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# U crushes Wisconsin

**U WOMEN** from C3  
double-double of the season with 13 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

The Gophers came into the game seventh in the country in free throws made, and they were 26-for-28 from the line. They made their first and 17 of 18 in the first half.

Minnesota led 56-31 after its high-scoring first half of the Big Ten season; the 12 points in the second quarter were a season high.

Freshman forward Destiny Pitts recorded her team-leading fifth double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard Carlie Wagner also scored 15 points.

The Badgers shot just 22.2 percent from the field in the first half compared with 48.6 percent for the Gophers. The third-best rebounding team in the nation, Minnesota out-rebounded Wisconsin 56-41.

Badgers center guard and Park Center High School grad Cayla McMorris led the Badgers with 12 points. Minnesota native Courtney Fredrickson had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Wisconsin hit just eight games in a row and 30 of its past 12 games.

**GOPHERS 56, WISCONSIN 45**

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Gophers junior forward Destiny Pitts went up for a layup. She had 13 points and a career-high 13 rebounds off the bench.

# Twin Cities a future Final Four finalist

Does your sports fanaticism have room for another big event in town? The announcement of the host cities for those Final Fours will be made in October.

Target Center was the venue for the 1995 women's basketball Final Four. It would be the great event for the Twin Cities to host — assuming we all make it through the Super Bowl, two Frozen Fours, a swimming and diving championship meet, the Summer X Games, the NCAA volleyball Final Four, the 2019 men's basketball Final Four —

# Terps take it to U in second half

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Kevin Boehmer scored 19 points and Michael Cokerovsky 17 for the Terrapins (15-6, 4-4), who shot 55.6 percent from the floor, including 68.4 percent in the second half.

The Gophers were at Penn State 95-84 in overtime Monday behind Mason, Murphy and Degroot. McBrayer's 71 points: The first had 42 points Thursday but shot only 15-for-40 from the floor.

Maryland led 29-21 with three minutes left in the first half, but the Gophers scored the last seven points of the first half and then the first four of the second.

Murphy's jumper gave them a 32-29 lead, but it went all downhill from there.

The Terrapins used a 23-2 run to blow the game open by attacking on ball screens. Boehmer hit a three-pointer and followed with an alley-oop to Cokerovsky to start the rally. Cokerovsky scored 10 points in all during the surge, which ended when he tapped in another alley-oop pass to make it 30-34.

"The pick-and-roll job action we didn't cover so well," Murphy said. "We struggled down the stretch there. They hit a couple shots and made a huge run we couldn't really fight back from. But we're not believing playing hard."

Both the Terrapins and Gophers are trying to stay afloat with NCAA tournament implications despite not being at full strength. The Terps lost forwards Justin Jackson (knee) and Tom Brando (knee) for the season, but they were still included in March Madness projections Thursday.

On the other hand, the Gophers are falling further out of contention with their fourth loss in five games minus two starters, including a third double-digit deficit.

Coachman guard Jason Harris had 10 points in his second consecutive start. Junior forward Devonon Pinson added 10 points off the bench.

But the Gophers are still having to play their starters heavy minutes with no way to get them proper rest while traveling almost every day.

Pitino is frustrated that instead of going back to the Twin Cities, the Big Ten made his team play a third consecutive game away from home, facing No. 22 Ohio State at New York's Madison Square Garden on Saturday.

"Big Ten is not doing us any favors," Pitino said. "It's not fair, but, oh well, that's the way it works."

### GAME RECAP

**IMPACT PLAYER**  
Kevin Boehmer, Maryland  
The 6-foot-7 sophomore scored 19 points — shooting 6-for-8 from the floor, including 4-for-5 from three-point range — to go with eight rebounds, five assists and two blocks.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**68.4** The Terrapins' shooting percentage from the floor in the second half (13-for-19).

**62.8** The Gophers' shooting percentage from the floor in the second half (13-for-21). That was an improvement from 30.3 percent in the first half.

### MARYLAND 77, GOPHERS 66

MD	MINN.
Points	77
Rebounds	47
Assists	17
Blocks	2
Steals	1
Turnovers	12
Field goals	28-50
3-pointers	10-22
Free throws	11-14
Minutes	40:00

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