



# BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY REPORT • MARCH 1, 2024

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## 2023-24 BIG TEN STANDINGS

School	Big Ten Conference				Overall							
	W-L	Pct.	Home	Away	W-L	Pct.	PF-PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak	Last 10
Purdue	14-3	.824	8-0	6-3	25-3	.893	2,375-1,962	14-0	6-3	5-0	W2	9-1
Illinois	12-5	.706	8-1	4-4	21-7	.750	2,367-2,040	15-2	4-5	2-0	W2	7-3
Northwestern	11-6	.647	8-0	3-6	20-8	.714	2,078-1,932	14-1	4-6	2-1	W3	7-3
Wisconsin	10-7	.588	7-1	3-6	18-10	.643	2,076-1,928	13-2	3-8	2-0	L1	4-6
Nebraska	10-8	.556	9-0	1-8	20-9	.690	2,228-2,023	17-1	2-8	1-0	L1	6-4
Michigan State	9-8	.529	6-3	3-5	17-11	.607	2,083-1,848	13-4	3-5	1-2	L2	6-4
Iowa	9-9	.500	6-3	3-6	17-12	.586	2,428-2,284	13-3	3-8	1-1	W1	6-4
Minnesota	8-9	.471	6-2	2-7	17-11	.607	2,147-1,989	15-3	2-7	0-1	L2	5-5
Penn State	8-10	.444	5-3	2-7	14-15	.483	2,198-2,160	11-4	2-7	1-4	L1	5-5
Indiana	7-10	.412	5-4	2-6	15-13	.536	2,041-2,100	11-5	2-6	2-2	W1	3-7
Rutgers	7-10	.412	5-4	2-6	15-13	.536	1,868-1,846	12-4	3-7	0-2	W1	5-5
Ohio State	7-11	.389	6-3	1-8	17-12	.586	2,151-2,026	12-4	1-8	4-0	W2	4-6
Maryland	7-11	.389	4-5	3-6	15-14	.517	2,010-1,868	11-5	4-7	0-2	L1	4-6
Michigan	3-15	.167	2-7	1-7	8-21	.276	2,146-2,293	5-9	1-8	2-4	L6	1-9

### RECENT GAME RECAPS

#### Indiana 74, Wisconsin 70 (Tuesday, Feb. 27)

The Hoosiers overcame a blown 15-point first half lead and road a 27 point, 11 rebound performance from Kel'el Ware to put an end to their four-game losing streak. Ware shot 8-8 from the floor for 18 points in the game's first 14 minutes, but Indiana's 15-point advantage slid to 38-33 after Max Klesmit's lay-up beat the halftime buzzer. The Badgers completed their comeback in the second half, leveling the score and taking several slim leads. Tyler Wahl's jumper at the 2:06 mark gave Wisconsin its final lead at 70-68, but Trey Galloway evened the score on Indiana's next possession. Galloway found Malik Reneau for the game-winning lay-up with just under a minute to play, as the Hoosiers held Wisconsin scoreless over the game's final two minutes. Reneau and Mackenzie Mgbako finished the night with 14 points, while Galloway handed out 12 assists. Five Badgers scored in double figures, led by Chuckey Hepburn, who tallied 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists, all team highs.

#### Iowa 90, Penn State 81 (Tuesday, Feb. 27)

Payton Sandfort tallied 26 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists to record the first triple-double in program history, as the Hawkeyes topped Penn State 90-81. Iowa jumped to an early lead, opening the game on a 16-4 run and leading by as many as 17 points in the first half. After trailing 47-39 at the break, the Nittany Lions rallied early in the second half, pulling to within 51-49 early in the second half. Minutes later, the Hawkeyes used a 10-0 spurt to build a comfortable 73-58 lead with 10:49 to play. Sandfort netted 21 of his career-high 26 points in the second half, connecting on all 13 of his second half free throw attempts. Josh Dix hit 8-10 from the floor, en route to 20 points, as four Hawkeyes scored in double figures. Qudus Wahab led the Nittany Lions with 18 points, while RayQuawndis Mitchell added 16 points in 14 minutes off the bench.

#### Northwestern 68, Maryland 61 (Wednesday, Feb. 28)

Nick Martinelli scored a career high 27 points and Brooks Barnhizer recorded a double-double, as the Wildcats scored their first sweep of Maryland since the Terps joined the Big Ten in 2012. Northwestern used a 13-1 run late in the first half to build a slim lead it would carry into the halftime break. The Wildcats' lead ranged from 3-7 points for most of the second half, growing as high as 10 points. Northwestern relied on a stifling defensive effort, one that held the Terrapins to just 19 percent shooting in the first half and 2-22 from three-point range on the night. Barnhizer paired 14 points, including 10-10 from the free throw line, and 10 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season. Jahmir Young paced Maryland with 24 points and six assists, while DeShawn Harris-Smith and Julian Reese combined for 26 points and 10 rebounds.

#### Illinois 107, Minnesota 97 (Wednesday, Feb. 28)

The Illini outlasted Gophers in a contest that featured 20 lead changes, 10 double figure scorers and 202 total points. Dawson Garcia gave Minnesota its final lead of the night with a pair of free throws that put the visitors ahead 63-62 with 14:15 to play. Terrence Shannon Jr.'s jumper on the ensuing possession put Illinois ahead for good. The game remained within Minnesota's reach until an 11-2 run put the Illini ahead 91-79 with just over five minutes to play. While both teams shot north of 60 percent from the floor and combined for just nine turnovers, Minnesota shot a blistering 70 percent (14-20) from three-point range. Shannon led Illinois with 29 points, while Marcus Domask and Coleman Hawkins added 22 and 20 points, respectively. All five Gophers scored in double figures, led by Garcia's 29 points and 23 from Cam Christie. Elijah Hawkins added a double-double with 10 points and 12 assists.

#### Ohio State 78, Nebraska 69 (Thursday, Feb. 29)

Jamison Battle scored a career-high 32 points, as the Buckeyes topped Nebraska for their third win in four games under interim head coach Jake Diebler. Both teams led by as many as seven points in the first half, but trailing 34-27 with 4:47 to play in the first half, the Buckeyes outscored the Huskers 12-3 to take a 39-37 lead into the halftime break. Ohio State's run continued into the second half, as its lead swelled to 46-37 four minutes into the second half. Nebraska pulled within two points several times in the half, including after a pair of Juwan Gary free throws with 3:52 to play, but the Buckeyes scored the next nine points to build a 78-67 advantage with 52 seconds to play. Roddy Gayle notched his first career double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Devin Royal scored 13 points. Rienk Mast and Jamarques Lawrence scored 14 points each for the Huskers, while Mast secured a game-high 12 rebounds.

#### Rutgers 82, Michigan 52 (Thursday, Feb. 29)

The Scarlet Knights put forth a complete team effort in Thursday's victory over Michigan, as Rutgers scored its first ever season sweep over the Wolverines and third consecutive win over Michigan. The Scarlet Knights ran out to a 14-1 lead and never looked back. Rutgers shot north of 55 percent from the field in the first half and cruised to a 41-26 lead at the half. The Scarlet Knights held Michigan to its fewest points of the season and its fewest in a Big Ten game in six years. Clifford Omoruyi and Jeremiah Williams scored 19 points each to lead four Scarlet Knights in double figures and combined to shoot 18-23 from the field. Omoruyi also secured 15 rebounds, his conference season high. Dug McDaniel led Michigan with 13 points, while Tarris Reed Jr. paired 12 points and eight rebounds.

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### Friday, March 1

No games

#### Saturday, March 2

#13/16 Illinois at RV Wisconsin	1 p.m.	BTN
Penn State at Minnesota	3:15 p.m.	BTN
Iowa at RV Northwestern	5:30 p.m.	BTN
Michigan State at #2/3 Purdue	8 p.m.	FOX

#### Sunday, March 3

Indiana at Maryland	2 p.m.	CBS
Michigan at Ohio State	4 p.m.	CBS
Rutgers at RV Nebraska	6:30 p.m.	BTN

#### Monday, March 4

No games

#### Tuesday, March 5

#2/3 Purdue at #13/16 Illinois	7 p.m.	Peacock
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#### Wednesday, March 6

Northwestern at Michigan State	7 p.m.	BTN
Indiana at Minnesota	9 p.m.	BTN

#### Thursday, March 7

Rutgers at RV Wisconsin	7 p.m.	FS1
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#### Friday, March 8

No games

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

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

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**BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.**

- Four Big Ten players have been named to the USBWA National Player of the Year and All-America Watch List, the organization announced on Tuesday afternoon. Illinois' Terrence Shannon Jr., Northwestern's Boo Buie, and Purdue's Zach Edey and Braden Smith were included among the 40 names on the watch list. The organization will announce its All-America Team prior to the start of the NCAA Tournament, while its Oscar Robertson National Player of the Year will be announced at the Final Four.
- Purdue head coach Matt Painter has been named to the Werner Ladder Naismith Men's Coach of the Year Watch List Presented by AXIA Time, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced on Friday. Painter is one of 15 coaches named to this year's list. Painter also was a Naismith finalist in 2008 and 2023 and a semifinalist 2018, 2019. The list of 15 will be whittled to 10 national semifinalists on March 15, with four finalists to be announced on March 25. The Winner will be announced on April 7.
- Former Wisconsin men's basketball head coach Bo Ryan has been named one of 14 finalists for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2024, as announced by the Hall of Fame's on Friday afternoon. The winningest coach in Wisconsin history with a record of 364-130 (.737), Ryan led the Badgers to seven Big Ten championships. Ryan guided UW to 14 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, including seven Sweet 16s, three Elite Eights, back-to-back Final Fours and the 2015 national championship game. Ryan received four Big Ten Coach of the Year honors.
- MILESTONE WATCH... Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo is on a short countdown to coaching his 1,000th career game. With five more games on the Michigan State bench, Izzo will join a club that included just 12 active coaches at the beginning of the season.
- Five teams were included in this week's AP and USA Today Coaches polls, released on Monday. Purdue moved up one spot to No. 2 on the AP poll, while remaining at No. 3 according to the coaches. Illinois fell one spot to No. 13 in the AP list and slid to No. 16 in the USA Today poll. Wisconsin continued to receive votes in both polls and was joined by Nebraska and Northwestern.
- Purdue's Zach Edey was named Men's Basketball Player of the Week presented by Air National Guard for the week of Feb.19-25, 2024. Edey broke a tie with Ohio State's Evan Turner with his 11th career Player of the Week honor, while his six honors this season are one shy of Turner's mark from 2009-10. Edey averaged 30 points on 80.8 percent shooting from the field and 11 rebounds as No. 2/3 Purdue claimed a pair of wins last week. The center shot 7-8 from the field and 11-11 from the free throw line for 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds in 27 minutes of a 96-68 win over Rutgers and closed the week with 35 points 14-18 shooting from the floor with 15 rebounds, including eight on the offensive glass, in an 84-76 win at Michigan.
- Indiana freshman Mackenzie Mgbako claimed his second Freshman of the Year honor after averaging 14.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in a pair of Hoosier losses last week. Mgbako scored a game-high 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds in an 85-70 loss to Nebraska.

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**2023-24 TEAM VS. TEAM RESULTS**

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	RUT	WIS
ILL	--	W W		L W	W W	W L	W	W	W L	W	L	L	W W	
IND	L L	--	W	W	W		W	L L	L	W W	L L	L L	L	L W
IOWA		L	--	L L	L W	W	W W	W			L W	L L	W	L W
MD	W L	L	W W	--	W	L L	L	W	L L	L	W	L	L W	L
MICH	L L	L	W L	L	--	L L	L	L	L	W	L	L L	L L	W
MSU	L W		L	W W	W W	--	W L	L	L	L	W W		W	L L
MINN	L	L	L L	W	W	L W	--	W L	W	L W	W	L	W	L
NEB	L	W W	L	L	W	W	L W	--	W L	W L	W	W	L	L W
NU	L W	W		W W	W	W	L	L W	--	W	W W	W L	L	L
OSU	L	L L		W	L	W	W L	L	L W	--	L W	W	W	L L
PSU	W	W W	W L	L	W	L L	L	L	L L	W L	--	L	W	W
PUR	W	W W	W W	W	W W		W	L	L W	L	W	--	W W	W
RUT	L L	W	L	W L	W W	L	L	W	W	L	L	L L	--	W
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**AROUND THE BIG TEN**

**Illinois:** The Illini's 105 points in Thursday's win over Minnesota marked the program's most in a game since scoring 106 against St. Francis (Pa.) on Dec. 18, 2021 and its most against a conference foe in regulation for the first time since Jan. 19, 1994, when the Illini tallied a 105-90 win over Iowa. It was the first time the program has reached the century mark in Big Ten play since Feb. 3, 2016, when Illinois scored 110 points in a triple-overtime win at Rutgers.

**Indiana:** Kel'el Ware recorded his 12th double-double of the season with 27 points (on 11-of-12 shooting) and 11 rebounds to go with a career-high in five blocks in the Hoosiers' 74-70 win over Wisconsin on Tuesday. He becomes the second player this season in Division I College Basketball (Johni Broome, Auburn) to record at least 20 points, 10 rebounds, and five blocked shots in a game.

**Iowa:** Payton Sandfort posted the first triple-double in program history, finishing with 26 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists and three blocks in a win over Penn State on Feb. 27. It was the first 25-10-10-3 game in regulation since Marquette's Dwyane Wade did so against top-ranked Kentucky in the 2003 NCAA Tournament. Iowa is the only Division I school in the last 25 years to have a 25-point triple-double by a women's player (Caitlin Clark) and men's player (Payton) in the same season.

**Maryland:** Julian Reese is the only Division I player averaging 10 points, 9.7 rebounds, 1.9 blocks and one steal this season. In the last 25 years, the only other Big Ten player to put up these numbers was Michigan State's Xavier Tillman in 2019-20. He is also one of two players in the Big Ten to have over 350 points, 275 rebounds and 50 blocks this season.

**Michigan:** Dug McDaniel has scored in double figures in 19 of his 20 games this season and has led the Wolverines in scoring the entire season at 16.8 points per game, up from 8.6 points during his freshman campaign. McDaniel leads Michigan with six games of 20-plus points and two of 30-plus, while also leading the squad with 4.7 assists and 32.5 minutes per game.

**Michigan State:** A.J. Hoggard is one of just seven players in Michigan State history with at least 1,000 points and 500 career assists. He joins a group that includes Cassius Winston, Mateen Cleaves, Scott Skiles, Denzel Valentine, Drew Neitzel and Kalin Lucas. He is also just one of three Michigan State players since 1992-93 with at least 1,000 points, 500 assists and 300 rebounds in their careers, joining Denzel Valentine (1,645/639/855) and Cassius Winston (1,969/890/374).

**Minnesota:** In Wednesday's 105-97 loss at Illinois, the Gophers shot 60 percent from the field, including 70 percent (14-20) from three and committed just five turnovers. Of the 300,000 games across the NBA, WNBA, and Division I men and women over the last 25 seasons, last night was the only time a team has scored more than 95 points, shot over 70 percent from three point range, and committed five or fewer turnovers.

**Nebraska:** Nebraska enters Thursday's game with a 20-9 record, which matches the Huskers' best 28-game mark since joining the Big Ten in the 2011-12 season (also 19-8

in 2017-18). The last time NU had a better record after 28 games was a 23-5 mark in 1990-91. This is the seventh time in school history the program has recorded 20 wins in a season. The program has increased its win total in each of the past three years, the first time that has happened in the program since the mid-1960s (1963-64 to 1965-66).

**Northwestern:** Northwestern reached 20 or more wins in a season for the second straight campaign and just the sixth time in program history. Over the last two seasons, the Wildcats have won 23 Big Ten Conference games, their most ever in back-to-back seasons in school history, surpassing 20 wins over the 1930-31 and 1931-32 seasons. NU has tallied 10+ league wins in consecutive seasons for the 1st time in school history and secured a .500 or better conference record for the fourth time in the last 56 years: 1967-68 (8-6), 2016-17 (10-8), 2022-23 (12-8) and 2023-24 (11-6).

**Ohio State:** Last season, Ohio State was one of the least experienced teams in the country in terms of games played. This season, they are one of the youngest in terms of age. According to research compiled by Dave Musil at St. Francis, Ohio State's average of 20.15 at the start of the season is tied for the 11th youngest roster in the country and the youngest in the Big Ten. None of Ohio State's 24 scheduled opponents were in the Top 20.

**Penn State:** The Nittany Lions have scored at least 80 points in each of its last three games, marking the first time since Penn State joined the Big Ten (1992-93 season; 32 years) that the team has done so. Penn State has also scored 80 or more points 10 times this season, seven of which have come in Big Ten play. If the Nittany Lions score 80+ once more in conference play, it will break the school record in B1G era. The only other time Penn State has scored 80+ seven or more times in Big Ten play was in the 2020-2021 season.

**Purdue:** A year ago, Purdue shot 32.2 percent from 3-point range, a number that ranked 281st nationally. Braden Smith was the only player on the team to shoot over 36.0 percent from deep. This year, the Boilermakers shoot at a 40.2 percent clip, ranking third nationally, with nine players over 36.0 percent.

**Rutgers:** Clifford Omoruyi leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the country with 87 total blocks and 3.11 blocked shots per game. He is 22 blocks ahead of the second place shot blocker in the league and six blocks away from recording the most blocks in the Big Ten since 2018. He is just the fourth Big Ten player to reach 85+ blocks in a season since 2009.

**Wisconsin:** Wisconsin boasts one of the nation's best offenses, ranking 19th in the NCAA in offensive efficiency per KenPom.com. UW's 119.1 adjusted offensive efficiency is on pace to go down as the school's 4th-highest mark since KenPom began tracking in 1999. Wisconsin's scoring average this season (74.1 ppg) is on pace for its highest scoring average since 1993-94 when they put up 77.9 ppg. That team was led by NBA All-Star Michael Finley in Stu Jackson's final season as coach.

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The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,900 Academic All-Americans, including a Big Ten-record 51 honorees during the 2022-23 academic year.

NATIONAL POLLS

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February 26

Rk.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Houston (53)	24-3	1,540
2.	<b>PURDUE (4)</b>	<b>25-3</b>	<b>1,460</b>
3.	Connecticut (5)	25-3	1,459
4.	Tennessee	21-6	1,338
5.	Marquette	21-6	1,243
6.	Arizona	21-6	1,188
7.	Kansas	21-6	1,156
8.	Iowa State	21-6	1,155
9.	North Carolina	21-6	1,130
10.	Duke	21-6	976
11.	Auburn	21-6	862
12.	Creighton	20-8	738
13.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>20-7</b>	<b>726</b>
14.	Alabama	19-8	695
15.	Baylor	19-8	689
16.	Kentucky	19-8	649
17.	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	23-6	646
18.	South Carolina	22-5	471
19.	Washington State	21-7	361
20.	San Diego State	21-7	305
21.	Dayton	21-5	261
22.	Utah State	22-5	207
23.	Gonzaga	22-6	184
24.	Florida	19-8	140
25.	South Florida	21-5	127

Others receiving votes:  
 BYU 92, Texas Tech 65, Clemson 45, TCU 45, Wake Forest 44, **WISCONSIN 42**, Nevada 25, Colorado St. 20, Arizona St 17, New Mexico 10, FAU 8, Oklahoma 7, **NEBRASKA 7**, Mississippi St. 5, Washington 4, Appalachian St 3, **NORTHWESTERN 1**, Boise St. 1, McNeese St. 1, Indiana St 1, Loyola Chicago 1.

USA TODAY COACHES

February 26

Rk.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Houston (25)	24-3	791
2.	Connecticut (3)	25-3	756
3.	<b>PURDUE (4)</b>	<b>25-3</b>	<b>755</b>
4.	Tennessee	21-6	698
5.	Marquette	21-6	616
6.	Iowa State	21-6	605
7.	Arizona	21-6	597
8.	North Carolina	21-6	589
9.	Kansas	21-6	582
10.	Duke	21-6	461
11.	Auburn	21-6	426
12.	Creighton	20-8	412
13.	Alabama	19-8	372
14.	Baylor	19-8	353
15.	Kentucky	19-8	351
16.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>20-7</b>	<b>348</b>
17.	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	23-6	332
18.	South Carolina	22-5	214
19.	San Diego State	21-7	153
20.	Dayton	21-5	152
21.	Washington State	21-7	149
22.	Gonzaga	22-6	132
23.	Utah State	22-5	114
24.	Florida	19-8	98
25.	South Florida	21-5	57

Others receiving votes:  
 BYU 53; Wake Forest 51; TCU 36; Texas Tech 35; **WISCONSIN 20**; Oklahoma 19; Clemson 15; Nevada 14; Virginia 10; **NEBRASKA 8**; App State 8; Seton Hall 7; **NORTHWESTERN 3**; Loyola Chicago 3; James Madison 2; Indiana State 2; Boise State 1.

NET RANKINGS

Through games on February 26

Rk.	Team	Record
1.	Houston	25-3
2.	<b>PURDUE</b>	<b>25-3</b>
3.	Arizona	22-6
4.	Connecticut	25-3
5.	Tennessee	22-6
6.	Alabama	20-8
7.	Auburn	21-7
8.	Iowa State	21-6
9.	North Carolina	22-6
10.	BYU	20-8
11.	Marquette	22-6
12.	Creighton	21-8
13.	Duke	22-6
14.	Baylor	19-8
15.	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	23-6
16.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>21-7</b>
17.	Kansas	20-7
18.	San Diego State	20-7
19.	Gonzaga	22-6
20.	Kentucky	20-8
21.	Dayton	22-5
22.	<b>WISCONSIN</b>	<b>18-10</b>
23.	Clemson	20-8
24.	<b>MICHIGAN STATE</b>	<b>17-11</b>
25.	New Mexico	20-7

Other Big Ten Teams  
 43. NEBRASKA 20-9  
 48. NORTHWESTERN 20-8  
 60. IOWA 17-12  
 63. OHIO STATE 17-12  
 70. MARYLAND 15-14  
 76. MINNESOTA 17-11  
 90. RUTGERS 15-13  
 95. PENN STATE 14-15  
 105. INDIANA 15-13  
 129. MICHIGAN 8-21

2023-24 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points

1.	Zach Edey, PUR	664
2.	Jahmir Young, MD	585
3.	Boo Buie, NU	521
4.	Tyson Walker, MSU	489
5.	Terrence Shannon Jr., ILL	482

Rebounds

1.	Zach Edey, PUR	331
2.	Julian Reese, MD	281
3.	Clifford Omoruyi, RUT	248
4.	Kel'el Ware, IND	237
5.	Qudus Wahab, PSU	219

Assists

1.	Braden Smith, PUR	203
	Elijah Hawkins, MINN	203
3.	Ace Baldwin Jr., PSU	168
4.	Boo Buie, NU	146
5.	A.J. Hoggard, MSU	141

Steals

1.	Ace Baldwin Jr., PSU	79
2.	Chucky Hepburn, WIS	56
3.	Brooks Barnhizer, NU	51
	Tyson Walker, MSU	51
5.	Braden Smith, PUR	49

Blocked Shots

1.	Clifford Omoruyi, RUT	87
2.	Felix Okpara, OSU	65
3.	Zach Edey, PUR	61
4.	Julian Reese, MD	56
5.	Owen Freeman, IOWA	51

2023-24 TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

Points

1.	Iowa	2,428
2.	Purdue	2,375
3.	Illinois	2,367
4.	Nebraska	2,228
5.	Penn State	2,198

Rebounds

1.	Illinois	1,172
2.	Purdue	1,146
3.	Nebraska	1,099
4.	Maryland	1,057
5.	Ohio State	1,055

Assists

1.	Purdue	514
2.	Iowa	510
3.	Minnesota	499
4.	Michigan State	467
5.	Nebraska	447

Steals

1.	Penn State	251
2.	Rutgers	211
3.	Iowa	210
4.	Michigan State	200
	Northwestern	200

Blocked Shots

1.	Rutgers	151
2.	Maryland	137
3.	Ohio State	129
4.	Minnesota	126
5.	Iowa	112

NATIONAL POLLS - AP/USA TODAY

Wk.	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	RU	WIS
Pre.	25/RV	RV/RV	-	RV/RV	-	4/4	-	-	-	-RV	-	3/2	-	RV/RV
11/13	23/23	-	-	-	RV/RV	18/19	-	-	-	-	-	2/2	-	RV/RV
11/20	RV/22	-	-RV	-	RV/-	21/19	-	-	-	-	-	2/2	-	-
11/27	24/24	-	-	-	-	RV/25	-	RV/-	-	-RV	-	1/1	-	-
12/4	20/18	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	RV/RV	RV/25	-	4/4	-	23/RV
12/11	16/16	-RV	-	-	-	-	-	-	25/RV	RV/RV	-	34	-	23/23
12/18	13/11	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-RV	RV/-	RV/RV	-	1/1	-	24/24
12/26	11/11	-RV	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	RV/-	RV/RV	-	1/1	-	23/23
1/1	9/8	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-RV	RV/-	RV/RV	-	1/1	-	21/20
1/8	10/10	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	RV/RV	-RV	-	1/1	-	15/15
1/15	14/14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-RV	-	-	-	2/2	-	11/8
1/22	10/11	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	-	-	-	2/2	-	13/10
1/29	14/14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-RV	-	-	2/2	-	6/6
2/5	10/12	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	-RV	-	-	2/2	-	11/9
2/12	14/14	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	2/2	-	20/21
2/19	12/12	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	-	-	-	-	-	3/3	-	RV/RV
2/26	13/16	-	-	-	-	-	-	RV/RV	RV/RV	-	-	2/3	-	RV/RV
3/4														
3/11														
FINAL														

rv—receiving votes

MEN'S BASKETBALL INDEX

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	RU	WIS
NET	16	105	60	70	129	24	76	43	48	63	95	2	90	22
KPI	19	78	68	90	121	44	97	31	30	51	100	1	83	21
SOR	14	70	54	89	139	44	71	26	19	73	104	1	78	23
BPI	11	104	48	50	117	18	77	38	37	60	96	2	91	22
Kenpom	13	101	50	48	119	21	66	38	42	57	92	2	88	23
Q1	4-5	2-8	2-8	2-8	3-12	4-7	1-7	4-7	5-5	3-6	2-8	9-3	3-9	6-6
Q2	5-2	4-4	5-3	4-3	1-5	4-4	6-3	3-2	5-2	2-5	4-4	6-0	3-3	6-4
Q3	7-0	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-3	5-0	1-1	6-0	4-0	7-1	3-2	7-0	2-1	2-0
Q4	5-0	6-0	6-0	7-0	1-1	4-0	9-0	7-0	6-1	5-0	5-1	3-0	7-0	4-0

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Every Big Ten Academic Alliance institution ranks among the top 70 universities in the nation according to the 2022 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 30.

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS								
Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Brad Underwood, ILL	11th	7th	244-113	.683	135-86	.611	78-57	.578
Mike Woodson, IND	3rd	3rd	59-39	.602	59-39	.602	28-31	.475
Fran McCaffery, IOWA	28th	14th	529-366	.591	277-190	.593	135-127	.515
Kevin Willard, MD	17th	2nd	307-237	.564	37-27	.578	18-20	.474
Juwan Howard, MICH	5th	5th	87-69	.558	87-69	.558	49-46	.516
Tom Izzo, MSU	29th	29th	704-291	.708	704-291	.708	342-168	.671
Ben Johnson, MINN	3rd	3rd	39-50	.438	39-50	.438	14-42	.250
Fred Hoiberg, NEB	10th	5th	175-148	.542	60-92	.395	29-69	.296
Chris Collins, NW	11th	11th	175-170	.507	175-170	.507	79-127	.384
Jake Diebler, OSU	1st	1st	3-1	.750	3-1	.750	3-1	.750
Mike Rhoades PSU	19th	1st	387-204	.655	14-15	.483	8-10	.444
Matt Painter, PUR	20th	19th	464-206	.693	438-201	.685	223-123	.645
Steve Pikiell, RUT	18th	8th	324-274	.542	131-119	.524	63-90	.412
Greg Gard, WIS	9th	9th	182-103	.639	182-103	.639	103-68	.602

BIG TEN vs. NON-CONFERENCE	
Conference	2023-24
America East.....	5-0
American Athletic (AAC).....	1-1
Atlantic Coast (ACC).....	2-3
Atlantic Sun.....	8-0
Atlantic 10.....	3-2
Big East.....	9-7
Big Sky.....	0-0
Big South.....	2-0
Big 12.....	3-4
Big West.....	1-1
Colonial (CAA).....	2-0
Conference USA.....	2-1
Horizon.....	10-0
Independent.....	2-1
Ivy League.....	1-1
Metro Atlantic (MAAC).....	5-0
Mid-American (MAC).....	8-0
Mid-Eastern (MEAC).....	4-0
Missouri Valley.....	2-0
Mountain West.....	0-0
Northeast (NEC).....	6-0
Ohio Valley.....	6-0
Pac-12.....	6-3
Patriot.....	4-1
Southeastern (SEC).....	4-9
Southern (SoCon).....	1-0
Southland.....	3-1
Southwestern Athletic (SWAC).....	11-0
Summit.....	4-0
Sun Belt.....	4-1
West Coast (WCC).....	2-1
Western Athletic (WAC).....	0-0
Others.....	0-0
<b>Overall.....</b>	<b>117-37 (.760)</b>
vs. AP Top 25.....	9-13
Home.....	99-15
Road.....	8-16
Neutral.....	22-18

**2023-24 PRESEASON AWARDS**

AP Preseason All-America  
Zach Edey, Purdue

Wooden Award Preseason Top 50  
Boo Buie, Northwestern  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois  
Tyson Walker, Michigan State  
Jahmir Young, Maryland

NABC Preseason Player of the Year Watch List  
Boo Buie, Northwestern  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois  
Tyson Walker, Michigan State

Naismith Trophy Watch List  
Terrence Shannon Jr. (ILL), Jahmir Young (MD), A.J. Hoggard (MSU), Tyson Walker (MSU), Boo Buie (NU), Zach Edey (PUR), Clifford Omoruyi (RUT),

Naismith Hall of Fame Awards  
Bob Cousey Award Watch List: Jahmir Young (MD), Boo Buie (NU), Ace Baldwin Jr. (PSU)  
Jerry West Award Watch List: Terrence Shannon Jr. (ILL), Tyson Walker (MSU), Fletcher Loyer (PUR)  
Julius Erving Award Watch List: Payton Sandfort (IOWA), Coen Carr (MSU), Jamison Battle (OSU), Tyler Wahl (WIS)  
Karl Malone Award Watch List: Coleman Hawkins, (ILL), Julian Reese (MD)  
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Watch List: Kel'el Ware (IND), Dawson Garcia (MINN), Zach Edey (PUR), Clifford Omoruyi (RUT)

**2023-24 PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM**

Preseason Player of the Year  
Zach Edey, Purdue

Preseason All-Big Ten Team  
TERRENCE SHANNON JR., 5th YEAR, G, ILLINOIS  
Julian Reese, Jr., F, Maryland  
JAHMIR YOUNG, 5th YEAR, G, MARYLAND  
Dawson Garcia, Jr., F, Minnesota  
A.J. Hoggard, Sr., G, Michigan State  
Tyson Walker, Grad., G, Michigan State  
Keisei Tominaga, Sr., G, Nebraska  
BOO BUIE, Grad., G, NORTHWESTERN  
ZACH EDEY, Sr., C, PURDUE  
Clifford Omoruyi, Sr., C, Rutgers  
Unanimous selections in CAPS

**2023-24 NATIONAL AWARDS**

USBWA National Player of the Year and All-America Watch List  
Boo Buie, Northwestern  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Terrence Shannon Jr., Illinois  
Braden Smith, Purdue

Werner Ladder Naismith Men's Coach of the Year Watch List Presented by AXIA Time  
Matt Painter, Purdue

Naismith Trophy Player of the Year Midseason Team  
Boo Buie, Northwestern  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Braden Smith, Purdue  
Tyson Walker, Michigan State

Wooden Award Top 25 Watch List  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Tyson Walker, Michigan State

Wooden Award Late Season Top 20 Watch List  
Zach Edey, Purdue

Naismith Hall of Fame Awards  
Bob Cousy Award Top 10: Boo Buie, Northwestern  
Jerry West Award Top 10: Tyson Walker, Michigan State  
Julius Erving Award Top 10: Jamison Battle, Ohio State  
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Top 10: Zach Edey, Purdue; Dawson Garcia, Minnesota

Naismith Defensive Player of the Year Watchlist  
Ace Baldwin Jr., Penn State  
Zach Edey, Purdue  
Clifford Omoruyi, Rutgers

Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week (USBWA)  
Zach Edey, Purdue (11/28, 1/23)  
Boo Buie, Northwestern (12/5, 1/30)  
Fletcher Loyer, Purdue (12/19)  
Marcus Domask, Illinois (1/9)

ESPN Team of the Week  
Wisconsin (12/4)  
Purdue (12/18)

ESPN Player of the Week  
Boo Buie, Northwestern (12/4, 1/29)  
Zach Edey, Purdue (12/11)

ESPN Win of the Week  
#17 Illinois 98, #11/9 Florida Atlantic 89 (12/11)  
Michigan State 88, #6 Baylor 64 (12/16)  
Nebraska 88, #1 Purdue 72 (1/9)

ESPN Coach of the Week  
Jake Diebler, Ohio State (2/19)

**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:  
F:

March 11 P:  
F:

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## 2023 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



**TIAA**  
**BIG**  
MEN'S BASKETBALL  
**TOURNAMENT**  
MINNEAPOLIS 2024

March 13-17 • Target Center • Minneapolis, Minn.

### Wednesday, March 13 - First Round

6:30 p.m. ET Game 1: #13 Seed vs. #12 Seed  
25 min. after Game 1 Game 2: #14 Seed vs. #11 Seed

### Thursday, March 14 - Second Round

12 p.m. ET Game 3: #9 Seed vs. #8 Seed  
25 min. after Game 3 Game 4: #5 Seed vs. Game 1 Winner  
6:30 p.m. ET Game 5: #10 seed vs. #7 Seed  
25 min. after Game 5 Game 6: #6 Seed vs. Game 2 Winner

### Friday, March 15 - Quarterfinals

12 p.m. ET Game 7: #1 Seed vs. Game 3 Winner  
25 min. after Game 7 Game 8: #4 Seed vs. Game 4 Winner  
6:30 p.m. ET Game 9: #2 Seed vs. Game 5 Winner  
25 min. after Game 9 Game 10: #3 Seed vs. Game 6 Winner

### Saturday, March 16 - Semifinals

1 p.m. ET Game 11: Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner  
25 min. after Game 11 Game 12: Game 9 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner

### Sunday, March 17 - Championship

3:30 p.m. ET Game 13: Game 11 Winner vs. Game 12 Winner

## ALL-TIME BIG TEN TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

6—Michigan State	1999-00-12-14-16-19
5—Ohio State	2002-07-10-11-13
3—Illinois	2003-05-21
3—Iowa	2001-06-22
3—Michigan	1998-17-18
3—Wisconsin	2004-08-15
2—Purdue	2009-23

*NOTE: 2020 Big Ten Tournament cancelled on March 12 due to COVID-19 pandemic*

## TIE BREAKER PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT SEEDING

- Teams shall be seeded No. 1 through No. 14 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 runner-up 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:

### 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.

### 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.
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## 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.

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## BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

Each year more than 11 million patrons attend Big Ten home contests, as the conference has led the nation in attendance for volleyball, men's basketball, ice hockey and wrestling.



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 2022 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 30.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,900 Academic All-Americans, including 48 honorees during the 2021-22 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 24 of the last 28 years, averaging nearly seven per year during that span.

Since the 2005-06 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 109 team national championships in 26 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. Big Ten Olympians collected nearly 80 medals in the most recent games in PyeongChang and Beijing.

### **PASSIONATE FOLLOWING**

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

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### **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.