

BIG TEN OPENS CONFERENCE SLATE THIS WEEKEND;
OHIO STATE CRACKS NCBWA TOP 30;
ILLINOIS AND IOWA EARN WEEKLY ACCOLADES

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2007 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Games				All Games				
	W	L	PCT	Streak	W	L	I	PCT	Streak
Ohio State	0	0	.000	---	13	3	0	.813	W12
Minnesota	0	0	.000	---	14	5	0	.737	W4
Iowa	0	0	.000	---	9	5	0	.643	W4
Michigan	0	0	.000	---	10	6	0	.625	W4
Indiana	0	0	.000	---	10	8	0	.556	W6
Purdue	0	0	.000	---	9	8	0	.529	W2
Illinois	0	0	.000	---	7	8	0	.467	W5
Michigan State	0	0	.000	---	7	8	0	.467	W1
Northwestern	0	0	.000	---	6	11	0	.353	W3
Penn State	0	0	.000	---	4	13	0	.235	L1

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Lars Davis, Illinois
Jr., C, Grande Prairie, Alberta/Grande Prairie

Davis earns his first career weekly honor after batting .857 (12-for-14) to close out Illinois' Spring Break trip. The junior recorded four hits in each of the Illini's three games last week, also contributing three home runs, one double, five RBI and five runs for a 1.571 slugging percentage. The catcher went 1-for-1 on the base paths and threw out two of three would-be base stealers. Davis is riding a career-best eight-game hit streak and leads the Big Ten with a .492 average.

Last ILL Player OTW: J.R. Kyes (5/2/05)

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MARCH

20	Northwestern vs. Massachusetts [21]	W, 4-2
21	Illinois vs. Massachusetts [21] Ohio State vs. Yale [21]	W, 4-0 W, 16-10
22	Illinois vs. Dartmouth [21] Ohio State vs. Northwestern [21]	W, 5-2 OSU, 11-6
23	Illinois vs. Dartmouth [21] North Dakota State at Iowa (DH) Oakland at Michigan Hartford at Minnesota Ohio State vs. Harvard [21] Central Connecticut State at Penn State	W, 7-4 W, 6-5; W, 8-0 W, 9-2 W, 10-0 W, 5-3 W, 8-1
24	IPFW at Indiana North Dakota State at Iowa Oakland at Michigan (DH) Concordia at Michigan State Hartford at Minnesota Northwestern vs. Dartmouth [21] Northwestern vs. Harvard [21] Central Connecticut State at Penn State Purdue at Western Illinois (DH)	W, 6-3 W, 5-3 W, 4-1; W, 4-3 W, 6-3 W, 8-2 W, 12-2 W, 10-9 W, 9-0 L, 2-5; W, 7-0
25	IPFW at Indiana North Dakota State at Iowa Oakland at Michigan Hartford at Minnesota Northwestern vs. Dartmouth [21] Central Connecticut State at Penn State Purdue at Western Illinois	W, 4-0 W, 9-7 W, 17-0 W, 6-2 W, 11-4 L, 0-2 W, 5-3

[21] Bradenton, Fla.

BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Mike Schurz, Iowa
Jr., P, Norfolk, Va./Radford

Schurz takes home his first career conference award after holding opponents scoreless in three appearances last week, picking up a win and two saves. In 4.1 combined innings out of the bullpen, the junior allowed just two hits and one walk while fanning seven batters. The right-hander has not been scored on in seven appearances this season, spanning 10 innings.

LAST IOWA PITCHER OTW: Tim Gudex (5/10/05)

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MARCH

27	Indiana State at Illinois IPFW at Michigan	6:05 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
28	Indiana at Xavier Iowa at Illinois State Michigan State at Bowling Green Northern Iowa at Minnesota Toledo at Ohio State Purdue at Ball State	3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
30	Illinois at Purdue Michigan State at Indiana Iowa at Ohio State Michigan at Northwestern Minnesota at Penn State	3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 3:05 p.m. 6:35 p.m.
31	Illinois at Purdue (DH) Michigan State at Indiana (DH) Iowa at Ohio State (DH) Michigan at Northwestern (DH) Minnesota at Penn State (DH)	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:05 p.m. 1:05 p.m. 1:05 p.m.
APRIL		
1	Illinois at Purdue Michigan State at Indiana Iowa at Ohio State Michigan at Northwestern Minnesota at Penn State	1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:05 p.m. 1:05 p.m. 1:05 p.m.

NCBWA TOP 30 POLL (March 26)

Rk.	School	Conference	Record	Pvs.
1.	Florida State	Atlantic Coast	26-1	2
2.	South Carolina	Southeastern	21-4	3
3.	Vanderbilt	Southeastern	23-3	1
4.	Oregon State	Pacific-10	22-3	4
5.	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	22-4	5
6.	Virginia	Atlantic Coast	22-5	8
7.	Arkansas	Southeastern	19-7	10
8.	Texas	Big 12	22-8	9
9.	Rice	Conference USA	19-9	7
10.	Pepperdine	West Coast	19-8	11
11.	Clemson	Atlantic Coast	15-7	6
12.	Arizona State	Pacific-10	21-8	14
13.	Kentucky	Southeastern	23-3-1	15
14.	Cal State Fullerton	Big West	15-10	12
15.	Wichita State	Missouri Valley	21-5	18
16.	Oklahoma State	Big 12	19-6	16
17.	Texas A&M	Big 12	22-5	13
18.	Mississippi	Southeastern	18-8	17
19.	Coastal Carolina	Big South	23-3	20
20.	Arizona	Pacific-10	21-6	21
21.	East Carolina	Conference USA	19-6	23
22.	Long Beach State	Big West	13-9	19
23.	Oklahoma	Big 12	20-7	29
24.	San Diego	West Coast	21-10	27
25.	Alabama	Southeastern	17-10	25
26.	Nebraska	Big 12	13-9	24
27.	N.C. State	Atlantic Coast	18-8	30
28.	Missouri	Big 12	20-6	RV
29.	OHIO STATE	BIG TEN	13-3	RV
30.	Southern Miss	Conference USA	17-8	--

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically):

Auburn (18-9), Charlotte (19-5), College of Charleston (18-6), Kansas State (18-6), Louisiana-Lafayette (20-5), Louisiana-Monroe (18-7), Maryland (16-8), Miami (15-12), Mississippi State (14-6), Old Dominion (19-11), USC (17-12), Stetson (20-8), Tennessee (17-9), Texas Tech (18-10), Tulane (19-7), UC Irvine (19-5-1).

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 13: F: Jake Goebbert, Fr., NU
P: Dan Schwartz, Sr., NU

Feb. 20: F: Matt Cavagnaro, Sr., PSU
P: Scott Gaffney, Jr., PSU

Feb. 27: F: Mike Mee, Sr., MINN
P: Ricky Heines, Sr., PUR

March 6: F: Travis Sweet, Jr., IOWA
P: Craig Clark, Sr., PSU

March 13: F: Jason Christian, So., MICH
P: Cory Luebke, Jr., OSU

March 20: F: Andrew Means, So., IND
P: Matt Bischoff, Fr., PUR

March 26: F: Lars Davis, Jr., ILL
P: Mike Schurz, Jr., IOWA