

2021 BIG TEN FOOTBALLWEEKLY RELEASE - AUGUST 23

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2021 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Conference Games						All Games								
	W-L	PCT	Н	Α	Div.	Strk		W-L	PCT	Н	Α	N	Strk	
Indiana	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W2		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	
Maryland	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L2		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	
Michigan	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	
Michigan State	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L2		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	
Ohio State	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W18		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	
Penn State	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W4		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W4	
Rutgers	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	

WEST DIVISION

Conference Games						All Games							
	W-L	PCT	н	Α	Div.	Strk		W-L	PCT	Н	Α	N	Strk
Illinois	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L3		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L3
lowa	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W6		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W6
Minnesota	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Nebraska	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Northwestern	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Purdue	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L4		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	L4
Wisconsin	0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W1		0-0		0-0	0-0	0-0	W2

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- The 126th season of Big Ten football will commence this weekend as Illinois welcomes Nebraska at 1 p.m. ET on FOX.
- Minnesota, Ohio State and Rutgers will make their debut on Thursday, Sept. 2, with the Scarlet Knights
 playing host to Temple at 6:30 p.m. ET on Big Ten Network and the Golden Gophers opening at home
 against the Buckeyes at 8 p.m. ET on FOX. The remaining 11 schools will begin the 2021 campaign on
 Friday and Saturday, highlighted by a trio of conference matchups. The complete opening weekend schedule appears to the right.
- The conference announced its 11th annual football preseason honors list, a group which featured 10 returning All-Big Ten selections. A media panel selected the 10-member preseason list, with five representatives each from the East and West Divisions. The full list of honorees can be found on page 3.
- The 2021 campaign will feature 120 All-Big Ten honorees (first-, second-, third-team or honorable mention) selected by either the coaches or the media last season. Iowa and Ohio State lead the West and East Divisions, respectively, each welcoming back 14 All-Big Ten honorees this season. The talent is split evenly as 60 of the returning all-conference players hail from both the East and West Divisions. Each team returns at least three All-Big Ten performers.
- The National College Football Awards Association announced the 2021 watch lists July 19-30, with 77 different Big Ten players featured for expected on-field performance. All 14 schools are represented with Penn State leading the way with 11 honorees, followed by Indiana with nine and Ohio State with eight. The full list of Big Ten standouts featured on the 2021 NCFAA watch lists can be found on page 2.
- The Big Ten welcomes a new head coach to the sidelines for the 2021 campaign in Illinois' Bret Bielema. Bielema was named the 26th Illinois Head Football Coach on Dec. 19. A native of Prophetstown, Illinois, Bielema has 24 years of collegiate coaching experience and compiled a 12-year record of 97-58 (.626) as head coach at Wisconsin and Arkansas. From 2006-12, Bielema was the head coach at Wisconsin, where he led the Badgers to three Big Ten championships (2010-12), six consecutive bowl games and a 68-24 record (.739). Bielema then spent five seasons as head coach at Arkansas from 2013-17. After inheriting a depleted roster and enduring a difficult first season, he led the Razorbacks to three consecutive bowl games, including victories against Texas in 2014 and Kansas State in 2015.
- The Big Ten finished last season with four teams ranked in the AP Top 25, tying for the most of any conference. Two teams finished in the Top 10 and all four finished in the Top 16. The 2021 AP Preseason Poll also featured five Big Ten teams in No. 4 Ohio State, No. 12 Wisconsin, No. 17 Indiana, No. 18 Iowa, and No. 19 Penn State, while Michigan and Northwestern are both receiving votes.
- Ohio State was crowned 2020 Big Ten Champion after its 22-10 win against Northwestern in the Big Ten Championship Game presented by Discover on Dec. 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. It was the Buckeyes' 39th Big Ten title and fourth in as many years.
- Northwestern and Ohio State will look to repeat as division champions this season, as the Buckeyes finished 5-0 to win the East Division and the Wildcats finished atop the West Division standings at 6-1 in conference play.

WEEK 0 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS 1 p.m. | FOX

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

Temple at RUTGERS 6:30 p.m. | Big Ten Network

OHIO STATE at MINNESOTA 8 p.m. | FOX

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

MICHIGAN STATE at NORTHWESTERN 9 p.m. | ESPN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

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

All times Eastern

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PRESEASON AWARD WATCH LISTS

Bednarik Award

Jake Hansen, ILL Micah McFadden, IND Tiawan Mullen, IND Aidan Hutchinson, MICH Brandon Joseph, NU Haskell Garrett, OSU Zach Harrison, OSU Jaquan Brisker, PSU George Karlaftis, PUR Olakunle Fatukasi, RU Jack Sanborn, WIS

Davey O'Brien Award

Michael Penix Jr., IND Sean Clifford, PSU Graham Mertz, WIS

Doak Walker Award

Chase Brown, ILL Stephen Carr, IND Tyler Goodson, IOWA Tayon Fleet-Davis, MD Kenneth Walker III. MSU Mohamed Ibrahim, MINN Cam Porter, NU Noah Cain, PSU Keyvone Lee, PSU John Lovett, PSU Jalen Berger, WIS

Biletnikoff Award

Ty Fryfogle, IND Dontay Demus Jr., MD Ronnie Bell, MICH Chris Olave, OSU Garrett Wilson, OSU Jahan Dotson, PSU David Bell, PUR Bo Melton, RU

John Mackey Award

Peyton Hendershot, IND Sam Laporta, IOWA Chigoziem Okonkwo, MD Austin Allen, NEB Charlie Mangieri, NU Jeremy Ruckert, OSU Brenton Strange, PSU Jake Ferguson, WIS

Butkus Award

Jake Hansen, ILL Micah McFadden, IND Chris Bergin, NU Jesse Luketa, PSU Brandon Smith, PSU Olakunle Fatukasi, RU Jack Sanborn, WIS

Paycom Jim Thorpe Award

Tiawan Mullen, IND Brandon Joseph, NU Sevyn Banks, OSU Jaquan Brisker, PSU

Bronko Nagurski Trophy

Jake Hansen, ILL Micah McFadden, IND Tiawan Mullen, IND Aidan Hutchinson, MICH JoJo Domann, NEB Brandon Joseph, NU Sevyn Banks, OSU Zach Harrison, OSU Haskell Garrett, OSU Jaguan Brisker, PSU George Karlaftis, PUR Olakunle Fatukasi, RU Jack Sanborn, WIS

Outland Trophy

Doug Kramer, ILL Vederian Lowe, ILL Matthew Bedford, IND Tyler Linderbaum, IOWA Jarrett Horst, MSU Conner Olson, MINN Peter Skoronski, NU Haskell Garrett, OSU Thayer Munford, OSU Nicholas Petit-Frere, OSU Mike Miranda, PSU Rasheed Walker, PSU Logan Bruss, WIS

Ray Guy Award

Blake Hayes, ILL Tory Taylor, IOWA Brad Robbins, MICH Adam Korsak, RU

Lou Groza Award

Charles Campbell, IND Connor Culp, NEB

Paul Hornung Award

DJ Matthews, IND Jeshaun Jones, MD Jayden Reed, MSU Stephon Robinson Jr., NU Garret Wilson, OSU Jahan Dotson, PSU Aron Cruickshank, RU

Wuerffel Trophy

Michael Marchese, ILL Michael Ziemba, IND Kaevon Merriweather, IOWA Brian Cobbs, MD Tanner Morgan, MINN Ben Stille, NEB Ryan Hilinski, NU Joe Spivak, NU Sean Clifford, PSU Faion Hicks, WIS

Walter Camp Award

Michael Penix Jr., IND Mohamed Ibrahim, MINN Brandon Joseph, NU Chris Olave, OSU

Maxwell Award

Ty Fryfogle, IND Michael Penix, IND Tyler Goodson, IOWA Taulia Tagovailoa, MD Mohamed Ibrahim, MINN Tanner Morgan, MINN Adrian Martinez, NEB Chris Olave, OSU Garrett Wilson, OSU Jahan Dotson, PSU David Bell, PUR

Rimington Trophy

Doug Kramer, ILL Tyler Linderbaum, IOWA John Michael Schmitz, MINN Cam Jurgens, NEB Sam Gerak, NU Kayden Lyles, WIS

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BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
EAST DIVISION			
Tom Allen, IND	24-22 (5th)	24-22 (5th)	15-19
Michael Locksley, MD	8-43 (7th)	6-17 (4th)	4-16
Jim Harbaugh, MICH	107-49 (14th)	49-22 (7th)	34-16
Mel Tucker, MSU	7-12 (3rd)	2-5 (2nd)	2-5
Ryan Day, OSU	23-2 (4th)	23-2 (4th)	15-0
James Franklin, PSU	83-43 (11th)	59-28 (8th)	36-20
Greg Schiano, RU	71-73 (13th)	71-73 (13th)	3-6
WEST DIVISION			
Bret Bielema, ILL	97-58 (13th)	0-0 (1st)	37-19
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	180-127 (26th)	168-106 (23rd)	103-77
P.J. Fleck, MINN	56-41 (9th)	26-19 (5th)	15-19
Scott Frost, NEB	31-27 (6th)	12-20 (4th)	9-17
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	106-81 (16th)	106-81 (16th)	63-60
Jeff Brohm, PUR	49-35 (8th)	19-25 (5th)	14-19
Paul Chryst, WIS	75-38 (10th)	56-19 (7th)	37-13

PRESEASON HONORS

The Big Ten Conference announced its 2021 football preseason honors on July 22 in conjunction with the start of Big Ten Football Media Days at Lucas Oil Stadium. A media panel selected the 10-member preseason list, with five representatives each from the East and West Divisions. The full list of Big Ten football preseason honorees is as follows:

EAST DIVISION

Michael Penix Jr., QB, IND Thayer Munford, LT, OSU Chris Olave, WR, OSU Garrett Wilson, WR, OSU Jahan Dotson, WR, PSU

WEST DIVISION

Tyler Linderbaum, C, IOWA Mohamed Ibrahim, RB, MINN Brandon Joseph, S, NU David Bell, WR, PUR Jack Sanborn, LB, WIS

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.

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

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,800 Academic All-Americans, including a Big Ten-record 56 honorees during the 2020-21 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 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 ondemand 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 SATURDAY, AUG. 28	TIME	BROADCAST	DATE/MATCHUP SATURDAY, OCT. 9	TIME	BROADCAST
NEBRASKA at ILLINOIS	1 p.m.	FOX	MARYLAND at OHIO STATE (HC)	Noon	TBD
THURSDAY, SEPT. 2			MICHIGAN STATE at RUTGERS (HC) WISCONSIN at ILLINOIS (HC)	Noon 3:30 or 4 p.m.	TBD TBD
Temple at RUTGERS	6:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network	PENN STATE at IOWA (HC)	7.50 of 4 p.m.	FOX or FS1
OHIO STATE at MINNESOTA	8 p.m.	FOX	MICHIGAN at NEBRASKA		
FRIDAY, SEPT. 3			SATURDAY, OCT. 16		
MICHIGAN STATE at NORTHWESTERN	9 p.m.	ESPN	MICHIGAN STATE at INDIANA (HC)	Noon	TBD
			RUTGERS at NORTHWESTERN (HC)	Noon	TBD
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4 Western Michigan at MICHIGAN	Noon	ESPN	PURDUE at IOWA (HC) NEBRASKA at MINNESOTA	3:30 p.m.	TBD
Fordham at NEBRASKA	Noon	Big Ten Network	Army at WISCONSIN		
PENN STATE at WISCONSIN	Noon	FOX	,		
INDIANA at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network	SATURDAY, OCT. 23		
West Virginia at MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.	ESPN	ILLINOIS at PENN STATE (HC)	Noon	TBD
Oregon State at PURDUE UTSA at ILLINOIS	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	FS1 Big Ten Network	NORTHWESTERN at MICHIGAN MARYLAND at MINNESOTA		
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 11			PURDUE at WISCONSIN		
ILLINOIS at Virginia	11 a.m.	ACC Network			
Youngstown State at MICHIGAN STATE Miami (OH) at MINNESOTA	Noon Noon	Big Ten Network ESPNU	SATURDAY, OCT. 30 IOWA at WISCONSIN (HC)	Noon	TBD
Indiana State at NORTHWESTERN	Noon	Big Ten Network	INDIANA at MARYLAND (HC)	Noon	TBD
Oregon at OHIO STATE	Noon	FOX	MICHIGAN at MICHIGAN STATE	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	.55
RUTGERS at Syracuse	2 p.m.	ACC Network	MINNESOTA at NORTHWESTERN		
PURDUE at UConn	3 p.m.	CBS Sports Network	PENN STATE at OHIO STATE		
Buffalo at NEBRASKA Ball State at PENN STATE	3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network FS1	NEBRASKA at PURDUE ILLINOIS at RUTGERS		
IOWA at Iowa State	4:30 p.m.	ABC	ILLINOIS at NOTOLNS		
Eastern Michigan at WISCONSIN	7 p.m.	FS1	SATURDAY, NOV. 6		
Idaho at INDIANA	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network	PENN STATE at MARYLAND		
Howard at MARYLAND	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network ABC	INDIANA at MICHIGAN ILLINOIS at MINNESOTA		
Washington at MICHIGAN	8 p.m.	ABC	OHIO STATE at NEBRASKA		
FRIDAY, SEPT. 17			IOWA at NORTHWESTERN		
MARYLAND at ILLINOIS	9 p.m.	FS1	MICHIGAN STATE at PURDUE		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 18			RUTGERS at WISCONSIN		
Cincinnati at INDIANA	Noon	ABC or ESPN	SATURDAY, NOV. 13		
Northern Illinois at MICHIGAN	Noon	Big Ten Network	RUTGERS at INDIANA		
MICHIGAN STATE at Miami (FL)	Noon	ABC or ESPN	MINNESOTA at IOWA		
NEBRASKA at Oklahoma	Noon	FOX	MARYLAND at MICHIGAN STATE		
MINNESOTA at Colorado PURDUE at Notre Dame	1 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Pac-12 Network NBC	PURDUE at OHIO STATE MICHIGAN at PENN STATE		
Kent State at IOWA	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network	NORTHWESTERN at WISCONSIN		
Tulsa at OHIO STATE	3:30 p.m.	FS1			
Delaware at RUTGERS	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network	SATURDAY, NOV. 20	TDD	ECONOMIA LI TOD
NORTHWESTERN at Duke Auburn at PENN STATE	4 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	ACC Network ABC	NEBRASKA at WISCONSIN MINNESOTA at INDIANA	TBD	ESPN Network TBD
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 25			MICHIGAN at MARYLAND		
Notre Dame vs. WISCONSIN [1]	Noon	FOX	PURDUE at NORTHWESTERN [2]		
Bowling Green at MINNESOTA (HC) RUTGERS at MICHIGAN (HC)	Noon 3:30 p.m.	ESPN Network TBD TBD	MICHIGAN STATE at OHIO STATE RUTGERS at PENN STATE		
INDIANA at Western Kentucky	8 p.m.	CBS Sports Network	NOTOLKS & FLIVIV STATE		
Colorado State at IOWA	- 1	,	FRIDAY, NOV. 26		
Kent State at MARYLAND			IOWA at NEBRASKA	1:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
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Akron at OHIO STATE			SATURDAY, NOV. 27 OHIO STATE at MICHIGAN	Noon.	FOX
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SATURDAY, OCT. 2			SATURDAY, DEC. 4		
MINNESOTA at PURDUE (HC)	Noon	TBD	Big Ten Football Championship Game [3]	8 p.m.	FOX
NORTHWESTERN at NEBRASKA (HC)	7:30 p.m.	TBD			
Western Kentucky at MICHIGAN STATE (HC) Charlotte at ILLINOIS	7:30 p.m.	TBD	[1] Soldier Field (Chicago)		
INDIANA at PENN STATE			[2] Wrigley Field (Chicago)		
OHIO STATE at RUTGERS			[3] Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis)		
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			(HC) denotes Homecoming		

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