

PURDUE'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Purdue's women's basketball is doing very well this season. They are 17 and 13. They are a very young team and have a lot of potential. I think, as well as a lot of people, that this season will be a good one.



Karissa McLaughlin is a very determined player for Purdue Women's basketball. When she went down on the charts for the Big Ten at the free throw line, she was very

disappointed. Now she is sixth when at one point she was first. She also believes it is a huge accomplishment and feels very blessed to play as much as she does. She said, "it is humbling to know that I was the eighth player in Purdue history to complete at least two point assist double doubles. "This happened at the Purdue Wisconsin game this season. She would eventually love to play basketball professionally and is trying her best to accomplish that goal.

Cassidy Hardin is a very opened-minded player because she came in from Center Grove High School with 96 three pointers as a freshmen. While she was known as a



three point shooter, she is willing to be a passer, three point shooter or she can block out. The Purdue Fort Wayne game where she hit three triples for a college high for her, helped her relax and made her more confident in her college career and above. In the Minnesota game this season, she was the highest scorer in the Big Ten. She stated, "the game just came easy to me and I let the game control itself instead of me controlling it." Her advice for someone going out for basketball is to have fun and to only commit if you have a real passion for it.



Ae'Rianna Harris is a very proud. She was proud because she was a nominee for the Naismith Player of the Year award. She thought it was really amazing that she was one of the top defensive players in the

country. In the game against Ohio where she was one of the

only players in Purdue history to reject at least eight balls in one game she said that the game just came easy and her timing was on point. After she heard she was one of three players in the NCAA last year to post 300 points, 300 rebounds, and 100 blocks, she knew she was doing her job and really helping the team. In her opinion, the team is doing very well, but there is always room for improvement.



Kayana Traylor is a very thankful player. She is thankful because she had an ankle injury in the first half on the Nebraska game; at the time, she thought she would be out for the season. Luckily, it was not as bad as she thought, and is almost back to 100% now. She has now

started 14 games this season for Purdue and she is grateful for the opportunity and is not taking it for granted. "It was an honor to be a nominee for Indiana Miss Basketball in 2018." it is hard being a student athlete; you have to work out schedules with teachers and stick to them, but it is worth it in the end.

In all, these girls are real blessings to have on the Purdue Women's Basketball team. We are so thankful they found this amazing college. We all love our boilers!