

THE B1G+A PLAYBOOK

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2026 COLLEGE FOOTBALL • WEEK 7

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Prologue

The Past Is the Playbook

You already know who we are. You found B1G+A because you want more than a score and a hot take: you want to know what the numbers mean for the team you love, and for the one you can't stand.

So here is what B1G+A is trying to add to the story.

College football is the greatest sport ever invented. It's 150-plus years of fight songs, Saturday traditions and grudges handed down from grandparents to grandkids. It's a walk-on becoming a captain, and a rivalry that still stings decades later. We revere it. And because we revere it, we study it.

Here's the truth that drives everything B1G+A does: the future can't be predicted. Nobody knows what happens Saturday. But the future can be compared. This sport has played out the same scenarios thousands of times: the road favorite in a hostile stadium, the backup quarterback's first start, the team that wins the turnover battle and still loses. History keeps score on how often each one worked.

So B1G+A doesn't predict. It studies the past to project the future. B1G+A projections start from one question: when college football has been here before, what happened, and how often? Today, that means blending two ratings built and tested on games already played: 70% ESPN's FPI and 30% the B1G+A power rating.

That study comes with rules. Every team gets the same field, the same tape and the same math, whether it's 6-0 or 0-6. We'll tell you if your team is good, if your rival is as bad as you hope, where you can get better and who's better than you, and we'll show the receipts. And when history surprises us, we'll show you.

Respect the past. Study it hard. Then let's see what Saturday says.

— The B1G+A Editorial Team

THE B1G+A PLAY SCRIPT

PLAY 01



FROM THE EDITOR

B1G+A went 4-3 picking B1G winners in Week 6 (5-2 against the spread). One miss was a two-point game in Eugene. Another was at Ross-Ade: B1G+A picked Minnesota, and Purdue won by 28. That one still stings. If last week taught this league anything, it's that the margins are paper thin.

This week the margins get even thinner. **Four of the seven B1G games** have a B1G+A favorite under 60%, headlined by Ohio State at Indiana, where B1G+A has the Hoosiers at 51%. That isn't a pick so much as a shrug with a decimal point. Add three quarterback questions (UCLA, Washington and Oregon) and you get a Saturday where the little things probably decide it: third downs, red zone trips, a punt that dies at the 5.

So that's the thread through this issue: **thin margins**. Every game card names the stat most likely to break the tie. "What Moved the Numbers" shows how one injury took UCLA from 62% to 54%. The back half digs into what wins coin flips: clutch downs, hidden yardage and chunk plays. Stats that failed B1G+A's ESPN box-score check say *withheld*, not a guess.

As always, these are probabilities, not promises. Enjoy the games, be kind in the replies, and maybe thank a punter.

The B1G+A Editorial Team

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PLAY 02



WEEK 7 AT A GLANCE

51%

CLOSEST CALL · IU VS. OSU
Line: OSU -3.5

73%

BIGGEST FAVORITE · NORTHWESTERN
Line: NU -7.5

4 of 7

B1G GAMES UNDER 60%
Coin-flip territory

57.5

HIGHEST O/U · RUTG-MD
Lowest: PSU-MICH / WIS-UCLA 42.5

4-3

B1G+A PICKS, WEEK 6
ATS 5-2 · expected ≈5.2 wins

KICK (CT)	GAME	B1G+A WIN CHANCE		B1G+A PICK	ESPN FPI*	LINE	O/U
Fri 7:00 PM	W WASH at P PUR	WASH 42%	58% PUR	P PUR 58%	PUR 60%	PUR -3.5	52.5
Sat 11:00 AM	S OSU at Ψ IU	OSU 49%	51% IU	Ψ IU 51%	OSU 52%	OSU -3.5	50.5
Sat 11:00 AM	N NU at ⬮ MSU	NU 73%	27% MSU	N NU 73%	NU 79%	NU -7.5	49.5
Sat 11:30 AM	R RUTG at M MD	RUTG 33%	67% MD	M MD 67%	MD 61%	MD -4.5	57.5
Sat 2:30 PM	⬮ PSU at M MICH	PSU 45%	55% MICH	M MICH 55%	MICH 55%	MICH -6.5	42.5
Sat 6:30 PM	W WIS at Ucla UCLA	WIS 46%	54% UCLA	Ucla UCLA 54%	UCLA 58%	UCLA -2.5	42.5
Sat 10:00 PM	N NEB at O ORE	NEB 37%	63% ORE	O ORE 63%	ORE 66%	ORE -7	51.5

On bye: Illinois · Iowa · Minnesota · USC. *ESPN FPI Matchup Predictor shown for comparison only, pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT. Lines and O/U: DraftKings via VegasInsider, pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT; lines in the boxes above use the same pull. All times CT. AP ranks on game cards.

THE TAKEAWAY

B1G+A and ESPN FPI split on only one winner, the biggest game: B1G+A has Indiana at 51%, FPI leans Ohio State. In a game that close, the honest read is "nobody knows," so the details on the next four pages matter.

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THE THROUGH-LINE

Thin margins. Four coin-flip games, three QB questions and a league where hidden yardage is real. Each section adds a piece; page 13 ties it together.

Game projections in this issue: B1G+A Model 2.2, which blends 70% ESPN FPI with 30% B1G+A Power Rating in Week 7 and includes the Oct 12 UCLA -3.0 news adjustment (added 2:25 PM CT). Home field included.

PLAY 03



EVERY B1G GAME, HEAD TO HEAD

Win chance bars are B1G+A. Rank chips are B1G ranks of 18 (green = top 6, red = bottom 6). Stats are through Week 6 from ESPN play-by-play and box scores. *withheld** = failed the ESPN box-score check, so it's not shown.

SAT OCT 17, 11:00 AM CT · FOX · MEMORIAL STADIUM

★ GAME OF THE WEEK

The Rematch: a coin flip in Bloomington

#4 Ohio State at #5 Indiana

Indiana won the last one 13-10 for the 2025 Big Ten title. Now both are 3-0 in league play, B1G+A and ESPN FPI disagree on the winner, and the CFP bye path likely runs through this game (IU 90.5%, OSU 76.3%).

Ohio State 5-1 (3-0 B1G) · Indiana 6-0 (3-0 B1G) · ranks = AP

B1G+A WIN CHANCE CLOSE: UNDER 60%

OSU 49%

51% IU

B1G+A PICK

Indiana 51%

B1G+A PROJ. SCORE

IU 27, OSU 26

LINE · DRAFTKINGS

OSU -3.5

TOTAL (O/U)

50.5

KEY MATCHUPS · value + B1G rank (of 18)

MATCHUP	OSU	IU
Best offense vs. best defense OSU: Opp. points per possession · IU: Points per possession	1.18 #2	4.00 #1
...and the other way OSU: Points per possession · IU: Opp. points per possession	3.83 #2	1.16 #1
Red zone finish OSU: Opp. red zone TD % · IU: Red zone TD %	50.0% T-#6	72.0% #3
Explosive passing OSU: 20+ yd passes / game · IU: 20+ yd passes allowed / game	4.83 #3	2.50 T-#6

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN

	Julian Sayin OSU · PASSING 116/163, 1772 yds, 17 TD, 2 INT
	Jeremiah Smith OSU · RECEIVING 48 rec, 916 yds, 11 TD · B1G leader
	Kenyatta Jackson Jr. OSU · SACKS 15 tackles (6 solo), 3 sacks, 0 INT
	Josh Hoover IU · PASSING 88/129, 1364 yds, 17 TD, 0 INT
	Turbo Richard IU · RUSHING 71 rush, 597 yds, 5 TD
	Tobi Osunsanmi IU · SACKS 22 tackles (13 solo), 5 sacks, 0 INT · co-leads B1G

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Ohio State 52%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Indiana leads the B1G at 4.00 points per possession and allows a league-best 1.16; Ohio State is No. 2 on both sides (3.83 and 1.18). The tiebreaker to watch: ball security. IU has 1 giveaway all season and has allowed 0 points off turnovers. **The case for Indiana:** home field and the ball security. **The case for Ohio State:** the best B1G+A rating in the league, and ESPN FPI's lean.

All-time series: Ohio State leads 81-13-5. Last meeting: Indiana 13-10, 2025 Big Ten Championship (Dec. 6, 2025). Source: IU Athletics.

TAPE

OSU vs. IU: THE FULL TAPE

STAT	OSU	IU	STAT	OSU	IU
Points per possession	3.83 #2	4.00 #1	3-and-out rate	10.8% #4	15.5% #11
Opp. points per possession	1.18 #2	1.16 #1	Forced 3-and-out rate	22.6% #14	31.1% #3
Red zone TD %	71.0% #5	72.0% #3	Chunk plays / game	6.33 #6	7.67 #3
Opp. red zone TD %	50.0% T-#6	54.5% #10	Chunk plays allowed / game	withheld*	3.67 #2
3rd-down conv. %	45.2% #5	45.31% #4	Field position edge (yds)	+6.0 #6	+7.4 #5
Opp. 3rd-down conv. %	36.1% #12	32.6% #10	Giveaways	6 T-#9	1 #1

B1G ranks of 18; green = better, red = worse. Through Week 6. Indiana is top 3 in 7 of the 12 stats shown; Ohio State is top 5 in 5 of 11 with data.

THE EDITORIAL READ ON THE SLATE

Seven games, and the four closest calls (Indiana, UCLA, Michigan, Purdue) all land between 51% and 58%. In games this tight, B1G+A won't pretend to know. It will tell you where each one tips: ball security in Bloomington, third downs in West Lafayette and Eugene, field position in Ann Arbor.

FRI OCT 16, 7:00 PM CT · FOX · ROSS-ADE STADIUM

Last vs. last on third down

W Washington at P Purdue

Purdue can convert on third down and Washington can't stop it, and Washington's QB news isn't in the B1G+A number yet.

Washington 3-3 (0-3 B1G) · Purdue 3-3 (2-1 B1G)

B1G+A WIN CHANCE CLOSE: UNDER 60%

WASH 42%

58% PUR

B1G+A PICK	B1G+A PROJ. SCORE	LINE · DRAFTKINGS	TOTAL (O/U)
P Purdue 58%	PUR 29, WASH 26	PUR -3.5	52.5

KEY MATCHUPS · value + B1G rank (of 18)

MATCHUP	W WASH	P PUR
Purdue on 3rd down WASH: Opp. 3rd-down conv. % · PUR: 3rd-down conv. %	30.7% #6	45.33% #3
Washington on 3rd down WASH: 3rd-down conv. % · PUR: Opp. 3rd-down conv. %	31.2% #18	47.9% #18
Ball hawks vs. ball security WASH: Takeaways · PUR: Giveaways	9 T-#3	4 T-#5

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Purdue 60%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN

-  **Elijah Brown** WASH · PASSING **NEW STARTER?**
took first-team reps (per Jedd Fisch); 28/39, 251 yds, 3 TD, 0 INT in relief vs. Iowa
-  **Dezmen Roebuck** WASH · RECEIVING
43 rec, 387 yds, 2 TD
-  **Fame Ijeboi** PUR · RUSHING
117 rush, 549 yds, 9 TD · official B1G OPOW, Wk 6
-  **Ryan Browne** PUR · PASSING
124/180, 1549 yds, 9 TD, 1 INT
-  **Demond Williams Jr.** WASH **OUT**
rib injury · listed as doubtful

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Third down tells the story. Purdue converts 45.33% (No. 3 in the B1G) into a Washington D that allows 30.7% (No. 6). Flip it, and Washington's 31.2% meets Purdue's 47.9%: last vs. last, so something has to give. The QB news isn't in the number yet (see p.07). **The case for Purdue:** home field and the No. 3 third-down offense. **The case for Washington:** Purdue's third-down D is No. 18, and the Huskies have 9 takeaways to work with.

SAT OCT 17, 11:00 AM CT · PEACOCK · SPARTAN STADIUM

Northwestern's no-drama offense

#25 N Northwestern at M Michigan State

B1G+A's biggest favorite of the week, built on an offense that rarely goes three-and-out.

Northwestern 4-1 (1-1 B1G) · Michigan State 2-4 (0-3 B1G) · ranks = AP

B1G+A WIN CHANCE

NU 73%

27% MSU

B1G+A PICK	B1G+A PROJ. SCORE	LINE · DRAFTKINGS	TOTAL (O/U)
N Northwestern 73%	NU 29, MSU 20	NU -7.5	49.5

KEY MATCHUPS · value + B1G rank (of 18)

MATCHUP	N NU	M MSU
Northwestern stays on schedule NU: 3-and-out rate · MSU: Forced 3-and-out rate	8.0% #2	25.0% #7
Northwestern red zone D NU: Opp. red zone scoring % · MSU: Red zone scoring %	72.2% #1	90.0% #7
Turnover margin Turnover margin	+6 #2	-4 T-#16

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Northwestern 79%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN

-  **Aidan Chiles** NU · PASSING
80/112, 1172 yds, 9 TD, 0 INT
-  **Griffin Wilde** NU · RECEIVING
24 rec, 425 yds, 3 TD
-  **Alessio Milivojevic** MSU · PASSING
102/155, 1047 yds, 5 TD, 3 INT
-  **Rhys Dakin** MSU · PUNTING
51.6 gross avg. · B1G leader (min. 2 punts/game)

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Northwestern goes three-and-out on just 8.0% of drives (No. 2) and holds opponents to 72.2% scoring in the red zone, best in the league. MSU's chunk-play numbers failed the box-score check, so they're withheld.

SAT OCT 17, 11:30 AM CT · BTN · SECU STADIUM

Rutgers can finish drives. Can it hold onto the ball?

R Rutgers at M Maryland

Rutgers' red zone offense meets Maryland's weakest unit, but turnovers keep undoing the Scarlet Knights.

Rutgers 1-4 (0-2 B1G) · Maryland 2-4 (0-3 B1G)

B1G+A WIN CHANCE**RUTG 33%****67% MD**

B1G+A PICK

M Maryland 67%

B1G+A PROJ. SCORE

MD 33, RUTG 26

LINE · DRAFTKINGS

MD -4.5

TOTAL (O/U)

57.5**KEY MATCHUPS** · value + B1G rank (of 18)**MATCHUP****R RUTG****M MD****Maryland in the red zone**

RUTG: Opp. red zone scoring % · MD: Red zone scoring %

86.4% #11 **92.3% #2****Rutgers in the red zone**

RUTG: Red zone TD % · MD: Opp. red zone TD %

71.4% #4 **82.4% #18****The turnover tax**

RUTG: Giveaways · MD: Takeaways

10 #18 **9 T-#3**

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Maryland 61%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN**KJ Duff** RUTG · RECEIVING

33 rec, 628 yds, 7 TD · No. 2 in B1G

**Antwan Raymond** RUTG · RUSHING

89 rush, 469 yds, 4 TD

**Malik Washington** MD · PASSING

136/223, 1352 yds, 7 TD, 6 INT

**Chris Durr Jr.** MD · RECEIVING

46 rec, 476 yds, 4 TD

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Rutgers finishes drives (red zone TD rate 71.4%, No. 4) and Maryland's red zone D allows TDs on 82.4% of trips (No. 18). The catch for Rutgers: 10 giveaways, most in the B1G, and 46 points allowed off them.

SAT OCT 17, 2:30 PM CT · CBS · MICHIGAN STADIUM

Hidden yardage in the Big House

Penn State at M Michigan

With the total down sharply, Penn State's field position edge could matter more than usual.

Penn State 3-3 (0-3 B1G) · Michigan 3-2 (0-2 B1G)

B1G+A WIN CHANCE **CLOSE: UNDER 60%****PSU 45%****55% MICH**

B1G+A PICK

M Michigan 55%

B1G+A PROJ. SCORE

MICH 22, PSU 21

LINE · DRAFTKINGS

MICH -6.5

TOTAL (O/U)

42.5**KEY MATCHUPS** · value + B1G rank (of 18)**MATCHUP****PSU****M MICH****Hidden yardage**

Field position edge (yds)

+8.9 #3 **-2.2 #18****Turnovers into points**

PSU: Points off turnovers · MICH: Pts allowed off giveaways

42 #3 **33 #17****Penn State in the red zone**

PSU: Red zone TD % · MICH: Opp. red zone TD %

51.9% #17 **41.7% #3**

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Michigan 55%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN**Rocco Becht** PSU · PASSING

104/166, 1397 yds, 11 TD, 3 INT

**Tony Rojas** PSU · TACKLES

44 tackles (25 solo), 4 sacks, 2 INT

**Bryce Underwood** MICH · PASSING

stays the starter (per Kyle Whittingham) · 67/113, 881 yds, 5 TD, 4 INT

**JJ Buchanan** MICH · RECEIVING

24 rec, 446 yds, 4 TD

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Penn State owns a +8.9-yard field position edge (No. 3) while Michigan's is -2.2 (No. 18). The total dropped from 51.5 to 42.5, the biggest total move on the board. **The case for Michigan:** home field and a red zone D that allows TDs on only 41.7% of trips. **The case for Penn State:** the field position edge, plus 42 points off turnovers (No. 3) against a Michigan team that has allowed 33 off giveaways.

SAT OCT 17, 6:30 PM CT · NBC · ROSE BOWL

Life after lamaleava starts now

 Wisconsin at **UCLA**

UCLA's first game without its starting QB, against the B1G's stingiest red zone defense.

Wisconsin 4-1 (2-0 B1G) · UCLA 5-0 (3-0 B1G) · ranks = AP

B1G+A WIN CHANCE CLOSE: UNDER 60%

WIS 46%

54% UCLA

B1G+A PICK

 **UCLA** 54%

B1G+A PROJ. SCORE

UCLA 25, WIS 23

LINE · DRAFTKINGS

UCLA -2.5

TOTAL (O/U)

42.5

KEY MATCHUPS · value + B1G rank (of 18)

MATCHUP	WIS	UCLA
UCLA takeaway machine WIS: Giveaways · UCLA: Takeaways	6 T-#9	19 #1
Wisconsin red zone D WIS: Opp. red zone TD % · UCLA: Red zone TD %	33.3% #1	60.0% T-#11
Field position WIS: Opp. avg. start · UCLA: Avg. start (own yd line)	26.8 #9	36.3 #1

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): UCLA 58%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN

**Colton Joseph** WIS · PASSING
81/143, 1132 yds, 10 TD, 5 INT**Abu Sama** WIS · RUSHING
expected to play (per Luke Fickell)**Wayne Knight** UCLA · RUSHING
71 rush, 548 yds, 10 TD · B1G leader in rush TD**Ta'Shawn James** UCLA · INTS
29 tackles (12 solo), 0.5 sacks, 4 INT · B1G leader**Nico Iamaleava** UCLA **OUT**
expected out (via Matt Zenitz, CBS Sports); starter not named

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

UCLA leads the B1G with 19 takeaways and 73 points off turnovers, and starts drives at its own 36.3 (No. 1). Wisconsin answers with the B1G's stingiest red zone D (33.3% TD rate). B1G+A had UCLA at 62% before the lamaleava news; it's 54% now. **The case for UCLA:** home field and the takeaways. **The case for Wisconsin:** a red zone D allowing TDs on 33.3% of trips, and a UCLA offense starting over at quarterback.

SAT OCT 17, 10:00 PM CT · FOX · AUTZEN STADIUM

Strength vs. strength, twice

 Nebraska at **Oregon**

The clutch table's main event: Nebraska's third-down and red zone offense against an Oregon defense built to stop both.

Nebraska 5-1 (2-1 B1G) · Oregon 3-2 (1-1 B1G)

B1G+A WIN CHANCE

NEB 37%

63% ORE

B1G+A PICK

 **Oregon** 63%

B1G+A PROJ. SCORE

ORE 30, NEB 25

LINE · DRAFTKINGS

ORE -7

TOTAL (O/U)

51.5

KEY MATCHUPS · value + B1G rank (of 18)

MATCHUP	NEB	ORE
Nebraska on 3rd down NEB: 3rd-down conv. % · ORE: Opp. 3rd-down conv. %	52.4% #1	22.1% #2
Oregon on 3rd down NEB: Opp. 3rd-down conv. % · ORE: 3rd-down conv. %	19.7% #1	42.2% #10
Nebraska red zone vs. Oregon red zone D NEB: Red zone TD % · ORE: Opp. red zone TD %	76.9% #1	39.1% #2

ESPN FPI (comparison only, not B1G+A): Oregon 66%. FPI and DraftKings line pulled Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT.

PLAYERS TO WATCH · season leaders thru Wk 6 · Photos: ESPN

**Anthony Colandrea** NEB · PASSING
119/186, 1406 yds, 13 TD, 3 INT**Jamal Rule** NEB · RUSHING
57 rush, 386 yds, 5 TD · freshman**QB TBD** ORE · PASSING **TBD**
Dante Moore (concussion) status unclear; competition if he can't go (per Dan Lanning)**Jordon Davison** ORE · RUSHING
62 rush, 301 yds, 6 TD

WHAT THE DATA SAYS

Nebraska converts 52.4% on third down and allows 19.7% (No. 1 on both sides); Oregon's D is No. 2 at 22.1%. Nebraska's red zone TD rate is 76.9% (No. 1) against an Oregon D at 39.1% (No. 2).

PLAY 04



WHAT MOVED THE NUMBERS

Only one piece of news changed a B1G+A number this week. Everything else was checked and logged, and it stays on the watch list until it's official.

-3.0UCLA RATING
ADJUSTMENT (PTS/GAME)

lamaleava expected out

54%UCLA WIN CHANCE VS.
WISCONSIN

was 62% · ▼ 8 pts

27.5%UCLA CFP CHANCE
(LATEST RUN)was 33.0% just before
the Oct 12 QB
adjustment · ▼ 5.5 pts**9.38**UCLA PROJECTED REG.-
SEASON WINS

was 9.83 · ▼ 0.45

2.0%UCLA WINS B1G TITLE
GAME (LATEST RUN)

was 5.3% · ▼ 3.3 pts

NEWS	CREDIT	B1G+A IMPACT	STATUS
UCLA QB Nico lamaleava expected out; starter not named	via Matt Zenitz, CBS Sports	UCLA -3.0 pts/game; vs. WIS 62% → 54%	APPLIED OCT 12
Bryce Underwood stays Michigan's starting QB vs. Penn State	per Kyle Whittingham	None (status quo)	CHECKED
Big Ten admits an officiating mistake in Oregon's loss to UCLA	via Matt Prehm, 247Sports	None (result stands; no roster or schedule change)	CHECKED
Oregon DL Bear Alexander won't face an internal suspension; no Big Ten action announced	per Dan Lanning, via Matt Prehm	None (expected available)	CHECKED
Wisconsin RB Abu Sama expected to play at UCLA	per Luke Fickell	None (expected return, not a new absence)	CHECKED
Michigan RT Andrew Sprague out several more weeks	via SI / Detroit Free Press	None (already-known absence)	CHECKED

UCLA before/after: B1G+A season sim, Oct 12 2:23 PM CT run (saved just before the adjustment) vs. the latest run (Oct 14, 10:13 PM CT), which also includes other rating updates. ESPN FPI's playoff chance for UCLA: 28.6% in the Oct 12 run, 28.3% in the latest run (pulled Oct 14, 10:13 PM CT). The CFP page (p.10) measures change from a different baseline, the Oct 11, 1:22 PM CT Week 7 snapshot, so its UCLA arrow differs from this one.

The takeaway: In most rating systems, a starting quarterback is one of the biggest single swings. B1G+A's -3.0 for UCLA sits at the low-middle of the usual range because the Bruins lean on the run (Wayne Knight has 548 rushing yards and 10 rushing TDs in 5 games). Three points doesn't sound like much, but it moved UCLA from a solid favorite to a near coin flip.

PLAY 05



PENDING NEWS WATCH

- Washington QB Demond Williams Jr. (rib injury)** listed as doubtful; Elijah Brown taking first-team reps (per Jedd Fisch).
DATA IMPACT · Not yet applied. B1G+A applies injury adjustments only once a status is official. B1G+A's scenario run (Oct 12) with Brown starting takes about 1.5 points a game off Washington: win chance at Purdue 42.3% → 38.5%, bowl eligibility 21.1% → 20.1% (18.4% if he misses three games). The small size reflects Brown's relief line vs. Iowa: 28/39, 251 yds, 3 TD, 0 INT.
- Oregon QB: Dante Moore (concussion)** per Dan Lanning: if Moore can't go, there's a competition for the job; no starter named. Matt Prehm (247Sports) says it sounds like an open competition between Dylan Raiola and Brock Thomas.
DATA IMPACT · Not yet applied. Oregon's 63% vs. Nebraska carries no QB adjustment. If Oregon names a new starter, B1G+A will size a starter-change adjustment the same way it did for UCLA (-3.0, the low-middle of the usual 3-7 point range for losing a starting QB), scaled to what the replacement has shown.
- Ohio State injured starters** per Ryan Day: a good portion expected back for Indiana, not all; names uncertain.
DATA IMPACT · Not yet applied. The official Big Ten availability report is due Wednesday. Returns would only nudge Ohio State upward once confirmed, in a game B1G+A already has as a near coin flip.
- UCLA starter not formally named** Bob Chesney called the QB situation "decently fluid" between Ty Dieffenbach and Madden lamaleava (ESPN, Oct 12).
DATA IMPACT · Already priced in. The -3.0 adjustment assumes a backup starts, whichever one it is. No further change is planned unless something new happens.

All news items are credited to the reporter or coach who said them. B1G+A changes a number only after a status is official, and it logs every check.

PLAY 06



AWARDS: WEEK 6 RECAP

B1G+A picks its Players of the Week from box-score data only and posts them Sunday. The Big Ten announces its official honors Monday. Here's how the two lined up.

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B1G+A PICKS MATCHED OFFICIAL
Week 6 · first tracked week

ST ✓

ETHAN MOCZULSKI · ILLINOIS
3/3 FG, 3/3 XP in a 38-37 win

FR ✓

TRENT MOSLEY · USC
9 rec, 111 yds, 1 TD at PSU

+13

RUSH YDS: MOULTON OVER IJEBOI
208 vs. 195; the B1G picked
Ijeboi's 3 TD

CATEGORY	B1G+A PICK (SUN)	OFFICIAL BIG TEN (MON)	MATCH
Offensive Player	 Kamari Moulton 🏈 IOWA · RB 26 car · 208 rush yds · 2 TD · 8.0 YPC · W 41-24 at Washington	 Fame Ijeboi 🏈 PURDUE · RB 31 car · 195 rush yds · 3 TD (all career highs) · W 41-13 vs. Minnesota	✗
Defensive Player	 James Kreutz 🏈 ILLINOIS · LB 15 tkl (8 solo) · 1 sack · 1 TFL · W 38-37 OT at Michigan State	 Jalen Woods 🏈 UCLA · LB 9 tkl (team high) · 2.0 TFL · W 17-15 at No. 13 Oregon	✗
Special Teams Player	 Ethan Moczulski 🏈 ILLINOIS · PK 3/3 FG (long 40) · 3/3 XP · 12 pts · W 38-37 OT at Michigan State	 Ethan Moczulski 🏈 ILLINOIS · K 3/3 FG (40, 35, 38) · 3/3 XP · W 38-37 at Michigan State	✓
Freshman	 Trent Mosley 🏈 USC · WR 9 rec · 111 yds · 1 TD · long 21 · W 31-23 at Penn State	 Trent Mosley 🏈 USC · WR 9 rec · 111 yds · 1 TD · W 31-23 at Penn State	✓

Official: bigten.org, "Purdue, UCLA, Illinois and USC Score Weekly Football Honors," Oct 12, 2026. B1G+A picks: allbiganalytics.com/awards. Player photos: ESPN.

What B1G+A learned: two of four is a fair start, and both misses make sense. The conference went with Fame Ijeboi's three-touchdown, career-high day over Kamari Moulton's 208 yards, and with Jalen Woods' team-high tackles and 2.0 TFL in UCLA's upset at Oregon over James Kreutz's 15 tackles. Box scores can't see "big road upset," and that's fine. Congrats to all six of these guys.

PLAY 07



WEEK 7 AWARD CANDIDATES

Candidates, not picks: season leaders through Week 6 on teams that play this week. B1G+A's actual picks come after the games, from the box scores.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER

CANDIDATES



Jeremiah Smith 🏈 OSU · AT IU
48 rec, 916 yds, 11 TD · B1G+A season-to-date offensive leader



Wayne Knight 🏈 UCLA · VS. WIS
71 rush, 548 yds, 10 TD · B1G rush-TD leader



Josh Hoover 🏈 IU · VS. OSU
88/129, 1364 yds, 17 TD, 0 INT · no INTs yet



Fame Ijeboi 🏈 PUR · VS. WASH
117 rush, 549 yds, 9 TD · reigning OPOW

DEFENSIVE PLAYER

CANDIDATES



Tony Rojas 🏈 PSU · AT MICH
44 tackles (25 solo), 4 sacks, 2 INT



Tobi Osunsanmi 🏈 IU · VS. OSU
22 tackles (13 solo), 5 sacks, 0 INT · co-leads B1G in sacks



Ta'Shawn James 🏈 UCLA · VS. WIS
29 tackles (12 solo), 0.5 sacks, 4 INT · B1G INT leader



Robert Fitzgerald 🏈 NU · AT MSU
45 tackles (20 solo), 0 sacks, 2 INT

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER

CANDIDATES



Jacob Echeverria Lozano 🏈 PUR · VS. WASH
FG 13/14, XP 20/20 · B1G FG leader



Gavin Lahm 🏈 WIS · AT UCLA
FG 9/9, XP 17/18 · perfect on FGs



Rhys Dakin 🏈 MSU · VS. NU
51.6 gross punt avg. · B1G leader



Kenneth Williams 🏈 MSU · VS. NU
313 kick return yds · B1G leader

FRESHMAN

CANDIDATES



Jamal Rule 🏈 NEB · AT ORE
57 rush, 386 yds, 5 TD; 4 rec, 82 yds, 1 TD · B1G+A season-to-date freshman pick



Jacob Echeverria Lozano 🏈 PUR · VS. WASH
FG 13/14, XP 20/20 · freshman kicker on the B1G+A All-B1G first team

PLAY 08



B1G HUB: POWER RANKINGS

The order is the Week 7 B1G+A B1G Power Rankings as published (refit Oct 11). Ratings show the latest refit (10/14, 22:13 CT), so you can see what moved since.

+24.4

INDIANA · NO. 1 IN B1G ORDER

No. 1 defense in FBS (B1G+A split)

+26.9

OHIO STATE · TOP B1G+A RATING

No. 3 in FBS by B1G+A rating

+8.5

UCLA RATING NOW

▼ 3.0 since card (QB adj.)

4

UNBEATEN IN B1G PLAY

IU · UCLA · OSU · WIS

9

B1G TEAMS IN B1G+A TOP 25

IU is No. 2 nationally

RK	TEAM	REC	B1G	B1G+A RTG	VS. AVG FBS TEAM	POWER RTG	OFF RK	DEF RK	B1G+A T25	CFP %	WEEK 7 (B1G+A WIN %)
1	Indiana	6-0	3-0	+24.4 ▲0.1		+21.6	13	1	#2	90.5%	vs. OSU 51%
2	Ohio State	5-1	3-0	+26.9		+23.8	5	3	#9	76.3%	at IU 49%
3	UCLA	5-0	3-0	+8.5 ▼3.0		+14.3	15	15	#8	27.5%	vs. WIS 54%
4	Oregon	3-2	1-1	+17.7		+13.4	16	17	#19	9.0%	vs. NEB 63%
5	Nebraska	5-1	2-1	+15.4		+10.6	20	36	#23	20.0%	at ORE 37%
6	USC	6-1	3-1	+13.1		+9.7	14	61	#20	14.1%	bye
7	Iowa	5-1	2-1	+12.3		+10.5	45	12	#17	20.1%	bye
8	Northwestern	4-1	1-1	+12.8		+9.9	31	31	#22	12.3%	at MSU 73%
9	Wisconsin	4-1	2-0	+9.8 ▲0.1		+8.4	46	21	#24	10.7%	at UCLA 46%
10	Purdue	3-3	2-1	+2.9 ▼0.1		+2.2	35	92	—	0.0%	vs. WASH 58%
11	Minnesota	4-2	2-1	-0.2		-1.4	82	64	—	0.0%	bye
12	Michigan	3-2	0-2	+9.7		+6.9	70	14	—	0.4%	vs. PSU 55%
13	Penn State	3-3	0-3	+10.8		+6.9	54	29	—	0.0%	at MICH 45%
14	Illinois	3-3	1-2	+4.1		+3.3	36	81	—	0.0%	bye
15	Washington	3-3	0-3	+2.8		+1.2	69	59	—	0.0%	at PUR 42%
16	Michigan State	2-4	0-3	+0.5		-1.5	97	45	—	0.0%	vs. NU 27%
17	Maryland	2-4	0-3	-2.0		-1.0	59	94	—	0.0%	vs. RUTG 67%
18	Rutgers	1-4	0-2	-6.0 ▼0.1		-8.1	67	127	—	0.0%	at MD 33%

B1G+A rtg = points better (+) or worse (-) than an average FBS team on a neutral field: 70% ESPN FPI + 30% B1G+A Power Rating, plus news adjustments. ▲▼ = change vs. the published Oct 11 card. Power rtg = pure B1G+A Power Rating (results + box-score efficiency). Off/Def rk = FBS ranks from the B1G+A Power Rating split. B1G+A T25 = B1G+A Top 25 (published Sun Oct 11; a B1G+A ranking, not an official poll). CFP % = B1G+A start-of-day playoff chance. Rank also counts résumé and head-to-head, so a higher rating can rank lower.

Read this: look at the middle of this table. Six teams (Oregon through Wisconsin) sit inside about eight points of rating, and the published order leans on head-to-head results. One result Saturday can reshuffle half the league. The other thing that jumps out is Ohio State: the B1G's best rating, a 5-1 record, and a road trip to the team ranked first in the order. Why is Michigan rated above teams ranked ahead of it? The order also counts résumé and head-to-head, not just rating.

PLAY 09



CFP + BOWL PROJECTIONS

From the B1G+A season sim (40,000 runs, 12-team format) and B1G+A's projected bracket. ▲▼ = change in CFP chance since the Week 7 snapshot (Oct 11, 1:22 PM CT). That's a different baseline from page 7, which compares against the Oct 12 run saved just before the UCLA QB adjustment.

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B1G TEAMS IN PROJECTED
CFP FIELD

IU (bye) · OSU · UCLA

90.5%

INDIANA CFP CHANCE

▼ 0.1 pts since Oct 11

76.3%

OHIO STATE CFP CHANCE

▲ 0.3 pts since Oct 11

27.5%

UCLA CFP CHANCE

▼ 4.7 pts since Oct 11

11

B1G TEAMS PROJECTED
BOWL-ELIGIBLE

50%+ to reach 6 wins

TEAM	REC	PROJ.	CFP %	CHG	B1G TITLE	6+ WINS	PROJECTED DESTINATION
Ψ Indiana	6-0	11-1	90.5%	▼0.1	51.5%	100.0%	CFP Quarterfinal: Rose Bowl Game No. 2 seed (first-round bye)
OSU Ohio State	5-1	9-3	76.3%	▲0.3	38.3%	100.0%	CFP First Round (8 vs 9) No. 8 seed vs No. 9 Kentucky; winner to Goodyear Cotton Bowl
UCLA UCLA	5-0	9-3	27.5%	▼4.7	2.0%	100.0%	CFP First Round (7 vs 10) No. 7 seed vs No. 10 Texas Tech; winner to Rose Bowl Game
Iowa Iowa	5-1	9-3	20.1%	▲0.2	1.6%	99.8%	Citrus Bowl · Sat, Jan 2
N Nebraska	5-1	9-3	20.0%	▲0.1	2.7%	99.9%	ReliaQuest Bowl · Thu, Dec 31
USC USC	6-1	8-4	14.1%	▲0.2	1.2%	100.0%	Valero Alamo Bowl · Tue, Dec 29
W Wisconsin	4-1	8-4	10.7%	▲0.6	0.5%	99.1%	Liberty Mutual Music City Bowl · Wed, Dec 30
N Northwestern	4-1	8-4	12.3%	▲0.4	1.0%	99.2%	Las Vegas Bowl · Thu, Dec 31
O Oregon	3-2	8-4	9.0%	▼0.1	1.2%	97.1%	Trust & Will Holiday Bowl · Mon, Dec 28
Penn State Penn State	3-3	7-5	0.0%		0.0%	95.0%	Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl · Sat, Dec 26
M Michigan	3-2	6-6	0.4%	▲0.1	0.0%	76.5%	Cactus Bowl · Sat, Dec 26
M Minnesota	4-2	5-7	0.0%		0.0%	39.2%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
P Purdue	3-3	5-7	0.0%		0.0%	38.0%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
I Illinois	3-3	5-7	0.0%		0.0%	32.5%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
W Washington	3-3	5-7	0.0%		0.0%	21.3%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
M Maryland	2-4	4-8	0.0%		0.0%	9.3%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
MS Michigan State	2-4	4-8	0.0%		0.0%	8.9%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)
R Rutgers	1-4	2-10	0.0%		0.0%	0.3%	Not bowl-eligible (proj.)

CFP % = B1G+A start-of-day playoff chance (70% ESPN FPI playoff % blended with the B1G+A sim). Proj. = rounded mean regular-season record. Wins B1G title = share of sims winning the Big Ten Championship Game. Bowl slots follow 2026-27 tie-ins (FanSided via Yahoo Sports); opponents not projected. Projections only: the CFP committee, conference and bowls make the real selections. Sim built Oct 14, 10:13 PM CT.

Editor's take: Saturday in Bloomington is the biggest swing game on this page. Indiana and Ohio State are the only B1G teams above 30%, and the winner of that coin flip likely gets a clearer path to a first-round bye. Down the table, it's the bowl line that's tight: Michigan sits at 76.5% to reach six wins and Minnesota at 39.2%.

PLAY 10



TOP 25 SLATE: QUICK PICKS

Week 7 games involving B1G+A Top 25 teams outside the B1G (B1G games are on pages 3–6). # = B1G+A Top 25 rank. One line each: the B1G+A pick and its win chance. The closest call on this list is Missouri at Ole Miss.

KICK (CT)	GAME	B1G+A PICK	WIN %
Sat 11:00 AM CT	#14 Mississippi St at #10 LSU	LSU	76%
Sat 11:00 AM CT	Florida at #4 Texas	Texas	84%
Sat 2:30 PM CT	Auburn at #1 Georgia	Georgia	89%
Sat 2:30 PM CT	#16 Missouri at #12 Ole Miss	Ole Miss	58%
Sat 2:30 PM CT	#5 Alabama at #18 Tennessee	Alabama	70%
Sat 2:30 PM CT	Arizona St at #7 Texas Tech	Texas Tech	90%
Sat 6:00 PM CT	Florida St at #6 Miami	Miami	91%
Sat 6:30 PM CT	#11 Kentucky at #25 Oklahoma	Oklahoma	65%
Sat 6:30 PM CT	#3 Notre Dame at #10 BYU	Notre Dame	74%
Sat 6:30 PM CT	Oklahoma St at #21 Houston	Houston	74%
Sat 9:15 PM CT	#13 Utah at Colorado	Utah	85%
Sat 9:30 PM CT	#15 Wake Forest at California	Wake Forest	80%

Win chance from the B1G+A Power Rating, as shown on the B1G+A live ticker (data Oct 13, 12:18 AM CT). These # ranks are B1G+A Top 25, not AP. All times CT.

PLAY 11



FEATURE: MOST CLUTCH

52.4%

NEBRASKA 3RD-DOWN
CONV. · NO. 1

▲ 10.5 pts vs. B1G avg

80.0%

NORTHWESTERN 4TH-
DOWN CONV. · NO. 1

▲ 23.0 pts vs. B1G avg

76.9%

NEBRASKA RED ZONE TD
% · NO. 1

▲ 13.0 pts vs. B1G avg

6

OREGON RED ZONE STOPS
· NO. 1

▲ 3.3 vs. B1G avg

73

UCLA POINTS OFF
TURNOVERS · NO. 1

▲ 45 vs. B1G avg

#	TEAM	3RD DOWN	4TH DOWN	RZ TD %	RZ STOPS	PTS OFF TO	AVG RK
1	USC	51.2%	75.0%	68.4%	4	27	4.6
2	OSU	45.2%	71.4%	71.0%	2	45	5.2
3	NU	41.8%	80.0%	70.8%	5	24	6.0
4	NEB	52.4%	50.0%	76.9%	2	31	6.0
5	ORE	42.2%	33.3%	76.0%	6	34	6.6
6	IU	45.31%	66.7%	72.0%	2	21	7.0
7	UCLA	43.5%	25.0%	60.0%	3	73	8.6
8	PSU	36.6%	72.7%	51.9%	3	42	9.2
9	WIS	44.1%	75.0%	50.0%	2	24	9.2
10	RUTG	36.7%	61.1%	71.4%	3	20	9.8
11	MINN	37.3%	62.5%	58.3%	2	34	9.8
12	WASH	31.2%	66.7%	56.2%	4	24	10.6
13	PUR	45.33%	55.6%	58.1%	2	14	11.0
14	MICH	40.7%	66.7%	57.1%	1	28	11.2
15	MSU	42.5%	57.1%	60.0%	1	17	12.2
16	MD	34.1%	45.5%	65.4%	1	29	12.2
17	IOWA	39.4%	20.0%	65.0%	4	7	12.2
18	ILL	44.8%	41.7%	61.9%	1	17	12.2

Clutch composite = average B1G rank (of 18) across the five stats: 3rd- and 4th-down conversion %, red zone TD %, red zone stops (opponent trips with no points) and points off turnovers. A newsletter feature, not a model input. Green = better. Through Week 6 (ESPN box scores + play-by-play).

Who's clutch? The most clutch team in the Big Ten isn't playing Saturday. USC tops the composite (avg. rank 4.6), just ahead of Ohio State (5.2). USC is No. 2 on third down and No. 2 on fourth. Ohio State is top five in four of the five categories, which is a nice trait to bring into Bloomington.

The matchup to circle is in Eugene. Nebraska leads the B1G in third-down conversions (52.4%) and red zone TD rate (76.9%), and Oregon's defense is No. 2 on third down and No. 2 in red zone TD rate allowed. One of those No. 1s or No. 2s won't survive Saturday night.

Also worth knowing: Northwestern is the 4th-down king (80.0%), and UCLA turns takeaways into points better than anyone (73 points off turnovers, 19 takeaways).

A caution worth taking seriously: these are six-game samples. Third-down rates swing a lot, so treat this as "who's been clutch," not "who will be."

PLAY 12



HIDDEN YARDAGE IS REAL YARDAGE

+10.4MINNESOTA FIELD
POSITION EDGE (YDS)

▲ 6.9 yds vs. B1G avg

36.3UCLA AVG. DRIVE START
(OWN YD LINE)

▲ 5.1 yds vs. B1G avg

46.9OREGON NET PUNT AVG. ·
NO. 1

▲ 5.7 yds vs. B1G avg

63.0%IOWA PUNTS INSIDE THE
20 · NO. 1

▲ 21.9 pts vs. B1G avg

26.6RUTGERS PENALTY
YDS/GAME · FEWEST

IU next at 28.8

TEAM	FP EDGE	OWN START	OPP. START	NET PUNT	PUNTS IN 20	3-AND- OUT %	PEN. YDS/G
MINN	+10.4	35.0	24.6	39.8	50.0%	21.9%	53.7
UCLA	+10.1	36.3	26.3	40.5	56.5%	15.6%	84.2
PSU	+8.9	33.0	24.1	37.6	38.5%	13.6%	42.7
IOWA	+7.5	31.2	23.7	41.4	63.0%	21.5%	53.3
IU	+7.4	32.6	25.2	36.7	43.8%	15.5%	28.8
OSU	+6.0	32.2	26.2	38.4	42.9%	10.8%	52.3
WIS	+4.1	30.9	26.8	39.6	44.4%	14.0%	51.2
NEB	+2.4	30.3	28.0	43.0	41.2%	14.1%	71.0
MSU	+2.2	32.1	29.9	44.7	37.5%	12.5%	39.8
ORE	+2.2	35.1	32.9	46.9	41.2%	12.7%	63.2
USC	+2.2	28.5	26.3	44.0	41.7%	6.6%	55.7
PUR	+1.3	30.4	29.1	43.9	29.4%	11.7%	54.5
NU	+0.9	27.3	26.4	36.1	31.2%	8.0%	61.8
MD	+0.4	31.8	31.4	38.4	25.0%	20.3%	67.7
ILL	+0.3	28.7	28.4	43.7	50.0%	9.3%	38.7
WASH	-0.2	28.9	29.1	43.2	29.0%	25.4%	73.2
RUTG	-1.0	29.8	30.8	43.7	28.6%	18.5%	26.6
MICH	-2.2	27.6	29.8	40.6	45.8%	26.0%	66.4

FP edge = own average drive start minus opponent's. Net punt = net punting average.
Punts in 20 = share of punts downed inside the 20. 3-and-out % = offense drives ending
in three-and-out (lower is better). Penalty yds/game from ESPN team stats. Sorted by FP
edge. *withheld** = failed the ESPN box-score check.

The little things. Minnesota and UCLA both play on a field that's roughly ten yards shorter than their opponents' (+10.4 and +10.1). That's a first down handed over every possession, before anyone snaps the ball.

For Saturday, watch Ann Arbor. Penn State's edge is +8.9 yards (No. 3), and Michigan's is -2.2 (No. 18). In a game B1G+A has at 55-45 with a 42.5 total, a couple of flipped punts could decide it.

Honesty note: any number that fails the box-score check is withheld, not guessed. Teams withheld from the Chunk Play Index are listed under those charts (Play 13), not quietly dropped. Better a blank than a wrong number.

PLAY 13



FEATURE: CHUNK PLAY INDEX

8.00UCLA CHUNK PLAYS / GAME · NO.
1

▲ 2.46 vs. B1G avg

4.86USC 20+ YD PASSES / GAME · NO.
1

▲ 1.31 vs. B1G avg

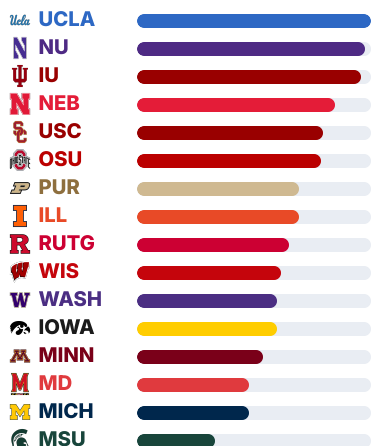
4.00NU & UCLA 15+ YD RUNS / GAME ·
T-1

▲ 1.87 vs. B1G avg

3.67INDIANA CHUNK PLAYS ALLOWED
/ GAME

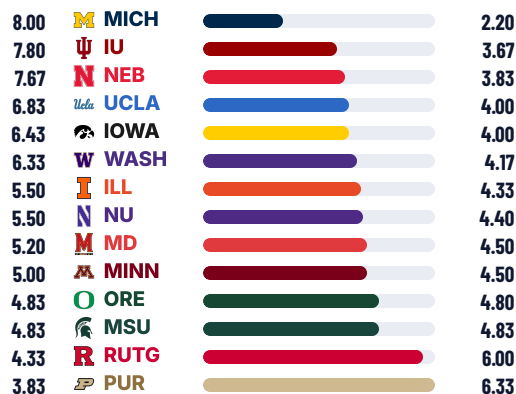
▼ 0.73 vs. B1G avg

OFFENSE · CHUNK PLAYS PER GAME



Withheld (2): PSU, ORE (failed the ESPN box-score check on rushing or receiving yards)

DEFENSE · CHUNK PLAYS ALLOWED / GAME



Withheld (4): OSU, PSU, WIS, USC (failed the ESPN box-score check on rushing or receiving yards)

Chunk play = a 20+ yard pass or a 15+ yard run. UCLA leads the B1G at 8.00 a game, with Northwestern (7.80) and Indiana (7.67) right behind.

Among teams with both numbers, Indiana is the only one in the top three on both sides: 7.67 per game for, 3.67 against (No. 2). Ohio State's defense chunk number is withheld, but its 20+ yard passes allowed (1.50, No. 2) passed the check. Explosives vs. one of the B1G's stingiest Ds: that's IU-OSU in one sentence.

PLAY 14



WHAT TO WATCH SATURDAY

The wrap-up: five places to watch Saturday.

4

COIN-FLIP B1G GAMES (UNDER 60%)

51% · 54% · 55% · 58%

3

QB QUESTIONS ON THE SLATE
UCLA · WASH · ORE

1

NEWS-DRIVEN B1G+A
ADJUSTMENT
UCLA -3.0

2/4

WEEK 6 AWARDS MATCHED
season: 2 of 4

- 1 **W** **Fri 7:00 PM CT · WASH at PUR**
Watch Washington's QB status. B1G+A has Purdue at 58%, and it hasn't applied the Williams news yet. The scenario run says about 39% for Washington if Elijah Brown starts. Third down decides it: Purdue No. 3 on offense, both teams No. 18 on the other side of the ball.
- 2 **I** **Sat 11:00 AM CT · OSU at IU**
The game of the week. Best offense vs. best defense on both sides by points per possession. Ball security is the tiebreaker to watch: Indiana has one giveaway all season.
- 3 **M** **Sat 2:30 PM CT · PSU at MICH**
The total fell nine points (51.5 to 42.5). In a low-scoring game, Penn State's +8.9-yard field position edge and Michigan's red zone D (No. 3) are where it swings.
- 4 **U** **Sat 6:30 PM CT · WIS at UCLA**
The first game for UCLA without lamaleava. Win chance 62% → 54%. UCLA's B1G-best 19 takeaways vs. Wisconsin's B1G-best red zone D.
- 5 **N** **Sat 10:00 PM CT · NEB at ORE**
The late-night test of the clutch table: Nebraska's No. 1 third-down and red zone TD offense vs. an Oregon defense that is No. 2 in both. Plus an Oregon QB decision still pending.

Tying it together. The numbers back up this issue's theme: four B1G games under 60%, a B1G hub where six teams sit inside eight points, and CFP odds that hinge on one Saturday in Bloomington.

When games are that close, the little things are the big things: a third-down stop, a red zone field goal instead of a touchdown, a punt that pins someone at the 5. That's why this issue spends so much time on them.

B1G+A will grade every one of these projections after the games, in public, wins and misses. See you Sunday.

The B1G+A Editorial Team

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PLAY 15



RECEIPTS + TRANSPARENCY

Every number comes from a B1G+A data file served on allbiganalytics.com, pulled Oct 14 (Oct 14, 10:17 PM CT–10:17 PM CT): win chances, projections, DraftKings lines (VegasInsider), ESPN FPI (comparison only), Week 6 box scores and play-by-play (78 B1G games), the 40,000-run sim and the Power Rating (451 FBS games). Top 25 ticker: Oct 13 snapshot.

Withheld, not guessed. Advanced stats are rebuilt from play-by-play and checked against ESPN box scores (e.g. rushing yards matched in 150/156 team-games, receiving yards in 156/156). A team's stat that fails the check is marked withheld.

Graded in public. B1G+A's Week 6 picks went 4-3 straight up and 5-2 ATS. With an average pick confidence of 74%, about 5.2 wins were expected. Seven games is far too small a sample to call it calibrated, and B1G+A will keep tracking it in the open.

Corrections log. Human-in-the-loop fixes are logged with dates.

Model versions. Game projections: B1G+A Model 2.2 (released Oct 12, 11:45 PM CT). Method: the B1G+A Power Rating blended with ESPN FPI on a weekly schedule (FPI 85% through Week 4, minus 5 points a week, 50% floor from Week 11; 70% in Week 7), plus news-based rating adjustments (Oct 12: UCLA -3.0). Earlier versions: v1.0 (Oct 9), v1.1 (Oct 10).

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