



2015 BIG TEN FOOTBALL

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2015 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
Indiana	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Maryland	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Michigan	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Michigan State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W3	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W4
Ohio State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W24	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W13
Penn State	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
Rutgers	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W2

WEST DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Strk
Illinois	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W2	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Iowa	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L3
Minnesota	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Nebraska	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Northwestern	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Purdue	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L6	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	L6
Wisconsin	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W7	0-0	---	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- The Big Ten is set to kick off its 120th season of competition when teams begin play Sept. 3-7. Once again in 2015, each school will play the other six schools in its division plus two teams from the other division. This season will serve as the final transitional year before schools move to nine-game conference slates in 2016.
- The Big Ten will continue to feature the largest bowl lineup in conference history. This season, the Big Ten's bowl lineup will be highlighted by 16 potential bowl destinations in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, Tennessee and Texas.
- The 2015 Big Ten campaign will feature 28 All-Conference players from last season, with 11 first-team honorees and 17 second-team selections returning to the field.
- More than 150 Academic-All Big Ten selections return from the 2014 season, along with 25 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars.
- Ohio State enters the 2015 season as the defending national champion, riding a 13-game winning streak. The Buckeyes will aim for their second straight Big Ten Championship this season, after winning the Big Ten Football Championship Game last season. Ohio State looks to repeat as conference champions for the first time since finishing atop the standings in five straight seasons from 2005-09 and would be the first Big Ten team to win back-to-back titles since Wisconsin claimed three consecutive crowns from 2010-12.
- Ohio State's national title in football was one of 10 team national crowns claimed by Big Ten schools in 2014-15, breaking the previous record of nine titles in 1999-2000. The Buckeyes' football team was joined by Maryland women's lacrosse, Michigan State women's cross country, Minnesota women's ice hockey, Nebraska women's bowling, Ohio State open pistol, women's rowing, synchronized swimming and wrestling and Penn State women's volleyball as national champions in 2014-15.

LETTERED IN LIFE

This season the Big Ten is launching a unique online video series that will feature senior students looking back to give advice to themselves as freshmen. From memorable on-field highlights to important advice from professors and coaches that have shaped their time on campus, students will give us an inside look at their experience both on and off the field. Each week the conference will debut a new video letter on social channels that showcases what it means to be part of the Big Ten. Be sure to follow the Big Ten on Facebook and Twitter (@B1GFootball) to learn more about the Lettered in Life series and to watch all of the great student stories.

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

MICHIGAN at Utah
8:30 p.m. ET - FS1

TCU at MINNESOTA
9 p.m. ET - ESPN

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

MICHIGAN STATE at Western Michigan
7 p.m. ET - ESPN

Kent State at ILLINOIS
9 p.m. ET - BTN

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

Illinois State at IOWA
12 p.m. ET - BTN

Richmond at MARYLAND
12 p.m. ET - ESPN

Stanford at NORTHWESTERN
12 p.m. ET - ESPN

Norfolk State at RUTGERS
12 p.m. ET - ESPNEWS

Brigham Young at NEBRASKA
3:30 p.m. ET - ABC

PENN STATE at Temple
3:30 p.m. ET - ESPN

Southern Illinois at INDIANA
4 p.m. ET - ESPNEWS

Alabama vs. WISCONSIN
(Arlington, Texas)
8 p.m. ET - ABC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

PURDUE at Marshall
3 p.m. ET - FS1

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

OHIO STATE at Virginia Tech
8 p.m. ET - ESPN

FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

The Big Ten football page on bigten.org will feature daily notes, previews, 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 become a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook and receive exclusive updates.



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WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The Big Ten Conference football coaches weekly media teleconferences will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1, and continue through Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The calls are held on Tuesdays from 11:08 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT. The calls will be available for playback roughly two hours following the conclusion of each call and archived online 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 are CT):

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. – Jerry Kill, Minnesota
 11:56 a.m. – Kyle Flood, Rutgers
 12:04 p.m. – Bill Cubit, Illinois
 12:12 p.m. – Randy Edsall, Maryland
 12:20 p.m. – Darrell Hazell, Purdue
 12:28 p.m. – James Franklin, Penn State
 12:36 p.m. – Urban Meyer, Ohio State
 12:44 p.m. – Kevin Wilson, Indiana
 12:52 p.m. – Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern*

* Through Sept. 15, then returning to 11 a.m. CT

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BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>Career (Yrs)</u>	<u>At School (Yrs)</u>	<u>Big Ten Only</u>
EAST DIVISION			
Kevin Wilson, IND	14-34 (4)	14-34 (4)	6-26
Randy Edsall, MD	94-100 (16)	20-30 (4)	4-4
Jim Harbaugh, MICH	58-27 (7)	0-0 (1st)	0-0
Mark Dantonio, MSU	93-48 (11)	75-31 (8)	45-19
Urban Meyer, OSU	142-26 (13)	38-3 (3)	24-0
James Franklin, PSU	31-21 (4)	7-6 (1)	2-6
Kyle Flood, RU	23-16 (3)	23-16 (3)	3-5
WEST DIVISION			
Bill Cubit, ILL	51-47 (8)	0-0 (1st)	0-0
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	127-106 (19)	115-85 (16)	68-60
Jerry Kill, MINN	152-99 (21)	25-26 (4)	13-19
Mike Riley, NEB	93-80 (14)	0-0 (1st)	0-0
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	60-53 (9)	60-53 (9)	30-42
Darrell Hazell, PUR	20-30 (4)	4-20 (2)	1-15
Paul Chryst, WIS	19-19 (3)	0-0 (1st)	0-0

2015-16 BIG TEN BOWL DESTINATIONS

New Era Pinstripe Bowl

Dec. 26, 2015
 3:30 p.m. ET, ABC
 Bronx, N.Y.
 Yankee Stadium
 Big Ten vs. ACC/Notre Dame



Holiday Bowl

Dec. 30, 2015
 10:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
 San Diego, Calif.
 Qualcomm Stadium
 Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Foster Farms Bowl

Dec. 26, 2015
 9:15 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Santa Clara, Calif.
 Levi's Stadium
 Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Outback Bowl

Jan. 1, 2016
 12 p.m. ET, ESPN2
 Tampa, Fla.
 Raymond James Stadium
 Big Ten vs. SEC



Quick Lane Bowl

Dec. 28, 2015
 5 p.m. ET, ESPN2
 Detroit, Mich.
 Ford Field
 Big Ten vs. ACC/Notre Dame



Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl

Jan. 1, 2016
 1 p.m. ET, ABC
 Orlando, Fla.
 Orlando Citrus Bowl Stadium
 Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl

Dec. 29, 2015
 2 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Fort Worth, Texas
 Amon G. Carter Stadium
 Big Ten vs. Mountain West



Rose Bowl Game Presented by Northwestern Mutual

Jan. 1, 2016
 5:10 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Pasadena, Calif.
 Rose Bowl Stadium
 Big Ten vs. Pac-12



Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl

Dec. 30, 2015
 7 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Nissan Stadium
 Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



TaxSlayer Bowl

Jan. 2, 2016
 12 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Jacksonville, Fla.
 EverBank Field
 Big Ten or ACC/Notre Dame vs. SEC



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BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The 2015 Big Ten Football Championship Game will kick off from Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis at 8:17 p.m. ET on December 5, 2015.

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 serve as the official broadcast partner of the Big Ten Football Championship Games through 2016, and Lucas Oil Stadium will host the title games through 2021.

Tickets for the 2015 Big Ten Football Championship Game are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000. Tickets and VIP premium ticket packages can also be reserved at bigten.teamtix.com, a ticket reservation system launched by the Big Ten in partnership with Forward Market Media and BTN. Go to bigten.org for more information.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME QUICK FACTS

Date: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015
Time: 8:17 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 2015 campaign. The Big Ten's enhanced football awards program presents 18 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 and punter. Each of these individual position awards features the names of two former players.

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 best first-year standout 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 MVP 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 (media vote only)	Harold Edward "Red" Grange, Illinois 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 otherwise noted)	
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 (coaches vote only)	Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, Ohio State Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Michigan
Dave McClain Coach of the Year (media vote only)	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

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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF



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The College Football Playoff (CFP) is a big success. Fans, including many who are new to the sport, enjoy it. The first semifinals and championship game were the three most-viewed programs in cable television history.

EVERY GAME COUNTS

The playoff preserves the excitement and significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

FOUR TEAMS

The selection committee ranks the teams based on conference championships won, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents and other factors.

TWO DAYS

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day belong to college football, with two semifinal games and four other top bowl games continuing a wonderful tradition.

ONE GOAL

The two teams winning the playoff semifinals compete for the national championship. That game is in a different city each year, always on a Monday night.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Every Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team has equal access to the CFP based on its performance. No team automatically qualifies.

MORE REVENUE

The format increases revenue for all conferences and independent institutions.

GOVERNANCE

University presidents and chancellors from all 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame serve on the CFP Board of Managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners (the Management Committee) managing the event. A small staff in the playoff office in Irving, Texas, carries out the day-to-day responsibilities.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, college administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. Members of the committee are: Jeff Long (chair), Barry Alvarez, Mike Gould, Pat Haden, Kirby Hocutt, Tom Jernstedt, Bobby Johnson, Tom Osborne, Dan Radakovich, Condoleezza Rice, Mike Tranchese, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Rank the top 25 teams and assign the top four to semifinals sites.
- Assign teams to New Year's bowls
 - o Create competitive matchups
 - o Attempt to avoid rematches of regular-season games and repeat appearances in specific bowls
 - o Consider geography

PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEW YEAR'S BOWLS

Both participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls are contracted outside the playoff arrangement (Big Ten and Pac-12 to Rose Bowl; SEC and Big 12 to Sugar Bowl; ACC to Orange Bowl against the highest ranked available team from the SEC, Big Ten and Notre Dame). If a conference champion qualifies for the playoff, then the bowl will choose a replacement from that conference. When those bowls host the semifinals and their contracted conference champions do not qualify, then the displaced champion(s) will play in one of the other New Year's bowls. When not hosting semifinals, the Cotton, Fiesta and Peach Bowls will welcome displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference. The highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths. The selection committee will make the pairings.

	ORANGE	COTTON	PEACH	FIESTA	SUGAR	ROSE	CHAMPIONSHIP
2015-16	Semifinal (Dec. 31)	Semifinal (Dec. 31)	Peach Bowl (Dec. 31)	Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1)	Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1)	Rose Bowl (Jan. 1)	Arizona (Jan. 11)
2016-17	Orange Bowl (Dec. 31)	Cotton Bowl (Jan. 2)	Semifinal (Dec. 31)	Semifinal (Dec. 31)	Sugar Bowl (Jan. 2)	Rose Bowl (Jan. 2)	Tampa Bay (Jan. 9)
2017-18	Orange Bowl (Dec. 30)	Cotton Bowl (Dec. 30)	Peach Bowl (Jan. 1)	Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 30)	Semifinal (Jan. 1)	Semifinal (Jan. 1)	TBD (Jan. 8)

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In the last two academic years, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 17 team national championships in 12 different sports.





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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 Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) is an academic consortium of all 14 Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago, which is widely considered to be the model for effective and voluntary collaboration among top research universities.

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

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CIC schools had over \$10 billion in 2013 funded research, \$4 billion more than any other conference.

A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools earned 10 team national championships in 2014-15, breaking the previous conference single-season record of nine national titles in 1999-2000.

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Over the last 10 years, current Big Ten institutions have won 78 team national titles in 23 different sports, including at least seven in each of the last seven academic years.

BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING

The Big Ten will administer over \$200 million in direct financial support to almost 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 two 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.

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 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 holds numerous community initiatives, such as the Big Ten Career Expo, SaturDAY of Service and Officiating 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 the Wounded Warrior Project.

MICHIGAN AT UTAH

Thursday, Sept. 3 • 6:30 p.m. MT
 Salt Lake City, Utah • Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,807)
 FS1 • Announcers: Gus Johnson, Joel Klatt, Molly McGrath

MICHIGAN (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

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TCU AT MINNESOTA

Thursday, Sept. 3 • 8 p.m. CT
 Minneapolis, Minn. • TCF Bank Stadium (52,525)
 ESPN • Announcers: Dave Pasch, Brian Griese, Tom Luginbill

TCU (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big 12)

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MINNESOTA (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

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MICHIGAN STATE AT WESTERN MICHIGAN

Friday, Sept. 4 • 7 p.m. ET
 Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)
 ESPNU • Announcers: Allen Bestwick, Dan Hawkins, Paul Carcaterra

MICHIGAN STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Mark Dantonio

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WESTERN MICHIGAN (0-0 overall, 0-0 MAC)

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KENT STATE AT ILLINOIS

Friday, Sept. 4 • 8 p.m. CT
 Champaign, Ill. • Memorial Stadium (60,670)
 BTN • Announcers: Eric Collins, Glen Mason, J Leman

KENT STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 MAC)

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ILLINOIS (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

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ILLINOIS STATE AT IOWA

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 11 a.m. CT
 Iowa City, Iowa • Kinnick Stadium (70,585)
 BTN • Announcers: Kevin Kugler, Matt Millen, Lisa Byington

ILLINOIS STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 Missouri Valley)

Coach: Brock Spack

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IOWA (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Kirk Ferentz

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RICHMOND AT MARYLAND

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 12 p.m. ET
 College Park, Md. • Capital One Field at Byrd Stadium (51,802)
 ESPNU • Announcers: Ryan Ruocco, Mike Bellotti

RICHMOND (0-0 overall, 0-0 Colonial)

Coach: Danny Rocco

Football Contact: Scott Burns, 804-287-6313, sburns2@richmond.edu

MARYLAND (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Randy Edsall

Football Contact: Dustin Semonavick, 301-314-7065, dustin@umd.edu

STANFORD AT NORTHWESTERN

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 11 a.m. CT
 Evanston, Ill. • Ryan Field (47,330)
 ESPN • Announcers: Mike Patrick, Ed Cunningham, Jerry Punch

STANFORD (0-0 overall, 0-0 Pac-12)

Coach: David Shaw

Football Contact: Alan George, 574-340-3977, alan.george@stanford.edu

NORTHWESTERN (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Pat Fitzgerald

Football Contact: Paul Kennedy, 847-467-2028, pkennedy@northwestern.edu

NORFOLK STATE AT RUTGERS

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 12 p.m. ET
 New Brunswick, N.J. • High Point Solutions Stadium (52,454)
 ESPNEWS • Announcers: Shawn Kenny, Al Groh

NORFOLK STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 MEAC)

Coach: Pete Adrian

Football Contact: Matt Michalec, 757-823-2628, mmichalec@nsu.edu

RUTGERS (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Kyle Flood

Football Contact: Hasim Phillips, 732-445-6069, hphillips@scarletknights.com

BYU AT NEBRASKA

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 2:30 p.m. CT
 Lincoln, Neb. • Memorial Stadium (87,000)
 ABC • Announcers: Sean McDonough, Chris Spielman, Todd McShay

BYU (0-0 overall)

Coach: Bronco Mendenhall

Football Contact: Brett Pyne, 801-422-8948, brett_pyne@byu.edu

NEBRASKA (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Mike Riley

Football Contact: Keith Mann, 402-472-2263, kmann@huskers.com

PENN STATE AT TEMPLE

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 3:30 p.m. ET
 Philadelphia, Pa. • Lincoln Financial Field (68,532)
 ESPN • Announcers: Bob Wischusen, Brock Huard, Shannon Spake

PENN STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: James Franklin

Football Contact: Kristina Petersen, 814-865-1757, kap18@psu.edu

TEMPLE (0-0 overall, 0-0 American)

Coach: Matt Rhule

Football Contact: Rich Burg, 215-204-0876, rich.burg@temple.edu

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AT INDIANA

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 4 p.m. ET

Bloomington, Ind. • Memorial Stadium (52,929)

ESPN • Announcers: Roy Philpott, David Diaz-Infante

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (0-0 overall, 0-0 Missouri Valley)

Coach: Dale Lennon

Football Contact: John Lock, 618-453-7102, jtlock2@siu.edu

INDIANA (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Kevin Wilson

Football Contact: Jeff Keag, 812-855-6209, jkeag@indiana.edu

ALABAMA vs. WISCONSIN

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 7 p.m. CT

Arlington, Texas • AT&T Stadium (80,000)

ABC • Announcers: Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Heather Cox

ALABAMA (0-0 overall, 0-0 SEC)

Coach: Nick Saban

Football Contact: Josh Maxson, 205-348-7496, jmaxson@ia.ua.edu

WISCONSIN (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Paul Chryst

Football Contact: Brian Lucas, 608-263-5052, bml@athletics.wisc.edu

PURDUE AT MARSHALL

Sunday, Sept. 6 • 3 p.m. ET

Huntington, W. Va. • Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,016)

FS1 • Announcers: Justin Kutcher, Petros Papadakis, Steve Hutchinson

PURDUE (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Darrell Hazell

Football Contact: Matt Rector, 765-494-3196, rector@purdue.edu

MARSHALL (0-0 overall, 0-0 Conference USA)

Coach: Doc Holliday

Football Contact: Jason Corriher, 304-696-4660, corriher@marshall.edu

OHIO STATE AT VIRGINIA TECH

Monday, Sept. 7 • 8 p.m. ET

Blacksburg, Va. • Lane Stadium (65,632)

ESPN • Announcers: Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Heather Cox

OHIO STATE (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Urban Meyer

Football Contact: Jerry Emig, 614-688-0343, emig.2@osu.edu

VIRGINIA TECH (0-0 overall, 0-0 ACC)

Coach: Frank Beamer

Football Contact: Pete Moris, 540-231-6726, morisvt@vt.edu

BIG TEN PLAYERS ON PRESEASON AWARD WATCH LISTS**Maxwell Award
(Nation's Top Player)**

Nate Sudfeld, IND
Connor Cook, MSU
Tommy Armstrong Jr., NEB
Justin Jackson, NU
J.T. Barrett, OSU
Ezekiel Elliott, OSU
Cardale Jones, OSU
Braxton Miller, OSU
Christian Hackenberg, PSU
DaeSean Hamilton, PSU
Leonte Carroo, RU
Corey Clement, WIS

**Walter Camp Award
(Nation's Top Player)**

Shilique Calhoun, MSU
Connor Cook, MSU
J.T. Barrett, OSU
Joey Bosa, OSU
Ezekiel Elliott, OSU
Cardale Jones, OSU
Braxton Miller, OSU
Christian Hackenberg, PSU

**Bednarik Award
(Nation's Top Defensive Player)**

William Likely, MD
Shilique Calhoun, MSU
Ed Davis, MSU
Briean Boddy-Calhoun, MINN
Eric Murray, MINN
Maliek Collins, NEB
Joey Bosa, OSU
Joshua Perry, OSU
Anthony Zettel, PSU
Darius Hamilton, RU
Vince Biegel, WIS
Michael Caputo, WIS

**Nagurski Trophy
(Nation's Top Defensive Player)**

Drew Ott, IOWA
William Likely, MD
Shilique Calhoun, MSU
Briean Boddy-Calhoun, MINN
Eric Murray, MINN
Maliek Collins, NEB
Vonn Bell, OSU
Joey Bosa, OSU
Darron Lee, OSU
Joshua Perry, OSU
Adolphus Washington, OSU
Jordan Lucas, PSU
Anthony Zettel, PSU
Vince Biegel, WIS
Michael Caputo, WIS

**Davey O'Brien Award
(Nation's Top Quarterback)**

Connor Cook, MSU
Cardale Jones, OSU
Christian Hackenberg, PSU

**Doak Walker Award
(Nation's Top Running Back)**

Josh Ferguson, ILL
Jordan Howard, IND
Jordan Canzeri, IOWA
Justin Jackson, NU
Ezekiel Elliott, OSU
Akeel Lynch, PSU
Paul James, RU
Corey Clement, WIS

**Biletnikoff Award:
(Nation's Top Wide Receiver)**

Michael Thomas, OSU
DaeSean Hamilton, PSU
Leonte Carroo, RU
Alex Erickson, WIS

**Rimington Trophy
(Nation's Top Center)**

Austin Blythe, IOWA
Jack Allen, MSU
Jacoby Boren, OSU
Angelo Mangiro, PSU
Robert Kugler, PUR
Dan Voltz, WIS

**Lombardi Trophy
(College Lineman of the Year)**

Mason Monheim, ILL
Dan Feeney, IND
Jack Allen, MSU
Shilique Calhoun, MSU
Jack Conklin, MSU
Maliek Collins, NEB
Joey Bosa, OSU
Taylor Decker, OSU
Pat Elflein, OSU
Darron Lee, OSU
Adolphus Washington, OSU
Anthony Zettel, PSU
Steve Longa, RU
Vince Biegel, WIS

**Outland Trophy
(Nation's Best Interior Lineman)**

Dan Feeney, IND
Austin Blythe, IOWA
Jack Allen, MSU
Jack Conklin, MSU
Maliek Collins, NEB
Taylor Decker, OSU
Pat Elflein, OSU
Adolphus Washington, OSU
Anthony Zettel, PSU
Darius Hamilton, RU
Dan Voltz, WIS

**Mackey Award
(Nation's Top Tight End)**

Jake Duzey, IOWA
Jake Butt, MICH
Josiah Price, MSU
Nick Vannett, OSU
Kyle Carter, PSU

**Butkus Award
(Nation's Top Linebacker)**

Mason Monheim, ILL
Yannick Ngakoue, MD
Joe Bolden, MICH
James Ross, MICH
Darien Harris, MSU
De'Vondre Campbell, MINN
Raekwon McMillan, OSU
Joshua Perry, OSU

**Thorpe Award
(Nation's Top Defensive Back)**

William Likely, MD
Vonn Bell, OSU
Michael Caputo, WIS

**Groza Award
(Nation's Top Placekicker)**

Brad Craddock, MD
Paul Griggs, PUR
Rafael Gaglianone, WIS

**Ray Guy Award
(Nation's Top Punter)**

Peter Mortell, MINN
Cameron Johnston, OSU

**Hornung Award
(Nation's Most Versatile Player)**

V'Angelo Bentley, ILL
William Likely, MD
R.J. Shelton, MSU
De'Mornay Pierson-El, NEB
Jalin Marshall, OSU
Dontre Wilson, OSU
Janarion Grant, RU

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TEAM SCHEDULES: WEST DIVISION

West Division Games in Bold, all times ET

ILLINOIS

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/4		Kent State	9 p.m.
9/12		Western Illinois	Noon
9/19		at North Carolina	Noon
9/26		Middle Tennessee State	
10/3		Nebraska	
10/10		at Iowa	Noon
10/24		Wisconsin	3:30 p.m.
10/31		at Penn State	
11/7		at Purdue	Noon
11/14		Ohio State	
11/21		at Minnesota	
11/28		Northwestern [1]	

[1] at Chicago, Ill.

IOWA

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		Illinois State	Noon
9/12		at Iowa State	4:45 p.m.
9/19		Pittsburgh	8 p.m.
9/26		North Texas	
10/3		at Wisconsin	
10/10		Illinois	Noon
10/17		at Northwestern	Noon
10/31		Maryland	
11/7		at Indiana	
11/14		Minnesota	8 p.m.
11/21		Purdue	
11/27		at Nebraska	

MINNESOTA

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/3		TCU	9 p.m.
9/12		at Colorado State	3:30 p.m.
9/19		Kent State	Noon
9/26		Ohio	3:30 p.m.
10/3		at Northwestern	
10/10		at Purdue	
10/17		Nebraska	
10/31		Michigan	8 p.m.
11/7		at Ohio State	
11/14		at Iowa	8 p.m.
11/21		Illinois	
11/28		Wisconsin	

NEBRASKA

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		BYU	3:30 p.m.
9/12		South Alabama	8 p.m.
9/19		at Miami (Fla.)	3:30 p.m.
9/26		Southern Miss	Noon
10/3		at Illinois	
10/10		Wisconsin	
10/17		at Minnesota	
10/24		Northwestern	
10/31		at Purdue	
11/7		Michigan State	
11/14		at Rutgers	
11/27		Iowa	

NORTHWESTERN

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		Stanford	Noon
9/12		Eastern Illinois	4 p.m.
9/19		at Duke	12:30 p.m.
9/26		Ball State	8 p.m.
10/3		Minnesota	
10/10		at Michigan	3:30 p.m.
10/17		Iowa	Noon
10/24		at Nebraska	
11/7		Penn State	
11/14		Purdue	
11/21		at Wisconsin	
11/28		at Illinois [1]	

[1] at Chicago, Ill.

PURDUE

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/6		at Marshall	3 p.m.
9/12		Indiana State	Noon
9/19		Virginia Tech	3:30 p.m.
9/26		Bowling Green	
10/3		at Michigan State	Noon
10/10		Minnesota	
10/17		at Wisconsin	Noon
10/31		Nebraska	
11/7		Illinois	Noon
11/14		at Northwestern	
11/21		at Iowa	
11/28		Indiana	

[1] at Indianapolis, Ind.

WISCONSIN

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		vs. Alabama [1]	8 p.m.
9/12		Miami (Ohio)	Noon
9/19		Troy	3:30 p.m.
9/26		Hawaii	8 p.m.
10/3		Iowa	
10/10		at Nebraska	
10/17		Purdue	Noon
10/24		at Illinois	3:30 p.m.
10/31		Rutgers	
11/7		at Maryland	3:30 p.m.
11/21		Northwestern	
11/28		at Minnesota	

[1] at Arlington, Texas



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TEAM SCHEDULES: EAST DIVISION

East Division Games in Bold, all times ET

INDIANA

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		Southern Illinois	4 p.m.
9/12		Florida International	8 p.m.
9/19		Western Kentucky	4 p.m.
9/26		at Wake Forest	
10/3		Ohio State	
10/10		at Penn State	Noon
10/17		Rutgers	3:30 p.m.
10/24		at Michigan State	
11/7		Iowa	
11/14		Michigan	
11/21		at Maryland	
11/28		at Purdue	

MARYLAND

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		Richmond	Noon
9/12		Bowling Green	Noon
9/19		South Florida	Noon
9/26		at West Virginia	
10/3		Michigan	8 p.m.
10/10		at Ohio State	Noon
10/24		Penn State [1]	
10/31		at Iowa	
11/7		Wisconsin	3:30 p.m.
11/14		at Michigan State	
11/21		Indiana	
11/28		at Rutgers	

[1] at Baltimore, Md.

MICHIGAN

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/3		at Utah	8:30 p.m.
9/12		Oregon State	Noon
9/19		UNLV	Noon
9/26		BYU	
10/3		at Maryland	8 p.m.
10/10		Northwestern	3:30 p.m.
10/17		Michigan State	
10/31		at Minnesota	8 p.m.
11/7		Rutgers	
11/14		at Indiana	
11/21		at Penn State	
11/28		Ohio State	

MICHIGAN STATE

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/4		at Western Michigan	7 p.m.
9/12		Oregon	8 p.m.
9/19		Air Force	Noon
9/26		Central Michigan	
10/3		Purdue	Noon
10/10		at Rutgers	8 p.m.
10/17		at Michigan	
10/24		Indiana	
11/7		at Nebraska	
11/14		Maryland	
11/21		at Ohio State	
11/28		Penn State	

OHIO STATE

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/7		at Virginia Tech	8 p.m.
9/12		Hawaii	3:30 p.m.
9/19		Northern Illinois	3:30 p.m.
9/26		Western Michigan	
10/3		at Indiana	
10/10		Maryland	Noon
10/17		Penn State	8 p.m.
10/24		at Rutgers	8 p.m.
11/7		Minnesota	
11/14		at Illinois	
11/21		Michigan State	
11/28		at Michigan	

PENN STATE

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		at Temple	3:30 p.m.
9/12		Buffalo	Noon
9/19		Rutgers	8 p.m.
9/26		San Diego State	
10/3		Army	
10/10		Indiana	Noon
10/17		at Ohio State	8 p.m.
10/24		at Maryland [1]	
10/31		Illinois	
11/7		at Northwestern	
11/21		Michigan	
11/28		at Michigan State	

[1] at Baltimore, Md.

RUTGERS

DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	TIME/ATTENDANCE
9/5		Norfolk State	Noon
9/12		Washington State	3:30 p.m.
9/19		at Penn State	8 p.m.
9/26		Kansas	Noon
10/10		Michigan State	8 p.m.
10/17		at Indiana	3:30 p.m.
10/24		Ohio State	8 p.m.
10/31		at Wisconsin	
11/7		at Michigan	
11/14		Nebraska	
11/21		at Army	Noon
11/28		Maryland	



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