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**Boilers to tee off in Liz Murphey Classic**

The No. 7 Purdue women's golf team will play in the 36th annual Liz Murphey Golf Classic in Athens, Ga., this weekend.

Purdue finished fifth in last year's tournament, with junior Maria Hernandez finishing in a tie for medalist honors.

Purdue will tee off today at 9:50 a.m. Live scoring can be found on golfstat.com.

**Former Purdue linebacker gets 10 years in prison**

WHEATON, Ill. — A former Purdue linebacker has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for a 2006 attack on an Illinois woman.

Kyle Darnell Williams of Bolingbrook, Illinois, pleaded guilty Wednesday to attempted aggravated criminal sexual assault and agreed to the 10-year sentence, which DuPage Judge Michael Burke approved.

Last year in a separate case, Williams was ordered to spend 37 years in prison for attacking two women on the Purdue campus in West Lafayette, Indiana, in 2005.

**Diver injures left ankle after slip from board**

Purdue diver Ashley Karnes will not compete in the rest of the NCAA Championships after injuring herself Thursday.

Karnes slipped during a back approach on the 1-meter spring-board. It was the final dive of the preliminary round. She came out of the water unassisted, but now wears a boot on her left ankle. She also suffered some scratches.

Karnes had earned 220.20 points on her first five dives, and had a chance to earn a spot in the top 16 divers. She needed only 60 points to earn All-American status.

Source: Staff Reports and Associated Press

**What's on TV**

**TODAY**

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NCAA tournament, first round  
Noon to 5 p.m. CBS  
7 p.m. to midnight CBS

NIT, second round  
MidnightESPN2

**SATURDAY**

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NCAA tournament, second round  
2 p.m. to 11 p.m. CBS

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NCAA tournament, first round  
Noon to 5 p.m. ESPN2  
8 p.m. ESPN2

**SUNDAY**

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NCAA tournament, second round  
12 p.m. to 7 p.m. CBS

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

NCAA tournament, first round  
7 p.m. ESPN2

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**



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Purdue freshman JaJuan Johnson tries to save the ball from going out of bounds in Purdue's 90-79 win over Baylor at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

**STILL DANCING**

**Boilers to take on No. 3 Xavier at much slower pace**

By Leroy Bridges  
Executive Reporter

WASHINGTON — Purdue's game against Xavier Saturday will be played at a much slower pace than its 90-79 shootout with Baylor.

No. 3 seed Musketeer opponents average 62.3 points against this season, which is much better than the porous defense Baylor (21-11) showed the Boilers Thursday in the first round.

"It's totally opposite," said assistant coach Paul Lusk. "Xavier is very physical. They just defend you."

Lusk has been scouting the Musketeers (28-6) for several days with the chance the No. 6 seed Boilers (25-8) would play them. All of his work watching hours of film, finding holes in Xavier's team and producing a scouting report is behind him. Now, he has to help teach his team Xavier's tendencies in about 36 hours.

"We'll start showing them some tape so they can put a name with the face," said Lusk, who expected to be up until 3 this morning. "It will be new to our guys. It will be a lot of tape but we'll be all right."

The team did watch tape of Xavier briefly Thursday but not enough to make an impression with Purdue's players. But what they've heard is what Lusk is going to tell them — Xavier can play defense.

"It's going to be a real grind out there in terms of defense," said sophomore guard Chris Kramer, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. "We have to really take care of the basketball and take good shots."

Before any media could ask coach Matt Painter about Xavier in Thursday's postgame interview, he answered any potential questions.

"You're going to ask me questions about Xavier, and I've barely seen Xavier play," Painter said. "I can't comment on them or anybody else. You have to be consumed with what you do well and stick with it."

Xavier entered postseason play with six players averaging double-figures. It is led by senior forward Josh Duncan at 11.7 points a game. In its 73-61 first-round win against Georgia Thursday, Duncan scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

The 12-point win came after trailing almost the entire game. Purdue will play Xavier at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Verizon Center in Washington D.C.

**Team beats No. 11 Baylor, advances to second round**

By Zach Langdon  
Sports Editor

WASHINGTON — Using its largest first half scoring total of the season, the Purdue men's basketball team beat Baylor to advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament Thursday.

The Boilers scored 46 first half points en route to their 90-79 victory Thursday afternoon in front of a sold-out crowd of 18,400 in Washington, D.C.'s Verizon Center. The Boilers' previous high for a first half was 42 points, recorded against Wisconsin Feb. 29.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**PURDUE 90**  
**Baylor 79**

PLAYER	MIN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REB	A	PF	TP
Hummel	17	3-7	2-2	4	0	4	9
Calasan	13	3-6	0-0	4	0	0	8
Kramer	28	4-6	2-3	4	3	4	10
Grant	34	5-12	4-4	4	2	2	17
Moore	38	7-13	0-0	8	4	4	16
Crump	19	3-7	5-6	3	3	1	11
Martin	23	3-7	2-3	5	2	1	9
Green	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	20	5-9	0-0	8	0	2	10
TOTALS	200	33-67	15-18	40	14	18	90

Percentages: FG 49.3% FT 83.3% 3-point goals: 9-20, 45% Team rebounds: 3 Blocked shots: 6 Turnovers: 13 Steals: 6 Technical fouls: none

PLAYER	MIN	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	REB	A	PF	TP
Rogers	26	4-6	1-2	7	0	0	9
Diene	18	1-3	0-0	7	0	1	2
Jerrells	34	7-15	9-9	2	8	4	27
Dugat	33	6-16	1-2	6	0	1	13
Carter	29	3-12	1-2	2	2	3	8
Simpson	10	0-2	0-0	3	0	0	0
Bruce	11	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Hurd	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Dunn	26	5-11	2-2	3	1	4	15
Shepherd	11	2-2	1-3	4	0	0	5
Lomers	1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	28-69	15-20	35	11	15	79

Percentages: FG 40.6% FT 75% 3-point goals: 8-28, 28.6% Team rebounds: 2 Blocked shots: 1 Turnovers: 11 Steals: 9 Technical fouls: none

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Purdue prepares Mackey for NCAA tournament**

By Brian Petraits  
Executive Reporter

For the past six months, Purdue officials have been working to make sure that this weekend's basketball tournament goes off without any problems.

A countless number of preparation hours and nearly 120 volunteers have helped transform Mackey Arena into one of eight first and second round sites for the 2008 NCAA Women's Basketball Championships.

"Everyone at Purdue and all of the volunteers have done a great job of getting ready for this event," tournament manager Marilyn Mcfatridge said. "From securing the hotels and coordinating everything for the NCAA and all of the media, things have moved very smoothly."

Fans will notice a few changes in and around Mackey Arena. From carpet to table runners, NCAA blue has covered a lot of banners and advertisements and will be the primary color of all tournament personnel attire. The pit on the east side of the playing surface, where Purdue fans are used to seeing the participating teams sit during the regular season has been raised to the level of the playing floor. Two more rows of media benches have been installed to allow for a national media contingency. Mcfatridge is expecting 10 times the normal number of media members to be in attendance. To accommodate the large media gathering, the Intercollegiate Athletics

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Alex Johnson | Senior Photographer

Members of the women's basketball team celebrate after winning the Big Ten Tournament March 9 in Indianapolis. Purdue faces Utah Sunday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

**Rejuvenated Boilers excited for opportunity**

By Andy Shanks  
Assistant Sports Editor

After winning the Big Ten tournament and receiving an NCAA tournament berth, the Purdue women's basketball team has a newfound sense of confidence and energy.

"Anytime you get to play in postseason, it just feels like some new life and some new excitement," sophomore guard FahKara Malone said Thursday. "I think we're all just excited for the opportunity and ready to play."

For No. 9-seeded Purdue, who will face Utah on Sunday evening, the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament has propelled their practices to another level.

According to the team and coach Sharon Versyp, the practices following the Big Ten championship have been outstanding. Following Monday night's NCAA selection show, Versyp joked that her team was so excited that they wanted to practice that night.

"They're just really focused right now. They're excited," Versyp said Monday.

Because the NCAA tournament is single elimination, one bad game could mark the end of the season.

"You can't let up. You got to have a great week of practice and you need to have a great game on Sunday," senior guard Kalika France said at Thursday's practice.

The Boilmakers and Utes can be seen 7 p.m. Sunday. The game will be televised by ESPN2.

**FANS UNITED BY HATE**

In the soldout Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., it was hard to find Duke fans for the team's Thursday night game.

Some fans wore colors supporting another school. Other fans were just at the arena to see NCAA tournament basketball, not really caring who they were watching.

But most were united by their hate

for No. 2 seed Duke and love of underdog No. 15 seed Belmont.

The Bruins made the Big Dance by winning the Atlantic Sun tournament, making its third consecutive appearance — an Atlantic Sun record. The Blue Devils — an at-large team in the tournament — are in the Big Dance for the 13th consecutive year.

Belmont won 25 games this year, Duke won 27.

The Blue Devils are led by

coach Mike Krzyzewski, who claims more than 800 victories, 410 weeks ranked, 92 weeks at No. 1 in the polls, 10 final fours, 10 ACC championships, 12 National Coach of the Year awards and 3 national championships.

Belmont is coached by Rick Byrd, who isn't even the first result on a Google search of his own name.

As the old saying goes, everyone loves the underdog.

**QUOTE IT**

"This team has proven that it can win at Wisconsin, against a Louisville team on a neutral court and we went 15-3 in our conference. We don't think we need to sit around and defend ourselves. Whatever the talking heads say, you still have to go out there and play and be competitive."

-Purdue coach Matt Painter, defending his team.