



BIG TEN FOOTBALL

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2011 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

LEGENDS DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25 [^]	Strk
Michigan	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W3
Nebraska	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W3
Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	W1
Michigan State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Northwestern	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	1-2	.333	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	W1

LEADERS DIVISION

	Conference Games						All Games						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Div.	Strk	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25 [^]	Strk
Illinois	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	W3
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	3-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	W3
Ohio State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	L1
Penn State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	W1
Purdue	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	W1
Indiana	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	--	1-2	.333	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	W1

[^] - AP or USA Today

TOP STORIES

- Eight Big Ten teams are receiving votes in weekly AP and USA Today polls
- Four conference squads remain unbeaten through three weeks of play
- Iowa's Vandenberg, Illinois' Brown, Minnesota's Bennett and Indiana's Roberts earn Big Ten honors
- Big Ten players record outstanding performances in Week 3
- Numerous Big Ten standouts rank among the nation's statistical elite

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

Where We Rank: Eight Big Ten teams are receiving votes in the latest Associated Press (AP) and USA Today Coaches Polls, released Sunday. The Big Ten is tied for the conference lead with five top-25 squads and is one of only three conferences nationally with two or more teams ranked in the top-10 of both polls. Wisconsin is the top-ranked Big Ten team, checking in at No. 6 in the AP poll and No. 7 in the USA Today poll. Nebraska is the conference's other top-10 team, appearing at No. 9 in both polls. Michigan cracks the Top 25 for the first time this season, coming in at No. 21 in the USA Today poll and No. 22 in the AP ranks. Michigan State is No. 23 in the USA Today rankings, while Illinois is ranked 24th by the AP. Northwestern, Ohio State and Penn State are among the other teams also receiving votes this week.

Four are Three-for-Three: Four Big Ten teams remain undefeated through three weeks of play, making the Big Ten one of only four conferences in the nation boasting four or more teams with unblemished records. Legends Division members Michigan and Nebraska enjoy 3-0 records, while Leaders Division teams Illinois and Wisconsin boast 3-0 marks, with each squad owning a win over Notre Dame or a team from the Pac-12. Last Saturday, Illinois knocked off nationally ranked Arizona State, while Nebraska defeated Washington for the second time in the calendar year. In Week 2, Michigan knocked off Notre Dame and Wisconsin defeated Oregon State.

BIG TEN MOBILE TOUR

The Big Ten's Honoring Legends. Building Leaders. Mobile Tour will make a stop at each campus this football season. This weekend, it will be in Columbus for the Ohio State vs. Colorado game. Visit www.bigten.org/blog/mobile-tour and follow along on Twitter @B1GMobileTour for more information.

WEEK 3 RESULTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

- ILLINOIS 17, #22/18 Arizona State 14
- INDIANA 38, South Carolina State 21
- IOWA 31, Pittsburgh 27
- MICHIGAN 31, Eastern Michigan 3
- Notre Dame 31, #15/15 MICHIGAN STATE 13
- MINNESOTA 29, Miami (Ohio) 23
- #11/10 NEBRASKA 51, Washington 38
- Army 21, NORTHWESTERN 14
- Miami (Fla.) 24, #17/16 OHIO STATE 6
- PENN STATE 14, Temple 10
- PURDUE 59, Southeast Missouri 0
- #7/8 WISCONSIN 49, Northern Illinois 7

WEEK 4 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

- Western Michigan at #24/rv ILLINOIS
3:30 p.m. ET - BTN
 - INDIANA at North Texas
7 p.m. ET - ESPN3
 - Louisiana-Monroe at IOWA
Noon ET - BTN
 - San Diego State at #22/21 MICHIGAN
Noon ET - BTN
 - Central Michigan at #rv/23 MICHIGAN STATE
Noon ET - ESPN2
 - North Dakota State at MINNESOTA
7 p.m. ET - BTN
 - #9/9 NEBRASKA at Wyoming
7:30 p.m. ET - Versus
 - Colorado at OHIO STATE
3:30 p.m. ET - ABC (regional); ESPN2 (outer market)
 - Eastern Michigan at PENN STATE
Noon ET - ESPN2
 - South Dakota at #6/7 WISCONSIN
3:30 p.m. ET - BTN
- Rankings: AP/USA Today

LEGENDS DIVISION



LEADERS DIVISION



HONORING LEGENDS. BUILDING LEADERS.

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

Four of a Kind: The four undefeated Big Ten teams makes the conference one of only four in the nation with four or more teams with unblemished records. Overall, 33 teams in the football bowl subdivision can claim perfect marks through college football's first three weeks. The ACC, Big 12 and SEC are the only other conferences in the nation with four or more teams without a loss in 2011.

Home Teams go Undefeated Last Weekend: Each Big Ten team protected its home turf this past weekend with teams compiling a 7-0 mark at home. Through three weeks, Big Ten teams have combined for a 23-3 mark in conference stadiums this season. In Week 3, Illinois defeated nationally ranked Arizona State, while Indiana knocked off South Carolina State in Bloomington. Iowa rallied with 21 points in the fourth quarter to defeat visiting Pittsburgh, while Michigan handled in-state foe Eastern Michigan. Minnesota defeated visiting Miami (Ohio), Nebraska knocked off Washington in the teams' third meeting this calendar year, and Purdue held Southeast Missouri scoreless in Saturday's win.

Century-Mark Sprinters: Five Big Ten players surpassed the 100-yard mark last weekend, the second week in a row five or more conference rushers have raced past the milestone. For the second straight week, Michigan's Denard Robinson cracked the century mark, leading the Big Ten in rushing this week with 198 yards on the ground. That marks the eighth-most rushing yards by a quarterback in a game in conference history. Robinson now owns five of the top-10 rushing performances by a quarterback on the conference's all-time single-game list. Minnesota's MarQueis Gray recorded more than 100 yards for the second week, totaling 171 yards to lead the Gophers to their first win of the season. Nebraska's Rex Burkhead rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns, while Michigan's Vincent Smith needed just nine carries to total 118 yards. Indiana's D'Angelo Roberts became the first Hoosier to rush for more than 100 yards in a game this season with 102 last week.

Trio in the 300-Club: Three Big Ten signal callers threw for more than 300 yards last week, two in winning performances. Iowa's James Vandenberg threw for 399 yards, the seventh-most in school history, and three touchdowns in the Hawkeyes come-from-behind win over Pittsburgh on Saturday. Wisconsin's Russell Wilson finished with 347 yards through the air and three touchdown passes, the second week he's thrown for three scores, in a win over Northern Illinois. Finally, Michigan State's Kirk Cousins completed 34 passes for 329 yards and a touchdown for the Spartans in a road setback to Notre Dame.

Big Days for Big Ten's Receiving Threats: Seven Big Ten wide receivers finished with 100 or more receiving yards on Saturday, the highest number of conference wideouts to go for over 100 yards receiving in a week this season. Michigan State's B.J. Cunningham led all receivers with 158 yards on 12 catches against Notre Dame. A pair of Hawkeye receivers went over the century mark as Keenan Davis and Marvin McNutt finished with 129 and 112 yards, respectively. Penn State's Derek Moye also recorded 112 yards receiving, while Northwestern's Jeremy Ebert had 108 yards on six catches. Illinois' A.J. Jenkins (103 yards) and Indiana's Duwyce Wilson (101 yards) recorded six catches each to round out the 100-yard receiving class this week.

Game Tracker: Times and television designations have been set for games on Oct. 1.

Noon ET/11 a.m. CT

Penn State at Indiana, ESPN
Northwestern at Illinois, ESPN2
Minnesota at Michigan, BTN

3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT

Michigan State at Ohio State, ABC (regional), ESPN (outer market)

8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT

Notre Dame at Purdue, ESPN
Nebraska at Wisconsin, ABC

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coch, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
LEGENDS DIVISION			
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	103-82 (16th)	91-61 (13th)	53-43
Brady Hoke, MICH	50-50 (9th)	3-0 (1st)	0-0
Mark Dantonio, MSU	53-37 (8th)	35-20 (5th)	20-12
Jerry Kill, MINN	128-75 (18th)	1-2 (1st)	0-0
Bo Pelini, NEB	33-12 (4th)	33-12 (4th)	0-0
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	36-30 (6th)	36-30 (6th)	18-22
LEADERS DIVISION			
Ron Zook, ILL	54-59 (10th)	31-45 (7th)	16-32
Kevin Wilson, IND	1-2 (1st)	1-2 (1st)	0-0
Luke Fickell, OSU	2-1 (1st)	2-1 (1st)	0-0
Joe Paterno, PSU	403-136-3 (46th)	403-136-3 (46th)	90-54
Danny Hope, PUR	46-38 (8th)	11-16 (3rd)	6-10
Bret Bielema, WIS	52-16 (6th)	52-16 (6th)	27-13

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive Player of the Week

James Vandenberg, Iowa Jr., QB, Keokuk, Iowa/Keokuk

- Led Iowa on three touchdown drives in the final 10 minutes to rally for a 31-27 win over Pittsburgh
- Threw for 399 yards and three touchdowns, with each score coming in the fourth quarter, including the game-winning strike with 2:51 to play
- Scored Iowa's fist touchdown late in the third quarter on a one-yard run, cutting the score to 24-10
- Earns his first Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honor
- Last Iowa Offensive Player of the Week: Ricky Stanzi (Oct. 18, 2010)

Defensive Player of the Week

Jonathan Brown, Illinois

So., LB, Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers

- Totaled seven tackles and set career-highs in tackles for loss (3.5) and sacks (1.5) in Illinois' win over nationally ranked Arizona State
- Forced Arizona State's first interception of the day in the first quarter after hitting Brock Osweiler as he threw, leading to a Glen Foster pick
- Recorded his first interception of the season, halting an 11-play Sun Devil drive
- Claims his first career Big Ten weekly honor
- Last Illinois Defensive Player of the Week: Corey Liuget (Dec. 6, 2010)

Special Teams Player of the Week

Duane Bennett, Minnesota

Sr., RB, St. Louis, Mo./O'Fallen Township

- Claims first weekly conference honor after blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown in Minnesota's win over Miami (Ohio)
- Extended lead to 29-16 to help solidify Minnesota win
- Recorded Minnesota's first blocked punt returned for a touchdown since 2009
- Last Minnesota Special Teams Player of the Week: Troy Stoudermire (Nov. 15, 2010)

Freshman of the Week

D'Angelo Roberts, Indiana

RB, Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington North

- Rushed for 102 yards and a touchdown and also caught two passes for 12 yards and a score, combining for 114 yards – all of which came in the second half
- Became first Indiana true freshman since BenJarvus Green-Ellis to rush for 100 or more yards in a game
- Claims first Big Ten weekly honor
- Last Indiana Freshman of the Week: Mitch Ewald (Nov. 29, 2010)

FOLLOW THE BIG TEN

Now there are more ways than ever to follow Big Ten football. The Big Ten football blog can be accessed directly at www.bigten.org/blog/football and will feature daily notes, links to articles, previews, recaps and more. You can also keep track of Big Ten football in real-time by following the conference on Twitter @BigTenConf and @B1Gfootball or become a fan of the Big Ten Conference on Facebook and receive exclusive updates.

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(Number in parenthesis indicates total times a Big Ten team will face an opponent from this conference.)

ACC (3)	1-2
Boston College	1-0
Miami (Fla.)	0-1
Virginia	0-1
Big East (1)	1-0
Pittsburgh	1-0
Big 12 (1)	0-1
Iowa State	0-1
C-USA (2)	0-1
Rice (2)	0-1
Great West (1)	0-0
South Dakota	0-0
MAC (11)	7-1
Akron	1-0
Ball State	0-1
Central Michigan	0-0
Eastern Michigan (2)	1-0
Miami (Ohio)	1-0
Northern Illinois	1-0
Temple	1-0
Toledo	1-0
Western Michigan (2)	1-0
MEAC (1)	1-0
South Carolina State	1-0
Missouri Valley (4)	3-0
Indiana State	1-0
North Dakota State	0-0
South Dakota State	1-0
Youngstown State	1-0
MWC (3)	1-0
San Diego State	0-0
UNLV	1-0
Wyoming	0-0
OVC (3)	3-0
Eastern Illinois	1-0
Southeast Missouri	1-0
Tennessee Tech	1-0
Pac-12 (5)	3-1
Arizona State	1-0
Colorado	0-0
Oregon State	1-0
USC	0-1
Washington	1-0
SEC (1)	0-1
Alabama	0-1
Southern (1)	1-0
Chattanooga	1-0
Sun Belt (5)	3-0
Arkansas State	1-0
Florida Atlantic	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	0-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
North Texas	0-0
WAC (2)	1-1
Fresno State	1-0
New Mexico State	0-1
Independent (4)	1-2
Army	0-1
Notre Dame (3)	1-1
Total (48)	26-10

BIG TEN IN THE NCAA TOP 25

according to NCAA national database as of Sept. 18

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rk	Player, School	Statistic	Rk	Player, School	Statistic
TOTAL OFFENSE					
4.	Denard Robinson, MICH	369.50	15.	Lavonte David, NEB	10.67
20.	Russell Wilson, WIS	300.33	22.	Christian Kirksey, IOWA	10.33
21.	Taylor Martinez, NEB	291.33	SACKS PER GAME		
25.	James Vandenberg, IOWA	283.00	11.	Whitney Mercilus, ILL	1.00
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME					
3.	Denard Robinson, MICH	153.00		Cameron Meredith, NEB	1.00
8.	Taylor Martinez, NEB	128.00	FORCED FUMBLES PER GAME		
23.	MarQueis Gray, MINN	109.33	11.	Sean Stanley, PSU	0.67
PASS EFFICIENCY					
2.	Russell Wilson, WIS	213.40		Shaun Prater, IOWA	0.67
6.	Nathan Scheelhaese, ILL	180.95		Whitney Mercilus, ILL	0.67
RECEPTIONS PER GAME					
9.	B.J. Cunningham, MSU	8.67	PUNTING AVERAGE		
16.	A.J. Jenkins, ILL	7.33	6.	Brett Maher, NEB	48.08
RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME					
9.	B.J. Cunningham, MSU	120.33	12.	Dan Orseke, MINN	45.73
16.	A.J. Jenkins, ILL	107.33	17.	Eric Guthrie, IOWA	44.38
19.	Marvin McNutt, IOWA	104.33	PUNT RETURN AVERAGE		
SCORING PER GAME					
1.	Montee Ball, WIS	16.00	5.	Chris Fields, OSU	21.00
12.	Brett Maher, NEB	12.33	12.	Jared Abbrederis, WIS	14.75
14.	Taylor Martinez, NEB	12.00	14.	Ameer Abdullah, NEB	13.14
INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME					
8.	Trulon Henry, ILL	0.67	17.	Jeremy Gallon, MICH	12.67
	Micah Hyde, IOWA	0.67	22.	Waynelle Gravesande, PUR	10.96
	Troy Stoudemire, MINN	0.67			
	Greg Heban, IND	0.67			

TEAM LEADERS

Rk	Player, School	Statistic
SCORING OFFENSE		
11.	Wisconsin	45.00
13.	Nebraska	44.33
TOTAL OFFENSE		
14.	Wisconsin	505.67
22.	Purdue	471.00
24.	Michigan	461.50
RUSHING OFFENSE		
9.	Purdue	258.67
11.	Nebraska	252.33
13.	Michigan	245.00
17.	Wisconsin	238.33
22.	Illinois	223.67
24.	Northwestern	220.67
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yards per Game)		
4.	Michigan State	192.33
9.	Penn State	242.00
14.	Ohio State	263.67
17.	Illinois	269.33
18.	Wisconsin	271.00
PASS DEFENSE		
3.	Michigan State	104.33
7.	Penn State	130.33
17.	Ohio State	156.67
RUSH DEFENSE		
7.	Illinois	63.67
18.	Wisconsin	77.67
SCORING DEFENSE		
4.	Wisconsin	8.00
11.	Illinois	10.67
17.	Michigan State	12.33
25.	Penn State	14.67

2011 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Date	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Freshman
9-5	Russell Wilson, WIS	Brandon Herron, MICH	Brett Maher, NEB Chaz Powell, PSU	Houston Bates, ILL
9-12	Denard Robinson, MICH	Mike Taylor, WIS	Ameer Abdullah, NEB	Ameer Abdullah, NEB
9-19	James Vandenberg, IOWA	Jonathan Brown, ILL	Duane Bennett, MINN	D'Angelo Roberts, IND

WEEKLY COACHES TELECONFERENCE

The Big Ten Conference football coaches weekly media teleconferences began on Tuesday, Aug. 30 and continue through Tuesday, Nov. 22. The calls are held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT. The calls are available for playback roughly two hours following the conclusion of each call through Thursday of each week. It will also be archived online at www.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.

LEGENDS DIVISION COACHES

- 11:00 a.m. - Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
- 11:10 a.m. - Brady Hoke, Michigan
- 11:20 a.m. - Bo Pelini, Nebraska
- 11:30 a.m. - Mark Dantonio, Michigan State
- 11:40 a.m. - Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
- 11:50 a.m. - Jerry Kill, Minnesota

LEADERS DIVISION COACHES

- 12:00 p.m. - Ron Zook, Illinois
- 12:10 p.m. - Danny Hope, Purdue
- 12:20 p.m. - Joe Paterno, Penn State
- 12:30 p.m. - Bret Bielema, Wisconsin
- 12:40 p.m. - Luke Fickell, Ohio State
- 12:50 p.m. - Kevin Wilson, Indiana

A WINNING TRADITION

The Big Ten boasts four of the six winningest college football programs in history, including Michigan with its national-best 887 triumphs. Additionally, only eight teams have won 800 or more games in history, giving the Big Ten half of the nation's programs to have reached the milestone. Among the top eight, Nebraska ranks third all-time with 839 wins, Ohio State is fifth with 821 triumphs and Penn State is sixth all-time with 820 victories.

2011 WEEK BY WEEK ATTENDANCE

	ALL GAMES				CONFERENCE GAMES			
	Games	Total	Average	Sellouts	Games	Total	Average	Sellouts
Sept. 1-3	9	707,695#	78,633	5	--	--	--	--
Sept. 10	10	723,963	72,396	5	--	--	--	--
Sept. 17	7	453,976	64,854	3				
Sept. 24								
Oct. 1								
Oct. 8								
Oct. 15								
Oct. 22								
Oct. 29								
Nov. 5								
Nov. 12								
Nov. 19								
Nov. 25-26								
TOTAL	26	1,885,634	72,524	13	--	--	--	--

- New single-day nine-game record

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BIG TEN CAREER RECORDS

Passing Yards by a Quarterback

11,792	Brees, PUR	1997-00
11,163	Painter, PUR	2005-08
10,917	Weber, MINN	2007-10
10,580	Basanez, NU	2002-05
10,461	Long, IOWA	1981-85
9,946	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
9,715	Henne, MICH	2004-07
9,337	Orton, PUR	2004-07
9,254	Navarre, MICH	200-03
8,932	Smoker, MSU	200-03
6,549	Cousins, MSU	2008-

Completion Percentage (min. 300)

.681	Tolzien, WIS	2008-10
.651	Cousins, MSU	2008-
.650	Long, IOWA	1981-85
.643	Collins, PSU	1991-94
.642	Stanton, MSU	2003-06
.641	Kafka, NU	2006-09
.640	Trudeau, ILL	1981-85
.638	Hartlieb, IOWA	1986-88
.629	Miller, MSU	1990-93
.627	Smith, OSU	2003-06

Rushing Yards by a Quarterback

3,895	Randle El, IND	1998-01
2,557	Williams, ILL	2006-09
2,405	Robinson, MICH	2009-
2,176	Leach, MICH	1975-78
2,164	Pryor, OSU	2008-10
2,150	Foggie, MINN	1984-87
2,080	Greene, OSU	1972-75

Receptions

325	Stubblefield, PUR	2001-04
292	Bryant, PUR	2004-07
266	Standeford, PUR	2000-03
262	Williams, ILL	1983-85
252	Edwards, MICH	2001-04
227	Decker, MINN	2006-09
210	Bates, NU	1995-98
204	Stratton, PUR	1998-01
203	Orton, PUR	2005-08
202	Williams, WIS	2002-05
178	Belcher, IND	2008-

Kickoff Returns

135	Gilreath, WIS	2007-10
122	Stoudermire, MINN	2008-

Kickoff Return Yards

3,102	Stoudermire, MINN	2008-
3,025	Gilreath, WIS	2007-10

Kickoff Return Average

28.8	Brown, PUR	1968-70
26.9	Howard, MICH	1989-91
26.3	Carter, MICH	1979-82
26.2	Duncan, NU	1983-86
26.0	Hill, IOWA	1998-01
25.5	Cobb, MSU	2003-04
25.4	Stoudermire, MINN	2008-
25.3	Thomas, ILL	2003-06
24.8	Thigpen, IND	2005-08
24.7	Simmons, NU	1998-01

Kicking Points

417	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
377	Swenson, MSU	2006-09
367	Nystrom, MINN	1999-02
	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03
356	Nugent, OSU	2001-04
355	Dorsch, PUR	1998-01
354	Rivas, MICH	2003-06
342	Stultz, OSU	1997-00
334	Rayner, MSU	2001-04
315	Welch, WIS	2008-

Field Goals Made

78	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
72	Nugent, OSU	2001-04
71	Nystrom, MINN	1999-92
	Swenson, MSU	2006-09
68	Dorsch, PUR	1998-01
67	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03
65	Gregoire, WIS	1984-87
64	Rivas, MICH	2003-06
63	Hamilton, MICH	1993-96
62	Rayner, MSU	2001-04
52	Welch, WIS	2008-

Extra Points

183	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
177	Spangler, OSU	1982-85
172	Janakievski, OSU	1977-80
166	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03
165	Stultz, OSU	1997-00
164	Swenson, MSU	2006-09
162	Rivas, MICH	2003-06
154	Nystrom, MINN	1999-02
153	Welch, WIS	2008-
152	Conway, PSU	1993-96

ASSOCIATED PRESS - SEPT. 19

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	PTS	Prev.
1 Oklahoma (37)	2-0	1471	1
2 LSU (14)	3-0	1424	3
3 Alabama (7)	3-0	1402	2
4 Boise State (2)	2-0	1309	4
5 Stanford	3-0	1212	6
6 WISCONSIN	3-0	1170	7
7 Oklahoma State	3-0	1092	8
8 Texas A&M	2-0	1043	9
9 NEBRASKA	3-0	911	11
10 Oregon	2-1	899	12
11 Florida State	2-1	896	5
12 South Carolina	3-0	891	10
13 Virginia Tech	3-0	830	13
14 Arkansas	3-0	781	14
15 Florida	3-0	669	16
16 West Virginia	3-0	579	18
17 Baylor	2-0	521	19
18 South Florida	3-0	496	20
19 Texas	3-0	402	23
20 TCU	2-1	273	23
21 Clemson	3-0	272	NR
22 MICHIGAN	3-0	266	NR
23 USC	3-0	260	NR
24 ILLINOIS	3-0	106	NR
25 Georgia Tech	3-0	59	NR

Others Receiving Votes: **MICHIGAN STATE 42**, Auburn 29, Houston 25, Miami (Fla.) 23, Iowa State 19, Utah 19, **OHIO STATE 16**, Maryland 15, Mississippi State 14, Missouri 10, Arizona State 9, San Diego State 8, Vanderbilt 8, Notre Dame 8, Georgia 7, Florida International 4, California 3, Navy 3, North Carolina 2, Tennessee 2.

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Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	PTS	Prev.
1 Oklahoma (50)	2-0	1463	1
2 Alabama (4)	3-0	1402	2
3 LSU (5)	3-0	1373	3
4 Boise State	2-0	1212	4
5 Stanford	3-0	1208	6
6 Oklahoma State	3-0	1126	7
7 WISCONSIN	3-0	1121	8
8 Texas A&M	2-0	1033	9
9 NEBRASKA	3-0	966	10
10 South Carolina	3-0	876	11
11 Virginia Tech	3-0	852	12
12 Arkansas	3-0	851	13
13 Oregon	2-1	804	14
14 Florida State	2-1	801	5
15 Florida	3-0	670	17
16 West Virginia	3-0	529	20
17 South Florida	3-0	485	22
18 Texas	3-0	464	21
19 Baylor	2-0	391	24
20 TCU	2-1	310	23
21 MICHIGAN	3-0	243	NR
22 Clemson	3-0	181	NR
23 MICHIGAN STATE	2-1	119	15
24 Georgia Tech	3-0	118	NR
25 North Carolina	3-0	99	NR

Others Receiving Votes: **OHIO STATE 92**, **ILLINOIS 90**, Houston 60, Miami (Fla.) 39, Iowa State 27, Missouri 22, California 21, **PENN STATE 19**, Utah 17, Arizona State 16, Auburn 14, San Diego State 14, Florida International 11, Vanderbilt 11, Mississippi State 8, Tennessee 5, Texas Tech 3, Notre Dame 3, Washington 3, Ohio 2, **NORTHWESTERN 1**.

BIG TEN IN THE POLLS

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9/6	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	17/16	-/-	10/10	rv/rv	15/15	23/20	-/-	8/9
9/12	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	15/15	-/-	11/10	rv/rv	17/16	rv/rv	-/-	7/8
9/19	24/rv	-/-	-/-	22/21	rv/23	-/-	9/9	-/rv	rv/rv	-/rv	-/-	6/7
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BIG TEN ON PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

Maxwell Award**(Nation's Top Player)**

Nathan Scheelhaase, ILL
 Marcus Coker, IOWA
 Denard Robinson, MICH
 Edwin Baker, MSU
 Kirk Cousins, MSU
 Taylor Martinez, NEB
 Dan Persa, NU
 Montee Ball, WIS
 James White, WIS
 Russell Wilson, WIS

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

Denard Robinson, MICH
 Kirk Cousins, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Dan Persa, NU
 James White, WIS

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

Shaun Prater, IOWA
 Mike Martin, MICH
 Jerel Worthy, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Lavonte David, NEB
 Alfonso Dennard, NEB
 Vince Browne, NU

Nagurski Award:**(Nation's Top Defensive Player)**

Akeem Spence, ILL
 Shaun Prater, IOWA
 Mike Martin, MICH
 Jerel Worthy, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Lavonte David, NEB
 Vince Browne, NU
 Nathan Williams, OSU
 Michael Mauti, PSU
 Kawaan Short, PUR

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

Nathan Scheelhaase, ILL
 Denard Robinson, MICH
 Kirk Cousins, MSU
 Taylor Martinez, NEB
 Dan Persa, NU
 Russell Wilson, WIS

Manning Award**(Best Quarterback)**

Denard Robinson, MICH
 Kirk Cousins, MSU
 Taylor Martinez, NEB
 Dan Persa, NU

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

Jason Ford, ILL
 Marcus Coker, IOWA
 Edwin Baker, MSU
 Duane Bennett, MINN
 Montee Ball, WIS
 James White, WIS

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

A.J. Jenkins, ILL
 Damarlo Belcher, IND
 Marvin McNutt, IOWA
 Roy Roundtree, MICH
 B.J. Cunningham, MSU
 Da'Jon McKnight, MINN
 Jeremy Ebert, NU
 DeVier Posey, OSU
 Derek Moye, PSU

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

James Ferentz, IOWA
 David Molk, MICH
 Mike Caputo, NEB
 Ben Burkett, NU
 Mike Brewster, OSU
 Peter Konz, WIS

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

Ted Bolser, IND
 Kevin Koger, MICH
 Brian Linthicum, MSU
 Eric Lair, MINN
 Kyler Reed, NEB
 Drake Dunsmore, NU
 Jake Stoneburner, OSU

Lombardi Award:**(College Lineman of the Year)**

Jeff Allen, ILL
 Riley Reiff, IOWA
 Mike Martin, MICH
 David Molk, MICH
 Joel Foreman, MSU
 Jerel Worthy, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Lavonte David, NEB
 Cameron Meredith, NEB
 Vince Browne, NU
 Ben Burkett, NU
 Mike Adams, OSU
 Mike Brewster, OSU
 Andrew Sweat, OSU
 Peter Konz, WIS
 Kevin Zeitler, WIS

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

Jeff Allen, ILL
 Akeem Spence, ILL
 Riley Reiff, IOWA
 Mike Martin, MICH
 David Molk, MICH
 Joel Foreman, MSU
 Jerel Worthy, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Al Netter, NU
 Mike Brewster, OSU
 Ken Plue, PUR
 Kawaan Short, PUR
 Kevin Zeitler, WIS

Ted Hendricks Award**(Best Defensive End)**

Broderick Binns, IOWA
 Ryan Van Bergen, MICH
 Cameron Meredith, NEB
 Vince Browne, NU
 Nathan Williams, OSU
 Jack Crawford, PSU

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

Tyler Nielsen, IOWA
 Lavonte David, NEB
 Michael Mauti, PSU
 Chris Borland, WIS
 Mike Taylor, WIS

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

Trenton Robinson, MSU
 Alfonso Dennard, NEB
 Brian Peters, NU
 Antonio Fenelus, WIS

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

Derek Dimke, ILL
 Mitch Ewald, IND
 Dan Conroy, MSU
 Philip Welch, WIS

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

Denard Robinson, MICH
 KeShawn Martin, MSU
 Troy Stoudermire, MINN

Pony Express Award**(Nation's Top Two- or Three-Player Tandems)**

Broderick Binns/Mike Daniels, IOWA
 Edwin Baker/Kirk Cousins/
 Keshawn Martin, MSU
 Lavonte David/Alfonzo Dennard, NEB
 Drake Dunsmore/Jeremy Ebert/
 Dan Persa, NU
 Mike Adams/Mike Brewster/
 J.B. Shugarts, OSU
 Nick Toon/Russell Wilson, WIS
 Montee Ball/James White, WIS

Lowes's Senior CLASS Award

Jeff Allen, ILL
 Mike Brewster, OSU
 Kirk Cousins, MSU
 Jared Crick, NEB
 Aaron Henry, WIS
 Joe Holland, PUR
 Dan Persa, NU
 Nate Stupar, PSU

BIG TEN BOWL LINEUP

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL

Dec. 27, 2011
 4:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Detroit, Mich.
 Big Ten vs. MAC

**INSIGHT BOWL**

Dec. 30, 2011
 10 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Tempe, Ariz.
 Big Ten vs. Big 12

**MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL OF TEXAS**

Dec. 31, 2011
 12 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Houston, Texas
 Big Ten vs. Big 12

**TICKETCITY BOWL**

Jan. 2, 2012
 Noon ET, ESPN
 Dallas, Texas
 Big Ten vs. C-USA

**TAXSLAYER.COM GATOR BOWL**

Jan. 2, 2012
 1:00 p.m. ET, ESPN2
 Jacksonville, Fla.
 Big Ten vs. SEC

**OUTBACK BOWL**

Jan. 2, 2012
 1 p.m. ET, ABC
 Tampa, Fla.
 Big Ten vs. SEC

**CAPITAL ONE BOWL**

Jan. 2, 2012
 1 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Orlando, Fla.
 Big Ten vs. SEC

**ROSE BOWL GAME**

Jan. 2, 2012
 4:30 p.m. ET, ESPN
 Pasadena, Calif.
 Big Ten vs. Pac-12/BCS



2011 Big Ten Football Championship Game



The inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game will begin at 8:17 p.m. ET on December 3, 2011, and will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The champion of the Legends Division will meet the champion of the Leaders Division, with the winner earning the Big Ten Championship and a chance to play in either the Rose Bowl Game or Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

FOX Sports will serve as the official broadcast partner of the Big Ten Football Championship Games from 2011-16 and Lucas Oil Stadium will host the title games from 2011-15.

Public tickets for the 2011 Big Ten Football Championship Game went on sale at 10 a.m. ET on Saturday, July 30 and were completely sold out in less than two hours. An additional 15,000 tickets will be distributed to each participating institution in the championship game.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME QUICK FACTS

Date: Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011
Time: 8:17 p.m. ET
Television: FOX Sports
Site: Indianapolis, Ind.
Facility: Lucas Oil Stadium
Surface: FieldTurf
Capacity: 66,268

Big Ten Football Awards

The Big Ten will debut an enhanced football awards program at the conclusion of this season to honor teams, coaches and student-athletes at conference institutions. The Big Ten will hand out 19 individual awards, including 13 newly created awards, five pre-existing trophies featuring new names and one honor that has been bestowed since 1972. The distinguished names on these football awards honor just a small sampling of the countless student-athletes and coaches who have contributed to the conference's rich and storied history.

All of the Big Ten's biggest individual honors will now bear the names of one or two former standouts each. 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 student-athletes.

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 will now have the opportunity to claim two awards. Media voters will continue to select the Dave McClain Coach of the Year, which has been awarded since 1972, while coaches will now vote for the newly-created 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 inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game will receive the Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy, while the most valuable player in the game will be awarded the Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP award. The conference also created two postgraduate 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	
Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy	Amos Alonzo Stagg, Chicago Joe Paterno, Penn State
Grange-Griffin Championship Game MVP <i>(media vote only)</i>	Harold Edward "Red" Grange, Illinois Archie Griffin, Ohio State
Postgraduate Awards <i>(vote by school administrators)</i>	
Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award	Gerald R. Ford, Michigan Nile Kinnick, Iowa
Dungy-Thompson Humanitarian Award	Tony Dungy, Minnesota Anthony Thompson, Indiana
Annual Awards <i>(combined vote by coaches and media, unless otherwise noted)</i>	
Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year	Otto Graham, Northwestern Eddie George, Ohio State
Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year	Bronislaw "Bronko" Nagurski, Minnesota Charles Woodson, Michigan
Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year <i>(coaches vote only)</i>	Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes, Ohio State Glenn Edward "Bo" Schembechler, Michigan
Dave McClain Coach of the Year <i>(media vote only)</i>	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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WESTERN MICHIGAN AT #24/rv ILLINOIS

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 2:30 p.m. CT • Champaign, Ill. • Memorial Stadium (60,670)
 BTN • Announcers: Wayne Larrivee, Jon Jansen, Lisa Byington
 Series: Illinois leads, 2-1 • Last Meeting: Nov. 8, 2008: Western Michigan 23, Illinois 17

Western Michigan (2-1 overall, 1-0 MAC)

Coach: Bill Cubit

Career: 76-52-1 (11th year) At Western Michigan: 42-31 (7th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Tevin Drake (32-183 yards)

Pass: Alex Carder (62-86, 681 yards, 5 TDs)

Rec.: Jordan White (29-363 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: Hybrid 4-3

Tackles: Johnnie Simon (22 tackles)

Sacks: Freddie Bishop (1.5-7 yards)

Int.: Chris Prom (1-3 yards) and Johnnie Simon (1-1 yard)

Football Contact: Mat Kanan - 269-387-4125, mat.kanan@wmich.edu

ILLINOIS (3-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Ron Zook

Career: 54-59 (10th year) At Illinois: 31-45 (7th year)

Offense: Pro Style

Rush: Jason Ford (54-192 yards, 4 TDs)

Pass: Nathan Scheelhaase (33-46, 504 yards, 3 TDs)

Rec.: A.J. Jenkins (22-322 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Trulon Henry (18 tackles)

Sacks: Whitney Mercilus (3.0-15 yards)

Int.: Trulon Henry (2-27 yards, 1 TD)

Football Contact: Kent Brown - 217-333-1391, kwbrown3@illinois.edu

INDIANA AT NORTH TEXAS

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 6 p.m. CT • Denton, Texas • Apogee Stadium (30,850)
 ESPN3 • Announcers: Shawn Kenney, Drew Henson
 Series: First Meeting

INDIANA (1-2 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Kevin Wilson

Career: 1-2 (1st year) At Indiana: 1-2 (1st year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Matt Perez (41-140 yards, 4 TDs) and

D'Angelo Roberts (30-150 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Ed Wright-Baker (55-85, 709 yards, 4 TDs)

Rec.: Damarlo Belcher (12-183 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Jeff Thomas (25 tackles)

Sacks: Fred Jones (1.0-7 yards)

Int: Greg Heban (2-0 yards)

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

North Texas (0-3 overall, 0-1 Sun Belt)

Coach: Dan McCamey

Career: 56-88 (13th year) At North Texas: 0-3 (1st year)

Offense: Spread

Rush: Lance Dunbar (53-121 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Derek Thompson (46-82, 419 yards, 1 TD)

Rec.: Michael Outlaw (11-134 yards) and Lance Dunbar (11-106 yards)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Zachary Orr (27 tackles)

Sacks: Brandon McCoy (2.0-8 yards)

Int.: Zachary Orr (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: Eric Capper - 940-565-2476, eric.capper@unt.edu

LOUISIANA-MONROE AT IOWA

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 11 a.m. CT • Iowa City, Iowa • Kinnick Stadium (70,585)
 BTN • Announcers: Kevin Kugler, Danan Hughes, Stacy Paetz
 Series: First Meeting

Louisiana-Monroe (1-2 overall, 0-0 Sun Belt)

Coach: Todd Berry

Career: 36-70 (10th year) At Louisiana-Monroe: 7-10 (2nd year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Centarious Donald (25-183 yards, 1 TD) and

Jyruss Edwards (37-170 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Kolton Browning (50-87, 440 yards, 2 TDs)

Rec.: Brent Leonard (15-121 yards 1 TD) and

Tavarese Maye (14-213 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: 3-3-5

Tackles: Nate Brown and Darius Prelow (18 tackles)

Sacks: Jason Edwards (1.5-7 yards)

Int: Darius Prelow (2-20 yards)

Football Contact: Adam Prendergast - 318-342-5463, prendergast@ulm.edu

IOWA (2-1 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Kirk Ferentz

Career: 103-82 (16th year) At Iowa: 91-61 (13th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Marcus Coker (69-267 yards, 2 TDs)

Pass: James Vandenberg (60-97, 825 yards, 7 TDs)

Rec.: Marvin McNutt, Jr. (18-313 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Christian Kirksey (31 tackles)

Sacks: Mike Daniels (2.0-9 yards)

Int.: Micah Hyde (2-0 yards)

Football Contacts: Phil Haddy or Steve Roe, 319-335-9411,
 phillip-haddy@uiowa.edu, steven-roe@uiowa.edu

SAN DIEGO STATE AT #22/21 MICHIGAN

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • Noon ET • Ann Arbor, Mich. • Michigan Stadium (109,901)
 BTN • Announcers: Eric Collins, Chris Martin, Dionne Miller
 Series: Michigan leads, 1-0 • Last Meeting: Sept. 18, 2004: Michigan 24, San Diego State 21

San Diego State (3-0 overall, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Rocky Long

Career: 68-69 (12th year) At San Diego State: 3-0 (1st year)

Offense: Pro Style

Rush: Ronnie Hillman (77-497 yards, 8 TDs)

Pass: Ryan Lindley (44-82, 622 yards, 7 TDs)

Rec.: Colin Lockett (12-254 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: 3-3-5

Tackles: Jake Fely (21 tackles)

Sacks: Jerome Long (3.0-20 yards)

Int.: Larry Parker (2-32 yards)

Football Contact: Mike May - 619-957-8372, mmay@mail.sdsu.edu

MICHIGAN (3-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Brady Hoke

Career: 50-50 (9th year) At Michigan: 3-0 (1st year)

Offense: Pro Style

Rush: Denard Robinson (50-352 yards, 2 TDs)

Pass: Denard Robinson (27-55, 531 yards, 6 TDs)

Rec.: Junior Hemingway (4-202 yards, 1 TD) and
 Jeremy Gallon (7-135 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Jordan Kovacs (26 tackles)

Sacks: Jordan Kovacs (2.0-16 tackles)

Int.: Thomas Gordon (1-0 yards), Brandon Herron (1-94 yards, 1 TD),
 J.T. Floyd (1-16 yards) and Jordan Kovacs (1-2 yards)

Football Contact: Justin Dickens - 734-763-4423, dickensj@umich.edu

CENTRAL MICHIGAN AT #rv/23 MICHIGAN STATE

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • Noon ET • East Lansing, Mich. • Spartan Stadium (75,005)
 ESPNU • Announcers: Pam Ward, Dan Hawkins
 Series: Michigan State leads, 4-3 • Last Meeting: Sept. 12, 2009: Central Michigan 29, Michigan State 27

Central Michigan (1-2 overall, 0-1 Mid-American)

Coach: Dan Enos

Career: 4-11 (2nd year) At Central Michigan: 4-11 (2nd year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Tim Phillips (37-150 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Ryan Radcliff (58-108, 678 yards, 3 TDs)

Rec.: Cody Wilson (14-170 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Mike Petrucci (23 tackles)

Sacks: Kenny McClendon (1.5-8 yards) and John Williams (1.5-5 yards)

Int.: Joe Kinville (1-24 yards) and Taylor Bradley (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: Scott Rex - 989-774-7323, rex1sd@cmich.edu

MICHIGAN STATE (2-1 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Mark Dantonio

Career: 53-37 (8th year) At Michigan State: 35-20 (5th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Edwin Baker (34-167 yards, 1 TD) and

Le'Veon Bell (30-136 yards, 3 TDs)

Pass: Kirk Cousins (68-95, 734 yards, 4 TDs)

Rec.: B.J. Cunningham (26-361 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: Multiple 4-3

Tackles: Max Bullough (21 tackles)

Sacks: Jerel Worthy (1.0-10 yards) and Kevin Pickelman (1.0-7 yards)

Int.: Kurtis Drummond (1-34 yards) and Isaiah Lewis (1-13 yards)

Football Contact: John Lewandowski - 517-355-2271, lewski@ath.msu.edu

NORTH DAKOTA STATE AT MINNESOTA

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 6 p.m. CT • Minneapolis, Minn. • TCF Bank Stadium (50,805)
 BTN • Announcers: Matt Devlin, Glen Mason, Rebecca Haarlow
 Series: Minnesota leads, 7-1 • Last Meeting: Oct. 20, 2007: North Dakota State 27, Minnesota 21

North Dakota State (2-0 overall, 0-0 Missouri Valley)

Coach: Craig Bohl

Career: 65-30 (9th year) At North Dakota State: 65-30 (9th year)

Offense: West Coast

Rush: Sam Ojuri (27-247 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Brock Jensen (26-35, 336 yards, 4 TDs)

Rec.: Warren Holloway (10-220 yards, 3 TDs)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Colten Heagle (11 tackles)

Sacks: Chad Willson (2.0-12 yards)

Int.: Carlton Littlejohn (1-37 yards) and John Pike (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: Jeff Schwartz - 701-231-8332, jeff.schwartz@nds.u.edu

MINNESOTA (1-2 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Jerry Kill

Career: 128-75 (18th year) At Minnesota: 1-2 (1st year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: MarQueis Gray (58-328 yards)

Pass: MarQueis Gray (34-65, 468 yards, 3 TDs)

Rec.: Da'Jon McKnight (16-221 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Kim Royston (30 tackles)

Sacks: Michael Amaefula (1.0-4 yards)

Int.: Troy Stoudermire (2-19 yards)

Football Contact: Andy Seeley - 612-626-0299, aseeley@umn.edu

#9/9 NEBRASKA AT WYOMING

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 6:30 p.m. CT • Laramie, Wyo. • Jonah Field at War Memorial Stadium (29,181)

Versus • Announcers: Paul Burmeister, Shaun King, Anthony Herron

Series: Nebraska leads, 5-0 • Last Meeting: Oct. 1, 1994: Nebraska 42, Wyoming 32

NEBRASKA (3-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Bo Pelini

Career: 33-12 (4th year) At Nebraska: 33-12 (4th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Taylor Martinez (51-424 yards, 6 TDs)

Pass: Taylor Martinez (31-64, 490 yards, 3 TDs)

Rec.: Quincy Enunwa (7-81 yards, 1 TD) and Jamal Turner (6-116 yards)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Lavonte David (32 tackles)

Sacks: Cameron Meredith (3.0-24 yards)

Int.: Cameron Meredith (1-1 yard), Lavonte David (1-0 yards) and

Austin Cassidy (1-0 yards)

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

Wyoming (3-0 overall, 0-0 Mountain West)

Coach: Dave Christensen

Career: 13-15 (3rd year) At Wyoming: 13-15 (3rd year)

Offense: Spread

Rush: Ghalli Muhammad (26-198 yards, 2 TDs) and

Brandon Miller (27-169 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Brett Smith (68-110, 797 yards, 5 TDs)

Rec.: Robert Herron (17-176 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: 4-3/Multiple

Tackles: Devyn Harris, Brian Hendricks and Luke Ruff (23 tackles)

Sacks: Korey Jones (4-29 yards)

Int.: Blair Burns (2-65 yards)

Football Contact: Tim Harkins - 307-766-2256, tharkins@uwyo.edu

COLORADO AT OHIO STATE

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 3:30 p.m. ET • Columbus, Ohio. • Ohio Stadium (102,329)

ABC (regional), ESPN2 (outer market) • Announcers: Mike Patrick, Craig James

Series: Ohio State leads, 3-1 • Last Meeting: Sept. 20, 1986: Ohio State 13, Colorado 10

Colorado (1-2 overall, 0-0 Pac-12)

Coach: Jon Embree

Career: 1-2 (1st year) At Colorado: 1-2 (1st year)

Offense: Pro-Style

Rush: Rodney Stewart (61-223 yards)

Pass: Tyler Hansen (61-111, 912 yards, 7 TDs)

Rec.: Paul Richardson (18-360 yards, 4 TDs) and

Rodney Stewart (18-227 yards)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Parker Orms (20 tackles)

Sacks: Chi Uzo-Diribe (3.0-23 yards)

Int.: Jon Major (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: David Plati - 303-492-5626, david.plati@colorado.edu

OHIO STATE (2-1 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Luke Fickell

Career: 2-1 (1st year) At Ohio State: 2-1 (1st year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Carlos Hyde (51-229 yards, 2 TDs)

Pass: Joe Bauserman (30-60, 365 yards, 4 TDs) and

Braxton Miller (10-16, 152 yards, 1 TD)

Rec.: Jake Stoneburner (8-93 yards, 4 TDs) and

Devin Smith (5-119 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Andrew Sweat (20 tackles)

Sacks: Etienne Sabino (2.0-12 yards)

Int.: Storm Klein (1-18 yards), Bradley Roby (1-17 yards),

C.J. Barnett (1-0 yards) and Andrew Sweat (1-0 yards)

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

EASTERN MICHIGAN AT PENN STATE

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • Noon ET • University Park, Pa. • Beaver Stadium (106,572)

ESPN2 • Announcers: Beth Mowins, Mike Bellotti

Series: Penn State leads, 1-0 • Last Meeting: Sept. 19, 1992: Penn State 52, Eastern Michigan 7

Eastern Michigan (2-1 overall, 0-0 Mid-American)

Coach: Ron English

Career: 5-23 (3rd year) At Eastern Michigan: 5-23 (3rd year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Javonti Greene (57-346 yards, 1 TD)

Pass: Alex Gillett (22-45, 205 yards, 3 TDs)

Rec.: Nick Olds (5-69 yards, 1 TD)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Justin Cudworth (28 tackles)

Sacks: Brad Ohrman (2.5-20 yards)

Int.: Marlon Pollard and Darius Scott (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: Greg Steiner - 734-487-0317, greg.steiner@emich.edu

PENN STATE (2-1 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Joe Paterno

Career: 403-136-3 (46th year) At Penn State: 403-136-3 (46th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Silas Redd (50-255 yards, 4 TDs)

Pass: Rob Bolden (26-58, 273 yards) and Matt McGloin (20-37, 201 yards)

Rec.: Derek Moye (14-220 yards)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Michael Mauti (20 tackles)

Sacks: Devon Still (1.0-6 yards), Sean Stanley (1.0-6 yards), and

Gerald Hodges (1.0-5 yards)

Int.: Adrian Amos (1-46 yards), Drew Astorino (1-33 yards),

Chaz Powell (1-26 yards) and Michael Mauti (1-0 yards)

Football Contact: Jeff Nelson - 814-865-1757, jtn4@psu.edu

SOUTH DAKOTA AT #6/7 WISCONSIN

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 • 2:30 p.m. CT • Madison, Wis. • Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)

BTN • Announcers: Tom Hart, Derek Rackley, Jay Wilson

Series: Wisconsin leads, 1-0 • Last Meeting: Sept. 20, 1975: Wisconsin 48, South Dakota 7

South Dakota (2-1 overall, 0-0 Great West)

Coach: Ed Meierkort

Career: 105-86 (19th year) At South Dakota: 50-31 (8th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Chris Ganious (36-187 yards, 1 TD) and

Dante Warren (36-185 yards, 2 TDs)

Pass: Dante Warren (34-60, 488 yards, 5 TDs)

Rec.: Will Powell (12-178 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Adam Broders (27 tackles)

Sacks: Tyler Starr (5.0-26 yards)

Int: Jim Thompson (2-76 yards, 1 TD)

Football Contact: Kit Strief - 605-677-5927, kit.strief@usd.edu

WISCONSIN (3-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

Coach: Bret Bielema

Career: 52-16 (6th year) At Wisconsin: 52-16 (6th year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Montee Ball (48-272 yards, 7 TDs)

Pass: Russell Wilson (50-66, 791 yards, 8 TDs)

Rec.: Nick Toon (14-198 yards, 3 TDs)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Chris Borland (27 tackles)

Sacks: David Gilbert (2.0-19 yards) and Louis Nzegwu (2-10 yards)

Football Contact: Brian Lucas - 608-262-1811, bml@athletics.wisc.edu

BIG TEN FOOTBALL DIVISIONAL TIEBREAKER

The Big Ten football championship will be decided by a game played between the two division champions. A team or teams that are not eligible to participate in a postseason football bowl game as a result of NCAA and/or Big Ten sanctions shall not be eligible to participate in the Big Ten football championship game. The winner of the Big Ten football championship game will represent the Conference in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) unless a conference team other than the champion is ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS poll.

The following procedure will determine the representative from each division in the event of a tie:

- (a) If two teams are tied, the winner of the game between the two tied teams shall be the representative
- (b) If three or more teams are tied, steps 1 through 7 will be followed until a determination is made. If only two teams remain tied after any step, the winner of the game between the two tied teams shall be the representative.
 1. The records of the three tied teams will be compared against each other
 2. The records of the three tied teams will be compared within their division
 3. The records of the three teams will be compared against the next highest placed teams in their division in order of finish (4, 5, and 6)
 4. The records of the three teams will be compared against all common conference opponents;
 5. The highest ranked team in the first Bowl Championship Series Poll following the completion of Big Ten regular season conference play shall be the representative in the Big Ten Championship Game, unless the two highest ranked tied teams are ranked within one spot of each other in the BCS poll. In this case, the head-to-head results of the top two ranked tied teams shall determine the representative in the Big Ten Championship
 6. The team with the best overall winning percentage [excluding exempted games] shall be the representative
 7. The representative will be chosen by random draw.

If one or both of the Big Ten division champions is ineligible to play in the Big Ten championship game, then the participant(s) in the Big Ten championship game shall be determined by the following procedure:

- a) If the ineligible team is tied for the division championship, then the team it tied with shall be the Big Ten championship game representative.
- b) If two or more teams are tied with an ineligible team for the division championship, then the ineligible team is removed and the remaining teams revert to the tie-break procedure.
- c) The division runner-up shall be the Big Ten championship game representative.
- d) If there is a division runner-up tie, then the tied teams shall revert to the tie-break procedure.

If the championship game cannot be played (due to any reason beyond the control of the Big Ten Conference), the two division champions (using divisional tie-breakers as set forth above) shall be declared co-champions and the following procedure will be used to determine the Big Ten Conference representative to the Bowl Championship Series:

- a) Teams ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS poll will automatically be placed in the BCS championship game.
- b) If the two divisional representatives met previously in the season and neither is ranked No. 1 or No. 2 in the final BCS standings, the team ranked highest in the final BCS standings shall be the representative to the BCS, unless the other team is ranked within five or fewer places of the higher ranked team. In this case, the head-to-head results of the two teams shall determine the Conference's BCS representative.
- c) If the two divisional representatives did not meet previously during the season, the team ranked highest in the BCS standings shall be the BCS representative.
- d) If the two teams are tied in the BCS standings, the team with the best overall Big Ten record shall be the BCS representative.
- e) If the two teams remain tied after d), the team with the best combined record of the tied teams against all common Big Ten opponents each team played that season shall be the BCS representative.
- f) If the two teams remain tied after e), the representative will be the team with the best overall winning percentage.
- g) If the two teams remain tied after f), the representative will be the team furthest removed from BCS participation.
- h) If the two teams remain tied after g), the representative shall be determined by a random draw.

2011 NO PLAYS

LEGENDS DIVISION	
School	Does Not Play:
Iowa	Illinois, Ohio State, Wisconsin
Michigan	Indiana, Penn State, Wisconsin
Michigan State	Illinois, Penn State, Purdue
Minnesota	Indiana, Ohio State, Penn State
Nebraska	Illinois, Indiana, Purdue
Northwestern	Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin

LEADERS DIVISION	
School	Does Not Play:
Illinois	Iowa, Michigan State, Nebraska
Indiana	Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska Ohio
State	Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern
Penn State	Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota
Purdue	Michigan State, Nebraska, Northwestern
Wisconsin	Iowa, Michigan, Northwestern

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TEAM SCHEDULES: LEGENDS DIVISION

Legends Division Games in Bold

IOWA (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)				#22/21 MICHIGAN (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten)				#rv/23 MICHIGAN STATE (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)			
DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9/3	W, 34-7	Tennessee Tech	70,585	9/3	W, 34-10	Western Michigan	110,506	9/2	W, 28-6	Youngstown State	75,910
9/10	L, 41-44 (3OT)	at Iowa State	56,085	9/10	W, 35-31	Notre Dame	114,804	9/10	W, 44-0	Florida Atlantic	70,249
9/17	W, 31-27	Pittsburgh	70,585	9/17	W, 31-3	Eastern Michigan	110,343	9/17	L, 13-31	at Notre Dame	80,795
9/24		Louisiana-Monroe		9/24		San Diego State		9/24		Central Michigan	
10/8		at Penn State		10/1		Minnesota		10/1		at Ohio State	
10/15		Northwestern		10/8		at Northwestern		10/15		Michigan	
10/22		Indiana		10/15		at Michigan State		10/22		Wisconsin	
10/29		at Minnesota		10/29		Purdue		10/29		at Nebraska	
11/5		Michigan		11/5		at Iowa		11/5		Minnesota	
11/12		Michigan State		11/12		at Illinois		11/12		at Iowa	
11/19		at Purdue		11/19		Nebraska		11/19		Indiana	
11/25		at Nebraska		11/26		Ohio State		11/26		at Northwestern	

MINNESOTA (1-2, 0-0 Big Ten)				#9/9 NEBRASKA (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten)				NORTHWESTERN (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)			
DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9/3	L, 17-19	at #25/- USC	68,273	9/3	W, 40-7	Chattanooga	84,883	9/3	W, 24-17	at Boston College	37,561
9/10	L, 21-28	New Mexico State	48,807	9/10	W, 42-29	Fresno State	85,101	9/10	W, 42-21	Eastern Illinois	28,042
9/17	W, 29-23	Miami (OH)	49,950	9/17	W, 51-38	Washington	85,110	9/17	L, 14-21	at Army	35,784
9/24		North Dakota State		9/24		at Wyoming		10/1		at Illinois	
10/1		at Michigan		10/1		at Wisconsin		10/8		Michigan	
10/8		at Purdue		10/8		Ohio State		10/15		at Iowa	
10/22		Nebraska		10/22		at Minnesota		10/22		Penn State	
10/29		Iowa		10/29		Michigan State		10/29		at Indiana	
11/5		at Michigan State		11/5		Northwestern		11/5		at Nebraska	
11/12		Wisconsin		11/12		at Penn State		11/12		Rice	
11/19		at Northwestern		11/19		at Michigan		11/19		Minnesota	
11/26		Illinois		11/26		Iowa		11/26		Michigan State	

TEAM SCHEDULES: LEADERS DIVISION

Leaders Division Games in Bold

#24/rv ILLINOIS (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten)				INDIANA (1-2, 0-0 Big Ten)				OHIO STATE (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)			
DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9/3	W, 33-15	Arkansas State	45,154	9/3	L, 20-27	vs. Ball State [1]	40,224	9/3	W, 42-0	Akron	105,001
9/10	W, 56-3	South Dakota State	42,212	9/10	L, 31-34	Virginia	41,549	9/10	W, 27-22	Toledo	105,016
9/17	W, 17-14	#22/18 Arizona State	50,669	9/17	W, 38-21	South Carolina State	41,203	9/17	L, 6-24	at Miami (Fla.)	66,279
9/24		Western Michigan		9/24		at North Texas		9/24		Colorado	
10/1		Northwestern		10/1		Penn State		10/1		Michigan State	
10/8		at Indiana		10/8		Illinois		10/8		at Nebraska	
10/15		Ohio State		10/15		at Wisconsin		10/15		at Illinois	
10/22		at Purdue		10/22		at Iowa		10/29		Wisconsin	
10/29		at Penn State		10/29		Northwestern		11/5		Indiana	
11/12		Michigan		11/5		at Ohio State		11/12		at Purdue	
11/19		Wisconsin		11/19		at Michigan State		11/19		Penn State	
11/26		at Minnesota		11/26		Purdue		11/26		at Michigan	

[1] - at Indianapolis, Ind.

PENN STATE (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)				PURDUE (2-1, 0-0 Big Ten)				#6/7 WISCONSIN (3-0, 0-0 Big Ten)			
DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	DATE	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9/3	W, 41-7	Indiana State	96,461	9/3	W, 27-24	Middle Tennessee St.	42,110	9/1	W, 51-17	UNLV	77,085
9/10	L, 11-27	#3/2 Alabama	107,846	9/10	L, 22-24	at Rice	25,317	9/10	W, 35-0	Oregon State	80,337
9/17	W, 14-10	at Temple	57,323	9/17	W, 59-0	Southeast Missouri	46,116	9/17	W, 49-7	vs. Northern Illinois [1]	41,068
9/24		Eastern Michigan		10/1		Notre Dame		9/24		South Dakota	
10/1		at Indiana		10/8		Minnesota		10/1		Nebraska	
10/8		Iowa		10/15		at Penn State		10/15		Indiana	
10/15		Purdue		10/22		Illinois		10/22		at Michigan State	
10/22		at Northwestern		10/29		at Michigan		10/29		at Ohio State	
10/29		Illinois		11/5		at Wisconsin		11/5		Purdue	
11/12		Nebraska		11/12		Ohio State		11/12		at Minnesota	
11/19		at Ohio State		11/19		Iowa		11/19		at Illinois	
11/26		at Wisconsin		11/26		at Indiana		11/26		Penn State	

[1] - at Chicago Ill.

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