



2017 SOCCER

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference (W, L, T, Pct., GF, GA, GD, Points) and Overall (W, L, T, Pct., GF, GA, vs. Top 25, Streak). Rows include Texas, Oklahoma State, Baylor, TCU, Kansas, West Virginia, Texas Tech, Kansas State, Iowa State, and Oklahoma.

BIG 12 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Friday, September 8

Schedule for Friday, September 8: Illinois at Oklahoma State (4 p.m.), Texas Tech vs. Arizona State (5:30 p.m.), No. 11 Duke at No. 3 West Virginia (6 p.m.), No. 25 Colorado at Texas [Longhorn Network] (6 p.m.), Northeastern at TCU (7 p.m.), Central Arkansas at Kansas State [COX Kansas] (7 p.m.), No. 19 Kansas at Saint Louis (7 p.m.), Baylor at Portland (9 p.m.), Iowa State at Cal State Fullerton (9 p.m.).

Sunday, September 10

Schedule for Sunday, September 10: Illinois at Oklahoma [FOX Sports Oklahoma] (Noon), Richmond at No. 3 West Virginia (Noon), Abilene Christian at Oklahoma State (1 p.m.), No. 10 Texas A&M at No. 19 Kansas [Spectrum Sports Kansas] (1 p.m.), Northeastern at Texas [Longhorn Network] (1 p.m.), Creighton at Kansas State [ESPN3] (1 p.m.), Baylor vs. Washington (2 p.m.), Iowa State at No. 12 USC (3 p.m.), Texas Tech at Arizona (7 p.m.).

*All times are central, United Soccer Coaches Poll rankings noted.

CONFERENCE NEWS & NOTES

- News items: The 2016 national runner-up West Virginia was the first program in Big 12 history to earn No. 1 national preseason honors. This week's schedule includes five top-25 ranked matchups, including three against top-12 teams. Big 12 teams went 13-3-1 over the weekend (.794), good for second out of autonomy five conferences. The Big 12's .726 (36-12-5) non-conference record ranks as fourth-best in the nation. The conference suffered no losses to top-12 teams, going 2-0-1 last week. Teams earned victories over Top Drawer Soccer's No. 1 Penn State and No. 5 Southern California. West Virginia's victory at home against No. 1 Penn State was the first win over a top-ranked team in Morgantown. KU's 2-1 win over No. 7 USC at home marked the third victory over a top-10 team since 2008 and the first in program history against a non-conference team. Oklahoma State senior Anna Beffer leads the nation with six assists on the season and ranks third in assists per game (1.00). Allison Ganter (TCU) sits tied for first nationally with three game-winning goals this year while Michaela Abam comes in at No. 14 (two). Fifty percent of Big 12 teams rank or received votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll, including No. 3 West Virginia, No. 18 Oklahoma State and No. 19 Kansas. For the fourth straight year, at least two Big 12 players have been named to the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch list: Grace Hagan (KU) and Michaela Abam (WVU). Kansas State becomes the 10th soccer program in the Big 12, as it joins league play this year. Big 12 soccer returns to the Swope Soccer Village in Kansas City November 1, 3 and 5 for the 2017 Big 12 Soccer Championship.

BIG 12 CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE

Big 12 Champions for Life, an initiative of the Big 12 Conference, is in its third year this season. It features student-athletes, selected by Conference institutions, in a series of public service announcements highlighting the positive impact an athletics scholarship has had on their lives leading to stories of personal growth and success. To learn more, visit Big12ChampionsforLife.com and follow the campaign on Twitter (@Big12Champ4Life).

PRESEASON ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

Table listing Preseason All-Big 12 Team members: GK Rylee Foster, West Virginia, So.; D Paige Welch, Oklahoma, Jr.; D Amandine Pierre-Louis, West Virginia, Sr.; D Bianca St. Georges, West Virginia, Jr.; MF Julie James, Baylor, Jr.; MF Jordie Harr, Texas Tech, So.; MF Carla Portillo, West Virginia, Sr.; F Emma Heckendorn, TCU, Sr.; F Cyera Hintzen, Texas, So.; F Michaela Abam, West Virginia, Sr.; F Sh'Nia Gordon, West Virginia, Jr.

^ - Unanimous Selection

2017 BIG 12 SOCCER PRESEASON POLL

Table listing 2017 Big 12 Soccer Preseason Poll results: 1. West Virginia (9)* 81; 2. Kansas (1) 71; 3. Oklahoma 57; 4. Texas Tech 55; 5. Baylor 47; 6. Oklahoma State 38; 7. TCU 37; 8. Texas 32; 9. Iowa State 23; 10. Kansas State 9.

* - Unanimous