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MEDIA SERVICES

PRESS BOX

Entrance to Press Box (GATE 18): Enter the press box via the press elevator located midway at the base of the west side of Memorial Stadium (press box side of the field). The elevator will go to all levels of the press box. Credentials that are not mailed may be picked up at the "Press Will Call" at the box office of the Assembly Hall. Will Call opens two hours before kickoff. Persons picking up credentials will be required to provide photo identification. All credentials are non-transferable.

WORKING PRESS DECK (level 1): This level is reserved for print media, non-originating radio, TV reporters and sports information personnel only. Several charge-a-call telephones are located on this level. Wireless internet is also available free of charge to working media. If you have concerns about meeting tight deadlines, we strongly encourage you to order your own telephone (see "Telephones" section).

PHOTO DECK (level 2): This deck offers a limited area for all broadcast video photographers who are covering the game. This area also will be used for video-taping by both coaching staffs. Additionally, the photo deck includes booth space for home and visiting radio and TV networks. This level contains the food service area for the press box.

SPECIAL GUESTS (level 3): This level contains individual booths for visiting athletic directors, University of Illinois special guests and separate booths for home and visiting coaching staffs. Level 3 is not open to the media.

Smoking is not permitted in Memorial Stadium.

SIDELINES

The University of Illinois follows NCAA and Big Ten rules regarding media representatives on the sidelines. Photographers are not permitted to shoot between the 25-yard lines and they must wear both a sideline credential and a photo armband at all times. Violators of the policy will be escorted from the stadium.

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HOME-GAME CREDENTIALS

Media and photography credential and parking applications will be accepted on-line at **fightingillini.com/media**. Season credential requests should be made by Friday, August 17. Single-game credential requests should be made two weeks prior to each game to ensure mail delivery or no later than Monday before each game for will call or pre-game day pickup. Illinois sports information staff will review each application and individuals will receive an e-mail notification following that review. Please note that in the event of heavy demand for credentials for a particular game, requests will be prioritized according to published circulation numbers. Spouses, dates, non-workers and children will not be permitted in the press box. Media agencies violating this policy will not be issued credentials for future games. The press box is open to the media four hours prior to kickoff.

SIDELINE: Photographers with game-day sideline credentials must enter through the press box entrance on the west side of Memorial Stadium. To secure an armband, photographers must go through the Great West Hall into the stadium, down the steps, onto the playing field and proceed directly to the photo tent located under the southeast stands. Your game credential alone will not gain admittance to the sidelines during the game. **You must have a game armband!** Refreshments are available for photographers in the photo tent before each game and at halftime.

ROAD-GAME CREDENTIALS

Media credential requests for Fighting Illini road games should be addressed to the sports information director of the host institution. Be specific when requesting the type of credential needed. Opponent SID telephone numbers are listed on page 203 of this media guide.

WEB SITES

Media credentials are issued only for individuals who are affiliated with web sites for national or regional television and news media organizations, e.g. USA Today Online, ESPN, CNN/SI, CBS Sportsline, etc., for institutions that are conference members and non-conference opponents, and for the Big Ten Conference. The University of Illinois reserves the right to deny media credentials to any individual whose web site is not affiliated with an official news-gathering organization.

PARKING

Media parking is located in the Southwest Assembly Hall lot, south of Memorial Stadium. Entrance to the parking lot is from First Street. Should the Southwest lot fill up, pass holders may be directed to another lot. Parking credentials should be requested at the same time game-day working credentials are requested. If time permits (at least five working days), both credentials will be mailed. Those who request parking passes the week of the game must pick them up by 5 p.m. Friday at the UI Sports Information Office (1700 S. Fourth St., Champaign).

HOTEL ROOMS

The Sports Information Office has a

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limited number of rooms reserved in the Champaign-Urbana area. Please contact SID office manager **Jennifer Funderburk, 217-333-1391**, at least two weeks in advance to reserve accommodations. These rooms will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

TELEPHONES

Telephone lines in the press box must be ordered at least two weeks in advance of the game(s) for which they are needed. The orders should be addressed to AT&T (800/321-8152 or 800/443-9370 fax), during regular business hours. No telephone lines or instruments are available through the UI Sports Information Office. Several charge-a-call phones are located on the Working Press Deck (level 1). The stadium address is 1402 South First Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Photographers are encouraged to use wireless access in the photo tent rather than installing phone lines.

BROADCAST SERVICE/ SATELLITE UPLINK

The University of Illinois offers a weekly football satellite feed, with comments from Coach Ron Zook's weekly press conference on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 28 and running every week. For satellite coordinates and exact time, contact sports information at (217) 333-1391.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Media members and photographers will have direct access to the internet for their use during games through wireless access. All wishing to use wireless internet should present their credential to the sports information representative at the in the press box or photo tent to receive a wireless password. For more information about equipment and software needs to utilize wireless please reference the following page on the University of Illinois website. *http://www.cites.uiuc.edu/wireless/*

PREGAME AND POSTGAME SERVICES

Play-by-play, halftime and complete final statistics, quote sheets, and pregame and postgame notes are all regular services on game day. Coach Ron Zook and selected Illinois players will be available approximately 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of the game and will be brought to the interview room (located on the ground floor of the football facility in the northeast corner of Memorial Stadium). A member of the UI SID staff will escort media members to the Illinois interview area and will leave the press box with approximately five minutes remaining in the game. You must re-enter Memorial Stadium through the alley between it and the IMPE Building for postgame interviews. Those interested in audio-taping grouped interviews should connect their recorders to the distribution amplifier provided. Output from the device is microphone level, terminated in 1/8" two-conductor plugs and jacks, or three-pin standard microphone male connectors. The visiting SID will lead media down to the visitor's interview area, located in the visiting locker room in the northwest corner of the stadium.

ILLINOIS ON THE ROAD

MISSOURI - AUGUST-31-SEPTEMBER 1
Sheraton St. Louis City Center
400 South 14th St., St. Louis, MO 63103
Phone: 314-231-5007

SYRACUSE - SEPTEMBER 14-15
Double Tree Hotel
6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057
Phone: 315-432-0200

INDIANA - SEPTEMBER 21-22
Fourwinds Resort and Marina
9301 Fairfax Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401
Phone: 812-824-2628

IOWA - OCTOBER 12-13
Clarion Hotel & Convention Center
525 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Phone: 319-362-1420

MINNESOTA - NOVEMBER 2-3
Minneapolis Marriott City Center
30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 612-349-9215

OHIO STATE - NOVEMBER 9-10
Renaissance Hotel & Resort
50 N. Third St., Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: 614-228-5050

WEEKLY PRESS LUNCHEON

The best time to interview Coach Ron Zook is each Tuesday at his weekly press luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building's Hall of Fame Room. The press conference also can be accessed via teleconference. Contact the sports information office for conference phone number. Media members are required to park across Fourth St. in the Southeast Lot of Assembly Hall. Cars parked illegally in the Bielfeldt lot are subject to being ticketed and towed. Meters are available in the Bielfeldt lot.

COACH/PLAYER INTERVIEWS

Coach Zook, assistant coaches and players are available for media interviews in person or via telephone Monday through Wednesday prior to the beginning of team meetings and after practice. Players are available for interviews prior to 1:45 p.m. during the week and immediately following practice. Please arrange interview requests in advance with Cassie Arner in the Sports Information Office, 217-244-3886, to

OPPONENT SID CONTACTS

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Website: www.wiu.edu/athletics

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(315) 443-2608, Fax (315) 443-2076
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Website: www.suathletics.com

INDIANA - JEFF KEAG
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Email: dablauf@umich.edu
Website: www.mgoblue.com

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Email: jhernand@bsu.edu
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MINNESOTA - SHANE SANDERSFELD
(612) 625-4090, Fax (612) 625-0359
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CHAMPAIGN-URBANA HOTEL LISTING

HOTEL	ADDRESS	PHONE	DIST FROM STAD.
Baymont Inn and Suites	302 W. Anthony Dr., Champaign	217-356-8900	3.14 miles
Best Western-Paradise Inn Motel	801 N. Dunlap Ave., Savoy	217-356-1824	2.94 miles
Comfort Inn	305 W. Marketview Dr., Champaign	217-352-4055	3.15 miles
Country Inn and Suites	602 W. Marketview Dr., Champaign	217-355-6666	3.83 miles
Days Inn	1019 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign	217-356-6873	3.37 miles
Drury Inn	905 W. Anthony Dr., Champaign	217-398-0030	3.62 miles
Eastland Suites	1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana	217-367-8331	4.71 miles
Econo Lodge Inn and Suites	914 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign	217-356-6000	3.23 miles
Fairfield Inn	1807 Moreland Blvd., Champaign	217-355-0604	3.32 miles
Hampton Inn-Champaign	1200 W. University, Champaign	217-337-1100	2.39 miles
Hawthorn Suites	101 Trade Centre Dr., Champaign	217-398-3400	0.59 miles
Hilton Garden Inn	1501 S. Neil St., Champaign	217-352-9970	0.62 miles
Historic Lincoln Hotel	209 S. Broadway Ave., Urbana	217-384-8800	2.33 miles
Holiday Inn Hotel & Conf. Center	1001 Killarney, Urbana	217-328-7900	3.20 miles
Homewood Suites (by Hilton)	1417 S. Neil Street, Champaign	217-352-9960	0.68 miles
Hubert House Bed & Breakfast	710 W. Oregon St., Urbana	217-367-8793	2.07 miles
Illini Union	1401 West Green St., Urbana	217-333-3030	1.21 miles
La Quinta Inn	1900 Center Dr., Champaign	217-356-4000	3.03 miles
Lincoln Lodge	403 W. University Ave., Urbana	217-367-1111	2.50 miles
Marriott Courtyard	1811 Moreland Blvd., Champaign	217-355-0411	3.33 miles
Microtel Inn & Suites	1615 W. Rion Dr., Champaign	217-398-4136	6.00 miles
Park Inn	2408 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana	217-344-8000	4.36 miles
Ramada Ltd.	902 Killarney, Urbana	217-328-4400	3.16 miles
Red Roof Inn	212 W. Anthony Dr., Champaign	217-351-0101	3.03 miles
Sleep Inn	1908 N. Lincoln, Urbana	217-367-6000	3.03 miles
Super Eight-Champaign	202 W. Marketview, Champaign	217-359-3288	3.03 miles
Super Eight-Urbana	612 Killarney, Urbana	217-384-8000	3.42 miles

facilitate student-athlete's class schedules. We will make every effort to fulfill your request, however, the student-athlete's academic and athletic requirements take priority.

BIG TEN TELECONFERENCE

The Big Ten Conference will once again feature a weekly teleconference on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT. Coach Zook will be available via the Big Ten teleconference every Tuesday at Noon CT. The teleconferences will begin Tues., Aug. 28. For information about how to access the teleconference, please call UI Sports Information at (217) 333-1391 or the Big Ten Conference Office at (847) 696-1010.

11 a.m.	Jim Tressel, Ohio State
11:10 a.m.	Lloyd Carr, Michigan
11:20 a.m.	Bill Lynch, Indiana
11:30 a.m.	Mark Dantonio, Michigan State
11:40 a.m.	Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
11:50 a.m.	Bret Bielema, Wisconsin
Noon	**Ron Zook, Illinois**
12:10 p.m.	Joe Tiller, Purdue
12:20 p.m.	Joe Paterno, Penn State
12:30 p.m.	Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
12:40 p.m.	Tim Brewster, Minnesota
12:50 p.m.	Selected Big Ten players

ILLINI REWIND WITH RON ZOOK

This weekly one-hour television program features a replay of the previous week's game with analysis by Coach Ron Zook between quarters. Viewers should consult their local listings for the days and times of the telecasts. Brian Barnhart, Illini Sports Network play-by-play commentator, hosts the show with Ron Zook.

COACHRONZOOK.COM

All Illinois media releases, statistics and Coach Zook audio comments are available on the official University of Illinois football web site, coachronzook.com. The web site also offers live audio broadcasts of all Illinois football games and the coach's radio show broadcasts.

INTERVIEW PROCEDURE

To facilitate the schedules of Division of Intercollegiate Athletics coaches and administrators and to expedite media requests, the University of Illinois Sports Information Office requires media personnel to arrange interview requests through the Sports Information staff. This interview procedure is designed to enhance the availability of DIA staff members to answer questions from the media at a time which best facilitates each individual's schedule.

In most situations, the most convenient opportunity for media interviews is following the team practice sessions. If this is not a convenient time for the media, return telephone calls from the student-athletes to the media will be arranged. The student-athletes' academic endeavors are of the utmost importance, and they will not be asked to miss classes for purposes of a media interview. In most situations, student-athletes are not available on the day of scheduled intercollegiate competition until after the event is completed. Players have been instructed not to talk to media who haven't coordinated their requests through Sports Information. The team locker room and training room are off limits to media personnel.

RON ZOOK RADIO SHOW

The popular "Ron Zook Show" airs Thursday nights from 7:05-8 p.m. on the Illini Sports Network. The live call-in show originates from both the WDWS studio and various campus locations each week, including fraternities, sororities, dormitories and campus buildings, allowing University of Illinois students the opportunity to meet Coach Zook and ask questions about the Illinois football program. The show is hosted by Brian Barnhart, the play-by-play voice of Fighting Illini football.

DIRECTIONS TO MEMORIAL STADIUM

From Chicago O'Hare International Airport: I-90/94 East to I-57 South to I-74 East OR I-294 Tri-State Tollway East to I-80 West to I-57 South to I-74 East. Exit I-74 East at Neil Street South to Kirby Ave. East to First Street South and turn left at the Press Parking Lot in Southwest lot of Assembly Hall. Approximate travel time: 3:00

From Chicago Midway Airport: Cicero Avenue South to I-294 Tri-State Tollway East to I-80 West to I-57 South to I-74 East. Exit Neil Street South to Kirby Ave. East to First Street South to Memorial Stadium and Press Parking Lot in Southwest parking lot of Assembly Hall. Approximate travel time: 2:45

From Indianapolis International Airport: I-465 North to I-74 West. Exit Lincoln Ave. South to Florida Ave. West to Fourth Street South to St. Mary's Rd. West to First Street North and turn right into the Press Parking Lot in Southwest lot of Assembly Hall. Approximate travel time: 2:00

ILLINI SPORTS NETWORK

BRIAN BARNHART
Play-By-Play

KURT KITTNER
Expert Analyst

STEVE KELLY
Pre & Post Game, Halftime Host

Aledo, WRMJ-FM 102.3
Alton, WBGZ-AM 1570
Bloomington, WTRX-FM 93.7
Champaign, WDWS-AM 1400
Champaign, WHMS-FM 97.5
Chicago, WIND-AM 560
Clinton, WHOW-AM 1520
Clinton, WHOW-FM 95.9
Danville, WDAN-AM 1490
Danville, WDNL-FM, 102.1
Davenport, Iowa, KUUL-FM 101.3
Decatur, WSOY-AM 1340
DuQuoin, WDQN-AM 1580
East Moline, KUUL-FM 101.3
Effingham, WCRC-FM 95.7
Fairfield, WFIW-AM 1390
Galesburg, WGIL-AM 1400
Jacksonville, WJIL-AM 1550
Jerseyville, WJBM-AM 1480
Kankakee, WKAN-AM 1320
Kewanee, WYEC-FM 93.9
LaSalle-Peru, WLPO-AM 1220
Litchfield, WSMI-FM 106.1
Litchfield, WAOX-FM 105.3
Mt. Carmel, WVMC-AM 1360
Mattoon, WCRC-FM 95.7
Morrison, WZZT-FM 102.7
Olney, WVLN-AM 740
Olney, WSEI-FM 92.9
Paxton, WPXN-FM 104.9
Peoria, WIRL-AM 1290
Pittsfield, WBBA-FM 97.5
Pontiac, WTRX-FM 93.7
Pontiac, WJEZ-FM 98.9
Quincy, WTAD-AM 930
Quincy, WQCY-FM 103.9
Robinson, WTAY-AM 1570
Robinson, WTYE-FM 101.7
Rockford, WROK-AM 1440
Salem, WJBD-AM 1350
Salem, WJBD-FM 100.1
Sparta, WHCO-AM 1230
(Newstalk, Sports, 1230 AM –Sparta)
St. Louis, KRFT-AM 1190
St. Louis, KFNS-AM 590
Springfield, WTAX-AM 1240
Sterling, WSDR-AM 1240
Taylorville, WTIM-FM 97.3
Vandalia, WCRC, FM 95.7
Watseka, WGFA-FM 94.1

The 49-station Illini Sports Network brings Illinois football to fans across the state and Midwest with Brian Barnhart, Kurt Kittner and Steve Kelly calling the action.

Barnhart begins his sixth season as the "Voice of the Illini" after a long stint in professional baseball, including two years as the play-by-play voice of the Anaheim Angels. Barnhart serves as the voice of the Illini Sports Network, providing play-by-play coverage of football and men's basketball and as the host of the statewide "Ron Zook Show" call-in program every Thursday night at 7:05 p.m.

A native of nearby Tolono, Barnhart graduated from Unity High School and Liberty University before beginning a 15-year career in professional baseball in 1986. He served as the play-by-play voice of the Lynchburg Mets and Salem Buccaneers before moving up to the Oklahoma City 89ers, the Class AAA affiliate of the Texas Rangers, from 1988-94. Barnhart did high school football and other sport play-by-play for 11 years and was also the voice for Oklahoma Baptist basketball from 1992-94 and Oklahoma City Blazers minor league hockey in 1993. From 1996-98, he handled news, sports and play-by-play at WWLS in Oklahoma City.

In 1998, Barnhart was named the play-by-play announcer for the Angels and spent two full seasons with the American League club before returning to the Champaign-Urbana area in 2000. He currently is a news and sports announcer at WDWS-AM 1400 in Champaign.

Former Illini quarterback All-American Kurt Kittner joins the Illini Sports Network in his first season as expert analyst. Kittner lettered at Illinois from 1998-2001, leading the Illini to a the Big Ten title, a 10-win season and a trip to the BCS in 2001. The three-time team MVP was the signal caller for the most proficient offenses in school history. During his time under center, Illinois posted the two highest scoring seasons with 32.5 ppg in 2001 and 32.3 in 1999. Kittner still holds school records for career total offense (8,880), single-season (27) and career (70) touchdown passes thrown.

Kittner was the starting quarterback as a sophomore for the Illini in 1999 when the Illini mounted two upset road victories at ninth-ranked Michigan and at Ohio State. That season, Illinois went on to romp Virginia 63-21 in the Micronpc.com Bowl, where the squad broke 22 records.

Kittner was a two-time All-Big Ten selection, won 24 games in an Illinois jersey, finished 12th in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2001 and was a finalist for the Johnny Unitas National Quarterback Award. The Schaumburg, Ill. native was a fifth-round draft pick by the Atlanta Falcons and started four games during the 2003 season.

Along with Barnhart and Kittner on the broadcast again this fall is Kelly, veteran Illini sportscaster, who handles pre-game, halftime and post-game host duties. Kelly has covered Illini athletics for two decades on television and radio. He hosts the popular “Sports Talk” show on WDWS-AM 1400 in Champaign and also hosts "Gameday" extended coverage of Illini athletics on WDWS and Lite Rock 97.5.

The statewide Illini Sports Network is managed by the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, including distribution, sales operations, affiliate relations and programming. ISN programming includes Illinois football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball and baseball, along with the "Illini Today" series. The "Ron Zook Show" can be heard statewide on the Illini Sports Network every Thursday beginning Aug. 30 at 7:05 p.m.

THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

The Big Ten Conference is an association of 11 world-class universities whose member institutions share a common mission of research, graduate, professional and undergraduate teaching and public service. Intercollegiate athletics has an important place within the mission.

Founded in 1896, the Big Ten has sustained a comprehensive set of shared practices and policies that enforce the priority of academics in student-athletes' lives and emphasize the values of integrity, fairness and competitiveness. Big Ten universities provide in excess of $89 million in athletic scholarship aid to more than 8,400 men and women student-athletes who compete for 25 championships, 12 for men and 13 for women. In 2005-06, the Big Ten distributed over $117 million in revenues to its 11 member institutions. Conference institutions sponsor broad-based athletic programs with more than 270 teams.

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- Expansion of the conference to 11 institutions with the addition of Penn State in June 1991
- Established Big Ten bowl tie-ins beginning in 1991, which now includes annual participation in the Rose, Capital One, Outback, Alamo, Champs Sports, Insight and Motor City Bowls
- Creation of the first national conference-owned television network devoted to the athletic and academic programs of a single conference. The Big Ten Network, a joint venture with Fox, launched in August 2007 and will telecast some 350 events and over 660 hours of institutional non-athletic programming annually
- Developed the first collegiate version of football instant replay implemented during the 2004 season
- Negotiated extensions of ABC, CBS and ESPN agreements, beginning with the 2007-08 season and covering over 130 events annually
- Participated in NCAA, BCS and Big Ten media negotiations, resulting in rights fees in excess of $10 billion, since 1990
- Adoption of the Gender Equity Action Plan (GEAP) that spans a 16-year period. This program includes three Phases. The first, Phase I, began in 1992 when the Big Ten became the first conference to voluntarily adopt participation goals for female student-athletes. Phase II, commonly known as "Dream Big," was initiated in the summer of 1998 as a public outreach campaign that encourages young girls in grades K-8 to participate in sports. Phase III, a marketing campaign launched to support and better promote conference women's olympic sports, began in 2002. Over 2,000 women's participation opportunities have been created during this time frame, resulting in a 53/47 male/female participation ratio
- Implementation of conference-wide sportsmanship initiatives focusing on creating safer venues for visiting teams, officials and fans. A Big Ten Sportsmanship Award was established and the conference has recognized more than 1,300 student-athletes in the past five years for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship
- Established a Big Ten library of more than 4,000 classic football and basketball games

On Jan. 11, 1895, seven Midwest university presidents met at the Palmer House in Chicago under the leadership of Purdue's James H. Smart, establishing the principles for which the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives, more popularly known as the Big Ten Conference, would be founded.

At that meeting, the presidents mapped out a blueprint for governance of intercollegiate athletics that still holds true for the Big Ten in the 21st century, including "restricting eligibility for athletics to bonafide, full-time students who were not delinquent in their studies," eliminating professional athletes from college sports. Less than a year later, the faculty representatives from each of the seven schools met and officially established the "Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives" or "Western Conference" or "Big Ten Conference."

As early as 1906, the faculty representatives had approved eligibility requirements for incoming student-athletes and made freshmen and transfer students ineligible for one season, banned training tables and living quarters for athletes and charged institutions with hiring full-time coaches "at modest salaries."

Football and baseball were originally the most popular Big Ten sports with the league hosting its first official championship at the 1906 Outdoor Track and Field Championships. In 1981, the Big Ten began sanctioning women's intercollegiate athletics and today sponsors 12 men's and 13 women's championship sports.

Jim Delany, one of the nation's foremost athletic administrators, begins his 18th year as the commissioner of the Big Ten, just the fifth person to hold the position.

Delany, a former captain and three-year basketball letterwinner at North Carolina, has overseen the expansion of the Big Ten from 10 to 11 schools, increased league bowl tie-ins to seven, negotiated a model long-term agreements with ABC, CBS and ESPN added five league championship events, overseen record revenue distributions to member institutions, created the Big Ten men's basketball post-season tournament and assisted in the adoption of he voluntary league-wide commitment to male/female participation in intercollegiate athletics, resulting in a 53/47 ratio. He has also been the leader in the creation of the first national conference-owned television network devoted to the athletic and academic programs of a single conference. The Big Ten Network, a joint venture with Fox, launched in August 2007 and will telecast some 350 events and over 660 hours of institutional non-athletic programming annually. He also led the venture to develop the first collegiate version of football instant replay implemented during the 2004 season. Delany also recently served as president for the Collegiate Commissioner's Association.

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CHAD HAWLEY	Assistant Commissioner/Compliance
MIKE MCCOMISKEY	Assistant Commissioner/Technology
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GREG WALTER	Associate Director of Compliance
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BIG TEN CONFERENCE HISTORY *(1895-present)*

1895 - The "Original 7" Big Ten institutions: University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University, Purdue University and University of Wisconsin.
1899 - The Big Ten Conference adds Indiana University and the University of Iowa.
1912 - The Ohio State University joins the Big Ten Conference.
1946 - The University of Chicago withdraws from the Big Ten.
1949 - Michigan State University joins the Big Ten Conference.
1990 - The Big Ten welcomes Penn State University as its 11th member school.

THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

• Big Ten Universities are members of the nation's only conference whose constituency is entirely composed of institutions that are members of the AAU, a prestigious association of major academic and research institutions in the United States and Canada.

• Big Ten Universities have more than four million living alumni and over 300,000 undergraduate students attending Big Ten universities.

• Big Ten Universities house on their campuses 10 of the nation's 35 largest academic libraries. Collectively, conference libraries hold nearly 70 million bound volumes and the institutions work collaboratively to build and share their resources with other league members.

• Over the past two years, the Big Ten has reached a series of milestone media agreements to provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever, including extensions with CBS (for basketball) and ABC/ESPN (for football, basketball and volleyball) and the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. The Big Ten Network will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and launched in August of 2007. It will showcase a wide array of sports as well as original programming produced by conference institutions and represents a 20-year partnership between the Big Ten and Fox. The conference's new media agreements will result in the broadcast of more than 500 events nationally and regionally beginning with the 2007-08 academic year, compared to 300 events in the final year of the previous agreements.

• Since 1992, the Big Ten has created in excess of 2,000 new opportunities for women student-athletes and established 28 new female teams.

• The NCAA collects two types of graduation rates – the federal graduation rate, which accounts for all entering freshmen who receive aid and graduate within six years, and the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which reflects the mobility of student-athletes by accounting for transfers. Based on the most recent federal graduation rate average for the 1996-99 entering freshmen classes, Big Ten student-athletes graduated at 71 percent. In comparison, the student body at conference institutions graduated at 73 percent while all Division I student-athletes graduated at 62 percent. The Big Ten's GSR was 82 percent compared to the Division I average of 77 percent.

• The Big Ten recognized 2,018 Academic All-Big Ten honorees during the 2006-07 academic year, the highest total in the last decade. Over the past five years, the Conference has annually acknowledged more than 1,800 student-athletes as Academic All-Conference honorees.

• The Big Ten claimed seven team national championships during the 2006-07 season, just one shy of the conference record of eight national titles established during the 1955-56 campaign, while also finishing as the runner-up in five other sports. The Big Ten has earned at least four national crowns in eight of the last 10 full seasons. Big Ten national champions in 2006-07 included Michigan State men's ice hockey, Minnesota wrestling, Northwestern women's lacrosse, Penn State fencing and men's gymnastics and Wisconsin women's ice hockey and men's indoor track and field. The conference has also produced team national crowns in the sports of basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, softball, synchronized swimming, tennis and volleyball over the last decade.

• Big Ten Conference schools are among the national attendance leaders in football, men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball. During 2006–07, more than 8.7 million fans attended Big Ten home contests in those sports.

The Big Ten sponsors championships or tournaments in the following sports:

MEN'S SPORTS	WOMEN'S SPORTS
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country
Cross Country	Field Hockey
Football	Golf
Golf	Gymnastics
Gymnastics	Rowing
Soccer	Soccer
Swimming & Diving	Swimming & Diving
Tennis	Softball
Indoor Track & Field	Tennis
Outdoor Track & Field	Indoor Track & Field
Wrestling	Outdoor Track & Field
	Volleyball

BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

2006 Ohio State University (8-0)
2005 Penn State University (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
2004 University of Michigan (7-1)
University of Iowa (7-1)
2003 University of Michigan (7-1)
2002 Ohio State University (8-0)
University of Iowa (8-0)
2001 University of Illinois (7-1)
2000 University of Michigan (6-2)
Northwestern University (6-2)
Purdue University (6-2)
1999 University of Wisconsin (7-1)
1998 Ohio State University (7-1)
University of Wisconsin (7-1)
University of Michigan (7-1)
1997 University of Michigan (8-0)
1996 Ohio State University (7-1)
Northwestern University (7-1)
1995 Northwestern University (8-0)
1994 Penn State University (8-0)
1993 Ohio State University (6-1-1)
University of Wisconsin (6-1-1)
1992 University of Michigan (6-0-2)
1991 University of Michigan (8-0)
1990 University of Michigan (6-2)
Michigan State University (6-2)
University of Illinois (6-2)
University of Iowa (6-2)
1989 University of Michigan (8-0)
1988 University of Michigan (7-0-1)
1987 Michigan St. University (7-0-1)
1986 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1985 University of Iowa (7-1)
1984 Ohio State University (7-2)
1983 University of Illinois (9-0)
1982 University of Michigan (8-1)
1981 Ohio State University (6-2)
University of Iowa (6-2)
1980 University of Michigan (8-0)
1979 Ohio State University (8-0)
1978 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1977 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1976 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1975 Ohio State University (8-0)
1974 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1973 University of Michigan (7-0-1)
Ohio State University (7-0-1)
1972 University of Michigan (7-1)
Ohio State University (7-1)
1971 University of Michigan (8-0)
1970 Ohio State University (7-0)
1969 Ohio State University (6-1)
University of Michigan (6-1)
1968 Ohio State University (7-0)
1967 University of Indiana (6-1)
University of Minnesota (6-1)
Purdue University (6-1)
1966 Michigan State (7-0)
1965 Michigan State (7-0)
1964 University of Michigan (6-1)
1963 University of Illinois (5-1-1)
1962 University of Wisconsin (6-1)
1961 Ohio State University (6-0)
1960 University of Iowa (5-1)
University of Minnesota (5-1)
1959 University of Wisconsin (5-2)
1958 University of Iowa (5-1)
1957 Ohio State University (7-0)
1956 University of Iowa (5-1)
1955 Ohio State University (6-0)
1954 Ohio State University (7-0)
1953 Michigan State University (5-1)
University of Illinois (5-1)
1952 University of Wisconsin (4-1-1)
Purdue University (4-1-1)
1951 University of Illinois (5-0-1)
1950 University of Michigan (4-1-1)
1949 Ohio State University (4-1-1)
University of Michigan (4-1-1)
1948 University of Michigan (6-0)
1947 University of Michigan (6-0)
1946 University of Illinois (6-1)
1945 University of Indiana (5-0-1)
1944 Ohio State University (6-0)
1943 Purdue University (6-0)
University of Michigan (6-0)
1942 Ohio State University (5-1)
1941 University of Minnesota (5-0)
1940 University of Minnesota (6-0)
1939 Ohio State University (5-1)
1938 University of Minnesota (4-1)
1937 University of Minnesota (5-0)
1936 Northwestern University (6-0)
1935 University of Minnesota (5-0)
1934 University of Minnesota (5-0)
1933 University of Michigan (6-0)
1932 University of Michigan (6-0)
1931 Purdue University (5-1)
University of Michigan (5-1)
Northwestern University (5-1)
1930 University of Michigan (5-0)
Northwestern University (5-0)
1929 Purdue University (5-0)
1928 University of Illinois (4-1)
1927 University of Illinois (5-0)
1926 University of Michigan (5-0)
Northwestern University (5-0)
1925 University of Michigan (5-1)
1924 University of Chicago (3-0-3)
1923 University of Illinois (5-0)
1922 University of Iowa (5-0)
1921 University of Iowa (5-0)
1920 Ohio State University (5-0)
1919 University of Illinois (6-1)
1918 University of Illinois (4-0)
1917 Ohio State University (4-0)
1916 Ohio State University (4-0)
1915 University of Illinois (3-0-2)
University of Minnesota (3-0-1)
1914 University of Illinois (6-0)
1913 University of Chicago (7-0)
1912 University of Wisconsin (6-0)
1911 University of Minnesota (3-0-1)
1910 University of Illinois (4-0)
1909 University of Minnesota (3-0)
1908 University of Chicago (5-0)
1907 University of Chicago (4-0)
1906 University of Wisconsin (3-0)
1905 University of Chicago (7-0)
1904 University of Minnesota (3-0)
1903 University of Michigan (3-0-1)
University of Minnesota (3-0-1)
1902 University of Michigan (5-0)
1901 University of Michigan (4-0)
1900 University of Minnesota (3-0-1)
1899 University of Chicago (4-0)
1898 University of Michigan (3-0)
1897 University of Wisconsin (3-0)
1896 University of Wisconsin (2-0-1)

2007-08 BOWL SCHEDULE

Bowl Game	Date/Time (ET)	Site	Matchup	Network
San Diego Co. Credit Union Poinsettia	Dec. 20 / 9 p.m.	San Diego, Calif.	Mountain West vs. Navy/At-Large	ESPN
R&L Carriers New Orleans	Dec. 21 / 8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	Sun Belt Champ vs. C-USA	ESPN2
PapaJohn's.com	Dec. 22 / 1 p.m.	Birmingham, Ala.	Big East vs. C-USA	ESPN2
New Mexico	Dec. 22 / 4:30 p.m.	Albuquerque, N.M.	Mountain West vs. WAC	ESPN
Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas	Dec. 22 / 8 p.m.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Mountain West vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Sheraton Hawaii	Dec. 23 / 8 p.m.	Honolulu, Hawaii	C-USA vs. WAC	ESPN
Motor City	Dec. 26 / 7:30 p.m.	Detroit, Mich.	Big Ten vs. MAC	ESPN
Pacific Life Holiday	Dec. 27 / 8 p.m.	San Diego, Calif.	Big 12 vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Texas	Dec. 28 / 8 p.m.	Houston, Texas	Big 12 vs. C-USA	NFL
Champs Sports	Dec. 28 / 5 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	ACC vs. Big Ten	ESPN
Emerald	Dec. 28 / 8:30 p.m.	San Francisco, Calif.	ACC vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Meineke Car Care	Dec. 29 / 1 p.m.	Charlotte, N.C.	ACC vs. Big East	ESPN
AutoZone Liberty	Dec. 29 / 4:30 p.m.	Memphis, Tenn.	C-USA vs. SEC	ESPN
Alamo	Dec. 29 / 8 p.m.	San Antonio, Texas	Big Ten vs. Big 12	ESPN
Petro Sun Independence	Dec. 30 / 8 p.m.	Shreveport, La.	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Bell Helicopter Armed Forces	Dec. 31 / 12:30 p.m.	Fort Worth, Texas	Mountain West vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Brut Sun	Dec. 31 / 2 p.m.	El Paso, Texas	Big 12/Big East/Notre Dame vs. Pac-10	CBS
Humanitarian	Dec. 31 / 2 p.m.	Boise, Idaho	ACC vs. WAC	ESPN2
Gaylord Hotels Music City	Dec. 31 / 4 p.m.	Nashville, Tenn.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN
Chick-Fil-A	Dec. 31 / 7:30 p.m.	Atlanta, Ga.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN
Insight	Dec. 31 / TBA	Tempe, Ariz.	Big Ten vs. Big 12	NFL
Outback	Jan. 1 / 11 a.m.	Tampa, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
AT&T Cotton	Jan. 1 / 11:30 a.m.	Dallas, Texas	Big 12 vs. SEC	FOX
Gator	Jan. 1 / 1 p.m.	Jacksonville, Fla.	ACC vs. Big 12/Big East/Notre Dame	CBS
Capital One	Jan. 1 / 1 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ABC
Rose presented by Citi	Jan. 1 / 4:30 p.m.	Pasadena, Calif.	*BCS vs. BCS	ABC
Allstate Sugar	Jan. 1 / 8:30 p.m.	New Orlenas, La.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
Tostitos Fiesta	Jan. 2 / 8 p.m.	Pheonix, Ariz.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
FedEx Orange	Jan. 3 / 8 p.m.	Miami, Fla.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
International	Jan. 5 / 12 p.m.	Toronto, Canada	Big East/Notre Dame vs. MAC	ESPN2
GMAC	Jan. 6 / 8 p.m.	Mobile, Ala.	C-USA vs. MAC	ESPN
Allstate BCS National Championship	Jan. 7 / 8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	*BCS #1 vs. BCS #2	FOX

All Times Eastern and Subject to Change

BIG TEN COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1
Illinois vs. Missouri (St. Louis)
Indiana State at Indiana
Northern Illinois at Iowa
Appalachian State at Michigan
UAB at Michigan State
Bowling Green at Minnesota
Northeastern at Northwestern
Youngstown State at Ohio State
Florida International at Penn State
Purdue at Toledo
Washington State at Wisconsin

SEPT. 8
Western Illinois at Illinois
Indiana at Western Michigan
Syracuse at Iowa
Oregon at Michigan
Bowling Green at Michigan State
Miami (OH) at Minnesota
Nevada at Northwestern
Akron at Ohio State
Notre Dame at Penn State
Eastern Illinois at Purdue
Wisconsin at UNLV

SEPT. 15
Illinois at Syracuse
Akron at Indiana
Iowa at Iowa State
Notre Dame at Michigan
Pittsburgh at Michigan State
Minnesota at Florida Atlantic
Duke at Northwestern
Ohio State at Washington
Buffalo at Penn State
Central Michigan at Purdu
The Citadel at Wisconsin

SEPT. 22
Illinois at Indiana
Iowa at Wisconsin
Penn State at Michigan
Michigan State at Notre Dame
Purdue at Minnesota
Northwestern at Ohio State

SEPT. 29
Penn State at Illinois
Indiana at Iowa
Ohio State at Minnesota
Michigan at Northwestern
Notre Dame at Purdue
Michigan State at Wisconsin

OCT. 6
Wisconsin at Illinois
Minnesota at Indiana
Iowa at Penn State
Eastern Michigan at Michigan
Northwestern at Michigan State
Ohio State at Purdue

OCT. 13
Illinois at Iowa
Indiana at Michigan State
Purdue at Michigan
Minnesota at Northwestern
Kent State at Ohio State
Penn State at Wisconsin

OCT. 20
Michigan at Illinois
Penn State at Indiana
Iowa at Purdue
Michigan State at Ohio State
North Dakota State at Minnesota
Eastern Michigan vs. Northwestern

OCT. 27
Ball State at Illinois
Indiana at Wisconsin
Michigan State at Iowa
Minnesota at Michigan
Northwestern at Purdue
Ohio State at Penn State

NOV. 3
Illinois at Minnesota
Ball State at Indiana
Iowa at Northwestern
MIchigan at Michigan State
Purdue at Penn State
Wisconsin at Ohio State

NOV. 10
Illinois at Ohio State
Indiana at Northwestern
Minnesota at Iowa
Michigan at Wisconsin
Michigan State at Purdue
Illinois at Ohio State
Temple vs. Penn State

NOV. 17
Northwestern at Illinois
Purdue at Indiana
Western Michigan at Iowa
Penn State at Michigan State
Wisconsin at Minnesota
Ohio State at Michigan