



STATS College Basketball Game Notes
Purdue Boilermakers at Illinois Fighting Illini
Saturday, February 2, 2008

* Purdue beat Illinois in West Lafayette two weeks ago, and is one of just three Big Ten teams to have a winning record versus the Fighting Illini over the last ten years.

Big Ten Teams - Best Record vs. Illinois, Since 1997-98

Purdue	11-8	.579	← 4-4 in Champaign
Michigan State	11-9	.550	
Ohio State	10-9	.526	
Wisconsin	9-12	.429	
Indiana	8-15	.348	

* The Boilermakers have won six in a row and nine of their last ten. And even when they've lost this season, they have kept games close.

Smallest Average Margin of Defeat, 2007-08 Div. I

(min. 3 losses)

Sam Houston State	2.3	(7/3)	
South Alabama	3.3	(13/4)	
Purdue	4.4	(22/5)	← four losses by 3 pts
Akron	4.4	(22/5)	
Boise State	4.6	(23/5)	
St. Joseph's (PA)	4.6	(23/5)	

* While Illinois has struggled so far this season, it has played superb defense at home.

Illinois Defense in Home Games, 2007-08 - w/Big Ten Ranks

Opp Points/Gm	55.1	3 rd
Opp FG Pct	.353	2 nd (OSU, .349)
Opp 3-Pt FG Pct	.266	1st

* The Illini led by four at halftime Wednesday night at Michigan State before posting their lowest second-half point total (17) in a game in over 10 years.

Illinois - Fewest Points Scored in a Half, Since 1996-97

FEB-12-1997 at Wisc	13	2 nd half
FEB-11-1999 at MichSt	14	1 st
JAN-16-1999 vs MichSt	17	1 st
JAN-30-2008 at MichSt	17	2nd
JAN-09-1999 vs NW	18	1 st
MAR-10-2007 vs Wisc	18	1 st

* Purdue is a team that stands out because of its balance – nine players average at least 15 minutes per game, while seven average at least three rebounds, both league highs.

2007-08 - Purdue Players With . . .

(min. 15 games for ranks)

		Big Ten Rank
5+ Games Started	8	t-most (Ind, Mich)
15.0+ Minutes/Gm	9	most
7.0+ Points/Gm	6	t-most (Minn)
3.0+ Rebounds/Gm	7	most
1.0+ Steals/Gm	5	2 nd (Minn, 6)

* Robbie Hummel leads the Boilermakers in field-goal percentage, rebounding, and assists, a rare combination that only three other Division I players can claim.

Players Leading Team in FG Pct, RPG, & APG - 2007-08 D-I

(min. 14 games)

	FG Pct	RPG	APG
Eric Coleman, NoIowa	.582	8.7	2.0
Robbie Hummel, Purdue	.481	5.9	3.0
Mark Payne, CalDav	.540	5.1	3.0
Chris Skrelja, Brown	.505	6.4	3.9

* Shaun Pruitt ranks sixth in the league in rebounding, but first in offensive rebounds.

Most Offensive Rebounds per Game, 2007-08 Big Ten

(min. 15 games)

Shaun Pruitt, Ill	3.4 (72/21)
Goran Suton, MichSt	3.1
Geary Claxton, PSU	3.1
Brian Butch, Wisc	2.9
D.J. White, Ind	2.8

* While Trent Meacham has made nearly 50% of his three-pointers on the road this season, he hasn't been able to find the same stroke in home games.

Largest 3-Pt FG Pct Diff, Road Better Than Home - 2007-08 Big Ten

(min. 25 3-Pt FGA both home and road)

	Home	Road	Diff
Trent Meacham, Ill	.328	.486	.158
Michael Thompson, NW	.364	.485	.121
Tony Freeman, Iowa	.372	.444	.072
Eric Gordon, Ind	.381	.438	.057
Drew Neitzel, MSU	.400	.455	.055

- In his last home game (Jan. 27 vs. Northwestern), Meacham made 4-of-7 shots behind the arc, his best three-point percentage (.571) in a home game this season.