

NORTHWESTERN OPENS NON-CONFERENCE PLAY
ON SUNDAY; FOUR BIG TEN TEAMS RANKED
IN PRESEASON POLLS

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2004-05 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE GAMES						ALL GAMES					Top 25*	Last 10	Stk.
	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Stk.	W-L	PCT	H	A	N			
1. Illinois # &	15-1	.938	8-0	7-1	0-0	L1	37-2	.948	15-0	8-1	14-1	9-1	8-2	L1
2. Michigan State	13-3	.812	7-1	6-2	0-0	W2	26-7	.788	14-1	6-3	6-3	3-3	7-3	L1
3. Wisconsin	11-5	.688	7-1	4-4	0-0	W3	25-9	.735	15-1	5-6	5-2	3-5	8-2	L1
4. Minnesota	10-6	.625	6-2	4-4	0-0	W4	21-11	.656	14-3	5-4	2-4	1-5	5-5	L2
Indiana	10-6	.625	8-0	2-6	0-0	W1	15-14	.517	12-4	2-8	1-2	1-6	5-5	L2
6. Ohio State	8-8	.500	6-2	2-6	0-0	W1	20-12	.625	15-2	2-8	3-2	2-3	6-4	L1
7. Iowa	7-9	.438	5-3	2-6	0-0	W3	21-12	.636	13-3	3-6	5-3	4-6	5-5	L2
8. Northwestern	6-10	.375	5-3	2-6	0-0	L2	15-16	.484	12-4	1-9	2-3	1-7	5-5	L1
9. Michigan	4-12	.250	2-6	2-6	0-0	L2	13-18	.419	11-7	2-8	0-3	2-7	1-9	L3
10. Purdue	3-13	.188	3-5	0-8	0-0	L5	7-21	.250	6-9	0-10	1-2	0-7	2-8	L6
11. Penn State	1-15	.063	1-7	0-8	0-0	L10	7-23	.233	4-10	1-9	2-4	0-6	0-10	L12

Big Ten Champion

& Big Ten Tournament Champion

*AP or ESPN/USA Today polls

MICHIGAN STATE NAMED MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON FAVORITE

Michigan State, one of two league teams to reach the Final Four last season, has been selected as the preseason Big Ten favorite for the 2005-06 men's basketball season, as voted upon by members of the media attending Big Ten Basketball Media Day. Fellow Final Four participant Illinois, the defending conference champion, and Indiana are ranked second and third, respectively. In addition, Fighting Illini guard **Dee Brown** was named the Preseason Player of the Year and was joined on the Preseason All-Big Ten Team by Indiana's **D.J. White**, Michigan State's **Paul Davis**, Minnesota's **Vincent Grier** and Wisconsin's **Alando Tucker**.

The Spartans return four starters and three of their top four scorers from a team that finished with a 26-7 overall record and earned a trip to the 2005 Final Four. Entering his 11th season in East Lansing, head coach **Tom Izzo** ranks 15th in league annals with 117 Big Ten victories and boasts a record of 233-97 at MSU, the second-most wins in school history. He is one of only two coaches in NCAA history to lead his team to four Final Fours in his first 10 years as head coach.

Illinois has been picked at the No. 2 preseason slot and will be guided by the reigning National Coach of the Year in **Bruce Weber**, who became the first coach in league history to win back-to-back outright titles in his first two seasons on campus. The Fighting Illini return a pair of three-year starters, **Brown** and **James Augustine**, that led the program to a school-record 37 wins last season. Illinois wrapped up the season by advancing to the national championship game for the first time in school annals.

Earning the No. 3 preseason nod, Indiana returns four starters and four of its top five scorers from last season, headed by **White**, the reigning Big Ten Freshman of the Year. The 6-9 forward will miss the first six weeks of play due to a broken foot. The Hoosiers also add a trio of impact transfers including senior forward **Marco Killingsworth**, who led the Big Ten Foreign Tour Team in scoring and rebounding this summer. The Hoosiers tied for fourth place in the Big Ten standings last year with a 10-6 mark and a 15-14 overall record, while advancing to the postseason for the fourth time under head coach **Mike Davis**.

Brown was tabbed Preseason Player of the Year after being named the National Player of the Year by The Sporting News and earning consensus first-team All-America honors as a junior. He averaged 13.3 points, 4.54 assists and 1.79 steals per game, while sweeping both the Big Ten Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards last season, joining Michigan's **Gary Grant** (1988) as only the second league standout to claim both accolades. **Brown** picks up Preseason Player of the Year honors for the second time in his career as he was also selected in 2003. Illinois has claimed at least a share of Preseason Player of the Year honors in each of the last six seasons, a group that includes **Deron Williams** in 2004, **Brian Cook** in 2002, **Frank Williams** in 2001 and **Cory Bradford** in 2000.

Preseason Player of the Year

Dee Brown, ILL, Sr., G

Top Three Preseason Picks

1. Michigan State
2. Illinois
3. Indiana

2005-06 Big Ten Preseason All-Conference Team

Player

Dee Brown, ILL, Sr., G
D.J. White, IND, So., F
Paul Davis, MSU, Sr., C
Vincent Grier, MINN, Sr., G/F
Alando Tucker, WIS, Jr., F

2004-05 Final Stats

13.3 ppg, 4.54 apg, 1.79 spg, 2.42 A/T/O ratio
13.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 2.21 bpg
12.2 ppg, 8.0 rpg, .541 FG pct.
17.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 1.97 spg
15.2 ppg, 6.1 rpg

BIG TEN OPENING WEEK

November

- 13 NORTHWESTERN vs. Lehigh [14]
9 CST
- 14 Maryland-Eastern Shore at No. 20/20 IOWA [8]
7:30 CST - ESPN Plus Local
NORTHWESTERN vs. TBD [14]
3/7 CST
- 15 Colgate/Utah Valley State at No. 20/20 IOWA [8]
TBD - ESPN Plus Local
NORTHWESTERN vs. TBD [14]
TBD
- 18 South Dakota State at No. 17/17 ILLINOIS
7 CST - ESPN Plus Local
Nicholls State at No. 23/22 INDIANA
6 EST - ESPN Plus Local
Central Michigan at MICHIGAN
7 EST
North Dakota State at MINNESOTA
6 CST - ESPN Plus Local
WISCONSIN vs. Norfolk State [17]
7:30 CST
- 19 No. 4/5 MICHIGAN STATE at Hawaii
6 EST
Cornell at PENN STATE
12:30 EST
Wofford at PURDUE
8 EST
WISCONSIN vs. Eastern Kentucky [17]
7:30 CST
- 20 Texas-Pan American at No. 17/17 ILLINOIS
4 CST
Chicago State at OHIO STATE
2 EST - ESPN Plus Local

[8] - Guardian Classic

[14] - at BCA Invitational in Laramie, Wyo.

[17] - Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

2006 BIG TEN TOURNAMENT HOTEL

Media representatives who plan on covering the 2006 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament are advised that reservations are now being accepted at the Westin Indianapolis. Room rates are \$152 for a single or double.



Reservations can be made by accessing:
www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0510272888&key=A0F01.

BIG TEN PRESEASON NOTES, CONT.

Big Ten Opens 2005-06 Season: Northwestern tips off the 2005-06 campaign for the Big Ten on Sunday, as the Wildcats will face Lehigh in the opening round of the BCA Invitational in Laramie, Wyo. Iowa joins the fray, opening its non-conference season on Monday at home against Maryland-Eastern Shore in the Guardian Classic. All other conference schools will open their non-league slate the following weekend including the Purdue Boilermakers, who begin a new era under first-year head coach **Matt Painter** on Saturday against Wofford.

Welcome Back: The Big Ten will welcome back 10 members of the 2004-05 All-Big Ten team, including first-team honorees Illinois' **Dee Brown** and Minnesota's **Vincent Grier** (coaches only), who return for their senior campaigns. Four second-team selections will be back on the court in Iowa's **Greg Brunner**, Michigan State's **Maurice Ager** (coaches only), Ohio State's **Terence Dials** and Purdue's **Carl Landry**. The four third-team returnees are Illinois' **James Augustine**, Michigan State's **Paul Davis**, Northwestern's **Vedran Vukusic** and Wisconsin's **Alando Tucker**.

Preseason Wooden Award Watch: Six Big Ten men's basketball student-athletes were listed among the top 50 preseason candidates for the 2005-06 Wooden Award All-America Team. The Big Ten's group of honorees includes two players from Michigan State in seniors **Maurice Ager** and **Paul Davis** as the Spartans were one of only seven teams in the country to boast a pair of Wooden Award nominees. Also earning preseason recognition was Illinois' **Dee Brown**, Iowa's **Jeff Horner**, Minnesota's **Vincent Grier** and Wisconsin's **Alando Tucker**. Brown joins Duke's J.J. Redick as the only preseason candidates who were honored last year as members of the 2005 Wooden Award All-America Team. The 50-player preseason list will be narrowed to a midseason top 30 in January. The 10-player Wooden Award All-America Team will be announced on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, while the recipient of the Wooden Award Trophy as the nation's top collegiate men's basketball player will be named on Saturday, April 8, 2006.

Seven of Top Ten Scorers Return: For the second consecutive year, the Big Ten welcomes back the majority of its top scorers with seven of the top 10 point producers returning in 2005-06. Purdue's **Carl Landry** leads the pack after ranking second last year with 18.2 points per game. Minnesota's **Vincent Grier** (17.9) and Northwestern's **Vedran Vukusic** (16.8) follow in third and fourth place, respectively. Rounding out the top 10 is Ohio State's **Terence Dials** (6th/15.9), Wisconsin's **Alando Tucker** (7th/15.2), Iowa's **Greg Brunner** (8th/14.7) and Michigan's **Dion Harris** (9th/14.3). In the last 13 years, only three other times has the conference had seven of the top 10 point producers return. The Big Ten also welcomed back seven in 2004-05 and 1996-97, while the highest amount of top 10 scorers returning over that time span was eight in 1992-93.

The Injury Report: Indiana sophomore forward **D.J. White**, a 2005-06 Preseason All-Big Ten honoree, will be sidelined for at least six weeks due to a broken left foot. White underwent an MRI on Monday afternoon to determine the extent of the injury. The 6-9, 242-pound forward is the Hoosiers' top returning scorer and rebounder from a season ago, averaging 13.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per contest in his freshman campaign. He was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2004-05 after leading the conference freshman class in scoring, field goal percentage and blocked shots.

Big Ten in the Polls: The Big Ten was well represented in the preseason Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' polls with four teams among the top 25 and three programs receiving votes. In the AP poll, the Big Ten tied the ACC with four teams in the top 25 and ranked second behind only the Big East (5) for the national lead. Michigan State led the way for the league in both polls, ranking No. 4 in the AP poll and No. 5 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll. Illinois followed at No. 17 in both polls, while Iowa (No. 20/20) and Indiana (No. 23/22) rounded out the top 25. Michigan, Ohio State and Wisconsin also garnered votes in both polls.

Illinois Vying For Third Straight Title: After clinching its second consecutive outright Big Ten crown last season for the first time since 1951-52, Illinois enters the 2005-06 campaign aiming to become only the third school in Big Ten history to clinch three consecutive outright crowns. Ohio State was the first school to win outright titles in 1960, 1961 and 1962, while Purdue also won three consecutive titles from 1994-1996.

Brown Aiming For Rare Double: Illinois senior **Dee Brown** could accomplish a rare feat this season as he strives to earn Big Ten Player of the Year honors for a second consecutive year. Only two conference players have claimed back-to-back Player of the Year accolades in Big Ten history. Michigan State's **Mateen Cleaves** won consecutive accolades in 1998 and 1999, while Ohio State's **Jim Jackson** was honored in 1991 and 1992. Brown could also become the fifth player in Big Ten history to claim consecutive Defensive Player of the Year accolades in 2006. He would join former standouts - Purdue's **Kenneth Lowe** (2003 and 2004), Ohio State's **Ken Johnson** (2000 and 2001), Michigan's **Gary Grant** (1987 and 1988) and Illinois' **Bruce Douglas** (1985 and 1986).

Protecting Your Home: Illinois enters the 2005-06 season with the longest current home winning streak in the Big Ten. The Illini were the only league team to go undefeated at home last season and have currently won 21 straight at Assembly Hall with their last defeat occurring on Jan. 10, 2004 against Purdue. Illinois' 21-game streak ranks fourth in the country entering the 2005-06 season (Gonzaga - 25, Southern Illinois - 24, Washington - 21) and still trails the Big Ten record of 53 straight home triumphs set by Michigan State from 1998 to 2002.

Painter Takes Over Purdue Helm: Head coach **Matt Painter** officially took the reins of the Purdue program on April 1, 2005 after spending the 2004-05 season as the Boilermakers' associate head coach. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Painter was the head coach of Southern Illinois from 2003-04, where he led the Salukis to a 25-5 record and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Painter played guard at Purdue from 1990 to 1993 where he appeared in 109 games, with 50 starts. He averaged 4.5 points per game and totaled 276 assists, while also earning honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors in 1993. Painter also helped lead the Boilermakers to three NCAA Tournament bids and one NIT appearance during his playing career.

BIG TEN TELECONFERENCES

When? -- Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (central), with a non-conference review/Big Ten preview call scheduled for Dec.12. Weekly calls begin Jan 2 with the final call scheduled for March 6.

Who? -- Each Big Ten men's head coach is invited to participate on the weekly teleconference. Participation is not mandatory, so some coaches may not be available each week.

How? -- To participate, please call the Conference Communications office for the access and play-back numbers. The call will be available for play-back for 24 hours following each teleconference. An archived version of the call will also be available to both media and fans on the Big Ten web site.

Schedule of Coaches:

9:00 a.m.	Mike Davis, IND
9:10 a.m.	Steve Alford, IOWA
9:20 a.m.	Dan Monson, MINN
9:30 a.m.	Bill Carmody, NU
9:40 a.m.	Ed DeChellis, PSU
9:50 a.m.	Matt Painter, PUR
10:00 a.m.	Tom Izzo, MSU
10:10 a.m.	Bo Ryan, WIS
10:20 a.m.	Tommy Amaker, MICH
10:30 a.m.	Thad Matta, OSU
10:40 a.m.	Bruce Weber, ILL
10:50 a.m.	Player of the Week (if available)

BIG TEN PRESEASON NOTES, CONT.

The Veteran: With the retirement of former Purdue head coach Gene Keady at the end of the 2004-05 season, Michigan State's **Tom Izzo** now takes over as the most tenured head coach in the league. Izzo has spent the last 10 years in East Lansing where he has compiled a career record of 233-97 (.706), winning one NCAA Championship, four regular-season conference crowns and two Big Ten Tournament titles. This past season, he led MSU to its fourth Final Four in the last seven seasons, becoming just the second coach in NCAA history to lead his team to four Final Fours in his first 10 years as a head coach. Fred Taylor took Ohio State to four Final Fours (1960, 1961, 1962 and 1968) in his first 10 seasons. Michigan State is also the only school to appear in four of the last seven Final Fours. Izzo is joined by four other coaches who have spent five or more years at a Big Ten school - Minnesota's **Dan Monson** and Iowa's **Steve Alford** will both begin their seventh season in the league, while Indiana's **Mike Davis** and Northwestern's **Bill Carmody** enter their sixth season.

Fresh Leadership: With Purdue's **Matt Painter** joining the Big Ten coaching ranks, six of the 11 conference coaches have been in the Big Ten fewer than five seasons: Painter, Ohio State's **Thad Matta** (1), Illinois' **Bruce Weber** (2), Penn State's **Ed DeChellis** (2), Michigan's **Tommy Amaker** (4) and Wisconsin's **Bo Ryan** (4). However, the short tenures have led to much success, as these coaches have guided conference teams to one Final Four appearance, one NIT title, six NCAA Tournament berths, four Big Ten Championships and two conference tournament titles.

Big Ten Coaching Milestones: Entering his sixth season with a record of 96-67, head coach **Mike Davis** will aim to become just the second-fastest coach in school annals to compile 100 wins at Indiana. Bob Knight won his 100th game as a head coach during his fifth season as a head coach (1975-76), while Branch McCracken obtained win No. 100 with a victory in the first game of his seventh season (1947-48).

Playing the Best: Big Ten teams have once again scheduled some of the nation's toughest teams for non-conference play, including nine teams listed in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today preseason polls. For the second consecutive year, Indiana is challenged early in the non-conference season, facing No. 1/1 Duke, No. 3/2 Connecticut and No. 9/10 Kentucky. Other Big Ten programs will face No. 11/11 Boston College (Michigan State), No. 12/12 Memphis (Purdue), No. 18/T18 Wake Forest (Wisconsin), No. 19/T18 UCLA (Michigan), No. 24/21 Maryland (Minnesota) and No. 25/23 Iowa State (Iowa).

29 Years and Counting: Big Ten men's basketball led the nation in total attendance for the 29th straight season in 2004-05, as the conference welcomed 2,255,332 total fans through the turnstiles and led the way with an average attendance of 12,530 per game/session, over 1,000 more than the national runner-up (ACC - 11,097). For the 13th straight season, the Big Ten broke the two-million mark in total attendance as the league played host to 2,146,082 patrons in 175 games for an average of 12,623 fans per contest. The only other conferences to draw two million fans last season were the 12-member SEC and the 14-member Big East.

Looking At The Conference Schedule: The 101st year of league play is set to begin with Indiana and Michigan opening the 2006 season on Tuesday, Jan. 3 in Bloomington, Ind. It will be a showdown of Final Four participants in the opening week of conference play when Illinois hosts Michigan State on Thursday, Jan. 5. These two programs will square off twice during the 2005 league slate as the Illini will travel to East Lansing on March 4 to close out the regular season. Opening week will also feature Northwestern hosting Purdue on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Wisconsin begins league play on Jan. 5 against Iowa, while Penn State travels to Ohio State. Minnesota will open its conference slate on Jan. 7, as the Gophers host the Wildcats.

Big Ten Television Schedule: To date, 86 of 88 Big Ten Conference games are scheduled to be televised during the 2006 men's basketball intraconference season. For the entire schedule, league teams will have more national exposure than ever before, with more than 60 games scheduled to appear on CBS, ESPN and ESPN2. The conference season will conclude with the ninth annual Big Ten Tournament, which is scheduled to take place Thursday through Sunday, March 9-12, at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN Plus will broadcast the first round and quarterfinal games while CBS will televise the semifinals and championship contests.

Spartans In EA Sports Maui Invitational: Michigan State will travel to Maui, Hawaii from Nov. 21-23 to compete in the EA Sports Maui Invitational. The tournament will boast one of the best in-season fields of all-time with six former national champions taking the court in Michigan State, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas and Maryland. The Spartans will open play against host-school Chaminade on Monday, Nov. 21 at the Lahaina Civic Center on ESPN2. The winner of the MSU-Chaminade game will advance to play the Gonzaga-Maryland winner. Other first-round games in the 22nd edition of the tournament include Arizona against Kansas and Arkansas against Connecticut. Last year, Iowa defeated nationally-ranked Texas and Louisville before falling to North Carolina in the championship game.

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

2005-06 Preseason

RANK/SCHOOL (#1 votes)	RECORD	PTS.	PREVIOUS
1. Duke (61)	0-0	1,785	3
2. Texas (6)	0-0	1,652	NR
3. Connecticut	0-0	1,578	13
4. MICHIGAN STATE (4)	0-0	1,572	15
5. Villanova (1)	0-0	1,413	19
6. Oklahoma	0-0	1,378	17
7. Louisville	0-0	1,319	4
8. Gonzaga	0-0	1,275	10
9. Kentucky	0-0	1,255	7
10. Arizona	0-0	1,212	9
11. Boston College	0-0	1,093	14
12. Memphis	0-0	920	NR
13. Stanford	0-0	842	NR
14. West Virginia	0-0	652	NR
15. Alabama	0-0	621	21
16. Syracuse	0-0	586	11
17. ILLINOIS	0-0	563	1
18. Wake Forest	0-0	524	5
19. UCLA	0-0	499	NR
20. IOWA	0-0	395	NR
21. George Washington	0-0	304	NR
22. Nevada	0-0	291	NR
23. INDIANA	0-0	273	NR
24. Maryland	0-0	258	NR
25. Iowa State	0-0	251	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Washington (144), Texas Tech (142), Kansas (96), N.C. State (74), OHIO STATE (74), WISCONSIN (56), LSU (54), Georgetown (46), Charlotte (44), North Carolina (38), MICHIGAN (24), Northern Iowa (21), MIAMI FL (16), Oklahoma State (16), Old Dominion (13), Florida (6), Bucknell (5), Ohio (4), Arkansas (3), Southern Illinois (3), Utah State (2), UW-Milwaukee (2), Cincinnati (2), California (1), Hawaii (1), Houston (1), Notre Dame (1).

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL

2005-06 Preseason

RANK/SCHOOL (#1 votes)	RECORD	PTS.	PREVIOUS
1. Duke (28)	0-0	767	7
2. Connecticut	0-0	692	17
3. Texas (2)	0-0	683	NR
4. Villanova (1)	0-0	644	13
5. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	632	4
6. Oklahoma	0-0	617	20
7. Gonzaga	0-0	540	18
8. Louisville	0-0	536	3
9. Arizona	0-0	532	6
10. Kentucky	0-0	511	5
11. Boston College	0-0	484	19
12. Memphis	0-0	354	NR
13. Stanford	0-0	331	NR
14. Alabama	0-0	295	NR
15. West Virginia	0-0	265	12
16. Syracuse	0-0	210	21
17. ILLINOIS	0-0	201	2
18. UCLA	0-0	190	NR
Wake Forest	0-0	190	11
20. IOWA	0-0	176	NR
21. Maryland	0-0	167	NR
22. INDIANA	0-0	153	NR
23. Iowa State	0-0	118	NR
24. George Washington	0-0	109	NR
25. Nevada	0-0	88	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: N.C. State (76); OHIO STATE (72); Washington (57); Kansas (56); WISCONSIN (52); Texas Tech (51); LSU (45); MICHIGAN (35); Charlotte (34); Oklahoma State (34); North Carolina (16); Old Dominion (13); Georgetown (10); Florida (7); Northern Iowa (7); Miami (Fla.) (6); Vanderbilt (3); Western Kentucky (3); California (2); UNLV (2); Ohio (2); Oral Roberts (2); Utah State (2); Bucknell (1); Temple (1); Texas A&M (1).

BIG TEN PRESEASON NOTES, CONT.

Big Ten Tourney Returns To Indy: After a one-year hiatus, the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament returns to Indianapolis to crown the 2006 Tournament Champion at Conseco Fieldhouse from March 9-12. The 2005 tournament was played at the United Center in Chicago and will return to the Windy City in 2007. In its first eight years of existence, the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament has welcomed more than 779,000 fans and issued over 4,800 media credentials. Six different league representatives have become Big Ten Tournament champions, with Michigan State (1999, 2000) and Illinois (2003, 2005) claiming the honor twice along with triumphs by Michigan (1998), Iowa (2001), Ohio State (2002) and Wisconsin (2004). In addition, every tournament game in the past eight years has been televised live on CBS, ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Plus.

Big Ten/ACC Challenge Matchups: In its seventh year, the Big Ten/ACC Challenge will increase to 11 games for the first time and take place on Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 28-30. The new, expanded event - increasing from nine games in the six previous years - will include two telecasts on ESPNU, while ESPN and ESPN2 will combine to televise the other nine games, marking the fourth consecutive year every game will be televised nationally. Both leagues have produced a long history of NCAA Tournament success. In fact, the two conferences rank first or second in NCAA Tournament appearances (Big Ten -172, ACC - 156), victories (ACC - 310, Big Ten - 280) and Final Fours (Big Ten - 39, ACC - 38) since the event's inception in 1939. The two leagues have advanced 13 teams to the national semifinals over the past five seasons, including 2005 Challenge participants Illinois, Indiana, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Duke, Georgia Tech, Maryland and North Carolina. The ACC holds a 32-18 advantage in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, claiming the Commissioner's Cup all six years. This year's schedule is included below.

Monday, Nov. 28

Virginia Tech at Ohio State 7:30 EST ESPN2

Tuesday, Nov. 29

No. 17/17 Illinois at North Carolina 9 EST ESPN
 Miami (Fla.) at Michigan 9:30 EST ESPN2
 Clemson at Penn State 8 EST ESPNU
 Purdue at Florida State 7:30 EST ESPN2
 Wisconsin at No. 18/T18 Wake Forest 7 EST ESPN

Wednesday, Nov. 30

No. 1/1 Duke at No. 23/22 Indiana 9 EST ESPN
 N.C. State at No. 20/20 Iowa 9:30 EST ESPN2
 Georgia Tech at No. 4/5 Michigan State 7 EST ESPN
 Minnesota at No. 24/21 Maryland 7:30 EST ESPN2
 Northwestern at Virginia 8 EST ESPNU

One Time Only: Each Big Ten team will play six of its 10 league foes both home and away during this year. Here is a breakdown of "one-plays" for the 2006 season.

Team	at Home	vs. Away
Illinois	PSU, PUR	OSU, WIS
Indiana	NU, OSU	MINN, WIS
Iowa	MICH, OSU	NU, PUR
Michigan	NU, WIS	IOWA, PSU
Michigan State	PSU, PUR	MINN, NU
Minnesota	IND, MSU	OSU, PSU
Northwestern	IOWA, MSU	IND, MSU
Ohio State	MINN, WIS	IND, IOWA
Penn State	MICH, PSU	ILL, MSU
Purdue	IOWA, WIS	ILL, MSU
Wisconsin	ILL, PSU	MICH, PUR

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs.)	at School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
Bruce Weber, ILL	166-63 (8th)	63-9 (3rd)	28-4
Mike Davis, IND	96-67 (6th)	96-67 (6th)	46-34
Steve Alford, IOWA	266-160 (15th)	110-83 (7th)	41-55
Tommy Amaker, MICH	132-115 (9th)	64-60 (5th)	27-37
Tom Izzo, MSU	234-96 (11th)	234-96 (11th)	117-47
Dan Monson, MINN	152-103 (9th)	100-86 (7th)	39-57
Bill Carmody, NU	160-105 (10th)	68-80 (6th)	27-53
Thad Matta, OSU	122-43 (6th)	20-12 (2nd)	8-8
Ed DeChellis, PSU	121-135 (10th)	16-42 (3rd)	4-28
Matt Painter, PUR	25-5 (2nd)	0-0 (1st)	0-0
Bo Ryan, WIS	476-140 (22nd)	93-37 (5th)	45-18

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**ILLINOIS**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

18 South Dakota State
20 Texas-Pan American
22 Texas Southern
25 vs. Wichita State [2]
26 vs. TBA [2]
29 at North Carolina [1]

December

3 vs. Xavier [3]
5 Arkansas-Little Rock
8 Georgetown
10 at Oregon
18 Coppin State
21 vs. Missouri [5]
28 SE Missouri St.
30 Tennessee-Martin

January

5 Michigan State
7 at Iowa
14 Michigan
17 at Indiana
21 at Northwestern
25 Minnesota
28 Purdue
31 at Wisconsin

February

4 Penn State
12 at Ohio State
15 Northwestern
19 Indiana
21 at Michigan
25 Iowa
28/1/2 at Minnesota

March

4 at Michigan State
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**INDIANA**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

18 Nicholls State
21 Florida A & M
26 at Western Illinois
30 Duke [1]

December

3 Eastern Michigan
6 at Indiana State
10 vs. Kentucky [6]
19 at Charlotte
23 vs. Butler [7]
31 at Ball State

January

3 Michigan
7 Ohio State
11 at Michigan State
17 Illinois
21 Purdue
24 at Iowa
29 at Minnesota

February

1 Northwestern
4 Connecticut
8 at Wisconsin
11 Iowa
15 at Penn State
19 at Illinois
22 Penn State
26 Michigan State
28/1/2 at Purdue

March

4 at Michigan
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
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**IOWA**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

14 Maryland-Eastern Shore [8]
15 Colgate/Utah Valley State [8]
21 TBD [9]
22 TBD [9]
26 UT-San Antonio
30 N.C. State [1]

December

2 Fairfield [10]
3 Tulane/Valparaiso [10]
6 at Northern Iowa
9 at Iowa State
17 Arizona State
20 Drake
22 Robert Morris
30 at St. Louis

January

5 at Wisconsin
7 Illinois
14 at Penn State
18 Minnesota
21 at Michigan State
24 Indiana
28 Ohio State

February

1 at Purdue
4 Michigan
8 at Northwestern
11 at Indiana
14 Michigan State
18 at Minnesota
25 at Illinois

March

1 Penn State
4 Wisconsin
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**MICHIGAN**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

18 Central Michigan
22 at Boston University
26 Butler
29 Miami (Fla.) [1]

December

3 at Notre Dame
7 Delaware State
10 at South Florida
17 UCLA
22 Miami (Ohio)
28 Coppin State
31 Chicago State

January

3 at Indiana
7 Purdue
14 at Illinois
18 Northwestern
21 at Minnesota
25 Michigan State
28 Wisconsin

February

1 at Penn State
4 at Iowa
9 Ohio State
11 at Purdue
15 Minnesota
18 at Michigan State
21 Illinois
25 at Ohio State

March

4 Indiana
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**MICHIGAN STATE**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

19 at Hawaii
21 vs. Chaminade [11]
22 vs. Maryland/Gonzaga [11]
23 vs. TBD [11]
27 IPFW
30 Georgia Tech [1]

December

3 vs. Ark.-Little Rock [12]
6 at Boston College
10 vs. Wichita State [13]
16 Cleveland State
18 Florida International
21 at UW-Green Bay
28 Tennessee Tech
31 Coppin State

January

5 at Illinois
8 at Wisconsin
11 Indiana
15 at Ohio State
21 Iowa
25 at Michigan
28 Penn State

February

4 at Northwestern
8 Purdue
11 at Minnesota
14 at Iowa
18 Michigan
22 Ohio State
26 at Indiana
28/1/2 Wisconsin

March

4 Illinois
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**MINNESOTA**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

18 North Dakota State
26 UT-Chattanooga
28 Gardner Webb
30 at Maryland [1]

December

3 Coastal Carolina
5 at Arizona State
10 UNLV
14 UAB
21 Grambling
23 South Dakota State
31 Oral Roberts

January

7 Northwestern
10 Wisconsin
14 at Purdue
18 at Iowa
21 Michigan
25 at Illinois
29 Indiana

February

4 at Ohio State
8 at Penn State
11 Michigan State
15 at Michigan
18 Iowa
22 Purdue
26 at Wisconsin
28/1/2 Illinois

March

4 at Northwestern
9-12 Big Ten Tournament
at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**NORTHWESTERN**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

13 vs. Lehigh [14]
 14 vs. Charlotte/Coppin State [14]
 15 vs. TBD [14]
 21 Florida Atlantic
 26 at DePaul
 30 at Virginia [1]

December

3 Delaware State
 14 Illinois-Chicago
 18 at Seton Hall
 23 DePaul

January

1 Northern Colorado
 4 Purdue
 7 at Minnesota
 11 Penn State
 14 at Wisconsin
 18 at Michigan
 21 Illinois
 25 at Purdue

February

1 at Indiana
 4 Michigan State
 8 Iowa
 11 IPFW
 15 at Illinois
 18 at Ohio State
 23 Wisconsin
 25 at Penn State

March

1 Ohio State
 4 Minnesota
 9-12 Big Ten Tournament
 at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**PENN STATE**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

19 Cornell
 23 Nicholls State
 26 Long Island
 29 Clemson [1]

December

3 at Texas A&M
 7 Missouri-Kansas City
 10 at Pittsburgh
 18 St. Francis (Pa.)
 20 New Hampshire
 28 IPFW
 31 Mount St. Mary's

January

5 at Ohio State
 11 at Northwestern
 14 Iowa
 18 Purdue
 21 Ohio State
 25 at Wisconsin
 28 at Michigan State

February

1 Michigan
 4 at Illinois
 8 Minnesota
 11 Wisconsin
 15 Indiana
 18 at Purdue
 22 at Indiana
 25 Northwestern

March

1 Iowa
 9-12 Big Ten Tournament
 at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**WISCONSIN**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

18 vs. Norfolk State [17]
 19 vs. Eastern Kentucky [17]
 21 TBD [17]
 26 Coastal Carolina
 29 at Wake Forest [1]

December

3 Pepperdine
 7 UW-Green Bay
 10 Marquette
 12 UNC-Wilmington
 15 UW-Milwaukee
 28 Louisiana Tech
 31 at Pittsburgh

January

5 Iowa
 8 Michigan State
 10 at Minnesota
 14 Northwestern
 18 at Ohio State
 21 North Dakota State
 25 Penn State
 28 at Michigan
 31 Illinois

February

4 at Purdue
 8 Indiana
 11 at Penn State
 15 Ohio State
 23 at Northwestern
 26 Minnesota
 28/1/2 at Michigan State

March

4 at Iowa
 9-12 Big Ten Tournament
 at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**OHIO STATE**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

20 Chicago State
 22 Butler
 28 Virginia Tech [1]

December

10 at St. Joseph's
 12 Norfolk State
 14 Belmont
 17 vs. Iowa State [15]
 23 Tennessee State
 28 Gardner Webb
 31 LSU

January

5 Penn State
 7 at Indiana
 11 at Purdue
 15 Michigan State
 18 Wisconsin
 21 at Penn State
 28 at Iowa
 30 Florida A&M

February

4 Minnesota
 9 at Michigan
 12 Illinois
 15 at Wisconsin
 18 Northwestern
 22 at Michigan State
 25 Michigan

March

1 at Northwestern
 5 Purdue
 9-12 Big Ten Tournament
 at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

**PURDUE**
(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)November

19 Wofford
 22 South Alabama
 26 vs. Xavier [16]
 29 at Florida State [1]

December

3 at Evansville
 6 Chicago State
 11 at Loyola-Chicago
 17 New Orleans
 20 IPFW
 28 UT-Martin
 30 at Memphis

January

4 at Northwestern
 7 at Michigan
 11 Ohio State
 14 Minnesota
 18 at Penn State
 21 at Indiana
 25 Northwestern
 28 at Illinois

February

1 Iowa
 4 Wisconsin
 8 at Michigan State
 11 Michigan
 18 Penn State
 22 at Minnesota
 28/1/2 Indiana

March

5 at Ohio State
 9-12 Big Ten Tournament
 at Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

- 1] - Big Ten/ACC Challenge
 [2] - South Padre Island Invitational in South Padre, Texas
 [3] - United Center in Chicago, Ill.
 [4] - at the Rose Garden Arena in Portland, Ore.
 [5] - Braggin' Rights Game at Savvis Center in St. Louis, Mo.
 [6] - at RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.
 [7] - at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind.
 [8] - Guardian Classic
 [9] - in Kansas City, Mo.
 [10] - Hawkeye Challenge in Iowa City, Iowa
 [11] - EA Sports Maui Invitational in Maui, Hawaii
 [12] - at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich.
 [13] - at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.
 [14] - at BCA Invitational in Laramie, Wyo.
 [15] - at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, Iowa
 [16] - Wooden Tradition at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Ind.
 [17] - Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

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