

Ohio State-Northwestern At Wrigley Field Set For Noon Kickoff On BTN



Ohio State's Nov. 16 game against Northwestern at historic Wrigley Field is set for a noon kickoff (11 a.m. Central Standard Time) on Big Ten Network, the school announced on Monday afternoon.

This will mark the fourth straight week that the Buckeyes will be playing at noon, with their last two wins against Nebraska on Oct. 26 and Penn State on Nov. 2 as well as their upcoming game against Purdue this Saturday at Ohio Stadium all being part of FOX's "Big Noon Kickoff." Ohio State also was featured on FOX's marquee game for its Sept. 21 home win over Marshall, and will be again for the team's regular season finale against Michigan on Nov. 30.

It will also be just the second time this season the Buckeyes will be featured on Big Ten Network, the first being their 56-0 blowout home win over Western Michigan on Sept. 7.

Ohio State and Northwestern will meet for the 78th time in history, with the Buckeyes owning a convincing 63-13-1 lead over their Big Ten foes as well as a 32-game winning streak over the Wildcats. Northwestern's last win over Ohio State occurred on Nov. 13, 1971, when it defeated the Woody Hayes-led Buckeyes 14-10 at Ohio Stadium to knock them out of Big Ten contention.

Ohio State has played Northwestern either on the road or at a neutral site the last five times, the most recent being on Nov. 5, 2022, when the then-No. 2-ranked Buckeyes went into a windy Ryan Field to defeat the Wildcats 21-7 behind 111 rushing yards and two scores from Miyan Williams.

The 2024 matchup between Northwestern and Ohio State will take place in 110-year old Wrigley Field in Chicago, one of two games the Wildcats will play at the Chicago Cubs 41,649-seat home ballpark this season due to their home Ryan Field undergoing a \$800 million renovation project.

The Wildcats played their first five home games at Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium in Evanston, Ill., which is situated alongside the coast of Lake Michigan and seats just 12,000 people, but

they will return to Wrigley Field for its regular season finale against Illinois on Nov. 30.