



# 2017 BIG TEN FOOTBALL

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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. Michigan	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	0-0	W1	4-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	1-0	W4
Penn State	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	0-0	W9	4-0	1.000	3-0	1-0	0-0	W4
Ohio State	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	1-0	W6	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	0-0	W2
4. Maryland	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	0-0	L1
Michigan State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	L1
6. Indiana	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-1	L1	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	0-0	W2
Rutgers	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	L15	1-3	.250	1-2	0-1	0-0	L1

#### WEST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
1. Nebraska	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	0-0	W1	2-2	.500	2-1	0-1	0-0	W1
2. 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
6. Iowa	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	0-0	L1
Purdue	0-1	.000	0-1	0-0	0-0	L8	2-2	.500	1-1	1-0	0-1	L1

### BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- Week 5 of the 2017 Big Ten season features six conference games, beginning Friday night when Nebraska visits Illinois in the Big Ten opener for the Fighting Illini. Maryland and Minnesota will also kick off their conference schedules when they meet Saturday afternoon in Minneapolis, while Northwestern opens its Big Ten season at Wisconsin.
- The Big Ten currently features two programs that rank among the top 20 nationally in both total offense and defense (Penn State and Wisconsin). Three more conference squads stand among the top 20 nationally in total defense (Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota).
- Penn State running back Saquon Barkley amassed a school-record 358 all-purpose yards in the Nittany Lions' win at Iowa. Not only did Barkley eclipse the previous Penn State record held by Curt Warner (341 at Syracuse on Oct. 17, 1981), but his total was also the 10th-highest all-purpose yardage total in Big Ten history and the highest since Nov. 15, 2014, when Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon had 408 all-purpose yards against Nebraska.
- Ohio State set a school record with seven different receivers catching touchdown passes in the Buckeyes' 54-21 win over visiting UNLV on Saturday. The previous school mark had been five different OSU receivers catching touchdowns on four separate occasions. Ohio State's Parris Campbell and C.J. Saunders also became the first Buckeye receiving tandem to top 100 yards in the same game since the 2005 Fiesta Bowl, when Ted Ginn Jr. and Santonio Holmes both pulled off the feat in a win over Notre Dame.
- For the first time in program history, Indiana returned two fumbles for touchdowns in the same game, as Simmie Cobbs Jr. and Andre Brown Jr. both scored in the Hoosiers' 52-17 win Saturday over visiting Georgia Southern.
- Indiana's J-Shun Harris II returned a punt for a touchdown for the second consecutive game, becoming the second Indiana student ever to have punt returns for touchdowns in consecutive games and the first since Rob Turner did so in 1990. Harris, a nominee for the 2017 Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award, brought back a Georgia Southern kick 70 yards for a score in the Hoosiers' home victory.
- Purdue drew a sellout crowd of 60,042 to Ross-Ade Stadium for its Big Ten opener Saturday against Michigan. It was the Boilermakers' largest home crowd since Nov. 22, 2008, against Indiana in the final home game for Purdue's longtime head coach Joe Tiller.
- Michigan continues to find success in Big Ten openers, improving to 47-3 in conference debuts since 1968 after a 28-10 win at Purdue on Saturday.

### WEEK 5 SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS  
8 p.m. - FS1

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

MARYLAND at MINNESOTA  
Noon - FS1

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

BYE: MICHIGAN, PURDUE

*All times Eastern*

### WEEK 4 RESULTS

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

INDIANA def. Georgia Southern, 52-17  
 PENN STATE def. IOWA, 21-19  
 Central Florida def. MARYLAND, 38-10  
 MICHIGAN def. PURDUE, 28-10  
 Notre Dame def. MICHIGAN STATE, 38-18  
 NEBRASKA def. RUTGERS, 27-17  
 OHIO STATE def. UNLV, 54-21

BYE: ILLINOIS, MINNESOTA, NORTHWESTERN, WISCONSIN

### FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

The Big Ten football page on [bigten.org](http://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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### BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

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.

## 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](http://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.
9.	Ohio State	549.0
11.	Wisconsin	511.0
20.	Penn State	496.5

Rk.	Scoring Offense	Avg.
13.	Wisconsin	43.3
16.	Maryland	41.3
23.	Penn State	40.5

Rk.	Rushing Offense	Avg.
12.	Wisconsin	275.3
24.	Ohio State	229.8

Rk.	Passing Offense	Avg.
13.	Ohio State	319.3
25.	Northwestern	298.7

Rk.	Pass Efficiency	Avg.
4.	Wisconsin	185.82
16.	Iowa	164.44
19.	Maryland	162.20
22.	Ohio State	160.18
25.	Penn State	156.78

Rk.	All-Purpose Yardage	Avg.
1.	Saquon Barkley, PSU	253.25
6.	Akrum Wadley, IOWA	166.25
8.	Ty Johnson, MD	164.67
22.	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	146.00
23.	Parris Campbell, OSU	145.50
24.	D.J. Moore, MD	145.33

Rk.	Total Offense Yardage	Avg.
17.	Brian Lewerke, MSU	319.0
22.	Trace McSorley, PSU	308.8

Rk.	Rushing Yardage	Avg.
5.	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	146.0
10.	J.K. Dobbins, OSU	130.0
11.	Saquon Barkley, PSU	129.5

Rk.	Passing Yardage	Avg.
22.	Clayton Thorson, NU	280.7

Rk.	Passing Efficiency	Avg.
3.	Alex Hornibrook, WIS	189.0
17.	Nate Stanley, IOWA	164.4
24.	Conor Rhoda, MINN	158.5

Rk.	Total Defense	Avg.
1.	Michigan	203.3
5.	Minnesota	239.0
7.	Wisconsin	248.0
9.	Michigan State	254.0
17.	Penn State	273.5
24.	Rutgers	298.3

Rk.	Scoring Defense	Avg.
1.	Minnesota	8.0
2.	Penn State	8.3
4.	Wisconsin	10.0
12.	Michigan	13.5

Rk.	Rushing Defense	Avg.
1.	Minnesota	59.0
4.	Michigan	69.3
10.	Wisconsin	90.7

Rk.	Pass Efficiency Defense	Avg.
5.	Michigan	87.55
6.	Michigan State	88.01
10.	Penn State	94.24
14.	Minnesota	97.31
15.	Wisconsin	97.44

### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Rk.	Receiving Yardage	Avg.
18.	D.J. Moore, MD	104.3
21.	Stanley Morgan Jr., NEB	99.7

Rk.	Receptions	Avg.
16.	D.J. Moore, MD	7.3

Rk.	Scoring	Avg.
10.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	11.5
25.	D.J. Moore, MD	10.0
	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	10.0

Rk.	Points Responsible	Avg.
14.	J.T. Barrett, OSU	18.5
15.	Nate Stanley, IOWA	18.0
	Trace McSorley, PSU	18.0
24.	Brian Lewerke, MSU	16.7

Rk.	Field Goals	Avg.
2.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	2.75
17.	Sean Nuernberger, OSU	1.75
23.	Emmit Carpenter, MINN	1.67

Rk.	Turnover Margin	Avg.
8.	Penn State	1.50
13.	Minnesota	1.33
21.	Ohio State	1.00
	Purdue	1.00

Rk.	Fewest Penalties	Avg.
14.	Minnesota	4.33
21.	Penn State	4.75
25.	Northwestern	5.00

Rk.	Fewest Penalty Yards	Avg.
24.	Minnesota	42.33

Rk.	Punt Return Yardage	Avg.
2.	Indiana	26.14
12.	Penn State	16.85
20.	Illinois	13.75
23.	Michigan	13.50

Rk.	Kickoff Return Yardage	Avg.
4.	Ohio State	33.75
5.	Nebraska	33.13
20.	Wisconsin	26.40

Rk.	Punting	Avg.
2.	Hunter Niswander, NU	49.5
19.	Ryan Santoso, MINN	45.4
23.	Jake Hartbarger, MSU	44.9
25.	Joe Schopper, PUR	44.6

Rk.	Punt Return Yardage	Avg.
3.	J-Shun Harris II, IND	26.1
10.	Deandre Thompkins, PSU	18.7
15.	Donovan Peoples-Jones, MICH	14.7
16.	D.J. Moore, MD	14.4
19.	Mike Dudek, ILL	13.8
22.	Janarion Grant, RU	13.2

Rk.	Kickoff Return Yardage	Avg.
1.	Parris Campbell, OSU	45.6
5.	JD Spielman, NEB	38.8
21.	Ty Johnson, MD	27.9

Rk.	Passes Defended	Avg.
1.	Joshua Jackson, IOWA	2.3
3.	Denzel Ward, OSU	2.0
	Kiy Hester, RU	2.0
20.	Christian Campbell, PSU	1.5

## BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>			
Tom Allen, IND	2-2 (1st)	2-2 (1st)	0-1
D.J. Durkin, MD	9-8 (2nd)	8-8 (2nd)	3-6
Jim Harbaugh, MICH	82-33 (10th)	24-6 (3rd)	14-4
Mark Dantonio, MSU	110-60 (14th)	92-43 (11th)	53-28
Urban Meyer, OSU	168-30 (16th)	64-7 (6th)	39-2
James Franklin, PSU	53-30 (7th)	29-15 (4th)	14-11
Chris Ash, RU	3-13 (2nd)	3-13 (2nd)	0-10
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>			
Lovie Smith, ILL	5-10 (2nd)	5-10 (2nd)	2-7
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	150-114 (22nd)	138-93 (19th)	82-64
P.J. Fleck, MINN	33-22 (5th)	3-0 (1st)	0-0
Mike Riley, NEB	110-93 (17th)	17-13 (3rd)	10-8
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	79-63 (12th)	79-63 (12th)	41-48
Jeff Brohm, PUR	32-12 (4th)	2-2 (1st)	0-1
Paul Chryst, WIS	42-26 (6th)	23-7 (3rd)	13-4

## BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

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

### 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	7	472,398	67,485	3	3	216,022	72,007	2
9/29-30								
10/7								
10/14								
10/21								
10/28								
11/4								
11/11								
11/18								
11/24-25								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,334,971</b>	<b>68,676</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>268,951</b>	<b>67,238</b>	<b>3</b>

### 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
9/25	O	RB Saquon Barkley, PSU
	D	LB Josey Jewell, IOWA
		DL Chase Winovich, MICH
	S	WR J-Shun Harris II, IND
	F	RB Morgan Ellison, IND

### 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

### BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

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

# 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](http://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](http://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
<b>Championship Game Awards</b>	
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
<b>Postcollegiate Awards</b> <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
<b>Annual Awards</b> <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

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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.

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

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

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

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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