



Dons Shut Down Boilers With Historic Win at Gates

Freshman Rylee Bess drilled a step-back 3-pointer with 5.7 seconds left to lift the PFW women's basketball team to a thrilling 68-67 win over Purdue West Lafayette Wednesday night at Gates Sports Center. It was the Mastodons' first-ever win over the Boilermakers.

The pregame Party in the Paint that featured 1,158 screaming fans could have pulled the Mastodons' focus. But as junior Lili Krasovec said in her media availability earlier in the week, "our focus is to be focused."

The Mastodons sure did that.

While the freshman Bess' game-winning 3-pointer capped the highlights and the hype of the game, it was the play of the experienced upperclassmen that made the difference. Jordan Reid

finished with 21 points on 8-of-16 shooting, seven rebounds, and three steals. Krasovec was 4-for-6 from the floor and 7-for-8 from the line for 15 points. Alana Nelson went 6-for-13 from the floor for 14 points.

Purdue Fort Wayne (1-2) will be back at Gates on Saturday to host Southern Illinois. Tipoff is set for 5 p.m. It will be a doubleheader with the men's program, which plays Boyce at 2 p.m.

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Men's Soccer Advances to Horizon League Title Match With Gutsy Comeback

The Purdue Fort Wayne men's soccer team will play this weekend for a league title for the first time since 1999. The Mastodons erased a two-goal halftime deficit on Wednesday against Green Bay and advanced in penalty kicks over the Phoenix in the Horizon League Championship Semifinals. The game goes down officially as a 2-2 tie with the Dons winning it 4-3 on PKs after 20 minutes of extra time.

Saturday's league title game at top seed Cleveland State will kick at 1 p.m.

Purdue Fort Wayne is now 8-2-6. Green Bay finishes the 2025 season 9-7-2.

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PFW Wins Annual Community Harvest Food Drive

Quite literally, Purdue Fort Wayne crushed it.

With a record haul, PFW won Community Harvest Food Bank's annual "U Can Crush Hunger" competition among eight northeast Indiana colleges and universities with 43,875 pounds of food donated. The final totals were announced Tuesday afternoon.

The Mastodons easily out-distanced the field and became the first participant in the campaign's nine years to push past 40,000 pounds. The previous record was 34,085 pounds raised by Saint Francis in 2022.

This year's total was also significantly more than the combined total of 37,446 pounds from second-place Indiana Tech and third-place Saint Francis. In fact, PFW raised more than it had in the past two years combined. PFW's 2025 halfway result of 27,336 pounds, released a week ago, almost surpassed its previous record of 27,814 pounds in 2023.

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History Majors Acting, Dressing the Part

Anyone walking by Deborah Bauer's "Historically Speaking" class during early October might have done a doubletake. Was that laughter, cheering, and clapping coming from inside? Were they just having a good time, or had the instructor lost all control?

No, the audible enthusiasm was actually by design and the Purdue University Fort Wayne instructor seemed to be spending most of her time laughing and enjoying the reactions as well.

This was not just another mid-semester lecture, but part of a plan the associate professor of modern European history introduced during her public speaking course in 2022. It's game theory play that encourages students to research actual historical situations and their assigned characters' viewpoints, then role play to explore themes, choices, and outcomes of events. The assignment also helps students experience persuasive public speaking.

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Participants Wanted for Dons on the Mic Lip Sync Battle

Fans of karaoke, organized dance, or singing in the car are welcome to participate in the Dons on the Mic Lip Sync Battle. The event is scheduled for Jan. 30 in the Rhinehart Recital Hall at the PFW Music Center. It will consist of teams performing for up to two minutes while lip-syncing and dancing to one song or a mix of songs. The winner will take home a trophy and Fresh Ideas vouchers.

Anyone interested may use or [share this link](#) with a student to sign up. The competition is also open to faculty and staff, allowing offices and departments to participate.

Informational meetings will take place Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Dec. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. At least one person from each team is required to attend a meeting.

A search is also underway for student emcees who are enthusiastic and can get a crowd hyped. Names and contact information for potential emcees can be sent to Madeline Minobe, college success coach, at mminobe@pfw.edu. Direct questions to ssi@pfw.edu.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Mon., 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Biennial Art and Design Faculty Exhibition

This popular exhibition will feature recent work by the talented art and design faculty of Purdue Fort Wayne. It's a wonderful opportunity for PFW students and the community to see and understand our faculty as artists as well as educators. Exhibition runs through Jan. 11...

NOVEMBER

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Tues, 6–8 p.m.

Pop and Rock Supershow #1

This high-energy concert will feature popular music ensembles delivering an exciting mix of classic covers and original hits, making for an unforgettable night of pop and rock entertainment...

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Mattel toy dinosaur named after Auburn man

The Herald Republican (Angola) | Saturday

Food insecurity: Numbers show severity of grocery price hikes

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Friday

Chancellor's Chili Fest at PFW

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Nov. 4

In a Snap

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Scales, fur, and feathers cause a few nervous moments in the atrium at Walb Student Union on Nov. 6. Mark's Ark, invited by the Student Activities Board, provided an engaging, hands-on animal experience for students and staff who dared to explore their wild side.

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