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## **BIG TEN ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

*Conference slate once again features vast national television exposure*

PARK RIDGE, Ill. – The Big Ten on Tuesday announced its 2009-10 conference women's basketball schedule, once again revealing vast national television exposure for its 11 institutions. Thirty-five Big Ten games will reach a live, national television audience, with 30 broadcast on the Big Ten Network, four on ESPN2 and one on CBS Sports.

The Big Ten Network will also stream additional games throughout the 2009-10 campaign. That schedule will be made available prior to the season.

In addition, all 10 games of the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament will be broadcast live on national television for the third consecutive year with the first nine contests appearing on the Big Ten Network and the championship game broadcast on ESPN2.

The 2009-10 Big Ten women's basketball conference schedule opens on Sunday, Dec. 6, with 10 of 11 teams in action. Television coverage tips off that day with a Big Ten Network quadruple-header, beginning with Indiana at Michigan State at Noon ET. Wisconsin at Ohio State follows at 2 p.m. ET, and the day concludes with Penn State at Minnesota at 4 p.m. ET and Michigan at Iowa at 6 p.m. ET.

After a break for more non-conference action, the Big Ten schedule picks up again on Monday, Dec. 28. Following that day, conference games will typically be played on Thursdays and Sundays.

ESPN2 will broadcast its first game on Sunday, Jan. 24, as Minnesota hosts Michigan State at 3 p.m. ET. That game will follow the conclusion of Indiana at Michigan on the Big Ten Network at Noon ET. The following day, ESPN2 will air Ohio State at Purdue live at 7 p.m. ET as part of its *Big Monday* primetime game of the week series.

CBS will air Big Ten women's basketball on Saturday, Jan. 9, as the Spartans play host to the five-time defending conference champion Buckeyes. Tip is set for 2 p.m. ET.

The regular season will conclude with three wildcard matchups set to air on the Big Ten Network. The network will select one of the four games on Feb. 25 to be played that night at 6:30 p.m., before airing two of four contests the afternoon of Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. ET.

The complete Big Ten women's basketball conference schedule, including the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament schedule, can be found on the following page.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GAME</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TELEVISION</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
6	Indiana at Michigan State Wisconsin at Ohio State Penn State at Minnesota Michigan at Iowa Purdue at Northwestern	Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
28	Minnesota at Purdue Michigan State at Wisconsin Iowa at Penn State Northwestern at Michigan Ohio State at Illinois	6:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
31	Indiana at Purdue Michigan at Michigan State Wisconsin at Iowa Penn State at Illinois Ohio State at Northwestern	TBD TBD	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
<b>JANUARY</b>			
3	Michigan State at Indiana Wisconsin at Illinois Michigan at Ohio State Iowa at Minnesota Penn State at Northwestern	Noon	Big Ten Network
7	Purdue at Wisconsin Iowa at Michigan Illinois at Indiana Northwestern at Minnesota	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
9	Ohio State at Michigan State	2 p.m.	CBS Sports
10	Indiana at Penn State Minnesota at Illinois Michigan at Wisconsin Northwestern at Purdue	Noon 4:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
14	Purdue at Minnesota Wisconsin at Michigan State Michigan at Indiana Illinois at Ohio State Penn State at Iowa	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
17	Iowa at Purdue Indiana at Ohio State Michigan State at Penn State Minnesota at Northwestern Illinois at Wisconsin	Noon 2/4:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
21	Purdue at Michigan State Ohio State at Michigan	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network

	Iowa at Illinois Northwestern at Indiana Penn State at Wisconsin		
24	Indiana at Michigan Michigan State at Minnesota Illinois at Penn State Northwestern at Iowa	Noon 3 p.m.	Big Ten Network ESPN2
25	Ohio State at Purdue	7 p.m.	ESPN2
28	Minnesota at Ohio State Wisconsin at Indiana Michigan at Illinois Michigan State at Northwestern Purdue at Penn State	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
31	Ohio State at Indiana Purdue at Iowa Northwestern at Wisconsin Illinois at Minnesota Penn State at Michigan	Noon 3 p.m. 5 p.m.	Big Ten Network ESPN2 Big Ten Network

## FEBRUARY

4	Iowa at Ohio State Wisconsin at Minnesota Michigan at Northwestern Illinois at Purdue Penn State at Michigan State	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
7	Michigan State at Iowa Wisconsin at Purdue Indiana at Illinois Ohio State at Penn State Minnesota at Michigan	4:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
11	Purdue at Ohio State Michigan State at Michigan Minnesota at Penn State Iowa at Indiana Northwestern at Illinois	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
14	Northwestern at Michigan State Ohio State at Minnesota Indiana at Wisconsin Illinois at Iowa Penn State at Purdue	Noon 2:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
18	Minnesota at Iowa Michigan at Penn State Indiana at Northwestern Ohio State at Wisconsin Illinois at Michigan State	7:30 p.m.	Big Ten Network
21	Minnesota at Indiana	Noon	Big Ten Network

	Michigan State at Ohio State Purdue at Illinois Wisconsin at Michigan Iowa at Northwestern	3 p.m. 5 p.m.	ESPN2 Big Ten Network
25*	Wisconsin at Penn State Michigan at Minnesota Michigan State at Purdue Indiana at Iowa Northwestern at Ohio State		
28**	Penn State at Indiana Purdue at Michigan Minnesota at Michigan State Iowa at Wisconsin Illinois at Northwestern		

### MARCH

4	Big Ten Tournament Game 1 Big Ten Tournament Game 2 Big Ten Tournament Game 3	Noon 25 min. after 25 min. after	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
5	Big Ten Tournament Game 4 Big Ten Tournament Game 5 Big Ten Tournament Game 6 Big Ten Tournament Game 7	11:30 a.m. 25 min. after 6 p.m. 25 min. after	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
6	Big Ten Tournament Game 8 Big Ten Tournament Game 9	5 p.m. 25 min. after	Big Ten Network Big Ten Network
7	Big Ten Tournament Final	4:30 p.m.	ESPN2

\* Big Ten Network wildcard game to be played at 6:30 p.m.

\*\* Big Ten Network wildcard games to be played at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

*All times Eastern and subject to change*