



# 2021 BIG TEN FOOTBALL

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### 2021 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	4-0	1.000	2-0	2-0	1-0	W4	7-0	1.000	5-0	2-0	0-0	W7
Michigan State	4-0	1.000	1-0	3-0	2-0	W4	7-0	1.000	3-0	4-0	0-0	W7
Ohio State	4-0	1.000	1-0	3-0	3-0	W22	6-1	.857	3-1	3-0	0-0	W5
4. Penn State	2-2	.500	1-1	1-1	1-0	L2	5-2	.714	4-1	1-1	0-0	L2
5. Maryland	1-3	.250	0-1	1-2	0-1	L3	4-3	.571	3-1	1-2	0-0	L3
6. Indiana	0-4	.000	0-2	0-2	0-3	L4	2-5	.286	1-3	1-2	0-0	L3
Rutgers	0-4	.000	0-2	0-2	0-3	L5	3-4	.429	2-2	1-2	0-0	L4

#### WEST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
1. Iowa	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	0-1	L1	6-1	.857	4-1	2-0	0-0	L1
Minnesota	3-1	.750	2-1	1-0	2-0	W3	5-2	.714	3-2	2-0	0-0	W3
3. Purdue	2-2	.500	1-2	1-0	2-2	L1	4-3	.571	2-2	2-1	0-0	L1
Wisconsin	2-2	.500	0-2	2-0	2-0	W2	4-3	.571	2-2	2-0	0-1	W3
5. Illinois	2-3	.400	1-2	1-1	1-2	W1	3-5	.375	2-3	1-2	0-0	W1
6. Northwestern	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	0-1	L1	3-4	.429	3-1	0-3	0-0	L1
7. Nebraska	1-4	.200	1-1	0-3	1-2	L2	3-5	.375	3-1	0-4	0-0	L2

### BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- Five Big Ten teams appear in the *Associated Press* Poll this week, highlighted by four of the top 10 teams in the country. Ohio State leads the conference at No. 5, followed by No. 6 Michigan, No. 8 Michigan State, No. 9 Iowa, and No. 20 Penn State.
- There are just nine undefeated teams remaining in the FBS, including two Big Ten teams: Michigan and Michigan State (7-0). The Spartans and Wolverines will face off this Saturday at Noon ET on FOX. Earlier today, FOX and ESPN both announced that Big Noon Kickoff and College GameDay will be live from Spartan Stadium in East Lansing for Saturday's clash between the Big Ten's two undefeated teams.
- No. 5 Ohio State improved to 6-1 on the season and 4-0 in the Big Ten with a 54-7 win over Indiana on Saturday. Ohio State has scored more than 50 points in its last four games and leads the nation in total offense (559.7 ypg), while ranking second in scoring offense (49.3 ppg). The Buckeyes are one of just four teams in the nation to average more than 45 points per game this season and lead the No. 2 scoring offense, Alabama (45.9), by 3.4 points per game. The Buckeyes are averaging 57.8 points in the last four games and are giving up just 11.0 in that span. The Buckeyes have outscored their last three opponents, 231-44.
- Defensively, Ohio State has only allowed six touchdowns in the last four games and has not allowed a rushing touchdown since Week 2 against No. 7 Oregon. In their last four wins, the Buckeyes are surrendering just 72.8 rushing yards per game.
- No. 6 Michigan defeated Northwestern 33-7 to improve to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the Big Ten. The Wolverines are now 7-0 for the first time since 2016, when the team started 9-0. The Wolverines rank second in the country in scoring defense and are allowing just 14.3 points per game. The Wolverines have allowed more than 17 points just once this season and have only trailed in one game in 2021.
- Offensively, Michigan ranks 15th in the country in scoring offense (37.7 points per game, No. 2 Big Ten). Michigan leads the Big Ten and ranks fifth in the nation in rushing offense (253.3 ypg), with a ground game powered by RBs Blake Corum and Hassan Haskins who have each scored 10 rushing touchdowns this season. Corum and Haskins are the only running back duo in the country that features two players with 10-plus rushing touchdowns. Additionally, Corum leads the Big Ten and ranks fifth in the country in all-purpose yards per game (160.0).
- Illinois defeated then-No. 7 Penn State 20-18 in a game that went to nine overtime periods, marking the longest game in college football history. In the ninth overtime period, senior QB Brandon Peters connected with sophomore WR Casey Washington in the end zone to win the game for the Fighting Illini. Sophomore RB Chase Brown was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 223 yards and a touchdown on 33 carries (6.67 avg.). Brown, who rushed for 257 yards vs. Charlotte earlier in the season, joins Howard Griffith and Rashard Mendenhall as the only players in program history to record multiple 200-plus yard rushing games in a single season. Freshman RB Josh McCray added 142 yards on the ground to help the Illini rush for 357 yards on the day. The win marked the 100th career victory for head coach Bret Bielema.

### WEEK 9 SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 30

RUTGERS at ILLINOIS  
Noon | Big Ten Network

INDIANA at MARYLAND  
Noon | Big Ten Network

MICHIGAN at MICHIGAN STATE  
Noon | FOX

IOWA at WISCONSIN  
Noon | ESPN

PURDUE at NEBRASKA  
3:30 p.m. | ESPN2

MINNESOTA at NORTHWESTERN  
3:30 p.m. | Big Ten Network

PENN STATE at OHIO STATE  
7:30 p.m. | ABC

*All times Eastern*

### WEEK 8 RESULTS

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 23

ILLINOIS 20, PENN STATE 18 (90T)  
MICHIGAN 33, NORTHWESTERN 7  
WISCONSIN 30, PURDUE 13  
MINNESOTA 34, MARYLAND 16  
OHIO STATE 54, INDIANA 7

### 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.



### 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.

• No. 8 Michigan State is 7-0 for the first time since 2015. Overall, this is the eighth time the Spartans have started 7-0 to begin a season. Additionally, the Spartans are 4-0 in the Big Ten for the first time since 2017. The Spartans are just one of nine remaining unbeaten teams in the FBS. The Spartans rank 16th in the country in team passing efficiency (160.03) and rank in the top 20 in scoring defense (t-19th, 18.7 ppg). Junior RB Kenneth Walker III is a contender for this year's Heisman Trophy and leads the FBS in rushing yards per game (142.4).

• Minnesota extended its winning streak to three games and improved to 3-1 in conference play with a 34-16 win against Maryland on Saturday. The Gophers have excelled in the rushing game on both sides of the ball this season, ranking fifth in the nation in rushing defense (85.7 yards allowed per game) and 24th in rushing offense (209.9 yards per game). Five different Gophers have rushed for 100 yards in a game this season, with freshmen Ky Thomas and Mar'Keise Irving becoming the latest in the victory against Maryland. Minnesota now has five running backs with rushing touchdowns this season. This is the first time the Gophers have had five running backs with a touchdown since 1985. The rushing game has been lead by an experienced Gophers offensive line that has more combined starts at the FBS level than any team in the country.

• Wisconsin defeated then-No. 25 Purdue, 30-13, to improve to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the Big Ten. Badgers head coach Paul Chryst earned his 60th win at Wisconsin to become just the fourth coach in program history to win at least 60 games. Junior RB Chez Mellusi and freshman RB Braelon Allen led the running game with 149 rushing yards and 140 rushing yards, respectively. The Badgers outgained Purdue 290 yards to -13 yards on the ground. Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week Leo Chenal led the Wisconsin defense with nine tackles and career highs in sacks (3.5) and tackles for loss (5.5). Chenal's sack and tackles for loss totals marked the most in a single game by a Big Ten player this season. The Boilermakers -13 rushing yards tied for the second-fewest rushing yards that the Badgers have surrendered in program history. The only time that the Wisconsin defense has held an opponent to fewer rushing yards was in November 1951 when they held Iowa to -18 rushing yards.

• Iowa (6-1 overall) has three wins over ranked opponents this season (vs. #17 Indiana, 34-6; at #9 Iowa State, 27-17; vs. #4 Penn State, 23-20) and has won six straight against ranked opponents overall. The Hawkeyes are tied for third in the nation in scoring defense this season, allowing just 14.6 points per game. Iowa's defense continues to lead the nation in interceptions this season, recording 16 interceptions in just seven games for an average of 2.3 interceptions per game. Iowa has turned its conference-leading 20 turnovers into 78 points this season.

• Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State have all secured bowl eligibility by reaching six wins this season, while Minnesota and Penn State need just one more win to become eligible. The Big Ten will continue to feature the largest bowl lineup in conference history.

• The Big Ten boasts four teams who rank among the top 10 in the nation in scoring defense: Michigan (2nd, 14.3 ppg), Iowa (t-3rd, 14.6), Penn State (6th, 14.7) and Purdue (9th, 16.3). The conference has three teams in the top 10 in terms of defensive passing efficiency: Penn State (3rd, 97.04), Iowa (4th, 101.70) and Purdue (7th, 104.02). Additionally, three Big Ten teams rank in the top 10 in the nation in run defense: Wisconsin (1st, 53.3 ypg), Minnesota (5th, 85.7) and Iowa (7th, 89.7).

• In 2021, the Big Ten has seen top-five single-game FBS rushing-yard performances from Ohio State's TreVeyon Henderson (2nd, 270 vs. Tulsa), Michigan State's Kenneth Walker III (3rd, 264 at Northwestern) and Illinois' Chase Brown (4th, 257 vs. Charlotte). The Big Ten has seen three additional 200-plus yard rushing performances this season: Walker III's 233 yards at Rutgers on Oct. 9, Brown's 223 yards at Penn State on Oct. 23, and Northwestern's Evan Hull's 216 yards vs. Ohio on Sept. 25.

• Additional top-five single-game FBS performances in the Big Ten include: Ohio State's C.J. Stroud (5th, 266.174 passing efficiency; and 5th, 484 passing yards vs. Oregon), Purdue's David Bell (2nd, 240 receiving yards at Iowa), and Northwestern's Brandon Joseph (4th, 111 punt return yards vs. Indiana State). Michigan State's Jayden Reed recorded the sixth-most all-purpose yards in a single game this season with 285 vs. Western Kentucky on Oct. 2.

• On October 10, for the first time in the history of the *Associated Press* college football poll (established in 1936), the Big Ten has five teams ranked in the top 10. Iowa leads the conference at No. 2, followed by No. 6 Ohio State, No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Michigan, and No. 10 Michigan State.

• Eight Big Ten standouts were named candidates for the 2021-22 Senior CLASS Award: Illinois' Blake Hayes, Indiana's Ty Fryfogle, Michigan's Aidan Hutchinson and Andrew Vastardis, Minnesota's Conner Olson, Nebraska's Ben Stille, Ohio State's Chris Olave and Penn State's Sean Clifford. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior students in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during football bowl season in December.

**BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>			
Tom Allen, IND	26-27 (5th)	26-27 (5th)	15-23
Michael Locksley, MD	12-46 (7th)	10-20 (4th)	5-19
Jim Harbaugh, MICH	114-49 (14th)	56-22 (7th)	38-16
Mel Tucker, MSU	14-12 (3rd)	9-5 (2nd)	6-5
Ryan Day, OSU	29-3 (4th)	29-3 (4th)	19-0
James Franklin, PSU	88-45 (11th)	64-30 (8th)	38-22
Greg Schiano, RU	74-77 (13th)	74-77 (13th)	3-10
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>			
Bret Bielema, ILL	100-63 (13th)	3-5 (1st)	39-22
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	186-128 (26th)	174-107 (23rd)	106-78
P.J. Fleck, MINN	61-43 (9th)	31-21 (5th)	18-21
Scott Frost, NEB	34-32 (6th)	15-25 (4th)	11-21
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	109-85 (16th)	109-85 (16th)	64-63
Jeff Brohm, PUR	53-38 (8th)	23-28 (5th)	17-21
Paul Chryst, WIS	79-41 (10th)	60-22 (7th)	39-15

**2021 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

8/30	O	Artur Sitkowski, So., QB, ILL
	D	Calvin Hart Jr., So., LB, ILL
	S	Blake Hayes, Sr., P, ILL
	F	Deuce Spann, WR, ILL
9/6	O	Kenneth Walker III, Jr., RB, MSU
	D	Riley Moss, Sr., DB, IOWA
	S	Jordan Stout, Sr., K/P, PSU
	F	C.J. Stroud, QB, OSU
9/13	O	Blake Corum, So., RB, MICH
	D	Luke Reimer, So., LB, NEB
	S	Adam Korsak, Sr., P, RU
	S	Tory Taylor, So., P, IOWA
	F	C.J. Stroud, QB, OSU
9/20	O	Payton Thorne, So., QB, MSU
	O	TreVeyon Henderson, Fr., RB, OSU
	D	Brandon Smith, Jr., LB, PSU
	S	Aron Cruickshank, Jr., WR, RU
	S	Joseph Petrino, Sr., K, MD
	F	TreVeyon Henderson, RB, OSU
9/27	O	Sean Clifford, Sr., QB, PSU
	O	Evan Hull, So., RB, NU
	D	Jack Campbell, Jr., LB, IOWA
	S	Jayden Reed, Jr., WR, MSU
	F	Kyle McCord, QB, OSU
10/4	O	Chase Brown, So., RB, ILL
	D	David Ojabo, Jr., LB, MICH
	D	JoJo Domann, Sr., LB, NEB
	S	Mark Crawford, So., P, MINN
	S	Jordan Stout, Sr., K/P, PSU
	F	C.J. Stroud, QB, OSU
10/11	O	Jalen Nailor, Jr., WR, MSU
	O	C.J. Stroud, Fr., QB, OSU
	D	Matt Hankins, Sr., DB, IOWA
	D	Brad Hawkins, Gr., DB, MICH
	S	Jacob Moody, Sr., K, MICH
	F	C.J. Stroud, QB, OSU
10/18	O	David Bell, Jr., WR, PUR
	D	Cam Allen, Jr., S, PUR
	S	Matt Coghlin, Gr., K, MSU
	F	Braelon Allen, RB, WIS
10/25	O	Chase Brown, So., RB, ILL
	D	Leo Chenal, Jr. LB, WIS
	S	Collin Larsh, Sr., K, WIS
	F	C.J. Stroud, QB, OSU

**2021 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

The city of Indianapolis and Lucas Oil Stadium will play host to the 11th annual Big Ten Football Championship Game on December 4, 2021. The champion of the West Division will be the designated home team for this year's contest and will face the champion of the East Division. Kickoff for the game is set at 8 p.m. ET. The winner will earn the Amos Alonzo Stagg Championship Trophy and a chance to play in one of the six bowls that comprise the College Football Playoff, including the Rose Bowl Game.

FOX will serve as the official broadcast partner of the Big Ten Football Championship Game again in 2021.

Ohio State (2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020) has claimed five titles including the last four. Wisconsin (2011 and 2012) and Michigan State (2013 and 2015) have each won two Big Ten Championship Games, while Penn State was victorious in 2016. Ohio State and Wisconsin lead all schools with six Big Ten Championship Game appearances each, followed by Michigan State with three, Northwestern with two, and one title game berth each for Iowa, Nebraska and Penn State.

For more information on the Big Ten Football Championship Game visit: [bigten.org/FCG](http://bigten.org/FCG)

**BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.**

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# BIG TEN FOOTBALL AWARDS

The Big Ten will continue to honor its past while recognizing its current standouts at the conclusion of the 2021 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	Bronislau "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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### BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,800 Academic All-Americans, including 56 honorees during the 2020-21 academic year.



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 70 universities in the nation according to the 2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 30.

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### **A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS**

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 23 of the last 27 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span.

Since the 2008-09 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 80 team national championships in 22 different sports.

### **BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING**

The Big Ten will administer more than \$240 million in direct financial support to more than 9,800 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 in this decade.

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.

More than 1,500 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 500 medals, including more than 200 gold. The Big Ten Conference enjoyed its finest performance at a single Olympic Games during the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, as athletes with Big Ten ties set conference records by earning 51 total medals and 22 gold medals during the 17-day competition. All 14 Big Ten member schools had an athlete win at least one medal in Tokyo, also a first in conference history.

### **PASSIONATE FOLLOWING**

The Big Ten leads all conferences with 6.4 million alumni and nearly 580,000 students.

Each year more than 11 million patrons attend Big Ten home contests, as the conference has led the nation in attendance for men's basketball, ice 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, and added Notre Dame as a sport affiliate member in men's ice hockey in 2017.

### **EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE**

Through the Big Ten's current media agreements with BTN, ABC/ESPN, CBS and FOX, more than 2,000 Big Ten events are produced and distributed nationally and globally on an annual basis.

BTN is in almost 60 million homes across the United States and Canada, and is also available via the Fox Sports App, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. B1G+ streams hundreds of additional events each season.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

For more than 30 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, partnered with the College Football Playoff Foundation and other events 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.

# 2021 COMPOSITE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE/MATCHUP	TIME	BROADCAST	DATE/MATCHUP	TIME	BROADCAST
<b>SATURDAY, AUG. 28</b>					
NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS	1 p.m.	FOX			
<b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 2</b>					
Temple at RUTGERS	6:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
OHIO STATE at MINNESOTA	8 p.m.	FOX			
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 3</b>					
MICHIGAN STATE at NORTHWESTERN	9 p.m.	ESPN			
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 4</b>					
Western Michigan at MICHIGAN	Noon	ESPN			
Fordham at NEBRASKA	Noon	Big Ten Network			
PENN STATE at WISCONSIN	Noon	FOX			
INDIANA at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
West Virginia at MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.	ESPN			
Oregon State at PURDUE	7 p.m.	FS1			
UTSA at ILLINOIS	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 11</b>					
ILLINOIS at Virginia	11 a.m.	ACC Network			
Youngstown State at MICHIGAN STATE	Noon	Big Ten Network			
Miami (OH) at MINNESOTA	Noon	ESPNU			
Indiana State at NORTHWESTERN	Noon	Big Ten Network			
Oregon at OHIO STATE	Noon	FOX			
RUTGERS at Syracuse	2 p.m.	ACC Network			
PURDUE at UConn	3 p.m.	CBS Sports Network			
Buffalo at NEBRASKA	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
Ball State at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m.	FS1			
IOWA at Iowa State	4:30 p.m.	ABC			
Eastern Michigan at WISCONSIN	7 p.m.	FS1			
Idaho at INDIANA	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
Howard at MARYLAND	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
Washington at MICHIGAN	8 p.m.	ABC			
<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 17</b>					
MARYLAND at ILLINOIS	9 p.m.	FS1			
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 18</b>					
Cincinnati at INDIANA	Noon	ESPN			
Northern Illinois at MICHIGAN	Noon	Big Ten Network			
MICHIGAN STATE at Miami (FL)	Noon	ABC			
NEBRASKA at Oklahoma	Noon	FOX			
MINNESOTA at Colorado	1 p.m.	Pac-12 Network			
PURDUE at Notre Dame	2:30 p.m.	NBC			
Kent State at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
Tulsa at OHIO STATE	3:30 p.m.	FS1			
Delaware at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
NORTHWESTERN at Duke	4 p.m.	ACC Network			
Auburn at PENN STATE	7:30 p.m.	ABC			
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 25</b>					
Bowling Green at MINNESOTA (HC)	Noon	ESPNU			
Ohio at NORTHWESTERN	Noon	Big Ten Network			
Villanova at PENN STATE	Noon	Big Ten Network			
Notre Dame vs. WISCONSIN [1]	Noon	FOX			
Colorado State at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	FS1			
Kent State at MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
RUTGERS at MICHIGAN (HC)	3:30 p.m.	ABC			
ILLINOIS at PURDUE	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
NEBRASKA at MICHIGAN STATE	7 p.m.	FS1			
Akron at OHIO STATE	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
INDIANA at Western Kentucky	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network			
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 1</b>					
IOWA at MARYLAND	8 p.m.	FS1			
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 2</b>					
Charlotte at ILLINOIS	Noon	Big Ten Network			
MINNESOTA at PURDUE (HC)	Noon	Big Ten Network			
MICHIGAN at WISCONSIN	Noon	FOX			
OHIO STATE at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
Western Kentucky at MICHIGAN STATE (HC)	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
NORTHWESTERN at NEBRASKA (HC)	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network			
INDIANA at PENN STATE	7:30 p.m.	ABC			
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 9</b>					
MARYLAND at OHIO STATE (HC)	Noon				
MICHIGAN STATE at RUTGERS (HC)	Noon				
WISCONSIN at ILLINOIS (HC)	3:30 p.m.				
PENN STATE at IOWA (HC)	4 p.m.				
MICHIGAN at NEBRASKA	7:30 p.m.				
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 16</b>					
MICHIGAN STATE at INDIANA (HC)	Noon				
NEBRASKA at MINNESOTA	Noon				
RUTGERS at NORTHWESTERN (HC)	Noon				
PURDUE at IOWA (HC)	3:30 p.m.				
Army at WISCONSIN	8 p.m.				
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 23</b>					
ILLINOIS at PENN STATE (HC)	Noon				
NORTHWESTERN at MICHIGAN	Noon				
WISCONSIN at PURDUE	3 p.m.				
MARYLAND at MINNESOTA	3:30 p.m.				
OHIO STATE at INDIANA	7:30 p.m.				
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 30</b>					
RUTGERS at ILLINOIS	Noon				
INDIANA at MARYLAND (HC)	Noon				
MICHIGAN at MICHIGAN STATE	Noon				
IOWA at WISCONSIN (HC)	Noon				
PURDUE at NEBRASKA	3:30 p.m.				
MINNESOTA at NORTHWESTERN	3:30 p.m.				
PENN STATE at OHIO STATE	7:30 p.m.				
<b>SATURDAY, NOV. 6</b>					
ILLINOIS at MINNESOTA	Noon				
WISCONSIN at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.				
PENN STATE at MARYLAND					
INDIANA at MICHIGAN					
OHIO STATE at NEBRASKA					
IOWA at NORTHWESTERN					
MICHIGAN STATE at PURDUE					
<b>SATURDAY, NOV. 13</b>					
RUTGERS at INDIANA					
MINNESOTA at IOWA					
MARYLAND at MICHIGAN STATE					
PURDUE at OHIO STATE					
MICHIGAN at PENN STATE					
NORTHWESTERN at WISCONSIN					
<b>SATURDAY, NOV. 20</b>					
NEBRASKA at WISCONSIN					
MINNESOTA at INDIANA					
ILLINOIS at IOWA					
MICHIGAN at MARYLAND					
PURDUE at NORTHWESTERN [2]					
MICHIGAN STATE at OHIO STATE					
RUTGERS at PENN STATE					
<b>FRIDAY, NOV. 26</b>					
IOWA at NEBRASKA	1:30 p.m.				
<b>SATURDAY, NOV. 27</b>					
OHIO STATE at MICHIGAN	Noon.				
NORTHWESTERN at ILLINOIS					
PENN STATE at MICHIGAN STATE					
WISCONSIN at MINNESOTA					
INDIANA at PURDUE					
MARYLAND at RUTGERS					
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 4</b>					
Big Ten Football Championship Game [3]	8 p.m.				

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