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BIG TEN CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES 32-GAME TELEVISION LINEUP FOR 2006-07 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON

Ten Games Featuring Conference Teams to be Televised on CBS, ESPN2 and ESPNU

PARK RIDGE, III. – The Big Ten Conference office announced today that at least 32 women's basketball games have been selected for national and regional television coverage for the upcoming 2006-07 season. A total of 10 games will be aired nationally on CBS, ESPN2 and ESPNU, while the remaining 22 contests, including nine of the 10 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament games, will be televised on Comcast SportsNet Chicago.

Two-time defending conference champion Ohio State along with Michigan State will represent the Big Ten in its CBS Sports national doubleheader on Saturday, Jan. 6. The Buckeyes will host Kentucky at Noon ET, followed by the Spartans at defending national champion Maryland at 2 p.m. ET.

Ohio State will begin the conference's nationally-televised package on the ESPN family of networks when it opens the season against Army in the Maggie Dixon Classic on ESPNU. Head coach Jim Foster and the Buckeyes will face the Black Knights in their emotional return to the court after the untimely passing of their head coach for whom the tournament is named. Last year, Dixon led Army to its first NCAA Tournament bid in school history and its first 20-win season since 1990-91.

Seven games are touted for ESPN2, highlighted by the Big Ten Tournament Championship on March 5. Prior to a pair of intraconference matchups in which Purdue will host Ohio State (Jan. 29) and Michigan State (Feb. 11), the Big Ten will hit the road for a host of games against Big East and Big 12 opponents. The Boilermakers travel to Connecticut on Nov. 30, followed by Ohio State at Oklahoma on Dec. 20. Just into the Big Ten season, Purdue will take on Texas in Austin on Jan. 7, while Michigan State travels to Rutgers on Jan. 28.

Also appearing on Jan. 28 will be Iowa at Penn State, a game which will be televised by Comcast SportsNet Chicago. The Lady Lions will be in action for CSN Chicago's opener on Dec. 28, when Penn State travels to Illinois. In addition to a pair of "wildcard" selections in late February, a game highlighted on the CSN Chicago portion of the schedule is the Indiana at Purdue matchup on Jan. 14. The game will mark the first time Purdue head coach Sharon Versyp will face her former Indiana squad, which a year ago under her guidance, came into Mackey Arena and upset the No. 10 Boilermakers on CSN Chicago, 63-61, in overtime.

Comcast SportsNet Chicago will also air nine games of the 2007 Big Ten Tournament during the first, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, with seven of those contests aired live.

A list of all Big Ten women's basketball games televised on CBS, ESPN2, ESPNU and Comcast SportsNet Chicago follows.

2006-07 Big Ten Women's Basketball Television Schedule

CBS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BROADCAST</u>
Saturday, Jan. 6	Kentucky at Ohio State	Noon ET	LIVE
Saturday, Jan. 6	Michigan State at Maryland	2 p.m. ET	LIVE

ESPN2

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BROADCAST</u>
Thursday, Nov. 30	Purdue at Connecticut	7 p.m. ET	LIVE
Wednesday, Dec. 20	Ohio State at Oklahoma	7 p.m. ET	LIVE
Sunday, Jan. 7	Purdue at Texas	3 p.m. ET	LIVE
Sunday, Jan. 28	Michigan State at Rutgers	5 p.m. ET	LIVE
Monday, Jan. 29	Ohio State at Purdue	7 p.m. ET	LIVE
Sunday, Feb. 11	Michigan State at Purdue	3:10 p.m. ET	LIVE
Monday, March 5	Big Ten Tournament Championship	7 p.m. ET	LIVE

ESPNU

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BROADCAST</u>
Sunday, Nov. 12	Ohio State at Army	3:30 p.m. ET	LIVE

Comcast SportsNet Chicago

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BROADCAST DATE/TIME</u>
Thursday, Dec. 28	Penn State at Illinois	7 p.m. CT	LIVE
Thursday, Jan. 11	Ohio State at Penn State	8 p.m. ET	LIVE
Sunday, Jan. 14	Indiana at Purdue	3 p.m. ET	LIVE
Thursday, Jan. 18	Minnesota at Illinois	7 p.m. CT	LIVE
Sunday, Jan. 21	Wisconsin at Northwestern	Noon CT	LIVE
Thursday, Jan. 25	Minnesota at Iowa	7 p.m. CT	LIVE
Sunday, Jan. 28	Iowa at Penn State	1 p.m. ET	LIVE
Thursday, Feb. 1	Penn State at Michigan State	8 p.m. ET	LIVE
Thursday, Feb. 8	Michigan at Iowa	7 p.m. CT	LIVE
Sunday, Feb. 11	Indiana at Minnesota	Noon CT	LIVE
Sunday, Feb. 18	Michigan State at Ohio State	1 p.m. ET	LIVE
Thursday, Feb. 22	WILDCARD	7 p.m. CT	LIVE
Sunday, Feb. 25	WILDCARD	Noon CT	LIVE
Thursday, March 1	Big Ten Tournament Game #1	3 p.m. ET	LIVE
Thursday, March 1	Big Ten Tournament Game #2	25 min. after Game #1	LIVE
Thursday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament Game #3	25 min. after Game #2	LIVE
Friday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament Game #4	Noon ET	LIVE
Friday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament Game #5	25 min. after Game #4	LIVE
Friday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament Game #6	6 p.m. ET	TAPE DELAY
Friday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament Game #7	25 min. after Game #6	TAPE DELAY
Sunday, March 4	Big Ten Tournament Game #8	5 p.m. ET	LIVE
Sunday, March 4	Big Ten Tournament Game #9	25 min. after Game #8	LIVE

*Schedule dates and times subject to change

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