-1	7-0	0-1	3-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Wisconsin	1201	1296	7	2504
Opponents	1009	1179	11	2199

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
9	TONJE, John	31-31	959:41	31.0	167-363	.460	68-180	.378	185-202	.916	24	133	157	5.1	54	0	53	63	5	23	587	18.9
25	BLACKWELL, John	31-31	963:57	31.1	171-375	.456	47-144	.326	96-118	.814	32	130	162	5.2	83	3	68	66	2	28	485	15.6
22	CROWL, Steven	31-31	780:34	25.2	118-216	.546	22-58	.379	50-61	.820	40	126	166	5.4	62	3	79	44	15	17	308	9.9
11	KLESMIT, Max	27-27	768:08	28.4	79-224	.353	45-156	.288	60-71	.845	7	59	66	2.4	40	0	74	31	2	25	263	9.7
31	WINTER, Nolan	31-31	667:53	21.5	112-198	.566	30-82	.366	47-61	.770	57	128	185	6.0	43	0	31	22	12	12	301	9.7
4	MCGEE, Kamari	31-4	690:59	22.3	74-157	.471	34-71	.479	28-34	.824	17	61	78	2.5	69	2	62	18	2	28	210	6.8
7	GILMORE, Carter	31-0	566:24	18.3	42-86	.488	17-46	.370	17-21	.810	23	52	75	2.4	68	2	37	16	13	6	118	3.8
13	AMOS, Xavier	31-0	298:40	9.6	37-97	.381	17-54	.315	19-26	.731	11	42	53	1.7	28	0	13	18	6	8	110	3.5
3	JANICKI, Jack	31-0	356:27	11.5	26-61	.426	13-42	.310	3-6	.500	8	36	44	1.4	36	0	30	8	8	14	68	2.2
35	ILVER, Markus	17-0	64:13	3.8	10-28	.357	7-21	.333	4-4	1.000	2	7	9	0.5	8	0	1	4	2	2	31	1.8
18	GREPPI, Riccardo	8-0	19:37	2.5	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	1.1	3	0	1	1	1	0	8	1.0
2	ROBISON, Jack	12-0	14:03	1.2	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.3	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0.5
3	HUNTER, Camren	9-0	21:12	2.4	1-8	.125	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	4	0	1	1	0	0	3	0.3
15	GARD, Isaac	11-0	11:40	1.1	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.3
5	FREITAG, Daniel	12-0	26:27	2.2	1-9	.111	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2	2	4	0.3	9	0	3	1	0	1	2	0.2
21	HODGES, Chris	12-0	12:01	1.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.1
14	KONOP, Aidan	4-0	03:03	0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											59	50	109					12				
Total		31	6225		843-1832	.460	304-869	.350	514-615	.836	290	837	1127	36.4	510	10	455	306	68	165	2504	80.8
Opponents		31	6225		795-1884	.422	244-728	.335	365-511	.714	298	738	1036	33.4	571	10	385	316	106	153	2199	70.9

Team Statistics

	WISC	OPP
Scoring	2504	2199
Points per game	80.8	70.9
Scoring margin	+9.8	-
Field goals-att	843-1832	795-1884
Field goal pct	.460	.422
3 point fg-att	304-869	244-728
3-point FG pct	.350	.335
3-pt FG made per game	9.8	7.9
Free throws-att	514-615	365-511
Free throw pct	.836	.714
F-Throws made per game	16.6	11.8
Rebounds	1127	1036
Rebounds per game	36.4	33.4
Rebounding margin	+2.9	-
Assists	455	385
Assists per game	14.7	12.4
Turnovers	306	316
Turnovers per game	9.9	10.2
Turnover margin	+0.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	1.2
Steals	165	153
Steals per game	5.3	4.9
Blocks	68	106
Blocks per game	2.2	3.4
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	255109	137264
Home games-Avg/Game	17-15006	11-12479
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-5756

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/04/2024	Holy Cross	W	85-61	13451
11/07/2024	Montana St.	W	79-67	13554
11/10/2024	App State	W	87-56	13913
11/15/2024	Arizona	W	103-88	16838
11/18/2024	UTRGV	W	87-84	13423
11/22/2024	vs UCF	W	86-70	1112
11/24/2024	vs Pittsburgh	W	81-75	1112
11/30/2024	Chicago St.	W	74-53	14711
12/03/2024	Michigan	L	64-67	14582
12/07/2024	at Marquette	L	74-88	18107
12/10/2024	at Illinois	L	80-86	15544
12/14/2024	vs Butler	W	83-74	15045
12/22/2024	Detroit Mercy	W	76-53	14098
01/03/2025	Iowa	W	116-85	16838
01/06/2025	at Rutgers	W	75-63	8000
01/10/2025	Minnesota	W	80-59	14239
01/14/2025	Ohio St.	W	70-68	14527
01/18/2025	at Southern California	W	84-69	6938
01/21/2025	at UCLA	L	83-85	6695
01/26/2025	Nebraska	W	83-55	16838
01/29/2025	at Maryland	L	68-76	17950
02/01/2025	at Northwestern	W	75-69	7039
02/04/2025	Indiana	W	76-64	14447
02/08/2025	at Iowa	W	74-63	12693
02/15/2025	at Purdue	W	94-84	14876
02/18/2025	Illinois	W	95-74	15170
02/22/2025	Oregon	Lot	73-77	16838
02/25/2025	Washington	W	88-62	14804
03/02/2025	at Michigan St.	L	62-71	14797
03/05/2025	at Minnesota	W	74-67	14625
03/08/2025	Penn St.	L	75-86	16838

# 2024-25 BIG TEN STATISTICS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	13-7	7-3	6-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	13-7	7-3	6-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Wisconsin	758	824	7	1589
Opponents	638	781	11	1430

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds						A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ						
9	TONJE, John	20-20	628:49	31.4	111-245	.453	50-130	.385	98-110	.891	13	86	99	5.0	32	0	30	37	5	17	370	18.5
25	BLACKWELL, John	20-20	632:55	31.6	116-258	.450	34-101	.337	61-76	.803	23	94	117	5.9	52	3	41	48	0	19	327	16.4
22	CROWL, Steven	20-20	513:54	25.7	76-136	.559	18-43	.419	35-40	.875	23	80	103	5.2	43	1	47	28	10	14	205	10.3
31	WINTER, Nolan	20-20	440:12	22.0	66-128	.516	21-60	.350	26-36	.722	34	85	119	6.0	29	0	21	17	6	8	179	9.0
11	KLESMIT, Max	16-16	426:37	26.7	45-122	.369	23-82	.280	25-34	.735	5	41	46	2.9	22	0	44	20	1	11	138	8.6
4	MCGEE, Kamari	20-4	454:25	22.7	49-111	.441	23-49	.469	21-26	.808	14	35	49	2.5	36	0	43	12	2	19	142	7.1
7	GILMORE, Carter	20-0	413:55	20.7	33-66	.500	15-36	.417	12-14	.857	16	38	54	2.7	50	2	23	12	9	3	93	4.7
13	AMOS, Xavier	20-0	188:37	9.4	22-52	.423	10-31	.323	10-16	.625	7	22	29	1.5	17	0	10	11	6	4	64	3.2
33	JANICKI, Jack	20-0	236:52	11.8	18-39	.462	7-24	.292	2-4	.500	6	20	26	1.3	21	0	21	5	4	10	45	2.3
35	ILVER, Markus	10-0	34:26	3.4	6-16	.375	4-12	.333	1-1	1.000	1	4	5	0.5	3	0	0	2	0	0	17	1.7
18	GREPPI, Riccardo	4-0	08:42	2.2	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.0
3	HUNTER, Camren	4-0	10:03	2.5	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.8
5	FREITAG, Daniel	6-0	10:55	1.8	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-3	.000	1	1	2	0.3	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.3
14	KONOP, Aidan	1-0	00:31	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
2	ROBISON, Jack	6-0	07:58	1.3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	GARD, Isaac	7-0	09:02	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
21	HODGES, Chris	6-0	07:09	1.2	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Team											42	31	73					8				
Total		20	4025		546-1186	.460	206-574	.359	291-360	.808	186	542	728	36.4	312	6	283	203	43	106	1589	79.5
Opponents		20	4025		522-1224	.426	166-475	.349	220-314	.701	195	479	674	33.7	348	7	273	200	78	106	1430	71.5

Team Statistics

	WISC	OPP
Scoring	1589	1430
Points per game	79.5	71.5
Scoring margin	+8.0	-
Field goals-att	546-1186	522-1224
Field goal pct	.460	.426
3 point fg-att	206-574	166-475
3-point FG pct	.359	.349
3-pt FG made per game	10.3	8.3
Free throws-att	291-360	220-314
Free throw pct	.808	.701
F-Throws made per game	14.6	11.0
Rebounds	728	674
Rebounds per game	36.4	33.7
Rebounding margin	+2.7	-
Assists	283	273
Assists per game	14.2	13.7
Turnovers	203	200
Turnovers per game	10.2	10.0
Turnover margin	-0.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.4
Steals	106	106
Steals per game	5.3	5.3
Blocks	43	78
Blocks per game	2.2	3.9
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	155121	119157
Home games-Avg/Game	10-15512	10-11916
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
12/03/2024	Michigan	L	64-67	14582
12/10/2024	at Illinois	L	80-86	15544
01/03/2025	Iowa	W	116-85	16838
01/06/2025	at Rutgers	W	75-63	8000
01/10/2025	Minnesota	W	80-59	14239
01/14/2025	Ohio St.	W	70-68	14527
01/18/2025	at Southern California	W	84-69	6938
01/21/2025	at UCLA	L	83-85	6695
01/26/2025	Nebraska	W	83-55	16838
01/29/2025	at Maryland	L	68-76	17950
02/01/2025	at Northwestern	W	75-69	7039
02/04/2025	Indiana	W	76-64	14447
02/08/2025	at Iowa	W	74-63	12693
02/15/2025	at Purdue	W	94-84	14876
02/18/2025	Illinois	W	95-74	15170
02/22/2025	Oregon	Lot	73-77	16838
02/25/2025	Washington	W	88-62	14804
03/02/2025	at Michigan St.	L	62-71	14797
03/05/2025	at Minnesota	W	74-67	14625
03/08/2025	Penn St.	L	75-86	16838

# 2024-25 HOME STATISTICS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	14-3	14-3	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	7-3	7-3	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-0	7-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Wisconsin	685	719	7	1411
Opponents	540	608	11	1159

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total					3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds													
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
9	TONJE, John	17-17	511:19	30.1	87-189	.460	37-95	.389	117-129	.907	12	70	82	4.8	24	0	25	32	0	20	328	19.3		
25	BLACKWELL, John	17-17	525:54	30.9	90-206	.437	30-82	.366	49-57	.860	21	79	100	5.9	40	1	40	33	2	20	259	15.2		
22	CROWL, Steven	17-17	434:12	25.5	70-121	.579	10-28	.357	36-42	.857	19	67	86	5.1	27	2	46	28	10	9	186	10.9		
31	WINTER, Nolan	17-17	336:38	19.8	59-98	.602	15-36	.417	25-32	.781	36	68	104	6.1	22	0	15	8	8	8	158	9.3		
11	KLESMIT, Max	15-15	406:48	27.1	42-122	.344	23-82	.280	24-26	.923	4	28	32	2.1	24	0	37	17	2	16	131	8.7		
4	MCGEE, Kamari	17-2	366:10	21.5	45-98	.459	22-44	.500	13-14	.929	11	39	50	2.9	35	0	26	9	2	16	125	7.4		
13	AMOS, Xavier	17-0	191:09	11.2	28-67	.418	15-37	.405	13-19	.684	8	26	34	2.0	17	0	10	11	2	6	84	4.9		
7	GILMORE, Carter	17-0	284:27	16.7	20-40	.500	8-21	.381	5-8	.625	11	25	36	2.1	30	0	16	7	5	4	53	3.1		
33	JANICKI, Jack	17-0	212:12	12.5	15-35	.429	7-23	.304	2-4	.500	5	26	31	1.8	20	0	18	6	3	10	39	2.3		
35	ILVER, Markus	13-0	55:50	4.3	9-25	.360	6-18	.333	4-4	1.000	2	7	9	0.7	7	0	1	4	2	2	28	2.2		
18	GREPPI, Riccardo	8-0	19:37	2.5	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	4-6	.667	4	5	9	1.1	3	0	1	1	1	0	8	1.0		
3	HUNTER, Camren	7-0	19:52	2.8	1-8	.125	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.7	4	0	1	1	0	0	3	0.4		
15	GARD, Isaac	9-0	10:31	1.2	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.3		
2	ROBISON, Jack	10-0	12:05	1.2	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.3		
5	FREITAG, Daniel	9-0	24:20	2.7	1-9	.111	0-6	.000	0-3	.000	2	2	4	0.4	8	0	3	1	0	1	2	0.2		
21	HODGES, Chris	10-0	10:52	1.1	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.1		
14	KONOP, Aidan	4-0	03:03	0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0		
Team											31	27	58					5						
Total		17	3425		471-1027	.459	176-480	.367	293-346	.847	170	475	645	37.9	263	3	241	163	37	113	1411	83.0		
Opponents		17	3425		428-1030	.416	135-398	.339	168-237	.709	157	405	562	33.1	311	5	184	202	64	91	1159	68.2		

Team Statistics

	WISC	OPP
Scoring	1411	1159
Points per game	83.0	68.2
Scoring margin	+14.8	-
Field goals-att	471-1027	428-1030
Field goal pct	.459	.416
3 point fg-att	176-480	135-398
3-point FG pct	.367	.339
3-pt FG made per game	10.4	7.9
Free throws-att	293-346	168-237
Free throw pct	.847	.709
F-Throws made per game	17.2	9.9
Rebounds	645	562
Rebounds per game	37.9	33.1
Rebounding margin	+4.9	-
Assists	241	184
Assists per game	14.2	10.8
Turnovers	163	202
Turnovers per game	9.6	11.9
Turnover margin	+2.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	0.9
Steals	113	91
Steals per game	6.6	5.4
Blocks	37	64
Blocks per game	2.2	3.8
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	255109	0
Home games-Avg/Game	17-15006	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/04/2024	Holy Cross	W	85-61	13451
11/07/2024	Montana St.	W	79-67	13554
11/10/2024	App State	W	87-56	13913
11/15/2024	Arizona	W	103-88	16838
11/18/2024	UTRGV	W	87-84	13423
11/30/2024	Chicago St.	W	74-53	14711
12/03/2024	Michigan	L	64-67	14582
12/22/2024	Detroit Mercy	W	76-53	14098
01/03/2025	Iowa	W	116-85	16838
01/10/2025	Minnesota	W	80-59	14239
01/14/2025	Ohio St.	W	70-68	14527
01/26/2025	Nebraska	W	83-55	16838
02/04/2025	Indiana	W	76-64	14447
02/18/2025	Illinois	W	95-74	15170
02/22/2025	Oregon	Lot	73-77	16838
02/25/2025	Washington	W	88-62	14804
03/08/2025	Penn St.	L	75-86	16838

# 2024-25 ROAD/NEUTRAL STATISTICS

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-5	0-0	6-5	3-0
CONFERENCE	6-4	0-0	6-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	0-0	0-1	3-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Wisconsin	516	577	0	1093
Opponents	469	571	0	1040

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
9	TONJE, John	14-14	448:22	32.0	80-174	.460	31-85	.365	68-73	.932	12	63	75	5.4	30	0	28	31	5	3	259	18.5
25	BLACKWELL, John	14-14	438:03	31.3	81-169	.479	17-62	.274	47-61	.770	11	51	62	4.4	43	2	28	33	0	8	226	16.1
11	KLESMIT, Max	12-12	361:20	30.1	37-102	.363	22-74	.297	36-45	.800	3	31	34	2.8	16	0	37	14	0	9	132	11.0
31	WINTER, Nolan	14-14	331:14	23.7	53-100	.530	15-46	.326	22-29	.759	21	60	81	5.8	21	0	16	14	4	4	143	10.2
22	CROWL, Steven	14-14	346:21	24.7	48-95	.505	12-30	.400	14-19	.737	21	59	80	5.7	35	1	33	16	5	8	122	8.7
4	MCGEE, Kamari	14-2	324:49	23.2	29-59	.492	12-27	.444	15-20	.750	6	22	28	2.0	34	2	36	9	0	12	85	6.1
7	GILMORE, Carter	14-0	281:58	20.1	22-46	.478	9-25	.360	12-13	.923	12	27	39	2.8	38	2	21	9	8	2	65	4.6
33	JANICKI, Jack	14-0	144:15	10.3	11-26	.423	6-19	.316	1-2	.500	3	10	13	0.9	16	0	12	2	5	4	29	2.1
13	AMOS, Xavier	14-0	107:31	7.7	9-30	.300	2-17	.118	6-7	.857	3	16	19	1.4	11	0	3	7	4	2	26	1.9
2	ROBISON, Jack	2-0	01:59	1.0	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
35	ILVER, Markus	4-0	08:23	2.1	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
21	HODGES, Chris	2-0	01:09	0.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
3	HUNTER, Camren	2-0	01:20	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
15	GARD, Isaac	2-0	01:09	0.6	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
5	FREITAG, Daniel	3-0	02:07	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											28	23	51					7				
Total		14	2800		372-805	.462	128-389	.329	221-269	.822	120	362	482	34.4	247	7	214	143	31	52	1093	78.1
Opponents		14	2800		367-854	.430	109-330	.330	197-274	.719	141	333	474	33.9	260	5	201	114	42	62	1040	74.3

Team Statistics

	WISC	OPP
Scoring	1093	1040
Points per game	78.1	74.3
Scoring margin	+3.8	-
Field goals-att	372-805	367-854
Field goal pct	.462	.430
3 point fg-att	128-389	109-330
3-point FG pct	.329	.330
3-pt FG made per game	9.1	7.8
Free throws-att	221-269	197-274
Free throw pct	.822	.719
F-Throws made per game	15.8	14.1
Rebounds	482	474
Rebounds per game	34.4	33.9
Rebounding margin	+0.6	-
Assists	214	201
Assists per game	15.3	14.4
Turnovers	143	114
Turnovers per game	10.2	8.1
Turnover margin	-2.1	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.5	1.8
Steals	52	62
Steals per game	3.7	4.4
Blocks	31	42
Blocks per game	2.2	3.0
Winning streak	1	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	0	137264
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	11-12479
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-5756

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/22/2024	vs UCF	W	86-70	1112
11/24/2024	vs Pittsburgh	W	81-75	1112
12/07/2024	at Marquette	L	74-88	18107
12/10/2024	at Illinois	L	80-86	15544
12/14/2024	vs Butler	W	83-74	15045
01/06/2025	at Rutgers	W	75-63	8000
01/18/2025	at Southern California	W	84-69	6938
01/21/2025	at UCLA	L	83-85	6695
01/29/2025	at Maryland	L	68-76	17950
02/01/2025	at Northwestern	W	75-69	7039
02/08/2025	at Iowa	W	74-63	12693
02/15/2025	at Purdue	W	94-84	14876
03/02/2025	at Michigan St.	L	62-71	14797
03/05/2025	at Minnesota	W	74-67	14625

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Opponent	Date	Score		FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	85-61	W	29-59	.492	11-31	.355	16-16	1.000	10	28	38	38.0	14	15	11	2	7	85	85.0
Montana St.	11/07/2024	79-67	W	24-53	.453	11-22	.500	20-21	.952	9	23	32	35.0	14	15	11	2	6	79	82.0
App State	11/10/2024	87-56	W	33-70	.471	8-28	.286	13-16	.813	14	29	43	37.7	18	17	6	1	14	87	83.7
Arizona	11/15/2024	103-88	W	25-52	.481	12-27	.444	41-47	.872	2	26	28	35.3	31	17	10	4	7	103	88.5
UTRGV	11/18/2024	87-84	W	26-53	.491	8-20	.400	27-32	.844	9	23	32	34.6	16	10	9	1	5	87	88.2
vs UCF	11/22/2024	86-70	W	32-66	.485	10-31	.323	12-16	.750	8	31	39	35.3	26	21	13	3	5	86	87.8
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	81-75	W	29-60	.483	5-20	.250	18-22	.818	9	24	33	35.0	16	12	6	0	3	81	86.9
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	74-53	W	23-59	.390	10-30	.333	18-21	.857	11	30	41	35.8	10	17	8	4	3	74	85.3
Michigan	12/03/2024	64-67	L	22-64	.344	6-27	.222	14-19	.737	16	26	42	36.4	18	8	10	2	7	64	82.9
at Marquette	12/07/2024	74-88	L	24-52	.462	10-26	.385	16-18	.889	11	20	31	35.9	18	16	16	1	3	74	82.0
at Illinois	12/10/2024	80-86	L	28-63	.444	10-29	.345	14-21	.667	11	18	29	35.3	21	15	12	2	5	80	81.8
vs Butler	12/14/2024	83-74	W	26-58	.448	6-25	.240	25-27	.926	5	27	32	35.0	22	19	3	1	2	83	81.9
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	76-53	W	26-64	.406	7-35	.200	17-19	.895	16	34	50	36.2	13	13	10	6	4	76	81.5
Iowa	01/03/2025	116-85	W	40-62	.645	21-31	.677	15-17	.882	8	29	37	36.2	16	26	13	0	4	116	83.9
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	75-63	W	31-57	.544	7-22	.318	6-6	1.000	6	34	40	36.5	15	15	16	5	5	75	83.3
Minnesota	01/10/2025	80-59	W	25-57	.439	11-28	.393	19-24	.792	11	26	37	36.5	13	14	8	2	9	80	83.1
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	70-68	W	20-48	.417	5-22	.227	25-28	.893	6	25	31	36.2	19	6	12	2	2	70	82.4
at Southern California	01/18/2025	84-69	W	31-55	.564	9-28	.321	13-15	.867	5	22	27	35.7	14	17	12	1	8	84	82.4
at UCLA	01/21/2025	83-85	L	25-49	.510	15-30	.500	18-21	.857	7	21	28	35.3	23	14	13	1	3	83	82.5
Nebraska	01/26/2025	83-55	W	30-63	.476	17-37	.459	6-8	.750	5	38	43	35.7	11	18	8	3	5	83	82.5
at Maryland	01/29/2025	68-76	L	22-59	.373	9-27	.333	15-21	.714	12	27	39	35.8	19	12	10	3	2	68	81.8
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	75-69	W	22-53	.415	13-32	.406	18-21	.857	11	27	38	35.9	14	13	10	1	2	75	81.5
Indiana	02/04/2025	76-64	W	26-60	.433	12-29	.414	12-17	.706	8	28	36	35.9	15	13	6	3	8	76	81.3
at Iowa	02/08/2025	74-63	W	24-61	.393	12-35	.343	14-17	.824	12	30	42	36.2	14	15	9	2	5	74	81.0
at Purdue	02/15/2025	94-84	W	32-52	.615	12-30	.400	18-24	.750	2	21	23	35.6	14	18	3	4	2	94	81.5
Illinois	02/18/2025	95-74	W	34-65	.523	10-24	.417	17-22	.773	13	26	39	35.8	14	17	10	1	12	95	82.0
Oregon	02/22/2025	73-77	Lot	30-65	.462	7-28	.250	6-6	1.000	7	33	40	35.9	14	9	17	1	6	73	81.7
Washington	02/25/2025	88-62	W	33-64	.516	10-30	.333	12-16	.750	13	28	41	36.1	9	15	5	1	7	88	81.9
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	62-71	L	22-65	.338	5-32	.156	13-16	.813	8	32	40	36.2	15	9	9	4	3	62	81.2
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	74-67	W	24-55	.436	5-22	.227	21-24	.875	13	28	41	36.4	16	18	11	3	4	74	81.0
Penn St.	03/08/2025	75-86	L	25-69	.362	10-31	.323	15-17	.882	12	23	35	36.4	18	11	9	2	7	75	80.8
Total		2504		843-1832	.460	304-869	.350	514-615	.836	290	837	1127	36.4	510	455	306	68	165	2504	80.8
Opponents		2199		795-1884	.422	244-728	.335	365-511	.714	298	738	1036	33.4	571	385	316	106	153	2199	70.9

Wisconsin Averages

Games Played	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
31	80.8	46.0	35.0	83.6	36.4	14.7	9.9	1.5	5.3	2.2

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Opponent	Date	Score		FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-3FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
Holy Cross	11/04/2024	85-61	W	23-53	.434	9-24	.375	6-7	.857	3	18	21	21.0	20	8	13	2	4	61	61.0
Montana St.	11/07/2024	79-67	W	24-54	.444	12-26	.462	7-10	.700	7	20	27	24.0	18	12	14	6	6	67	64.0
App State	11/10/2024	87-56	W	21-56	.375	7-24	.292	7-13	.538	11	25	36	28.0	19	11	18	2	2	56	61.3
Arizona	11/15/2024	103-88	W	28-74	.378	4-23	.174	28-40	.700	24	28	52	34.0	32	6	13	1	5	88	68.0
UTRGV	11/18/2024	87-84	W	31-63	.492	13-33	.394	9-11	.818	7	20	27	32.6	24	12	10	1	7	84	71.2
vs UCF	11/22/2024	86-70	W	21-62	.339	2-17	.118	26-37	.703	13	28	41	34.0	17	10	10	3	5	70	71.0
vs Pittsburgh	11/24/2024	81-75	W	30-60	.500	5-23	.217	10-13	.769	5	24	29	33.3	19	11	8	0	1	75	71.6
Chicago St.	11/30/2024	74-53	W	20-59	.339	6-24	.250	7-7	1.000	7	26	33	33.3	20	8	11	5	3	53	69.3
Michigan	12/03/2024	64-67	L	23-59	.390	6-25	.240	15-21	.714	13	30	43	34.3	17	16	12	11	7	67	69.0
at Marquette	12/07/2024	74-88	L	31-62	.500	8-26	.308	18-21	.857	11	19	30	33.9	17	17	5	3	9	88	70.9
at Illinois	12/10/2024	80-86	L	27-64	.422	10-33	.303	22-25	.880	15	25	40	34.5	22	15	13	2	3	86	72.3
vs Butler	12/14/2024	83-74	W	22-51	.431	8-25	.320	22-32	.688	5	27	32	34.3	20	12	6	4	1	74	72.4
Detroit Mercy	12/22/2024	76-53	W	22-66	.333	4-8	.500	5-6	.833	10	24	34	34.2	17	5	8	1	4	53	70.9
Iowa	01/03/2025	116-85	W	32-66	.485	9-24	.375	12-18	.667	7	14	21	33.3	13	13	9	1	7	85	71.9
at Rutgers	01/06/2025	75-63	W	25-73	.342	7-26	.269	6-13	.462	18	19	37	33.5	16	10	8	6	8	63	71.3
Minnesota	01/10/2025	80-59	W	22-57	.386	7-19	.368	8-13	.615	13	23	36	33.7	19	9	15	3	5	59	70.6
Ohio St.	01/14/2025	70-68	W	25-59	.424	5-17	.294	13-15	.867	9	23	32	33.6	24	10	11	2	7	68	70.4
at Southern California	01/18/2025	84-69	W	26-53	.491	6-15	.400	11-17	.647	7	18	25	33.1	18	13	16	0	6	69	70.3
at UCLA	01/21/2025	83-85	L	29-57	.509	6-19	.316	21-28	.750	10	15	25	32.7	21	15	7	4	6	85	71.1
Nebraska	01/26/2025	83-55	W	21-62	.339	10-30	.333	3-8	.375	7	28	35	32.8	11	13	12	4	4	55	70.3
at Maryland	01/29/2025	68-76	L	24-60	.400	12-24	.500	16-21	.762	9	29	38	33.0	18	13	8	4	4	76	70.6
at Northwestern	02/01/2025	75-69	W	25-59	.424	11-28	.393	8-9	.889	7	22	29	32.9	17	16	5	4	5	69	70.5
Indiana	02/04/2025	76-64	W	23-57	.404	7-27	.259	11-15	.733	9	27	36	33.0	14	9	11	3	5	64	70.2
at Iowa	02/08/2025	74-63	W	24-63	.381	8-25	.320	7-9	.778	11	27	38	33.2	15	12	9	3	5	63	69.9
at Purdue	02/15/2025	94-84	W	29-56	.518	10-22	.455	16-21	.762	4	21	25	32.9	21	21	4	0	2	84	70.5
Illinois	02/18/2025	95-74	W	26-60	.433	10-30	.333	12-14	.857	9	21	30	32.8	18	13	14	5	6	74	70.6
Oregon	02/22/2025	73-77	Lot	30-72	.417	8-23	.348	9-12	.750	10	27	37	32.9	14	8	8	5	9	77	70.9
Washington	02/25/2025	88-62	W	26-58	.448	7-22	.318	3-8	.375	7	19	26	32.7	15	10	10	5	5	62	70.5
at Michigan St.	03/02/2025	62-71	L	28-71	.394	9-27	.333	6-13	.462	13	38	51	33.3	17	20	9	6	4	71	70.6
at Minnesota	03/05/2025	74-67	W	26-63	.413	7-20	.350	8-15	.533	13	21	34	33.3	22	16	6	3	3	67	70.4
Penn St.	03/08/2025	75-86	L	31-55	.564	11-19	.579	13-19	.684	4	32	36	33.4	16	21	13	7	5	86	70.9
Total		2199		795-1884	.422	244-728	.335	365-511	.714	298	738	1036	33.4	571	385	316	106	153	2199	70.9
Wisconsin		2504		843-1832	.460	304-869	.350	514-615	.836	290	837	1127	36.4	510	455	306	68	165	2504	80.8

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/ game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/ game	Assists/ game	Turnovers/ game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/ game	Blocks/ game
31	70.9	42.2	33.5	71.4	33.4	12.4	10.2	1.2	4.9	3.4

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Game Time: 7:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:50  
Attendance: 13,451

**Officials:** Rob Riley (Sr.), Andy O'Brien, Rob Kueneman

Holy Cross - 61			Record: 0-1																	
NO.	Name	Min	FG MA	FG MA	FT MA	Rebounds OR DR	Fouls PF	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-	Shooting By Period						
21	Gate Warren	F 26:24	9-13	4-7	1-2	1 0	1	3	2	23	1	0	0	+14	1 <sup>st</sup>	FG%	15-29	51.7%		
30	Joe Nugent	F 26:24	0-6	0-0	0-0	4 4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	-18		FT%	0-0	0%		
33	Caleb Kenney	F 16:32	3-7	0-0	0-0	2 1	3	2	0	6	1	2	1	0	-4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	FG%	8-24	33.3%	
0	Tyler Boston	G 18:30	1-4	1-1	0-0	1 1	1	2	4	3	2	2	0	-4		FT%	3-11	27.3%		
10	Max Green	G 20:25	3-9	1-4	0-0	2 2	3	4	7	3	1	3	1	-18		FT%	6-7	85.7%		
2	DeAndre Williams	18:54	3-6	3-3	0-5	0 1	1	2	3	11	0	1	0	-24	GMFG%	23-53	43.4%			
25	Jaiden Feroah	20:31	1-2	0-0	0-0	4 4	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	-20		FT%	9-24	37.5%		
4	Kahlil Singleton	17:00	2-2	2-2	0-0	1 1	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	-7		FT%	6-7	85.7%		
23	Aidan Richard	18:35	1-4	1-3	0-0	1 1	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	-20	Dead Ball Rebounds: 0, 0					
3	Declan Ryan	02:53	0-0	0-0	0-0	1 1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	6						
5	Jaden Kirkwood	01:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	1 1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3						
Team						0 1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals		23-53	9-24	6-7	3	18	21	20	14	61	8	13	4	2	-24					

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 85		Record: 1-0																							
NO. NAME	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds		Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-	Shooting By Period						
		M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	T	F	FD	1 <sup>st</sup> FG%					2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	3 <sup>rd</sup> FG%								
22 Steven Crowl	F 25:39	3-1	2-0	0-0	2-6	8	1	2	7	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	1 <sup>st</sup> FG% 12-29	41.4%					
31 Nolan Winter	F 20:11	6-6	2-2	1-1	3	3	4	1	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	3 <sup>rd</sup> FG% 3-15	20.0%						
9 John Tote	G 25:54	6-11	3-6	8-8	2	1	5	2	23	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	16	FT% 8-8	100.0%						
11 Max Klesmit	G 27:38	3-9	1-7	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	7	1	1	2	0	0	0	9	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG% 17-30	56.7%						
25 John Blackwell	G 30:04	5-10	2-4	4-4	0	4	4	2	16	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	19	FT% 8-8	50.0%						
4 Kamari McGee	F 27:39	2-6	1-4	2-2	1	1	2	2	3	7	4	1	1	0	0	0	35	GWF%	29-59	49.2%					
7 Carter Gilmore	08:09	2-2	0-0	1-1	1	1	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3 <sup>rd</sup> FG% 11-31	35.5%						
13 Xavier Amos	10:43	1-4	0-3	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	FT% 16-16	100.0%						
33 Jack Janicki	10:56	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	Dead Ball Rebounds: 2	0						
35 Markus Iiver	03:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11								
5 Daniel Freitag	02:42	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
2 Jack Robison	01:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3							
18 Isaac Gard	00:56	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1								
15 Riccardio Greppi	01:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3							
14 Aidan Konop	00:05	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4							
21 Chris Hodges	01:44	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-6							
Team						3	3	6			0	0													
Totals		29-59	11-31	16-16	10	28	38	14	20	85	15	11	7	2	2	24									

Technical Faults: NONE

	HC	UW	Points from	HC	UW	Period by Period Scoring		
Biggest lead	16 (1 <sup>st</sup> 13:39)	30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 1:14)	Turnovers	10	17	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TOT
Best Scoring Run	13 (1 <sup>st</sup> 16:14)	16 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 12:25)	Paint	16	34	HC	36	25
Lead Changes	8		Second Chance	3	13			61
Times Tied	2		Fast Breaks	8	12	UW	35	50
Time with Lead	16:15	21:51	Bench	22	17			85

**NOTES:** Wisconsin went a perfect 16-for-16 from the free throw line, the second-most made FTs without a miss in school history ... Monday's effort at the FT line was the 7th perfect mark in school history (min. 12 FTAs).

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Game Time: 7:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:54  
Attendance: 12,554

**Officials:** Brian Dwyer, Jason Phillips, John Bourd

Montana St. - 67		Record: 0-1																
NO.	Name	Min	FG	M-A	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TS	ST	Blocks	BS	BA	+/-		
							OR	DR	TD									
2	Brandon Walker	F 20:11	3-8	1-1	2-4	0	3	3	2	4	9	1	3	1	0	-10		
7	Max Agbonkpolo	F 23:52	2-15	2-5	1-2	0	1	1	2	13	0	2	0	1	1	-3		
1	Patrick McNeoh	G 28:00	5-7	1-1	0-0	4	4	3	1	11	0	0	0	1	1	-3		
3	Jabe Mullins	G 35:14	4-9	2-6	2-2	0	7	7	0	12	4	1	2	0	0	-6		
11	Tyler Patterson	G 25:49	2-6	2-5	0-0	2	2	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	-13		
23	Chika Nduka	18:20	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	3	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	-2		
21	Brian Goracke	23:49	4-9	4-8	2-2	0	0	0	2	14	1	1	0	0	0	-6		
5	Bryce Zephiri	11:02	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	-10		
25	Sam Lecholat	07:43	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	-10		
24	Jed Miller	08:27	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3		
Team						3	2	5		0	1							
Totals		24:54	12-26	7-10	7	10	14	67	12	14	6	6	2	12		-12		

Shooting By Period

1st FGM%	11-28	39.3%
3PT%	7-17	41.2%
FT%	4-6	66.7%
2nd FGM%	13-26	50.0%
3PT%	5-9	55.6%
FT%	3-4	75%
GMFG%	24-54	44.4%
3PT%	12-25	48.2%
FT%	7-10	70%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3.0

Technical Fouls: Coach 2 1-12

Technical Fouls: Coach 2<sup>nd</sup> 13:10

Wisconsin - 79			Record: 2-0																				
NO. NAME		Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds		Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-	Shooting By Period			
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	TR	PF	FF	FD	BS					BA						
22	Steven Crowl	F 24:28	1-4	0-0	4-4	1	3	4	3	6	4	4	0	4	4	0	1	1	1	1	1st FG% 11-26 42.3%		
31	Nolan Winter	F 20:51	3-6	0-1	0-0	1	7	8	1	2	6	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	3PT% 5-10 50.0%			
9	John Tonje	G 27:07	2-4	-2	1-9	1	3	4	2	6	13	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	17	FT% 12-13 92.3%			
11	Max Klesmit	G 36:11	7-15	6-11	6-6	0	0	0	2	3	26	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	12	2nd FG% 13-27 48.1%			
25	John Blackwell	G 34:00	4-13	-6-6	2	0	6	6	3	12	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	3	14	3PT% 6-12 50.0%			
1	William McCabe	F 27:40	7-7	-1-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	2	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	FT% 8-8 100%			
7	Carter Gilmore	F 19:03	2-3	0-1	0-0	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	GMFG% 24-53 45.3%			
13	Xavier Amos	03:41	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3PT% 11-22 50.0%			
33	Jack Janicki	02:06	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FT% 20-21 95.2%			
35	Markus Iure	04:48	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	Dead Ball Rebounds: 1,0			
Team									3	2	5				0								
Totals			24-53	11-22	20-21	9	23	32	14	18	79	15	11	6	2	6	12						

Technical Fouls: NONE

	MSU	UW	Points from		MSU	UW	Period by Period Scoring					
Biggest lead	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> 12:33)	17 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 11:18)	Turnovers	12	10	Paint	12	10	1st	2nd	TOT	
Best Scoring Run	5 (1 <sup>st</sup> 12:33)	8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 18:18)	Paint	14	24	Second Chance	4	10	MSU	33	34	67
Lead Changes	10	4	Fast Breaks	6	9	Bench	16	15		UW	39	40
Times Tied	6											
Time with Lead	04:47	31:53										

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Game Time: 11:00 AM  
Game Duration: 1:52  
Attendance: 13 913

**Officials:** Earl Walton, Verne Harris, Randy Richardson

App State - 56		Record: 1-2													
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR	Fouls PF	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS	+/-			
15 CJ Hunteley	F 30:24	4-7	3-5	2-2	2	4	6	4	3	13	0	1	0	-14	
7 Jaki Beaubrun	C 22:43	4-8	0-2	1-3	0	5	5	2	3	9	0	1	1	-26	
0 Jamison Threadgill	G 28:15	5-8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2	9	11	1	5	0	-21	
10 Jamil Tuttle	G 24:23	0-7	0-5	0-0	2	3	5	1	2	0	1	1	0	-7	
12 Myles Tate	G 4:15	2-10	1-5	0-1	0	6	6	3	4	5	5	3	1	-21	
3 Luke Wilson	16:02	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	2	2	3	0	2	0	-14	
8 Anthony Alston	19:27	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	-21	
2 Alonzo Dodd	08:24	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	-15	
44 Michael Marcus Jr.	10:51	2-3	0-0	1-1	3	0	3	1	5	0	2	0	0	-8	
4 Dior Conners	03:53	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	-4	
5 Jason Clarke Jr.	03:33	1-2	1-1	2-2	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	-4	
Team					2	5	5		0	0					
Totals		21-56	7-24	7-13	11	25	36	19	18	56	11	8	2	2	-31

Shooting By Period

1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	8-23	34.8%
3PT%	4-11	36.4%
FT%	13-30	
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	17-33	39.4%
3PT%	3-13	23.1%
FT%	7-13	53.8%
GMFG%	21-56	37.5%
3PT%	7-24	29.2%
FT%	7-13	53.8%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1.0

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 87		Record: 3-0		Team Season Totals															
NO. NAME	Min	FG	FG	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TS	Blocks	+/-	Shooting By Period							
												1 <sup>st</sup> FG	16:35	45.7%					
22 Steven Crowl	F 28:17	7-12	1-3	2-2	0	1	1	3	17	4	1	2	0	16	3PT% 3-10	30.0%			
31 Nolan Winter	F 22:52	3-5	1-2	3-5	6	2	8	3	10	0	1	2	0	24	FT% 1-4	25%			
9 John Tonje	G 20:30	8-14	1-5	0-0	1	6	7	1	17	5	0	2	0	23	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG% 17:35	48.6%			
11 Max Klesmit	G 25:55	5-11	2-6	3-3	0	1	1	2	15	4	1	5	0	19	3PT% 5-18	27.8%			
25 John Blackwell	G 27:33	4-10	0-2	0-1	1	3	4	3	8	1	0	0	0	26	FT% 12-12	100%			
4 Karmel McGee	G 21:33	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	GMFG% 33:70	47.1%			
7 Carter Gilmore	G 10:26	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	13	3PT% 8-28	28.6%			
13 Xavier Ames	G 12:08	2-8	2-4	4-4	2	4	6	3	3	10	0	1	1	0	8	FT% 13-16	81.3%		
33 Jack Janicki	08:55	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	Dead Ball Rebounds: 1.0				
35 Markus Iver	05:28	1-4	0-2	1-1	1	2	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	7				
5 Daniel Freitag	03:11	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4				
18 Riccardo Greppi	01:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				
4 Jack Robison	00:42	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-2				
3 Camren Hunter	00:42	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-2				
14 Brian Kropf	00:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-2				
15 Isaac Gard	00:42	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2				
21 Chris Hodges	00:42	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2				
Team					1	2	3		0	0									
Totals		33-70	8-28	13-16	14	29	43	18	19	87	17	6	14	1	2	31			

Technical Fields: NONE

Technical Fouls: NONE

	AppSt	UW	Points from	AppSt	UW	Period by Period Scoring				
Biggest lead	9 (1 st 12:55)	34 (2 nd 0:12)	Turnovers	2	16		1st	2nd	TOT	
Best Scoring Run	6 (1 st 15:56)	24 (1 st 4:44)	Paint	24	48	AppSt	20	36	56	
Lead Changes	1	1	Second Chance	10	10		UW	36	51	87
Times Tied	2		Fast Breaks	0	8					
Time with Lead	00:56	27:53	Bench	18	20					

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Game Time: 8:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:24  
Attendance: 16,838

**Officials:** Larry Scirotto, Jason Phillips, Rob Riley Sr.

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Totals		28-74 4-23 28-40 24 28 52						32 31 88 6 13 5 1 4 -15						
Wisconsin - 103		Record: 4-0						Technical Fouls: Love 1 <sup>st</sup> 15:35						
NO. NAME	Min	FG M-A	FG M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR TR TOT	Fouls PF F	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-	Shooting By Period	
22 Steven Crowl	F 31:11	3-4	0-1	2-4	1 3 4	5 4	8	6	1	0	1	0	16	1 <sup>st</sup> FG% 13-26 50.0%
9 Nolan Winter	F 12:08	1-3	0-1	2-22	0 1 3	2 4	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	3PT% 6-13 46.2%
3 John Torjoe	G 33:53	8-14	4-6	21-22	6 6 6	4 13	4	1	1	1	0	0	4	FT% 23-28 89.5%
11 Max Kleemitt	G 35:27	3-7	1-5	6-6	0 3 3	4 13	3	0	2	0	1	0	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG% 12-26 46.2%
25 John Gilmore	G 25:41	0-6	1-3	7-8	0 2 3	6 14	3	2	1	0	0	0	22	FT% 6-14 42.9%
7 Carter Gilmore	O 08:25	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	FT% 18-21 85.7%
4 Kamari McGee	16:54	2-3	2-2	0 0 0	0 3 3	4 0	6	1	1	0	0	0	13	GMFG% 25-52 48.1%
33 Jack Janicki	19:07	3-6	2-4	1-2	0 2 2	3 1	9	2	0	1	0	1	3	3PT% 12-27 44.4%
13 Xavier Amos	01:41	2-6	2-4	2-3	0 2 2	3 1	8	0	0	1	0	0	7	FT% 41-47 87.2%
21 Chris Hodges	14:03	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	Dead Ball Rebounds: 3.1
35 Markus Iyer	01:32	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	
3 Camren Hunter	00:17	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2 Jack Robison	00:13	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5 Daniel Freitag	00:13	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team					1 2 3		0	1						
Totals	25:52	12-27	41-47	2 26 28	31 31	103	17	10	7	4	1	15		Technical Fouls: NONE

Technical Fouls: NONE

	UA	UW	Points from	UA	UW	Period by Period Scoring			
Biggest lead	0 (1 <sup>st</sup> 20:00)	18 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:05)	Turnovers	12	14		1st	2nd	TOT
Best Scoring Run	11 (1 <sup>st</sup> 2:41)	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 17:55)	Paint	42	26				
Lead Changes	0		Second Chance	24	5	UA	44	44	88
Times Tied	1		Fast Breaks	13	8				
Time with Lead	00:00	38:54	Bench	19	23	UW	55	48	103

**GAME 5: #19 WISCONSIN 87, UTRGV 84**  
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**UTRGV at Wisconsin**  
11/18/24 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 7:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:07  
Attendance: 13,423

Officials: D.J. Carstensen, James Breeding, Nate Harris

**UTRGV - 84**

Record: 3-3

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
3 DK Thorn	F 25:05	1-5	1-5	0-0	0 0 0	3 0	3	2	0	1	0	-2
33 Tommy Gankhuyag	C 22:58	3-7	2-4	1-2	1 6 7	2 2	9	0	1	1	0	12
10 Cliff Davis	G 21:55	4-7	2-5	0-0	2 2 2	2 1	10	2	0	0	1	0
14 Hasan Abdul Hakim	G 35:42	7-14	2-6	3-3	1 7 8	3 4	19	1	2	0	0	1
25 Trey Miller	G 31:06	6-9	0-1	0-0	1 1 2	4 3	12	6	1	1	0	0
4 K.T. Raimey	24:08	3-8	3-6	4-4	1 1 2	3 2	13	1	1	2	0	-7
21 Marshall Destremau	08:02	0-2	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	2 0	0	0	1	1	0	-4
0 J.J. Howard	07:27	1-2	0-0	0-1	2 0 2	0 1	2	0	1	1	0	-2
5 Howie Fleming Jr.	16:00	4-6	2-3	0-0	2 2 5	3 10	0	1	1	0	0	-5
12 Kwo Agwa	07:39	2-3	1-2	1-1	1 1 2	0 0	6	0	0	0	0	-8
Team					0 0 0		0	2				
Totals		31-63	13-33	9-11	7 20 27	24 16	84	12	10	7	1	-3

Technical Fouls: NONE

**Wisconsin - 87**

Record: 5-0

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
22 Steven Crowl	F 20:33	3-7	0-0	3-4	1 4 5	0 3	9	1	1	0	0	-1
31 Nolan Winter	F 11:57	2-3	0-0	2-2	1 2 3	0 2	6	1	0	0	0	-6
9 John Tonje	G 30:40	3-5	3-5	10-10	1 2 3	3 6	19	0	3	1	0	0
11 Max Klesmit	G 34:14	3-11	1-6	4-4	1 0 1	2 3	11	2	3	0	1	0
25 John Blackwell	G 38:13	11-18	2-5	6-8	2 5 7	3 6	30	3	1	0	0	3
4 Kamari McGee	20:43	0-2	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	2 1	0	2	0	1	0	12
7 Carter Gilmore	20:25	0-0	0-0	0-2	1 4 5	3 2	0	0	1	1	0	5
13 Xavier Amos	12:47	3-6	1-2	2-2	1 2 3	2 1	9	1	0	1	0	3
33 Jack Janicki	10:28	1-1	1-1	0-0	0 0 0	1 1	3	0	0	1	0	4
Team					1 3 4		0					
Totals		26-53	8-20	27-32	9 23 32	16 24	87	10	9	5	1	1

Technical Fouls: NONE

	UTRGV	UW
Biggest lead	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 3:43)	5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 3:34)
Best Scoring Run	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 17:54)	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 12:35)
Lead Changes	12	
Times Tied	7	
Time with Lead	30:12	07:02

Points from	UTRGV	UW
Turnovers	6	15
Paint	24	28
Second Chance	14	16
Fast Breaks	6	14
Bench	31	12

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
UTRGV	62	32	84
UW	48	39	87

Shooting By Period	1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	3 <sup>rd</sup> FG%	4 <sup>th</sup> FG%	5 <sup>th</sup> FG%
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	20-32 62.5%				
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	11-31 35.5%				
3 <sup>rd</sup> FG%	5-16 31.3%				
4 <sup>th</sup> FG%	5-6 83.3%				
5 <sup>th</sup> FG%	31-63 49.2%				
FT%	13-33 39.4%				
FT%	9-11 81.8%				
Dead Ball Rebounds:	4.0				

**GAME 6: #19 WISCONSIN 86, UCF 70**  
Nov. 22, 2024 • West Sulphur Springs, W. Va. • The GreenbrierOfficial Basketball Box Score - Final  
**UCF at Wisconsin**  
11/22/24 Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 5:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:05  
Attendance: 1,112

Officials: Terry Oglesby, Earl Watson, Mike Littlewood

**UCF - 70**

Record: 4-1

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
52 Moustapha Thiam	C 18:36	2-4	1-2	2-2	2 1 3	2 3	7	0	2	1	0	-14
0 Jordan Ivy-Curry	G 25:18	3-14	1-3	6-8	0 4 4	1 3	13	1	0	0	0	-20
3 Darius Johnson	G 27:28	2-9	0-3	3-4	1 3 4	2 3	7	1	0	1	0	-19
4 Keyshawn Hall	G 28:53	4-11	0-2	3-5	1 4 5	3 3	11	1	2	0	0	-18
5 Dallen "Deebo" Coleman G	18:10	0-4	0-3	2-2	1 4 5	1 2	2	0	1	0	0	-15
35 Rokas Jocius	15:32	3-3	0-0	0-0	1 2 3	1 0	6	0	1	0	1	0
2 J.J. Taylor	20:10	1-6	0-2	1-2	3 6 9	2 1	3	3	1	1	0	-7
5 Benny Williams	16:59	2-5	0-1	2-5	2 0 2	3 5	6	0	1	0	2	-2
22 Nils Machowski	14:42	1-2	0-1	2-3	0 1 1	1 2	4	0	1	0	0	4
7 Dior Johnson	12:32	3-4	0-0	5-6	0 1 1	0 3	11	4	1	2	0	3
15 Tyler Hendricks	03:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Team					2 1 3		0					
Totals		21-62	2-17	26-37	13 28 41	17 25	70	10	10	5	3	-16

Technical Fouls: Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> 14:44**Wisconsin - 86**

Record: 6-0

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
22 Steven Crowl	F 14:24	3-6	0-2	0-0	1 3 4	5 1	6	3	2	0	0	15
31 Nolan Winter	F 28:21	5-8	1-2	2-3	5 5 10	0 5	13	1	2	0	0	8
9 John Tonje	G 30:06	6-14	0-3	3-4	1 5 6	2 2	15	4	2	0	0	2
11 Max Klesmit	G 27:25	3-9	2-7	0-0	0 3 3	0 1	8	3	2	3	0	18
25 John Blackwell	G 25:48	6-10	2-4	3-5	0 5 5	3 4	17	3	2	0	0	12
4 Kamari McGee	18:59	5-6	3-4	1-1	0 4 4	4 4	14	3	1	1	0	11
7 Carter Gilmore	19:56	0-2	0-2	2-2	0 0 0	3 1	2	0	2	0	0	12
33 Jack Janicki	14:34	1-3	1-2	0-0	1 0 1	3 0	3	1	0	1	1	-2
13 Xavier Amos	14:16	2-7	0-4	1-1	0 5 5	3 1	5	1	2	0	0	-2
35 Markus Iyer	02:33	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
2 Jack Robinson	01:20	1-1	1-1	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	3	0	0	0	0	-2
5 Daniel Freitag	01:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
15 Isaac Gard	00:30	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
21 Chris Hodges	00:30	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Team					0 1 1		0					
Totals		32-66	10-31	12-16	8 31 39	26 16	86	21	13	5	3	16

Technical Fouls: Crowl 1<sup>st</sup> 14:27

	UCF	UW
Biggest lead	0 (1 <sup>st</sup> 20:00)	23 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:57)
Best Scoring Run	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:16)	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 17:22)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	00:00	39:04

Points from	UCF	UW
Turnovers	12	12
Paint	32	38
Second Chance	13	7
Fast Breaks	12	10
Bench	30	27

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
UCF	31	39	70
UW	46	40	86

**GAME 7: #19 WISCONSIN 81, PITT 75**  
Nov. 24, 2024 • West Sulphur Springs, W. Va. • The GreenbrierOfficial Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Wisconsin at Pittsburgh**  
11/24/24 Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 6:33 PM  
Game Duration: 1:58  
Attendance: 1,112

Officials: Earl Walton, Vladimir Voyard-Tadot, Tim Corser

**Wisconsin - 81**

Record: 7-0

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
22 Steven Crowl	F 27:57	3-9	0-0	0-2	3 6 9	1 3	6	3	0	0	0	-1
31 Nolan Winter	F 20:00	5-7	1-3	0-0	0 3 3	2 0	11	0	0	0	0	2
9 John Tonje	G 37:51	11-19	1-5	10-10	3 4 7	3 5	33	1	2	0	0	9
11 Max Klesmit	G 33:48	1-7	1-5	4-6	0 2 2	3 4	7	5	0	0	0	6
25 John Blackwell	G 37:02	5-11	0-2	4-4	0 3 3	3 5	14	0	3	2	0	5
4 Kamari McGee	28:26	4-5	2-3	0-0	1 2 3	4 2	10	2	0	0	0	13
7 Carter Gilmore	01:43	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
13 Xavier Amos	05:28	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6
33 Jack Janicki	07:45	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	0 0	1	1	1	0	0	4
Team					2 2 4		0					
Totals		29-60	5-20	18-22	9 24 33	16 19	81	12	6	3	0	6

Technical Fouls: NONE

**Pittsburgh - 75**

Record: 6-1

NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/
		M-A	M-A	M-A	OR DR TOT	PF FD					BS BA	
2 Cameron Corhen	F 32:22	7-8	0-0	2-2	0 2 2	3 4	16	1	2	0	0	-4
25 Guillermo Diaz Graham	F 25:19	3-8	1-6	1-1	1 6 7	3 3	8	1	1	0	0	5
1 Damian Dunn	G 02:12	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
5 Ishmael Leggett	G 38:05	6-15	0-4	5-6	1 7 8	4 3	17	3	0	0	0	-2
15 Jalard Lowe	G 38:29	6-17	1-7	2-4	2 3 5	3 5	15	5	4	0	0	-9
55 Zack Austin	29:16	3-5	2-4	0-0	0 1 1	3 0	8	0	1	0	0	-3
3 Brandon Cummings	12:35	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 3 3	0 1	2	0	0	0	0	-6
52 Amshal Delalic	16:21	4-4	1-1	0-0	1 0 1	3 0	9	1	1	0	0	-3
31 Jorge Diaz Graham	05:21	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6
Team					0 2 2		0					
Totals		30-60	5-23	10-13	5 24 29	19 16	75	11	8	1	0	-6

Technical Fouls: NONE

	WIS	Pitt
Biggest lead	7 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4:15)	14 (1 <sup>st</sup> 7:29)
Best Scoring Run	8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 15:47)	9 (1 <sup>st</sup> 15:48)
Lead Changes	8	
Times Tied	5	
Time with Lead	10:23	26:47

Points from	WIS	Pitt
Turnovers	10	11
Paint	46	44
Second Chance	11	4
Fast Breaks	11	6
Bench	10	19

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
WIS	27	54	81
Pitt	34	41	75

**GAME 8: #15 WISCONSIN 74, CHICAGO STATE 53**

GAME 9: MICHIGAN 67, #11 WISCONSIN 64

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Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Michigan at Wisconsin  
12/03/24 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 8:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:03  
Attendance: 14,582

Officials: Brian Dorsey, Michael Reed, Verne Harris

Michigan - 67													Record: 7-1 (1-0)												
NO.	Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-	Shooting By Period											
			M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	PF	FD			BS	BA	1st FG	2nd FG	3rd FG	FT%								
1	Danny Wolf	F 31:05	7-11	2-4	4-4	1	6	7	3	3	20	5	1	3	5	0	21	1st FG 7-33 21.2%							
50	Vladislav Goldin	C 32:46	9-16	0-1	6-9	1	4	5	0	7	24	1	2	1	3	0	15	2nd FG 2-16 12.5%							
3	Tre Donaldson	G 31:15	0-7	0-3	0-0	3	4	7	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	-4	3rd FG 10-12 83.3%							
4	Nimani Burnett	G 33:23	2-7	2-6	2-2	2	5	7	1	3	8	1	1	2	1	8	15	2nd FG 16-26 61.5%							
11	Roddy Gayle Jr.	G 32:21	3-6	1-2	2-4	0	6	6	2	3	9	5	4	1	1	0	7	FT% 5-9 55.6%							
15	Rubin Jones	15:35	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	2	2	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	GM FG% 23-59 39.0%							
24	Sam Walters	06:36	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-17	3PT% 6-25 24.0%							
42	Will Tschetter	08:17	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	-14	FT% 15-21 71.4%							
2	L.J. Cason	08:39	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-1	Dead Ball Rebounds: 3.0							
8	Phat Phat Brooks	00:03	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Team						3	1	4				0	0												
Totals			23-59	6-25	15-21	13	30	43	17	18	67	16	12	7	11	2	3								
Technical Fouls: NONE																									

Wisconsin - 64													Record: 8-1 (0-1)															
NO.	Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-	Shooting By Period														
			M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	PF	FD			BS	BA	1st FG 10-31 32.3%														
22	Steven Crowl	F 21:43	1-5	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	-4	3PT% 3-11 27.3%										
31	Nolan Winter	F 29:01	4-10	0-3	0-1	2	3	3	3	1	8	2	1	2	0	3	-13	3PT% 1-3 69.2%										
9	John Tonje	G 30:27	5-12	3-5	5-6	0	3	3	3	4	18	0	3	2	0	2	-12	2nd FG 13-23 30.4%										
11	Max Klesmit	G 35:47	3-14	1-9	1-2	1	2	3	2	3	8	2	1	0	0	0	-12	3PT% 1-6 16.8%										
25	John Blackwell	G 36:18	6-12	0-1	4-5	4	5	9	2	5	16	2	5	1	0	3	-1	FT% 5-6 83.3%										
4	Kamari McGee	25:27	2-5	1-2	3-3	1	3	4	0	2	8	1	0	1	1	1	10	GMFG% 22-64 34.4%										
7	Carter Gilmore	10:30	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3PT% 6-27 22.2%										
33	Jack Janicki	04:38	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	FT% 14-19 73.7%										
13	Xavier Amos	06:09	0-2	0-1	1-2	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	Dead Ball Rebounds: 3-0										
Team						5		3	8			0	0															
Totals			22-64	6-27	14-19	16	26	42	18	17	64	8	10	7	2	11	-3											
Technical Fouls: NONE																												

	UM	UW	Points from	UM	UW	Period by Period Scoring			
Biggest lead	3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 14:26)	9 (1 <sup>st</sup> 11:52)	Turnovers	13	11				
Best Scoring Run	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 9:20)	11 (1 <sup>st</sup> 2:40)	Paint	34	28				
Lead Changes	13		Second Chance	12	12	UM	26	41	67
Times Tied	8		Fast Breaks	19	4				
Time with Lead	10:02	26:25	Bench	6	12	UW	32	32	64

## GAME 13: WISCONSIN 76, DETROIT MERCY 53

Dec. 22, 2024 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Detroit Mercy at Wisconsin  
12/22/24 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 1:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:50  
Attendance: 14,068

Officials: D.J. Canterssen, Scott Brown, Brian McNitt

Detroit Mercy - 53

Record: 5-9

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT	Rebounds		Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A		OR	DR						BS	BA	
2	Miles Mitchell	F 21:13	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	-23
4	Legend Geater	F 21:22	1-6	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	-7
5	Orlando Lovejoy	G 31:21	9-20	0-2	0-2	1	3	4	1	4	20	3	0	1	0	0	-23
8	Grant Gondrezick II	G 32:37	8-18	3-4	1-1	0	3	1	2	20	0	4	0	0	0	2	-17
10	Nate Johnson	G 25:49	1-9	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	-20
14	Peter Fuchs, Jr.	11:22	2-5	0-0	2-3	0	0	1	2	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	-3
23	Stephen Okoro	17:53	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-8
30	Ryan Kalamabay	17:28	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-4
33	TJ Nadeau	15:45	1-6	0-0	0-0	0	3	2	5	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	-2
7	Chase Kuiper	05:10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team			3		2		5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			22:66	4-8	5-6	10	24	34	17	13	53	5	8	4	1	6	-23

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 76

Record: 10-3

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT	Rebounds		Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A		OR	DR						BS	BA	
22	Steven Crowl	F 21:05	7-10	0-3	1-1	1	3	4	0	4	15	0	1	0	1	0	21
31	Nolan Winter	F 21:28	6-9	2-5	4-4	5	6	11	0	2	18	0	2	0	1	0	24
9	John Tonje	G 24:41	2-6	1-3	4-4	1	3	4	1	2	9	3	2	0	0	1	22
11	Max Klesmit	G 24:43	0-5	0-3	0-0	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	11
25	John Blackwell	G 25:32	4-9	1-5	3-3	3	3	6	2	4	12	5	0	2	0	0	24
4	Kamari McGee	14:11	1-5	0-2	1-1	0	5	5	2	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	15
7	Carter Gilmore	11:23	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1
33	Jack Janicki	13:19	2-4	1-3	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	0	10
13	Xavier Amos	13:05	2-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
35	Markus Iwer	09:47	2-4	2-4	2-2	0	1	1	1	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	-6
3	Camren Hunter	08:28	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6
18	Riccardo Greppi	05:10	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	-9
5	Daniel Freitag	03:19	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
2	Jack Robinson	01:41	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
21	Chris Hodges	01:23	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-3
14	Aidan Konop	00:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team			3		1		4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			26:64	7-35	17-19	16	34	50	13	17	76	13	10	4	6	1	23

Technical Fouls: NONE

	DM	UW							
Biggest lead	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> 17:46)	32 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:57)	Points from Turnovers	DM	UW	Period by Period Scoring			
Best Scoring Run	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 0:45)	14 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:21)	Paint	14	36	DM	1st	2nd	TOT
Lead Changes	3	4	Second Chance	2	16		26	27	53
Times Tied	1		Fast Breaks	9	7	UW	39	37	76
Time with Lead	02:06	35:13	Bench	8	22				

## GAME 14: WISCONSIN 116, IOWA 85

Jan. 3, 2025 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center

Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Iowa at Wisconsin  
01/03/25 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 6:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:51  
Attendance: 16,858

Officials: Jeffrey Anderson, Larry Scrotto, Doug Simms

Iowa - 85

Record: 10-4 (1-2)

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT	Rebounds		Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A		OR	DR						BS	BA	
20	Payton Sandfort	F 23:51	1-9	0-5	0-0	1	4	5	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	-9
32	Owen Freeman	F 27:09	6-11	0-0	2-3	1	2	3	1	4	14	1	3	0	1	0	-21
2	Brock Harding	G 23:27	3-8	2-5	2-2	0	2	2	3	2	10	5	2	0	0	0	-10
3	Drew Thelwell	G 31:45	9-14	3-5	4-4	0	1	1	1	4	25	3	1	4	0	0	-24
4	Josh Dix	G 32:26	7-10	2-3	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	16	1	0	2	0	-14
13	Ladij Dembele	09:14	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-4
24	Pryce Sandfort	18:57	3-6	1-3	3-4	1	2	2	2	2	10	0	1	1	0	0	-25
7	Seydou Traore	13:21	1-4	1-2	1-4	0	2	2	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	-16
8	Cooper Koch	10:26	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-17
14	Carter Kingsbury	02:12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
0	Even Brauns	03:36	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
34	Chris Tadjo	03:36	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
Team			1		0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			32:66	9-24	12-18	7	14	21	13	16	85	13	9	7	1	0	-31

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 116

Record: 11-3 (1-3)

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT	Rebounds		Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A		OR	DR						BS	BA	
22	Steven Crowl	F 20:17	4-4	0-0	6-6	1	6	7	1	4	14	3	0	0	0	0	-2
31	Nolan Winter	F 24:57	8-11	1-2	1-2	2	6	8	1	2	18	0	1	0	0	0	29
9	John Tonje	G 23:05	3-6	2-3	4-5	2	1	3	3	0	12	2	1	3	0	1	19
11	Max Klesmit	G 22:40	3-5	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	8	6	1	0	0	0	10
25	John Blackwell	G 32:22	11-18	6-10	4-4	0	8	8	2	3	32	5	2	0	0	0	28
4	Kamari McGee	21:13	4-8	4-5	0-0	0	4	4	2	0	12	4	1	1	0	0	19
7	Carter Gilmore	22:41	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	20
33	Jack Janicki	11:38	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
13	Xavier Amos	08:30	2-2	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	9
3	Camren Hunter	02:12	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
35	Markus Iwer	04:51	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	9
21	Chris Hodges	02:11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2	Jack Robinson	01:08	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Daniel Freitag	01:08	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	Isaac Gard	01:08	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Team			1		2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			40:62	21-31	15-17	8	29	37	16	13	116	26	13	4	0	1	31

Technical Fouls: NONE

	IOW	UW				
Biggest lead	6 (1 <sup>st</sup> 8:44)	34 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 0:21)				
Best Scoring Run	8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:56)	14 (1 <sup>st</sup> 4:32)				
Lead Changes	4					
Times Tied	5					
Time with Lead	08:42	28:49				
			Points from Turnovers	IOW	UW	
			Paint	21	8	
			Second Chance	34	38	
			Fast Breaks	11	12	
			Bench	18	32	
			Period by Period Scoring			
				1st	2nd	TOT
			IOW	43	42	85
			UW	54	62	116

## GAME 15: WISCONSIN 75, RUTGERS 63

Jan. 6, 2025 • Piscataway, N.J. • Jersey Mike's Arena

Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Wisconsin at Rutgers  
01/06/25 Jersey Mike's Arena, Piscataway  
2024-25 Men's BasketballGame Time: 7:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:59  
Attendance: 8,000

Officials: Keith Kimble, Tim Comer, Randy Richardson

Wisconsin - 75

Record: 12

GAME 17: #24 WISCONSIN 70, OHIO STATE 68

Jan. 14, 2025 • Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Ohio St. at Wisconsin  
01/14/25 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 8:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:09  
Attendance: 14,527

Officials: Keith Kimble, Earl Walton, Kelly Pfeifer

Ohio St. - 68												
Record: 10-7 (2-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
8 Micah Parrish	F 31:21	3-13	1-5	0-0	0 6 6	5 0	7	1	0	2	0	-5
13 Sean Stewart	F 15:17	2-4	0-0	0-0	1 7 8	4 1	4	2	1	0	1	15
21 Devin Royal	F 27:36	4-10	1-3	3-3	1 5 6	3 4	12	2	5	0	0	5
0 John Mobley Jr.	G 29:37	2-8	1-3	3-4	0 2 2	1 3	8	1	1	0	0	-1
2 Bruce Thornton	G 37:25	7-13	1-3	6-6	0 2 2	1 9	21	3	1	1	0	1
4 Aaron Bradshaw	06:16	2-4	1-2	0-0	1 0 1	3 0	5	0	0	1	0	-6
12 Evan Mahaffey	14:44	3-3	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	2 0	6	0	0	2	0	-14
6 Ques Glover	11:10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1 0 1	1 0	0	1	1	1	0	-3
25 Austin Parks	03:05	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	0	-1
20 Colin White	10:38	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	2 1	0	0	1	0	0	3
17 Ivan Njegovan	10:51	2-3	0-0	1-2	5 0 5	2 1	5	0	0	0	1	-4
Team					0 1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals		25-59	5-17	13-15	9 23 32	24 19	68	10	11	7	2	-2

Technical Fouls:NONE

Wisconsin - 70												
Record: 14-3 (4-2)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
22 Steven Crowl	F 28:03	5-10	0-3	4-4	0 7 7	3 5	14	1	0	0	1	-6
31 Nolan Winter	F 18:07	0-3	0-2	4-4	1 5 6	2 4	4	1	1	0	0	1
9 John Torje	G 35:31	3-7	1-4	10-10	0 4 4	0 5	17	0	3	1	0	2
11 Max Klesmit	G 29:52	1-5	1-3	1-2	0 2 2	2 3	4	1	2	0	0	6
25 John Blackwell	G 30:55	5-12	1-4	4-6	2 4 6	4 5	15	2	3	1	0	-2
7 Carter Gilmore	28:26	2-3	1-1	0-0	2 1 3	3 1	5	1	1	0	1	7
4 Kamari McGee	16:21	3-5	1-3	2-2	1 0 1	2 1	9	0	1	0	0	-1
33 Jack Janicki	07:47	0-2	0-2	0-0	0 1 1	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
13 Xavier Amos	04:59	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	3 0	2	0	1	0	0	-1
Team					0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals		20-48	5-22	25-28	6 25 31	19 24	70	6	12	2	2	2

Technical Fouls:NONE

		OSU	UW
Biggest lead	2 (1 <sup>st</sup> 18:26)	17 (1 <sup>st</sup> 02:11)	
Best Scoring Run	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:18)	11 (1 <sup>st</sup> 14:06)	
Lead Changes	1		
Times Tied	1		
Time with Lead	00:47	37:06	
		Points from	OSU UW
Turnovers	9	13	
Paint	32	28	
Second Chance	14	7	
Fast Breaks	11	8	
Bench	16	16	
		Period by Period Scoring	
		1st 2nd TOT	
OSU	20	48	68
UW	37	33	70

GAME 18: #24 WISCONSIN 84, USC 69

Jan. 18, 2025 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Galen Center



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Wisconsin at USC  
01/18/25 Galen Center, Los Angeles, Calif.  
2024-25 USC Men's Basketball

Game Time: 12:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:53  
Attendance: 6,598

Officials: Michael Reed, Tim Corne, Randy Richardson

Wisconsin - 84												
Record: 15-3 (5-2)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
22 Steven Crowl	F 17:40	3-4	1-1	2-2	0 3 3	4 2	9	1	1	0	1	0
31 Nolan Winter	F 27:30	6-7	1-2	0-0	2 3 5	3 1	13	3	0	1	0	12
9 John Torje	G 22:03	0-3	0-2	0-0	0 0 0	2 1	0	1	2	0	0	3
11 Max Klesmit	G 27:16	7-14	2-9	2-2	0 2 2	0 5	18	4	1	2	0	9
25 John Blackwell	G 33:49	10-16	2-7	6-7	0 5 5	1 5	28	1	3	2	0	15
4 Kamari McGee	28:32	3-5	2-3	2-2	1 2 3	2 1	10	4	1	2	0	21
7 Carter Gilmore	24:14	1-2	0-1	0-0	1 2 3	1 1	2	3	1	0	0	15
33 Jack Janicki	06:50	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 1 1	1 1	0	0	0	0	0	7
13 Xavier Amos	08:52	1-3	1-2	1-2	0 0 0	0 0	0	1	4	0	1	0
2 Jack Robinson	00:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
5 Daniel Freitag	00:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
15 Isaac Gard	00:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
21 Chris Hodges	00:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	1	0	0	-4
35 Markus Iwer	00:39	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
Team					1 4 5	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals		31-55	9-28	13-15	5 22 27	14 18	84	17	12	8	1	0

Technical Fouls:NONE

USC - 69												
Record: 11-7 (3-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
0 Saint Thomas	F 39:26	7-11	2-3	3-4	2 2 4	1 2	19	3	3	2	0	-1
33 Josh Cohen	F 03:44	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	1	2	0	0	0
1 Desmond Claude	G 30:51	3-7	0-0	3-4	1 0 1	4 3	9	2	5	0	0	-12
6 Wesley Yates III	G 36:20	5-9	0-1	1-4	0 3 3	4 2	11	2	1	1	0	-18
7 Chibuzo Ago	G 38:53	3-11	1-5	0-0	0 9 9	2 2	7	2	0	1	0	-16
12 Rashaun Abge	30:20	6-11	1-3	2-2	2 2 4	4 3	15	2	3	2	0	-11
8 Kevin Patton Jr.	14:54	1-1	1-1	2-2	0 2 2	1 1	5	1	1	0	0	-2
32 Clark Slagchert	03:19	1-2	1-2	0-1	1 0 1	1 1	3	0	0	0	0	-1
30 Harrison Hornery	02:13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-3
Team					1 0 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals		26-53	6-15	11-17	7 18 25	18 14	69	13	16	6	0	1

Technical Fouls:NONE

		WIS	USC
Biggest lead	19 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 17:54)	2 (1 <sup>st</sup> 18:16)	
Best Scoring Run	10 (1 <sup>st</sup> 9:14)	13 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 14:51)	
Lead Changes	1		
Times Tied	2		
Time with Lead	36:26	00:49	
		Points from	WIS USC
Turnovers	22	13	
Paint	38	28	
Second Chance	8	8	
Fast Breaks	13	9	
Bench	16	23	
		Period by Period Scoring	
		1st 2nd TOT	
WIS	42	42	84
USC	27	42	69

GAME 19: UCLA 85, #18 WISCONSIN 83

Jan. 21, 2025 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Pauley Pavilion



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Wisconsin at UCLA  
01/21/25 Pauley Pavilion, Los Angeles, Calif.  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 6:30 PM  
Game Duration: 2:10  
Attendance: 6,695

Officials: Jason Phillips, Verne Harris, Nate Harris

Wisconsin - 83												
Record: 15-4 (5-3)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
22 Steven Crowl	F 29:19	4-6	1-2	2-2	2 3 5	3 3	11	3	2	1	1	7
31 Nolan Winter	F 18:36	2-4	1-2	0-0	0 1 1	1 1	5	0	1	0	0	-17
9 John Torje	G 33:39	8-9	6-7	2-3	1 4 5	3 6	24	2	2	0	0	-3
11 Max Klesmit	G 30:27	2-5	2-4	2-2	0 3 3	3 2	8	1	2	0	0	-8
25 John Blackwell	G 33:51	5-14	3-7	10-12	1 3 4	5 6	23	4	4	1	0	9
4 Kamari McGee	18:50	1-4	1-3	0-0	0 1 1	1 0	3	3	1	1	0	0
7 Carter Gilmore	24:04	2-3	1-2	0-0	0 1 1	4 1	5	1	1	0	0	13
13 Xavier Amos	06:04	1-3	0-2	2-2	0 2 2	2 1	4	0	0	0	0	-5
33 Jack Janicki	03:14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	-5
35 Markus Iwer	01:56	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Team					3 3 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals		25-49	15-30	18-21	7 21 28	23 20	83	14	13	3	1	-2

Technical Fouls:Blackwell 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:56

UCLA - 85												
Record: 13-6 (4-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
3 Eric Dailey Jr.	F 21:50	2-5	0-2	0-0	2 1 3	4 0	4	1	0	0	0	3
34 Tyler Blodau	F 31:21	6-10	2-4	2-2	0 2 2	5 1	16	0	1	1	0	0
0 Kobe Johnson	G 27:25	1-4	0-0	1-2	1 2 3	5 1	3	0	2	1	0	0
2 Dylan Andrews	G 33:36	4-10	1-4	0-1	0 1 1	0 2	9	7	1	2	0	-5
55 Skyy Clark	G 27:13	3-7	3-6	3-4	2 3 5	3 3	12	4	1	0	0	13
12 Sebastian Mack	24:00	6-12	0-3	7-8	0 4 4	0 7	19	2	1	0	0	-9
24 William Kyle III	05:41	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 2	0	1	0	0	2	-8
10 Lazar Stefanovic	07:47	0-2	0-0	0-0	0 1 0	1 0	0	0	0	1	0	-5
15 Aday Mara	21:08	7-7	0-0	8-11	4 1 5	3 6	22	0	1	0	2	0
Team					0 1 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals		29-57	6-19	21-28	10 15 25	21 22	85	15	7	6	4	1

Technical Fouls:Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:56

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GAME 21: MARYLAND 76, #17 WISCONSIN 68  
Jan. 29, 2025 • College Park, MD. • Xfinity Center



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Wisconsin at Maryland  
01/29/25 XFINITY Center, College Park  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:03  
Attendance: 17,950

Officials: Kelly Pleier, Michael Reed, Verne Harris

Wisconsin - 68												
Record: 16-5 (6-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG M/A	3P M/A	FT M/A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-
22 Steven Crowl	F 31:50	4-9	0-2	2-3	4 5 9	2 3 10	3	2	0	1	0	-10
31 Nolan Winter	F 20:29	3-8	1-3	2-3	0 2 2	4 1 9	3	0	0	1	1	13
9 John Tonje	G 32:00	8-16	5-8	2-2	2 4 6	3 1 23	0	2	0	0	1	8
11 Max Kiesmit	G 30:58	1-8	1-6	2-4	1 6 7	2 6 5	3	1	1	0	0	-4
25 John Blackwell	G 26:56	3-6	1-2	3-5	0 3 3	4 4 10	1	1	2	0	0	1
4 Kamari McGee	22:48	2-8	1-3	4-4	0 2 2	1 2 9	1	1	0	0	0	-19
7 Carter Gilmore	16:43	1-2	0-1	0-0	2 3 5	2 1 2	0	0	0	0	0	-12
33 Jack Janicki	09:05	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	1	0	-10
13 Xavier Amos	09:11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1	1	0	0	0	-6
Team					3 2 5	0 1 1						
Totals		22-59	9-27	15-21	12 27 39	19 18 68	12	10	2	3	4	-8

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	10-26	38.5%
3PT%	6-16	37.5%
FT%	5-9	55.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	12-33	36.4%
3PT%	3-11	27.3%
FT%	10-12	83.3%
GM FG%	22-59	37.3%
3PT%	9-27	33.3%
FT%	15-21	71.4%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 2.1

Maryland - 76												
Record: 17-5 (7-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-
		M/A	M/A	M/A	OR DR TOT	PF					BS BA	
9 Seldon Miguel	F 33:53	4-9	4-5	0-0	0 2 2	4 0 12	2	0	0	0	0	-2
10 Julian Reese	F 29:47	6-9	0-0	2-2	2 6 8	2 5 14	0	2	0	1	1	1
25 Derek Queen	C 30:45	3-14	0-0	6-8	2 10 12	3 5 12	2	0	1	2	0	5
0 Ja'Kobi Gillespie	G 34:51	4-13	3-9	5-6	3 4 7	1 4 16	5	4	2	0	0	7
1 Rodney Rice	G 29:51	5-9	3-6	3-5	0 1 1	4 3 16	2	0	1	0	0	8
5 DeShawn Harris-Smith	16:49	1-3	1-1	0-0	2 2 4	0 0 3	1	1	0	0	2	10
6 Tafara Gapare	18:31	1-3	1-2	0-0	0 3 3	2 3 2	0	0	0	0	1	0
8 Jaylthon Young	05:14	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1	0	0	0	0	2
22 Jordan Geronimo	00:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					0 1 1	0 1 1						
Totals		24-60	12-24	16-21	9 29 38	18 19 78	13	8	4	4	3	8

Technical Fouls: NONE

	WISC	UMD
Biggest lead	7 (1 <sup>st</sup> 6:52)	11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:44)
Best Scoring Run	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 16:24)	11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:36)
Lead Changes	5	
Times Tied	3	
Time with Lead	22:49	14:20

Points from	WISC	UMD
Turnovers	11	11
Paint	24	20
Second Chance	12	7
Fast Breaks	4	9
Bench	11	6

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
WISC	31	37	68
UMD	32	44	76

GAME 22: #17 WISCONSIN 75, NORTHWESTERN 69  
Feb. 1, 2025 • Evanston, IL. • Welsh-Ryan Arena



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Wisconsin at Northwestern  
02/01/25 Welsh-Ryan Arena, Evanston  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 1:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:02  
Attendance: 7,039

Officials: Keith Kimble, Michael Irving, Mike Littlewood

Wisconsin - 75												
Record: 17-5 (7-4)												
NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-
		M/A	M/A	M/A	OR DR TOT	PF					BS BA	
22 Steven Crowl	F 27:45	1-4	1-3	0-0	0 7 7	3 1 3	1	1	0	1	0	-4
31 Nolan Winter	F 20:19	2-5	2-4	4-6	1 4 5	2 4 10	1	2	0	0	0	2
9 John Tonje	G 37:32	8-18	5-11	6-6	1 1 2	0 4 4	27	3	2	0	0	2
11 Max Kiesmit	G 27:01	3-7	1-4	4-4	0 4 4	1 2 11	2	1	0	0	0	1
25 John Blackwell	G 25:40	2-6	1-3	0-0	0 2 2	3 1 5	1	1	1	0	1	4
4 Kamari McGee	22:16	1-2	0-0	2-3	1 1 2	1 2 4	3	1	1	0	1	10
7 Carter Gilmore	24:05	5-7	3-5	2-2	2 5 7	2 2 15	1	0	0	0	0	11
33 Jack Janicki	07:54	0-2	0-2	0-0	1 0 1	1 0 0	1	0	0	0	0	2
13 Xavier Amos	07:28	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team					5 2 7	0 2						
Totals		22-53	13-32	18-21	11 27 38	14 16 75	13	10	2	1	4	6

Technical Fouls: NONE

Northwestern - 69												
Record: 12-10 (3-8)												
NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-
		M/A	M/A	M/A	OR DR TOT	PF					BS BA	
2 Nick Martinelli	F 40:00	6-18	1-5	2-3	1 6 7	2 5 15	2	2	2	0	0	-8
34 Matthew Nicholson	C 29:23	4-5	0-0	2-2	3 3 6	2 5 10	2	0	0	2	1	6
1 Jalen Leach	G 37:12	8-14	5-8	2-2	2 5 7	2 5 23	7	0	0	0	0	0
3 Ty Berry	F 27:17	4-10	4-8	2-2	0 4 4	4 1 14	1	1	1	0	0	0
44 Angelo Claravino	G 20:31	0-6	0-3	0-0	0 1 1	2 1 0	2	2	1	1	0	-3
20 Justin Mullins	25:06	2-4	1-3	0-0	0 1 1	3 0 5	1	0	1	0	0	-14
5 Keenan Fitzmorris	10:33	1-1	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 0 2	1	0	0	1	0	-12
24 K.J. Windham	09:18	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 2 2	0 1 0	0	0	0	0	0	1
43 Blake Smith	00:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Team					1 0 1	0 0						
Totals		25-59	11-28	9-9	7 22 29	17 14 69	16	5	5	4	1	-6

Technical Fouls: Mullins 1<sup>st</sup> 6:54

	UW	NU
Biggest lead	11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4:30)	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 14:40)
Best Scoring Run	8 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:46)	8 (1 <sup>st</sup> 17:19)
Lead Changes	3	
Times Tied	7	
Time with Lead	10:16	25:15

Points from	UW	NU
Turnovers	0	7
Paint	16	18
Second Chance	12	14
Fast Breaks	2	7
Bench	19	7

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
UW	25	50	75
NU	31	38	69

GAME 23: #21 WISCONSIN 76, INDIANA 64  
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Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
Indiana at Wisconsin  
02/04/25 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 8:00 PM  
Game Duration: 1:50  
Attendance: 14,447

Officials: Randy Richardson, Tim Corner, Bart Lenox

Indiana - 64												
Record: 14-9 (5-7)												
NO. Name	Min	FG	3P	FT	Rebounds	Fouls	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks	+/-
		M/A	M/A	M/A	OR DR TOT	PF					BS BA	
5 Malik Reneau	F 17:01	3-6	0-0	0-0	0 6 6	1 2 6	0	0	0	0	1	-7
21 Mackenzie Mgbako	F 24:26	5-13	1-7	4-4	3 1 4	2 2 15	0	2	0	1	0	-17
11 Oumar Ballo	C 26:30	1-3	0-0	2-4	2 4 6	0 3 4	0	3	0	1	2	-16
1 Myles Rice	G 29:57	3-4	0-1	4-5	0 3 3	3 4 10	3	1	0	0	0	4
3 Anthony Leal	G 11:15	0-4	0-2	0-0	0 2 2	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	1	-22
10 Luke Goode	34:54	4-12	3-9	0-0	1 4 5	3 2 11	1	1	0	2	0	-2
32 Trey Galloway	32:00	4-8	1-5	0-0	1 3 4	3 0 9	5	3	1	0	0	-3
8 Bryson Tucker	23:57	3-7	2-3	1-2	2 4 6	2 2 9	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team					0 0 0	0 0						
Totals		23-57	7-27	11-15	9 27 36	14 15 64	9	11	5	3	3	-12

Technical Fouls: NONE

Shooting By Period		
1 <sup>st</sup> FG%	10-29	34.5%
3PT%	4-15	26.7%
FT%	4-5	80%
2 <sup>nd</sup> FG%	13-28	46.4%
3PT%	3-12	25.0%
FT%	7-10	70%
GM FG%	23-57	40.4%
3PT%	7-27	25.9%
FT%	11-15	73.3%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1.2

Wisconsin - 76				Record: 19-5 (8-4)									
NO. Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-	
22 Steven Crowl	F 23:46	1-3	1-2	0-0	0 3 3	2 0 3	1	0	2	1	0	19	
31 Nolan Winter	F 20:53	5-7	2-3	0-0	3 2 5	2 2 12	1	0	0	0	0	13	
9 John Tonje	G 32:47	5-11	1-5	4-6	0 5 5	4 0 15	1	1	1	0	0	16	
11 Max Kiesmit	G 25:12	4-10	2-6	3-3	0 1 1	2 3 13	6	0	3	1	1	18	
25 John Blackwell	G 29:12	3-12	0-2	2-2	1 7 8	2 1 8	1	3	2	0	1	15	
7 Carter Gilmore	18:38	3-4	3-3	1-2	1 2 3	0 1 10	1	0	0	0	1	9	
4 Kamari McGee	18:47	3-7	3-5	0-0	1 2 3	3 0 9	1	0	0	0	0	6	
33 Jack Janicki	11:33	0-1	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	1 1 0	1	0	0	0	0	-2	
13 Xavier Amos	13:03	2-4	0-2	2-4	1 2 3	2 6 0	1	0	0	0	0	-5	
15 Isaac Gard	01:17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	
18 Riccardo Greppi	01:17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 1 1	1 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	
35 Markus Iler	01:17	0-1	0-1	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	
2 Jack Robison	01:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	
5 Daniel Freitag	01:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	1	0	0	0	-5	
Team					1 2 3	0	0	0					
Totals		26-60	12-29	12-17	8 28 36	15 14 76	13	6	8	3	3	12	

**GAME 25: #16 WISCONSIN 94, #7 PURDUE 84**

Feb. 15, 2025 • West Lafayette, IN. • Mackey Arena



Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Wisconsin at Purdue**  
02/15/25 Mackey Arena, West Lafayette  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 1:00 PM  
Game Duration: 2:11  
Attendance: 14,876

Officials: Brian Dorsey, DJ Carstensen, John Floyd

Wisconsin - 94

Record: 20-5 (10-4)

NO.	Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	OR Reb	DR Reb	Fouls PF	TP FD	PTS	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS	B/A		
22	Steven Crowl	F 20:25	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	
31	Nolan Winter	F 28:05	4-7	2-5	2-4	0	5	5	3	2	12	0	0	1	0	2	
9	John Torje	G 34:26	10-15	4-9	8-9	0	6	6	0	8	32	3	2	0	1	0	
11	Max Klesmit	G 33:28	5-10	1-6	6-7	0	2	2	0	7	17	6	1	1	0	0	
25	John Blackwell	G 27:46	5-8	1-3	0-2	2	4	2	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	16	
7	Carter Gilmore	24:17	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	
4	Kamari McGee	07:06	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	14	
13	Xavier Amos	07:13	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
33	Jack Janicki	17:14	4-6	3-4	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	11	2	0	0	1	-1	
Team						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals			32-52	12-30	18-24	2	21	23	14	21	94	18	3	2	4	0	10

Technical Fouls: NONE

Purdue - 84

Record: 19-7 (11-4)

NO.	Name	Min	FG M/A	3P M/A	FT M/A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP M/A	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-				
1	Caleb Furst	F 24:27	2-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	5	2	0	1	0	0	3		
4	Trey Kaufman-Renn	F 37:26	12-16	0-0	6-9	1	3	4	4	7	30	5	1	1	0	0	
0	C.J. Cox	G 26:43	4-8	3-6	2-2	1	5	6	2	1	13	1	0	1	0	-11	
2	Fletcher Loyer	G 27:49	4-8	2-4	5-6	1	3	4	1	3	15	1	0	0	0	-7	
3	Braden Smith	G 40:00	2-10	0-2	2-2	0	5	5	3	1	6	12	1	0	0	-10	
23	Camden Heide	16:19	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	-14	
24	Gicarri Harris	08:45	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-1	
34	Raleigh Burgess	00:49	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	
5	Myles Colvin	17:43	3-7	3-5	0-0	0	1	1	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	-4	
Team						1	0	1	0	0	0						
Totals			29-56	10-22	16-21	4	21	25	21	14	84	21	4	2	0	4	-10

Technical Fouls: NONE

	WIS	PUR
<b>Biggest lead</b>	12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 0:14)	9 (1 <sup>st</sup> 5:31)
<b>Best Scoring Run</b>	11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 13:34)	10 (1 <sup>st</sup> 15:27)
<b>Lead Changes</b>	7	
<b>Times Tied</b>	5	
<b>Time with Lead</b>	19:27	17:51

Points from	WIS	PUR
Turnovers	5	5
Paint	36	36
Second Chance	3	9
Fast Breaks	8	12
Bench	19	15

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	TOT
WIS	36	58	94
PUR	37	47	84

**GAME 27: OREGON 77, #11 WISCONSIN 73 (OT)**

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Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Oregon at Wisconsin**  
02/22/25 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 11:00 AM  
Game Duration: 2:15  
Attendance: 16,838

Officials: Keith Kimble, Mike Littlewood, John Floyd

Oregon - 77

Record: 20-8 (9-8)

NO.	Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-				
21	Brandon Angel	F 19:13	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	16			
32	Nate Bittle	C 28:23	9-17	1-2	4-5	2	4	6	3	4	23	1	2	0	13		
3	Jackson Shelstad	G 41:14	5-14	3-5	0-0	0	3	3	0	2	13	2	2	0	1		
5	TJ Bamba	G 29:55	3-9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0	6	1	0	2	0	1	
9	Keeshawn Barthelemy	G 34:12	5-11	2-3	2-2	1	3	4	2	2	14	2	2	1	0	0	
7	Supreme Cook	14:10	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	-10
2	Jadrian Tracey	17:03	4-7	2-5	1-2	0	1	1	2	1	11	0	1	0	0	0	4
10	Kwame Evans Jr.	23:19	4-8	0-3	2-3	3	6	9	1	3	10	0	0	1	1	1	16
0	Ra'Heim Moss	12:54	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
11	Mookie Cook	04:37	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Team						3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			30-72	8-23	9-12	10	27	37	14	14	77	8	8	9	5	1	4

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 73

Record: 21-6 (11-5)

NO.	Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-				
22	Steven Crowl	F 30:49	5-8	0-2	2-2	1	5	6	2	3	12	1	6	0	0	0	-10
31	Nolan Winter	F 25:26	5-8	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	1	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	9
9	John Torje	G 36:49	9-20	2-10	2-2	1	6	7	2	4	22	2	2	2	0	0	-2
11	Max Klesmit	G 26:38	3-9	2-5	0-0	0	4	4	1	2	8	0	2	0	0	1	-2
25	John Blackwell	G 39:52	2-9	0-6	2-2	0	7	7	2	2	6	2	3	0	0	1	2
4	Kamari McGee	18:15	3-5	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	4	0	7	2	1	3	0	0	-14
7	Carter Gilmore	24:22	2-4	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	-8
33	Jack Janicki	14:15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
13	Xavier Amos	08:34	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Team						2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			30-65	7-28	6-6	7	33	40	14	14	73	9	17	6	1	5	-4

Technical Fouls: NONE

	ORE	UW
<b>Biggest lead</b>	4 (1 <sup>st</sup> OT 0:02)	17 (1 <sup>st</sup> 2:07)
<b>Best Scoring Run</b>	9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 0:12)	14 (1 <sup>st</sup> 7:09)
<b>Lead Changes</b>	7	
<b>Times Tied</b>	6	
<b>Time with Lead</b>	05:27	35:53

Points from	ORE	UW
Turnovers	24	12
Paint	38	40
Second Chance	15	10
Fast Breaks	6	19
Bench	21	14

Period by Period Scoring	1st	2nd	OT1	TOT
ORE	26	40	11	77
UW	38	28	7	73

**GAME 26: #11 WISCONSIN 95, ILLINOIS 74**

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Official Basketball Box Score - Final  
**Illinois at Wisconsin**  
02/18/25 Kohl Center, Madison  
2024-25 Men's Basketball

Game Time: 7:30 PM  
Game Duration: 1:59  
Attendance: 15,170

Officials: Tim Comer, Kelly Pfeifer, Ronald Groover

Illinois - 74

Record: 17-10 (8-8)

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-				
3	Ben Humrichous	F 33:32	4-11	3-6	2-2	1	3	4	3	13	2	0	1	1	19			
15	Jake Davis	F 07:55	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	6	0	0	0	-5			
4	Kylan Boswell	G 26:21	3-9	1-5	0-1	1	0	1	4	2	7	2	3	2	0	-14		
22	Tre White	G 24:06	1-4	0-1	5-6	1	4	5	3	4	7	0	2	0	1	0	-21	
32	Kasparas Jakucionis	G 23:51	2-3	0-1	2-2	1	4	5	4	1	6	0	7	2	0	0	-13	
7	Will Riley	29:51	4-9	1-2	2-2	1	2	3	0	4	11	3	1	1	0	0	-14	
13	Tomislav Ivicic	20:40	3-7	0-4	1-1	1	2	3	1	1	7	1	1	0	1	0	-10	
2	Dra Gibbs-Lawhorn	25:18	7-12	3-7	0-0	3	1	4	1	1	17	5	0	0	1	0	-10	
0	Carrey Booth	06:34	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
5	AJ Redd	00:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24	Keaton Kutcher	00:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Team						0			1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals			26-60	10-30	12-14	9	21	30	18	14	74	13	14	6	5	1	-21	

Technical Fouls: NONE

Wisconsin - 95

Record: 21-5 (11-4)

NO.	Name	Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Reb OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-				
22	Steven Crowl	F 27:43	7-10	3-3	3-4	2	5	7	0	2	20	5	1	2	0	0	8
31	Nolan Winter	F 16:57	3-8	0-4	1-2	4	4	8	0	2	7	1	0	1	0	0	15
9	John Torje	G 30:58	9-15	3-5	10-12	1	2	3	7	31	0	3	4	0	0	1	17
11	Max Klesmit	G 23:16	2-3	1-2	0-0	2	1	3	2	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	14
25	John Blackwell	G 29:59	7-15	1-4	1-2	2	4	6	3	2	16	4	2	2	0	4	13
7	Carter Gilmore	19:58	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	2	5	0	1	1	1	0	9
4	Kamari McGee	21:20	1-5	0-0	2-2	0	4	4	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	3
13	Xavier Amos	13:15	2-4	1-3	0-0	1	1	1	0	1	5	1	2	0	0	0	8
33	Jack Janicki	10:45	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	12
3	Samen Hunter	09:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
18	Ricardo Grepp	01:11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
35	Markus Iver	01:19	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Isaac Gard	00:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Chris Hodges	00:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Team						1	2	0									
Totals			34-65	10-24	17-22	13	26	39	14	18	95	17	10	12	1	5	21

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Technical Fouls::NONE

Technical Fouls::NONE

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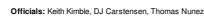


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Technical Fouls::NONE

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# SPECIAL STATISTICS

Game	Pts off T/O (Wis / Opp)	Pts in Paint (Wis / Opp)	2nd Chance Pts (Wis / Opp)	Fast Break Pts (Wis / Opp)	Bench Pts (Wis / Opp)
11/04/24   HOLY CROSS	17 / 10	34 / 16	13 / 3	12 / 8	17 / 22
11/07/24   MONTANA STATE	10 / 12	24 / 14	10 / 4	9 / 6	15 / 16
11/10/24   APP STATE	16 / 2	48 / 24	10 / 10	8 / 0	20 / 18
11/15/24   #9 ARIZONA	14 / 12	26 / 42	5 / 24	8 / 13	23 / 19
11/18/24   UTRGV	15 / 6	28 / 24	16 / 14	14 / 6	12 / 31
11/22/24   vs. UCF	12 / 12	38 / 32	7 / 13	10 / 12	27 / 30
11/24/24   vs. Pitt	10 / 11	46 / 44	11 / 4	11 / 6	10 / 19
11/30/24   CHICAGO STATE	19 / 6	26 / 18	12 / 2	5 / 11	19 / 23
12/03/24   MICHIGAN	11 / 13	28 / 34	12 / 12	4 / 19	12 / 6
12/07/24   at Marquette	7 / 18	28 / 44	16 / 19	4 / 6	12 / 10
12/10/24   at Illinois	10 / 14	34 / 32	12 / 16	2 / 4	19 / 7
12/14/24   vs. Butler	10 / 5	40 / 24	11 / 10	5 / 12	13 / 14
12/22/24   DETROIT MERCY	10 / 12	36 / 14	16 / 2	7 / 9	22 / 8
1/03/25   IOWA	8 / 21	38 / 34	12 / 11	13 / 14	32 / 18
1/06/25   RUTGERS	6 / 15	38 / 28	8 / 6	10 / 12	13 / 41
1/10/25   MINNESOTA	19 / 13	22 / 24	18 / 10	6 / 6	14 / 18
1/14/25   OHIO STATE	13 / 9	28 / 32	7 / 14	8 / 11	16 / 16
1/18/25   USC	22 / 13	38 / 28	8 / 8	13 / 9	16 / 23
1/21/25   UCLA	13 / 10	20 / 30	13 / 10	0 / 4	12 / 41
1/26/25   NEBRASKA	17 / 3	26 / 20	5 / 10	12 / 7	27 / 21
1/29/25   MARYLAND	11 / 11	24 / 20	12 / 7	4 / 9	11 / 6
2/01/25   NORTHWESTERN	0 / 7	16 / 18	12 / 14	2 / 7	19 / 7
2/04/25   INDIANA	18 / 7	26 / 26	10 / 9	11 / 4	25 / 29
2/08/25   IOWA	7 / 13	20 / 20	5 / 8	3 / 9	13 / 23
2/15/25   PURDUE	5 / 5	36 / 36	3 / 9	8 / 12	19 / 15
2/18/25   ILLINOIS	13 / 13	48 / 28	12 / 13	7 / 0	16 / 35
2/22/25   OREGON	12 / 24	40 / 38	10 / 15	19 / 6	14 / 21
2/25/25   WASHINGTON	14 / 10	42 / 32	9 / 6	10 / 8	33 / 14
3/02/25   MICHIGAN STATE	11 / 7	32 / 32	9 / 12	8 / 20	10 / 28
3/05/25   MINNESOTA	8 / 12	38 / 34	13 / 12	6 / 10	14 / 29
3/08/25   PENN STATE	15 / 9	26 / 38	11 / 2	11 / 18	6 / 15
<b>RUNNING TOTAL</b>	<b>352 / 335</b>	<b>994 / 778</b>	<b>328 / 311</b>	<b>250 / 278</b>	<b>534 / 623</b>
<b>PER GAME AVERAGE</b>	<b>11.4 / 10.8</b>	<b>32.1 / 25.1</b>	<b>10.6 / 10.0</b>	<b>8.1 / 9.0</b>	<b>17.2 / 20.1</b>

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

WISCONSIN	HIGH		LOW	
• Points	116	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	62	at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)
• First-Half Points	55	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	25	at Northwestern (2/1/25)
• Second-Half Points	62	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	28	2x MR; at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)
• Field Goals Made	40	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	20	vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)
• Field Goal Attempts	70	vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)	48	vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)
• Field Goal Percentage	.645 (40-62)	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	.338 (22-65)	at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)
• 3-Point Field Goals Made	21	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	5	4x; MR at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• 3-Point Field Goal Attempts	37	vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)	20	2x; MR vs. Pitt (11/24/24)
• 3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 15 att.)	.677 (21-31)	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	.156 (5-32)	at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)
• Free Throws Made	41	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	6	3x; MR vs. Oregon (2/22/25)
• Free Throw Attempts	47	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	6	2x; MR vs. Oregon (2/22/25)
• Free Throw Pct. (min. 15 att.)	1.000 (16-16)	vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)	.667 (14-21)	at Illinois (12/10/24)
• Offensive Rebounds	16	2x; MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)	2	2x; MR at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Defensive Rebounds	38	vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)	18	at Illinois (12/10/24)
• Total Rebounds	50	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)	23	at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Fouls	31	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	9	vs. Washington (2/25/25)
• Assists	26	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	6	vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)
• Turnovers	17	vs. Oregon (2/22/25)	2	vs. Butler (12/14/24)
• Steals	14	vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)	2	5x; MR at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Blocked Shots	6	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)	0	2x; MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)

OPPONENT	HIGH		LOW	
• Points	88	2x; MR at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)	53	2x; MR vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• First-Half Points	52	vs. UTRGV (11/18/24)	20	2x; MR vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)
• Second-Half Points	51	2x; MR vs Penn State (3/8/25)	24	at Iowa (2/8/25)
• Field Goals Made	32	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	20	vs. Chicago St (11/30/24)
• Field Goal Attempts	74	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	51	vs. Butler (12/14/24)
• Field Goal Percentage	.564 (31-55)	vs Penn State (3/8/25)	.333 (22-66)	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• 3-Point Field Goals Made	13	vs. UTRGV (11/18/24)	2	vs. UCF (11/22/24)
• 3-Point Field Goal Attempts	33	2x; MR at Illinois (12/10/24)	8	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• 3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 15 att.)	.579 (11-19)	at Maryland (1/29/25)	.118 (2-17)	vs. UCF (11/22/24)
• Free Throws Made	28	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	3	2x; MR vs. Washington (2/25/25)
• Free Throw Attempts	40	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	6	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• Free Throw Pct. (min. 15 att.)	.880 (22-25)	at Illinois (12/10/24)	.375 (3-8)	vs. Washington (2/25/25)
• Offensive Rebounds	24	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	3	vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)
• Defensive Rebounds	38	at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	14	vs. Iowa (1/3/25)
• Total Rebounds	52	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	21	2x; MR vs. Iowa (1/3/25)
• Fouls	32	vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	11	vs. Nebraska (1/26/25)
• Assists	21	2x; MR vs Penn State (3/8/25)	5	vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• Turnovers	18	vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)	4	at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Steals	9	2x; MR vs. Oregon (2/22/25)	1	2x; MR vs. Butler (12/14/24)
• Blocked Shots	11	vs. Michigan (12/3/24)	0	3x MR at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)

MISCELLANEOUS	HIGH	SECOND-HIGHEST
• UW's Largest Deficit Overcome in Win	16 (5-21, 13:39 1H) vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)	14 (11-25, 7:29 1H) vs. Pitt (11/24/24)
• UW's Largest Deficit Overcome in Win (2nd Half/OT)	9 (2x) MR (35-44, 14:40 2H) at Northwestern (2/1/25)	7 (54-61, 15:44 2H) vs. UTRGV (11/18/24)
• UW's Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	17 (38-21, 2:07 1H) vs. Oregon (2/22/25)	13 (16-3, 15:30 1H) vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• UW's Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss (2nd Half/OT)	16 (55-39, 12:10 2H) vs. Oregon (2/22/25)	7 (43-36, 19:42 2H) at UCLA (1/21/25)
• UW's Largest Halftime Lead	17 vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)	16 vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)
• UW's Largest Halftime Deficit	7 vs. Pitt (11/24/24)	6 at Northwestern (2/1/25)
• UW's Largest Lead	2x; MR 34 (116-82 , 0:21 2H) vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	2x; MR 32 (81-49, 6:09 2H) vs. Washington (2/25/25)
• UW's Largest Deficit	16 (5-21, 13:39 1H) vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)	15 (70-55, 8:49 2H) at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

WISCONSIN	HIGH		SECOND-HIGHEST	
• Points	41	John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	33	John Tonje vs. Pitt (11/24/24)
• First-Half Points	22	John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	19	John Blackwell vs. Washington (2/25/25)
• Second-Half Points	25	John Tonje vs. Pitt (11/24/24)	22	John Tonje at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Field Goals Made	11	4x; MR Blackwell at USC (1/18/25)	10	John Tonje at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• Field Goal Attempts	21	John Blackwell at Minnesota (3/5/25)	20	John Tonje vs. Oregon (2/22/25)
• Field Goal Percentage (min. 7 att.)	.889 (8-9)	John Tonje at UCLA (1/21/25)	.857 (6-7)	2x; MR Winter at USC (1/18/25)
• 3-Point Field Goals Made	6	4x; MR Tonje at UCLA (1/21/25)	5	3x; MR Tonje at Northwestern (2/1/25)
• 3-Point Field Goal Attempts	11	4x; MR Tonje at Northwestern (2/1/25)	10	2x; MR Tonje vs. Oregon (2/22/25)
• 3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 5 att.)	.857 (6-7)	John Tonje at UCLA (1/21/25)	.800 (4-5)	Kamari McGee vs Iowa (1/3/25)
• Free Throws Made	21	John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	10	5x; MR Tonje vs Illinois (2/18/25)
• Free Throw Attempts	22	John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	12	2x; MR Tonje vs. Illinois (2/18/25)
• Free Throw Pct. (min. 9 att.)	1.000 (10-10)	3x; MR Tonje vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)	.955 (21-22)	John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)
• Offensive Rebounds	6	Nolan Winter vs. App State (11/10/24)	5	2x; MR Winter vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• Defensive Rebounds	14	Nolan Winter at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	9	2x; MR John Blackwell at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• Total Rebounds	17	Nolan Winter at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	11	3x; MR Blackwell at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• Fouls	5	10x; MR Blackwell vs Penn State (3/8/25)	4	16x; MR 2 Players vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• Assists	6	4x; MR Klesmit at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)	5	10x; MR McGee at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• Turnovers	6	Steven Crowl vs. Oregon (2/22/25)	5	3x; Blackwell at Rutgers (1/6/25)
• Steals	5	Max Klesmit vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)	4	John Tonje vs. Illinois (2/18/25)
• Blocked Shots	3	2x; MR Janicki vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)	2	5x; MR Gilmore at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)

OPPONENT	HIGH		SECOND-HIGHEST	
• Points	32	Kam Jones at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)	30	Trey Kaufman-Renn at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)
• First-Half Points	16	2x; MR Bradley vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	14	4x; MR Akins at #8 Michigan State (3/5/25)
• Second-Half Points	21	Trey Kaufman-Renn at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)	19	2x; MR Thornton vs Ohio State (1/14/25)
• Field Goals Made	12	2x; MR Kaufman-Renn at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)	10	D'Marco Dunn vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• Field Goal Attempts	21	Kam Jones at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)	20	Lovejoy vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)
• Field Goal Percentage (min. 7 att.)	1.000 (7-7)	Aday Mara at UCLA (1/21/25)	.875 (7-8)	Cameron Corhen vs. Pitt (11/24/24)
• 3-Point Field Goals Made	5	Jalen Leach at Northwestern (2/1/25)	4	7x; MR Dunn vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• 3-Point Field Goal Attempts	9	3x; MR Akins at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	8	5x; MR 2 Players at Northwestern (2/1/25)
• 3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 5 att.)	.800 (4-5)	2x; MR Dunn vs Penn State (3/8/25)	.625 (5-8)	Jalen Leach at Northwestern (2/1/25)
• Free Throws Made	9	Tre White at Illinois (12/10/24)	8	2x; MR Mara at UCLA (1/21/25)
• Free Throw Attempts	13	Jaden Bradley vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)	11	Aday Mara at UCLA (1/21/25)
• Free Throw Pct. (min. 8 att.)	.900 (9-10)	Tre White at Illinois (12/10/24)	.889 (8-9)	Chase Ross at #5 Marquette (12/7/24)
• Offensive Rebounds	7	2x; MR Kohler at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	6	Frank Mitchell at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• Defensive Rebounds	10	2x; MR Queen at Maryland (1/29/25)	9	3x; MR Kohler at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)
• Total Rebounds	16	Jaxon Kohler at #8 Michigan State (3/2/25)	13	Tobe Awaka vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)
• Fouls	5	10x; Mitchell at Minnesota (3/5/25)	4	36x; MR 3 Players at Minnesota (3/5/25)
• Assists	12	Braden Smith at #7 Purdue (2/15/25)	9	Baldwin Jr. vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• Turnovers	7	Kasparas Jakucionis (2/18/25)	5	3x; MR Claude at USC (1/18/25)
• Steals	4	2x; MR Thelwell vs. Iowa (1/3/25)	3	6x; MR Baldwin Jr. vs Penn State (3/8/25)
• Blocked Shots	5	2x; Konan Niederhauser vs Penn State (3/8/25)	3	4x; MR Kepnang vs. Washington (2/25/25)

# THE LAST TIME WISCONSIN...

## Wisconsin Team

**UW ranked No. 1 in AP Top 25:** Feb. 21, 2007  
**UW ranked in AP Top 25:** No. 18 (3/8/25)  
**UW ranked in USA Today Coaches Poll:** No. 14 (3/8/25)  
**Played AP No. 1-ranked opponent:** Loss at Arizona, 98-73 (12/9/23)  
**Defeated AP No. 1-ranked opponent:** Villanova, 65-62 (3/18/17)  
**Played AP No. 2-ranked opponent:** Loss vs. Purdue, 69-75 (2/4/24)  
**Defeated opponent ranked 3-10 by AP:** Win vs. No. 7 Purdue, 94-84 (2/15/25)  
**Defeated opponent ranked 11-25 by AP:** Win vs. No. 24 Virginia, 65-41 (11/20/23)  
**Defeated AP Top 25 opponent on the road:** Win at No. 7 Purdue, 94-84 (2/15/25)

## Scoring

**Scored 20 or more points:** 25, John Blackwell at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**Scored 30 or more points:** 31, John Tonje vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**Scored 40 or more points:** 41, John Tonje vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
**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:** John Tonje (31) and Steven Crowl (20) vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**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 points in one half:** John Tonje 21 points 2H vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**Scored 20 points/two straight games:** John Tonje (22 at Iowa, 2/8/25; 32 at No. 7 Purdue, 2/15/25; 31 vs. Illinois, 2/18/25; 22 vs. Oregon, 2/22/25)  
**Scored 20 points/three straight games:** John Tonje (22 at Iowa, 2/8/25; 32 at No. 7 Purdue, 2/15/25; 31 vs. Illinois 2/18/25; 22 vs. Oregon, 2/22/25)  
**Scored 20 points/four straight games:** John Tonje (22 at Iowa, 2/8/25; 32 at No. 7 Purdue, 2/15/25; 31 vs. Illinois 2/18/25; 22 vs. Oregon, 2/22/25)  
**Scored 20 points/five straight games:** Johnny Davis (26 vs. Iowa, 1/6/22; 37 at #3 Purdue, 1/3/22; 20 vs. Illinois State, 12/29/21; 24 at #21 Ohio State, 12/11/21; 23 vs. Indiana, 12/8/21)  
**Scored 30 points/two straight games:** John Tonje (32 at No. 7 Purdue, 2/15/25; 31 vs. Illinois, 2/18/25)  
**No Badger scored in double figures:** vs. Marquette (12/8/12)  
**One Badger scored in double figures:** 14, Connor Essegian at Indiana (1/14/23)  
**Four players scored in double figures:** Steven Crowl (19), John Tonje (13), Kamari McGee (11), and John Blackwell (19) vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**Five players scored in double figures:** Nolan Winter (12), John Tonje (32), Max Klesmit (17), Jack Janicki (11), and John Blackwell (11) at No. 7 Purdue (2/15/25)  
**Six players scored in double figures:** Reuvers (19), Davison (15), Ford (12), King (12), Trice (11) and Pritzl (10) vs. Green Bay (11/21/19)  
**UW Scored 70 or more points:** 75, vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**UW Scored 80 or more points:** 88, vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**UW Scored 90 or more points:** 95, vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**UW Scored 100 or more points:** 116, vs. Iowa (1/3/25)

## 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:** .516 (33-64), vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**UW shot 60 percent or better:** .615 (32-52), at No. 7 Purdue (2/15/25)  
**UW shot 70 percent or better:** .744, vs. Army (12/30/79)  
**UW made 30 or more field goals:** 33, vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**UW made 40 or more field goals:** 40, vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
**UW made 50 or more field goals:** Has not happened  
**UW attempted 60 or more field goals:** 65, at No. 8 Michigan State (3/2/25)  
**UW attempted 70 or more field goals:** 70, vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)  
**UW attempted 80 or more field goals:** 83, vs. Northwestern (1/28/95)  
**UW attempted 100 or more field goals:** 102, vs. South Dakota (12/9/72)

## 3-Point Field Goal Shooting

**Made 5 or more 3-point field goals:** John Tonje (5-11 3FG) at Northwestern (2/1/25)  
**UW shot 40 percent or better (min. 8 att.):** .417 (10-24) vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**UW shot 50 percent or better (min. 8 att.):** .500 (15-30) at UCLA (1/21/25)  
**UW shot 60 percent or better (min. 8 att.):** .677 (21-31) vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
**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:** 10, vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**UW made 15 or more 3-point field goals:** 17, vs Nebraska (1/26/25)  
**UW attempted 30 or more 3-point field goals:** 31, vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**UW attempted 40 or more 3-point field goals:** 40, vs. Temple (12/3/01)

## Double-Double / Triple-Double

**Triple-double:** Ethan Happ (13 pts, 12 reb, 11 ast) vs. Northwestern (1/26/19)  
**Double-double (Pts/Reb):** John Blackwell (25 pts, 11 reb) at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**Double-double (Pts/Ast):** Ethan Happ (10 pts, 11 reb, 12 ast) vs. Coppin St. (11/6/18)  
**Double-double (Ast/Reb):** Ethan Happ (10 pts, 11 reb, 12 ast) vs. Coppin St. (11/6/18)  
**Double-double in consecutive games:** Tyler Wahl vs. Iowa (2/22), at Michigan (2/26/23)  
**Two with double-double:** Storr (14p, 12r) and Crowl (16p, 10r) vs. Ohio St (2/13/24)

## Free Throw Shooting

**Perfect at the FT line (min. 10 att.):** 10-10, John Tonje vs. Ohio State (1/14/25)  
**UW shot 80 percent or better (min. 12 att.):** .882 (15-17), vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**UW shot 90 percent or better (min. 12 att.):** .926 (25-27), vs. Butler (12/14/24)  
**UW shot 100 percent (min. 12 att.):** 16-16, vs. Holy Cross (11/4/24)  
**UW made 20 or more free throws:** 21, at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**UW made 30 or more free throws:** 41, vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
**UW made 40 or more free throws:** 41 vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
**UW attempted 30 or more free throws:** 32, vs. UTRGV (11/18/24)  
**UW attempted 40 or more free throws:** 47, vs. #9 Arizona (11/15/24)  
**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+ rebounds:** 11, John Blackwell at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**Had 15+ rebounds:** 17, Nolan Winter at No. 8 Michigan State (3/2/25)  
**Had 20+ rebounds:** 25, Joe Chernelich vs. St. Mary's (12/2/76)  
**Had 30+ rebounds:** 30, Paul Morrow vs. Purdue (1/3/53)  
**Had 10+ reb. in consecutive games:** Tyler Wahl, Two Straight (2/22/23, 2/26/23)  
**UW had 40+ rebounds:** 41, at Minnesota (3/5/25)  
**UW had 50+ rebounds:** 50, vs. Detroit Mercy (12/22/24)

## Assists

**Had 10 or more assists:** 11, Ethan Happ vs. Northwestern (1/26/19)  
**Had 15 or more assists:** Has not happened  
**UW had 20 or more assists:** 26, vs. Iowa (1/3/25)  
**UW had 30 or more assists:** 30, vs. Iowa (3/9/94)

## Blocked Shots

**Had 5 or more blocked shots:** 9 Nate Reuvers vs. Eastern Illinois (11/8/19)  
**Had 10 or more blocked shots:** Has not happened  
**UW had 10 or more blocked shots:** 10 vs. Eastern Illinois (11/25/20)  
**UW had 15 or more blocked shots:** Has not happened

## Steals

**Had 5 or more steals:** 5, Max Klesmit vs. Appalachian State (11/10/24)  
**Had 10 or more steals:** 10, Mike Kelley vs. Texas (12/7/99)  
**UW had 10 or more steals:** 12, vs. Illinois (2/18/25)  
**UW had 15 or more steals:** 16, vs. California (12/2/12)

## Turnovers

**UW had 1 or fewer turnovers:** 1, vs. Iowa (1/20/15)  
**UW had 5 or fewer turnovers:** 5, vs. Washington (2/25/25)  
**UW had 0 turnovers in a half:** 0 in 2H, at No. 7 Purdue (2/15/25)  
**Opponent committed 15 or more turnovers:** 15, vs. Minnesota (1/10/25)  
**Opponent committed 20 or more turnovers:** 21, Robert Morris (11/17/23)

## Overtime

**Won a game in overtime:** 76-75, vs. Purdue (3/16/24)  
**Lost a game in overtime:** 73-77, vs. Oregon (2/22/25)  
**Played a 2-overtime game:** win vs. Indiana (80-73), 1/7/21  
**Played a 3-overtime game:** loss vs. Indiana (85-86), 2/16/87  
**Played in consecutive OT games:** at Penn State (2/8/23) and at Nebraska (2/11/23)

## Miscellaneous

**Hit a buzzer beater:** vs. Purdue, 3/16/24 (Chucky Hepburn scores layup, UW 66-66)  
**Won after trailing by at least 10 pts in second half:** 10 vs. SMU, 12/22/23 (down 40-30, 13:00 remaining - won 69-61)  
**Won after trailing by at least 15 pts in second half:** 17 vs. Indiana, 12/8/21 (down 42-25, 19:43 remaining - won 64-59)  
**UW scored 10 straight points or more:** 11-0 (15:30 1H) vs Penn State (3/8/25)  
**UW scored 15 straight points or more:** 24-0 (10:45 - 2:44 1H) vs. App State (11/10/24)  
**UW held opp. scoreless 5:00+ min:** 5:03 (11:15 1H - 6:12 1H) vs. Oregon (2/22/25)  
**UW held opp. scoreless for 8:00+ min:** 8:42 (7:42 1H - 19:18 2H) vs. Michigan (12/3/24)

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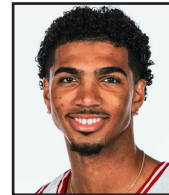
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Junior  
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**GUARD**  
**4 Kamari McGee**

Senior, 6-0, 180  
 Racine, Wis.



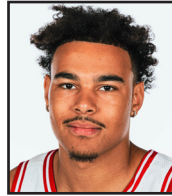
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Freshman  
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**FORWARD**  
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**GUARD**  
**9 John Tonje**

Grad Student, 6-4, 215  
 North Omaha, Neb.



**GUARD**  
**11 Max Klesmit**

Senior, 6-4, 200  
 Neenah, Wis.



**FORWARD**  
**13 Xavier Amos**

Junior  
 Chicago, Ill.



**GUARD**  
**14 Aidan Konop**

Freshman  
 Sussex, Wis.



**GUARD**  
**15 Isaac Gard**

Junior, 6-2, 165  
 Oregon, Wis.



**FORWARD**  
**18 Riccardo Greppi**

Freshman  
 Italy



**FORWARD**  
**21 Chris Hodges**

Junior, 6-9, 250  
 Schaumburg, Ill.



**FORWARD**  
**22 Steven Crowl**

Grad Student, 7-0, 247  
 Eagan, Minn.



**GUARD**  
**25 John Blackwell**

Sophomore, 6-4, 203  
 Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



**FORWARD**  
**31 Nolan Winter**

Sophomore, 7-0, 220  
 Lakeville, Minn.



**GUARD**  
**33 Jack Janicki**

R-Freshman, 6-5, 190  
 White Bear Lake, Minn.



**FORWARD**  
**35 Markus Ilver**

Senior, 6-9, 225  
 Tallinn, Estonia



**HEAD COACH**  
**Greg Gard**

10th season at Wisconsin



**ASSOC. HEAD COACH**  
**Joe Krabbenhoft**

9th season at Wisconsin



**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**Sharif Chambliss**

4th season at Wisconsin



**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**Lance Randall**

1st season at Wisconsin



**SPECIAL AST TO HEAD COACH**  
**Kirk Penney**

2nd season at Wisconsin



**DIR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**  
**Greg Stiemsma**

1st season at Wisconsin



**STRENGTH COACH**  
**Jim Snider**

20th season at Wisconsin



**ATHLETIC TRAINER**  
**Brent Neuhardt**

6th season at Wisconsin

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3 Camren Hunter	G	6-2	222	4th / Jr.	Bryant, Ark. (Bryant/Central Arkansas)	
4 Kamari McGee	G	6-0	181	4th / Sr.	Racine, Wis. (Racine St. Catherine's)	cuh-MAR-ee
5 Daniel Freitag	G	6-2	181	Fr. / Fr.	Bloomington, Minn. (Breck)	FREE-tag
7 Carter Gilmore	F	6-7	225	5th / Sr.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)	
9 John Tonje	G	6-5	218	Gr. / Gr.	N. Omaha, Neb. (Omaha Central/Missouri)	TAHN-jay
11 Max Klesmit	G	6-4	204	5th / Sr.	Neenah, Wis. (Neenah)	KLEZ-mitt
13 Xavier Amos	F	6-7	216	Jr. / Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young/NIU)	EX-zavier A-miss
14 Aidan Konop	G	6-2	195	Fr. / Fr.	Sussex, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)	cuh-NOP
15 Isaac Gard	G	6-3	170	3rd / Jr.	Oregon, Wis. (Oregon)	
18 Riccardo Greppi	F	6-10	255	Fr. / Fr.	Lecco, Italy (Verona, Italy)	
21 Chris Hodges	F	6-9	257	4th / Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill. (Schaumburg)	
22 Steven Crowl	F	7-0	248	5th / Sr.	Eagan, Minn. (Eastview)	(rhymes with growl)
25 John Blackwell	G	6-4	203	2nd / So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)	
31 Nolan Winter	F	7-0	235	2nd / So.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville North)	
33 Jack Janicki	G	6-5	198	2nd / R-Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn. (White Bear Lake)	juh-NICK-EE
35 Markus Ilver	F	6-9	232	4th / Sr.	Tallinn, Estonia (Western Reserve Academy)	ILL-ver



# **WISCONSIN MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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## TEAM

### An inside look at Wisconsin basketball's 'new-school,' pro-driven game day approach

By Jesse Temple  
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MADISON, Wis. — It's two hours and 10 minutes before tipoff when the first members of Wisconsin's basketball playing rotation begin to trickle onto the Kohl Center court. Time, as it has come to be known, for vitamins.

That's the term first-year director of player development Greg Stiemsma has given to this staggered, game-specific shooting session with individual coaching that lasts no longer than 15 minutes per player. Much like taking actual vitamins, it's something Stiemsma says players need every day for the health and well-being of their game. Stiemsma implemented the drill — and borrowed the term — upon arrival at Wisconsin after seeing it work for the NBA's San Antonio Spurs while serving in their player development office.

Over the next hour, in the leadup to Wisconsin coach Greg Gard addressing the team in the locker room, you can find the Badgers here, sweating through a workout as part of a completely overhauled game day routine, of which The Athletic gained an all-access look into last week. It is one of several recent adjustments Gard has made to adapt to a landscape that he says necessitates better shooters and more scoring.

Wisconsin, at the behest of Stiemsma, has eschewed the old-school group shootaround five hours before tipoff that kept players on their feet for too long. Now, no more than two rotational players occupy one side of the floor at a time, with guards at one basket and bigs at the other.

Assistant coach Sharif Chambliss and special assistant to the head coach Kirk Penney drill the guards, while bigs work with Stiemsma, the former Badger who appeared in 203 NBA games over four seasons. Each session is different based on skill set. Some players work on 3-pointers from the wing running toward the pass and fading to the corner, while others break down imaginary defenders off the dribble or post up on the block. In between, they take free throws.

Intentional instruction, even for small pointers, is a critical component. When wing John Tonje misfires a 3-pointer, Chambliss encourages him to "keep the off-hand up." Tonje buries his next two 3s.

The goal is simple: Take as many shots at rapid-fire succession as possible from the areas players can expect to see in-game based on the scouting report. Do so closer to tipoff in short

bursts with coaching to develop muscle memory and build confidence. Chambliss says when forward Nolan Winter scored in the season opener on a post move similar to his pregame workout, the bench yelled out: "Vitamins!"

"This new industry is snowballing and it's coming quick," Stiemsma says. "It's more than just our ability to pay people. The money was the big change and the transfer portal and all that. If that's the only thing you're doing now, then I think you're going to get left behind. You've got to find an edge somewhere to have a one-percent advantage."

Gard's willingness to find that edge with a reworked coaching staff is only part of the program facelift. Players say the proof, so far anyway, is apparent.

Wisconsin averages 83.7 points per game and has scored at least 79 points in each of its first three games for the first time in 17 seasons. The Badgers have done so by making (10) and attempting (27) more 3-pointers per game than at any time for the program since the NCAA adopted the 3-point line in 1986-87. And, though a small sample, they also lead the country in free throw shooting at 92.5 percent (49 for 53).

Gard hopes the changes he and the staff have implemented, which includes a shift toward advanced analytics, will lead to long-term success. The biggest challenge to date comes Friday night at home when Wisconsin (3-0) plays No. 9 Arizona (2-0), which averages 97.5 points per game and beat the Badgers by 25 points last season in Tucson, Ariz.

The pregame routine

During the offseason, Gard talked about moving toward a professional-style model in recruiting, player acquisition and roster building given the NIL and transfer portal system. That's why he changed his staff to include Stiemsma, assistant coach Lance Randall and director of recruiting and scouting Isaac Wodajo. Wisconsin lost three rotational players, including two starters, to the portal and added three transfers, including Tonje, who has emerged as the team's leading scorer. But the pro model also has filtered into day-to-day concepts.

"What we do now on game day and how we approach that makes me feel like I'm so much more prepared," Badgers guard Max Klesmit says. "It just makes you feel like a pro."

Coaches have added a walk-through session called "Shine Time" to make final polishes six hours before tip-off. Last Thursday, ahead of a 7 p.m. game against Montana State, the team met on the Kohl Center court at 1 p.m. Reserves returned later for a series of three-on-three games, and rotation players began taking the floor for vitamins around 4:50 p.m. Penney, who played 15 professional seasons and was inducted this year into the FIBA Hall of Fame, says the routine resembles what he experienced overseas.

During Shine Time, the coach who has the opposing team's scout — it was associate head coach Joe Krabbenhoft for the Montana State game — spends roughly 15 minutes discussing how the opponent will attack offensively. Krabbenhoft, Penney, Stiemsma, forward Markus

Illver and a team manager wore blue jerseys with white tops while running through half-court sets to simulate Montana State. The rest of the session was spent with Gard calling out the offensive sets Wisconsin would run.

"They're reminders on both ends of the floor because we know with the constant shift in rosters that you may not have a guy here for three or four or five years that understands all the concepts of what we want to do," Gard says. "So we continue to try to teach and ingrain those at every opportunity you have."

Building relationships with a roster that includes six new scholarship players is an area of emphasis, so players head straight from their walk-through to a mandatory team meal. Klesmit says there are no cell phones to prevent distractions and encourage conversation. In the past, players could come and go as they pleased or eat elsewhere.

Gard has been intentional about evolving the program to reflect changes in the sport. Hall of Fame coach Bo Ryan ran the swing offense, which is how the Badgers came to be known while Gard served as his assistant. Wisconsin no longer operates out of that system and began utilizing a ball-screen continuity offense that Penney helped implement when he arrived last season. It is a motion-based approach that creates advantages through continuous wing and middle ball screens between a guard and the four- or five-man.

Wisconsin went from averaging 65.3 points per game two seasons ago to 74.7 points per game last season. Penney, one of four staffers who played for the Badgers, says that's generally the kind of jump that comes with a head-coaching change and not typically associated with a ninth-year head coach, as Gard was last season.

"It's a huge credit to coach Gard," says Wisconsin forward Carter Gilmore, a fifth-year senior. "He isn't the same as Bo Ryan. To see coach Gard trust himself, know what he wants, where he wants this program to go and what pieces he needs to help him get there I think is a big thing."

"You hear so much, especially since I've been here, of, 'We need to be more new-school. We can't be the old Wisconsin way.' And I think the coaches have done a tremendous job of adapting to that while keeping the core Wisconsin values and principles the same."

The film study

Gard says spacing has changed significantly in the last 10 years due to the trickle-down effect from the NBA, and the new offense emphasizes stretching out opponents vertically and horizontally. He wants as many shots as possible to come on open 3-pointers, shots at the rim or free throws while eliminating mid-range jumpers because points-per-possession statistics have shown them to be less effective. During a film session the morning after Wisconsin dispatched Montana State 79-67, Gard informed players that 75 of their 79 points came on 3-pointers, shots at the rim or free throws, exactly what he wants.

When players walk into the team meeting room to review film of the previous night's game,

they take their seats and see a screen that lists how they performed on their 2024-25 season goals board. It features a list of 10 measures for success Gard and his staff have determined, with offensive marks in gray, defensive marks in red and a motion W logo signaling an achieved goal.

They are: 1. Win the game; 2. Offensive points per possession above one point; 3. Defensive points per possession below one point; 4. Fewer than 10 turnovers committed; 5. Make more free throws than the opponent attempts; 6. Defensive effective field goal percentage below 48 percent; 7. Fewer than 28 opponent points in the paint; 8. Fewer than 8 points allowed in transition defense; 9. Defensive rebound percentage of better than 73 percent; 10. More than 6 kills.

A kill, Gard explains later, is when Wisconsin's defense forces three consecutive stops. The only two marks Wisconsin did not meet in either of its first two games were committing fewer than 10 turnovers and a defensive effective field goal percentage of less than 48 percent. The Badgers excelled in both two days after the film review in an 87-56 victory against Appalachian State.

For 15 minutes, Gard runs through 29 plays from the Montana State game, 20 of which occur during the first half. They feature a wide range of points, including the importance of playing off two feet in the lane rather than playing off-balance and being more prone to commit a turnover or take a bad shot. Gard hasn't abandoned the defensive principles that were a staple of Wisconsin basketball for so long and addresses how to defend ball screens and areas on the court where players need to help. Assistant coaches offer pointers from the back row.

The next four minutes are spent doing something Gard has not done before with his players — evaluating analytics. Players view an advanced shot chart that highlights field-goal percentage on non-transition shots excluding rim put-backs based on location of the court, with those markers in red, yellow or green depending on success rate. The larger the circle around the space, the higher the volume of overall shots taken there.

There are several additional markers for offensive and defensive player analysis, listed by name like a postgame box score: individual points per possession, offensive player efficiency, offensive usage rate, turnover rate, rim shot attempt rate and defensive rebound rate, among others. Gard doesn't want "paralysis by analysis" and picks categories he believes most impact winning. He says he will review lineup data later in the season to determine the most effective ones.

Gard notes it's important for players to see the science behind the rules so they understand, for example, the value of taking more 2-pointers at the rim. At one point, Tonje asks video coordinator AJ Van Handel, who runs the analytics session for the team, to return to a previous screen so he can see a specific defensive player marker. Players say the shift toward more information postgame, much like the game day routine itself, has been beneficial.

"Having those numbers up there, having the green spots, having the red spots and just going over where the shots that we want are has been a huge help," Gilmore says. "We've always heard it, and as a player you kind of know, but when you see the stats to back it up, it's another extra bump in the right direction of, 'This is what we want and this is what works.'"

Before the film session wraps and players put away their notebooks to take the practice floor, Gard reminds them about the future. He says the intention in compiling this schedule was to ramp up the competition as the non-conference season progressed. In that regard, Arizona represents a significant step in testing this team's new approach.

"I think we're definitely moving in the right direction," Stiemsma says. "For me, the draw of this job to come here was to be a part of this big change. The wave has started. I think we're trying to ride it in an efficient way."

## 'Everyone Is Shocked.' The Inside Story of Wisconsin's Extreme Makeover

By Seth Davis  
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The revolution started with an impromptu visit. It was August of 2023 and Kirk Penney, a former All Big Ten guard who played for Wisconsin from 1999 to 2003 and was visiting Madison with his family, stopped by the basketball office to say hello. Greg Gard, the Badgers' coach, was eager to pick his brain. Penney had recently wrapped up a 14-year professional career, mostly overseas, and unbeknownst to him Gard had been marinating on ideas to modernize Wisconsin's famously glacial offense. He wanted to know what Penney thought.

"I don't know," Penney replied. "I'd have to see the players."

A few days later, Penney returned to watch Gard and his staff conduct a workout. When it was over, Penney told him, "I think we can do better." That led to more conversations, which led to Penney joining Gard's staff as Special Assistant to the Head Coach and de facto offensive coordinator. And that has led to stodgy old Wisconsin morphing at warp speed into an unrecognizable, futuristic, modern-day offensive juggernaut. And all without sacrificing winning. Since beginning the season unranked, the Badgers have climbed to No. 24 in this week's AP poll. They are tied for fourth place in the Big Ten with a 5-3 record (15-4 overall). And lest anyone think a quicker pace means sloppier play, the Badgers are ranked No. 11 on KenPom in adjusted offensive efficiency, which would be the highest of Gard's tenure and the fourth-highest for the school in the KenPom era. "It's exciting," says 7-foot fifth-year senior forward Steven Crowl, who is one of five Badgers averaging double-figure scoring (10.4) while also putting

up 5.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.

"Everyone is shocked by it. We're Wisconsin, we're known for our slower pace, kind of making a grind-it-up game. But if we weren't willing to adapt, we could be stuck in the past."

Just how different is this version of Wisconsin? Heading into Tuesday's game at UCLA, the Badgers were:

- Averaging 82.4 points per game. That ranked 28th in the country and was the most at the school since the 1970-'71 season. That season is also the last time Wisconsin finished in the top 50 nationally in scoring.

- Ranked 155th nationally in tempo, the highest the Badgers have been since KenPom began tracking that category in 1997. In Gard's previous nine seasons as head coach, Wisconsin's average tempo rank was 321.3, including No. 304 last season. Only once before under Gard were the Badgers even in the top 300.

- Making 9.3 three-pointers on 26.8 attempts. Both would be the highest at the school since the inception of the three-point line in 1986-87.

Wisconsin has reached the 80-point mark in 12 of its 19 games, including a Kohl Center record 116 (on 21 made threes) in a win over Iowa on Jan. 3. The Badgers also scored 103 in a Nov. 15 win over Arizona, making this the first season since 1995-'96 they have hit the century mark multiple times.

What makes this turnaround especially remarkable is that it was undertaken by a 54-year-old head coach who has been at the school for 24 years, including 14 as an assistant under the previous head coach, Bo Ryan. The fact that Gard was willing to make such radical changes at this stage of his career is as unusual as it is admirable. The players have bought in completely.

"I knew we needed to evolve," Gard says. "As good as the past has been to us, that's not where the game is now and where it's going. With the (transfer) portal and NIL, you have to be really intentional with how you put a team together. The analytics are such a big part of it. We've taken a bigger step into that world, the utilization of the three, the spacing. It's been about a three-year evolution."

Gard had already started down this path by the time Penney visited two summers ago. "I had an idea of where I wanted to take this. I just didn't know how to quite get it there," he says. Penney owned the map, having bounced as a player from his native New Zealand to the NBA G League to Germany, Spain, Australia and various points in between. Penney also spent one season in Israel playing for Maccabi Tel Aviv, whose former coach, David Blatt, is a basketball savant whose innovative concepts (many borrowed from his days playing for Pete Carril in the Princeton offense) enabled him to become one of the most successful international coaches of all time. Penney didn't play for Blatt, but he did play in his offense at Tel Aviv. When he left that team to play for the New Zealand Breakers, Penney convinced his new squad to implement Blatt's system.

Following his retirement, Penney spent the 2019-20 season as consultant and play-

er personnel director under Tony Bennett at Virginia. He spent the next two-and-a-half years in New Zealand under lockdown because of the Covid-19 pandemic. By the time Gard offered him a chance to come back to his alma mater, Penney was ready, eager and available.

The results were immediate. Last season, the Badgers scored 74.7 points per game, their highest average in 30 years. There are two main differences between Ryan's Swing offense and the David Blatt clone that Penney has implemented. First, instead of focusing on off-ball cuts and screens and swinging the ball from side to side (hence the name "Swing"), Wisconsin now utilizes an NBA-style, ball screen-heavy attack that empowers the players to react to the defense instead of hewing to scripted patterns. "It's like a read offense in football," Crowl says. "There's a flow to it. You don't really have to think too much, which is the best part. You can just play basketball."

The other difference is that the offense allows – and even encourages – field goal attempts early in the shot clock. "Our points per possession have been really good when we're shooting early, because we're shooting the good ones," Penney says. "It really helps to have big guys who pass well. When you shoot well within the system, you can score a lot of points."

There's another means by which this team scores a lot of points, and that's free throws. Wisconsin currently leads the nation in free throw percentage at 85.5 percent, which is on pace to set a new NCAA record. Thanks to the new spacing and aggressive driving, the Badgers also get to the line often, averaging 18.3 attempts per game. If that holds up, it will be the most at the school since that 1970-71 season. When 6-foot-5 senior guard John Tonje, a transfer from Missouri, scored 41 points (two shy of the school record set by Frank Kaminsky in 2013) in that win over Arizona, he shot 21 of 22 from the foul line.

Gard is reluctant to take credit for this particular upgrade. "When people ask what's your secret to shooting free throws so well, my answer is, recruit good shooters," he says. "We're doing the same drills we did when we shot 68 percent from the line three years ago."

That may be true, but the team's gameday routine has also undergone an extreme makeover thanks to the addition of another former Badger with professional experience, Greg Stiemsma. After playing for Wisconsin from 2004-08, Stiemsma embarked on a seven-year career as a journeyman pro, including one-year stints with four different NBA teams. He went on to spend two years as a Player Development Associate with the Minnesota Timberwolves and one year as a Video Assistant with the San Antonio Spurs. Like Penney, Stiemsma jumped at the chance to return to his alma mater (and native home state) last summer. He has brought an NBA-style approach to the Badgers' game day routine. Instead of conducting a full group shootarounds like most college teams, Wisconsin breaks up its workouts into smaller groups, which provides for more shots (including lots of free throws) in a shorter amount of time. The

team calls those drills "vitamins," which is the same term the Spurs used.

Just as he has done with Penney, Gard has given Stiemsma great latitude to implement procedures that will both prepare this team to win games and the players to succeed as pros. "The amount of change that he has embraced here in a short amount of time has been pretty incredible," Stiemsma says. "It's a pretty exciting time right now for Wisconsin basketball."

Gard laughs at the suggestion that he had to break the news of this shift to Ryan gently. "We're a decade beyond him coaching. I think we're out of that shadow," he says. There's nothing wrong with the way Ryan played – his way of doing things got him into the Hall of Fame, after all – but given how quickly things have changed in college basketball, Gard was smart to realize he was at risk if his program didn't adapt to the times. The success this team is having makes you wonder what other changes might be on the horizon in Madison.

"Coach Gard has been a little bit shy about taking the credit, but this is happening because he put the right people in place," Stiemsma says. "He's not fighting the change, he's embracing it and he's gassing it up as much as he can. It's going to be exciting to see where all this goes."

## Wisconsin men's basketball team backs Los Angeles in time of need

By Sophia Ross  
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Volunteering at the Westside Food Bank during its week-long stay in Los Angeles was always the plan for the Wisconsin men's basketball team.

Wqinton Smith, the Associate Director of Engagement and Community Outreach at Wisconsin Athletics, described it as part of Wisconsin's mission of "developing the holistic student-athlete."

"It's not just about the playing field but it's about passions and desires outside of the sport. Community service is one way that we really develop our student-athletes and their self discovery and self-awareness," said Smith, who planned the volunteering excursion in L.A. on Jan. 20, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

What certainly was not anticipated, by the Wisconsin team, the city of Los Angeles or the rest of the country, were the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the L.A. area the last several weeks.

Some 50,000 acres of land in the area have been burned from multiple fires, several of which are still not entirely contained. Entire suburbs have been wiped out, leaving scenes that closer resemble a war zone than a neighborhood. Far too many homes, businesses and lives have been lost, leaving a city in mourning.

But Los Angeles and its people are resilient.

Since the first of the fires began on Jan. 7, thousands of volunteers have flocked to centers such as the Westside Food Bank, which is located in Santa Monica.

According to Shaun Dryer, Community Engagement Manager for the food bank, "Westside Food Bank belongs to a federal funded program called TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), and it is designed to provide food for low income families."

Food boxes are then passed out at pop-up pantries hosted by the center.

Many volunteers are simply looking to help in any way possible, and for the Wisconsin basketball team, a volunteering opportunity planned weeks prior to the fires became even more significant.

"Paying close attention to the news and seeing how devastating the fires were, we knew that the food pantry would receive an uptick in the amount of services that they needed to provide," Smith said. "So it definitely changed the lens in which we originally went into it with."

The Badgers' team, staff and coaches came to California for two games against USC and UCLA. They beat USC on Saturday, Jan. 18, and lost to UCLA a few days later on Jan. 21. But on an off day between the games, Dryer said the UW-Madison team helped pack 357 TEFAP boxes for community members in need.

"I gave them a goal of 200, and they demolished that number," said Dryer.

The impact of the experience at the Westside Food Bank wasn't lost on the players and coaches.

"It's a simple thing to do— put food in boxes with a bunch of guys—but leaving there, I felt a lot better about myself and our team, being able to help a lot of people that really need it," said redshirt freshman guard Jack Janicki.

The UW-Madison roster is made up of student-athletes like Janicki, primarily from the Midwest. Not a single player this season is from anywhere near Los Angeles, so the true impact of the wildfires was perhaps unknown prior to their arrival on the West Coast.

"I think going into it, they didn't really know what to expect," said Smith. "But when we talked about how the California fires would affect food insecurity for a lot of individuals, that's when I saw them going back onto the bus, and you could see they were like, 'Wow, I didn't know it was this devastating.'"

The acts of kindness provided by the Wisconsin team certainly didn't go unnoticed.

"This spirit demonstrates the kind of care for others that lifts the hearts of a community in crisis," said Westside Food Bank President and CEO Genevieve Riutort. "We are so grateful and admire them for being a model of service even when they are far from home."

For Janicki, some things simply go beyond the sport.

"As a student-athlete, especially men's basketball at this point in the year, it's really easy to get caught up with basketball-related issues, and it's so important to look at the world outside of you and realize things are so much bigger than that," he said. "Being able to go to

L.A. in the middle of the season and realize how that comes second to basic human decency and helping others in need, I think it gave us a lot of perspective."

## Why a Wisconsin offense 'that's hard to stop' could pay dividends on the recruiting trail

By Jim Polzin

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MADISON, Wis. — team has scored 116 points in one game and 103 in another this season.

A world in which the No. 18 Badgers (15-4, 5-3 Big Ten) have lost games with final scorelines of 86-80, 88-74 and, on Tuesday night, 85-83 at UCLA.

When Greg Gard said "the game has changed" following an 88-74 loss at Marquette back in December, the Wisconsin coach wasn't kidding.

"College basketball," Gard added that day, "if you want to win at a high level, you have to score."

That means you have to find scorers on the recruiting trail, whether it's through the transfer portal, the good-old fashioned high school ranks or the overseas route.

Gard is prepared to leave no stone unturned to make sure this offensive renaissance at Wisconsin is sustainable and not just a two-year fad. He also wants to make it clear that he hasn't turned his back on the other end of the court.

When asked Friday if he's willing to give up a little defense to get more offense while constructing his roster, Gard pushed back.

"It's a bigger question ... than just are you looking for scoring more than defense," Gard said while offering an important reminder that coaching staffs are operating on a year-by-year basis when it comes to building rosters in the player-movement era of college athletics. "Obviously offense is an important part of it, but I wouldn't say defense is devalued or less valued. It's just where the game is right now with how it's being played, how it's being called."

Gard went on to say that finding shooters at every position is the goal, which makes now as good a time as any to point out that the Badgers' game against Nebraska (12-7, 2-6) on Sunday at the Kohl Center will feature a potentially awkward homecoming.

Cornhuskers junior guard Connor Essegian spent his first two seasons at Wisconsin. He was a baby-faced assassin from 3-point range who became a fan favorite almost instantly and, as Essegian's minutes dwindled last season, some fans blamed Gard for not playing him more.

So, yes, there was some irony Friday when Gard was raving about the importance of finding shooters in this era of offense 48 hours before one of the purest he's ever had in that depart-

ment makes his return as an opponent.

Essegian, who is shooting 41.5% from beyond the arc in Nebraska, has regained the form he showed during his first two months in a Wisconsin uniform. He's averaging 11.5 points off the bench for the Cornhuskers, who have lost five consecutive games.

Realistically, however, Essegian likely would be stuck in the same position he was in year ago had he remained with the Badgers this season. John Blackwell, Max Klesmit and John Tonje get — and deserve — most of the minutes at Wisconsin's guard and wing spots, with Kamari McGee emerging as a dependable sixth-man option this season. That would have left Essegian, whose defense was a liability at times at Wisconsin, fighting for scraps in the rotation.

Wisconsin ranked top-20 nationally last season in efficiency with Essegian mostly riding the bench, and the Badgers are ranked in the top 10 in that category this season.

Tonje, who leads the Badgers in scoring at 17.5 points per game, said he studied film on Wisconsin offense while weighing his options in the portal last spring. He liked what he saw.

"I like how it's made for guys to be efficient and share the ball and be able to lean on multiple guys night in and night out and not just rely on one or two guys," Tonje said. "It's kind of more of a balanced thing, and an offense at times that's hard to stop."

What Gard and his staff now have at their disposal to sell to recruits is an extended stretch of offensive excellence. Plus, this team is playing at a faster pace than any of his others.

It remains to be seen if that'll be enough to help Gard secure commitments from the type of high-end recruits that can take a program to the next level but have eluded the Badgers recently. He got some bad news in that department Friday when Harun Zrno, a sharpshooter from Bosnia, chose Indiana over the Badgers and others.

But Gard remains optimistic this offensive transformation will pay dividends in the long run.

"This is an appealing way to play," Gard said. "It's up tempo, but it's also really efficient. It's smart. It's not wild."

What's wild is the Badgers' ability to light up the scoreboard the way they have this season. Win or lose, they've been entertaining.

## COACHES

### Greg Gard's Badgers pile up points, but also wins this time

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MADISON, Wis. — Greg Gard can be excused for not remembering the late John Powless was the coach of a unique Wisconsin men's basketball team that scored a lot of points but didn't win a lot of games.

Paced by senior guard Clarence Sherrod, a second-team All-Big Ten selection, the Badgers averaged 86.3 points but finished with an overall record of 9-15 (4-10 in the league) for Powless.

There were notable dates during that 1970-71 season.

Dec. 1, 1970 — The Badgers outscored Eastern Illinois, 102-84.

Dec. 3, 1970 — Gard was born in Cobb, Wisconsin.

Dec. 5, 1970 — The Badgers outscored Michigan Tech, 114-70.

That UW team scored 80 or more points 15 times during that season, matching the school record of 15 set by John Erickson's 1963-64 Badgers, who had an even worse record (8-16; 2-12).

Why is this ancient history important? Gard's current UW team is on pace to move past both of those previous ones since the Badgers have scored at least 80 points 13 times in 2024-25.

That's the most in 53 years, since the 1971-72 team also did it 13 times.

Wisconsin is winning, too. Winning a lot. On the heels of overpowering Nebraska, 83-55, Sunday at the Kohl Center, the Badgers are 16-4 on the season and 6-3 in the Big Ten.

"Offensively, we're a handful," Gard understated.

Along with scoring 80-plus points in three straight games (including an 85-83 loss at UCLA), Wisconsin is averaging 82.5 points, the highest mark since Powless' record-setting team in 1970-71.

According to Gard, it's all part of a process in terms of "schematically how we've designed this as we've made this kind of shift, so to speak, and evolution offensively."

That entails trading mid-range 2-pointers for 3-pointers and shots at the rim. "So it's part system, it's part players," he said. "We've got really good players who buy into it and love playing in it."

Before the Nebraska game, Gard pitched, "This is an appealing way to play. It's up-tempo but it's also really efficient, it's smart, it's not wild where we are for the most part under control."

He went on to list the selling points: "The spacing, the ability to shoot 3s, whether in

transition or the half court, and the ability and opportunity to play in pick and rolls ..."

Say what? Pick and rolls? "Which they all want to play at the next level," Gard insisted, "regardless if it's NBA or overseas. That's just where the game is right now."

What has been making it all click for the Badgers is not only the personality of the retooled offense but the personnel who execute the attack, starters and top reserves alike.

"It's an unselfish group who doesn't care who gets the credit," Gard said.

Selflessness has been a program trademark, and it travels. Chucky Hepburn transferred to Louisville and recently broke that school's single season record with 16 assists against SMU.

In the Nebraska win, the Badgers had 18 assists on 30 made field goals. Off the bench, Xavier Amos had four helpers while Steven Crawl, Max Klesmit and Carter Gilmore had three each.

On the season, the 7-foot Crawl, a graduate senior, has 50 assists, second only to Klesmit's 54. Gard has always referred to the post as a good playmaking position. Crawl personifies it.

"You don't always have to shoot it," he said, "but it really pulls the fire alarm on the defense when you throw it that close to the basket and you've got a 7-footer who makes good decisions."

Crawl and fellow 7-footer Nolan Winter will be challenged on the road Wednesday by Maryland's big man duo of senior Julian Reece (6-9, 252) and freshman Derik Queen (6-10, 246).

Last week, the Terps had an impressive 91-70 win at Illinois (where the Badgers lost in December), and it was triggered by Reece (27 points, 17 rebounds) and Queen (25 points).

Maryland had 62 points in the paint, the most by any Big Ten team this season.

Reece is the younger brother of Angel Reece, an All-Star with the Chicago Sky in the WNBA. Queen was a McDonald's All-American and five-star prospect. He has seven 20-point games.

In his college debut, Queen, a Baltimore native, had 22 points and 20 rebounds against Manhattan. A product of Montverde Academy (Florida), he's the team's leading scorer.

Winners of three straight and five of the last six, the red-hot Terps (16-5, 6-4) are averaging 83.3 points, their highest mark in 23 years.

Maryland has had five different players score 20 or more points in a game, underlining the team's balanced offense. All five starters are averaging double-digits. Sound familiar?

Each of the UW's starters is averaging 10 or more points while first sub Kamari McGee is approaching that level with a 7.3 average bolstered by his 3-point range.

"They're opportunistic," Gard said of his players as a whole. "We don't come into a game with a predetermined mindset that player A, B or C has to get so many shots.

"You take what the defense gives you."

The last time the Badgers played in the XFINITY Center in College Park, Maryland — on Jan. 25, 2023 — they lost 73-55. Their top scorer that day was Connor Essegian. So much has changed.

Last season, Wisconsin swept the Terps by winning games at the Kohl Center in February and during the Big Ten Tournament in March at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Although three of the UW's four losses this season have been on the road, Gard has been pragmatic about the scheduling, a message he has been delivering to the locker room.

"I never make a big deal of home or road," Gard said. "We never had. That's why our consistency and success — whether it's here or it's on the road — has been pretty good.

"Preparation is the same. We have a game plan. If you zero in on what you're supposed to be doing, what happens outside the lines doesn't matter, whether it's crowd noise for or against you."

Last week, the Badgers played on the West Coast. This week, it's the East Coast.

"We're flying around on a private chartered plane," he said, adding context. "We'll have some nice box meals for sure when we fly to Maryland and stay in a good hotel.

"There's much more difficult things in life that you could be doing than changing time zones playing basketball. So I don't make a big deal out of it because I don't think it's a big deal."

This weekend, they will be taking a bus to Chicago for Saturday's game at Northwestern. It lines up with Gard's mindset, "Go play, wherever they want us to play next."

Like his players, he's scoring points with the approach.

## Greg Gard and Wisconsin embrace change in college basketball, yet stay true to program's foundation

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MADISON, Wis. — It's April 18th, 2024. A cooler, cloudier day for mid-Spring in Wisconsin, warm enough nonetheless. But around the world of college hoops, a storm was brewing, as college stars all over the country were seeing what else might be out there, and entering the transfer portal.

That afternoon, to be specific, just minutes after the noon hour central time, Wisconsin saw one of its own in point guard Chucky Hepburn enter the portal, with early Badger247 reports of Louisville being a key team to watch for him, to the tune of an overture in NIL money- around three quarters of a million dollars. Hepburn gave everything he had for the Badgers for three good years, and is now helping to lead the Cardinals, while the Badgers are finding plenty of major success in their own right this Winter.

As Ice-T said 30-plus years ago, Don't Hate the Player, Hate the Game.

But Hepburn was a fan favorite, a very solid and consistent player on both ends of the floor for Wisconsin, having developed since being a true freshman under Greg Gard, at a position that Gard always finds success with coaching- his lead guard spot. Badger fans in and around Madison were saddened, frustrated and even concerned after seeing this departure, which followed the previous exit of one-year transfer star, AJ Storr.

The coaching staff at Wisconsin certainly wasn't jumping for joy with the Hepburn news. But, as there always has been, there would be a plan in place for Wisconsin under head coach Greg Gard.

"No one could have predicted, five years ago, that we'd be here now as a sport. We do have those conversations today, and who knows where it will be in five years from now?," Wisconsin associate head coach Joe Krabbenhoft told Badger247.

"But, Coach has continued to push to stay ahead, try to put ourselves in a position to continue to have success. It's gonna look different: it already looks different this year, and it will look different next year than it was now. But, it's our job that he has tasked us with and continues to push us with, to give him ideas, work on it, never be afraid to go out on a limb, and make decisions that are best for the team, all in the same breath."

The plan this time, would actually be quite simple yet overly effective: further retention. Make sure to retain other key parts of the roster, while also diving fully into the offensive changes and tweaks that the staff had been working on installing the last two years collectively with Kirk Penney, highlighting more spacing, more pacing, versatility on both ends, and more scoring.

"I wouldn't say it was one, epiphany moment, not like I had had this A-Ha moment, but it was really just how I watched the game change, and how maybe some teams were approaching it, and maybe how some teams haven't changed things, and how it has affected those teams.

It was, alright, the first realization is you have to score more. I don't care how you do it, but you have to score more. Just in how the game is now. The rules are emphasized and put into place, to produce more scoring," head coach Greg Gard told Badger247.

"It's been a natural progression to move to where we are, and I think we are still evolving. You never want to say you're at the finish line, because that means you're not getting better. You have to continue to grow and evolve and find things. I think we've found a pretty good happy medium."

Gard and the Badgers certainly have, with the offense averaging 82 points per game- good for 25th in the entire nation.

At a time where the game and the state of college sports as a whole were as transient as ever, outside of the tweaks offensively, Gard and Wisconsin basketball dug even deeper into what has made this program so successful over the years- a beacon of consistency in an ever-changing world, established by hard work and good people.

"He has approached the job in a lot of ways

like he is still an assistant. From the way he recruits, the way he scouts, the way he prepares, the time he puts in on film. He has always kept that hunger to be better, and to never miss something," Krabbenhoft beamed.

"It's a fun challenge to try to grow and evolve and continue to get better, while, making sure that we never forget who we are. That won't happen as long as Greg Gard is here. He'll never forget: he is from Cobb, Wisconsin, and couldn't be more proud to represent the Badgers, Wisconsin and this university. He has never left this border of Wisconsin, with working at Platteville, and Milwaukee, and he's been instrumental about this whole thing. That is his mission, going all the way back to Cobb. He is such a good example for coaches across the nation, and I think he takes a lot of pride in doing it right here in his home state."

Gard spoke in-depth at Big Ten Media Days last October about getting older and staying older, and always trying to stay ahead within this game. One could argue the Wisconsin program has genuinely done that for 15-plus years, seeing back to back Final Four runs, several Sweet Sixteen pushes and countless tournament runs.

From the outside, this year was going to be different. Or, at least it was supposed to be.

After the team lost two standouts to the portal, along with key freshman year contributor Connor Essegian, and Tyler Wahl to graduation, the Badgers were picked to finish just 12th in the now expanded Big Ten conference. Perhaps that could have been fuel for many across the nation, and while it was almost assuredly whispered around the locker room at times, with the note of 'chatter don't matter' from Nolan Winter earlier this year, it really was of no concern to the group inside the walls of the facility.

"We've never really talked about that. Because, we knew, you still have to go out and play the games! So, it's no real fault of their own for the people that made the picks, because they don't get the chance to see us day in and day out. Really with the transient nature of our game, before the season, I couldn't have put in a ton of picks with confidence, just because you don't know who is on what team. You maybe know a few of them, but probably 70% of our conference had a lot of new players on the roster. Let's just pay attention to what we control, and take care of business. Like I said, you still need to go play the games," Gard explained.

The longtime Wisconsin head coach believes in three key reasons for a team's success: talent, chemistry and experience. And while the March Madness story for the 24-25 team is still unwritten, Gard, Krabbenhoft, Sharif Chambliss, Lance Randall, Penney, Marc VandeWettering, Isaac Wodajo and the entire staff have put this roster together nearly to perfection, without any glaring weaknesses and possessing an ability to win in multiple ways.

There is legitimate star power, like All-American John Tonje and budding superstar John Blackwell. Two big time, program-grown posts that play well off of each other in Steven Crowl and Nolan Winter. A glue guy, that can simultaneously shut down the opposing team's top

player and get his own bucket in Max Klesmit.

Off the bench, look no further than a point guard that could be starting on several Big Ten teams in Kamari McGee, and one of the hearts and souls of the team- Wisconsin born and bred Carter Gilmore, and many more. When this team is on, they can hang with and beat anybody in the nation.

But perhaps just as interesting and impressive is how it all came together: high school recruits that have put the time in, walk-ons that have developed into major rotational players. And in this day and age, impact transfers, that can fit the foundation of the University of Wisconsin program.

"There are a lot of factors in those decisions, but, retention is an important piece. Obviously, we've emphasized that and got a lot of guys back from last year's team. Whether they transferred in like Kamari or Max, but, they understand the fabric of the program.

I think if we did it wholesale with all transfers, I don't think it would work. I think your continuity and stability would really be tested, and I think we've been able to find the right balance of retention. And, you mentioned having players that really want to be here, because that is always important regardless of the era," Gard detailed.

To be able to mold all of that together, with a true sense of unselfishness and program-first mentalities, a foundation really needs two things within the program. First and foremost, clear areas of success to point to, which Wisconsin has shown to be one of the most consistent schools in the country for much of this century. Couple that with Gard's development with star wings over the last few years, and it's easy to see why a player like Tonje could thrive in Madison.

But, it isn't just on court stability that is needed. Especially in this day and age when things can be so unpredictable, changing with the addition of an extra zero to an NIL check, stability, consistency and authenticity are needed from the top down. Look no further than Wisconsin's head man: often underappreciated, but recognized for what he does from those that truly follow the college game.

"He is authentically Greg Gard. What you see is what you get, he is gonna tell you the truth.

It ain't rocket science. Authentically, genuinely, Greg Gard, all the same. That is what I think this program, the people in it, the state, the administrators, the university, is what we have come to know and love.

He is unapologetically himself, and we love him for it. It's been a fun ride, and he continues to produce," Krabbenhoft said.

The honesty from Gard, and the staff as a whole, was not just noticed by Krabbenhoft.

There may not be a better representation of what Wisconsin's roster construction aims to be, than with a player like Klesmit. The perfect balance of being a transfer, yet still having deep, deep roots within the state from his preps days, and emerging to become one of the top vocal leaders of the team the last couple seasons. With Klesmit, what you see is indeed also what you get, something that he appreciates about his own coaching staff.

"I think it is really just, their ability to be honest and truthful with you, and that is really for the betterment of yourself and the team. What you need, whether on the court or off the court. I think the one thing I can appreciate more than anything is that they've always been real with me," Klesmit shared.

"Always telling the truth and being upfront about things, whether it is stuff that I like hearing or don't like hearing. It needs to be said, and I think I will always be appreciative of that."

It didn't take long for the culture of the program to resonate with John Tonje, either- a player that has seen himself go from a veteran, solid and productive college basketball player in his sixth year, to one of the top five basketball players in the nation, a surefire pro for many years and even a potential NBA Draft pick after a year under Gard and his staff.

"Yeah, it's been a super perfect fit, because this coaching staff just encourages everybody to be themselves. You know, Wisconsin basketball definitely has a lot of history, and there is a certain culture, but I think within that culture, they encourage guys to be themselves, and I just feel like they've embraced me, from the jump.

It's been a great journey so far, and the coaches have been huge with that," Tonje told Badger247.

Wisconsin is expected to lose several standouts after this season to graduation and eligibility, including Tonje, Crowl, Klesmit, and several others. And while there is an encouraging 2025 class on the way, Gard and the staff know that they'll have to attack the transfer portal again, already set with a general plan in place of positions to identify, to pair with current players such as Blackwell, Winter, Jack Janicki, Xavier Amos and so on.

Gard was able to take some time to discuss the state of the game right now, and compare it to that of the financials in the NBA, as he caught up with Heat front office member and former Wisconsin assistant Brian Hecker in Madison last weekend. Pro leagues are, obviously, businesses first and foremost, but there is the potential for a lot more transparency and financial structure in the Association.

In college, it really can be the Wild, Wild West at times, perhaps quite often. Fortunately for Wisconsin fans, Gard and co. won't blink in these times of change and ambiguity.

"We have a system, we know how we want to play, and then you have to find the right pieces to fit into. The job of me and our staff is continuing to find the really good fits, and not getting consumed with where somebody is ranked, or how much attention they are getting.

Fortunately or unfortunately in college basketball, you have to do it every year. At least in the NBA or NFL, there are multi-year contracts with a little more stability," Gard acknowledged.

"But, that is where we are. And, we have to embrace it. And run to it, not run from it!"

As it turns out, Gard might just now be finding his sweet spot, with the foundation set, and many more fans and observers to be made to believe.

Like a 1998 Ford F-150, Gard and the

Wisconsin program are ready for whatever may come their way.

"What can last? What can last? I think we know the game we play and the kind of people that we are. This. This is built to last," Krabbenhoft said with pride.

## My Words: There is light, I am proof

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I still get choked up whenever I think back to that time in my life. I wasn't in a good place mentally or emotionally.

I was a 20-year-old sophomore center for the Wisconsin men's basketball team in 2005 and I had problems. Things were building – important things that I'd ignored for weeks and months – and, all of a sudden, I was confronted by consequences that I wasn't prepared to handle.

I'd ignored my school work to the point that I was going to be academically ineligible for the spring semester, but I didn't have the nerve to tell anyone – not my parents, coaches, teammates or friends – about my circumstances. I didn't know it at the time but I was dealing with a form of depression. I thought I was alone, struggling under the weight of peer pressure and failed expectations. I didn't know what to do or how to go about dealing with my situation. There were times I wanted to give up and it wasn't just basketball. I had some dark moments in there.

It was around 3 a.m. on a fall morning – the TV was on and I hadn't slept – when I answered a knock at my apartment door. It was the man who changed my life forever.

Henry Perez-Guerra was more than just our athletic trainer with the Badgers. He was an astute, caring, thoughtful man who had been around the UW basketball program for the better part of 20 years. He initially came to check on me because he thought I'd simply had a bad day. I remember thinking, "If he only knew."

Henry and I wound up spending the next three or so hours together. He sensed my pain even when I did my best not to show it. He listened, but didn't judge me. He didn't believe me when I lied and insisted that I was fine. He pushed back in the best way possible. By the time Henry left, we'd both shed some tears and he'd helped me believe there was light at the end of the tunnel. He helped me find a therapist, who diagnosed my depression.

I was always afraid of the consequences – What's this going to look like? Was I going to be labeled this or that? – but I knew I didn't want to be labeled as a quitter. I felt a lot better after coming clean with my parents and my head coach, Bo Ryan.

My teammates then and even now are some of my greatest friends. The camaraderie and the love they showed me after my academic mistake

was huge. I'd let them all down. I didn't take care of my school stuff, so basketball was taken away from me. I was academically ineligible for the second semester.

That was the biggest consequence of my life up to that point. I didn't take care of what needed to be done and it gave me some perspective and made a difference in the type of person I've become. I made mistakes after that – tons of them – but I never let myself get back to that point again.

It also reminds me that there's a solution. If there's something wrong, it's OK to get it taken care of. If your mind isn't right, it's OK to get some help. I'm forever grateful for the help I had getting through it.

When you go through something like that, willingly or not, you're going to be a different person. Once in a while a fan familiar with my situation will reach out to say, "I appreciate your message in college." It reminds me how common mental illness is. And, unfortunately, it still is. It also reminds me that there's a solution. If there's something wrong, it's OK to get it taken care of. If your mind isn't right, it's OK to get some help. I'm forever grateful for the help I had getting through it.

Community has been such a big part of my life. It goes back to this small-town thing – my hometown of Randolph has a population of around 1,200 – knowing there's an entire community supporting me through thick and thin has helped me, just knowing in the back of my head that people are supporting me and I'm challenged to have a positive impact and not let those people down. I try to uplift that community when I can. I know I represent more than myself.

At the top of that list is my extraordinary wife, Emily, and the mother to our three children, daughters, Eastyn and Elize, and son, Richie. Emily never wavered in the face of sorrow and challenges. We buried my dad, Rick, five days before our wedding after a 5-year battle with cancer, but she helped make it all work. Her philosophy: Trust in God that he has a plan for us.

What if Henry hadn't shown up at my door? I really don't know. I don't like to think about it a whole lot. I thought about walking away from UW and basketball. I thought about doing something else. I never was a big fan of school. I thought about joining some of my buddies and working somewhere. I would have been the giant guy swinging a hammer and people would say, "You should be playing basketball somewhere." I had some buddies working in factories back home in Randolph. I could have been an electrician or a plumber. It's hard to say.

Turns out my future was all about basketball, not only playing it and learning it – four seasons in the NBA and two more overseas in Turkey and Korea – but teaching it as well. I'm back in Madison at the Kohl Center, where I've been given an opportunity to work with some of my closest friends and be a part of the Badgers culture as the director of player development. It's been everything that I hoped it would be.

Joe Krabbenhoft, a former UW teammate, is one of my best friends. Sharif Chambliss, another Wisconsin assistant, was a senior when

I was a freshman. Of course, Coach Gard was an assistant back in the early 2000s who came to watch me play high-school ball before I even had my driver's license.

I like to think I have a lot to share with today's student-athletes having spent time with Naismith Hall of Fame coaches like Gregg Popovich and players like Ray Allen, Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce. "Pop", the winningest coach in NBA history, was big into motivating and caring about people. Garnett once showed me the difference 4 inches can make in the position of your feet. I watched how Pierce and Allen were consistently working on the small details of their games.

I can share stories about charter flights, five-star hotels and showing up for NBA games with three new pairs of shoes and a clean uniform folded neatly in my cubicle. But I can also speak about the other side... sitting on a dingy bus in Turkey while our driver stops for a cigarette and a cup of tea. Or helping our NBA equipment guys unload gym bags at 2:30 in the morning.

I'm grateful for all of my experiences and position I'm in now.

Thanks, Henry.

## Lance Randall Has Found His Niche On Wisconsin's Coaching Staff

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LOS ANGELES — As he stood in the batter's box and stared at the opposing pitcher, Lance Randall believed his only focus was making contact and not tripping on his way to first base.

He never thought the kid from Grant High School would one day be the head basketball coach, and his boss, at the University of Wisconsin.

"He struck me out a few times," Randall said smiling. "He was much nicer during hunter safety (classes)."

There's little debate that the offseason addition of John Tonje from Colorado State has yielded massive dividends and a lot of notoriety for the Badgers, but Randall's quiet hiring and wealth of head coaching knowledge have impacted multiple areas of the roster.

"He's a very detail-oriented guy," guard John Blackwell said. "He's helped me for sure with the details that sometimes you don't see in the game. Off the court, he's a great guy to talk to, knows a lot of stuff, and been around the game for a while."

"A while" is an understatement when describing Randall's coaching history. The 52-year-old has coached and succeeded at every level. He won two state high school championships as the head coach of Oshkosh West. He was an associate head coach at UW-Stevens Point when the Pointers won a Division III national champi-

onship. He had been the head coach at three universities - Webster (1997-2000), Lindenwood (2015-19), and Saint Leo (2011-15, 2019-24) - where he left as the program's winningest head coach.

It made Randall an attractive candidate for Greg Gard after assistant coach Dean Oliver's contract wasn't renewed following last season. Believing that he would need to shake up his staff to mirror the changing college basketball landscape, Gard brought in a coach who had experience in virtually every aspect of building a program in 30 years of coaching.

"I try to fill in whenever it's needed and whatever coach needs," Randall said. "Whether it's emotional support, x's and o's, recruiting. Having been a head coach, I can see where coach maybe needs more room, maybe when I need to withhold advice and let him have his space. I've been there. Those nuances are what a good assistant does and doesn't do."

Most importantly, Randall knew the pressures and stresses of being a head coach in the NIL world.

Despite being in one of the biggest Division 2 leagues in the country. St. Leo wasn't allowed to have NIL contracts, while other schools in his conference, according to Randall, were paying "significant" NIL deals to prospective athletes.

That made the transfer portal critical to Randall. Before the creation of the transfer portal, Division-1 athletes had to sit out a season when transferring to another Division-1 school but could play immediately if transferring down to a lower division. The players who didn't want to sit were integral to his roster building.

He couldn't miss his player evaluations either. While some schools in his league had 15 full scholarships, Randall said he had 10 scholarships at his disposal that the staff could stretch by awarding partial scholarships or players get academic scholarships.

"You could get a really impactful player in the spring if you were disciplined and you held back some scholarships," Randall said. "You had a way better understanding of what your team needs versus trying to guess two years out and getting a commitment from a rising junior and saying this is going to be you in three years. It was a good balance for us to build our team with freshmen and some spring transfers from Division 1 and Division 2."

Randall has been a huge part of Wisconsin's revamped recruiting approach. While recruiting high school players is still the top priority, Randall has teamed with assistant head coach Kirk Penney to start recruiting overseas.

Since Randall has joined the staff, Wisconsin signed 6-11 Serbian forward Andrija Vukovic in June, added 2025 New Zealand guard Hayden Jones in July, and signed 6-10 Italian forward Riccardo Greppi after Vukovic's signing fell through.

Randall's past connections of being the head coach and vice president of basketball for the Pertemps Birmingham Bullets in England, an assistant coach for the Kosovo national men's basketball team in 2017, and the head coach of the Great Britain Basketball U20 men's team this

past July gives him a unique perspective.

"It's important to stay disciplined in this era of the portal," Randall said. "It's making sure we have roster space and money to fill it exactly. The ability to be in the mix for the type of guy you want, the position we want, and the level of guy that we want, that's unique."

After decades of being responsible for the final decisions, Randall has enjoyed his new seat on the bench. Still comfortable giving his opinions and ideas within a game, Randall has been able to jump right in with his self-deprecating demeanor and become comfortable giving advice or acting as a player's sounding board.

It's made his transition easy and been more fun than striking out in Little League.

"I'm surprised as how amazingly coachable our guys are," Randall said. "These guys have done a great job putting together a group of great people who care about each other, care about this program, and winning. You aren't sure what the egos are going to look like on this level in the era of the transfer portal, NIL, and 'me' stuff. That has not permeated this program. It's still about the name on the front of the jersey."

"Wisconsin basketball stands for doing it the right way. For me, coming here was the chance to be a part of something special."

## Meet Kirk Penney, who's been instrumental for the Badgers

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MADISON, Wis. —Kirk Penney was just looking to get away.

He returned to his home nation at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, at the time a director of player development and coaching staff consultant at the University of Virginia. Those around him at that time expressed hesitancy that he desired a full-time coaching pursuit. But even if he wanted to return to the Cavaliers, he couldn't. New Zealand closed its borders. For the next few years of Penney's life, the game the former Big Ten Player of the Year with the Badgers and longtime international marksman devoted his life to was nowhere around him.

Still, his 2023 stay in the Wisconsin Dells wasn't a premeditated plot to reshape the present and future of the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team. Just a vacation.

His wife, Audra — who as Audra Jeffers played volleyball at Wisconsin from 2005 to 2008 — has family in the Dells. Penney asked Badgers assistant Joe Krabbenhoft if he could visit one practice.

"Got bored of the water slides, I guess," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard joked.

Penney stopped in Gard's office. And they talked, of course, about basketball. Specifically about how Gard wanted to tackle a changing landscape. Gard realized where the game was

trending — an emphasis on scoring with 3-point volume aiding in that boost. Penney, an elite 3-point shooter in his playing days, knew a system that could help with that.

So a 10-minute conversation led to another 30-minute talk; then, an hour-long discussion. They exchanged ideas about an offensive system centered around ball-screen continuity. Penney drew on a whiteboard where players lined up in the swing — Wisconsin's longtime offensive system implemented by legendary coach Bo Ryan — compared to this new offensive setup, an illustration that showed more spacing as guards played deep into the corners. And that's the key.

The whole thing — two 100-point games so far this season, athletic scoring wings entering the program each year, a potentially limitless ceiling for what the Badgers can score when things go right — feels in ways anti-Wisconsin. Yet the program Penney has been tasked to help make different is one he knows intimately.

To dig into his own history is to dig into the past 30-plus years of the Badgers. And as they undergo a seemingly massive change, that's the point.

It's not "rocket science," Gard frequently has said. And for that reason, Penney isn't necessarily some offensive mastermind. Penney experienced every major Badgers offense system over the previous 28 seasons. In his international career, he encountered a system that accentuates his own skillset, and in stops with the New Zealand Breakers as a player, his first coaching role at Virginia and now Wisconsin, he's provided know-how to help teams run it.

It's hard to argue with the results: In a 2022-23 season in which Wisconsin missed the NCAA Tournament, it had the 19th-rated defense with 94.1 points allowed per 100 possessions, per KenPom. But its adjusted offensive efficiency of 106.9 points per 100 possessions ranked 140th.

Since Penney joined the Badgers at the start of last season, they have ranked 17th in offense (119.2 points per 100 possessions) in 2023-24 and now seventh with 123.0 points per 100 possessions this season per KenPom, which is the highest since the 2024-15 Badgers who played for a national championship. They rank 152nd in adjusted tempo (the highest in the KenPom era), score 82.5 points per game (the most since 1970-71) and connect on 10.0 3s per game (the most in program history). This way of thinking has redefined the foundation of how Wisconsin (16-4, 6-3 Big Ten) will likely shape its roster for the foreseeable future.

But it still needed a wake-up call.

That came for the Badgers on Nov. 14, 2023, in the immediate aftermath of an embarrassing 72-59 loss at Providence, where Gard did everything but pound his fists on the table as he expressed his frustration to gathered media.

"That locker room wasn't pretty," sophomore forward Nolan Winter said, "by any means."

And they couldn't even leave. The Badgers' flight back to Madison was delayed due to a snowstorm. So they passed time in the arena's courtyard club. Professional golfer and Wisconsin booster Andy North ordered cheesecakes from The Cheesecake Factory. Players watched

TV and chatted.

Yet the coaching staff remained gathered. "We're constantly looking to move the needle," Krabbenhoft said. "Assessing who we are, where we're at, what we're doing well, where can we get, if we're doing things well, how can we be better?"

It was clear Wisconsin wasn't where it needed to be. The staff made the call then: With this new offense, it would go all in.

Tony Bennett arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1996 as a basketball player. Nothing more.

The eventual two-time Naismith College Coach of the Year and 2019 NCAA champion at Virginia was coming off a three-year stint with the Charlotte Hornets. He was injured. He kept getting injured, too. Yet he told his wife, Laurel, that if he ever thought about getting into the line of work of his father — then-Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett — she should stop him.

Basketball at that time in New Zealand was only in its infancy. The New Zealand NBL, then a semi-professional league that lost money every year, filled its teams with a handful of basketball-focused individuals and the rest with builders, plumbers or electricians.

Bennett wasn't looking to set roots on a new career there. He was searching for a way back to the NBA, even as his body continued to fail him. His team, the North Harbour Vikings, asked that if he couldn't play, he'd at least help coach.

Kurt Dammers, a longtime member of the North Harbour basketball community, mentioned to Bennett that the best player in Auckland was a 15-year-old guard by the name of Kirk Penney. Penney had a clean-cut and youthful look. He was well-mannered and perhaps a little bit too nice, at that point suggesting a lack of toughness.

Penney came in for a workout, and Bennett quickly found the opposite — blood spurting out of Bennett's broken nose after Penney drove into him in a one-on-one game.

Penney assumed Bennett never would talk to him again. But Bennett liked it. He had poured so much into his own career and enjoyed being able to give back. So in a country built on team basketball, Bennett introduced Penney to an NBA-style of individual training, inviting Penney over for meals, talking basketball and getting him on the same nutritional wavelength. Bennett could tell Penney enjoyed spending time there.

"And (Laurel and I) liked listening to his accent," Bennett joked.

After a few years, Bennett asked Penney: "You want to play college ball?"

Bennett had mentioned Penney's name to his father just once. Dick Bennett remembered it happened on a trip to New Zealand to visit Bennett and Laurel, and Bennett mentioned a kid he had taken under his wing. When Bennett noticed his father's career was starting to wind down, he knew he needed to join Wisconsin's staff — no matter how much he resisted coaching — as a way to see through the end of his father's career.

There was someone he wanted to take with him, though.

Then-Wisconsin assistant Brad Soderberg flew out to see Penney. Dick Bennett trusted his son's word, but the younger Bennett still wanted his disciple to look good. Soderberg attended Penney's North Harbour game in which Bennett began the game as the coach.

But Penney wasn't getting the ball.

"I don't know if (his teammates) thought they were auditioning for the Wisconsin Badgers or not," Bennett said.

So Bennett went into the locker room at half-time, tossed on a jersey and joined the team on the court just to pass to Penney. It was semi-pro, after all. Penney scored 30-plus points in the second half, and Soderberg offered.

What Penney could be with the Badgers was clear from Day 1. Then-senior guard Jon Bryant, the Most Outstanding Player of the West Region in the Badgers' 2000 Final Four run as a 6-foot-2 marksman from 3-point range, saw Penney walk in as a "crafty" 6-foot-5 guard. And he could shoot.

Success wasn't immediate, though. He averaged 3.7 points per game in 12.7 minutes as a freshman. With the elder Bennett at the helm, Wisconsin ran a blocker-mover system, which was a motion offensive system with two roles: blockers who got movers open and movers who got open. As a mover, Penney and others were told repeatedly to "hunt your shot," then-Wisconsin assistant Paul Costanzo said.

But that philosophy led to games like the Badgers' 66-56 loss to Tennessee on Nov. 21, 2000, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Wisconsin shot 36.2% from the field, and worst among the shooters was Penney, who shot 0 of 13 from the field, including a 0-of-9 mark from 3-point range.

"Coach, I'm so sorry," Soderberg recalled Penney saying to Dick Bennett. "That's never going to happen again."

"You got that right," Dick Bennett replied. "If you miss your first six or seven, you're not going in anymore."

Often the case with cerebral players, Penney was an overthinker. But Bennett and the other Badgers assistants worked to keep the energy positive. And partly because he might have wanted to be proven right about Penney, Soderberg said, Bennett didn't back off his pursuit to make the young sharpshooter great at Wisconsin.

Bennett said that's when the coaching "bug bit me," first by watching Penney improve then by spending time around the Badgers' Final Four team. Even as Dick Bennett retired and Soderberg moved on elsewhere following the Badgers' hire of Bo Ryan in 2001, Bennett remained on staff until Penney graduated.

Penney, with his mentor still on board, quickly picked up Ryan's swing offense. Former assistant Rob Jeter remembers he even added post skills after seeming uncomfortable in that area in the preseason. His ability to get open and make reads always was natural and impressive to those around him. He developed into a 16.2 points per game scorer in his senior season and landed briefly with the Miami Heat after deciding to turn pro.

But Penney said he thinks he knew it back then: he was a player in the wrong era.

"Everybody was saying to me, 'Oh, you can't create your own shot.' Or, 'You can't do this. You can't do that,'" Penney said. "And it's like, you don't need to. If you're open and you're a good shooter, it actually spreads the whole floor."

Penney "went hard" after that route for a while. But he wanted to see the world.

Many voices influence Penney's philosophy. Tab Baldwin tends to be more autocratic, but he said remaining that way when he took the reins of the New Zealand Tall Blacks national team in 2001 would be "stupid." Baldwin, a Jacksonville, Florida, native and Notre Dame graduate, joined the NZ NBL just around five years before Bennett did.

By the time he led the Tall Blacks, Baldwin was simply the supervisor of a culture led by the experienced members of New Zealand basketball's then-greatest generation, with Penney as a young budding star who had yet to prove himself in that way. Blending into that national team roster was all about fit, and team leaders defined that.

Though Baldwin admitted the test that cemented Penney's place in that culture might have inadvertently been his doing, as Penney's backcourt-mate Phill Jones held the ball in his arms at a national team training in Canada.

"Get into him!" Baldwin yelled.

So Penney did. There was some subtext involved in the matchup. Penney was physically fit and played by the rules. Jones didn't spend much time in the weight room and, Baldwin said, played "borderline dirty." Both, though, were 6-5 guards who could shoot. And there was some degree of question at that point about who was the wing shooter for the Tall Blacks.

Subtext aside, Jones was just pissed.

Jones swung his elbow — POP! — into Penney's face. Most players on the team would've been prepared to fight, Basketball New Zealand CEO Dillon Boucher said. But Penney didn't do that. He turned back to Jones, concerned.

"Is your elbow OK?" Jones remembered Penney asked him.

It sounds made up, but the story is shared by several of Penney's teammates. Penney was, according to Baldwin, seen as an "all-American boy" upon his arrival with the team. The perfect smile. Perfect manners. That, by itself, didn't fit. But he showed a little ruggedness in taking the elbow. Toughness. The team could work with that.

Because the offensive fit was fairly seamless. Penney has suggested that the New Zealand philosophy paints his own with Wisconsin. Not in scheme — Baldwin's teams ran the triangle offense, a motion offense popularized by coach Phil Jackson's Michael Jordan-led Chicago Bulls teams. But Baldwin had to be realistic as New Zealand stepped to the international stage.

"We're just little old New Zealand — we didn't have the horses to compete right with the big teams," Baldwin said. "But we had shooters that could really shoot the ball, so it's just a matter of getting them up."

And with consistent encouragement from its

coach, New Zealand did. It broke through and qualified for the 2002 FIBA World Championships with a series win against Australia in the 2001 FIBA Oceania Championship — the first tournament win over Australia in the nation's history. However, the real breakthrough came the following year at the world championships in Indianapolis. New Zealand advanced to the second round, where it looked like it had met the matchup that would transcend its shooting abilities: China and 7-6 center Yao Ming.

Simply put, New Zealand did not have a player close to that size. New Zealand fell behind 35-13 in the first quarter.

But then it heated up.

Penney finished with 19 points, shooting 4 of 7 from 3-point range. Jones erupted on the other wing, pouring in 33 points while connecting on 6 of 8 3-pointers. New Zealand won 94-88, advancing to the quarterfinal round and finishing fourth, which was the best international finish in the country's history.

An explosion onto the international scene gave Penney an abundance of professional options, but back in his home nation, Boucher said the success of the Tall Blacks led a group in New Zealand to start a team to join the Australian NBL.

That team was the New Zealand Breakers, at first a developmental piece for the national team with limited success. But when Penney, now a well-traveled, respected international star, joined the team in 2007, he joined an up-and-coming coach in Andrej Lemanis.

It was Lemanis who refined the read-based, spaced-out system based around continuous ball screens for the Breakers. He later popularized it as the coach of the Australian national team.

Gard and Wisconsin refer to Wisconsin's version as "ball-screen continuity." In Australia, Lemanis' system is called "flow."

Lemanis' assistant at the time, Dean Vickerman, said that Penney shouldn't get zero credit for the development of the scheme, though. With the respect Penney had garnered in his career, Vickerman said Lemanis asked him: What are offenses you've liked in other places? Penney shared the ball-screen offense he ran with Maccabi Tel Aviv in Tel Aviv, Israel, and Lemanis used that to guide his offensive philosophy to the New Zealand style.

"That was probably my first idea of how my mind worked," Penney said, "(how it) understands systems well."

Even those not privy to those discussions could see Penney's clear familiarity with the offense. He consistently found ways to get open and had the comfort to explain how when the team watched film. These were things he used to do without thinking, and he thought everyone did, too. Yet he started to see the game in a different way as he advanced in age and still remained productive: Systems are important. Systems can win games.

The Breakers made the playoffs two seasons in a row, missing them in Penney's third season in part due to the star missing nine games with a back injury. Vickerman remembered Penney provided the cigars when they won their first

championship in 2011, the first of three in a row.

It was the first time Penney had real experience helping pilot an offensive change. And not long after, an old friend was looking to modernize.

Tony Bennett had reached a low point in March 2018. His Cavaliers had suffered the first first-round loss in NCAA Tournament history by a No. 1 seed, falling by 20 points against No. 16 University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Bennett reached out to Penney after the game.

Bennett at the time still was running his father's blocker-mover system. Dick Bennett said the concept was influenced by former Indiana coach Bobby Knight, even if he remembered Knight didn't see it that way at the time. But years later, Knight had reached out to his son.

"You know what I like about you?" Dick Bennett said Knight told Bennett. "You don't set all those damn ball screens."

But Bennett always was interested in what else was out there, what could be better. Penney and he exchanged ideas in the offseason. Penney then watched almost all of the Cavaliers' practices and games, communicating mostly by phone to offer some critiques throughout the season.

Penney's wife, Audra, joked that by the time Virginia had reached the Final Four, Bennett and Penney had talked enough. Her husband might as well go there in person. So he did.

As the Cavaliers manufactured one of the best one-year comebacks in college basketball history, winning the 2019 national title, Penney was there as a "friend supporting."

Bennett asked Penney to join the staff the next season, wanting to give Penney a taste of what coaching was like. Penney dove into helping players like freshman forward Justin McKoy tweak their shots and became a starring member of the Cavaliers' scout team as the in-house expert of the new Virginia offense.

"I think we called it flow," McKoy said, unprompted.

Even if it wasn't something he explicitly sought out, the love for coaching existed in Bennett's disciple. Players were drawn to Penney's personality. And Bennett said Penney, like himself, just loved the game. Yet abrupt endings weren't uncommon in 2020.

The Penneys had bought a home, with a brand new Audi Q7 and Volvo XC90 parked in the garage as they returned to New Zealand — first as a quick vacation — at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. But for a stretch of around 130 days, he couldn't even leave Auckland. Around October, Penney finally had to tell Bennett: He didn't think he could come back.

It was abrupt. Hazy. Yet his coaching tenure was finished.

But around that time in Madison, Gard was working through similar ideas.

How Penney helped change the Badgers Gard never had coached a player like Johnny Davis.

Davis said he remembered hearing comparisons of his game to Devin Harris, the former Big Ten Player of the Year. But Harris, a teammate of Penney's, left Wisconsin 17 years earlier.

Generating more 3-pointers was always a desire of Gard's, Krabbenhoft said, and the Badgers coach started experimenting with Davis as a lead initiator.

Gard said the offense was installed to help them change sides of the floor when things became stagnant. The Badgers also turned to it in crunch time to create opportunities for Davis to make a play. So it was a secondary look for the two years before Penney's arrival.

Since arriving, Penney has helped push it along as Wisconsin's primary offense, which Gard said first was introduced to the players as something to turn to in transition. Wisconsin's administration preferred Penney's employment be on a "trial" basis at first, Gard said. But Gard felt what Penney was bringing would work.

Changes to the offense were gradual, but there was excitement for something new. It was a more fun style of play, which was a calculation the Badgers made purposefully. Gard suggested Friday it already has impacted recruiting.

Davis first noticed the shift from afar, as Wisconsin altered the type of player it was looking to recruit — most notably the addition of now-Kansas guard AJ Storr last season. Graduate guard John Tonje has filled that role this season.

The shift in offensive philosophy has changed the type of recruits the Badgers can and likely will bring in. What players are those? That's intellectual property, Penney joked. But the gist: Fewer non-shooting 4s, bigs who can stretch the floor and pass and, of course, athletic wings or guards who can shoot and make plays off the dribble around ball screens.

Penney said the Badgers had some moments last season where everything clicked, like during their run to the Big Ten tournament championship game. But an offseason of drawing out actions on a white board on the Kohl Center main floor has raised the potential of what Penney felt they could do with their offense.

A dominant 116-85 win over Iowa on Jan. 3 showed the results can be astonishing — "an idea of the potency that's there," Penney said. The game also slows down some nights, too, and Penney has grown his understanding of the mechanics that foster game-by-game offensive efficiency.

But Penney still is taking things one year at a time. That's just coaching, he said. It's not a pit-stop from a vacation anymore. "We're working now," Penney said, laughing. He likes coaching. Yet he likes a lot of things. He doesn't know what the future holds.

"Because sport is fickle," Penney said. "You don't know how it's going to go ..."

"But what you can do is prepare very, very well and (that) certainly helps an awful lot."

So that's what he and the Badgers will do as they continue to evolve.

## PLAYERS

# 'Delusional belief' leads stunning rise for Wisconsin men's basketball surprise star

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About 10 hours before John Tonje lifted the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team to an upset, he met with his skills trainer, Hunter Longacre, for a workout on the Kohl Center floor.

Tonje, one of the newest members of the Badgers after transferring from Missouri, would raise his game to the level of their marquee opponent, scoring 41 points on 8-of-14 shooting and 21-of-22 shooting from the line in a stunning 103-88 Wisconsin win over No. 9 Arizona — its first November victory over a top-10 opponent in program history.

But Longacre said Tonje didn't give any indication that he was any more locked in. Longacre did try.

"Hey," Longacre urged Tonje, "this game they're gonna need you."

"Alright," Tonje replied flatly. "I gotta lock in, take my nap."

It had been a late night Thursday. Longacre arrived in Madison and, around 7 p.m., the two pulled up YouTube and Synergy clips to analyze the Wildcats. Tonje noticed their sometimes excessive physicality. He figured this might be a game he could get to the line often, and at times against Arizona, he even slowed his movement and cupped the ball in his arms with a seeming intent solely of drawing a foul.

It's a change from even just six years ago, when as a freshman he did everything too fast. His mother, Sara, said he didn't play in any "fancy basketball program" throughout much of high school. His path from freshman "B" team to junior varsity to varsity was entirely self-forged, aided perhaps by a growth spurt that gave him a basketball player's body at 6 foot 5.

He didn't have a college offer until February of his senior year, and had it not been for his near-stubborn lifelong pursuit, he probably would have not gotten one at all. That would have meant no years at Colorado State, where his skill was finally molded by basketball minds at the highest level en route to scoring 14.6 points as a senior. No transfer to Missouri, where a lost season due to injury gave him a different vantage point to learn about basketball, which Longacre said improved his feel for the game to be more consistently aggressive and dominant.

And no sixth year at Wisconsin where, five games in, he's been one of the country's biggest surprises, averaging 22.6 points per game in a spot that formerly looked bare following the off-season transfer of leading scorer, AJ Storr. Had Tonje not been with Wisconsin, it likely wouldn't

have an upset win over Arizona, either — the big moment in the No. 19 Badgers' first 5-0 start since the 2018-19 season.

It was early in the game when, finally, Longacre saw the shift from Tonje. Longacre was sitting alongside Sara and Tonje's brother, Malcolm, four rows behind the Badgers' bench. Sara noticed a different look on her son's face.

"Why is he smiling?" Sara asked Longacre.

"Yes, that's good," Longacre replied. "I like when he shows a little bit of emotion."

Tonje doesn't give much. But that's when Longacre had a sense of what was about to happen.

Do-it-yourself training led John Tonje to Colorado State.

The first-practice scouting report on Tonje, who was a freshman transfer from Omaha North to crosstown Central in 2015, didn't scream "contributor" to Central freshman coach Ben Holling.

"Not even athletic," Holling said. "He was unathletic."

Holling remembers watching Tonje taking three consecutive runs at the rim trying to dunk. He didn't come close. There was, however, an admirable quality about Tonje's efforts.

No one in Tonje's family had led him to basketball. His father, Jean Tonje, played soccer for the Cameroon national team. Sara's a pastor. Yet he found it at recess in elementary school. At that point, status was determined by the players picked first, and that was the first thing Tonje worked toward. Starring for a Big Ten program? For a while, Tonje would "pray" just to be at the end of a Division I bench.

Sara said she's jealous of the deficit Tonje had to work with. All his friends had fathers or uncles on the sideline of their games yelling out what to do. She didn't know basketball. When Tonje wanted to improve, he walked to the park to emulate moves by NBA star Derrick Rose or stayed late at the Butler-Gast YMCA, where workers kept the lights on for him to get extra shots up even as they were closing up.

Sara didn't quite know what the "internal mechanism" was, but with little to believe in so far and dreams that, to her, seemed statistically improbable, Tonje fell in love with the idea of what the work could bring him.

And he got a gift in the form of a 4-inch growth spurt of between his sophomore and senior seasons, his Omaha Central coach Eric Behrens remembered. He went from failing miserably in his attempts to dunk as a freshman to catching lobbs.

His first self-taught skill, shooting, was what Behrens said got him on the court initially. But in his senior season it came together as his athleticism and continued skill development allowed him to get to the rim and "dunking everything." Yet, he hadn't gotten a sniff from a Division-I school, in part, due to being a late-bloomer.

Tonje, though, had tunnel vision. He remembered late into his senior year, his school passed out essays or applications to earn scholarships. But Tonje would deny all of them. He was going to get one for basketball.

"I had this almost delusional belief," Tonje

said.

Others did, too. Holling, who left Central before Tonje joined varsity, had formed a relationship with Ali Farokhmanesh, who in 2018 followed Rams coach Niko Medved to Colorado State. Farokhmanesh, a former Northern Iowa star guard, and Holling played in a Pro-Am league together.

Holling had passed along a few players before, which he assumed is what gave Farokhmanesh some credence to his word. So he called Farokhmanesh: "I'm positive," Holling said of Tonje's potential.

Tonje, for as much as he believed he deserved it, said he didn't quite believe in Colorado State's interest initially. He'd gone through this before, the few schools which started to trickle in never seemed willing to commit. Yet in the background, Farokhmanesh was slowly diving in. Holling sent Farokhmanesh three game tapes, imploring him to, at the very least, inform Holling what he and the rest of Tonje's belief system were missing.

But Farokhmanesh agreed: "Man, this kid's awesome."

Tonje planned to take an unofficial visit to Colorado State on Feb. 12, 2019 before committing as part of its 2019 class a month later. He received his first Division-I offer the day prior from Nebraska-Omaha as word got out of his planned visit.

Tonje called Sara, who broke into tears.

"Oh, my God. You did this. You did this," Sara said. "You did this by yourself."

She remembered Tonje rejected that — they got there together. He hung up the phone, and drove back to the gym. That was where he wanted to celebrate.

How John Tonje became a complete player

Now that he's moved on, Colorado State has a whole development video of Tonje that it shows to its wings. Tonje was athletic and talented upon arriving in Fort Collins, Colorado. But he was also raw, and his do-it-yourself basketball upbringing got him in "trouble" at times on the floor.

Longacre started working with him, and in 4-on-4 drills where they'd have to navigate screens, Longacre remembered Tonje would never pass. It was clear Tonje didn't have much experience with being taught how to make college-level reads. With the Rams, he'd overdrive, get stuck in spots and turn it over. It kept him mostly on the bench his freshman year, playing just 8.5 minutes per game. But it was clear the Rams had someone they could work with.

Tonje took in coaching for the first time in his career and consistently showed up for the 6 a.m. "Breakfast Club" bonus work. The play Farokhmanesh remembered he most figured it out came in a game against Oral Roberts on Nov. 9, 2021. Playing off a ball screen (not something he would do as a freshman) he rifled a pass to a teammate in the opposite corner (definitely not something he'd do as a freshman).

"That was kind of a coming out party for him," Farokhmanesh said. "He established himself as our third guy."

There were a variety of shots former Colorado State forward Dischon Thomas, would just

know were things he had worked on.

"John's a tough-shot maker," Thomas explained, highlighting deep 3s, step-backs in the corner. Thomas joked he'd tell Tonje to get a little closer. But the Rams had gotten used to Tonje making them.

A transfer to Missouri last season was a chance to show that at a consistently higher level, and Longacre thought he was ready to make a jump to one of the best players in the country. But before it even started, things went awry. Missouri announced that Tonje had suffered an offseason foot injury. He was one of its best players in the offseason, a release said, but in one year in Columbia, Missouri was just able to muster 78 minutes across eight games.

His friend and Colorado State teammate, Trace Young, remembered calling Tonje around that time.

"This is maybe the hardest year of my life," Tonje told Young. But, in the same conversation, he added, "I'm so happy that I'm here."

Though Tonje said he didn't have that perspective immediately, Sara remembered a coach in the most recent recruiting process said to throw out the year at Missouri. But Tonje didn't agree. That was a year to learn basketball from a whole new perspective, analyze film like he never had before, learn the game at a deeper level than he ever had.

So, in the conference room of the Wisconsin basketball offices on his recruiting visit, he sat at the table and impressed with this new knowledge. Wisconsin coach Greg Gard and Tonje discussed the vision of what he could do in its system while breaking down film.

This is how Sara remembers the conversation: "Coach Gard was talking about now we need you to be a zappity, zippity, zippity, zappa on a pattern FC31 ..."

"I'm just like, 'What the hell did he just say?'" Sara said with a laugh.

But Tonje understood. After years of experience, he and the Badgers spoke the same language. And the results haven't stopped surprising yet.

## 'He Got Himself There': The Not-So-Sudden Rise of Wisconsin Star John Tonje

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John Tonje is an old soul. He likes to drink coffee, read books and listen to podcasts. One of his favorite hobbies is to go for long, solitary walks around Madison. He aims for 20,000 steps a day — 10,000 just wasn't enough — but the secret spots he prefers to stroll are becoming not-so-secret anymore. For the first time, Tonje is starting to get recognized.

When he mentioned this to his mother, Sara, she told him that it wasn't particularly surprising, given that his picture is now everywhere. The experience was so new for Tonje, it's almost as if it never occurred to him that he might become famous. "He wasn't like, everyone should clear the streets for me," Sara tells Hoops HQ. "He was just marveling at, you know, people see who I am now."

It is indeed a marvelous change for a player who was barely recruited out of high school, came off the bench for most of his first three college seasons and missed nearly all of last year due to injury. Tonje, a 6-foot-5 graduate student who transferred from Missouri, has led No. 15 Wisconsin to a perfect 7-0 start, averaging 23 points (ninth in Division I) and 5.4 rebounds, while shooting 54 percent from the field and 41 percent from three. He dropped 41 points — two shy of the school record — in an 103-88 upset victory over No. 9 Arizona on November 15, going 8 of 14 from the field and an incredible 21-of-22 from the free throw line.

"I'm not really an emotional guy, but I was kind of getting a little emotional because this guy has worked so hard for this," Malcolm Tonje, John's brother, recalls of that special night at the Kohl Center. "And for him to perform this way on such a big platform, this is what he's been talking about since he was a kid."

The performance was unforgettable, but it wasn't just a one-off. Tonje lifted Wisconsin to the Greenbrier Tip-Off championship this past weekend, scoring 33 points and grabbing 7 rebounds in the title game. "I think the biggest thing is, he's just [developed] so much confidence in what we're doing and how he's playing," Wisconsin head coach Greg Gard tells Hoops HQ. "And he's found it to be a really, really good fit."

John's rise — from unknown prospect to bona fide superstar — also provides Gard a perfect example of what he is constantly messaging to his players: remain patient, maintain belief, continue to work hard and your time will come.

"I just play the game because I love to get better," Tonje tells Hoops HQ. "Since I was a kid, I would go to the gym or go to the park by myself and just shoot, and then go play someone one-on-one to try out my new moves and see my new skills, and just find the competition to keep getting better. I think my college experience has represented that."

Call it confidence or stubbornness or delusion — John Tonje somehow still believed.

It was well into his senior year of high school and Tonje had no Division I scholarship offers, but he was convinced that one was coming. "I would just keep praying," he says. "I remember in January and February of my senior year, I was just like, 'Man, I know by next month I should have an offer. I will have an offer in a month.'"

The summer prior, he had switched AAU teams to get more exposure to college coaches. After every tournament, his teammates picked up more offers, yet Tonje heard nothing. "I was like, if they can get it, why can't I? I just used it as motivation," he says. "I kept working."

Counselors at Omaha Central High encouraged him to apply for academic scholarships, but

Tonje declined. His mind was dead set on playing college basketball and nothing was going to change that. "I thought that in his heart, he really believed all that time, I can do this," Sara says.

At one point, Tonje received an offer from a Division II school. He told Sara that he wasn't interested. The offer he was waiting for was imminent — he was sure of it. "I was looking at him kind of crazy," says Malcolm. "I'm like, 'Bro, they're offering you to go to school. People don't get opportunities like this.' He's like, 'No, bro.' I thought he was a little delusional, because nobody just gets something like that and just brushes it to the side."

Admittedly, the Tonje family knew very little about the basketball world. John's father, Jean, is a native of Cameroon and played soccer for the Cameroonian national team. Sara is a pastor. His brothers, Malcolm and Texan, don't play basketball. John picked up the sport during recess in elementary school. "All the cool kids were playing basketball," he explains. "That's where it started. I wanted to keep moving up the ranks of when you get picked, so I started walking to the park by myself and I would shoot for hours."

Basketball quickly became his obsession. According to Sara, handprints can be found all over the Tonje household, where John would repeatedly pretend to dunk. Early on, he didn't have someone to teach him the game. He would watch highlights on YouTube — mainly of his favorite player, Derrick Rose — and then go to the park and try to mimic the moves. "He blazed his own path the whole way," says Malcolm. "I have people who come up to me to this day and they're like, 'Man, I used to play basketball with John. He used to suck so bad.' But he trains harder than anybody I know."

As he grew older, Tonje was always at the park or the nearby YMCA, working on his game. He eventually graduated from recess to real teams in organized leagues. Basketball is huge in North Omaha, and Tonje has fond memories of playing at the local Boys & Girls Club in front of what felt like the entire town.

Tonje made significant strides, sure, but he wasn't some up-and-coming star. "He loved it, so of course you support your kid. But I just thought, I don't know that he's good. I don't have eyes to see basketball," Sara says. "I don't know if that's good or not good."

There were little moments when John's talent and potential began to appear. A growth spurt while he was in high school certainly helped. Sara remembers being at a game when the person next to her suddenly turned and said, "You are never paying for college for this boy." She laughed it off, figuring it was a joke.

Tonje was on the freshman B team at Omaha North High School. After transferring to Omaha Central for his sophomore year, he made the varsity squad but averaged just 1.6 points. As a junior he started to make a real impact, averaging 13.6 points and connecting on 46 percent of his three-point attempts. All the while, he practically lived in the gym. "One time a day, he grabs his basketball shoes, grabs that backpack, and hits the door," Malcolm recalls. "At any time before like 9 p.m., you know exactly where he's at."

By his senior season, John was one of the most dominant players in all of Nebraska. He averaged a Class A state-best 23.8 points and broke the school's single-season scoring record. He could always shoot from the perimeter, but now he was also dunking on defenders on a regular basis. Still, he received virtually no interest from Division I programs.

Ben Holling, who coached Tonje as a sophomore before leaving Omaha Central, had a relationship with Colorado State assistant coach Ali Farokhmanesh. He sent Farokhmanesh tape of Tonje and urged him to give the kid a chance. Farokhmanesh, a former standout guard himself at Northern Iowa, was impressed with what he saw and eventually made it to one of Central's games. Tonje erupted for 30 points, helping to seal the deal. Colorado State made him an offer not long after and Tonje jumped at it.

"I was so happy to finally get that," he says. "I had prayed just to be the last guy on the bench. Like, all I wanted to do was make the team. That's all I wanted — just to get there."

The Colorado State staff, led by head coach Niko Medved, initially planned to redshirt Tonje. He was a zero-star recruit in a freshman class with high-profile prospects such as forward David Roddy, who now plays for the Atlanta Hawks. But Tonje made enough of an impression over the summer that Medved opted to keep him on the active roster.

Tonje's college career has played out much like high school. He filled a minimal role in his first season with the Rams, logging just 8.5 minutes per contest. He has raised his game to another level every year and coaches have awarded him with more playing time. By his junior campaign at Colorado State, when the team went 25-6 and reached the NCAA tournament, Tonje was the third-leading scorer (9.1 points per game). He started all 33 games the following season and averaged career-highs across the board: 14.6 points, 4.7 rebounds, and 47 percent shooting from the field.

When he entered his name in the 2023 transfer portal, Tonje experienced a much different recruiting process. He was highly sought after by schools across the country, eventually committing to Missouri. Expectations were high for the fifth-year senior, but an offseason foot injury badly hampered him. He played sparingly through the first few months of the season before being shut down in January, allowing him to apply for a medical redshirt and gain another year of eligibility. Overall, he appeared in just eight games (9.6 minutes per) and averaged 2.6 points.

Of course, it was a devastating blow for Tonje, especially given his steady climb to that point. "I'm expecting to have a huge fifth-year season, high hopes and high expectations, and I get injured," he says. "And I'm thinking, like, why? Why is this happening? But soon after, I realized that it was a great thing for me to just sit down and reflect."

Tonje had hardly slowed down throughout his career. Now he was being forced to. He took an old soul approach to the adversity and used it as an opportunity to grow. He watched more film than ever before. He went through his old games,

Missouri's games and other college and NBA games. He studied guys who were playing well to decipher what, specifically, was working. "It felt like there weren't enough hours in the day for me to watch all the film that I wanted to," he says.

Tonje also took the time away to "work on himself and figure out who I am and who I want to be, and just kind of lay out what I want to get to," he tells Hoops HQ. He changed some of his routines and mentally prepared for the ensuing season. Books such as *Don't Believe Everything You Think*, *Atomic Habits*, *The Secret* and *The Power of Positive Thinking* have informed his mindset.

Since Tonje arrived in Madison, Gard has been struck by the 23-year-old's poise and maturity, both on and off the court. Tonje always stays composed during games, even in the intense moments. He scores at a high rate and does so efficiently, which was one of the goals he set for himself while sidelined. Tonje ranks first in Division I in free throws per game (8.6) and is hitting 41 percent of his threes. Wisconsin lost its top scorer from last season, guard AJ Storr, but Tonje has seamlessly stepped into the team's leading role.

According to Gard, Tonje has also been a leader and voice of reason in the locker room. "We live in such a world of instant gratification from a player's perspective," Gard says. "They want it now and it doesn't work like that. Anything substantial worth having is going to take time and he's put time in at other places. Being patient and continuing to work, I think that it's a great lesson and modeling for a lot of young players, just that it's not going to happen overnight."

It would have been hard for anyone to envision what is happening now, but those close to Tonje can't say they are completely stunned. He has taken a step forward every year of his basketball journey. This is simply the next step.

"Once he went to college, it was like, if you were denying it until now, you have to stop," Malcolm says, "because everything this kid wants, he's getting. I don't think anybody had a shadow of a doubt at that point, because he was chasing his dream. He's the type of guy where nothing's going to stop him."

"He got himself there," Sara adds. "He totally got himself there."

## Why it's Been a Seamless Transition for John Tonje to Wisconsin

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MADISON, Wis. —It's very hard for fans, or maybe even an entire program to fall in love with a one-year rental transfer...But John Tonje might be the exception to the rule.

Rallying from an eight-point deficit, Wisconsin had just defeated Pittsburgh in the Greenbrier Tip-Off title game in November. Amidst the celebration, there was Tonje taking a victory lap from baseline to baseline to greet fans who wanted a high-five, to pat him on the back, or even a hug from the emerging star wing.

At that point, the Badgers were just six games into their 2024-25 slate, headlined by a thrilling 103-88 win over then ninth-ranked Arizona at the Kohl Center where Tonje grabbed the country by storm with a 41-point effort, just two shy of Frank Kaminsky and his school record.

Most of those on hand in West Virginia probably only knew the name, 'John Tonje' for a few weeks...if that. But there was Tonje, getting a hero's treatment. Even his teammates mobbed him at center court and there wasn't a smile missing from the other 16 players on the roster, who seemed to enjoy Tonje's success maybe even more he did.

"It's been amazing," Tonje said of his first season in Madison. "I've gotten a lot of love and interactions. We've got great fans. It's been a surreal experience."

"From the jump, it's just been super special. I knew this was different. Just the whole thing feels right. I love it here. I've been able to grow so much during my time here. This is a place I'll appreciate forever."

A fanbase that felt burned by off-season transfers of Chucky Hepburn and A.J. Storr, in came Tonje, a somewhat unlikely hero who helped pick up the pieces.

Not to discredit the likes of seniors Steven Crawl, Max Klesmit, Kamari McGee, and Carter Gilmore who built the current foundation, and even John Blackwell and Nolan Winter who continue to add to it, but Tonje has given the fans a little more something to grab onto this season in a sport full of chaos and uncertainty -- especially from a transfer who arrived in May and will hang up the Cardinal and White next month barring a Final Four run.

And it almost didn't happen.

A transfer from Missouri, Tonje initially committed to New Mexico on April 25. UW and head coach Greg Gard did connect with Tonje before then and continued to stay after the sixth-year senior, who spent the first four years of his career at Colorado State.

As time went on, Tonje never signed the dotted line with the Lobos. Gard and assistant coach Joe Krabbenhoft continued to plug away, and eventually, Tonje switched his commitment

to the Badgers on May 2.

"Football is really notorious for the flips," Gard smirked. "I don't know if I want to call it a flip, because we had come pretty aggressively prior to. He just wanted to find what was best for him. He kind of tapped the brakes and said, 'Alright, take a step back and take a look.'"

"I think our opportunity, as he evaluated it, and the people that were helping him make his decision evaluated it, it was really, really good for him to be here."

Also give credit to Klesmit, who had a bit of a prior relationship with Tonje. In the transfer portal himself three years ago, Klesmit was seriously considering Colorado State and took an official visit to Fort Collins.

It was actually Tonje who gave Klesmit the campus tour.

During a summer workout, Klesmit was approached by Krabbenhoft, who asked the senior guard if he could get in touch with Tonje and potentially help lure him to UW. Klesmit, who kept Tonje's number all these years later, acted quickly.

"Immediately after that, a text was sent," Klesmit said. "(I said) How much of a blessing it is if you are able to come to the University of Wisconsin. You might wanna jump on that opportunity if it's presented to you."

When Tonje arrived on campus in May, the sky was falling in Madison -- at least that was the outside perspective.

Leading scorer, Storr, had just bolted for what's rumored to be \$1 million or more at Kansas. Hepburn, the team's starting point guard the previous three seasons, who has a Badger tattoo, was also wooed by Louisville for \$750,000. On top of that, five-year starter Tyler Wahl had graduated and was taking his talents overseas.

The question loomed, how were the Badgers going to compete if their stars were going to be poached by other programs and the price of top transfer replacements only increasing? The answer was, by how they always have -- doing more with less, recruiting to fit, and finding the diamonds in the rough.

Suffering some big losses in the portal, UW has somehow come out of the other end better than a year ago. Here the Badgers are at 19-5 overall with their third-best start of the Gard era, and if they can make a bit of run/get some help, right in the thick of the Big Ten Conference race.

As Gard puts it, you can't do anything without good players...and UW has them. But who they are as people and creating a cohesive locker room may be just as vital. Gard and company knew they needed offensive firepower at the wing, but they also needed someone without an ego who could blend in with four key seniors and an emerging star at the guard spot in Blackwell.

From that perspective, Tonje fits like a glove.

Averaging just over 11 field goal attempts per game -- and in reality, it's a lot more given how often Tonje is fouled by opposing defenses -- Tonje has not only bolstered UW's offense to new heights, but has led them in scoring without really impacting the other players around him.

"I think it's because of who Tonje is off the

court," said Klesmit. "It may be a little harder to be a friend to somebody if they were arrogant or thought a lot of themselves. But John Tonje is the complete opposite. One of the most humble, hard-working guys that I've been around."

"He's not walking around here with a puffy chest, expecting some sort of high praise around here."

At 18.6 points per game, Tonje ranks seventh in the Big Ten in scoring. He's shooting 47 percent from the field and 41 percent from 3-point range. Tonje has also scored 20 or more points in nine games this season for a UW offense that ranks ninth in KenPom's offensive efficiency ranking and is playing at its fastest tempo in the KenPom era.

A Big Ten Player of the Year candidate, Tonje had solid numbers in the past, averaging 14.6 ppg as a senior at CSU, but never to this extent. Struggling to put a finger as to why he's been one of the biggest breakout players in college basketball this season, Tonje thinks his experiences at CSU, Missouri, and the Cameroon national team have all steadily molded him into the player he is today. Combine that with what he's getting at UW, Tonje's game refuses to plateau.

UW didn't necessarily see this type of output coming right away either, but that was intentional from Tonje. Knowing how particular Gard is when it comes to bringing players into the program, Tonje made sure to earn the trust of his teammates before letting his stardom show.

"You might think he would come in with, like, 'I'm holier than thou, or I'm better,' and it has been the complete opposite," Gard said. "He is such a sponge, he wants to be coached, he's been a great teammate, and that's always your concern in today's era. How is the culture of your locker room, when you sometimes have musical chairs? And, making sure we really have the right people who are also good players, is really important."

"If it's chemically imbalanced and the chemistry is bad, it's not gonna work. And, he's been awesome in terms of, in the locker room, off the court, coachability, and obviously, he is a heck of a player."

Tonje has done more than score. He'll often defend the other team's best wing/guard in spurts. Tonje is also averaging five rebounds and two assists per game as well.

When he was being recruited, the Badgers expressed an opportunity for Tonje to step into the shoes of Storr, who averaged close to 17 ppg as a sophomore. But that's not necessarily what Tonje was about.

"I was a little hesitant at first. They might expect me to have my own agenda," Tonje explained. "So, I had to go out of my way to show that I'm here to get to know everyone and I'm someone who's trying to build lifelong relationships."

A native of Omaha, Neb., Tonje has known Hepburn for a few years. Prior to signing with UW, Tonje spoke with the former Badger, who "had nothing but great things to say" about the program. Tonje also watched the UW program a bit from afar, recalling their Final Four and

national championship game run in 2014-15.

While Tonje wasn't over familiar with Gard, that relationship has meshed as well.

"I have a great relationship with coach," said Tonje. "From the jump, he's always been straightforward. I appreciate that. I really don't -- at this point, I don't want to be told lies or how good I am. I want a coach that's going to get me better. He's not afraid to tell me where I can get better."

Gard, also known as the "silent assassin", has a similar demeanor to that of Tonje. Never too high or low, Tonje doesn't display a ton of emotion while on the floor. Sure, there might be a stare-down after a big dunk, but in terms of on-the-court antics, Tonje, who describes himself as "chill," has never been about drawing attention to himself.

When things do need to heat up, Gard loves that he can get on Tonje or even sit the star wing without having to worry about any repercussions.

Case and point, against Nebraska, Tonje drove baseline got caught in the air, and threw the ball away. Tonje got an earful from Gard across the floor. On UW's next possession, Tonje swung the ball around the horn, only to get it back within the flow of the offense, and buried a 3-pointer from the right wing.

"It's like he's been here four years," Gard said after UW's win over Pittsburgh in the Greenbrier Tip-Off championship. "He's fit in perfectly within the culture, because he's a really good person. He cares about his team, he cares about winning."

"You have to have players who immerse themselves within the fabric of the team. John's done that terrifically."

Progressively getting better throughout his career, Tonje averaged 3.6 ppg as a freshman, 6.6 as a sophomore, 9.1 as a junior, and 14.6 ppg as a senior with CSU. Taking advantage of his extra season of eligibility granted through the COVID-19 pandemic, Tonje took his talents to Missouri in 2023-24, only to appear in eight games after a foot injury derailed his move to the power-four level.

While he averaged just 2.6 ppg with the Tigers and spent most of the year sidelined, it may have been Tonje's most beneficial season ever. Tonje said he used that time away from the game to "self-reflect" and really focus on his weaknesses as a player.

"It was tough at the time," he said. "I didn't expect to be going through that. Fifth-year senior, I was looking for a big season."

"In hindsight, it might have been the best thing that could have happened."

Tonje's ability to bounce back has been nothing short of impressive. And he's showcased that this season.

After being held scoreless during an 84-69 win at USC, Tonje has come back on a tear. Over his last six games, Tonje is averaging 23 ppg, including five performances with 22 points or more.

Knowing his time at UW is limited and the clock ticking fast, Tonje wants to make the most of his final month-plus in a UW uniform -- and then some.

"It means everything to me," said Tonje, who plans to pursue the NBA after this season. "I want this to be the place I come back to after I'm done playing -- my home after. I don't have a lot of time, but I'm here to build lifelong relationships. I think they've embraced me. I'm just doing everything I can to compete for the name on the front of the jersey."

"It's been amazing so far."

## Competitive fire and steady growth drive sophomore to Wisconsin men's basketball's 'best player'

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Glynn Blackwell had some apprehension as he prepared to watch his son take the courts at the Kohl Center in September 2021. Glynn knew his son, John Blackwell, was good enough to get invited that day for a visit to the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team.

But Glynn played in the Big Ten at Illinois from 1984-1988. Was his son that good? An open gym with the Badgers was his first, and only, chance so far to prove that.

"You're auditioning for a scholarship," Glynn said. "You don't know what game is going to show up. Is your 'A' game gonna show up, or your 'C' or 'D' game gonna show up?"

Blackwell didn't possess a high-major offer at the time. He was underrated. He was a consensus three-star recruit, yet not ranked nationally in the 2023 class by any of the three major recruiting sites. He was rated as high as the nation's No. 28 shooting guard by 247Sports and as low as No. 56 by ESPN.

He averaged 8.0 points per game while shooting 45.5% from 3-point range in his first year with the Badgers, a promising freshman campaign. Yet he returns as Wisconsin's likely top option attached to no preseason awards and rarely a mention among the NCAA's top returning sophomores. As if ascension wasn't embedded in every fiber of Blackwell's basketball existence.

But Blackwell, then a high school junior, played free from fear, pressure. So he literally ascended.

Former Wisconsin guard Chucky Hepburn connected with him on an alley-oop dunk. Blackwell settled in, and dunked once more. At that point, his legs were feeling pretty good.

He had the ball. 6-foot-7 former Badgers forward Matthew Mors stood between him and the rim.

"He might block my shot," Blackwell said he thought, "so let me just go try to dunk this and see what happens."

Blackwell rose and missed, but the impression was made. A few Badgers were left stunned and immediately reported their "need" for

Blackwell to team staff. As Blackwell's expected volume increases this year, if the mindset of a player willing to attack anyone and with the ability to take on any role can form a perfect marriage, it's arguably the most important missed dunk in recent Wisconsin history.

"I would have a reaction, too, if an under-rated kid came in and tried to dunk on me," Blackwell said recently.

As Glynn walked out of the Kohl Center in 2021, thoughts about Blackwell of "Why hasn't he been recruited?" or "Why hasn't that big offer come in?" had vanished, replaced with a new one.

"It's over with," Glynn remembered he said. "He's proven to me that he belongs."

A new role coming for John Blackwell

Quinton Cole texted Blackwell last year with an idea for a project. Cole, an amateur filmmaker, had worked with his Brother Rice (Michigan) classmate in the past for a documentary-style video ahead of their senior year of high school. Well, it was more like a 15-minute interview in a basement about Blackwell's upcoming season, filmed.

As a storyteller, Cole partly needs his subject to be a little "arrogant." Blackwell is far more generous with his praise toward others. But this summer, Cole wanted to produce a project about Blackwell on a larger scale.

The "John Blackwell Documentary" was more of a day in the life of Blackwell. He played basketball with friends, trainers, trained at the gym for basketball and ate. It was a fair synopsis of Blackwell's typical waking hours, which for as long as those around him could remember have been dedicated almost entirely to reaching the highest level of basketball he could.

The way Cole has viewed his projects with Blackwell — in increasing importance and size — has mirrored Blackwell's own development through the years. The year-after-year growth: committing to his only high-major offer in April 2022, arriving as Wisconsin's lowest-ranked scholarship recruit and now emerging as its primary reason for hope amid a group that lost 54.1% of its scoring from a season ago.

"I said all along: He came back in June, I felt he knew he was the best player on the floor. He wanted to be the best player on the floor. He wanted to dominate," coach Greg Gard said. "(Former Wisconsin guard Johnny Davis) came back with that same type of mentality as a sophomore."

Comparing Blackwell to Davis, who ascended to the 2022 Big Ten Player of the Year and a Wooden Award finalist as a sophomore, is enough proof that Wisconsin expects Blackwell to take a jump this season. Being the go-to player on a team is a position he hasn't been in since his freshman year at Novi Christian (Michigan). But that's not for lack of belief, even if that's how it seemed as he struggled to find ways to express his dominant traits during his formative years at Brother Rice, where he spent his last three seasons. Yet Blackwell has prepared himself fundamentally for anything that he's asked to do: scoring, distributing, rebounding and defending.

He lives by the motto "seedtime and harvest," a snippet of the Bible's Genesis 8:22: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." To Blackwell it means building the strongest base of skill that he possibly can to prepare him for when God says it's his time to take the next step.

This year with the Badgers, it's arrived.

"I want to be the best player on the floor," Blackwell echoed. "(So I'm) trying to show it every day."

Putting the spotlight on himself for a documentary is one way to tease what's to come. Cole, as he was preparing to publish, wanted Blackwell's input. He ran him through the first 15 to 20 minutes, then showed him the trailer. Cole gave the video a subtitle: "Wisconsin's next great PG".

Blackwell did not object.

How John Blackwell combined competitive fire with patient development

At the Reggie McKenzie Foundation Camps, Chico Hamilton didn't call fouls. At least not when Blackwell was headed to the basket.

Hamilton has been a friend of Glynn's since they were in sixth grade. Glynn was from one side of Highland Park, Michigan and Hamilton was from the other. They were rivals. Then best friends. Hamilton said he's the one who convinced Glynn to play basketball. And Glynn, long after their basketball passion was forged in recreation-center battles, passed his love to his sons. He didn't want the toughness he was raised with to evade them.

"He was fouled every single time (he attacked) the basket," Hamilton, who officiated Blackwell's games at the camp to make things more difficult, said.

But the whistle never blew. Make the layup anyways, Glynn and Hamilton commanded. Glynn never wanted to put Blackwell in an environment in which he felt too comfortable. Because they both knew Blackwell was good. Chris Banks, Blackwell's family friend, said that Blackwell would say as much as early as fourth grade. He would talk about playing in the NBA, even if he didn't believe it until this year. He played in open runs with adults and would talk as much trash as he could. Chris remembered Glynn encouraged the group not to treat Blackwell with the care often afforded to little kids, tell him he stinks.

Blackwell took everything to heart, playing as much basketball as he could, copying moves from various videos and backing every bit of trash talk he gave back with a killer mentality and ever-increasing level of skill. As an eighth- and ninth-grader at Novi Christian, he played on both the junior varsity and varsity teams, coached by Hamilton both years.

Blake Banks, Chris' brother who was three years older than Blackwell, said older Novi Christian players weren't used to the "crap" Blackwell would talk throughout practice, making it known he thought he was the best. It was a Catholic school, so Blackwell never went too far, but guys would get frustrated: Why is this little kid talking to me? An older player even once pushed

Blackwell when he was in eighth grade, though teammate Prince Jackson remembered it hardly affected Blackwell.

"He's not really afraid of anybody that's older than him," Mackenzy Blackwell, John's older brother, said.

Hamilton used the same tough mindset he brought in refereeing to coaching, making Blackwell earn his playing time. When Blackwell did get opportunities, Hamilton would make it known he'd be removed from games if he made mistakes.

But more than the meddling some coaches would do mid-game, Blackwell thrived in this approach. When Blackwell would make the right play, Hamilton wouldn't make a big deal of it: He'd just offer him a thumbs up. And Blackwell was rewarded by staying in the game. Averaging 27 points per game as a freshman, Blackwell was already the team's best player. He started diving into film and even sought more of Glynn's extensive basketball knowledge as coaches and trainers started to echo the same advice.

"We'll be playing open gym and his dad will be saying, 'Do this, Do that.' And (Blackwell would) kind of wave him off," Luke Banks, a family friend, said. "But as things progressed, he started listening a lot more."

The next year, though, would bring a different kind of challenge for Blackwell. By transferring to Brother Rice, he was set to join three of his AAU teammates from The Family: Curtis Williams Jr., Xavier Thomas and Henry Garrity. They were some of Blackwell's best friends.

Williams and Thomas were high-level scorers and prospects in Michigan, too. AAU coach Marcel Smith said he had already emphasized morphing Blackwell into a point guard with The Family. Glynn, knowing the value of what his son could bring in leading the team, remembered warning Blackwell: "Your scoring is gonna have to take a back seat."

Williams and Brother Rice coach Rick Palmer said no one ever told Blackwell to step aside, though. But it was easier for Blackwell to command that he was the best at Novi Christian, when he clearly was. He wasn't better than his highly touted friends when they first started playing together through AAU. And Blackwell's personality meant he wanted to please others before he pleased himself. So, he admits he lost a little bit of the confidence in making plays that had made him dynamic.

He remembered approaching Glynn, crying. Lost. Blackwell was a scorer at heart. But as a sophomore in this new role: When does he score? When does he pass?

"That was the one time where I really didn't enjoy (basketball)," Blackwell said.

But looking back now, it was just an opportunity to learn. He and his father just got in the gym and worked to hone all non-scoring aspects. He acknowledged he's going to have flaws, but he did his best to minimize them with work on fundamentals. He learned to manage attitudes, be a leader. He became content — not content, he corrected, but happy with his contributions to the game again. Because even if he said focusing on those factors limited his ability

to "blow up" as a basketball prospect, it made him better as a basketball player. His time for that, he told himself again, was in God's hands. And in his junior season, hints of his former dominant self were able to return.

The game plan for Brother Rice to snap a 15-game losing streak to Catholic League rival Detroit Jesuit provided Blackwell an opportunity. Palmer knew how they defended: They're going to deny the wings so the middle would be open for Blackwell, and he needed to attack.

"Which is music to John's ears," Palmer said.

Garrity remembered when Blackwell's in a zone, he enters a flow state — the skill work, the pro-level moves all shine through. Blackwell set the tone as he scored 11 of Brother Rice's 22 points in the first quarter, per The Redford Observer, and the Warriors won in a 67-42 blowout.

Oakland and Detroit-Mercy were among those who most coveted that side of Blackwell they saw, but Hamilton remembers overhearing conversations at games where they admitted they weren't even on Blackwell's level.

Yet the home-state Big Ten programs passed. Hamilton encouraged Michigan coach Juwan Howard on an airplane to look at Blackwell. Michigan State brought him in for a visit. Blackwell had been striving for the highest level since he'd earned his first offer as a freshman from Eastern Michigan, and an excited Jackson (admittedly, naively) encouraged him to commit on the spot.

But now, he was just looking for a good situation, a family. And Wisconsin assistant coach Sharif Chambliss, since Blackwell's impression at the Badgers open gym the summer prior, kept showing up.

John Blackwell emerged as a star quickly at Wisconsin

Chambliss had seen Blackwell defer in high school, too, but he said Blackwell didn't need to convince him that wouldn't be the version of himself he'd bring to Wisconsin. His role with the Badgers would be more defined.

The prospect of adapting to roles, given his Brother Rice experience, was no problem for Blackwell. Glynn told Blackwell to just focus on defense early, to earn time by giving Gard what he wants. But it wasn't long before that was far too small a task for Blackwell as a freshman. First he was the only sign of life for the Badgers in a 72-59 blowout loss to Providence. Then he scored all of his game-high 18 points in the final 11 minutes, 26 seconds of a 10-point win against Robert Morris on Nov. 18, 2023.

Glynn and Chambliss both had the same he proved it moment, though. On the break at the Fort Myers Tip-Off opening game against Virginia on Nov. 20, 2023, Blackwell ran with the ball as classmate Nolan Winter sprinted alongside him. Winter pointed up.

"I'm like, 'He's not ...'" Chambliss said. He did. Blackwell threw a lob, Winter flushed it and the Badgers exploded ahead for a 65-41 upset.

"He's ready," Glynn said after the game. "I said, 'Wow.' I mean, he's ready."

Blackwell's younger brother, Robert, remembered he came home for Thanksgiving the next

week and was immediately back training at his gym Phyx Performance and with Josh Baker, one of his skill trainers.

The praise at Wisconsin, like with Hamilton, didn't always come verbally. Instead, he became a mainstay in the Badgers rotation, started a game, and twice matched his career-high 18 points — at Purdue to close the regular season and against Maryland in a Big Ten Tournament opener. He was rewarded for his steadiness, the base he provided with his role. And he again capitalized: Blackwell was an all-Big Ten freshman team selection, and showed signs that he could be Wisconsin's best player already late in the year.

Blackwell loved the family environment around Wisconsin, and even relayed to his father the way his teammates propped him up felt "different." The Badgers, he thought, would take care of him.

Yet he knew he wasn't going to be the surprising freshman anymore. The Badgers have been hard on him this offseason, Blackwell said. His next set of goals — a deep tournament run, a Big Ten title, All-Conference First team — wouldn't allow him to escape a bigger spotlight. So, heading into this year, Blackwell isn't trying to hide it.

To prepare, Blackwell met with one of his trainers, Andrew Myers, this summer. The two were once rivals, Myers a coach at St. Mary's, who saw something that stuck out about Blackwell: "He has, like, no selfish intention."

Myers has emphasized simplicity since they started training together in March 2022. Creativity, he said, stems from structure. The stuff he appreciated Blackwell never skipped. He and Blackwell would hone the fundamentals, but as Blackwell's aspirations and roles have become greater, the workouts have gotten longer. The gym they trained, Oakland Fieldhouse, closes at 9 p.m. But Myers has a key, so the two are able to stretch into the late-night hours.

"Alright," Blackwell said at the end of one workout this summer, "let's try some stuff."

Their normal routine would be a combination of floaters: same-arm, same-leg and opposite-arm, opposite-leg finishes. When they want to add to the complexity, they'll do the same thing, just facing away from the basketball. Random stuff. Myers said, to an outsider, it would look like they're messing around. But that's because they've already built their base.

He's shown the complexity throughout Badgers practices: being a three-level scorer, and using the skill he has to demand the best. Those around him know there will be a learning curve, as he exemplified in a 1 of 9 shooting performance in the Badgers' exhibition against UW-River Falls Wednesday. But he still looked for his shot and tried to take ownership as Wisconsin's go-to option. It's a more mature version, Blackwell said, of the bashful confidence he displayed as a trash-talking ninth-grader. But he thinks he's put in the work to back everything up.

As their workout stretched toward midnight, Myers and Blackwell turned off the lights on every other court but theirs, continuing their

work with darkness around them. To Myers, it was a metaphor for blocking out surrounding influences. To Blackwell, it was just "the vibe."

In preparation for what's to come at Wisconsin this year and beyond, they continued searching deeper into Blackwell's skill set, lost in the work beneath a singular stream of light.

## Wisconsin's John Blackwell embraced challenge to become a special player. Now he's a Big Ten rising star

By Mark Stewart  
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MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's John Blackwell rocked the rim for the first time last weekend and Max Klesmit and Kamari McGee weren't about to let the moment pass without a word from the star of the moment.

The Badgers seniors hopped on a postgame media call and put Blackwell on the spot, first needling him with an old-man joke and then getting the scoop on his first career dunk. Blackwell took it in stride.

"It just felt amazing because I know I've got bounce," he said. "I'm the bounciest on the team. It felt great."

Blackwell's response was tongue in cheek. Whatever bounce he has he uses sparingly. Instead the 6-foot-4 sophomore guard's breakout season has been built by his emerging skills as a point guard and the ownership he has taken on a team filled with veterans.

Whether it has been taking the last shot or jump-starting the team, Blackwell has embraced the opportunity to be an impact player for Wisconsin and it has helped make him one of the most-productive players in the Big Ten.

"He doesn't talk a lot and he's not a loud screamer or yeller, but he really has a quiet confidence about him and it's growing by the day,"

Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "He's extremely humble and extremely unselfish but he got a demeanor to him. He's got an edge to him when it comes to competing."

### John Blackwell ranks sixth in Big Ten games in scoring

No. 18-ranked Wisconsin (15-4, 5-3 Big Ten) hosts Nebraska (12-7, 2-6) at noon Sunday. Blackwell enters the contest second on the team in scoring (16.4 ppg), fourth in rebounds (4.7 rpg) and third in assists (2.5) while playing a team-high 30.7 minutes per game.

His numbers in Big Ten play further illustrate the strides he has made from Year 1 to Year 2: 19.3 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.

He ranks sixth in Big Ten games in scoring. "Blackwell is really good," USC coach Eric Muselman said after Blackwell dropped 28 points

on the Trojans in an 84-69 victory last Saturday. "Not just now, he (was) good last week. He (was) good the week before."

In Big Ten play, Blackwell has led the team in scoring or rebounding five times in eight games. During UW's recently snapped seven-game winning streak, Blackwell led the team in scoring or assists five times.

Even in defeat Tuesday, he had a team-high four turnovers and had a tough time keeping Bruins sophomore Sebastian Mack out of the lane in the second half, but overall his level of execution was pretty high.

Blackwell finished the 85-83 loss with 23 points, four rebounds and four assists. He was 5-for-14 from the floor, 3-for-7 from three-point range and 10-for-12 from the free-throw line. The game was his fourth 20-point game of the season against the Big Ten.

"I think John Blackwell is as good as any guard we've played against and I knew it watching it on film," UCLA coach Mick Cronin said after beating the Badgers on Tuesday night.

John Blackwell's play has made significant jump over freshman season

The promising part of his development has been his ability to take ownership for how the team plays and put it into action, whether it's helping the team get off to a strong start against Ohio State and USC or almost helping it come back against UCLA.

Some of that edge was apparent as the Badgers fought back from an eight-point deficit to pull within a point of the Bruins. Blackwell scored 10 points down the stretch, including a three-pointer from the top of the key with 60 seconds to go that cut the UCLA lead to 81-80.

He didn't make the game-winner — his shot in the lane was blocked with 9 seconds to go — but he had no reservations about making the attempt.

"I want to shoot that last shot and I know how to take the blame if I don't make that last shot," he said. "I know the guys trust me to take that last shot."

The miss was a bump on the road for a sophomore season that has seen Blackwell make a major jump in production. He has more than doubled his scoring. He is getting four times as many assists per game and almost 50% more rebounds as his minutes increased from 18.5 to 30.5 per game.

There is a lot of season left to play but Blackwell appears to be on his way.

"Just first give glory to God, without him I wouldn't be in the position to score as many points as I am or compete at this level and then (I have) confidence in my coaches and my teammates trust me," he said. "They know how good I am and I know how good I've worked, so it's just continuing to be consistent with it even if its not 30 points or 20 points, just consistent play."

## John Blackwell's breakout season has been decades in the making. But it's just one time for Wisconsin

By Jesse Temple  
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MADISON, Wis. — Glynn Blackwell's free-agent tryout with the Seattle SuperSonics kept gaining steam in the summer of 1988. After a series of impressive pickup games with the team's veterans, word circulated back to the coaches that Blackwell could really shoot.

That skill level put Blackwell, a four-year shooting guard at Illinois, on a path that nearly led to his professional break. He said he made it to a summer invitational in Portland, Ore., then a summer league in Los Angeles and, finally, a camp with the veterans. As cutdown day loomed, he was one of 12 players vying for one roster spot and a shot in the NBA.

But that's when Blackwell hit a barrier he couldn't overcome. Seattle head coach Bernie Bickerstaff told him he would not be part of the team's future. The SuperSonics instead signed point guard Avery Johnson, who would play 16 NBA seasons. Bickerstaff wanted Blackwell to play in the CBA. Blackwell instead returned to school to finish his degree and played eight years professionally overseas before retiring.

"I was more of a catch-and-shoot player," he said. "But as I had my tryout with the Seattle SuperSonics, I realized that being a combo guard was necessary to make it in the league. So I always remembered that."

The experience left a lasting impact on Glynn and his approach to teaching the game to his three sons: Mackenzy, John and Robert. Mackenzy played at Oakland (Mich.) Community College, and Robert is a junior at Brother Rice High in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. John, meanwhile, has ascended into a starting role as a sophomore at Wisconsin and might have the potential to reach the level his father never quite attained. That's because, at least in part, Glynn wanted to ensure John wouldn't be affected by the shortcomings that limited his progress.

John is 6 feet 4, just like his father. But his ballhandling ability, ingrained from a young age, has separated him as a true combo guard. He can make six 3-pointers and score 32 points in a game against Iowa. He also can dish five assists in three straight games while serving as Wisconsin's

point guard.

"We always talk about the things that stopped him from playing at the highest level; he doesn't want it to stop me," John said. "So anything that he knows that teams value, he wants to instill it in me."

John is a big reason Wisconsin, picked by media members in the preseason to finish tied for 12th in the 18-team Big Ten, has exceeded expectations. He has started every game at point guard and averages 16.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.4 assists. Wisconsin is 16-4 (6-3 in the Big Ten), ranked No. 17 in the AP Top 25 and on its way to earning an NCAA Tournament bid with a chance to reach the second weekend of the Big Dance for the first time in eight years under head coach Greg Gard.

The leap John made from his freshman to sophomore year has been notable. John said the relationship between him and his dad represents a significant part of the player and person he has become.

"I think spiritually he's helped me the most," John said. "On the court, he lets me figure it out. He pushed me to get up shots, but I think I've got that inside myself to go do that. But off the court is really where he's been big for me because he knows I need it sometimes. I love him for that. He's always in my ear. He's my therapist. I don't have a therapist, but he's my therapist, and he would call me his therapist. We always talk."

John began his high school basketball career at Novi Christian Academy, where his dad was the athletic director. He often dominated games while playing in the smallest division in Michigan. But with his dad set to step down, he transferred to Brother Rice (in the largest division) to play against better competition.

Brother Rice basketball coach Rick Palmer said John initially deferred to two of his AAU teammates: Curtis Williams, now a guard at Georgetown, and Henry Garrity, a tight end on Notre Dame's football team. Over time, John developed into one of the top combo guards in Michigan and committed to Wisconsin, his lone high-major scholarship offer at the time.

Enduring the transition at Brother Rice made it easier for John to establish himself as a freshman at Wisconsin and not be overwhelmed by the talent around him. He averaged 8 points and 3.2 rebounds while playing 18.5 minutes per game off the bench. John was named to the Big Ten all-freshman team and became the first Wisconsin player to earn four Big Ten freshman of the week honors since Nigel Hayes a decade earlier.

Gard said John wouldn't have had the freshman season he did or be as well

positioned now if not for the advice he received from his dad. Glynn told him he wouldn't score 25 points a game as a freshman and needed to chase other marks to get on the floor: be trustworthy with the ball, be good defensively, pick and choose spots to score. By the time John returned for summer workouts before his sophomore season, Gard said he looked like a different player. Gard compared his mentality to former Badgers guard Johnny Davis, who went from a freshman reserve to a consensus first-team All-American and an NBA lottery pick after his sophomore season.

"The biggest thing that has grown in John's game is his mindset and his confidence that he's the best player on the floor and his willingness to dominate every day, even in practice," Gard said. "That's what I saw this summer was a willingness and a want to dominate in June."

Wisconsin assistant coach Sharif Chambliss said Blackwell made it a point during summer pickup games to defend sixth-year transfer John Tonje, who appeared to be the team's best player. Tonje and Blackwell rank 1-2 in scoring, accounting for 41.5 percent of the team's points.

"It was pretty surprising just from watching film of him last year and not really knowing how things would fit and how things would go in the summer — you don't really know what to expect," Tonje said. "The first day, he was super competitive. He was killing us in the summer, if I'm being honest."

Blackwell is learning how to play the point in the Big Ten and acknowledges he is far from perfect. His assists (47) are nearly equal to his turnovers (46). But his will to win has helped offset the loss of three-year starting point guard Chucky Hepburn, who transferred to Louisville last offseason. Chambliss said Blackwell's physicality, downhill attacking style and ability to defend and hit open jumpers at a high level have been compared frequently to Boston Celtics combo guard Jrue Holiday, who is also 6-4 and was a first-round NBA Draft pick in 2009.

Chambliss, who recruited Blackwell in high school, said his family upbringing helped him stay grounded. When Wisconsin players and coaches gave back to the Los Angeles community at the Westside Food Bank during a road trip earlier this month, Chambliss said Blackwell's mother and grandmother were there to help. Blackwell is the player most likely to entertain the coaching staff's kids during games of one-on-one. Chambliss said multiple boosters told him they want to hire Blackwell when his basketball career is

over because of his engaging personality.

"For him to only be a sophomore right now is unbelievable," Chambliss said. "He's been a joy to coach."

John credits his coachability, not surprisingly, to Glynn. He recently scrolled through the text message exchanges with his dad, whom he affectionately labeled on his cell phone as "Pops." There were dozens of audio files Glynn sent him via text. John's potential tying jumper in the closing seconds was blocked during an 85-83 defeat to UCLA last week that snapped Wisconsin's seven-game winning streak. His dad fired off a message that began: "Tough loss. Had the game." Glynn then offered perspective about the season and to remain encouraged. John also showed dozens of video messages on his phone from Glynn and said his dad frequently sends Bible verses as teaching moments.

The most constant Bible quote Glynn offers is Genesis 8:22. It's John's favorite passage because of its focus on "seedtime and harvest" — in April, he is hosting the John Blackwell Seed Time Harvest Basketball Camp. The full passage reads: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." The message Glynn wishes to impart: Sow the seeds of hard work and, over time, the harvest will appear.

The philosophy has proved effective for John's development in high school and college. But there is much left to achieve, including helping Wisconsin make a deep postseason run and reaching his goal of playing in the NBA. The work is far from finished.

"I think he has a chance," Glynn said. "But I'm going to tell you, a lot of times athletes try to microwave their career. And I told Johnathan: 'We are not going to microwave our career. We are going to put you in the slow cooker and make you develop.'"

## Wisconsin Badgers 7-footer Nolan Winter makes 'big' strides

By Mike Lucas  
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MADISON, Wis. — In the midst of sharing his thoughts on Nolan Winter's development on the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team, Greg Stiemsma fell back on his own experiences.

As a former UW and NBA player, the 6-11 Stiemsma can relate to the 7-foot

Winter on a big-to-big basis and draw from his background on the floor and with college and pro coaching staffs.

"Coming in, I was obviously aware of who he was, and kind of his skill set to an extent," said Stiemsma, 39, the first-year director of player development for Badgers head coach Greg Gard.

"I knew that he was going to be kind of a big project for us — not in a bad sense but in an exciting sense. He's got a big upside and a bright future.

"Unsurprisingly, he's another Badger who if you challenge him with something, he tackles it. Ask him to try something and he's trying it. Ask him to work on something, and he's working on it.

"I've seen other guys similar to him in that role early on and later on in their careers, guys who started in that position and what they can turn out to be.

"It's almost a little scary-good how good he could be and the upside that he can bring to be a 7-foot guy that has the ability to shoot the 3 ... the ability to put the ball on the floor.

"That value is just skyrocketing in today's game. ... Give Nolan Winter one more year of doing what we've been asking him to do, and it's going to be really fun to see where he's at."

Winter, a sophomore from Lakeville, Minnesota, had a career-high 20 points in the UW's win at Butler on Dec. 14. As a starter this year, he's averaging 10.6 points. Off the bench last year, he averaged 2.4.

Taking advantage of more playing time — from 9.4 minutes as a frosh to 22 as a soph — Winter leads the team in rebounding and field goal percentage through 12 games.

"To see his growth and the way he's starting to figure things out has been really encouraging so far," Stiemsma said. "We love the fit. We love his progress."

One of Stiemsma's former Wisconsin teammates was Jon Leuer, who accounted for 1,376 points during his four-year career. He averaged 15.4 as a junior and 18.3 as a senior.

When Stiemsma was a senior, Leuer was a rail-thin 6-10 freshman. Leuer came off the bench and scored 94 points, or just slightly more than Winter, who had 88 points last season.

Both are Minnesotans. Leuer starred as a prep at Orono High School, an hour's drive from Lakeville North, the alma mater of not only Winter but ex-Badgers Tyler Wahl and Nate Reuvers.

Leuer, a 2011 second-round draft choice of the Milwaukee Bucks, appeared in nearly 400 games over eight seasons on five different NBA teams. Injuries shortened his career.

Off the cuff, Stiemsma volunteered Leuer as a possible comparison for Winter.

"Long frame, big wing span, Jon had those big shoulders," Stiemsma said. "He could put it on the floor and get downhill kind of at will. I think Nolan has got that in him, too."

Greg Gard on recruiting Winter: 'He wanted to win'

Nolan Winter became the third recent player to join the Wisconsin Badgers from Lakeville North High School out of Minnesota.

While recruiting Winter, Gard brought up Leuer's development and those of other "bigs" in the UW program to "just show him the lineage and history we've had with guys just like him."

Gard and associate head coach Joe Krabbenhoft convinced Winter on the benefits of leaving Minnesota and "carving his own path and blazing his own trail," Gard recalled.

Winter's dad, Trevor, was a 7-foot backup center for former Minnesota coach Clem Haskins on a team that advanced to the 1997 Final Four (an appearance later vacated by NCAA sanctions).

Winter's mom, Heidi, was a four-year starter on the Gophers volleyball team. What sold Nolan on the Badgers? "He wanted to win," Gard said. "A point we drove home."

During Trevor Winter's senior year, the Gophers went 31-4 and had such gifted players as Bobby Jackson, Sam Jacobson, Eric Harris, Courtney James and Quincy Lewis, among others.

"I remember his dad when he played at Minnesota," Gard said. "Completely different player (than Nolan). But he had an edge to him. Played really physical.

"The league was much different then, when you could beat each other up and nobody would care. He was part of that era in the '90s.

"I've always known that Nolan had an edge to him. You can just tell by looking in his eyes. He's got a chip on his shoulder, and it was just a matter of igniting that chip."

Winter makes starting his mission

After the Badgers lost to James Madison in the first round of the 2024 NCAA tournament, Gard recounted holding a meeting to find out the status of his team moving forward.

"We all knew what was going on with the world of college athletics," Gard said of the influence of the transfer portal in concert with Name, Image and Likeness payola.

Gard assured the players, "We're not going to ignore the elephant in the room."

By a certain date, he wanted to hear

back on everybody's plans, all 17 players.

"Everybody left the room," Gard said.

"Nolan came back, 'Coach, I'm coming back but I want to fight for the starting spot at the 4 next year. That's my goal. That's what I'm going after.'"

Gard said he responded, "All right, Tyler (Wahl) is graduating. It's an open race, but you've got to put the time in to go get it. I'm not going to hand it to you. You're going to have to earn it."

"He's done that. He had a goal in mind last March and a mission that he wanted to be on to utilize the experience he got as a freshman to build on that and do what he's been doing so far."

After Wednesday's practice, Winter talked about being a "tall, lanky freshman not really knowing where my head was at, where my feet were" when he got to Madison.

On Krabbenhoft's impact, he said, "He gave me that tough love that I needed to kind of set me straight and let me know, 'You're good enough and we're going to coach you.'"

Coach him hard to get the best out of him. Even if he might not always like it. "Every second of it, I loved it," Winter said. "I know I needed it."

Stiemsma spoke to how there's never been a question about Winter's drive or effort. During the off-season, Winter added weight to his frame, and he's now listed at 235 pounds.

"He's kind of finding his physicality, I would say," Stiemsma noted. "He's not the big chest, strong body presence. But his length, size and athleticism can really deter people."

#### Steven Crawl draws attention

In the Butler victory, 7-foot Steven Crawl snapped out of his slump and scored 18 points, only the second time this season the graduate senior had been in double figures.

"It's huge when Steven gets going," Winter said. "It kind of draws the whole attention from the other team to kind of stop him in the post, one on one.

"Whether it's sending extra help, an extra digger, it kind of opens it up for everybody else — for me and the four-perimeter people. ... It's big for us to get Steve going early and often."

It will be the team goal Sunday afternoon when the Badgers return to action with their final nonconference test of the season — Detroit Mercy — at the Kohl Center.

With three of the next four Big Ten games on their home floor — Iowa (Jan. 3), Minnesota (Jan. 10) and Ohio State (Jan. 14) — this is a critical stretch for the Badgers, who are 0-2 in the league.

"We've got to make a statement on Sunday heading into Big Ten play," Winter said Wednesday. "We know how deep the Big Ten is, how talented it is from top to bottom,"

Where the Badgers eventually land in this bloated 18-team conference will have much to do with how their bigs perform. As Winter arrives, so do their expectations.

## The post game of Wisconsin's Nolan Winter is beginning to blossom, just in time for a trip to Minnesota

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MADISON, Wis. - Every now and then Nolan Winter gives us a glimpse of the future and it's quite promising.

The guard skills he acquired before his growth spurt have always made the 7-foot Wisconsin Badgers sophomore an intriguing prospect. Even in this age when everyone shoots three-pointers, there aren't many big men who hit them as efficiently as the Minnesota native or who can face up and use a couple of dribbles to get his own shot the way he can.

But as we've gotten deeper into the season, it has been Winter's work in the paint that has raised eyebrows. He's getting better and it's showing more often in games.

"He's gotten stronger, so that helps him not get knocked off his feet and not get knocked off his base," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "He understands how important playing with a good base is and I think all those things add in to giving him more confidence. And he's a really confident player right now."

Wisconsin isn't a program that usually gets ready-made recruits, guys who walk into the program and achieve instant success. A strength of the Badgers is how their players develop from one year to the next.

Winter, who arrived on campus as a three-star recruit, is an example of that, displaying across-the-board improved production in a handful of primary statistics and showing the potential to be a primary post option in the future.

"That's the benefit of the experience he got last year as a freshman," Gard said. **Nolan Winter returns to Minnesota for key Big Ten matchup**

Tuesday night the folks back in Minnesota will get an extended look at how far Winter's game has come. No. 12 Wisconsin

(22-7, 12-6 Big Ten) faces Minnesota (15-14, 7-11) in a matchup that could help the Badgers secure a top-four seed for the conference tournament that will be held next week in Indianapolis.

He ranks third on the team in scoring (9.9 points per game) and leads the Badgers with 6.1 rebounds per game. His offensive efficiency has jumped. His shooting percentage has increased from 42.3% last year to 56.1% and his three-point shooting has gone from 30.8% to 36.7%. He is also a better free throw shooter (69.6% to 76.7%).

Take away his three-point attempts and Winter is hitting 70% (77 of 110) of his shots. Most of those two-pointers are in the paint.

Winter came to post play later in his development, but he enjoys what it entails.

"I love being physical, banging each other, doing all that kind of stuff," he said. "I think I got that from my dad (who played at Minnesota). I love the Big Ten and everything about it. I know day in and day out it's going to be a grind. Every team we play it's going to be physical. It's going to be a defensive battle and that is what I love, throwing my body out there and just getting after it."

### Winter's play vs. Oregon showed his potential

Winter's post development has shown flashes in recent games. He was especially effective in the post against Oregon.

He got three buckets off post-ups. He scored the first basket of the game by keeping his feet as he pump-faked his way out of a double team to score off the glass. Later in the half he again showed great footwork to get a defender off his feet before stepping through for another basket. And in the second half he went right at 7-footer Nate Bittle, who was battling foul trouble, and scored off a jump hook.

"Nine months ago he falls down and drops it. He gets knocked over," Gard said, looking back at some of those plays. "He's stronger now and he understands how to handle physicality in the paint and deal it back, too. All those things are good signs for him."

Being able to match up better physically also helps on the boards. His rebounding rate has increased from one every 5.3 minutes last season to one every 3.6 minutes.

On Sunday, Winter had the program's best single-game rebounding performance in 22 years when he grabbed 17 boards, six more than his previous career high, in a 71-62 loss at Michigan State. The last player to have more was Alando Tucker on Dec. 7, 2002.

Winter, like Gard, credits his ability to have that kind of game to his gains

in strength. As for the 17 rebounds, he chalked it up to being in the right place at the right time.

"Honestly the ball just fell to me here and there," he said. "It wasn't anything like I was trying to go and get 17 rebounds. It just kind of happened."

The game Wednesday will be Winter's third against the Gophers. He had eight points and six boards in an 80-59 win in January and had three points in a two-point win at Williams Arena last year.

As an in-state player who left to play for a border rival, Winter might hear it from the crowd, but he also has the potential to spoil the Gophers' final home game of the season.

"It was good obviously to see a three go in back in my home state, but I love the crowd there," he said. "I think the barn is a cool place to play. It's really unique. I'm looking forward to getting back there again."

## Steven Crowl is playing the best ball of his career. How Wisconsin's 7-footer broke his early-season slump

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MADISON - Basketball has gone mad with three-pointers, but the low post always will have a place for someone like Steven Crowl.

The Wisconsin men's basketball team was on its heels Tuesday night. Its 17-point halftime lead over Ohio State had been sliced to four in about 10 minutes. The game was a battle the rest of the night with UW eventually scoring a two-point victory. Crowl's big contribution down the stretch of that tight affair was a jump hook with his offhand that exemplified the run the 7-footer is on.

With his teammates spread on the weakside of the floor, the graduate student took his time backing down Ohio State's Sean Stewart and, upon feeling him leaning toward the baseline, faked that way before spinning into the lane and finishing with his left hand.

The play was patient, decisive and forceful all at once.

It also was the kind of play that helps teams survive the grind of a Big Ten game and season, something that most often comes when you have a low-post scorer capable of finishing high-percentage

opportunities.

For the past month, that has been Crowl's M.O. and it's been a long-time coming for a player known to show flashes of high-level play in the past.

"I've always said big guys develop at a different rate, physically and mentally than other positions," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "For his commitment to stick with it and keep pushing and take coaching ... We coached him hard and demanded a lot. You want him playing his best ball as a senior and that means he's gotten better and consistency is part of getting better."

Wisconsin (14-3, 4-2 Big Ten) has won six straight games. That run that has allowed the Badgers to climb from the bottom of the Big Ten standings into a tie for fifth-place and re-enter the Associated Press poll this week at No. 24.

It's no coincidence that the best run of Crowl's career has coincided with the streak.

The next challenge for him and the Badgers will be to make sure their games travel. After a run of three of four Big Ten games at home, UW will be on the road for four of its next five.

The run starts with a five-day swing in California that will include a trip to USC on Saturday (2 p.m. tipoff) and a visit to No. 22 UCLA on Tuesday (8:30 p.m. tipoff).

Having Crowl continue to play at a high level would go a long way toward helping the Badgers feel at home. He is feeling good about his game.

"I think 80% of the game is confidence, having confidence in yourself and I know (my teammates) have confidence in me," he said. "It's about going out there and doing it."

Here is what Crowl has accomplished over the past month: averages of 16.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game and a 71.2% (37 of 52) field-goal percentage that includes 42.9% (6 of 14) from three-point range.

During the first 11 games, he averaged 7.4 points and 5.2 rebounds per game while shooting 43.2% overall and 20% from three-point range.

Why the shift? Crowl credits his teammates for pushing him to play better and for finding him with passes that put him in position to score. He also has been playing in shorter bursts, which has helped keep his energy level high as well as maintain a level of aggressiveness that has resulted in better rolls to the basket and stronger attempts at finishing inside.

"I think the thing is just sticking to it," Crowl said. "Early in the season, when jump hooks or certain layups weren't falling, (the key) is sticking to it and playing through that lull and obviously coming out on top.

Hopefully we can keep that emphasis going."

'He understands how good he can be when he's aggressive'

Crowl's play has not only helped his production, but it's given the team a boost. The Badgers' shooting percentage has gone from 45.3% in the first 11 games to 48.6% in the past six. The team's scoring has increased from 81.8 to 83.3 points per game during that same span.

His play has helped balance an UW offense that early on relied on the perimeter play of John Blackwell and John Tonje to set the tone.

"We can come at you in a lot of different ways and have different guys lead the scoring charge," Gard said. "When you have two bigs like Steve and Nolan (Winter), you can depend on them. That makes us hard to guard because we can play a lot of different ways."

Crowl finished with 14 points on 5-for-10 shooting against Ohio State. The 50% shooting was the lowest of this six-game stretch.

In the only true road game, at Rutgers, he posted 18 points and 10 rebounds and hit 8 of 11 shots. Fellow 7-footer Winter missed the final 7 minutes of that game, so Crowl never left the floor as UW closed out the win. Crowl scored four points, grabbed four rebounds and one assist during that portion of the game.

He anchored UW's first road win of the season. Will he lead them to more?

"He was a grown man. That's what we've seen here really since Butler," Gard said after Crowl hit 6 of 7 shots and finished with 18 points vs. Minnesota on Jan. 10. "He understands how good he can be when he's aggressive and I think the rotation shift and getting him in and out in shorter spurts has helped. But he's also been assertive and dominant in his own way."

## Why Wisconsin men's basketball forward's low-scoring stretch doesn't diminish impact

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Something changed with University of Wisconsin men's basketball forward Steven Crowl in the aftermath of Dec. 10, and the results were immediately apparent.

Wisconsin coach Greg Gard, as he'd done before, made a public call to Crowl in his Dec. 12 news conference following

a nine-point, zero-rebound game from the 7-footer in an 86-80 loss at Illinois: This is the graduate forward's final year. And if he doesn't perform, he won't play.

"The clock is ticking," Gard said to reporters.

Gard reiterated the urgency to Crowl in a private meeting after the game, too. A call for more aggressiveness is something Gard has had to address before with Crowl, who is sometimes too unselfish.

And much like he has in the past, Crowl responded.

Maybe it was the dip in minutes to incorporate for more rest that did it for Crowl. Or maybe it was the changes the graduate forward made, emphasizing more energy in practice, so he doesn't need to flip a switch. Maybe it was because Crowl realized that Gard was right: He doesn't have much time.

Regardless of the reason, though, Crowl's outlook completely changed from that Dec. 10 loss.

It started with a burst, as he scored 16.2 points per game across his next six outings. It has remained true, even as he's averaged just 4.7 points per contest over his past seven games. The offensive output may be limited in comparison to what he had done in the first contests after the challenge, but he's affected the game in other ways.

And one stat is illustrative of how.

Entering this year's campaign, Crowl had never blocked more than 17 shots in a season in his Badgers career. This season, however, he has 15 blocks already.

Those blocks are coming at a key time, too. Crowl's total is boosted by a stretch of nine consecutive games with a block, a streak that he continued with a swat against Iowa on Saturday.

Gard, when addressing his own defensive personnel, previously emphasized that Wisconsin (19-5, 9-4 Big Ten) doesn't have a shot blocker. And Crowl did not spontaneously become one.

But part of what Gard told Crowl after the forward's performance against the Fighting Illini was that there is more than one way to be aggressive on the hardwood. Crowl seems to have understood that message, anchoring the Badgers' defense with stronger rebounding and better defensive positioning amidst a successful stretch for the program.

"Something you can control is just playing hard," Crowl said on Jan. 29. "So I'm just trying to do that every game, and all the other stuff hopefully comes along with it."

Crowl has averaged 6.2 rebounds per game since the loss at Illinois. He's also flashed a playmaking side, showing that he can provide value on the floor as a distributor as well. The graduate showcased that

ability to facilitate against Maryland on Jan. 29, when he scored 10 points and dished three assists.

Despite the dynamic frontcourt the Terrapins presented, Crowl said the Badgers' emphasis on pushing the ball inside the arc early was because the post isn't just a scoring position — it's a place for playmaking, too. Crowl demonstrated that in the second half, dribbling out of the post and hitting sophomore guard John Blackwell for a 3-pointer that gave Wisconsin a 42-36 lead at the time.

Moments like those shine when the scoring opportunities aren't there, something that Crowl has experienced as of late. Teams have sent several different defensive coverages at the forward, but a lot of what Crowl sees is double teams.

Wisconsin is working with Crowl to help him make quicker decisions during those times of distress, but the defensive pressure is a key reason why it isn't worth calling out for Gard. The defensive attention is just something Crowl will have to adjust to, and in the meantime, he's relying on what he's learned in the past.

Defensive positioning itself has been a point of emphasis for improvement for Crowl in his career — anticipating dribble penetration so he doesn't have to play reactive, Gard said — and he's made improvements in that area already.

The Badgers' win against Iowa on Saturday is perhaps the best example. The Hawkeyes scored just four points in the final 7 minutes, 12 seconds of the game — a stretch during which Crowl played the entire time.

Throughout the 74-63 win, Wisconsin tried putting both Crowl and fellow 7-footer Nolan Winter on the court together. Then, it opted to go smaller with senior forward Carter Gilmore at the four-spot, leaving Crowl as the anchor down low.

That's not a position Crowl has always thrived. And on the offensive end, he struggled with a 2-for-7 mark from the field. He also had his shot blocked twice in under a minute midway through the second half.

Yet, of his career-high three steals against the Hawkeyes, two came in that final stretch. He played ball screens well — a key component to Wisconsin's defensive success — and, when necessary, switched onto guards and held his own. It was proof, along with his eight rebounds and Wisconsin's continued ability to play what Gard called "advantage basketball" when he's doubled, that there are other things he can do to help the Badgers win.

"I thought he was really good," Gard said. ... "Even though the perimeter gets a lot of the attention, we played through

him."

As an in-state player who left to play for a border rival, Winter might hear it from the crowd, but he also has the potential to spoil the Gophers' final home game of the season.

## Despite shooting slump, Wisconsin's confidence in senior Max Klesmit hasn't wavered

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MADISON, Wis. — Max Klesmit made one of the toughest passes of the day Saturday with no hesitation.

With the score tied in the second half and Wisconsin rallying back from a nine-point deficit, the Badgers senior guard grabbed a rebound, looked up the court and fired a two-handed three-quarters court outlet to John Tonje, who had gotten a step on two Wildcats defenders.

Touchdown!

"That was like A-Rod-Jordy Nelson, me being A-Rod, John Tonje being Jordy Nelson," Klesmit said with a smile.

The play was as close to a deep ball as you'll get in basketball and it exemplified the version of Max Klesmit that the Badgers need. No fear. No conscious. Let it fly.

That attitude and presence are part of what has made Klesmit a fierce competitor since he arrived on campus three years ago. And that is who UW coach Greg Gard wanted to see Saturday when he noticed Klesmit passing up good looks.

"In the first half in a timeout I just yelled at him, 'Shoot the (blanking) ball,'" Gard said he told Klesmit. "He was turning them down. Why are you turning them down? Shoot it."

No. 17 Wisconsin enters the first week of February with a 17-5 record and a 7-4 mark in the Big Ten that places them in a three-way tie for fourth place with UCLA and Maryland. The good news for the Badgers is that a prolonged shooting slump by one their most reliable players hasn't slowed the team's success.

The tough part of it for Klesmit is weathering that storm.

"You try to stay as even keeled as possible, but there are some nights when you're like 'Dang. There's about two or three of those that could have went (in),' he said.

Wisconsin's Max Klesmit has been in a prolonged shooting slump this season but remains a key leader for the Badgers offense.

Klesmit displays other aspect of play during shooting slump

The 6-foot-4 guard enters the Badgers' game with Indiana at 8 p.m. Tuesday averaging 10 points, 2.8 rebounds and a team-high 2.8 assists per game. In Big Ten play he averages 8.6 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists per contest.

Klesmit was a 42% shooter (128 of 302) during his first two seasons of Big Ten play. That include 39% (68 of 175) from three-point range.

Those percentages are 33.3% and 26.4, respectively, this season. While those numbers represent significant dips when compared to past production, all it would take get him back in the neighborhood of that production would be a two- or three-game hot streak.

That's one reason to keep shooting. Another is that even as he struggles his presence on the floor is still a key piece to the spacing that has made the Badgers' offense one of the nation's best.

Take shooting out of the equation and Klesmit has brought value with his ball handling and decision-making or versatility defensively.

"Even when he's not going (offensively) he adds value to the group, so it's just a plus when he's hitting his shot, getting downhill and making plays," sophomore John Blackwell said after the win at USC. "We love him and he know how good he is. Max is our leader."

Klesmit has scored in double figures in three of 11 Big Ten games. His league high of 18 points came at USC where he scored 13 points in the second half.

Klesmit worked wonders in the lane with ball fakes and pivots that helped him get shots off over taller defenders.

He had a similar showing Saturday. He hit a turnaround jumper in the lane to open the second half and drilled a three on the third possession. It was the start of 11 second half points during which he connected on three of seven shots and went 1 for 4 from three-point range.

Getting some success early in the half helped, but the key was his aggressiveness or as Gard said: "Stop being tentative and if it's good let the thing fly."

History is on Klesmit's side when it comes to snapping slump

Klesmit's career shooting percentages tells us that it's not a matter of if Klesmit will hit a hot streak but when.

The next chance will come against a Hoosiers squad that is tied for allowing the fourth-most points per game in league play this season (78.2 ppg) and has lost three straight games.

When Indiana came to the Kohl Center last season Klesmit finished with 26 points,

which ties for his highest point total at UW, on 8-for-11 shooting, 5 for 7 from three-point range and 5 for 6 from the free throw line.

As for Klesmit's 'Touchdown pass,' it hit Tonje in stride. Tonje then took one dribble and got a shot at the rim that missed, but Carter Gilmore was there to clean up the mess and give the Badgers a 54-52 lead with 9 minutes 22 seconds to play.

Klesmit didn't register a stat on the play, but he clearly put the wheels of that sequence in motion, proof that a player doesn't have to score to impact the game.

But when Klesmit gets going, look out.

"I want to give so much credit to the people we have in this program for keeping my confidence up, keeping each other's confidence up and speaking belief into me..." he said. "I couldn't be more appreciative for who I have in my corner right now, my family, my teammates, my coaches. They've been with me this whole entire way."

## 'Serious' golf pursuit aids senior's Wisconsin men's basketball career

By Michael McCleary  
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The most upset Max Klesmit became at a sporting event, his mother Kelly Klesmit remembered, was long before his University of Wisconsin men's basketball career.

Klesmit was 12 years old at a Fox Valley area golf tournament. The formatting of the tournaments typically paired young golfers with more experienced ones. The idea of which was that the older kids could provide mentorship.

"And this particular situation," Rich Klesmit, Max's father, said, "that didn't happen."

Max Klesmit remembered the kids were hitting 300-yard drives. He tried to keep up, but he lost a few balls. And, while searching for them, the older boys just left him behind as he pushed around his cart alone and on the brink of tears. Klesmit wasn't driving yet, so Kelly would walk along with him.

"I'll help you," she told him.

"No, I'm fine," Klesmit responded.

And as flustered as he was, Kelly was proud. Klesmit said he didn't quite have the fullest view of it then, but the work he did that day and over his "serious" pursuit of a sometimes-frustrating sport helped build up one of the core tenets of what drives him as a microwave shooter for the

Badgers (8-1, 0-1 Big Ten).

He wasn't playing well in the tournament. In fact, he said, "I got my a-- handed to me." But he just zeroed in on his own swing.

And whether he was shanking balls at a youth golf tournament or going through a shooting slump, Klesmit is 7 of 39 (17.9%) on 3s over his last six games after a 1 for 9 clip in Tuesday's loss to Michigan, he's going to keep swinging and keep shooting.

"Work on it," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "You can't be hesitant, you can't be gun shy. You keep working stuff in practice, getting extra shots. Just got to work your way out of it."

Golf was first passed to Klesmit by his father. Rich convinced Kelly to allow him to buy a set of clubs because then everyone in the family could use them, he joked. When Rich was 12, he was a boxer for two years. It taught a lot of the same things golf did; it's an individual pursuit. But also with the notion of "someone's gonna beat the crap out of you, or you're gonna beat the crap out of them," Rich said.

Golf's easier on the body. It's a lifelong sport, too. So when he picked it up, he declared that all his kids were going to play it. Klesmit first picked it up when he was around 5 years old and he got a solid base, taking lessons with professional golfer Carolyn Barnett-Howe. But even before then, a 2-year-old Klesmit took his Fisher-Price golf set to the family's backyard, where — Kelly joked unbeknownst to her — a "putting green" was put in.

Rich clarified that, though.

"We don't have a putting green. We have a mound of dirt that gets manicured very nicely by the groundskeeper," said Rich, who is the groundskeeper. "We stuck a pin in it, and it's (a) 50-yard shot from our back deck into that hole."

Klesmit remembers he would get frustrated with it, though. It didn't come as naturally as baseball or football or basketball. It wasn't a physically taxing sport, but a mentally challenging one. But he remembered Rich always pushed him to stick with it. And Rich never gave him a hard time when he wanted to play or few holes or go to the driving range.

"No matter how bad you play on the course, find the little victories within that that you can build off of, and then you can go work on your game," Klesmit said. "So I think those things have just kind of stuck with me throughout my basketball career, too."

As AAU basketball started to take a lot of his time, golf was a sport — competitively — he could not continue. Yet like everything Klesmit wanted to pick up, he had the desire to be really good at it.

And eventually, he found his own form of competition.

Klesmit on the golf course started to match his authentic nature in that regard. Clayton Mathis was a team manager for Klesmit's former school, Wofford, and said they'd golf in groups of four during time off from basketball, taking advantage of the South Carolina weather. And Klesmit, after hitting a shot, for the 100- to 200-yard walk to the ball that followed would talk trash the whole time.

More recently with Wisconsin, Klesmit's parents said he's realized the power of golf as a group activity. As Wisconsin was in the process to implementing seven newcomers to its roster, Klesmit told his parents he wanted to play golf every day in the offseason. For the most part, he did, sometimes playing 36 holes in a day. Back in Madison, he'd bring along newcomers and new golfers alike, touting this offseason the growth 7-footer Steven Crowl has made in his golf game.

Klesmit said he's proud of where he's come with his golf game. Not as much as he is with basketball — he said he's put far too much into that. And he's not striving for professional golf now, but "there's a lot of life to live," Klesmit joked.

The focus now, though, is basketball and against an opponent Klesmit seems to always play well against. The Badgers visit Marquette at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Fiserv Forum.

It has been a tumultuous start to the season for the senior. He's connected on just 32.6% of his field goals and 25.4% of his 3s. The worst of those games, a 3 of 14 effort against the Wolverines, was one of the factors in the Badgers' first loss as he missed two clean looks from 3 down the stretch.

After the game, Kelly said Klesmit was disappointed. Crushed, even. But he was, though, still with perspective. He told her that he just needs to trust who he has always been.

"Basketball is like golf," Klesmit said earlier this season. "You're not gonna hit 320-yard drives down the fairway every single time. It might be in the rough, you might miss one long, but you get to play Hole 2. And you get to shoot the next shot. So stuff like that: always moving forward, looking at the next biggest opportunity."

# How a 'vocal' Wisconsin men's basketball reserve became one of Big Ten's best 6th men

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University of Wisconsin men's basketball coach Greg Gard didn't need any convincing to agree that losing senior guard Kamari McGee to a late-season foot injury last season would have an impact on his team. He knew things eventually would go bad.

It was nearly 33 minutes into a win over Indiana on Jan. 19, 2024, a victory that improved the Badgers to 14-4 and 6-1 in Big Ten play, when McGee went flying out of bounds, unable to break his fall. He missed the next 11 games. Coupled with more late-season health issues, Wisconsin went 4-7. And McGee had more recovery in the offseason, announcing in a since-deleted Instagram post that he underwent foot surgery. It was his first major injury. His first surgery. But McGee said he still found part of the experience "beautiful."

McGee didn't yet know about his upcoming resurgent senior season, with the Racine native finishing the regular season Saturday averaging 6.8 points, 2.5 rebounds, 2.0 assists and shooting 47.9% from 3-point range in 21.7 minutes per game as one of the Big Ten's best sixth men. But while Gard suggested McGee never doubted his value, the one, two or three momentum-swinging plays he made playing 8.3 minutes per game as a junior sometimes were hard to quantify. It's one of a host of unquantifiable characteristics of McGee — his leadership, likeability and energy among them. He lifted his teammates, knowing they'd have his back when he needed them.

McGee now also had some numbers — four wins, seven losses — that ensured him of something he long believed: He can impact winning at Wisconsin.

"I feel like I view my injury as a blessing in disguise," McGee said in October. "I think it added a different level to my game."

His best friend, former Badgers point guard Chucky Hepburn, transferring to Louisville this past offseason created an opportunity for McGee to show his growth in extended time. Possibly even from the starting lineup. But Gard wanted to maintain the spark off the bench McGee consistently offered even before his minutes rose near the end of last season. And with McGee as the Badgers' most important reserve this season (and fill-in starter with senior guard Max Klesmit missing time), the Badgers head into the Big Ten Tournament a lock for a high NCAA Tournament seed

and already possessing one more win than they did last season.

If there wasn't enough proof before McGee's injury of his viability in that role, even more was provided in his first game back last season. He scored 11 points in 10 minutes to help the Badgers top Rutgers 78-66.

The minutes were light, but McGee still made the most of his impact. His mother, Michelle Stewart, said McGee's attention shifted then: How can he make games like that more consistent?

Kamari McGee's winning quality inherent

Freddie Owens didn't take long to share McGee's name with his new boss, then-UW-Green Bay coach Will Ryan.

"This is our point guard right here," Owens remembered he said.

Owens, a Badgers guard from 2001 to 2004, first encountered McGee when he was an assistant coach at Loyola Maryland. Owens joined Green Bay in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, a time that limited McGee's recruiting exposure.

McGee didn't flash much as a college prospect. He's 6 foot (maybe barely) and didn't average a ton of points on a Racine St. Catherine's team with four soon-to-be college players and an eventual high-major star in Tyrese Hunter, who's turning in a stellar senior season as a starter for No. 16 Memphis. But McGee struck Owens as a player a coach would struggle to keep off the floor. His high school coach, Nick Bennett, said he'd come to the same conclusion when McGee was only a sophomore.

But McGee was asked to do everything at UW-Green Bay. He perhaps wasn't ready for it at times, and the Phoenix probably weren't ready to win with him, either.

"You can't take all the winning for granted," McGee said. "... Because it could all be taken away in the blink of an eye."

Green Bay went 5-25 in McGee's freshman year and the guard proved wrong some evaluators Bennett encountered who didn't see a Division I future for McGee. He averaged 11.6 points en route to a Horizon League all-freshman team selection. His father, Cameron McGee, remembered trying to convince him that things were good — he was the Phoenix's go-to guy, and that could be the formula to build the post-college player career he knew his son wanted. But McGee didn't want that. He wanted to play in an NCAA Tournament.

McGee didn't want to hurt anyone in Green Bay, but Bennett advised him that it only would take "three terrible minutes" to set up the best possible next three years. Wisconsin was interested when McGee entered the transfer portal. The staff visited McGee at Stewart's home, and Bennett walked out of the visit with Gard. The Badgers coach asked if there's anything else he should know.

"I don't know how to explain it," Bennett

told Gard, "but he just wins a lot."

Bennett for years had been encouraging coaches to look past McGee's pure numbers. The guard was a function within a lot of successful years at St. Catherine's, sacrificing his own scoring to become a lockdown defender. He could be a 20-point scorer, Bennett said, but Bennett needed him to take away 20-point scorers.

And McGee's personality never lacked a gravitational pull despite the unheralded contributions. When Bennett admittedly came off a bit more "unsavory" than he would have liked addressing his team, McGee would be the one to offer a positive thought. Cameron noticed when McGee eventually joined the Badgers that he sometimes would notice the anger and frustration his son displayed on the bench of games he wasn't playing.

"If I see," Cameron told him, "people higher up than me see."

That wasn't McGee, either. McGee was the type of person whom Stewart remembered rushed to a teacher's aid in high school when a fall in the classroom caused her students to laugh. He's who Bennett is asked repeatedly about by McGee's former teachers. He makes eye contact when he tells stories. Offers a smile.

Bennett remembered calling McGee a month or two into his time at Wisconsin, talking for around 10 minutes about how his workouts are going and what the offense looks like. Bennett noticed the background was noisy. He asked where McGee was.

"Oh, you know, I'm out to dinner with somebody right now," McGee said.

"You're out to dinner with somebody right now?" Bennett repeated, then quickly realized — "Kamari, are you on a date right now?"

Yes, McGee replied.

"Get off the phone with me, you knucklehead!" Bennett said.

They laughed about it the next week. But that's McGee: He's genuine and wants to make others' voices heard. In a locker room, that fits. And the basketball side was something he always had anticipated would work itself out after some sophomore-season doubts.

It came in spurts at first. Then the spark-plug role he had created for himself was deployed with consistency in his junior year last season. Wisconsin felt his energy in the limited time he played. Having a player who could provide what McGee did in less than 10 minutes per game seemed like a luxury that pointed to the Badgers' depth. But the circumstances changed with Hepburn's departure. Wisconsin suddenly needed more this season.

Spark off the bench

McGee's a competitor, so of course he was going to feel "some type of way," he said.

With Hepburn gone, there was an op-

portunity for him, once again bittersweet. His best friend had transferred, but the two had similar playing styles. Wisconsin was in need of a player who could provide the defensive pressure and offensive steadiness Hepburn took to Louisville for his final year of eligibility. McGee started throughout a bulk of the preseason, and Gard referred to him as the most consistent of the team's point guards. But the Badgers went in a different direction, starting a backcourt of sophomore John Blackwell, Klesmit and graduate John Tonje.

Of course, McGee was upset. "Not upset," his mother corrected. "He took it in stride."

He had worked hard for it, and it wasn't in the Badgers' plans. But it was a return to something familiar. Wisconsin needed a spark. He could do that.

It didn't take long into the season for those around McGee also to realize that this wasn't the same role as it was a season ago. He played 28 minutes in each of his first two games this season and matched his career-high of 11 points, set against Rutgers the previous season, in just his second game.

McGee managed to harness the quick jolt he could provide upon entering the game and combine it with secure control of the offense, averaging just 0.6 turnovers per game this season. He's grabbed 28 steals. He's averaged a career-high points and parlayed a summer of work on his shot into the best efficiency of his career.

McGee's natural vibrance made him an obvious leading voice next to Klesmit, a teammate whom McGee described as a more "rowdy" motivator.

"I might (just) say something slick and get our minds in the right place," McGee said.

And McGee's court trajectory at Wisconsin wasn't unlike the one he took in high school, too — the Badgers are impacted positively when he's on the floor, so he played more.

But the game that he couldn't be on the court for maybe served as the best illustration of McGee's meaning to the Badgers. McGee led the Badgers out of the tunnel against Purdue at Mackey Arena last month. He blew kisses to booing Boiler-makers fans down that same tunnel with 6:46 remaining in the first half.

Yet when he returned to the locker room, Cameron said McGee told him later that the senior was looking for something to punch that wouldn't hurt his hand. He settled upon watching the game on his phone. Doing some homework. But Gard seemed to well up when describing his key reserve's emotions. McGee took it hard, he said.

"I'm probably one of the most vocal (guys) on the team," McGee said. "... Even if I'm not on the court, just being on the bench, able to talk in the huddles, it means

a lot. So just not being there kind of hurt."

McGee felt he had let down everyone. That was not the message the Badgers left him with in the locker room, Gard said. Gard was the last one to leave the locker room., and he wrapped McGee in a hug.

"Kam, we got you," Gard said. "We're gonna go get this for you."

McGee put his clothes on, then his jersey back on top. And behind McGee in a different way, Wisconsin got another win.

"I'm sure the guys who were outside our doors that worked at Purdue heard me yelling," McGee said. "After every bucket anybody scored, I was yelling."

"So just watching the team come through. It really meant a lot that they had my back."

## Wisconsin's Kamari McGee Becoming One of the Nation's Top Reserves

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LOS ANGELES – Max Klesmit couldn't wait to add one more steal to his after-noon's work

Standing courtside at the Galen Center following No.24 Wisconsin's 84-69 victory over USC, not far from the basket where he hit a three-pointer that crippled the Trojans' comeback hopes, senior Kamari McGee spoke passionately and honestly about the work he put in during the offseason, overhauling a mindset change that has made him one of the Badgers' integral pieces.

McGee barely finished answering the question when Klesmit interjected, unprompted, slung his arm around McGee's shoulder and preached.

"We came in together, transferred in together, and the growth that this dude has shown makes me happy," Klesmit said. "He's really grown as a leader for this team. It makes me really happy that this young man has become a grown man, it's awesome. It's what you dream of as a teammate and as a friend."

Klesmit's sentiment rings true throughout the program, as No.18 Wisconsin (15-3, 5-2 Big Ten) has seen McGee develop into one of the best reserves in the conference.

Entering tonight's game against UCLA (12-6, 3-4) at Pawley Pavilion, McGee is doing everything for the Badgers. He has elevated his scoring from last season (2.1 to 7.3) and has the best assist-to-turnover ratio on the roster (3.27, 36 assists to 11 turnovers). More eye-popping is his shooting numbers.

The Badgers are 18 games into the

season and McGee is still shooting at 54.0 percent from the field, including 56.4 percent from 3-point range (22-39). That latter number ranks third nationally. Those shots aren't throwaway makes either.

After USC cut Wisconsin's 15-point lead down to three in the second half, McGee delivered a fast-break layup. After Wesley Yates's jumper tried to stall the momentum, McGee answered with a corner three-pointer, pushing the run to 13-5 and effectively ending the Trojans' comeback changes.

"I feel like every time I shoot the ball it's going on," said McGee, who finished with 10 points against USC, improving UW's record to 6-0 when he reaches double figures. "Even when it looks a little off, it still finds its way in there. I just keep trusting that. Honestly, I just hold my follow-through each game. That's what I tell myself going into each game ... It feels good every time it comes off my hand."

It's a mindset that wasn't routinely present in past years. McGee believed his offseason workouts put him on par with every point guard in the country, but his mental work was off. He couldn't put his finger on as to why, only that his eligibility clock was running out.

"I was putting all the work in as any other point guard in the league, in the conference, in college basketball," McGee said. "It was just a mindset thing. The strong-minded guys make it far."

"In all my workouts, at the end of each workout, I made sure I was shooting a lot of jump shots until my arms were hurting, until I made sure I built that confidence in me. These guys, my teammates, and my coaches, they keep instilling that confidence, and I feel like a good shooter because of the reps and all the stuff I've been getting done."

Not only has the perimeter shooting been there, McGee is doing things he hasn't done since he was a freshman at Green Bay, scoring off the dribble and shooting step-back jumpers. It's always been in his arsenal, but the only difference is that he hasn't felt the need to do it with Wisconsin since he's surrounded by more scorers than he was three years ago.

The shooters are still there for the badgers, only now he knows he's one of them.

"He's continued to work on his game, work on his craft," head coach Greg Gard said. "You never are too old to get better and he's continued to get better as a senior. He's taken really good shots, too. I think he understands the speed of the game, how he needs to play, all those things, and we're the benefit of his upper trajectory."

## Wisconsin basketball standout Kamari McGee hopes to break into fashion world

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MADISON – You've got to give it to a guy who can look fly while pushing a knee scooter.

That's how serious Kamari McGee takes his fits. A year or two ago Wisconsin basketball players were asked to name the best dressed player on the team. McGee won easily.

Not even offseason surgery on his right foot last spring stopped him. Unable to put weight on that limb, he needed the scooter to make his way around campus. It didn't take him long to incorporate it into his sense of style.

Each day he would post on Instagram his "Scooter Fit of the Day," daily proof that even when he wasn't 100% physically that his fashion sense was still on point.

"Fashion is a way for me to express myself without having to say stuff," the Badgers senior said. "What I wear is a testament to who I am as a person. When someone comes up to me and gives me a compliment about an outfit or asks me where I got it from it just brings a smile to my face because I take time in my outfits."

One thing that is clear about McGee from watching him play is that he doesn't shy away from putting time into his craft. His work in the gym during the offseason led to a breakout season that helped the Badgers emerge as one of the biggest surprises in college basketball this season.

The Racine native has been plotting a breakout into the world of fashion, too, turning his passion for style into his own clothing line. It's a goal that he has already started to put into motion.

He introduced Karpe Diem last fall.

"Karpe Diem is more than just a brand. It's a lifestyle!," he wrote on Instagram. "I want all types of people to see a piece from the brand and go 'That's me.'"

McGee credits his sense of style to his uncle

Ask McGee where his sense of style comes from and he'll tell you it starts with his uncle, Camaal, who is five years older and more like a big brother. The man has style and when he had his own clothing line he'd have McGee help sell shirts or pick designs.

"He kind of put me on to it," McGee said.

Soon McGee was doing his own research, a lot of shopping and thrifting and carving out his own style. Years later McGee has a well-stocked closet and a deep portfolio of IG pictures of him modeling his

various fits.

For home games he likes to wear something special and usually it's planned in advance. By midday Monday his gameday fit was set for Tuesday night's game against Washington.

"I'm always thinking about that in advance," he said. "I started thinking about that after the last game. I just want to have an idea. I don't want it to get to gameday and I'm scrambling trying to find something to wear. I like to be ahead with that. I don't know. It keeps my mind on the right things."

McGee is one of handful of players in the UW locker room who take extra care with their look. He and junior Xavier Amos has a similar eye for clothes.

"He passed down some things he bought that didn't fit him. ... He's got good taste. He knows how to dress," McGee said. "It's a few other guys. Both the Johns (Blackwell and Tonje). But if I had to pick one I would say Xavier. Cam Hunter is sneaky, too. He walks into the locker room with some good fits on too and don't nobody really be noticing, but I always notice things like that."

The many looks of Wisconsin men's basketball player Kamari McGee

Kamari McGee has been dressed for success

While McGee likes his clothes to make a statement, it is his play that is speaking volumes this season.

After the Badgers were hit with the transfer portal departures of guards Chucky Hepburn and AJ Storr, a void was left in the backcourt that McGee has helped fill as the team's sixth man.

The 6-foot point guard is averaging career best across the board. He enters the Badgers game Sunday vs. Michigan State with averages of seven points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game. His 21.3 minutes per game are 13 more than he played last season.

He has also become a dangerous three-point shooter. Deadly from the corner, McGee is shooting 56.1% (32 of 57) from three-point range after shooting 26% beyond the arc in his first three seasons. He also has been smart with the ball, posting a 3.38-to-1 assist-turnover ratio.

Tuesday was a typical showing: eight points, three rebounds, two assists and zero turnovers in 23 minutes.

Before the game, an 88-62 victory, UW coach Greg Gard challenged his point guards, Blackwell and McGee, to take more command of the team.

"You don't have to be a man of a lot of words, but how aggressive you are and how you're in attack mode, they play off that," Gard said. "That's infectious when they see your lead guards really bringing the ball with some pace and getting it moving."

It also makes a difference when a team has a player as vocal and energizing as

McGee. Though not a statistical leader, he is one of UW's emotional leaders.

"You try to fan the flame as much as you need to, but really from Kamari's standpoint it's genuine," Gard said of McGee energy. "It's organic. It's how he is every day."

Clothing line could take backseat to chance to play professionally

Why do people buy what they buy? That is a key part of what McGee has been learning in his study of consumer behavior and marketplace studies, a major that, according to the UW, blends marketing, entrepreneurship, merchandising and product development.

It's the perfect realm of study for someone who hopes to build his own business and brand.

McGee got a taste of the process last summer during an internship he had on campus that led to a photo shoot that was part of Karpe Diem's introduction.

McGee's paused his work on the brand to focus on the basketball season and his school work. And if he gets a chance to play professionally, the line would likely take a backseat, but he has a plan whenever he is ready to execute it.

"It really could come together in a year or two because I have all the pieces to have my own line," he said. "I have my own screen-printing board, I have connects that I can use to start getting the clothes out. I have great mentors to help me push my clothes out. I've got good connections to help broadcast the brand even more. It could take off within a year or two. I would just have to really lock in."

## Flood: Carter Gilmore Reminds Us the Good of College Athletics

By Evan Flood  
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MADISON, Wis. —You may not love Carter Gilmore.

Like many, you may have been frustrated by how many minutes the scrappy former walk-on from Arrowhead has played in a viable role for a perennial top-25 squad over the last few years.

But if you're a purist, you had to love what you saw on Saturday.

In the age of pay-for-play, endless transfers, and a sport with little to no guardrails for either -- or at the very least a governing body that refuses to enforce them, Gilmore brought out the best of the sport in Wisconsin's 75-69 win at Northwestern.

Over the last five seasons, Gilmore had appeared in 120 collegiate games, most of

which, were probably pretty forgettable from an individual standpoint if you're not interested in all the little things Gilmore does on the floor.

Few will forget No. 121.

Senior guard John Tonje, who scored a game-high 27 points, was doing all he could to keep UW afloat on the road, but couldn't do it alone. The scoring help arrived from the unlikelyst of sources, Gilmore.

Much to the dismay of many, Gilmore is getting 17 minutes per game thanks to his ability to impact winning in ways that go beyond the stat sheet. Against the Wildcats, those things weren't going to be enough if UW was going to get its sixth quad 1 win of the season, good for fourth in the country.

In seven minutes, Gilmore managed to save UW from what looked like another frustrating loss at Welsh Ryan Arena, a place that's historically been a house of horrors for the Badgers, by scoring a career-high 15 points (5-7), all in the second half.

The proverbial punching bag for the fan base for so many seasons, Gilmore punched back.

"That's a really great example of why someone is a Wisconsin Badger," said UW head coach Greg Gard, who has now won 60 percent of his Big Ten Conference games. "You know his story of a walk-on to today. He's come the long, hard way. Really proud of him.

"He's persevered, continued to stay with it."

With his team trailing 46-38 with just over 12 minutes to play, Gilmore got to work.

The senior knocked in a pair of 3-pointers for a personal 6-0 run to get the Badgers back within a field goal. After NU's Justin Mullins broke a 46-46 tie, Gilmore got UW back even, converting in traffic off a Tonje feed. Maybe the play that flipped the game for good, Gilmore then followed up a Tonje miss in transition and put home a bucket despite being sent to the ground by a defender with no foul call.

That gave the Badgers a 54-52 lead with 9:22 remaining and they would not look back.

In the midst of a 14-3 run, Gilmore then scored five unanswered points, a triple from a few feet beyond the arc followed by a pair of free throws. On the ensuing trip down, Gilmore then assisted on a 3-pointer from sophomore forward Nolan Winter, which felt like the dagger after UW held a 69-58 advantage with 4:30 remaining -- their largest lead of the game.

While the Badgers had to grind out the final few minutes as the Wildcats got as close as four with 23 seconds remaining,

the Badgers didn't forget Gilmore's heroics, mobbing him as the clock hit zero. The thousands of UW fans who made the trip stayed late to serenade the 6-foot-7 forward with chants of "Car-Ter Gil-More."

Gilmore's smile lit up Welsh Ryan Arena to the point where even his biggest critics and maybe even a few Wildcat fans felt good for him.

"It was everything and then some," said senior guard Max Klesmit, who had a big second half of his own, scoring all 11 of his points after halftime. "Seeing him have one of those games where you just break through the ceiling, it was awesome."

Back to the bigger picture, I doubt Gilmore is doing this for free. Hardly any role player for a power-four squad is these days. But Gilmore would be in Madison regardless.

One of the few players left in this sport who you don't question their intentions, Gilmore, whose father played for the great Bo Ryan and UW-Platteville, turned down multiple scholarship offers to walk on for Gard and the Badgers. Since he could hold a basketball all Gilmore has wanted to do was wear that jersey.

And when his chance came, Gilmore made sure Gard had no choice but to give him a roster spot.

Prior to his senior year, Gilmore laid it all on the line during UW's team camp, going toe-to-toe with La Crosse Central and Johnny Davis, who would eventually become one of the best players to ever wear the Cardinal and White. With Gard looking on, Gilmore put together an incredible performance. While Davis and the Red Raiders got the win, he was not the best player on the floor that day inside the Kohl Center.

Following that game, Gard offered Gilmore a walk-on spot. A year later, he was on scholarship after appearing in nine games as a true freshman.

Averaging 2.0 points and 1.8 rebounds for his collegiate career, it's easy to forget Gilmore was one of the best all-around players to come out of the state of Wisconsin in recent memory. A first-team All-State pick as a senior, Gilmore left a decorated Arrowhead program as the school's all-time leading scorer and had a single-game record 49 points in his final game against future first-round NBA Draft pick Patrick Baldwin Jr. As a senior, Gilmore averaged 27 points, 11 rebounds, and six assists per game.

Most knew that success would not be sustainable in Madison. More of a point forward in high school and a prospect that would be up against it athletically in the Big Ten, Gilmore had to re-invent himself. At Arrowhead, Gilmore touched the ball every possession and dictated everything

offensively. At UW, if Gilmore wanted to see the floor, it came by way of boxing out, help-and-recover defense, hustle plays, etc.

While Gard and Gilmore's teammates always had his back, a substantial chunk of the fan base didn't. All they focused on was Gilmore's statistical output.

"Ever since I've been here, I've had to earn my way," he said. "I've gotten a lot of hate for my offensive game, but I wouldn't have gotten a scholarship if I couldn't play any offense."

By Gilmore's redshirt sophomore season, Gilmore began to get nearly 19 minutes per game. The Badgers would miss the NCAA Tournament for just the second time since 1998. In that 2023-23 season, Gilmore played in all 35 games, including three starts, and averaged 2.6 points and 2.5 rebounds per game.

Returning its core plus the addition of the St. John's transfer A.J. Storr Gilmore saw his minutes dip to 9.2 per game as a junior. His final numbers? 1.8 points and 1.4 rebounds per contest.

Up until last season's 3-pointer that helped put UW over the top against No. 1 Purdue in the Big Ten Tournament, most probably cringed when Gilmore even looked at the hoop. There's no denying it, there were games the Badgers played 4-on-5 offensively as opponents dared Gilmore to take even the most open of shots. Unless that shot clock was under five seconds, Gilmore almost wouldn't pull the trigger.

Committed to putting those days behind him, Gilmore worked tirelessly in the off-season to regain his confidence as a scorer and make opponents who sagged off him pay. Averaging 2.9 points and 2.3 rebounds per game this season, Gilmore has already made 12 3-pointers in 2024-25 on 40 attempts. In his previous four seasons, Gilmore went a combined 9-of-55 from beyond the arc.

"That was the biggest thing I tried to work on offensively, coming on the floor and being more of a threat offensively," Gilmore said. "My teammates and coaches have given me all the confidence in the world to go out there and shoot it."

Gilmore's 15 points on Saturday all came during a stretch of just 7:07 as UW had its second-biggest comeback win of the season, trailing by seven in the second half. He also grabbed seven rebounds as the Badgers were +11 in Gilmore's 24 minutes of action.

Going above and beyond, Gilmore's primary objective on Saturday was slowing down NU's leading scorer Nick Martinelli (19.7 ppg). He did that too, helping hold the junior forward to a 6-of-18 shooting effort.

While Gilmore has had his days in

practice to the point where he's called 'LeGilly James' by his teammates, even Gard couldn't; have forecasted Saturday's performance.

"Thought he was gonna be important today," said Gard. "Didn't expect to see him banging in 3's."

Prior to Saturday, Gilmore's career-high in points was just eight, which came in 2022 against Iowa. He had never even attempted more than three 3-pointers in a game, let alone made three of them. The seven rebounds also tied his personal best, first set against Illinois last January.

When Gilmore's time at UW is up in roughly two short months, he's not going to go down as one of the best to ever do it in Madison. 30-40 years from now when all we have to look back on are the stats, nobody is going to blink twice at Gilmore's final statistical output.

But Gilmore should be remembered as somebody who did it the right way and his teammates have appreciated it every step of it. Regardless of where he stood on lineup or in the eyes of the people who buy the tickets, for the last four and a half seasons, Gilmore just kept plugging away.

"His opportunities in previous years have been a little limited, but it never changed his work ethic," said Klesmit.

It's getting easier and easier to be cynical of the future of college athletics. Quickly moving to professionalism or amateurism without the contracts, the things we love about this sport are fading into the distance. Fans wrapping their arms around a wide-eyed 18-year-old as he grows into a man while having nothing but love for what's written on the front of the jersey -- that's mostly been traded in for NIL cash and oftentimes players who regress because of it.

If Chucky Hepburn taught you anything, just about everyone is a free agent. To some extent, it's killed the product for many.

Does Gilmore have those types of options to leave UW? No, but if you're looking for someone to wrap your arms around, why not the guy who's never waived and given the program everything he has?

Gilmore may not be everything you want in a sixth/seventh man. Yeah, Gard could have gone out and replaced Gilmore in the transfer portal. Maybe the Badgers would be a better team. Heck, maybe Gard tried.

But ask yourself this, would Saturday have meant the same to this program and the state of Wisconsin if 'Rent-a-Player' had the same run as Gilmore?

Like any team, the Badgers aren't going to be immune to needing quick answers in the portal almost annually these days.

Tonje, Storr, and even Chris Vogt are great examples of what it can do for a team. But they're here today, gone tomorrow. For 90 percent-plus of the transfer additions going forward, it's going to take something to get that type of help in the portal, whether it's money, a starting job, etc.

We know Gilmore's story. We know where he comes from. We know the adversity he's faced in his career just to have that stretch on Saturday where, finally, the entire fan base admired him. Most importantly, we know there's nowhere else he'd rather be than Madison.

For a few minutes on Saturday, we got those best parts of the game back. A player who bleeds his team colors rising to the occasion and a coach who saw something in that player and stuck with him even when the outside world was screaming not to.

"It makes all the hard work, all the haters, and all the comments worth it for sure," said Gilmore. "To see the amount of love I have, that's why I play. I'm a true Wisconsin Badger."

"All I want to do is make all the fans happy. I was glad I was able to do that today."

"Basketball is like golf," Klesmit said earlier this season. "You're not gonna hit 320-yard drives down the fairway every single time. It might be in the rough, you might miss one long, but you get to play Hole 2. And you get to shoot the next shot. So stuff like that: always moving forward, looking at the next biggest opportunity."

## Carter Gilmore's journey from uncertainty to 'joy' with Wisconsin men's basketball

By Michael McCleary  
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MADISON, Wis. —Carter Gilmore considered quitting basketball.

It was February 2024. The University of Wisconsin men's basketball team was in the midst of an abysmal month, losing six of eight games before the start of a March stretch run that looked promising yet ended with a first-round loss to James Madison in the NCAA Tournament. Gilmore's season, though, had faded by then.

The forward had a few notable moments in the Badgers' run to the Big Ten Tournament championship game but played 10-plus minutes in just five of the final 14 games of the season. Earlier

in the season, Badgers coach Greg Gard used nearly two minutes following a Fort Myers Tip-Off win over Virginia to defend Gilmore, saying the people who downplay his impact "don't understand the game of basketball."

But Gilmore never backed that support up with belief in himself — he passed up shots, played tight and wondered if those he'd later refer to as the "haters" were right — so, in time, he saw the coaching staff's confidence waver, too.

And before this season, Gilmore found out he wouldn't be on scholarship. He could transfer elsewhere, but Wisconsin also offers financial aid to players who have exhausted their athletic eligibility. So Gilmore considered: Why restart from the bottom of the depth chart and pay his own tuition when he could just remain with his friends and finish school for free?

Gilmore's grandfather, Jim Sullivan, recognized the significance of that decision. Sullivan had raised a basketball star in Gilmore's mother, Stephanie, who is the all-time leading scorer at UW-Platteville. It was there where Stephanie met Gilmore's father, Brian, a men's basketball player at Platteville playing for the would-be legendary Badgers coach Bo Ryan.

Gilmore was surrounded by basketball, and Wisconsin basketball, was his whole life. Playing for the Badgers was his dream. And following Gilmore's freshman season at his dream school, a message from former Badgers guard Carter Higginbottom's father, Elzie, always stuck with Sullivan.

"Tell him," Sullivan, through tears, recalled Elzie saying, "not to let anybody take his dream away."

Nearly three up-and-down years later last February, Sullivan took Gilmore out for an early dinner at The Harvey House in Madison. The Badgers forward had, by then, learned the cost of his dreams. He was down. The same negative thoughts that plagued his entire career crept up again, ones that sometimes made him afraid to go outside because he feared the fans in Madison didn't like him.

Gilmore, of course, didn't know what was on the horizon this season: a successful campaign that included back-to-back double-digit scoring performances against Northwestern and Indiana in early February. A boost in minutes (17.4 per game) and 3-point shooting (44.4%) on one of the most successful Wisconsin (19-5, 9-4 Big Ten) teams the last several seasons. An unexpected decisiveness and joy he'd play with now that — after four years at Wisconsin — he was needed.

Sullivan was supportive as Gilmore talked through his doubts over dinner. He did, though, have Gilmore make a promise.

"If you decide to play," Sullivan told

him, “you’ve got to give them everything you got. You owe that to your teammates.”

Gilmore agreed, although it was difficult for him to foresee what it would take for a final run with the Badgers to be a positive one.

Before Gilmore and his grandfather finished their meal, though, a member of the staff at The Harvey House approached their table with a free dessert. The staffer told Gilmore he appreciates everything he does.

“We’re glad you’re a Badger,” he finished.

“See?” Sullivan said to Gilmore. “It’s not all too bad.”

Gilmore laughed retelling the story almost a year later. He had long prayed, and knew his path with the Badgers would require work, even if he didn’t know the destination. There were plenty of reasons to stay at Wisconsin. But to enter his last college basketball season without confidence in himself wouldn’t be enough.

He needed to heal. So he took on a new mindset. And to the fear and doubts he had, just said “screw it.”

‘It was like nobody could stop him’

Some might not remember how successful of a high school basketball player Gilmore was.

Arrowhead basketball coach Craig Haase can break it down with a single stat: Gilmore was the first player in Haase’s 26 years at the school to record a triple-double. Gilmore posted senior-season averages of 26.8 points, 11.3 rebounds and 5.6 assists per game. He had options to play collegiately.

But Gilmore had his heart set on one destination. It was the same place where Brian’s connection with Ryan had landed a first-grade Gilmore a couple games as the Badgers’ ball boy. An in-state university that Gilmore, as Sam Dekker, and Brian, as Frank Kaminsky, would pretend to play for in their driveway during halftime of games on TV.

Gilmore also idolized players like Dujie Dukan — a former Badgers forward who played for back-to-back Final Four teams yet didn’t average more than 8.1 minutes per game until his fifth year. Gilmore watched as Dukan put up 500 shots with a manager after one practice, an illustration of the work his dream required.

He earned an opportunity to play with Phenom University, an AAU team, on which he was teammates with future NBA players Jalen Johnson and Patrick Baldwin Jr. The Arrowhead product noticed he was a different, less assertive player around that amount of talent, but it had the opposite effect on his senior season.

“It was like nobody could stop him,” Haase said. “And he knew it.”

Before that season, though, Gilmore also wanted to set his sights forward. It was hard to tell if the Badgers were truly interested in him, Stephanie said. But no matter the visits Stephanie and Brian would take him on, it was hard to command Gilmore’s attention anywhere else.

Gilmore had shared that much with his then-trainer, Taylor Jannsen, after they worked out at Pewaukee High School. Johnson came up with the idea: “Call Bo.”

So, Brian gathered some clips from Gilmore at Arrowhead and called his former coach, urging Ryan not to “BS” him: Can Gilmore play in the Big Ten?

Ryan said he can — if he puts in the work. But the longtime Badgers coach added that there’s some “fight” Gilmore might need to add to his game, too.

Maybe by coincidence, Haase remembered Gilmore joined the football team his senior season. At that point, Stephanie and Gilmore had already traveled to take a late-summer visit to Wisconsin. They met with Gard, who said he didn’t have a scholarship. But Gilmore could join the program as a preferred walk-on. And part of that agreement is, even if he were to get a scholarship, there’s no yearly guarantee for roster flexibility purposes.

Still, Gilmore knew: I’m in.

The haste wasn’t surprising. He’d made it. A year later, the Badgers offered him a scholarship

Everything was as planned. That is, until he got a chance to play.

‘I didn’t want to make a mistake’

Stephanie wondered what would have been had Gilmore’s first significant game gone differently.

Gilmore only played 17 minutes across nine games as a freshman, but perhaps his biggest opportunity was a 4-minute, 38-second stretch in the first half of an eventual 68-51 win on Feb. 21, 2021 at Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Illinois.

About 31 seconds after checking in, Gilmore curled from the right post, found an open spot on the left wing behind the 3-point line, clanked a shot off the front iron and out of bounds. Then at 8:34, he missed a second 3, too.

“I tell you what,” Big Ten Network analyst Stephen Bardo said, chuckling, on the game’s broadcast, “Gilmore doesn’t lack confidence.”

He checked out soon after, and never checked back in. But that was typical that year. He was a walk-on.

But what if those shots had gone in? Stephanie wonders if that might have impacted Gilmore’s trajectory. Gilmore was consumed by “what ifs,” too, but they took a different form.

Gilmore still played on scout team as a sophomore but would switch over and

log several minutes in games up until the midseason mark. He loved Wisconsin and didn’t want to be the reason it lost games, let alone in a 2021-22 season in which it won the Big Ten.

“I was so wound up tight,” Gilmore said. “I didn’t want to make a mistake; I didn’t want to lose; I didn’t want to upset anyone.”

He was stiff, scared. And it was obvious. So with permission from Gilmore, Stephanie called Gard: they didn’t think it was in Gilmore’s best interest to play.

Gilmore logged just seven minutes between Jan. 27, 2022 and the end of the season. But Gilmore still wanted to prove he could play at Wisconsin. So when an opportunity emerged for the 6-foot-7 wing to convert himself into a backup center for his junior season, Stephanie remembered that her son became devoted to bulking meals, protein shakes and training sessions at NX Level Athletics in Waukesha.

He wasn’t to prove anything to himself, though. Gilmore said his work was to prove others wrong.

The cycle, built on negative social media comments, proved unhealthy for Gilmore. He had some triumphs as an undersized big man, playing 18.9 minutes per game and providing some spirited defensive efforts. But it was on the other end of the floor where his detractors emerged. Gilmore had a simple explanation for why he passed up open shots — he was tired from battling 7-footers on defense.

The then third-year Badger would dwell on not just the misses, but the ones he didn’t take, too. And the night before games, he’d lie awake thinking: What if something goes wrong?

“(I was) living out my dream,” Gilmore said, fighting back tears, “and not feeling like I was able to compete to the highest of my ability because I was doubting myself. And allowing others to doubt me.”

Gilmore entered last season as a regular contributor, but perhaps as passive as he’d ever been. He took just 39 shots in 303 minutes. He was afraid to be loose and joke around before games, fearing it would seem as if he wasn’t “locked in.” Before a switch in the team’s offensive philosophy, the Badgers likely made substitutions more quickly following a mistake in previous seasons. But Gilmore still put a lot of it in his own head.

Gilmore’s parents weren’t always sure when to offer advice, but as his role started to wane towards the end of the 2023-24 campaign, Stephanie pointed out to Gilmore the irony: He was trying to be so perfect to hold on to his opportunity, that he lost it.

A meeting after the season provided a continuation of a similar cycle for Gilmore,

who entered each offseason of his Badgers career with a similar uncertainty. He met with members of the coaching staff, who informed him they didn't have a scholarship for him the next season, but they could supplement the costs with some NIL money. Negotiation is commonplace in the NIL world, but Gilmore knew the offer he received wouldn't cover everything it costs to attend school.

He teared up. "Damn," he said. "All this work, and now I'm going to have to come back here and pay for my school."

The coaches listened. And when former Badgers point guard Chucky Hepburn announced his intention to transfer a few days later, the staff called Gilmore back in and upped the offer to something that would allow him to graduate without debt.

He decided to return to the Badgers. Yet the meeting proved meaningful, too, because it represented a point in which Gilmore had nothing to lose.

Advocating for himself worked. So ...

"Screw it," Gilmore said then. "I'm just gonna have fun again."

After summer workouts with Wisconsin, he was asked by his aunt and uncle, Heidi and Dan Hlavachek, if he wanted to go to Europe at the end of July. He, Heidi, Dan and Gilmore's two cousins, Brandt and Luke, traveled through Prague, Czech Republic, Vienna, Austria and Dubrovnik, Croatia. Before a beach and a bay cruise in Montenegro, they all stopped for breakfast. Heidi said they tried not to ask basketball questions. Everyone asked Gilmore those.

But it came up, and Gilmore let everything out. He started crying, talking through the ups and downs. The fears. The doubts.

The breakfast lasted around three hours, and Dan said it was his first indication of just how serious Gilmore's situation was. Gilmore and the family had their fun, but each day brought new conversations and new emotions. Gilmore worked through what he needed to work through, out of sight from a transfer portal cycle that could possibly sink him in the rotation. Again.

But the company he surrounded himself with on vacation had all seen the joy he once played with. He just needed to get back to what he once was, they told him.

"You know what," Heidi remembered Gilmore said, "I'm going to do that."

Finding joy

There had been hints this season would be different for Gilmore.

Setting screens in the Badgers' now-refined system meant he was a consistent part of actions when he was on the floor. Plus, the coaching staff — more than it ever had — was urging everyone to take the shots that were open.

The transfer portal cycle that left those around Gilmore with an uncertain feeling was also somewhat disorienting for the Badgers, who were trying to incorporate seven new players. Experience, Gard said at the time, would guide them through the early season.

Gilmore caught himself a few times passing up shots early, seeing a direct line between that and a lack of playing time. The "joy, happiness (and) gratitude" he's playing with now was completely within his control. It took him until Dec. 3, 2024 against Michigan to hit his first 3-pointer, but those around Gilmore had plenty of positives to point to — even if there wasn't one true single-game example.

"The numbers, again, (show) Gilmore in the lineup makes us good on both ends," Gard said following the Badgers' win over Detroit Mercy on Dec. 22. "(You) don't look at the stat sheet and say that. You look at the line of production when he's on the floor. Defensively, it's good. Offensively, it's good."

Gard's assessment was, in some ways, anecdotal. Until Feb. 1. Almost four years after his first major run at Wisconsin, Gilmore returned to face Northwestern at Welsh-Ryan Arena with a Badgers team that was similarly successful yet strikingly different: It needed him.

Still, it wasn't clear who Wisconsin "needed" against the Wildcats, trailing 46-38 with less than 13 minutes remaining in the game. But it needed someone, and with 12:41 left, Gilmore responded.

Gilmore started the best performance of his career with a 3 from a couple feet behind the arc, then added another, plus a layup and more. He tallied 15 points on 5-of-7 shooting as Wisconsin came from behind to win 75-69. And postgame, it was all about the senior forward.

Gilmore heard the "M-V-P" chants at the Kohl Center, ones started perhaps in a bit of jest. But as "CAR-TER GIL-MORE" filled a small corner of Welsh-Ryan Arena, this one felt like it was more about his actual performance, he said with a smile. Gilmore found his family behind the bench after the game and shared a few hugs, but Stephanie gave him time to enjoy himself.

A day after the game, though, she called and asked him: "What was running through your mind?"

That might have been a loaded question in the past — who would've let doubts creep in like "What if I miss?" or "What if because I miss, we lose?" — but his answer couldn't have been more simple.

He made his first shot. So he thought, good, he could shoot again. In other words, screw it.

"I think we live in a world that's really (about) fear and love," Gilmore said, "but you can choose, too."

## Betting on Himself, Jack Janicki Quickly Earns a Role In Wisconsin's Rotation

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MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin assistant coach Sharif Chambliss seems some similarities between himself and redshirt freshman guard Jack Janicki. It may not be widely known information given the player he was at Penn State before arriving in Madison, but like Janicki, Chambliss walked on for the Badgers. In fact, Chambliss just got done paying off his student loans last year.

"You double-down on yourself," Chambliss told Badger247. "If you believe in yourself and that's where you want to be, that's what you do."

A lot has been surprising during the Badgers' 7-0 start. Picked to finish No. 12 in the Big Ten Conference during the preseason, UW joins Kansas, Alabama, and Auburn as the only teams in the country with a pair of KenPom Top25 victories. The Badgers upset then No. 11 Arizona and took down Pittsburgh on Sunday to claim the Greenbrier Tip-Off championship.

But the quick emergence of Janicki is up there among the things that have raised eyebrows early.

A second-year walk-on, Janicki has been vital off the bench at times, netting 10.4 minutes per game. Janicki is averaging 2.1 points, 1.1 rebounds, and 1.0 assists per game while appearing in all seven contests.

Not bad for a guy who is currently paying his own way and didn't play a minute last season.

While he watched from the sidelines, Janicki would often measure himself against UW's opponents. By the end of the 2023-24 season, Janicki felt he stacked up pretty well to the other role players on the floor. After each practice, he'd put in an extra hour of shooting and/or weight lifting. Eventually, enough days were stacked together where Janicki turned into a reliable 3-pointer shooter and defender at the Big Ten level.

"It was a big mental hurdle, taking yourself out of competing for a year," Janicki said. "That's a mindset you've got to adapt to. You're used to turning it on for games, but now you've got to grind for practice." Janicki tallied a career-high 19 points in the win over the Wildcats on Nov. 15. Seconds into his first stint on the floor, Janicki launched a drained a 3-pointer from the left wing. Janicki's swagger didn't pan out

quite as well in Friday's Greenbrier Tip-Off semifinal win over UCF, missing on a fast break triple in which the Badgers had a 3-on-1 break.

"You've gotta have some onions to do that," Chambliss laughed.

Janicki is not your typical walk-on. The 6-foot-5 guard turned down a handful of Division 1 scholarship offers to play for the Badgers, including one from Wake Forest. In the end, it came down UW and Santa Clara.

Basketball was just part of the equation for Janicki, whose mother was an All-American at Notre Dame. His sister and aunt each attended UW. The Badgers, led by assistant coach Joe Krabbenhoft, also recruited the former three-star prospect as hard, if not harder, than his other scholarships.

"I was happy with the decision I made last year even when I wasn't playing," he said. "I mean, this is the place I wanted to be, but now that we're on the court and helping the team win, it's I am truly blessed to be in this program and to be with these coaches and to be with these guys for sure."

Janicki, who came up as more of a point guard, has transitioned nicely off the ball. It's a small sample size, but Janicki is currently 4-of-10 from 3-point range. The Badgers have also trusted Janicki in some of their bigger games defensively and left him on the floor for extended minutes, including 14 versus UCF.

"He stayed true to the process. He kept his head down. One foot in front of the other," said Chambliss. "I really thought he took that season and got better. Super hard worker."

Coming out of high school, Janicki likened himself to a former great Badger walk-on in Zak Showalter. It's not an apples-to-apples comparison as Showalter arrived in the midst of a pair of Final Four runs, but in year two, the former Germantown star was getting 7.6 minutes per game. Clayton Hanson, another terrific UW walk-on, saw 4.9 minutes per game during his second season.

"Reminds you of that Josh Gasser type," Chambliss said of Janicki. "Really good defender, rebounds, gets a ton of deflections, more athletic than you think. Makes pretty good decisions."

Janicki has also had at least one assist in five of UW's seven games. He found sophomore forward Nolan Winter for a dunk during a big second-half run in the win over Pittsburgh. Janicki did the same for senior center Steven Crawl against Arizona earlier this month.

"He's not afraid of the moment and there's no drop-off when we go to the bench," said Crawl, who called Janicki a "super underrated passer".

Upon his commitment in August of 2022, Janicki claimed a scholarship would never go into his long-term decision-making. If Janicki keeps this up, the Badgers are going to have a hard time using the next available scholarship on an incoming freshman or transfer.

"I figured with hard work and patience, in time, the basketball side would figure itself out," he said. "I never really thought of myself as a walk-on. The title says that and the lack of a scholarship says that, but once it's 5-on-5, it's just basketball."

## Playing PG for the First Time, Jack Janicki Was the Lift Wisconsin Needed

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Every game this season is a learning moment for Jack Janicki.

Earning a spot at the back end of the University of Wisconsin's rotation, the redshirt freshman guard has needed to adjust to the speed and physicality of the college game without losing confidence in shooting his perimeter shot.

So, being thrust into playing point guard for the first time in college against the No.7 team in the country at Mackey Arena, being guarded by the league leader in steals, was simply viewed by him as the next step in his maturation.

Running the point for most of the 17 minutes he logged after the ejection of reserve Kamari McGee, Janicki looked and played like a seasoned pro in No.16 Wisconsin's 94-84 victory. He posted a career-high 11 points, and went 3-for-4 from 3-point range. Most importantly, he had two assists and no turnovers against Purdue guard Braden Smith's pressure.

"It was something to be thrown into that," Janicki said. "Just building on to teammates and guys we have here, I feel completely comfortable running the offense because I know I got guys I can turn to."

Janicki had plenty of quality options on Saturday afternoon. John Tonje scored a game-high 32 points, Max Klesmit added 17 points and six assists, while Nolan Winter (12) and John Blackwell (11) also reached double figures.

But winning at Mackey Arena takes special moments, especially for a Wisconsin program that had beaten Purdue there just four times since 1972.

In Wisconsin's last win in the building three years ago, Johnny Davis had a double-double with career highs in points (37) and rebounds (14), not to mention three assists, two blocks, and two steals. UW also fouled out its three centers – Steven Crawl, Tyler Wahl, and Chris Vogt – while defending a young Zach Edey and preventing the Boilermakers from having a sizeable advantage in offensive rebounds and points in the paint.

Janicki nearly doubling his 9.9-minute average would qualify as a moment. "As a freshman, he comes in and does that," head coach Greg Gard said. "It's his first time here on the court. He responded in a way and had production and impact on the game. What we've seen him do in practice, it just hasn't come out because he hasn't been in that situation."

Wisconsin's issues at point guard started to creep up when Blackwell picked up his second foul with 6:46 remaining and went to the bench. Things worsened 26 seconds later when reserve point guard Kamari McGee was given a flagrant-2 and subsequent ejection after hitting forward Trey Kaufman-Renn's groin while fighting through a screen.

Janicki had worked at point guard in practice, so it wasn't a completely foreign position to him, but he'd never done it in a game, let alone on the road in front of over 14,000 screaming fans.

"I've been here last year, on the bench sitting around, so I knew what to expect in terms of volume and energy," Janicki said. "They do a great job here of making you feel a little bit uncomfortable. Once you're in the game and get a feel for the first possession, we were just focused on what we had to do."

His first basket at the 12:18 mark was an example. He executed a back-cut layup that Wisconsin saw could be open during film study and practiced against all week. Janicki said that gave him some rhythm. He said his three-point miss with 12:33 remaining was the best the ball felt coming off his hand all afternoon. It gave him confidence when he hit three-pointers with 9:31 and 7:59 remaining, the latter giving Wisconsin its then-biggest lead at 71-60.

"It's a blessing to watch, all his hard work paying off," guard John Blackwell said. "It feels even better just because I know what he's gone through, redshirting, and just learning throughout the season what he can get better at."

Blackwell knows Janicki's struggles better than anyone. They have been roommates and close friends since arriving together on campus before last season. Blackwell immediately earned playing time with his high basketball IQ, steadiness, and playmaking ability. Coming in as a walk-on,

Janicki needed time to develop.

Blackwell said Janicki would ask for pointers and discuss game strategy. It was the missing piece to Janicki's game since he already was comfortable with playing defense, being aggressive, and valuing the ball, things Gard demands from his guards.

"He's going to be a really good player," Blackwell said. "He's a guy who just puts his head down, gets in the gym, always shooting shots. He does all the right things to play, doesn't ever complain about anything, just comes in every day and works."

Janicki showed his value when he scored nine points in Wisconsin's 15-point win over No. 9 Arizona but admittedly struggled to find "his feel" as Big Ten play started. Entering Saturday, Janicki hadn't scored in 12 of Wisconsin's past 20 games and had one basket in five others.

But his minutes stayed consistent because he did the hustle plays that made a difference, like outjumping Smith and guard Myles Colvin to redirect an offensive rebound with 10:18 remaining. The possession ended with a Klesmit three-point play and a 65-56 UW lead.

Blackwell got the credit in the scorebook for the offensive rebound, but Janicki is used to doing the unheralded dirty work. The role he thrived in for his team, not to mention his wide smile outside the visiting locker room, made it impossible for him to hide this time.

"I think I did some decent things at the one," Janicki said. "I still think I can get a lot better, but it was nice to be able to roll with the punches and stay on top. "This isn't the last time there's going to be issues this year or throughout my career. As I long I have that support staff, I feel confident to be able to figure it out."

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## Wisconsin basketball's Xavier Amos uses lessons from scout team to earn playing time

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MADISON, Wis. – When you're in Xavier Amos' position, games like Pitt are going to happen.

The 6-foot-7 junior forward played a season-low 5 minutes 26 seconds in a come-from-behind 81-75 victory for the

Wisconsin men's basketball team Sunday. He posted goose-eggs statistically with the exception of one rebound.

Wisconsin forward Xavier Amos is fouled by UW-River Falls guard Sean Sullivan during a preseason game Oct. 30. Amos hasn't received a lot of playing time this season, but could become an indispensable rotation player no matter the opponent or situation.

He didn't play in the second half as coach Greg Gard went with a smaller lineup after the team fell behind by 14 points in the first half, but then went on to score its seventh straight win to open the season.

That's the way the game goes for a player trying to gain greater trust from his coach. Sometimes Amos fits into the plans, sometimes he doesn't.

The goal is to become indispensable no matter the opponent or situation. "In the next game if I play 15 (minutes), if I play 7, I just want to go out there and be as impactful as I can," Amos said.

Before the start of the season Gard had a clear-cut top six players: guards Max Klesmit, John Tonje and John Blackwell, big men Steven Crawl and Nolan Winter and sixth man Kamari McGee.

The question was who would fill out the rest of his nine-man rotation. What we learned through one month of the season is that Amos, depending on the game, is usually the second or third player off the bench.

Amos is one of nine players who has played in every game. His 10.4 minutes per contest rank ninth on the team while his 4.9 points rank seventh and his average of three rebounds are sixth.

Gard is pushing to get more from the Northern Illinois transfer, something he tried to accomplish by moving him to the scout team.

"I really think it forces him to compete and that's good for him," Gard explained. "I think his motor and physicality have to continue to grow, which I have seen grow. Having him compete against Winter and (Carter) Gilmore and Crawl and Tonje all the time he can't half step it. Also, it's forced him to raise his game every day in practice and he's practiced well."

Gard offered that assessment following an 87-56 victory over Appalachian State on Nov. 10. Amos finished that game with season highs for points (10) and rebounds (six).

Since then, the Chicago native provided a spark off the bench during the first half versus Arizona on Nov. 15 and posted nine points in a too-close-for-comfort win over UT Rio Grande Valley on Nov. 18.

Amos followed that with a season-high 14 minutes 16 seconds of action in an 86-

70 victory over Central Florida last Friday.

"He's got the tools to be a really high-level guy," UW director of player development Greg Stiemsma said. "We've just got to dial in a few things like working on cleaning up some of the details like his attention to detail with some of the footwork stuff."

"Otherwise, he's been great. He's done everything we've asked him to do. He's been more physical. He's rebounding the crap out of the ball in practice."

Playing on the scout team isn't always viewed as a positive, but there are definitely benefits. Gard liked the competitive aspect of it, but the experience can help build confidence, too.

As players on the scout team mimic the upcoming opponents, there is room for players to get up shots and take chances that would normally get them pulled from the regular rotation.

Amos never looked at the move as a negative.

"Mentally I thought let me just play harder and work my way back," he said. "But I didn't think of it as I'm on the scout team because I'm not being productive. It's just a place for me to get better and help the starters and other guys get better, too."

The Badgers use Amos to stretch the defense with the threat of his shooting and ball handling. Defensively he often finds himself on the perimeter though he has battled players in the paint when necessary.

Improving on the defensive end of the floor will help Amos get more minutes.

He went 0 for 4 from three-point at the Greenbrier Tip-off last week, but displayed an element of his array of skills when he grabbed a rebound and went coast to coast for a bucket against Central Florida.

He'll likely get more opportunities Saturday when the Badgers host winless Chicago State at noon.

"His upside is huge. You can tell," Stiemsma said. "When we've coached him on some stuff and showed him some things, he wants to learn, he's looking for that. We've taught him some things, we've showed him some things and you can tell it clicks in his brain a little bit."

"He's maybe never heard it in that way before or maybe we do things a little bit differently but we're trying to be more clear about this is how it's done and for these reasons and all this success behind it. Try it this way and trust it's going to work. The fourth, fifth and sixth time may be better than the first, second, third time."