

~LIVE! Wisconsin vs Washington 2026 Live Stream NCAA Basketball Game On TV Channel 2026

The United Center in Chicago is the stage for a compelling Big Ten Tournament showdown as the No. 5 Wisconsin Badgers (22–9) face the No. 12 Washington Huskies (16–16). For the Huskies, this is a chance to keep a miracle run alive after a gritty overtime win against USC on Wednesday. For the Badgers, it's about proving their regular-season dominance over the newcomers wasn't a fluke and securing their spot in the quarterfinals.

March 12, 2026



Game Information

	Feature	Details
Matchup	No. 5 Wisconsin Badgers vs. No. 12 Washington Huskies	
Event	2026 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament – Third Round	
Location	United Center, Chicago, IL	
Tip-Off	Thursday, March 12, 2026 – ~1:30 PM CT	
TV Channel	Big Ten Network (BTN)	
Betting Line	Wisconsin -7.5 (O/U 144.5)	
	The Series So Far: Advantage Badgers	

Wisconsin and Washington met just twelve days ago in Seattle, and the result was a clinical performance by the Badgers. Wisconsin walked out of Alaska Airlines Arena with a 90–73 victory, powered by a historic performance from Braeden Carrington, who buried nine three-pointers off the bench.

While Washington is eager for a reset, the Badgers enter this matchup with immense momentum, having closed the regular season by upsetting No. 15 Purdue at Mackey Arena.

Key Storylines & Players to Watch

1. The "Blackwell vs. Diallo" Duel

The game has already seen some spice before tip-off. Following Washington's second-round victory over USC, Huskies star freshman Zoom Diallo reportedly downplayed the defensive prowess of Wisconsin's John Blackwell.

John Blackwell (WIS): A versatile guard who has scored in double figures in 16 of his last 17 games. Expect him to play with an extra edge today.

Zoom Diallo (WASH): Fresh off a massive 22-point, 11-assist double-double against USC, Diallo is the engine that makes the Huskies go. If he can navigate Wisconsin's "Pack-Line" defense, Washington has a puncher's chance.

2. The Carrington Factor

Can lightning strike twice? In the last meeting, Braeden Carrington scored 32 points. Washington's head coach Danny Sprinkle will likely prioritize chasing Carrington off the line, but that often opens up the lane for Nick Boyd and Nolan Winter to operate.

3. Fresh Legs vs. Fatigue

This is Washington's third game in three days. They played a grueling overtime session against USC on Wednesday afternoon. Wisconsin, conversely, earned a double-bye and is playing their first game of the tournament. The "fatigue wall" usually hits mid-major-style underdogs in the second half of these matchups.

Tactical Breakdown: How Each Team Wins

Wisconsin Wins If: They dominate the glass and limit turnovers. The Badgers are elite at controlling the tempo. If they can force Washington into a half-court game and utilize Nolan Winter's size in the paint, they should cover the spread comfortably.

Washington Wins If: They turn this into a transition battle. The Huskies are 5-0 this season when making 10 or more three-pointers. Quimari Peterson and Wesley Yates III need to be efficient from deep to pull Wisconsin's bigs away from the rim.

What's Next?

The winner of this game advances to the Big Ten Quarterfinals on Friday, March 13, where the No. 4 Illinois Fighting Illini await.

For Washington, a win here would be one of the biggest upsets of the tournament and would likely save their season from an NIT fate. For Wisconsin, this is a business trip—win today, and they stay on track for a protected seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Will the Huskies' momentum carry them past the Badgers?

Can Wisconsin's defense shut down Zoom Diallo?

Who faces Illinois in the quarterfinals?