

# 2020-21 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY RELEASE: NOV. 25, 2020

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2020-21 STANDINGS									
School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	PF-PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Illinois (#8/10)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Indiana (rv/rv)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
lowa (#5/6)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Maryland (-/rv)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Michigan (#25/rv)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Michigan State (#13/12)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Minnesota	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Nebraska	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Northwestern	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Ohio State (#23/24)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Penn State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Purdue (-/rv)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Rutgers (#24/23)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Wisconsin (#7/7)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	

# **BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.**

- The Big Ten is set to tip off its 116th season of competition with 11 non-conference games on Wednesday, Nov. 25.
- The conference season tips off Sunday, Dec. 13. For the third-consecutive year, each school will compete in a 20game Big Ten schedule. Over the course of the conference season, schools will play seven teams twice -- once at home and once on the road -- and six teams once, with three of those games being at home and the other three away.
- This year's schedule includes the most Big Ten Conference games on over-the-air broadcast networks in Conference history (17) and also features six games between Dec. 25-26, with four games to be played on Christmas Day.
- The 2021 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament will be played March 10-14 at the United Center in Chicago.
- lowa senior center Luka Garza was chosen as the Big Ten Preseason Player of the Year heading into the 2020-21 men's basketball season, as voted on by a panel of conference media members. Garza was selected as the Big Ten Player of the Year in 2019-20 after leading the Hawkeyes to a 20-11 overall record with an 11-9 finish in Big Ten play. He is the second consecutive student-athlete to earn Player of the Year and then be selected as the Preseason Player of the Year the following season.
- Garza, along with Illinois junior guard Ayo Dosunmu, were unanimous selections to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team. Garza and Dosunmu earned first-team media All-Big Ten honors in 2019-20.

#### 2020-21 PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

Kofi Cockburn, Sophomore Center, Illinois AYO DOSUNMU, JUNIOR GUARD, ILLINOIS Trayce Jackson-Davis, Sophomore Forward, Indiana LUKA GARZA, SENIOR CENTER, IOWA Joe Wieskamp, Junior Guard/Forward, Iowa Aaron Henry, Junior Forward, Michigan State Marcus Carr, Junior Guard, Minnesota Trevion Williams, Junior Forward, Purdue Geo Baker, Senior Guard, Rutgers Nate Reuvers, Senior Forward, Wisconsin

Unanimous selections in ALL CAPS

# **CONFERENCE RESOURCES**

**2020-21 STATISTICS** 

2020-21 BIG TEN RECORD BOOK

2020-21 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA GUIDES
BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL NEWS

# BIG TEN IN THE POLLS WEEK-BY-WEEK AP/USA TODAY POLLS

MICH MSU MINN NEB **PSU** Wk. (# Teams) ILL IND IOWA MD OSU PUR RU WIS Pre. (7/6) 13/12 23/24 24/23 7/7

rv-receiving votes



ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOP 25 POLL



USA TODAY
COACHES POLL

## **TODAY'S GAMES**

#### Wednesday, Nov. 25 McNeese State at Nebraska... Illinois State at Ohio State (#23/24)..... . 2:00 p.m. **ESPN** Old Dominion at Maryland (-/rv) ..... BTN+ ..... 2:00 p.m. North Carolina A&T at Illinois (#8/10) ..... BTN North Carolina Central at Iowa (#5/6)..... . 3:03 p.m. BTN Bowling Green at Michigan (#25/rv) ..... .4:00 p.m. FSPN2 Purdue (-/rv) vs. Liberty (Melbourne, Fla.)...... 5:30 p.m. **CBSCS** Eastern Michigan at Michigan State (#13/12)... 6:00 p.m. BTN Green Bay at Minnesota..... BTN+ Sacred Heart at Rutgers (#24/23) ...... .7:00 p.m. BTN+ Tennessee Tech at Indiana (rv/rv) ..... BTN .m.q 00:8. Eastern Illinois at Wisconsin (#7/7) ....... BTN ..... 10:00 p.m.

#### **FULL SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

## **FOLLOW THE BIG TEN**

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 @B1GMBBall and @BigTen or becoming a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook to receive exclusive updates.







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# 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 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 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities, including six in the top 30.

The Big Ten leads all conferences with more than 1,800 Academic All-Americans, including 27 honorees during the 2019-20 academic year.

Big Ten Academic Alliance schools annually conduct \$10 billion in funded research, \$5 billion more than any other conference.

#### A HISTORY OF ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Big Ten schools have won at least five national championships in 23 of the last 26 years, averaging nearly seven per year over that span.

Since the 2008-09 academic year, current Big Ten institutions have claimed 76 team national championships in 21 different sports.

#### **BROAD-BASED PROGRAMMING**

The Big Ten will administer over \$200 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 lvy League.

Almost 1,400 Big Ten competitors have participated in the Olympics, winning more than 600 medals, including nearly 300 gold. In the 2016 and 2018 Olympic Games, more than 200 representatives from Big Ten institutions including current or former students and coaches were members of Olympic teams. Big Ten Olympians collected more than 50 medals in the most recent games in Rio and PyeongChang.

#### 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 has led the nation in attendance for men's basketball, ice hockey, volleyball and wrestling.

#### **LEADERS IN INNOVATION**

Took part in the nation's first bowl game, winning the 1902 Rose Bowl Game, and signed an exclusive contract with the Tournament of Roses in 1946, making it the first bowl with permanent conference affiliations.

Awarded the first Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1915, honoring outstanding seniors who demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics.

Formed the Big Ten Advisory Commission in 1972, enlisting former students that competed in conference athletics to serve as liaisons to the NCAA's Diversity and Inclusion Department, the Big Ten Student-Athlete Advisory Commission and other organizations.

Became the first conference to voluntarily adopt male and female participation goals after launching its Gender Equity Action Plan in 1992.

Implemented the first collegiate football system of instant replay in 2004, which the NCAA approved for use among all conferences in 2006.

Launched the Big Ten Network (BTN) in 2007, the first national conference-owned television network.

Began partnering with the Ivy League to study the effects of head injuries in sports in 2012.

Accepted Johns Hopkins University as the conference's first sport affiliate members in men's and women's lacrosse in 2013 and 2015, respectively, and added Notre Dame as a sport affiliate member in men's ice hockey in 2017

#### **EXTENSIVE TELEVISION EXPOSURE**

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

BTN is in almost 60 million homes across the United States and Canada, and is also available internationally via the Fox Sports App, delivering live and on-demand programming to computers, smartphones and tablets. BTN Plus 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.