

# 2018 BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game 12 • Saturday, Mar. 3, 2018

Bankers Life Fieldhouse • Indianapolis, Ind.

FINAL: #2 MARYLAND 66 (25-6), #3 NEBRASKA 53 (21-10)

MARYLAND advances to Championship Game vs. #1 OHIO STATE at 7:00 PM EST on Sun. Mar. 4 on ESPN2



## **GAME NOTES**

#### Maryland

- With the win, Maryland now advances to the Big Ten Tournament Championship game for the fourth year in a row.
- Maryland is 3-0 when playing in the Big Ten Tournament championship game, and undefeated In Big Ten Tournament play at 11-0. Their championships coming in 2015, 2016, and 2017 after joining the league in the '15 season.
- This is only the fourth time out of 12 meetings that a #2 seed has beat a #3 seed in the Big Ten Tournament.
- The #2 seed is 6-3 in Big Ten Tournament championship games. The last time Maryland was a #2 seed going into the Big Ten championship game, they beat Purdue 74-64, in 2017.
- Eleanna Christinaki grabbed 16 rebounds, six more than her career best of 10 boards in 2015. The 16 rebounds are tied for the seventh most in a single Big Ten Tournament game.
- This marks Christinakis third double-double of her career, and only rebounding performance of more than 10 this season.
- Maryland has beat their opponents by an average of 12.7 points in the Big Ten Tournament.
- Four players (Christinaki, Charles, Small, and Fraser) combined for 89 percent of Maryland's scoring, or 59 of the 66 points.
- Brianna Fraser added two blocks in the game, totaling her career blocks to 78, and tying her for 13<sup>th</sup> in career blocks in the Maryland record books.

#### Nebraska

- Nebraska has an overall record of 21-10, which is a plus-14 win improvement from last season. That improvement is tied with Rutgers for the biggest improvement in the nation this season.
- Nebraska is one of four Big Ten teams to produce 10 or more wins away from home this season and now have a 11-4 mark away from home.
- The Huskers own four wins over USA Today/Coaches ranked foes with three coming away from home (Nebraska 74, #20 Iowa 65 at home, Nebraska 52, #21 Rutgers 42 in Piscataway, Nebraska 92, #25 Iowa 74 in Iowa City, Nebraska 61, #24 Michigan 54, Indianapolis).
- Nebraska held Maryland 15 points below their season average of 81.7 points per game.
- Including the game vs. Maryland tonight, Nebraska has played nine games against top-25 teams this season.
- Freshmen Kate Cain tallied two blocks and recorded her 100<sup>th</sup> block of the season. The 100 blocks are a Nebraska single season school record and place her ninth on the Nebraska all-time list for career blocks.
- Cain set a Nebraska all-time conference tournament record for blocks in a season by an individual with nine.
- Cain has totaled more blocks in her freshman season then the best of the next two freshmen all-time combined (Janet Smith-54 and Kathy Hagerstrom-42).
- Nebraska recorded 29 bench points in the game and had 10 different players score.

### Big Ten Tournament Notes

- Eleanna Christinaki grabbed 16 rebounds, tied for seventh most in a single game in tournament history.
- The 7,499 attendance for this session is the highest session six attendance in tournament history and most since the 2012 semifinals. The 7,499 is the 12<sup>th</sup> highest attendance for any session of the tournament.