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## 2019 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Game 1 • Wednesday, March 13, 2019

United Center • Chicago, Ill.

#13 NEBRASKA 68 (17-15), #12 RUTGERS 61 (14-18)

Nebraska will play #5 Maryland at approx. 2 pm ET Thursday on BTN



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### GAME NOTES

#### RUTGERS

- Rutgers is now 3-5 in Big Ten Tournament (BTT) games. Coach Steve Pikiell's Scarlet Knights teams are now 3-3 in the BTT.
- RU recorded assists on 18 of its 24 field goals, including 9-of-10 in the first half.
- Eugene Omoruhi led Rutgers with 16 points. He scored 12 of RU's 25 points in the first half. Omoruhi led the Knights in scoring during the 2018-19 season (12.5 points per game).
- Rutgers shot .526 from the field in the first half, .467 in the second half.
- All 10 of Rutgers' players recorded at least one rebound in the game. All seven Nebraska players also had at least one rebound.
- Ron Harper Jr. scored seven points against Nebraska. His father, Ron Harper Sr., played five seasons at the United Center for the Chicago Bulls (1994-95 thru 1998-99), averaging 8.2 points per game. The Bulls won three NBA titles with Harper Sr.
- It was Miles Johnson's fourth double-double of the season (11 points and 11 rebounds). He recorded a double-double in both contests this versus Nebraska this season, previously notching 13 points and 11 rebounds in Rutgers' win over Nebraska on Jan. 21.

#### NEBRASKA

- The Huskers improved their Big Ten Tournament record to 4-7. It was Nebraska's first BTT victory since 2016 when it beat Rutgers, 89-72 in opening-round action.
- Nebraska improved to 2-0 over Rutgers in the Big Ten Basketball Tournament.
- Nebraska was down eight points with 14:02 to play in the first half, but hit three of its last four shots to take a 26-25 lead at the half. The Cornhuskers led the Scarlet Knights despite being outshot by Rutgers, 53%-34%.
- The team went on a 15-2 run over 5:11 in the second half to secure the lead.
- Nebraska led for a total of 5:47 in the contest.
- The Cornhuskers caused 22 Rutgers turnovers, tied for third-most in Big Ten Tournament history.
- James Palmer Jr. scored a season-high 34 points in the contest. Palmer Jr.'s 34 points is second in single game scoring in Big Ten Tournament history. The BTT record is 35 points by Northwestern's Michael Thompson vs. Minnesota (3/10/11).
- Palmer Jr. went 14-22 from the free-throw line. His 14 makes rank second in tournament history and 22 attempts is a tournament record.