

Purdue hitting the road for Maryland

Unbeaten Terrapins will make for tough conference match

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Back at Big Ten Conference media day in July, Maryland senior offensive lineman Michael Dunn already grasped the importance of today's matchup with Purdue.

Asked what Purdue fans and players should expect on their first visit to Maryland Stadium, Dunn responded like a longtime Big Ten rival. Never mind that the Terrapins are newcomers to the league.

"They should expect a really competitive team," Dunn said. "It's our homecoming game, so look out for a rowdy crowd in College Park. I'm sure a lot of alumni will come back."

Could a hostile environment possibly work in the Boilermakers' favor?

Purdue is 1-12 in road games under coach Darrell Hazell. The lone victory came at Illinois, 38-27 on Oct. 4, 2014. The Boilermakers have lost six straight away from Ross-Ade Stadium since.

However, Purdue has also arguably been more competitive on the road than at home over that same stretch. Over the past two seasons, the Boilermakers' average margin in road games (minus-eight) has been better than their average

TODAY'S GAME

Purdue (2-1) at Maryland (3-0)

Time: 3:30 p.m. **TV:** BTN, BTN2.

Radio: WAZY-FM (96.5), WASK-FM (98.7).

margin in home games (minus-10).

Last season, Purdue fought then-No. 2 Michigan State to a 24-21 loss in East Lansing. The Boilermakers suffered a 24-7 loss at Wisconsin and had a chance to win in a 21-14 loss at Northwestern. Compare those results to some of the thumpings they took at home: 51-24 to Virginia Tech, 41-13 to Minnesota, 48-14 to Illinois for homecoming.

"I think there's a lot less distractions

on the road," Hazell said. "You're at home and you've got people always pulling on you and wanting tickets and wanting to see you. When you're on the road, you're sequestered to your hotel, and you're with your guys, and you're studying your game plan."

None of Purdue's players have experienced Maryland Stadium, with a capacity of 52,801. The Terrapins announced 35,474 fans for their season opener against Howard but will presumably have more for homecoming today.

Hazell coached at Maryland in 2000 as part of West Virginia's staff. On his Thursday radio show, he said he planned

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CC STUNS WEST SIDE LATE

No. 1 Knights roll 62 yards in 80 seconds to win 28-25

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Standing 62 yards away from a career-defining moment, Avery Denhart was surprisingly the calmest guy on the field.

For the next 1:20, he engineered a drive that may solidify him as one of the great Central Catholic quarterbacks at a school that has produced several.

The Class A No. 1 Knights took over possession with 1:47 left, trailing Class 3A No. 2 West Lafayette on the road, 25-20.

Denhart completed 4 of 5 passes on the drive, including a 15-yard fade to fellow senior Ben Tharp with 27 seconds left in CC's stunning 28-25 comeback victory at Straley Field.

"I don't really want to be in that situation, but being put in it, I thought it was time to prove what type of quarterback I am," said Denhart, who overcame four turnovers with a 24-for-41 night that included two TD passes to Tharp and 376 passing yards. "I've grown up a lot since sophomore year being here (in a loss to West Lafayette). I thought I was a little soft."

Denhart's first two years as the Knights' starting quarterback resulted in a semistate loss to the eventual Class 2A champion, then a Class A state title to cap an undefeated season a year ago.

Those teams had other players at the forefront offensively and essentially kept opponents scoreless on a weekly basis.

This time, it was on Denhart and his receivers and they were money when it mattered. Not once, but twice, the 6-foot-3 Denhart drove the Knights downfield under pressure.

Just before the game-winning drive, CC (7-0) started at its own 5 with 8:18 to go and down two scores.

On that drive, Denhart completed 6 of 8 passes and Jake Page punched in a 1-yard run to keep CC's Hoosier Conference titles hopes alive.

"He got us down there both times," CC coach Kevin O'Shea said. "I don't know if he could have done that last year, but this year he has really matured and grown into the position. If you notice, he doesn't get flustered."

The Knights won their 22nd consecutive game and are now control their destiny to play in the Week 9 Hoosier Conference title game. CC hosts Rensselaer next week.

On the opposite end was a heart-breaking defeat for the Red Devils, who dominated the first half defensively but found themselves down 13-

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JOHN TERHUNE/JOURNAL & COURIER

Quarterback Avery Denhart, left, and his Central Catholic teammates celebrate Friday after coming back from 12 points down to defeat West Lafayette 28-25 at Gordon Straley Field.



ERIC SCHLENE/FOR THE JOURNAL & COURIER

Harrison running back Dawson Dahnke stretches to get the ball into the end zone. The Raiders beat McCutcheon, 23-20.

Madren's kick gives Harrison The Sword, top spot in NCC

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Soccer comes first.

Daniel Madren said it himself, and on a normal day hearing those words come out of the mouth of a Harrison football player would make Raiders fans want to wretch.

Friday, however, was no normal day.

With victory on the line in what was arguably Harrison's most momentous game in years, Madren came through. The full-time soccer star and part-time placekicker drilled a 22-yard field goal with 2:08 left to play, breaking a late tie and lifting the Raiders to a 23-20 win over Class 5A No. 7 McCutcheon on Friday night at A.J. Rickard Field.

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Madren's kick sent Harrison to 5-2 overall and secured its position atop the North Central Conference standings at 5-0. The victory also allowed the Raiders to lay claim to crosstown rivalry's coveted prize, The Sword, for the first time in seven years.

"It wasn't just me that won the game. I was really nervous because I knew how much it meant to my teammates," said Madren, a junior midfielder for Harrison's Class 2A No.1 soccer team.

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BASEBALL



STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Boston	93	67	.581	—	W-1	7-3	47-32	46-35
Baltimore	88	72	.550	5	W-3	6-4	50-31	38-41
Toronto	87	73	.544	6	L-3	5-5	46-35	41-38
New York	83	77	.519	10	L-1	5-5	47-32	36-45
Tampa Bay	66	94	.413	27	L-1	2-8	36-45	30-49

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Cleveland	92	67	.579	—	W-1	6-4	53-28	39-39
Detroit	86	73	.541	6	W-3	7-3	45-35	41-38
Kansas City	81	79	.506	11½	L-2	4-6	47-32	34-47
Chicago	78	82	.488	14½	W-1	6-4	45-34	33-48
Minnesota	57	103	.356	35½	L-1	2-8	30-51	27-52

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Texas	95	65	.594	—	W-3	7-3	53-26	42-39
Seattle	85	74	.535	9½	W-2	6-4	43-35	42-39
Houston	83	76	.522	11½	L-1	5-5	43-38	40-38
Los Angeles	72	87	.453	22½	W-3	7-3	38-40	34-47
Oakland	67	92	.421	27½	L-4	1-9	34-47	33-45

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Washington	93	67	.581	—	L-1	5-5	48-31	45-36
New York	86	74	.538	7	W-3	6-4	44-37	42-37
Miami	79	80	.497	13½	W-1	5-5	40-40	39-40
Philadelphia	70	90	.438	23	L-5	3-7	36-43	34-47
Atlanta	66	93	.415	26½	L-1	8-2	29-50	37-43

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Chicago	102	57	.642	—	W-1	7-2	57-24	45-33
St. Louis	84	76	.525	18½	W-2	5-5	36-43	48-33
Pittsburgh	78	81	.491	24	L-1	3-6	38-42	40-39
Milwaukee	71	89	.444	31½	L-3	3-7	41-40	30-49
Cincinnati	67	93	.419	35½	L-2	4-6	37-42	30-51

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away
x-Los Angeles	91	68	.572	—	W-1	7-3	53-28	38-40
San Francisco	84	75	.528	7	W-1	5-5	42-36	42-39
Colorado	75	85	.469	16½	W-1	3-7	42-37	33-48
San Diego	68	91	.428	23	L-1	6-4	39-42	29-49
Arizona	66	93	.415	25	L-1	3-7	30-48	36-45

x-clinched division

WILD CARD

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	WCGB
Baltimore	88	72	.550
Toronto	87	73	.544
Detroit	86	73	.541
Seattle	85	74	.535

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	WCGB
New York	86	74	.538
San Francisco	84	75	.528
St. Louis	84	76	.525

LEADERS

STRIKEOUTS

American League

Verlander, Detroit	246
Archer, Tampa Bay	233
Kluber, Cleveland	227
Sale, Chicago	227

National League

Scherzer, Washington	277
Fernandez, Miami	253
Bumgarner, SF	246
Syndergaard, NYM	218

RESULTS

HOME team in caps

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Orioles 8, Yankees 1 **Mark Trumbo** hit his major league-leading 47th home run in a six-run fifth inning and Baltimore maintained their AL wild-card lead.

Marlins 7, Nationals 4 **Christian Yelich** homered and **Dee Gordon's** infield single in the sixth inning scored the go-ahead run as Miami beat the NL East champion Nationals.

Mets 5, Phillies 1 **Jay Bruce** homered for the third straight game and drove in three runs, and New York moved closer to securing a wild-card berth.

Cubs 7, Reds 3 **Ben Zobrist** homered twice and drove in three runs, **Jake Buchanan** (1-0) pitched five shutout innings and **Anthony Rizzo** drove in two runs for the NL Central champions.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3 Opening his final weekend with yet another game-winning homer, **David Ortiz** lined a two-run shot into the right-field stands to break a seventh-inning tie.

Tigers 6, Braves 2 **Miguel Cabrera** hit two home runs, **Ian Kinsler** and **Justin Upton** also connected and Detroit moved up in the playoff race.

Rangers 3, Rays 1 **Yu Darvish** looked playoff-ready with a season-high 12 strikeouts in six innings as Texas clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

Rockies 4, Brewers 1 **Nolan Arenado** hit his NL-leading 41st homer and **Chad Bettis** pitched effectively into the seventh inning.

White Sox 7, Twins 3 **Carlos Rodon** tied an AL record by striking out the first seven batters and **Tim Anderson** finished a double shy of the cycle.

Indians 7, Royals 2 **Ryan Merritt** retired the final 13 batters he faced in five strong innings in his first big league start and **Francisco Lindor** hit a three-run homer.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 0 **Carlos Martinez** pitched seven sharp innings, **Matt Holliday** hit an emotional home run and St. Louis stayed in the middle of the NL wild-card race.

Padres at D'Backs (late) Arizona opens a three-game series against visiting San Diego. The Diamondbacks and Padres are two of the four worst teams in the NL.

Astros at Angels (late) **Brad Peacock** (0-0) will start for Houston. It will be the fifth start this season for Peacock, who has a 2.67 ERA. **Daniel Wright** or **Jhoulys Chacin** are likely candidates to start for the Angels.

Athletics at Mariners (late) **Raul Alcantara** (1-2, 5.75 ERA) makes his fifth career start since being called up from Triple-A Nashville on Sept. 5. **Taijaun Walker** is 3-1 in his last four starts.

Dodgers at Giants (late) **Rich Hill** (12-5, 2.05) is scheduled to start the season-ending series at San Francisco beginning Friday night. The Giants will counter with **Madison Bumgarner** (14-9, 2.71).

LOOK AHEAD

All times Eastern

TODAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Pitchers	GS	W-L	Pct.	WHIP	ERA	IP	K
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
BAL: Miley (L)	10	2-5	.286	1.56	6.38	48.0	46
NY: TBD	0	0-0	.000	.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cleveland at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m. (Line: CLE -113)							
CLE: Bauer (R)	27	12-8	.600	1.31	4.26	184.0	159
KC: Volquez (R)	33	10-11	.476	1.54	5.37	184.1	134
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
TOR: Happ (L)	31	20-4	.833	1.16	3.20	188.2	162
BOS: Rodriguez (L)	19	3-7	.300	1.28	4.68	102.0	91
Minnesota at Chi. White Sox, 7:10 p.m. (Line: CWS -113)							
MIN: Santiago (L)	10	2-6	.250	1.47	6.22	55.0	31
CWS: Shields (R)	21	4-11	.267	1.74	6.79	107.1	71
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
TB: Odorizzi (R)	32	9-6	.600	1.22	3.77	181.2	158
TEX: Lewis (R)	18	6-4	.600	1.14	3.93	110.0	70
Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m. (Line: LAA -105)							
HOU: McHugh (R)	32	12-10	.545	1.45	4.53	177.0	172
LAA: Skaggs (L)	9	3-3	.500	1.44	4.13	48.0	50
Oakland at Seattle, 9:10 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
OAK: Cotton (R)	4	2-0	1.000	0.68	1.44	25.0	16
SEA: Iwakuma (R)	32	16-12	.571	1.30	3.96	195.1	142

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
NYM: Colon (R)	32	14-8	.636	1.22	3.42	186.2	122
PHI: Klein (R)	1	0-0	NA	2.40	12.15	6.2	4
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 1:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
PIT: Kuhl (R)	13	5-4	.556	1.28	4.25	65.2	48
STL: TBD	0	0-0	.000	.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
LAD: Kershaw (L)	20	12-3	.800	0.71	1.65	142.0	168
SF: TBD	0	0-0	.000	.00	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miami at Washington, 4:05 p.m. (Line: TBD)							
MIA: Chen (L)	21	5-4	.556	1.28	5.02	118.1	95
WSH: Roark (R)	32	15-10	.600	1.17	2.86	204.1	168
Chi. Cubs at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m. (Line: CHC -190)							
CHC: Lester (L)	31	19-4	.826	1.00	2.28	197.2	191
CIN: Adleman (R)	12	3-4	.429	1.18	3.90	64.2	43
Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:10 p.m. (Line: COL -175)							
MIL: Peralta (R)	22	7-11	.389	1.56	5.10	121.2	90
COL: Anderson (L)	19	5-6	.455	1.29	3.54	114.1	99
San Diego at Arizona, 8:10 p.m. (Line: ARI -118)							
SD: Richard (L)	8	3-2	.600	1.46	2.01	49.1	33
ARI: Bradley (R)	25	7-9	.438	1.59	5.15	134.2	132

INTERLEAGUE

Detroit at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m. (Line: DET -148)							
DET: Zimmermann (R)	17	9-6	.600	1.36	4.88	101.1	64
ATL: Blair (R)	14	1-7	.125	1.73	8.02	64.0	36

Odds provided by Pregame.com.



JOHN MINCHILLO AP
Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell hits an RBI double off Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Tony Cingrani in the seventh inning on Friday. The Cubs won 7-3.



JOHN TERHUNE/JOURNAL & COURIER
West Lafayette's Gabe Parker celebrates his interception in the third quarter against Central Catholic on Friday at Gordon Straley Field. But CC rallied late to defeat West Lafayette 28-25.

RALLY

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12 at halftime thanks to Ben Metzinger's 16-yard interception return for a score with 6:33 to go in the second quarter. George Karlaftis, who Denhart called the best defensive end he's played against, and Ben Syzmanski applied plenty of pressure in the first half and Denhart struggled, completing 8 of 19 passes in the first two quarters. Still, West Side (5-2) had the ball at the CC 38 with less than two minutes to go. R.J. Erb and Gabe Parker intercepted Denhart in the second half, and West Lafayette received big nights from running back Sage Hood (125 rushing

yards), Caleb Green (six receptions for 123 yards and a touchdown) and Luke Touloukian (six receptions for 82 yards and two touchdowns). The Red Devils attempted a pass that appeared to be a surefire touchdown on fourth down but was dropped. The Knights had a small opening and took advantage. "You look at the clock and you're borderline, how much time are you going to have left if they do score," WL coach Shane Fry said. "You never know when it's going to be the last possession and they got a couple big chunks and got it down there in the red zone, so there wasn't a lot of time. It's a tough situation." West Lafayette had 19 seconds and needed 81 yards to win the game late.

Even after CC's backbreaking drive, it took a Hail Mary throw from Mikey Kidwell on the final play that bounced off several hands in the end zone prior to falling to the ground before the Knights could celebrate. "With the way these games have gone, I wouldn't have been shocked if that ball would have been tipped up in the air and we would have caught for a Hail Mary touchdown to win it," Fry said. Tharp started and ended a big night with touchdown catches, hauling in a 67-yard touchdown midway through the first quarter that highlighted a night where he had eight receptions for 133 yards. After a huge night, he had a message for his quarterback with the game on the line. Tharp told him to loft it into the back corner of the end zone and he would make the catch. "I wanted the ball in that moment," Tharp said. "I've always wanted to make

the big play. Avery made a great throw, and the O-line blocked their butts off. They all did their job, and it ended up going in our favor." Jordan Turpin caught five passes for 94 yards, Ben Metzinger had six catches for 71 yards, and David Schwartz's 12-yard reception on the final drive got CC to midfield, making up for the lack of a running game. The Knights were held to 54 rushing yards on 31 carries. O'Shea knew the final drive would rely on the clutch capabilities of his quarterback, who delivered admirably. "Being down 12 with I think eight minutes left, I told the guys we need a score right now and the defense is going to stop them. We're still in this," Denhart said. "Somehow, some way, we always figure it out." Contact Journal & Courier reporter Sam King at sking@jconline.com. Follow him on Twitter @samueltking.

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