



# BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON REPORT • NOV. 4, 2024

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## 2023-24 FINAL STANDINGS

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	PF-PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Last 10
Purdue+	17-3	.850	34-5	.872	3,211-2,691	16-0	7-3	11-2	8-2
Illinois <sup>^</sup>	14-6	.700	29-9	.763	3,168-2,787	15-3	6-5	8-1	8-2
Nebraska	12-8	.600	23-11	.676	2,643-2,411	18-1	3-8	2-2	7-3
Northwestern	12-8	.600	22-12	.647	2,493-2,348	15-2	4-7	3-3	5-5
Wisconsin	11-9	.550	2-14	.611	2,688-2,520	14-3	3-9	5-2	5-5
Indiana	10-10	.500	19-14	.576	2,386-2,452	12-5	4-6	3-3	5-5
Michigan State	10-10	.500	20-15	.571	2,551-2,312	14-4	3-4	3-4	4-6
Iowa	10-10	.500	19-15	.559	2,827-2,700	14-4	4-9	1-2	5-5
Ohio State	9-11	.450	22-14	.611	2,718-2,528	15-5	2-8	5-1	7-3
Minnesota	9-11	.450	19-15	.559	2,550-2,444	16-4	3-9	0-2	4-6
Penn State	9-11	.450	16-17	.485	2,478-2,422	13-4	2-8	1-5	4-6
Maryland	7-13	.350	16-17	.485	2,278-2,174	11-6	4-8	1-3	3-7
Rutgers	7-13	.350	15-17	.469	2,092-2,129	12-5	3-9	0-3	3-7
Michigan	3-17	.150	8-24	.250	2,334-2,528	5-10	1-10	2-4	1-9

+ - Big Ten champion

<sup>^</sup> - Big Ten Tournament Champion

## UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, Nov. 4		
Texas A&M CC at Purdue	6 p.m.	BTN
Manhattan at Maryland	7 p.m.	B1G+
Monmouth at Michigan State	7 p.m.	B1G+
Binghamton at Penn State	7:30 p.m.	B1G+
Texas A&M Commerce at Iowa	8 p.m.	B1G+
Eastern Illinois at Illinois	8 p.m.	B1G+
Cleveland State at Michigan	8 p.m.	BTN
Texas-Rio Grande Valley at Nebraska	8 p.m.	B1G+
Lehigh at Northwestern	8 p.m.	Peacock
Holy Cross at Wisconsin	8 p.m.	B1G+
UT-Chattanooga at USC	10 p.m.	BTN
Ohio State vs. Texas I	10 p.m.	TNT
UC-Riverside at Oregon	10:30 p.m.	B1G+
Rider at UCLA	10:30 p.m.	FS1

Tuesday, Nov. 5		
UC-Davis at Washington	10 p.m.	BTN

Wednesday, Nov. 6		
Wagner at Rutgers	6 p.m.	BTN
SIU-Edwardsville at Indiana	8 p.m.	BTN
Oral Roberts at Minnesota	8 p.m.	B1G+

Thursday, Nov. 7		
Southern at Iowa	8 p.m.	B1G+
Niagara at Michigan State	8 p.m.	BTN
Montana State at Wisconsin	8 p.m.	B1G+
Idaho State at USC	10 p.m.	BTN

Friday, Nov. 8		
UMBC at Penn State	6 p.m.	BTN
Northern Kentucky at Purdue	7 p.m.	B1G+
SIU-Edwardsville at Illinois	8 p.m.	Peacock
Mount St. Mary's at Maryland	8 p.m.	BTN
Montana at Oregon	10 p.m.	BTN
UCLA vs. New Mexico @	11 p.m.	CBSN

Saturday, Nov. 9		
Nebraska-Omaha at Minnesota	3:30 p.m.	Peacock
Bethune-Cookman at Nebraska	8 p.m.	B1G+
Washington at Nevada	9 p.m.	TBA
Northwestern at Dayton	7:30 p.m.	ESPN+

Sunday, Nov. 10		
Appalachian State at Wisconsin	12 p.m.	B1G+
Michigan vs. Wake Forest #	1 p.m.	ESPN2
Eastern Illinois at Indiana	7 p.m.	B1G+

! Hall of Fame Series, Las Vegas, Nev.

@ Game played in Henderson, Nev.

# Deacon-Wolverine Challenge, Greensboro, N.C.

All times Eastern (dates, times and TV subject to change)

NOTES: Big Ten Network (BTN) games also on the FOX Sports app, with B1G+ games at [bigtenplus.com](http://bigtenplus.com) ... Games on ESPN networks also on the ESPN app.

## BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- The Big Ten will tip off its 120th season tonight, as 14 teams take the court, with the four remaining teams opening play on Tuesday and Wednesday. By the end of the week, all 14 teams will have played at least two games.
- In addition to the Big Ten's four newest members, Oregon, UCLA, USC, and Washington, the Big Ten also welcomes three new coaches to the league. Michigan's Dusty May, USC's Eric Musselman, and Washington's Danny Sprinkle will begin their first seasons with their respective schools. After going 8-3 as interim head coach last season, Ohio State's Jake Diebler will also begin his first season at the helm.
- Eleven Big Ten teams were recognized in the preseason AP and USA Today Coach Polls. The AP Top 25 included No. 14 Purdue, No. 17 Indiana, No. 22 UCLA, and No. 25 Rutgers, while the coaches listed the Boilermakers at No. 13, the Hoosiers at No. 18, the Bruins at No. 22, and Illinois at No. 25. Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Oregon, and Wisconsin also received votes in one or both polls.
- Three Big Ten players, Indiana's Oumar Ballo, Purdue's Braden Smith, and Rutgers' Ace Bailey were named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Preseason Player of the Year Watch List. The trio was also among the 10 Big Ten players named to the Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Player of the Year Watch List presented by AXIA Time. Also named to the list were Ace Baldwin Jr. (PSU), Dawson Garcia (MINN), Dylan Harper (RUT), Great Osobor (WASH), Payton Sandfort (IOWA), Jackson Shelstad (ORE), and Bruce Thornton (OSU).
- The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame recently announced the preseason watch lists for its national player of the year awards at the five traditional court positions. Sixteen student-athletes from 12 different Big Ten schools were named to the preseason watch lists at all five positions. A complete list of the honors can be found on Page 2.
- For the seventh consecutive year, each Big Ten Conference member institution will compete in a 20-game conference schedule. The Big Ten Conference season will begin with three games on Tuesday, Dec. 3, Northwestern at Iowa, Washington at UCLA, and Michigan at Wisconsin. Following the holiday break, Big Ten action will resume on Jan. 2 with five games. During the conference season, each member institution will play a 20-game league schedule, facing three schools both home and away, while meeting 14 teams once. Of the single-play opponents, member institutions will play seven at home and seven on the road.
- The 28th annual TIAA Big Ten Tournament will be played at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis between March 12th - 16th, 2025, marking the 14th time the tournament has been played in Indianapolis. Fifteen teams will advance to the tournament, with three 1st round games slated for Wednesday, March 12th. The top four teams will receive 1st and 2nd round byes and advance to the quarterfinals on Friday, March 14th.
- A Big Ten media panel has selected Purdue guard Braden Smith as 2024-24 Big Ten Men's Basketball Preseason Player of the Year. Smith is coming off a record-breaking season for the Boilermakers, setting school and Big Ten records with 292 assists, while leading the Boilermakers to their first NCAA championship game appearance since 1969. Smith was the only player in the country to average at least 12.0 points, 7.5 assists and 5.0 rebounds per game and became just the second player in NCAA history to amass at least 450 points, 275 assists and 225 rebounds in a season.
- The media panel also selected the 2024-25 Preseason All-Big Ten Team. Smith is joined by Indiana's Oumar Ballo, Iowa's Payton Sandfort, Minnesota's Dawson Garcia, Ohio State's Bruce Thornton, Northwestern's Brooks Barnhizer, Oregon's Jackson Shelstad, Penn State's Ace Baldwin Jr., Rutgers' Dylan Harper, and Washington's Great Osobor. Six members of the 2024-25 Preseason All-Big Ten Team garnered All-Big Ten honors last season. The league's coaches named Smith to the First Team, while Baldwin, Barnhizer, Garcia, and Sandfort earned Third Team honors. Thornton received Honorable Mention.
- Purdue won its second consecutive Big Ten title and 26th crown in program history after posting a 17-3 record in league play. The Boilermakers secured the top seed in the Big Ten Tournament with a three-game cushion over Illinois. Nebraska, Northwestern, and Wisconsin completed the tournament's top five seeds.
- Illinois claimed its fourth TIAA Big Ten Men's Basketball title with a 93-87 win over Wisconsin at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The Illini's Terrence Shannon Jr. was named Jim and Kitty Delany Most Outstanding Player after leading Illinois with a Big Ten Championship game record 34 points on 8-15 shooting from the floor and 15-17 shooting from the free throw line. With a total of 102 points in the tournament, Shannon fell just one point shy of tying Keegan Murray's 2022 total points mark. Nebraska's Keisei Tominaga, Purdue's Zach Edey, and Wisconsin's Chuckey Hepburn and AJ Storr were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

## 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.

**BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Brad Underwood, ILL	12th	8th	252-115	.686	143-88	.619	80-58	.580
Mike Woodson, IND	4th	4th	63-40	.612	63-40	.612	31-29	.517
Fran McCaffery, IOWA	28th	14th	531-368	.591	280-191	.594	136-128	.515
Kevin Willard, MD	18th	3rd	308-240	.562	38-30	.559	18-22	.450
Dusty May, MICH	7th	1st	126-69	.646	--	--	--	--
Tom Izzo, MSU	30th	30th	707-295	.706	707-295	.706	343-170	.669
Ben Johnson, MINN	4th	4th	41-54	.432	41-54	.432	15-44	.254
Fred Hoiberg, NEB	11th	6th	178-150	.543	63-94	.401	30-69	.303
Chris Collins, NW	12th	12th	177-174	.504	177-174	.504	80-129	.383
Jake Diebler, OSU	1st	1st	8-3	.727	8-3	.727	5-1	.833
Dana Altman, ORE	36th	15th	755-395	.657	345-152	.694	--	--
Mike Rhoades, PSU	20th	2nd	389-206	.654	16-17	.485	9-11	.445
Matt Painter, PUR	21st	20th	472-208	.694	447-203	.688	226-123	.648
Steve Pikiell, RUT	19th	9th	324-279	.538	132-123	.518	63-93	.404
Mick Cronin, UCLA	22nd	6th	480-224	.682	115-53	.685	--	--
Eric Musselman, USC	10th	1st	221-93	.704	--	--	--	--
Danny Sprinkle, WAS	6th	1st	109-50	.686	--	--	--	--
Greg Gard, WIS	10th	10th	186-107	.635	186-107	.635	104-70	.598

**2024-25 PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM**

Preseason Player of the Year  
 Braden Smith, Purdue

Preseason All-Big Ten Team  
 Oumar Ballo, Indiana  
 Payton Sandfort, Iowa  
 Dawson Garcia, Minnesota  
 Brooks Barnhizer, Northwestern  
 Bruce Thornton, Ohio State  
 Jackson Shelstad, Oregon  
 Ace Baldwin Jr., Penn State  
 BRADEN SMITH, Purdue  
 Dylan Harper, Rutgers  
 Great Osobor, Washington

Unanimous selections in CAPS

**2023-24 PRESEASON WATCH LISTS**

NABC Player of the Year Preseason Watch List  
 Oumar Ballo, Indiana  
 Braden Smith, Purdue  
 Ace Bailey, Rutgers

Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Player of the Year Watch List presented by AXIA Time  
 Oumar Ballo, Indiana  
 Payton Sandfort, Iowa  
 Dawson Garcia, Minnesota  
 Bruce Thornton, Ohio State  
 Jackson Shelstad, Oregon  
 Ace Baldwin Jr., Penn State  
 Braden Smith, Purdue  
 Ace Bailey, Rutgers  
 Dylan Harper, Rutgers  
 Great Osobor, Washington

**2023-24 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

- Nov. 13 P: Dawson Garcia, Minnesota  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Nov. 20 P: Ben Krikke, Iowa  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Nov. 27 P: Zach Edey, Purdue  
 F: John Blackwell, Wisconsin
- Dec. 4 P: Boo Buie, Northwestern  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Dec. 11 P: Zach Edey, Purdue  
 F: John Blackwell, Wisconsin
- Dec. 18 P: Fletcher Loyer, Purdue  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Jan. 2 P: Jahmir Young, Maryland  
 F: Mackenzie Mgbako, Indiana
- Jan. 8 P: Marcus Domask, Illinois  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Jan. 15 P: Jahmir Young, Maryland  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Jan. 22 P: Zac Edey, Purdue  
 F: John Blackwell, Wisconsin
- Jan. 29 P: Boo Buie, Northwestern  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Feb. 5 P: Zach Edey, Purdue  
 F: Cam Christie, Minnesota
- Feb. 12 P: Jeremiah Williams, Rutgers  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Feb. 19 P: Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois  
 F: Owen Freeman, Iowa
- Feb. 26 P: Zach Edey, Purdue  
 F: Mackenzie Mgbako, Indiana
- March 4 P: Payton Sandfort, Iowa  
 F: Cam Christie, Minnesota
- March 11 P: Zach Edey, Purdue  
 F: John Blackwell, Wisconsin

Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year Award Watch List  
 Myles Rice, Indiana  
 Bruce Thornton, Ohio state  
 Ace Baldwin Jr., Pen State  
 Braden Smith, Purdue  
 Dylan Harper, Rutgers

Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award Watch List  
 Meechie Johnson Jr., Ohio State  
 Fletcher Loyer, Purdue

Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year Award Watch List  
 Mackenzie Mgbako, IND  
 Payton Sandfort, IOWA  
 Frankie Fidler, MSU  
 Ace Bailey, RUT

Karl Malone Power Forward of the Year Award Watch List  
 Will Riley, Illinois  
 Malik Reneau, Indiana  
 Julian Reese, Maryland  
 Great Osobor, Washington

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Watch List  
 Oumar Ballo, Indiana  
 Derik Queen, Maryland  
 Vlad Goldin, Michigan  
 Dawson Garcia, Minnesota  
 William Kyle III, UCLA

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**ALL-TIME BIG TEN CHAMPIONS**

26—Purdue	1911*-12*-21*-22-26*-28*-30-32-34-35*-36*-38-40-69-79*-84*-87*-88-94-95-96-10*-17-19*-23-24
22—Indiana	1926*-28*-36*-53-54-57*-58-67*-73-74*-75-76-80-81-83-87*-89-91*-93-02*-13-16
20—Ohio State	1925-33*-39-44-46-50-60-61-62-63*-64*-68*-71-91*-92-06-07-10*-11-12*
20—Wisconsin	1907*-08*-12*-13-14-16-18-21*-23*-24*-29*-35*-41-47-02*-03-08-15-20*-22*
18—Illinois	1915-17*-24*-35*-37*-42-43-49-51-52-63*-84*-98*-01*-02*-04-05-22*
16—Michigan State	1957*-59-67*-78-79*-90-98*-99-00*-01*-09-10*-12*-18-19*-20c
15—Michigan	1921*-26*-27-29*-48-64*-65-66-74*-77-85-86-12*-14-21
9—Iowa	1923*-26*-45-55-56-68*-70-79*
8—Minnesota	1906-07*-11*-17*-19-37*-72-82
6—Chicago	1907*-08*-09-10-20-24*
2—Northwestern	1931-33*
1—Maryland	2020*

\* - co-champion  
 NOTE: The Big Ten champion is determined by the final regular-season conference standings

**NATIONAL POLLS**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Preseason Poll - Oct. 14

Rk.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Kansas (30)	0-0	1449
2.	Alabama (14)	0-0	1428
3.	Connecticut (11)	0-0	1345
4.	Houston (4)	0-0	1343
5.	Iowa State	0-0	1177
6.	Gonzaga (1)	0-0	1157
7.	Duke	0-0	1154
8.	Baylor	0-0	1109
9.	North Carolina	0-0	1037
10.	Arizona	0-0	905
11.	Auburn	0-0	901
12.	Tennessee	0-0	775
13.	Texas A&M	0-0	737
14.	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>678</b>
15.	Creighton	0-0	631
16.	Arkansas	0-0	625
17.	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>492</b>
18.	Marquette	0-0	484
19.	Texas	0-0	332
20.	Cincinnati	0-0	271
21.	Florida	0-0	249
22.	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>210</b>
23.	Kentucky	0-0	191
24.	Ole Miss	0-0	132
25.	<b>RUTGERS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>102</b>

Others receiving votes: **ILLINOIS** 92, St. John's 91, Xavier 73, Texas Tech 58, Wake Forest 37, Kansas State 30, **OHIO STATE** 29, **MICHIGAN STATE** 29, **MICHIGAN** 19, BYU 14, **OREGON** 12, Miami 11, McNeese 11, Providence 9, Clemson 9, Saint Louis 9, Boise State 9, VCU 6, Mississippi State 6, Saint Mary's 5, **WISCONSIN** 5, Louisville 4, UAB 4, Grand Canyon 3, Little Rock 3, Princeton 2, San Diego State 2, Arizona State 2, High Point 1, Maryland 1.

**USA TODAY COACHES**

Preseason Poll - Oct. 23

Rk.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Kansas (15)	0-0	743
2.	Alabama (6)	0-0	718
3.	Connecticut (6)	0-0	717
4.	Houston (4)	0-0	696
5.	Duke	0-0	625
6.	Iowa State	0-0	591
7.	Gonzaga	0-0	575
8.	Baylor	0-0	545
9.	Arizona	0-0	510
10.	North Carolina	0-0	498
11.	Auburn	0-0	465
12.	Tennessee	0-0	437
13.	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>390</b>
14.	Creighton	0-0	342
15.	Texas A&M	0-0	332
16.	Arkansas	0-0	272
17.	Marquette	0-0	268
18.	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>208</b>
19.	Texas	0-0	166
20.	Cincinnati	0-0	163
21.	Florida	0-0	130
22.	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>123</b>
23.	Kentucky	0-0	95
24.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>87</b>
25.	Ole Miss	0-0	66

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 60, **RUTGERS** 57, St. John's 42, Xavier 26, **MICHIGAN STATE** 25, **OREGON** 16, BYU 16, Kansas State 11, Saint Mary's 9, Boise State 9, Clemson 8, Dayton 7, **OHIO STATE** 7, **MARYLAND** 4, Grand Canyon 3, Mississippi State 2, Virginia 2, Princeton 2, Wake Forest 2, San Diego State 2, **WISCONSIN** 1.

**NET RANKINGS**

2023-24 Final - April 8, 2024

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Connecticut	37-3
2.	Houston	32-5
3.	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>34-5</b>
4.	Arizona	27-9
5.	Tennessee	27-9
6.	Iowa State	29-8
7.	Auburn	27-8
8.	North Carolina	29-8
9.	Duke	27-9
10.	Alabama	25-12
11.	Creighton	25-10
12.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>29-9</b>
13.	Marquette	27-10
14.	Gonzaga	26-8
15.	BYU	23-11
16.	Baylor	23-11
17.	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	25-8
18.	San Diego State	24-11
19.	<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<b>22-14</b>
20.	Kentucky	23-10
21.	Kansas	22-11
22.	<b>MICHIGAN STATE</b>	<b>20-15</b>
23.	Clemson	24-12
24.	Dayton	25-8
25.	Colorado	26-11
35.	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>23-11</b>
51.	<b>NORTHWESTERN</b>	<b>22-12</b>
52.	<b>OHIO STATE</b>	<b>22-14</b>
54.	<b>OREGON</b>	<b>24-12</b>
61.	<b>IOWA</b>	<b>19-15</b>
69.	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>17-15</b>
77.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>16-17</b>
84.	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>19-15</b>
85.	<b>PENN STATE</b>	<b>16-17</b>
87.	<b>USC</b>	<b>15-18</b>
96.	<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>19-14</b>
102.	<b>RUTGERS</b>	<b>15-17</b>
106.	<b>UCLA</b>	<b>15-17</b>
130.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>8-24</b>

**2023-24 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Points	
1. Zach Edey, PUR.....	983
2. Terrence Shannon Jr., ILL.....	736
3. Keion Brooks Jr., WASH.....	674
4. Jahmir Young, MD.....	652
5. Boo Buie, NU.....	646
Rebounds	
1. Zach Edey, PUR.....	474
2. Julian Reese, MD.....	303
3. Kefel Ware, IND.....	296
4. Clifford Omoruyi, RUT.....	267
5. Steven Crowl, WIS.....	261
Assists	
1. Braden Smith, PUR.....	292
2. Elijah Hawkins, MINN.....	247
3. Ace Baldwin, Jr., PSU.....	199
4. Sahvir Wheeler, WASH.....	188
5. A.J. Hoggard, MSU.....	183
Steals	
1. Ace Baldwin, Jr., PSU.....	88
2. Chucky Hepburn, WIS.....	73
3. Kobe Johnson, USC.....	68
4. Tyson Walker, MSU.....	64
5. Braden Smith, PUR.....	62
Blocks	
1. Clifford Omoruyi, RUT.....	93
2. Zach Edey, PUR.....	84
3. Felix Okpara, OSU.....	83
4. Joshua Morgan, USC.....	71
5. Owen Freeman, IOWA.....	61

**2023-24 TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Points	
1. Purdue.....	3,211
2. Illinois.....	3,168
3. Iowa.....	2,827
4. Oregon.....	2,721
5. Ohio State.....	2,718
Rebounds	
1. Purdue.....	1,577
2. Illinois.....	1,554
3. Ohio State.....	1,335
4. Nebraska.....	1,280
5. Oregon.....	1,238
Assists	
1. Purdue.....	720
2. Iowa.....	606
3. Minnesota.....	588
4. Michigan State.....	558
5. Northwestern.....	530
Steals	
1. Penn State.....	275
2. Oregon.....	258
3. Michigan State.....	248
4. Rutgers.....	247
USC.....	247
Blocks	
1. USC.....	172
2. Rutgers.....	167
3. Ohio State.....	166
4. Minnesota.....	150
5. Maryland.....	149

**BIG TEN COMMUNICATIONS**

The Big Ten understands the importance of working with the media to provide coverage for both the conference and its member institutions. We will make our best efforts to fulfill reasonable requests made by media outlets.

**BIGTEN.ORG**

The Big Ten Conference's official website - BigTen.org - is the source for complete conference basketball information. The site is updated daily with statistics, standings, notes and other important information.

**Big Ten Release**

The Big Ten's men's basketball release will be available every Tuesday during the nonconference portion of the season, then on Tuesday and Friday during conference play. It will be available on BigTen.org and through the Big Ten Men's Basketball email distribution list. Accredited media may register for the Big Ten men's basketball email list by contacting the Big Ten Communications staff or visiting BigTen.org/Media.

**Weekly Awards**

The Big Ten will name a Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week each Monday of the season. The weekly award winner will be announced on BigTen.org, the weekly release, and on social media. Nominations for the awards are made each week by the men's basketball communications contacts and selected by a vote of the Big Ten Communications staff.

**Postseason Awards**

All-Big Ten awards, as determined by the coaches and media, will be announced on March 12, 2024. The awards list includes First, Second, and Third All-Big Ten Teams and Honorable Mention, All-Freshman and All-Defensive Team, Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Sixth Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and the Howard Moore Assistant Coach of the Year.

**2025 Big Ten Tournament**

The 2025 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament will take place March 12-16 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind. For more information, please visit BigTen.org or contact David Howell, Associate Director, Communications (dhowell@bigten.org).

NATIONAL POLLS - AP/USA TODAY

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	ORE	OSU	PSU	PUR	RU	UCLA	USC	WASH	WIS
Preseason	RV/24	17/18	-/-	-/RV	RV/-	RV/RV	-/-	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	-/-	14/13	25/RV	22/22	-/-	-/-	RV/RV
Nov. 11																		

2024-25 BIG TEN CONFERENCE TEAM VS. TEAM RESULTS

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	ORE	PSU	PUR	RUT	UCLA	USC	WASH	WIS
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2025 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TIE BREAKER PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT SEEDING

- Teams shall be seeded No. 1 through No. 15 in the tournament bracket based on the final regular-season Conference standings.
- A team's seed shall correspond to its regular-season finish (i.e., the champion shall be the No. 1 seed, the runnerup the No. 2 seed, etc.).
- Teams that finished Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the regular-season shall receive a "bye" through the first two rounds.
- In case of a tie for any place finish in the regular-season standings, the following tie-breaking procedure shall be followed in order to seed teams in the tournament bracket:

A. Ties Involving Two Teams:

- Results of head-to-head competition during the regular season.
- Each team's record vs. the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings (or in the case of a tie for the championship, the next highest position in the regular-season standings), continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
  - When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
  - When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group are unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1, but 2-0 is not better than 1-0 or 0-0).
- Won-loss percentage of all Division I opponents.
- Highest NET ranking of the teams. NET ranking of the previous week to be utilized.

B. Ties Involving more than Two Teams:

- Results of head-to-head competition during the regular season.
  - When comparing records against the tied teams, teams will be seeded based on winning percentage among the group, even if the number of games played against the team or group are unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1, but 2-0 is not better than 1-0 or 0-0). If all teams among the group are separated based on winning percentage, all ties are broken. If winning percentage among the group for any tied teams is equal, move to step b with those specific tied teams only (e.g. if there is a four-team tie, one Team is 4-0, another is 3-1 and the last two are 2-2 among the group, the two teams that are 2-2 move to step b and the teams that are 4-0 and 3-1 assume the next two available highest seeds).
 

Note: Teams can be separated from the top, middle or bottom.
  - If a team or teams are separated from the group based on step a, seeding for remaining teams among the group is not determined by head-to-head record vs. the remaining teams, but rather by taking all remaining teams to next tiebreaker.
- If the remaining teams are still tied, then each tied team's record shall be compared to the team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings, continuing down through the standings until one team gains an advantage.
  - When arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures), rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
  - When comparing records against a single team or group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against the team or group are unequal (i.e., 2-0 is better than 3-1, but 2-0 is not better than 1-0 or 0-0).
- Won-loss percentage of Division I opponents.
- Highest NET ranking of the teams. NET ranking of the previous week to be utilized.

BIG TEN on SIRIUS XM RADIO

Big Ten Conference men's basketball will be prominently featured around the world on SiriusXM satellite radio, primarily on the network's Big Ten Radio Channel 372 and ESPNU Radio Channel 84, along with its alternate Big Ten channels (195/196) and online via the SXM App. Live game broadcasts featuring Big Ten member institutions, as well as weekly interviews with student-athletes, coaches, administrators and other newsmakers around the conference offer an unprecedented degree exposure for Big Ten men's basketball. Visit [siriusxm.com](http://siriusxm.com) for more information.

NOTE: All times Eastern and subject to change... games listed are those in which at least one Big Ten school broadcast is featured... for added Big Ten games that do not include Big Ten school broadcasts, or any late changes to the SiriusXM schedule, please visit [siriusxm.com](http://siriusxm.com).

BIG TEN on SIRIUS XM RADIO

The Big Ten men's basketball page on BigTen.org will feature notes, recaps, statistics, standings and more. You can also keep track of Big Ten men's basketball in real time by following the conference on Twitter @B1GMBB and @BigTen or becoming a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook to receive exclusive updates.



## BIG TEN X ABBOTT - THE WE GIVE BLOOD DRIVE

Every season we give it everything we have. We give our strength, we give our souls and so much more – it's in our blood. And now we can give that too. This season, Abbott and the Big Ten are pitting school against school in the largest blood donation competition of our lifetime to fight the largest blood shortage in a generation.

Want your school to win? Then don't give up. Give blood. Every donation scores one point for your school on the leaderboard.











The winning school will receive \$1 million to advance student or community health.

Individual donors will be offered a free one month subscription to B1G+ and will be entered to win a trip to the 2024 Discover® Big Ten Football Championship Game on December 7, 2024.

Students will be able to donate at mobile blood drives on campus, and alumni, fans and students alike can donate at blood donation centers across the country. Results will be tracked in real time at [BigTen.Org/Abbott](https://BigTen.Org/Abbott) after donors attribute donations to their favorite school.

### BIG TEN DONATION LEADERBOARD

*(as of Nov. 3)*

	UNIVERSITY	LIVES SAVED	DONORS
	Nebraska	6651	2217
	Wisconsin	3450	1150
	UCLA	2544	848
	Iowa	2103	701
	Michigan	2070	690
	Ohio State	1845	615
	Michigan State	1734	578
	Purdue	1614	538
	Illinois	1575	525
	Indiana	1377	459

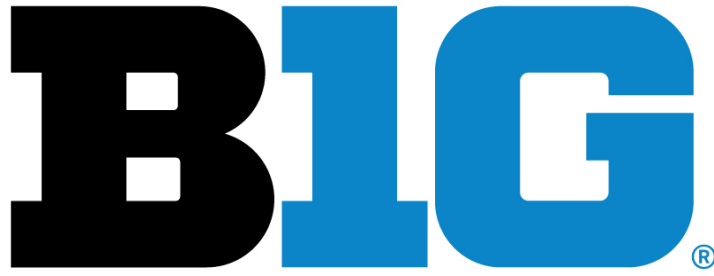
### BIG TEN CONFERENCE

**31,839**

**LIVES SAVED**

**10,613**

**DONORS**



**Big Life. Big Stage. Big Ten.**

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 18 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 90 universities in the nation according to the 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including 10 in the top 40.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,900 Academic All-Americans, including 80 honorees during the 2023-24 academic year.

Big Ten Academic Alliance schools annually conduct \$17 billion in funded research.

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

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 26 of the last 30 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span.

Since the 2005-06 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 119 team national championships in 26 different sports.

### **BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING**

Big Ten institutions support 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.

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.

Nearly 2,000 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 600 medals, including more than 200 gold. The Big Ten Conference enjoyed its finest performance at a single Olympic Games during the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France, as athletes with Big Ten ties set conference records by earning 98 total medals and 27 gold medals during the 17-day competition, surpassing the previous mark of 51 medals at the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo, Japan. All 18 Big Ten member schools were represented at the 2024 Summer Games, competing for 64 nations in 17 sports.

### **PASSIONATE FOLLOWING**

The Big Ten leads all conferences with 9.4 million alumni and nearly 823,000 students.

Big Ten men's and women's basketball combined for 4.3 million fans in their home arenas throughout the 2023-24 season and paced the nation in total attendance. Volleyball Day in Nebraska attracted 92,003 fans, the largest attendance in women's sports history. All seven of the Big Ten ice hockey teams also ranked in the top 15 nationally in average attendance.

In 2023-24, Big Ten women's basketball programs set ratings records on seven different networks – BTN, FOX, FS1, NBC, Peacock, ESPN and CBS.

### **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.

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.

Twenty years after adding instant replay in 2004, announced a state-of-the-art replay center, featuring 18 dedicated replay bays and six dedicated medical observation stations.

Championed new legislation for football permitting coach-to-player helmet communication and the use of sideline video by student-athletes, and coaches, both of which were introduced in the fall of 2024.

### **EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE**

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

BTN reaches nearly 50 million homes and is also available via the Fox Sports App, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. B1G+ streams more than 2,000 additional events each season.

### **COMMUNITY & IMPACT**

The Big Ten Conference is dedicated to making a lasting impact on the communities where its major events are held. In recent years, the conference has hosted sports clinics, renovated recreation centers and given elementary-aged children the chance to experience major Big Ten events.

Around the Big Ten Football Championship Game and Basketball Tournaments, the conference focuses on creating meaningful improvements, aiming to leave each location better than it was found.

Moving forward, the Big Ten will continue to collaborate with the College Football Playoff Foundation, local sports organizations and school district foundations to enhance spaces for teachers and children and provide educational opportunities for youth.