



2017 BIG TEN FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE - SEPTEMBER 18

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2017 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
1. Ohio State	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	1-0	W6	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	0-0	W1
2. Michigan	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	3-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	1-0	W3
Penn State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W8	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	W3
Maryland	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	0-0	W2
Michigan State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2
Rutgers	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L14	1-2	.333	1-2	0-0	0-0	W1
7. Indiana	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-1	L1	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-0	W1

WEST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
1. Iowa	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W3	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W3
Minnesota	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W4
Wisconsin	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W6	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	0-0	W4
Illinois	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L3	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Northwestern	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	W1
Purdue	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L7	2-1	.667	1-0	1-0	0-1	W2
Nebraska	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0	L2

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- Big Ten play resumes this weekend, with three conference matchups highlighting a seven-game slate. Rutgers will visit Nebraska, while Michigan travels to Purdue and Penn State heads to Iowa in the Big Ten opener for all six schools. Four other conference squads are off this week, as Illinois, Minnesota, Northwestern and Wisconsin enjoy their bye week.
- Purdue posted its largest road win in more than 18 years on Saturday with a 35-3 win at Missouri. The last time the Boilermakers won by a margin of that size on the road was Sept. 4, 1999 (47-13 at Central Florida), and it was the fewest points Purdue allowed in a road game since Oct. 25, 1997, when the Boilermakers registered a 48-3 win at Illinois.
- Rutgers earned its first win of the 2017 season with a 65-0 victory over Morgan State on Saturday. It was the most points scored by the Scarlet Knights since Sept. 4, 1993, when they defeated Colgate 68-6 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., and the largest shutout for Rutgers since Oct. 28, 1978, when it defeated Columbia 69-0 also at Giants Stadium.
- Defending Big Ten Champion Penn State blanked Georgia State 56-0 on Saturday at Beaver Stadium. It was the Nittany Lions' largest margin of victory since a 66-10 win over Coastal Carolina on Aug. 30, 2008, and their largest shutout since a 59-0 win over Florida International on Sept. 1, 2007.
- Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett was responsible for three touchdowns (two passing, one rushing) in the Buckeyes' 38-7 win over Army West Point on Saturday, setting the Big Ten career record in that category with 107, one more than Purdue's Drew Brees registered from 1997-2000.
- Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook set a school record by completing 18 of 19 passes (94.7 percent) in the Badgers' 40-6 win at BYU on Saturday. Hornibrook's mark was the best single-game completion percentage in Big Ten history by any quarterback attempting at least 13 passes and the fifth-best for those with a minimum of 10 completions.
- Michigan kicker Quinn Nordin converted all five of his field goal attempts Saturday in the Wolverines' 29-13 win over visiting Air Force. Nordin tied the Michigan record for field goals in a single game, set three times previously (most recently by K.C. Lopata at Minnesota on Nov. 8, 2009), and it marked the 26th time in Big Ten history a student kicked five field goals in one game (first since Nebraska's Drew Brown against Southern Miss on Sept. 26, 2015).

WEEK 4 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

UNLV at OHIO STATE
Noon - BTN

Central Florida at MARYLAND
3 p.m. - FS1

Georgia Southern at INDIANA
3:30 p.m. - BTN

RUTGERS at NEBRASKA (HC)
3:30 p.m. - BTN

MICHIGAN AT PURDUE (HC)
4 p.m. - FOX

PENN STATE at IOWA
7:30 p.m. - ABC

Notre Dame at MICHIGAN STATE
8 p.m. - FOX

BYE: ILLINOIS, MINNESOTA, NORTHWESTERN,
WISCONSIN

*All times Eastern
(HC) - Homecoming*

WEEK 3 RESULTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

South Florida def. ILLINOIS, 47-23

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

IOWA def. North Texas, 31-14
MICHIGAN def. Air Force, 29-13
MINNESOTA def. Middle Tennessee, 34-3
Northern Illinois def. NEBRASKA, 21-17
NORTHWESTERN def. Bowling Green, 49-7
OHIO STATE def. Army West Point, 38-7
PENN STATE def. Georgia State, 56-0
PURDUE def. Missouri, 35-3
RUTGERS def. Morgan State, 65-0
WISCONSIN def. BYU, 40-6

BYE: INDIANA, MARYLAND, MICHIGAN STATE

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The Big Ten football page on bigten.org will feature notes, recaps, statistics, standings and more. You can also keep track of Big Ten football in real time by following the conference on Twitter @B1Gfootball and @BigTen or becoming a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook to receive exclusive updates.



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The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,700 Academic All-Americans, including 47 honorees during the 2016-17 academic year.

WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The Big Ten Conference football coaches weekly media teleconferences began on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and continue through Tuesday, Nov. 21.

The calls are held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 12:52 p.m. CT. The calls will be available for play-back roughly two hours following the conclusion of each call at bigten.org.

Contact the Big Ten Communications office for the phone number and weekly passcode.

The coaches order on each call is as follows (all times Central):

- 11:00 a.m. – Chris Ash, Rutgers
- 11:08 a.m. – Jim Harbaugh, Michigan
- 11:16 a.m. – Paul Chryst, Wisconsin
- 11:24 a.m. – Mike Riley, Nebraska
- 11:32 a.m. – Mark Dantonio, Michigan State
- 11:40 a.m. – Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
- 11:48 a.m. – P.J. Fleck, Minnesota
- 11:56 a.m. – Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
- 12:04 p.m. – Lovie Smith, Illinois
- 12:12 p.m. – DJ Durkin, Maryland
- 12:20 p.m. – Jeff Brohm, Purdue
- 12:28 p.m. – James Franklin, Penn State
- 12:36 p.m. – Urban Meyer, Ohio State
- 12:44 p.m. – Tom Allen, Indiana

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BIG TEN NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

TEAM RANKINGS

Rk.	Total Offense	Avg.
16.	Wisconsin	511.0
17.	Ohio State	510.7
18.	Maryland	508.0

Rk.	Scoring Offense	Avg.
2.	Maryland	57.0
11.	Penn State	47.0
19.	Wisconsin	43.3

Rk.	Rushing Offense	Avg.
9.	Maryland	315.0
14.	Wisconsin	275.3
15.	Michigan State	255.5
19.	Ohio State	243.0

Rk.	Passing Offense	Avg.
23.	Indiana	308.5

Rk.	Pass Efficiency	Avg.
5.	Maryland	210.98
9.	Wisconsin	185.82
14.	Penn State	178.48
22.	Iowa	165.08

Rk.	All-Purpose Yardage	Avg.
2.	Saquon Barkley, PSU	218.33
7.	Ty Johnson, MD	176.00
12.	Akrum Wadley, IOWA	170.00
15.	D.J. Moore, MD	156.00
20.	Darrell Stewart, MSU	154.50
22.	J.K. Dobbins, OSU	149.33
25.	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	146.00

Rk.	Total Offense Yardage	Avg.
25.	J.T. Barrett, OSU	305.3

Rk.	Rushing Yardage	Avg.
9.	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	146.0
11.	J.K. Dobbins, OSU	141.7
14.	Ty Johnson, MD	128.0
18.	Ty Isaac, MICH	112.0
17.	Saquon Barkley, PSU	130.0

Rk.	Passing Efficiency	Avg.
8.	Alex Hornibrook, WIS	189.0
10.	Trace McSorley, PSU	184.1
17.	David Blough, PUR	174.5
24.	Nate Stanley, IOWA	165.1

Rk.	Total Defense	Avg.
3.	Michigan State	203.5
5.	Michigan	208.0
10.	Minnesota	239.0
13.	Wisconsin	248.0
22.	Penn State	273.7

Rk.	Scoring Defense	Avg.
2.	Penn State	4.7
3.	Minnesota	8.0
8.	Wisconsin	10.0
12.	Michigan State	12.0
24.	Michigan	14.7

Rk.	Rushing Defense	Avg.
4.	Minnesota	59.0
9.	Michigan	82.3
15.	Wisconsin	90.7
17.	Michigan State	91.5
20.	Rutgers	92.7
23.	Iowa	97.0
25.	Maryland	98.5

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Rk.	Receiving Yardage	Avg.
14.	D.J. Moore, MD	115.0
15.	Simmie Cobbs Jr., IND	105.5
20.	Stanley Morgan Jr., NEB	99.7

Rk.	Receptions	Avg.
10.	Simmie Cobbs Jr., IND	8.0
22.	Luke Timian, IND	7.0
	D.J. Moore, MD	7.0

Rk.	Scoring	Avg.
6.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	14.0
8.	D.J. Moore, MD	12.0

Rk.	Points Responsible	Avg.
9.	Trace McSorley, PSU	22.0
15.	Nate Stanley, IOWA	20.0
19.	Brian Lewerke, MSU	18.0

Rk.	Field Goals	Avg.
1.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	3.67
7.	Sean Nuernberger, OSU	2.00
18.	Emmit Carpenter, MINN	1.67

Rk.	Pass Efficiency Defense	Avg.
2.	Michigan State	63.48
6.	Penn State	79.62
7.	Michigan	83.02
20.	Minnesota	97.31
21.	Wisconsin	97.44

Rk.	Turnover Margin	Avg.
2.	Penn State	2.33
7.	Ohio State	1.67
13.	Maryland	1.50
17.	Minnesota	1.33

Rk.	Fewest Penalties	Avg.
8.	Michigan State	3.50
10.	Penn State	3.67
20.	Minnesota	4.33
	Purdue	4.33

Rk.	Fewest Penalty Yards	Avg.
4.	Michigan State	27.50
17.	Penn State	35.00

Rk.	Punting	Avg.
3.	Hunter Niswander, NU	49.5
4.	Joe Schopper, PUR	48.8
21.	Ryan Santoso, MIINN	45.4

Rk.	Punt Return Yardage	Avg.
5.	J-Shun Harris II, IND	21.8
7.	Deandre Thompkins, PSU	20.2
13.	Donovan Peoples-Jones, MICH	16.3
21.	Mike Dudek, ILL	13.8
22.	Janarion Grant, RU	13.2
23.	D.J. Moore, MD	12.2

Rk.	Kickoff Return Yardage	Avg.
1.	JD Spielman, NEB	46.0
6.	Parris Campbell, OSU	36.5
11.	Ty Johnson, MD	32.0
24.	Saquon Barkley, PSU	26.8
25.	A.J. Taylor, WIS	26.4

Rk.	Passes Defended	Avg.
2.	Joshua Jackson, IOWA	2.7
6.	Josiah Scott, MSU	2.0
	Denzel Ward, OSU	2.0
	Kiy Hester, RU	2.0
20.	Christian Campbell, PSU	1.7

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
EAST DIVISION			
Tom Allen, IND	1-2 (1st)	1-2 (1st)	0-1
D.J. Durkin, MD	9-7 (2nd)	8-7 (2nd)	3-6
Jim Harbaugh, MICH	81-33 (10th)	23-6 (3rd)	13-4
Mark Dantonio, MSU	110-59 (14th)	92-42 (11th)	53-28
Urban Meyer, OSU	167-30 (16th)	63-7 (6th)	39-2
James Franklin, PSU	52-30 (7th)	28-15 (4th)	13-11
Chris Ash, RU	3-12 (2nd)	3-12 (2nd)	0-9
WEST DIVISION			
Lovie Smith, ILL	5-10 (2nd)	5-10 (2nd)	2-7
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	150-113 (22nd)	138-92 (19th)	82-63
P.J. Fleck, MINN	33-22 (5th)	3-0 (1st)	0-0
Mike Riley, NEB	109-93 (17th)	16-13 (3rd)	9-8
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	79-63 (12th)	79-63 (12th)	41-48
Jeff Brohm, PUR	32-11 (4th)	2-1 (1st)	0-0
Paul Chryst, WIS	42-26 (6th)	23-7 (3rd)	13-4

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For more than 25 years, through the Big Ten's SCORE (Success Comes Out of Reading Everyday) program, the conference has partnered with Chicago elementary schools to improve reading performance.

2017 WEEK BY WEEK ATTENDANCE

	ALL GAMES			CONFERENCE GAMES				
	Games	Total	Average	Sellouts	Games	Total	Average	Sellouts
8/31-9/2	10	624,225	62,423	2	1	52,929	52,929	1
9/8-9	9	643,144	71,460	3	--	--	--	--
9/15-16	8	595,204	74,401	3	--	--	--	--
9/23								
9/29-30								
10/7								
10/14								
10/21								
10/28								
11/4								
11/11								
11/18								
11/24-25								
TOTAL	27	1,862,573	68,984	8	1	52,929	52,929	1

2017 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

9/4	O	QB J.T. Barrett, OSU
		RB Saquon Barkley, PSU
	D	LB Josey Jewell, IOWA
	S	DB Antoine Brooks, MD
		K Quinn Nordin, MICH-FR
	F	RB J.K. Dobbins, OSU
9/11	O	QB Nate Stanley, IOWA
		RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS-FR
	D	DB Tyree Kinnel, MICH
	S	WR J-Shun Harris II, IND
	F	RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS
9/18	O	QB Alex Hornibrook, WIS
	D	DB Jacob Huff, MINN
	S	K Quinn Nordin, MICH-FR
	F	RB J.K. Dobbins, OSU
		QB Johnathan Lewis, RU

2017-18 BIG TEN BOWL DESTINATIONS



Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl
Dec. 26, 2017
Noon ET, ESPN
Dallas, Texas
Cotton Bowl Stadium
Big Ten vs. Big 12



TaxSlayer Bowl
Dec. 30, 2017
Noon ET, ESPN
Jacksonville, Fla.
EverBank Field
Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



Quick Lane Bowl
Dec. 26, 2017
5:15 p.m. ET, ESPN
Detroit, Mich.
Ford Field
Big Ten vs. ACC/Notre Dame



Capital One Orange Bowl
Dec. 30, 2017
8 p.m. ET, ESPN
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Hard Rock Stadium
Big Ten/SEC/Notre Dame vs. ACC



New Era Pinstripe Bowl
Dec. 27, 2017
5:15 p.m. ET, ESPN
Bronx, N.Y.
Yankee Stadium
Big Ten vs. ACC/Notre Dame



Outback Bowl
Jan. 1, 2018
Noon ET, ESPN2
Tampa, Fla.
Raymond James Stadium
Big Ten vs. SEC



Foster Farms Bowl
Dec. 27, 2017
8:30 p.m. ET, FOX
Santa Clara, Calif.
Levi's Stadium
Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Citrus Bowl
Jan. 1, 2018
1 p.m. ET, ABC
Orlando, Fla.
Camping World Stadium
Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl
Dec. 28, 2017
9 p.m. ET, FS1
San Diego, Calif.
Qualcomm Stadium
Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Rose Bowl Game
Presented by Northwestern Mutual
2017-18 CFP Semifinal
Jan. 1, 2018
5:10 p.m. ET, ESPN
Pasadena, Calif.
Rose Bowl Stadium
Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl
Dec. 29, 2017
4:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
Nashville, Tenn.
Nissan Stadium
Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC

2017-18 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF BOWLS

Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic
Dec. 29, 2017
8:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
Arlington, Texas
AT&T Stadium

Capital One Orange Bowl
Dec. 30, 2017
8 p.m. ET, ESPN
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Hard Rock Stadium

Rose Bowl Game
Presented by Northwestern Mutual
2017-18 CFP National Semifinal
Jan. 1, 2018
5:10 p.m. ET, ESPN
Pasadena, Calif.
Rose Bowl Stadium

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl
Dec. 30, 2017
4 p.m. ET, ESPN
Glendale, Ariz.
University of Phoenix Stadium

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl
Jan. 1, 2018
12:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
Atlanta, Ga.
Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Allstate Sugar Bowl
2017-18 CFP National Semifinal
Jan. 1, 2018
8:45 p.m. ET, ESPN
New Orleans, La.
Mercedes-Benz Superdome

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The Big Ten will administer over \$200 million in direct financial support to more than 9,500 students competing in intercollegiate athletics for more than 11,000 participation opportunities on 350 teams in 42 different sports.

BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The 2017 Big Ten Football Championship Game will kick off from Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis at 8 p.m. ET on Dec. 2, 2017.

The winner of the East Division will meet the winner of the West Division, with the game's victor earning the Big Ten Championship and a chance to play in one of the six bowls that comprise the College Football Playoff, including the Rose Bowl Game.

FOX will once again serve as the official broadcast partner of the Big Ten Football Championship Game, while Lucas Oil Stadium will host the title games through 2021.

Tickets for the 2017 Big Ten Football Championship Game are now on sale through Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000. In addition, every Big Ten Football Championship Game ticket includes complimentary admission to the Big Ten Fan Fest presented by Dr. Pepper, to be held at the Indiana Convention Center on Friday and Saturday, December 1-2. For more information, visit the official Big Ten Conference web site (bigten.org).

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

QUICK FACTS

Date: Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017
Time: 8 p.m. ET
Television: FOX
Site: Indianapolis, Ind.
Facility: Lucas Oil Stadium
Surface: FieldTurf
Capacity: 66,700

BIG TEN FOOTBALL AWARDS

The Big Ten will continue to honor its past while recognizing its current standouts at the conclusion of the 2017 campaign. The Big Ten's enhanced football awards program presents 19 individual trophies in addition to the Big Ten Championship trophy, bearing the names of one or two former standouts. The distinguished names on these football awards honor just a small sampling of the countless students and coaches who have contributed to the conference's rich and storied history.

Seventeen of the honors will be awarded immediately following the regular season, including awards for the best quarterback, running back, receiver, tight end, offensive lineman, defensive lineman, linebacker, defensive back, kicker, punter and return specialist. Each of these individual position awards features the names of two former standouts.

The Big Ten will also continue to honor the conference's top coaches, offensive and defensive players and linemen and freshmen with end-of-year trophies. Big Ten coaches have the opportunity to claim two awards. Media voters will select the Dave McClain Coach of the Year, which has been awarded since 1972, while coaches vote for the Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year award. The top offensive player will receive the Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year award, the best defensive player will be awarded the Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year award and the top freshman will receive the Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year award.

The winner of the Big Ten Football Championship Game will receive the Amos Alonzo Stagg Championship Trophy, while the most outstanding player in the game will be awarded the Grange-Griffin Championship Game Most Valuable Player award. The conference also created two postcollegiate awards - the Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award and the Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award.

The full list of awards, along with a breakdown of the former standouts appearing in each award's name, appears to the right.

NAME OF AWARD	NAMED FOR
Championship Game Awards	
Amos Alonzo Stagg Championship Trophy	Amos Alonzo Stagg, Chicago
Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP <i>(media vote only)</i>	Harold Edward "Red" Grange, Illinois Archie Griffin, Ohio State
Postcollegiate Awards <i>(vote by school administrators)</i>	
Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award	Gerald R. Ford, Michigan Nile Kinnick, Iowa
Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award	Tony Dungy, Minnesota Anthony Thompson, Indiana
Annual Awards <i>(combined vote by coaches and media, unless otherwise noted)</i>	
Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year	Otto Graham, Northwestern Eddie George, Ohio State
Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year	Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski, Minnesota Charles Woodson, Michigan
Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year <i>(coaches vote only)</i>	Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, Ohio State Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Michigan
Dave McClain Coach of the Year <i>(media vote only)</i>	Dave McClain, Wisconsin
Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year	Darrell Thompson, Minnesota Antwaan Randle El, Indiana
Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year	Dave Rimington, Nebraska Orlando Pace, Ohio State
Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year	Charles Aaron "Bubba" Smith, Michigan State Courtney Brown, Penn State
Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year	Bob Griese, Purdue Drew Brees, Purdue
Ameche-Dayne Running Back of the Year	Alan Ameche, Wisconsin Ron Dayne, Wisconsin
Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year	Jack Tatum, Ohio State Rod Woodson, Purdue
Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker of the Year	Dick Butkus, Illinois Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
Richter-Howard Receiver of the Year	Pat Richter, Wisconsin Desmond Howard, Michigan
Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year	Ted Kwalick, Penn State Dallas Clark, Iowa
Bakken-Andersen Kicker of the Year	Jim Bakken, Wisconsin Morten Andersen, Michigan State
Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year	Thomas Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, Illinois Brandon Fields, Michigan State
Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year	Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska Tim Dwight, Iowa

BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

Through the Big Ten's current media agreements with BTN, ABC/ESPN, CBS and FOX, nearly 1,400 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally and globally on an annual basis.



Big Life. Big Stage. Big Ten.

Since its inception in 1896, the pursuit and attainment of academic excellence has been a priority for every Big Ten member institution. But maintaining the conference's standard of competing at the highest level in athletics also endures as an important component of the Big Ten experience. Striking that balance between academics and athletics is integral to the Big Ten's identity. Recognized as one of intercollegiate sports' most successful undertakings, the Big Ten strives for success from its students not only on the field and in the classroom, but around the world as well.

PREMIER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

The Big Ten Academic Alliance is an academic consortium of all 14 Big Ten universities, which is widely considered to be the model for effective and voluntary collaboration among top research universities.

Every Big Ten Academic Alliance institution ranks among the top 78 universities in the nation according to the 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 25.

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Big Ten Academic Alliance schools annually conduct \$10 billion in funded research, \$5 billion more than any other conference.

A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools have won at least seven national championships in seven of the last nine academic years and at least five in each of the last 20 years.

In the last four full academic years, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 28 team national championships in 15 different sports.

Over the last 11 full academic years, current Big Ten institutions have won 82 team national titles in 23 different sports.

BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING

The Big Ten will administer over \$200 million in direct financial support to more than 9,500 students competing in intercollegiate athletics for more than 11,000 participation opportunities on 350 teams in 42 different sports.

The Big Ten sponsors 28 official conference sports, 14 for men and 14 for women, including the addition of men's ice hockey and men's and women's lacrosse the last three years.

The Big Ten leads the nation in total students competing in intercollegiate athletics and participation opportunities, and sponsors more official sports than all conferences except the Ivy League.

Almost 1,400 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 600 medals, including nearly 300 gold. In the 2016 Olympic Games, 159 representatives from Big Ten institutions including current or former students and coaches were members to Olympic teams. Big Ten Olympians collected 47 medals in Rio.

PASSIONATE FOLLOWING

The Big Ten leads all conferences with 5.7 million alumni and nearly 580,000 students.

Each year more than 11 million patrons attend Big Ten home contests, as the conference leads the nation in attendance for men's basketball, hockey, volleyball and wrestling.

LEADERS IN INNOVATION

Took part in the nation's first bowl game, winning the 1902 Rose Bowl Game, and signed an exclusive contract with the Tournament of Roses in 1946, making it the first bowl with permanent conference affiliations.

Awarded the first Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1915, honoring outstanding seniors who demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics.

Formed the Big Ten Advisory Commission in 1972, enlisting former students that competed in conference athletics to serve as liaisons to the NCAA's Diversity and Inclusion Department, the Big Ten Student-Athlete Advisory Commission and other organizations.

Became the first conference to voluntarily adopt male and female participation goals after launching its Gender Equity Action Plan in 1992.

Implemented the first collegiate football system of instant replay in 2004, which the NCAA approved for use among all conferences in 2006.

Launched the Big Ten Network (BTN) in 2007, the first national conference-owned television network.

Began partnering with the Ivy League to study the effects of head injuries in sports in 2012.

Accepted Johns Hopkins University as the conference's first sport affiliate members in men's and women's lacrosse in 2013 and 2015, respectively.

EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE

Through the Big Ten's current media agreements with BTN, ABC/ESPN, CBS and FOX, nearly 1,400 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally and globally on an annual basis.

BTN is in more than 60 million homes across the United States and Canada. BTN2Go is BTN's digital extension, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. BTN Plus within BTN2Go streams hundreds of additional events each season.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

For more than 25 years, through the Big Ten's SCORE (Success Comes Out of Reading Everyday) program, the conference has partnered with Chicago elementary schools to improve reading performance.

Surrounding the Big Ten Football Championship Game and Basketball Tournaments, the conference has held numerous community initiatives, such as the Big Ten Career Expo, SaturDAY of Service and Youth Football Clinics. In addition, the Big Ten has hosted a downtown 5K, collaborated with a local breast cancer awareness group and provided unique event experiences for military veterans.

2017 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE/MATCHUP	TIME	BROADCAST	DATE/MATCHUP	TIME	BROADCAST
THURSDAY, AUG. 31			SATURDAY, OCT. 7		
Buffalo at MINNESOTA	7 p.m.	BTN	ILLINOIS at IOWA (HC)	Noon	TBA
OHIO STATE at INDIANA	8 p.m.	ESPN	PENN STATE at NORTHWESTERN (HC)	Noon	TBA
			MARYLAND at OHIO STATE (HC)	3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBA
			Charleston Southern at INDIANA		
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1			SATURDAY, OCT. 14		
Washington at RUTGERS	8 p.m.	FS1	MICHIGAN STATE at MICHIGAN		
Utah State at WISCONSIN	9 p.m.	ESPN	MINNESOTA at PURDUE		
			WISCONSIN at NEBRASKA		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2			SATURDAY, OCT. 21		
Ball State at ILLINOIS	Noon	BTN	PURDUE at RUTGERS (HC)	Noon	TBA
Wyoming at IOWA	Noon	BTN	MARYLAND at WISCONSIN (HC)	Noon	TBA
MARYLAND at Texas	Noon	FS1	INDIANA at MICHIGAN STATE (HC)	3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBA
Bowling Green at MICHIGAN STATE	Noon	ESPN	ILLINOIS at MINNESOTA (HC)	3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBA
Akron at PENN STATE	Noon	ABC	IOWA at NORTHWESTERN		
Florida vs. MICHIGAN (1)	3:30 p.m.	ABC	MICHIGAN at PENN STATE		
Nevada at NORTHWESTERN	3:30 p.m.	ABC			
Louisville vs. PURDUE (2)	7:30 p.m.	BTN			
Arkansas State at NEBRASKA	8 p.m.	FOX			
		BTN			
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8			SATURDAY, OCT. 28		
Ohio at PURDUE	8 p.m.	FS1	WISCONSIN at ILLINOIS (HC)	Noon	TBA
			RUTGERS at MICHIGAN (HC)	Noon	TBA
			PENN STATE at OHIO STATE	3:30 p.m.	FOX
			INDIANA at MARYLAND (HC)	3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBA
			MICHIGAN STATE at NORTHWESTERN	TBA	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2
			MINNESOTA at IOWA		
			NEBRASKA at PURDUE		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9			SATURDAY, NOV. 4		
IOWA at Iowa State	Noon	ESPN2	ILLINOIS at PURDUE		
Towson at MARYLAND	Noon	BTN	MARYLAND at RUTGERS (3)		
Cincinnati at MICHIGAN	Noon	ABC	MINNESOTA at MICHIGAN		
NORTHWESTERN at Duke	Noon	ESPN	NORTHWESTERN at NEBRASKA		
Florida Atlantic at WISCONSIN	Noon	BTN	OHIO STATE at IOWA		
INDIANA at Virginia	3:30 p.m.	ESPN	PENN STATE at MICHIGAN STATE		
Western Michigan at MICHIGAN STATE	3:30 p.m.	BTN	WISCONSIN at INDIANA		
Pittsburgh at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m.	ABC			
Eastern Michigan at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	ESPN			
NEBRASKA at Oregon	4:30 p.m.	BTN			
Oklahoma at OHIO STATE	7:30 p.m.	ABC			
Western Kentucky at ILLINOIS	8 p.m.	BTN			
MINNESOTA at Oregon State	10 p.m.	FS1			
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15			SATURDAY, NOV. 11		
ILLINOIS at South Florida	7 p.m.	ESPN	RUTGERS at PENN STATE (HC)	Noon	TBA
			INDIANA at ILLINOIS		
			IOWA at WISCONSIN		
			MICHIGAN at MARYLAND		
			MICHIGAN STATE at OHIO STATE		
			NEBRASKA at MINNESOTA		
			PURDUE at NORTHWESTERN		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16			SATURDAY, NOV. 18		
Air Force at MICHIGAN	Noon	BTN	ILLINOIS at OHIO STATE		
Northern Illinois at NEBRASKA	Noon	FS1	MARYLAND at MICHIGAN STATE		
North Texas at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	ESPN2	MICHIGAN at WISCONSIN		
Middle Tennessee at MINNESOTA	3:30 p.m.	BTN	MINNESOTA at NORTHWESTERN		
Morgan State at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	BTN	NEBRASKA at PENN STATE		
WISCONSIN at BYU	3:30 p.m.	ABC	PURDUE at IOWA		
PURDUE at Missouri	4 p.m.	SEC Network	RUTGERS at INDIANA		
Army West Point at OHIO STATE	4:30 p.m.	FOX			
Bowling Green at NORTHWESTERN	7:30 p.m.	BTN			
Georgia State at PENN STATE	7:30 p.m.	BTN			
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23			FRIDAY, NOV. 24		
UNLV at OHIO STATE	Noon	BTN	IOWA at NEBRASKA	4 p.m.	FS1
Central Florida at MARYLAND	3 p.m.	FS1			
Georgia Southern at INDIANA	3:30 p.m.	BTN			
RUTGERS at NEBRASKA (HC)	3:30 p.m.	BTN			
MICHIGAN AT PURDUE (HC)	4 p.m.	FOX			
PENN STATE at IOWA	7:30 p.m.	ABC			
Notre Dame at MICHIGAN STATE	8 p.m.	FOX			
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29			SATURDAY, NOV. 25		
NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS	8 p.m.	FS1	OHIO STATE at MICHIGAN	Noon	FOX
			INDIANA at PURDUE		
			MICHIGAN STATE at RUTGERS		
			NORTHWESTERN at ILLINOIS		
			PENN STATE at MARYLAND		
			WISCONSIN at MINNESOTA		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 30			SATURDAY, DEC. 2		
MARYLAND at MINNESOTA	Noon	FS1	Big Ten Championship Game (2)	8 p.m.	FOX
NORTHWESTERN at WISCONSIN	Noon	ABC			
INDIANA at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m.	BTN			
IOWA at MICHIGAN STATE	4 p.m.	FOX			
OHIO STATE at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.	BTN			

All times Eastern
(HC) - Homecoming Weekend

(1) - at Arlington, Texas (AT&T Stadium) (3) - at Bronx, N.Y. (Yankee Stadium)
(2) - at Indianapolis, Ind. (Lucas Oil Stadium)

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