

Coach Matt Painter

With seven Sweet 16 appearances, 15 NCAA Tournament berths, an appearance in the NCAA Championship game, five Big Ten regular-season championships, two Big Ten Tournament titles and an international gold medal on his résumé, L. Dick Buell Men's Basketball Head Coach Matt Painter is widely regarded as one of the brightest minds in all of college basketball. Painter has cemented himself as not only one of the winningest coaches in Purdue and Big Ten history, but as one of college basketball's best coaches.

The Boilermakers have been a fixture in the NCAA Tournament, making five Sweet 16s in the last seven tournaments. Over the last eight tournament appearances, Purdue is one of two schools to earn a top-5 seed in each of its trips and the Boilermakers have posted a 110-30 (.786) overall record over the last three seasons.

In just 19 seasons and at age 54, Painter already ranks second on the school's all-time wins list (447), sandwiched between legendary mentors Gene Keady and Ward "Piggy" Lambert, both of whom have been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Painter officially became the 18th head men's basketball coach in Purdue history on April 8, 2005, and immediately set about laying the groundwork for a dramatic reversal in the program's fortunes.