

2017 BIG TEN FOOTBALL WEEKLY RELEASE - OCTOBER 9

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2017 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games							
		W-L	PCT	Н	Α	Div.	Strk		W-L	PCT	Н	Α	N	Strk
1.	Penn State	3-0	1.000	1-0	2-0	1-0	W11		6-0	1.000	4-0	2-0	0-0	W6
	Ohio State	3-0	1.000	1-0	2-0	3-0	W8		5-1	.833	3-1	2-0	0-0	W4
	Michigan State	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	1-0	W2		4-1	.800	3-1	1-0	0-0	W2
4.	Michigan	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	0-1	L1		4-1	.800	2-1	1-0	1-0	L1
	Maryland	1-1	.500	0-0	1-1	0-1	L1		3-2	.600	1-1	2-1	0-0	L1
6.	Indiana	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-2	L2		3-2	.600	2-1	1-1	0-0	W1
	Rutgers	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L16		1-4	.200	1-3	0-1	0-0	L2

WEST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games						
		W-L	PCT	Н	Α	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	Н	Α	N	Strk
1.	Wisconsin	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	2-0	W8	5-0	1.000	3-0	2-0	0-0	W6
2.	Nebraska	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	1-1	L1	3-3	.500	2-2	1-1	0-0	L1
3.	Purdue	1-1	.500	1-1	0-0	1-0	W1	3-2	.600	2-1	1-0	0-1	W1
4.	Iowa	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	1-0	W1	4-2	.667	3-1	1-1	0-0	W1
5.	Minnesota	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L3	3-2	.600	2-1	1-1	0-0	L2
	Illinois	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-2	L5	2-3	.400	2-1	0-2	0-0	L3
	Northwestern	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-1	L2	2-3	.400	2-1	0-2	0-0	L2

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- Two Big Ten teams remain undefeated on the season, as Penn State has won its first six games and Wisconsin is 5-0. The Nittany Lions are 6-0 for the first time since 2008, when the team started 9-0. The Badgers are 5-0 for the first time since winning their first six games in 2011.
- The Big Ten currently features three programs that rank among the top 20 nationally in both scoring offense and defense (Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin). Four more conference squads stand among the top 25 nationally in scoring defense (Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota).
- Penn State became the first Big Ten school to secure a bowl berth, while Ohio State and Wisconsin can do likewise with a victory this weekend. The Big Ten will continue to feature the largest bowl lineup in conference history, and the full list of Big Ten postseason destinations can be found on page three.
- Michigan State forced five Michigan turnovers (two fumbles, three interceptions), the most by a Spartan team since 2015. Safety David Dowell had a career game, collecting two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a career-high seven tackles.
- Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor rushed for a career-high 249 yards and two touchdowns in Wisconsin's to a victory at Nebraska to become the second true freshman in program history to record multiple 200-yard rushing games and the first since Ron Dayne in 1996. Taylor's 249 rushing yards were the most by a Badger in a road game since Melvin Gordon rushed for 259 yards at Northwestern in 2014.
- Maryland running back Ty Johnson registered his first career kick return touchdown with a 100-yard return in the first quarter at Ohio State. His touchdown marked the 37th 100-yard kickoff return touchdown in Big Ten history and the first since fellow Terp Will Likely did so against lowa on Oct. 31, 2015.
- With its 27-0 win over Charleston Southern, Indiana posted its first shutout since defeating Michigan State 10-0 on Oct. 30, 1993. The Hoosiers allowed zero completions (0-for-10) for the seventh time in school history and the first time since 1985 season against Minnesota.
- Five Big Ten standouts who have demonstrated excellence both on and off the field were selected as candidates for the 2017 Senior CLASS Award in collegiate football. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The list of candidates includes Indiana's Rashard Fant, Iowa's Josey Jewell, Nebraska's Drew Brown and Ohio State's J.T. Barrett and Billy Price.

WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

RUTGERS at ILLINOIS Noon - BTN

MICHIGAN at INDIANA Noon - ABC

NORTHWESTERN at MARYLAND 3:30 p.m. - ESPN2

PURDUE at WISCONSIN 3:30 p.m. - BTN

OHIO STATE at NEBRASKA 7:30 p.m. - FS1

MICHIGAN STATE at MINNESOTA 8 p.m. - BTN

BYE: IOWA, PENN STATE

All times Eastern

WEEK 6 RESULTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

IOWA def. ILLINOIS, 45-16
PENN STATE def. NORTHWESTERN, 31-7
INDIANA def. Charleston Southern, 27-0
PURDUE def. MINNESOTA, 31-17
OHIO STATE def. MARYLAND, 62-14
MICHIGAN STATE def. MICHIGAN, 14-10
WISCONSIN def. NEBRASKA, 38-17

BYE: RUTGERS

FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

The Big Ten football page on <u>bigten.org</u> 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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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 playback 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.
4. Ohio State	568.0
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Rk. Scoring Offens	
Ohio State	45.8
Wisconsin	40.2
19. Penn State	39.7
Rk. Rushing Offen	se Avg.
16. Wisconsin	257.6
18. Ohio State	245.8
Rk. Passing Offens	
14. Ohio State	322.2
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Rk. Pass Efficiency	
7. Ohio State	166.55
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All-Purpose Yardage

Saquon Barkley, PSU

11. Jonathan Taylor, WIS 153.40 17. Akrum Wadley, IOWA 140.17

Ty Johnson, MD

Rk. Total Offense Yardage

Jonathan Taylor, WIS

Alex Hornibrook, WIS

21. J.T. Barrett, OSU 25. Trace McSorley, PSU

Rk. Rushing Yardage

16. J.K. Dobbins, OSU

Rk. Passing Efficiency

10. J.T. Barrett, OSU

18. Saguon Barkley, PSU

23. Trace McSorley, PSU

Receiving Yardage

16. Stanley Morgan Jr., NEB 102.0

217.00

177.20

Avg.

295.8

Avg.

153.4

111.5

108.2

Avg.

167.2

166.0

154.1

Rk.	Scoring Defense	Avg.
1.	Penn State	9.0
7.	Michigan	13.6
9.	Wisconsin	14.2
10.	Ohio State	15.7
13.	Michigan State	16.4
16.	Minnesota	17.2
25.	Iowa	18.7
Rk.	Rushing Defense	Avg.
4.		81.4
6.	Michigan	87.0
12.	Michigan State	97.2
25.	Minnesota	114.2
Rk.	Passing Defense	Avg.
2.	Michigan	126.0
13.	Michigan State	161.4
16.	Penn State	167.8
17.	Ohio State	170.2
Rk.	Turnover Margin	Avg.
	Penn State	2.0
2.	reiiii State	2.0

Rk.	Time of Possession	Avg.
4.	Wisconsin	35:11
6.	Minnesota	34:09
13.		33:31
23.	Michigan	32:49
Rk.	Punt Return Yardage	Avg.
6.	Indiana	17.69
11.	Penn State	15.75
25.	Maryland	12.36
Rk.		
2. 3.	Penn State	30.89
3. 6.	Ohio State Nebraska	30.67 29.09
0.	Nebraska	29.09

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Rk.	Receptions	Avg.
22.	Simmie Cobbs Jr., IND	6.6
Rk.	Scoring	Avg.
9.	Jonathan Taylor, WIS	10.8
19.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	10.0
Rk	Points Responsible	Avg.
11.		19.3
17.	Trace McSorley, PSU	17.0
Rk.	Field Goals	Avg.
4.	Quinn Nordin, MICH	2.40
25.	Chase McLaughlin, ILL	1.60
Rk.	Punting	Avg.
23.		44.4
<u>Rk.</u>	Punt Return Yardage	Avg.
3.	J-Shun Harris II, IND	22.8
4.	Deandre Thompkins, PSU	17.1
14.	D.J. Moore, MD	13.6

Donovan Peoples-Jones, MICH

Rk. 3. 7. 9. 17.	Rickoff Return Yardage Parris Campbell, OSU JD Spielman, NEB Saquon Barkley, PSU Ty Johnson, MD	39.0 34.4 32.3 28.6
Rk.	Passes Defended	Avg.
8.	Joshua Jackson, IOWA	1.7
	Denzel Ward, OSU	1.7
	Christian Campbell, PSU	1.7
14.	Kiy Hester, RU	1.6
25.	Lavert Hill, MICH	1.4
	Natrell Jamerson, WIS	1.4
	Nick Nelson, WIS	1.4

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS Coach, School Career (Yrs) At School (Yrs) **Big Ten Only EAST DIVISION** Tom Allen, IND 3-3 (1st) 3-3 (1st) 0 - 2D.J. Durkin, MD 10-9 (2nd) 9-9 (2nd) 4-7 Jim Harbaugh, MICH 82-34 (10th) 24-7 (3rd) 14-5 Mark Dantonio, MSU 112-60 (14th) 94-43 (11th) 55-28 Urban Meyer, OSU 170-30 (16th) 66-7 (6th) 41-2 James Franklin, PSU 55-30 (7th) 31-15 (4th) 16-11 Chris Ash, RU 3-14 (2nd) 3-14 (2nd) 0-11 WEST DIVISION Lovie Smith, ILL 2-9 5-12 (2nd) 5-12 (2nd) Kirk Ferentz, IOWA 151-115 (22nd) 139-94 (19th) 83-65 P.J. Fleck, MINN 33-24 (5th) 3-2 (1st) 0-2 Mike Riley, NEB 111-94 (17th) 18-14 (3rd) 11-9 Pat Fitzgerald, NU 79-65 (12th) 79-65 (12th) 41-50 Jeff Brohm, PUR 33-12 (4th) 3-2 (1st) 1-1 Paul Chryst, WIS 44-26 (6th) 25-7 (3rd) 15-4

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QB J.T. Barrett, OSU

2017 WEEK BY WEEK ATTENDANCE

		ALL G	AMES			CONFERENC	CE GAMES	
	Games	Total	Average	Sellouts	Games	Total	Average	<u>Sellouts</u>
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	6	394,354	65,726	2	6	394,354	65,726	2
10/7	7	498,507	71,215	3	6	462,512	77,085	3
10/14								
10/21								
10/28								
11/4								
11/11								
11/18								
11/24-25								
TOTAL	47	3,227,832	68,677	16	16	1,125,817	70,364	8

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





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



Capital One Orange Bowl

TaxSlayer Bowl

Dec. 30, 2017

Noon ET, ESPN

Jacksonville, Fla.

EverBank Field

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

Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



New Era Pinstripe Bowl

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



Jan. 1, 2018 Noon ET, ESPN2

Outback Bowl

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 Nort

Presented by Northwestern Mutual 2017-18 CFP Semifinal
Jan. 1, 2018

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

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl Dec. 30, 2017

4 p.m. ET, ESPN Glendale, Ariz. University of Phoenix Stadium **Capital One Orange Bowl**

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

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

Jan. 1, 2018 12:30 p.m. ET, ESPN Atlanta, Ga. Mercedez-Benz 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

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.

2017 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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RB Saquon Barkley, PSU
LB Josey Jewell, IOWA
DB Antoine Brooks, MD
K Quinn Nordin, MICH-FR
RB J.K. Dobbins, OSU
QB Nate Stanley, IOWA
RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS-FR
DB Tyree Kinnel, MICH
WR J-Shun Harris II, IND
RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS
QB Alex Hornibrook, WIS
DB Jacob Huff, MINN
K Quinn Nordin, MICH-FR
RB J.K. Dobbins, OSU
QB Johnathan Lewis, RU
RB Saquon Barkley, PSU
LB Josey Jewell, IOWA
DL Chase Winovich, MICH
WR J-Shun Harris II, IND
RB Morgan Ellison, IND
WR Felton Davis III, MSU
WR DaeSean Hamilton, PSU
S Natrell Jamerson, WIS
RB Saquon Barkley, PSU
LB Ben Stille, NEB
RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS-FR
LB Joe Bachie, MSU
RB Ty Johnson, MD
RB Jonathan Taylor, WIS

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 <u>ticketmaster.com</u> 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	Harold Edward "Red" Grange, Illinois
(media vote only)	Archie Griffin, Ohio State
Postcollegiate Awards	
(vote by school administrators)	
Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award	Gerald R. Ford, Michigan
	Nile Kinnick, Iowa
Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award	Tony Dungy, Minnesota Anthony Thompson, Indiana
Annual Awards	
(combined vote by coaches and media, unless ot	
Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year	Otto Graham, Northwestern
	Eddie George, Ohio State
Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year	G .
	Charles Woodson, Michigan
Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year	Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, Ohio State
(coaches vote only)	Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Michigan
Dave McClain Coach of the Year	Dave McClain, Wisconsin
(media vote only) Thompson-Randle El Freshman of the Year	Darrell Thompson, Minnesota
Thompson-Natione Littlestillian of the feat	Antwaan Randle El, Indiana
Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year	Dave Rimington, Nebraska
Thirmington race offensive Emerican of the fear	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
Eddleman Fields Dunter of the Verr	Morten Andersen, Michigan State
Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year	Thomas Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, Illinois
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Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year	Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska
L	Tim Dwight, Iowa

BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.



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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

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 ondemand 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 THURSDAY, AUG. 31	TIME	BROADCAST	DATE/MATCHUP SATURDAY, OCT. 7	TIME	BROADCAST
Buffalo at MINNESOTA	7 p.m.	RTN	ILLINOIS at IOWA (HC)	Noon	BTN
OHIO STATE at INDIANA	8 p.m.	ESPN		Noon	ABC
OTHO STATE OF HADIANA	о р.пп.	LJI IV	Charleston Southern at INDIANA	3:30 p.m.	BTN
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1			MINNESOTA at PURDUE	3:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Washington at RUTGERS	8 p.m.	FS1	MARYLAND at OHIO STATE (HC)	4 p.m.	FOX
Utah State at WISCONSIN	9 p.m.		MICHIGAN STATE at MICHIGAN	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Otali State at Wisconsin	9 p.iii.	ESPIN	WISCONSIN at NEBRASKA	8 p.m.	BTN
SATURDAY, SEPT. 2			WISCONSIIV dt NEBRASKA	о р.пп.	DIN
Ball State at ILLINOIS	Noon	BTN	SATURDAY, OCT. 14		
Wyoming at IOWA	Noon		RUTGERS at ILLINOIS	Noon	BTN
MARYLAND at Texas	Noon		MICHIGAN at INDIANA (HC)	Noon	ABC
Bowling Green at MICHIGAN STATE	Noon	ESPNU		3:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Akron at PENN STATE	Noon		PURDUE at WISCONSIN	3:30 p.m.	BTN
Florida vs. MICHIGAN (1)	3:30 p.m.	ABC		7:30 p.m.	FS1
Nevada at NORTHWESTERN	3:30 p.m.	BTN		8 p.m.	BTN
Louisville vs. PURDUE (2)	7:30 p.m.	FOX	WICHIGAN STATE at WIINNESOTA	ο μ.π.	DIN
Arkansas State at NEBRASKA	8 p.m.		SATURDAY, OCT. 21		
Alkalisas State at NEDNASKA	ο μ.π.	DIN	IOWA at NORTHWESTERN	Noon	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8			PURDUE at RUTGERS (HC)	Noon	BTN
	0 n m	EC1		Noon	FOX
Ohio at PURDUE	8 p.m.	LOI	MARYLAND at WISCONSIN (HC)		
CATUDDAY CERT O			INDIANA at MICHIGAN STATE (HC)	3:30 p.m.	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9	Noon	ECDNIA	ILLINOIS at MINNESOTA (HC)	3:30 p.m.	BTN
IOWA at Iowa State	Noon		MICHIGAN at PENN STATE	7:30 p.m.	ABC
Towson at MARYLAND	Noon	BTN	CATURDAY OCT 30		
Cincinnati at MICHIGAN	Noon		SATURDAY, OCT. 28	Maria	TDA
NORTHWESTERN at Duke	Noon		WISCONSIN at ILLINOIS (HC)	Noon	TBA
Florida Atlantic at WISCONSIN	Noon		RUTGERS at MICHIGAN (HC)	Noon	TBA
INDIANA at Virginia	3:30 p.m.		PENN STATE at OHIO STATE	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Western Michigan at MICHIGAN STATE	3:30 p.m.		INDIANA at MARYLAND (HC)	3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBA
Pittsburgh at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m.		MICHIGAN STATE at NORTHWESTERN	TBA	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2
Eastern Michigan at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	BTN			
NEBRASKA at Oregon	4:30 p.m.		NEBRASKA at PURDUE		
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	ILLINOIS at PURDUE		
			MARYLAND at RUTGERS (3)		
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15			MINNESOTA at MICHIGAN		
ILLINOIS at South Florida	7 p.m.	ESPN	NORTHWESTERN at NEBRASKA		
			OHIO STATE at IOWA		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16			PENN STATE at MICHIGAN STATE		
Air Force at MICHIGAN	Noon		WISCONSIN at INDIANA		
Northern Illinois at NEBRASKA	Noon	FS1			
North Texas at IOWA	3:30 p.m.		SATURDAY, NOV. 11		
Middle Tennessee at MINNESOTA	3:30 p.m.		RUTGERS at PENN STATE (HC)	Noon	TBA
Morgan State at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	BTN			
WISCONSIN at BYU	3:30 p.m.		IOWA at WISCONSIN		
PURDUE at Missouri	4 p.m.	SEC Network	MICHIGAN at MARYLAND		
Army West Point at OHIO STATE	4:30 p.m.	FOX	MICHIGAN STATE at OHIO STATE		
Bowling Green at NORTHWESTERN	7:30 p.m.		NEBRASKA at MINNESOTA		
Georgia State at PENN STATE	7:30 p.m.	BTN	PURDUE at NORTHWESTERN		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23			SATURDAY, NOV. 18		
UNLV at OHIO STATE	Noon		ILLINOIS at OHIO STATE		
Central Florida at MARYLAND	3 p.m.		MARYLAND at MICHIGAN STATE		
Georgia Southern at INDIANA	3:30 p.m.		MICHIGAN at WISCONSIN		
RUTGERS at NEBRASKA (HC)	3:30 p.m.		MINNESOTA at NORTHWESTERN		
MICHIGAN AT PURDUE (HC)	4 p.m.		NEBRASKA at PENN STATE		
PENN STATE at IOWA	7:30 p.m.		PURDUE at IOWA		
Notre Dame at MICHIGAN STATE	8 p.m.	FOX	RUTGERS at INDIANA		
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29			FRIDAY, NOV. 24		
NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS	8 p.m.	FS1	IOWA at NEBRASKA	4 p.m.	FS1
CATURDAY CERT 20			CATURDAY NOV 25		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 30	NI -		SATURDAY, NOV. 25	NI -	
MARYLAND at MINNESOTA	Noon		OHIO STATE at MICHIGAN	Noon	FOX
NORTHWESTERN at WISCONSIN	Noon		INDIANA at PURDUE		
INDIANA at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m.		MICHIGAN STATE at RUTGERS		
IOWA at MICHIGAN STATE	4 p.m.		NORTHWESTERN at ILLINOIS		
OHIO STATE at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.	BTN	PENN STATE at MARYLAND WISCONSIN at MINNESOTA		
			SATURDAY, DEC. 2		
			Big Ten Championship Game (2)	8 p.m.	FOX
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All times Eastern			(1) - at Arlington, Texas (AT&T Stadium)	, ,	Y. (Yankee Stadium)
(HC) - Homecoming Weekend			(2) - at Indianapolis, Ind. (Lucas Oil Stadi	um)	