



AP Top 25

- 1) Gonzaga
- 2) Baylor
- 3) Villanova
- 4) Michigan
- 5) Houston
- 6) Texas
- 7) Ohio State
- 8) Iowa
- 9) Oklahoma
- 10) Alabama
- 11) Tennessee
- 12) Illinois
- 13) Tech
- 14) Virginia
- 15) Creighton
- 16) Virginia Tech
- 17) West Virginia
- 18) Missouri
- 19) Wisconsin
- 20) Florida State
- 21) UCLA
- 22) Florida
- 23) Kansas
- 24) Purdue
- 25) Drake

B10 Ranks

- 1) Michigan
- 2) Illinois
- 3) Iowa
- 4) OSU
- 5) Wisconsin
- 6) Purdue
- 7) Rutgers
- 8) Minnesota
- 9) Indiana
- 10) Maryland
- 11) Penn State
- 12) Northwestern
- 13) MSU
- 14) Nebraska

Happy February, Ragers! We know the Michigan Athletic Department shutdown has been another obstacle in an already crazy season, but carrying the momentum to these next few weeks will be critical. This week, we present a Special Edition Rage Page to recap and analyze the current state of basketball.

B10 Updates:

We're getting around that time of year where every game is critical to postseason implications for teams across the country. In the Big Ten, that is especially true. An upset or two could change the shape of the conference at the end of the season. This coming week, there are a few matchups worth noting that could have a major impact down the stretch. The first comes to one of the NCAA Tournament locations, Assembly Hall, on Tuesday night when 19th-ranked Illinois faces off with Indiana. The Hoosiers, who are always sneaky, knocked off Iowa last week and have a chance to put a wider margin in Michigan's 1st place lead with a win. The second premier game will showcase the Buckeyes of Ohio State traveling to take on Iowa in a matchup of top 15 teams. OSU won handily against MSU Sunday, keeping themselves slotted in the race for the regular season championship. A win against Iowa would be big for Chris Holtmann's crew. Iowa will look to get C.J. Frederick back from injury for Tuesday's contest with MSU.

There's no secret that the Big Ten is among one of the toughest conferences in the country. Joe Lunardi proves that to be true by including 10 B1G teams in his bracketology. Indiana holds a spot in his "last 4 byes" and Maryland is fighting in his group of "last 4 in". A familiar face to the tournament is currently not being considered by Mr. Lunardi and Sunday's loss did not help their case. Michigan State has been a part of the tournament for 22 straight years and that will more than likely change this season. A team that was ranked 4th in the AP Top 25 in late December is now outside the tournament picture. Michigan is listed as a 1-seed along with Gonzaga, Baylor, and Villanova. Other teams worth mentioning are Iowa as a 2 and Ohio State as a 3. The only other Big Ten team in Michigan's region is their only loss, Minnesota.

Keep it classy, Rage: *As one of college basketball's premiere student sections, it's important that we refrain from swearing or using other slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative, we need to uphold this standard.*

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Tweets of the Week

Jon Rothstein (@JonRothstein) 1/24

"The Big Ten has always been built on strong home court advantages. Not this season. COVID has had many impacts on college basketball, but this is the league that truly feels the effect of no fans in attendance"

Context: Home losses have seemed to become more likely without the energy jolt from thousands of fans wearing your logo. Crisler Center would have ROCKED this season.

FOX Sports North (@fsnorth) 1/25

"Will Tschetter lives on a farm, has no social media and dominates on the court. The @tigerbbask senior is all about ball. He is the No. 2 ranked MN recruit by 247 sports and is going to @umichbball after leading the state in scoring with 34.4 ppg last year."

Context: Michigan's "lowest rated 2021 recruit" was featured in a story where teammates/coaches plead the case for their player from Minnesota.

Isaiah Livers (@isaiah__02) 1/30

"I think Eli should be considered in the defensive player of the year conversation.. 🙄"

Context: Perhaps Michigan's most hard-nosed defender gets recognition from the captain. I mean come on, he lost a tooth because he was playing so hard.



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Michigan Recruiting Updates:

Caleb Houston and Montverde Academy won all 3 of their games last week and continue to be ranked number 1 with a record of 18-0. In the first game, Houston had 21 points and four 3PM.

2021 Class: Michigan continues to recruit high 4 star big man Charles Bediako. There is mutual interest between them, but Alabama seems to be the leader right now, with Michigan not too far behind.

Chet Holmgren, the number one overall player and top Michigan target, seems to be trending towards picking Gonzaga.

2022 Class: Dug McDaniel, 4 star point guard from Virginia, could be nearing a decision soon and Michigan seems to be the leader. He is a former AAU teammate of Hunter Dickinson, Terrance Williams, and Jace Howard. Michigan has also been heavily recruiting AJ Casey, a 5 star PF from Chicago.

Notable NCAA Matchups

Big Ten Games

MSU @ #8 Iowa (2/2) - Final Score - 84-78 Iowa

#12 Illinois @ Indiana (2/2) - Final Score - 75-71 Illinois

Penn State @ #19 Wisconsin (2/2) - Final Score - 72-56 Wisconsin

#24 Purdue at Maryland (2/2) - Final Score - 61-60 Maryland

Ranked matchups

#9 Oklahoma @ #13 Texas Tech (2/1) Final Score - 57-52 Texas Tech

#2 Baylor @ #6 Texas (2/2) - Final Score - 83-69 Baylor

#7 Ohio State @ #8 Iowa (2/4) - Final Score -

#23 Kansas @ #17 West Virginia (2pm Saturday)

#19 Wisconsin @ #12 Illinois (2:30pm Saturday)

#10 Alabama @ #18 Missouri (8:30pm Saturday)

#17 West Virginia @ #13 Texas Tech (TBD 2/9)

#20 Florida State @ #16 Virginia Tech (8:30pm 2/9)