

New 2014 Iowa football schedule released

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A trip to Maryland and the resumption of a rivalry with Illinois highlights the Iowa Hawkeyes' new 2014 Big Ten football schedule released by the conference on Thursday.

Iowa's first Big Ten game in 2014 will take place on Sept. 27 when it plays at Purdue, marking the third trip in four seasons to West Lafayette, Ind. (the Hawkeyes visit Ross-Ade Stadium on Nov. 9 this year). After a bye week, Iowa will then play at home against Indiana on Oct. 11. The Hoosiers originally were not on the 2014 schedule originally put out two springs ago.

Then on Oct. 18, the Hawkeyes will play their first Big Ten game against Maryland at Byrd Stadium in College Park, Md. It will be the Terrapins' third league game. Iowa has two byes in the month of October, before the home game against Indiana and after the game at Maryland.

November features three home games, including Northwestern making a third trip to Kinnick Stadium in four years on Nov. 1. The Hawkeyes then play back-to-back road games against Minnesota and Illinois on Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, respectively. The game at Minnesota will mark Iowa's fourth visit to TCF Bank Stadium in five years, while the contest against the Fighting Illini will be the Hawkeyes' first game against Illinois since the 2008 season.

Iowa's schedule then concludes with a pair of home games that will intrigue the Hawkeye faithful as Wisconsin and Nebraska both visit Kinnick Stadium. The Nov. 22 contest against

Wisconsin will be the second consecutive trip to Iowa for the Badgers, who were originally slated to play Iowa at home in 2014. The finale against Nebraska is set for Nov. 28, which will be Black Friday next year.

Below is the new complete 2014 schedule for Iowa, including non-conference games:

2014:

Aug. 30 – vs. Northern Iowa

Sept. 6 – vs. Ball State

Sept. 13 – vs. Iowa State

Sept. 20 – at Pittsburgh

Sept. 27 – at Purdue

Oct. 4 – BYE

Oct. 11 – vs. Indiana

Oct. 18 – at Maryland

Oct. 25 – BYE

Nov. 1 – vs. Northwestern

Nov. 8 – at Minnesota

Nov. 15 – at Illinois

Nov. 22 – vs. Wisconsin

Nov. 28 – vs. Nebraska