

Big Ten Ties for Conference Lead with Three Top-10 Teams in Final Polls and Tops Country in National Awards, All-Americans and Academic All-Americans

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2006 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Games					All Games						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25	Streak
1. Ohio State#	8-0	1.000	4-0	4-0	W14	12-1	.923	7-0	5-0	0-1	4-1	L1
2. Wisconsin	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	W7	12-1	.923	7-0	3-1	2-0	1-1	W9
Michigan	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	L1	11-2	.846	7-0	4-1	0-1	2-2	L2
4. Penn State	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	W1	9-4	.692	6-1	2-3	1-0	1-4	W3
Purdue	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	W3	8-6	.571	5-2	3-3	0-1	0-4	L2
6. Minnesota	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	W3	6-7	.462	4-2	2-4	0-1	0-4	L1
Indiana	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	L3	5-7	.417	3-4	2-3	0-0	1-2	L3
8. Iowa	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	L5	6-7	.462	4-3	2-3	0-1	0-4	L4
Northwestern	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	W1	4-8	.333	2-4	2-4	0-0	0-2	W1
10. Michigan State	1-7	.125	0-4	1-3	L4	4-8	.333	2-5	2-3	0-0	0-3	L4
Illinois	1-7	.125	0-4	1-3	L6	2-10	.167	1-6	1-4	0-0	0-3	L7

Big Ten Champion

2006 SEASON IN REVIEW

Big Ten football produced an impressive year of accomplishments both on and off the field, leading all conferences in a number of categories while setting Big Ten records in the process. The highlights include:

- 3 Top-10 Teams in Both Final National Polls -- tied with SEC for conference lead
- 3 Teams with 11-Plus Wins -- first conference among the BCS automatic qualifiers to produce three teams with 11 or more regular-season triumphs
- 9 National Awards -- more than any other conference
- 15 Heisman Trophies -- more than any other conference, including 2006 winner **Troy Smith** of Ohio State
- 11 First-Team All-Americans -- more than any other conference
- 8 Consensus All-Americans -- more than any other conference
- 11 Total Academic All-Americans -- more than any other conference
- 8 First-Team Academic All-Americans -- more than any other conference, breaking 1969 Big Ten record
- 15 All-Time BCS Berths -- more than any other conference
- 7 Bowl Berths in 2006-07 -- second-highest total in Big Ten history
- Home Attendance Over Five Million - for just the fourth time in Big Ten history

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BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP

Bowl Wins for Penn State and Wisconsin: Big Ten teams earned a pair of bowl triumphs this season with Penn State knocking off Tennessee in the Outback Bowl and Wisconsin edging Arkansas in the Capital One Bowl. The Nittany Lions defeated the nationally-ranked Volunteers thanks to an 88-yard fumble return touchdown by cornerback **Tony Davis** in the fourth quarter to break a 10-10 tie on the way to a 20-10 victory. PSU running back **Tony Hunt** broke loose for 158 rushing yards on his way to Outback Bowl MVP honors. Penn State has now won four of its last five bowl games while head coach **Joe Paterno** built on his NCAA record with a 22nd bowl triumph. Wisconsin head coach **Bret Bielema**, the Big Ten Coach of the Year, led the Badgers to the first 12-win season in school history after beating nationally-ranked Arkansas, 17-14. Quarterback **John Stocco** was named the Capital One Bowl MVP after throwing for 206 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while the Wisconsin defense held the Razorbacks to a season-low 14 points. The Badgers have now won back-to-back Capital One Bowls and been victorious in six of their last eight postseason appearances.

Bowl Attendance: Four of the Big Ten's seven bowl games drew sellout crowds while the Alamo Bowl attracted 65,875 fans, making it the most attended sporting event in the history of the Alamodome. The conference's seven postseason games attracted 449,289 patrons for an average of 64,184 per contest, including full houses for the BCS National Championship Game and the Rose, Outback and Alamo Bowls.

Tough Competition: The Big Ten's seven-team bowl contingent faced stiff competition in postseason play. The conference's bowl foes entered the postseason with a combined record of 65-21 (.756) and five of the squads already boasted nine or more wins -- Arkansas, Florida, USC, Tennessee and Texas. The SEC was the only conference to face a tougher bowl slate with a combined opponents' record of 84-26 (.764) and six teams with nine or more wins. Three other conferences faced opponents that had won more than 70 percent of their games including the Pac-10 (54-19, .740), ACC (68-29, .701) and Big 12 (68-29, .701)

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BIG TEN BOWL RESULTS

December 29, 2006

INSIGHT BOWL

Texas Tech def. MINNESOTA, 44-41 (OT)

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Maryland def. PURDUE, 24-7

December 30, 2006

ALAMO BOWL

No. 19 Texas def. IOWA, 26-24

January 1, 2007

OUTBACK BOWL

PENN STATE def. No. 17 Tennessee, 20-10

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

No. 7 WISCONSIN def. No. 12 Arkansas, 17-14

ROSE BOWL

No. 5 USC def. No. 3 MICHIGAN, 32-18

January 8, 2007

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

No. 2 Florida def. No. 1 OHIO STATE, 41-14

Rankings: BCS

**2007 Big Ten
Kickoff Luncheon and
Football Media Days**

**The 2007 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon
and football media days will be
held from July 31-Aug. 1, 2007
at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.**

BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP, cont.

A History of BCS Success: The Big Ten earned two more Bowl Championship Series (BCS) berths this season to lead all conferences with 15 appearances in BCS games since the system was created for the 1998-99 season. The SEC ranks second to the Big Ten with 13 BCS appearances followed by the Big 12 (12 appearances), Pac-10 (11), ACC (9) and Big East (9). The Big Ten has won eight BCS games to rate second behind the SEC (9 victories) and ahead of the Pac-10 (7), Big 12 (5) and Big East (5).

Big Ten BCS Duos: The Big Ten sent two schools to Bowl Championship Series (BCS) games for the sixth time in the nine-year history of the system and the fourth time in the last five seasons. Since the inception of the BCS in 1998, the Big Ten has qualified 15 teams for BCS bowls, more than any other conference. The SEC, which was the only other conference to collect two BCS berths this season, ranks second with 13 BCS appearances followed by the Big 12 (12) and Pac-10 (11). The Big Ten also sent a pair of squads to BCS games after the following seasons - 1998 (Ohio State, Wisconsin), 1999 (Michigan, Wisconsin), 2002 (Iowa, Ohio State), 2003 (Michigan, Ohio State) and 2005 (Ohio State, Penn State).

Seven Teams Go Bowling: The Big Ten's seven bowl berths in 2006 matched the second-highest total in conference annals, trailing only the Big Ten record of eight bowl participants established following the 2003 campaign. The conference also qualified seven schools for postseason play after the 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2005 seasons. The Big Ten sent six or more teams to bowl games for the eighth straight year and 15th time overall. Conference programs have made 66 bowl appearances over the last decade (1997-2006) and 226 appearances all-time.

Bowl Coaching Breakdown: Following the 2006-07 bowl season, the current group of Big Ten coaches sport a combined record of 40-32-1 (.548) in bowl games as collegiate head coaches and a mark of 24-20 (.545) since they joined the conference. Penn State's **Joe Paterno** holds the NCAA record with 33 bowl appearances and 22 wins, including an 8-2 mark since joining the Big Ten. Michigan's **Lloyd Carr** ranks second with five postseason wins, followed by Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** with four wins and Iowa's **Kirk Ferentz** and Purdue's **Joe Tiller**, who each boast three victories a piece.

BIG TEN COACHES BOWL RECORDS

	<u>Big Ten</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Zook, ILL	0-0	0-2
Hoepfner, IND	0-0	1-1
Ferentz, IOWA	3-3	3-3
Carr, MICH	5-7	5-7
Dantonio, MSU	0-0	1-0
Fitzgerald, NU	0-0	0-0
Tressel, OSU	4-2	4-2
Paterno, PSU	8-2	22-10-1
Tiller, PUR	3-6	3-7
<u>Bielema, WIS</u>	1-0	1-0
TOTAL	24-20	40-32-1

Bowl Veterans: The Big Ten boasts three of the 11 programs with 38 or more bowl appearances in Penn State (8th - 39), Michigan (9th - 38) and Ohio State (9th - 38). The Nittany Lions entered the postseason tied with Oklahoma and Tennessee for third all-time in bowl triumphs but have now claimed sole possession of the third spot with 25 victories thanks to a win over the Volunteers in the Outback Bowl and a Sooners loss in the Fiesta Bowl. Alabama ranks first with 30 bowl wins followed by USC's 29 victories. Ohio State and Michigan are tied for 13th all-time with 18 victories a piece.

Wolverines' Bowl Streak: Michigan's current streak of 32 consecutive bowls is the longest active streak in the nation.

2006-07 BIG TEN BOWL TOP PERFORMERS

OFFENSE

IOWA WR **Andy Brodell:** Matched career high and established Alamo Bowl record with 159 receiving yards on six catches with a career-best two TDs, including a 63-yard scoring sprint, the longest in Iowa bowl history.

IOWA QB **Drew Tate:** Concluded Hawkeye career in the Big Ten's top 10 in career passing yards, attempts and touchdowns after completing 15-of-25 passes for 274 yards and two TDs in narrow loss to Texas in Alamo Bowl.

MICH QB **Chad Henne:** Set season highs with 26 completions, 41 attempts and 309 yards while adding two TDs vs. USC in the Rose Bowl.

MICH WR **Steve Breaston:** Set career high with 115 receiving yards, equaled career best with seven receptions and added a TD in the Rose Bowl.

MINN QB **Bryan Cupito:** Led offense to a Gophers bowl record of 41 points while completing 19-of-31 passes for 263 yards and three TDs vs. Texas Tech.

MINN RB **Amir Pinnix:** Rumbled for a season-high 179 yards on 34 carries with a TD against Texas Tech in the Insight Bowl.

MINN TE **Jack Simmons:** After entering the game with 95 receiving yards on the season, exploded for career highs of seven catches and 134 yards with a TD in place of injured All-American Matt Spaeth in the Insight Bowl.

PSU RB **Tony Hunt:** Named Outback Bowl MVP after racking up 158 yards on 31 carries, the second-highest rushing output in PSU bowl history and his eighth 100-yard effort this season, to lead team past Tennessee.

PUR WRs **Dorien Bryant** and **Greg Orton:** Both wideouts hauled in a game-high eight catches, with Bryant tallying a game-best 101 yards while Orton produced 95 yards and a touchdown against Maryland in Champs Sports Bowl.

PUR QB **Curtis Painter:** Completed 23-of-36 passes for 264 yards and a touchdown against Maryland in Champs Sports Bowl to establish a Big Ten single-season record with 3,985 passing yards, breaking the previous record of 3,983 yards through the air set by fellow-Boilermaker Drew Brees in 1998.

WIS QB **John Stocco:** Named Capital One Bowl MVP after connecting on 14-of-34 passes for 206 yards and two TDs in triumph over Arkansas.

DEFENSE

IOWA DB **Charles Godfrey:** Produced seven tackles (six solo) with two TFLs (-2 yards) and a fumble recovery against Texas in Alamo Bowl.

OSU LBs **James Laurinaitis** and **Marcus Freeman:** Tied for a game high with 15 tackles a piece in the BCS National Championship Game, including 10 solo stops and a pass breakup for Laurinaitis and nine solo tackles for Freeman.

PSU LB **Dan Connor:** Led Penn State with 10 tackles (four solo) and added a half TFL while limiting Tennessee to a season-low 10 points in the Outback Bowl.

PSU CB **Tony Davis:** Collected seven tackles (five solo) and picked up a fumble forced by Sean Lee and sprinted 88 yards for the TD to break a 10-10 tie in the fourth quarter on the way to a 20-10 victory over Tennessee.

WIS LB **Mark Zalewski:** Posted a game-high nine tackles with a TFL and pass breakup as Arkansas was held to a season-low 14 points.

SPECIAL TEAMS

IOWA P **Andy Fenstermaker:** Five punts for 212 yards (42.4 avg.), including a long of 48 yards and two placed inside the 20-yard line in the Alamo Bowl.

MINN KR **Dominic Jones:** Four kickoff returns for 103 yards (25.8 avg.), including a long of 34 yards, in the Insight Bowl.

MINN P **Justin Kucek:** Three punts for 131 yards (43.7 avg.) with one inside the 20 against Texas Tech in the Insight Bowl.

OSU KR **Ted Ginn Jr.:** Returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a TD to give the Buckeyes an early 7-0 lead in the BCS National Championship Game.

WIS P **Ken DeBauche:** Seven punts for 299 yards (42.7 avg.) vs. Arkansas.

WIS PK **Taylor Mehlhaff:** Connected on a career-long 52-yarder to give Wisconsin an early 3-0 advantage, the longest field goal in UW bowl history, which proved to be the difference in a 17-14 win over Arkansas.

2006 SEASON IN REVIEW, cont.

Big Ten Polling Place: When the final national rankings were released following bowl play, four Big Ten teams appeared among the top 25 in both the Associated Press (AP) and USA Today coaches polls and three schools appeared among the top 10 to equal the SEC for the most among all conferences. The Big Ten's nationally-ranked contingent included Ohio State (No. 2 AP/No. 2 USA Today), Wisconsin (No. 7/5), Michigan (No. 8/9) and Penn State (No. 24/25). The conference boasted three top-10 teams in the final polls for the third time in the last five years and just the fourth time in the last two decades. The Big Ten also produced a trio of teams appearing in the top 10 in 2003 (No. 4/4 Ohio State, No. 6/7 Michigan, No. 8/8 Iowa), 2002 (No. 1/1 Ohio State, No. 8/8 Iowa, No. 9/9 Michigan) and 1999 (No. 4/4 Wisconsin, No. 5/5 Michigan, No. 7/7 Michigan State). Prior to 1999, the last time that three conference squads were rated among the top 10 in both final polls was in 1983 (No. 8/9 Michigan, No. 9/8 Ohio State, No. 10/10 Illinois). The Buckeyes' final ranking of second in both polls was the best finish for a Big Ten program since Ohio State ended the 2002 campaign atop both national rankings after going undefeated and earning the national championship.

The Great Eight: A conference-best eight Big Ten standouts were named consensus All-Americans in Michigan's trio of defensive back **Leon Hall**, offensive lineman **Jake Long** and defensive end **LaMarr Woodley**, Ohio State's threesome of linebacker **James Laurinaitis**, defensive lineman **Quinn Pitcock** and quarterback **Troy Smith**, Penn State linebacker **Paul Posluszny** and Wisconsin offensive lineman **Joe Thomas**. The Big Ten's eight honorees marked the most consensus picks for the conference since boasting nine selections following the 2004 season. The Big Ten topped all conferences this year with eight consensus selections, followed by the Pac-10 (6), SEC (5), Big 12 (3) and Big East (3). The Wolverines and Buckeyes were the only two programs to produce three consensus All-Americans and two of only five schools to boast multiple selections (two picks each for California, UCLA and West Virginia).

Repeat the Feat: Posluszny was joined by Notre Dame's Jeff Samardzija as one of only two players to repeat as consensus All-Americans. The Nittany Lions' standouts becomes only the third PSU player to earn back-to-back consensus nods along with Bruce Clark (1978-79) and Dennis Onkotz (1968-69). The last Big Ten player to repeat as a consensus All-American was Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk, who was honored in 2004 and 2005.

Everybody's All-American: In addition to the eight consensus selections, the Big Ten led all conferences with 11 standouts earning first-team All-America accolades from the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press (AP), Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News or Walter Camp Football Foundation. Indiana kick returner **Marcus Thigpen** (Sporting News), Minnesota tight end **Matt Spaeth** (AP) and Penn State linebacker **Dan Connor** (Sporting News) joined the Big Ten's eight consensus selections as first-team honorees. In all, 22 Big Ten student-athletes earned All-America honors including Michigan's **Alan Branch**, **David Harris** and **Mike Hart**, Ohio State's **T.J. Downing**, **Ted Ginn Jr.** and **Malcolm Jenkins**, Penn State's **Jay Alford**, **Levi Brown** and **Jeremy Kapinos**, Purdue's **Anthony Spencer** and Wisconsin's **Travis Beckum**.

Smith Earns Big Ten's 15th Heisman Trophy: Ohio State quarterback **Troy Smith** collected the highest honor in college football when he was named the 2006 Heisman Trophy winner. Smith gave the Big Ten 15 Heisman Trophies, more than any other conference, and became the first Big Ten standout to be honored since Wisconsin's Ron Dayne took home the trophy in 1999. Seven of the conference's 15 Heisman Trophies have now been earned by Buckeyes with Smith joining previous Ohio State winners Les Horvath (1944), Vic Janowicz (1950), Howard Cassady (1955), Archie Griffin (1974, 1975) and Eddie George (1995). Ohio State is now tied with Notre Dame and Southern California for the most Heisman Trophies collected by one school. Smith, the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, received 801 first-place votes and won the Heisman by 1,662 points - both the second-best marks in the 71-year history of the award. Michigan running back **Mike Hart** finished fifth in the voting.

BIG TEN NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Troy Smith, QB, OSU
Heisman Trophy (Outstanding Player)
Walter Camp Player of the Year Award (Outstanding Player)
Davey O'Brien Award (Outstanding Quarterback)

LaMarr Woodley, DE, MICH
Ted Hendricks Award (Outstanding Defensive End)
Rotary Lombardi Award (Outstanding Lineman)

Matt Spaeth, TE, MINN
John Mackey Award (Outstanding Tight End)

James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU
Bronko Nagurski Trophy (Top Defensive Player)

Paul Posluszny, LB, PSU
Bednarik Award (Top Defensive Player)

Joe Thomas, OT, WIS
Outland Trophy (Outstanding Interior Lineman)

BIG TEN ALL-AMERICANS

Marcus Thigpen, KR, IND	SN1
Alan Branch, DT, MICH	AP2, SN2
Leon Hall, DB, MICH	AP1, AFCA, FWAA, SN2, WC1
David Harris, LB, MICH	AP2
Mike Hart, RB, MICH	AP2, WC2
Jake Long, OL, MICH	AP1, AFCA, FWAA, SN2, WC1
LaMarr Woodley, DL, MICH #	AP1, AFCA, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Matt Spaeth, TE, MINN	AP1
T.J. Downing, OG, OSU	AP2
Ted Ginn Jr., KR/All-Purpose, OSU	AP2, SN2, WC2
Malcolm Jenkins, DB, OSU	SN2
James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU	AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Quinn Pitcock, DL, OSU	AP1, AFCA, SN1, WC1
Troy Smith, QB, OSU #	AP1, AFCA, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Jay Alford, DT, PSU	AP3
Levi Brown, OL, PSU	AP3, SN2, WC2
Dan Connor, LB, PSU	AP2, SN1
Jeremy Kapinos, P, PSU	AP3
Paul Posluszny, LB, PSU	AP1, SN2, WC1
Anthony Spencer, DL, PUR	AP3, WC2
Travis Beckum, TE, WIS	WC2
Joe Thomas, OL, WIS #	AP1, AFCA, FWAA, SN1, WC1

*AFCA = American Football Coaches Association; AP 1/2/3 = Associated Press 1st/2nd/3rd;
FWAA = Football Writers Association of America; SN 1/2 = Sporting News 1st/2nd;
WC1/2 = Walter Camp 1st/2nd*
Consensus All-Americans in bold # Unanimous Consensus All-Americans

Big Ten Standouts Claim Eight Other National Honors: In addition to the Heisman Trophy, Big Ten student-athletes collected eight other national awards this season. The Big Ten's nine national award marks the second-highest total in conference history behind 1995 when Big Ten athletes walked away with 10 awards, including Eddie George's Heisman Trophy. A pair of conference standouts claimed multiple trophies in Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year **Troy Smith** (Heisman Trophy, Walter Camp Player of the Year and Davey O'Brien Awards) and Big Ten Defensive Player and Lineman of the Year **LaMarr Woodley** (Hendricks and Lombardi Awards). Smith is the first conference player to pick up three national awards since Penn State running back Larry Johnson earned the Walter Camp Player of the Year, Maxwell and Doak Walker Awards in 2002. Other Big Ten honorees in 2006 include Minnesota's **Matt Spaeth** (Mackey Award), OSU's **James Laurinaitis** (Nagurski Trophy), PSU's **Paul Posluszny** (Bednarik Award) and Wisconsin's **Joe Thomas** (Outland Trophy).

Smith became the 18th player in Big Ten history to be named the Walter Camp Player of the Year and the first since Johnson in 2002. Smith was also the fourth conference winner of the O'Brien Award, which honors the country's top quarterback, and the first since Iowa's Brad Banks nabbed the accolade in 2002. Woodley was the first player in Michigan history and the seventh in Big Ten annals to take home the Lombardi Award, which recognizes the nation's outstanding offensive or defensive lineman. The conference won the award twice in a row for the second time in history as Ohio State's A.J. Hawk was last year's recipient. Woodley was also the first conference winner of the five-year-old Hendricks Award, which honors the nation's best defensive end. Posluszny joined Northwestern head coach **Pat Fitzgerald** as the only two-time winners of the Bednarik Trophy, having won the award last season. Posluszny was one of four Big Ten players to have earned the trophy, which is given to the nation's best defensive player. Thomas was the third Big Ten player in four years to take home the Outland Trophy, which recognizes the nation's best interior lineman, along with Minnesota's Greg Eslinger (2005) and Iowa's Robert Gallery (2003). Thomas became the 12th player in conference history to win the award, but is the first representative from Wisconsin. Spaeth was the conference's third Mackey Award winner, earned by the country's top tight end, and first since the Hawkeyes' Dallas Clark in 2002. Laurinaitis was just the third player in Big Ten history to win the Nagurski Trophy, given to the country's outstanding defensive player, joining Northwestern's Fitzgerald (1995-96) and Michigan's Charles Woodson (1997).

Big Ten Record for Academic All-Americans: The Big Ten topped all conferences with 11 members of the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Football Team, an increase of three over the conference's eight honorees from last season. The Big Ten's 11 Academic All-Americans included a conference-record eight first-team selections, breaking the previous high mark of seven first-team choices established in 1969. In addition, the Big Ten's total of eight first-team honorees surpassed the total of seven first-team picks from all other Division I-A conferences, including two Big East selections and one choice each from the ACC, Big 12, MAC, Pac-10 and SEC. Penn State's **Paul Posluszny** was named the Academic All-America of the Year, joining Ohio State's Craig Krenzel (2003) and Purdue's Drew Brees (2000) as the third Big Ten player to be honored in the last seven years. Posluszny garners first-team Academic All-America recognition for the second straight season and boasts a 3.56 grade point average in finance. Posluszny was joined by seven other Big Ten student-athletes on the Academic All-America first team, including Indiana's **Will Meyers**, Iowa's **Mike Elgin**, **Mike Klinkenborg** and **Adam Shada**, Ohio State's **Anthony Gonzalez** and **Stan White** and Penn State's **Tim Shaw**. The conference's three second-team choices are Ohio State's **James Laurinaitis**, Penn State's **Nolan McCready** and Wisconsin's **Joe Thomas**. Meyers, Elgin and Posluszny all earned first-team Academic All-America accolades for the second straight year after being honored in 2005. To be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00 and have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his current institution.

The Big Ten's Historic Trio: For the first time in conference history, the Big Ten produced three teams with 11 or more victories in Ohio State (12-1), Wisconsin (12-1) and Michigan (11-2). All three of those teams boasted 11 or more wins in the regular season. Prior to the 2006 campaign, the Big Ten had produced three programs with double-digit victories in regular-season action in only two previous years both more than a century ago -- in 1903 (11-0-1 Michigan, 11-0-1 Minnesota, 10-2-1 Chicago) and 1902 (11-0 Michigan, 11-1 Chicago, 10-2-1 Illinois). Conference teams did not take part in postseason action in those years. Including bowl games, three Big Ten squads racked up double-digit victories in 2005 including Penn State (11-1), Ohio State (10-2) and Wisconsin (10-3). The Big Ten also became the first conference among the BCS automatic qualifiers (ACC, Big 12, Big East, Pac-10, SEC) to produce three teams with 11 or more regular-season triumphs. The Big 12 is the only other conference to accomplish that feat when bowl games are included, boasting three schools with 11 or more wins in 2002 (Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas) and 2001 (Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas).

The Rarity of 11 and 12 Wins: Prior to the 2006 campaign, only 24 conference teams had collected 11 or more wins in a season (including bowl games) in the first 110 years of Big Ten football. That group includes nine teams over the previous decade, most recently when Penn State concluded an 11-1 season in

BIG TEN PLAYERS ON ACADEMIC AWARDS SCENE

**ESPN The Magazine
Academic All-America of the Year**
Paul Posluszny, PSU

Wuerffel Trophy
College player who best combines community service with academic/athletic achievement
WINNER

Joel Penton, OSU

OTHER BIG TEN FINALISTS

Joel Howells, NU

Joe Thomas, WIS

Draddy Trophy
Nation's Top Scholar-Athlete
FINALISTS

Paul Posluszny, PSU

Joe Thomas, WIS

**ESPN The Magazine
Academic All-Americans**

FIRST TEAM

Will Meyers, IND

Mike Elgin, IOWA

Mike Klinkenborg, IOWA

Adam Shada, IOWA

Anthony Gonzalez, OSU

Stan White, OSU

Paul Posluszny, PSU

Tim Shaw, PSU

SECOND TEAM

James Laurinaitis, OSU

Nolan McCready, PSU

Joe Thomas, WIS

2006 BIG TEN FOOTBALL MVPs

As selected by each institution

Illinois	J Leman, LB
Indiana	Kellen Lewis, QB
Iowa	Mike Klinkenborg, LB; Marshal Yanda, OL
Michigan	David Harris, LB; Mike Hart, RB
Michigan State	Drew Stanton, QB
Minnesota	Matt Spaeth, TE
Northwestern	Nick Roach, LB; Tyrell Sutton, RB
Ohio State	Troy Smith, QB*
Penn State	Paul Posluszny, LB
Purdue	Anthony Spencer, DE
Wisconsin	Joe Thomas, OT; John Stocco, QB; Joe Monty, DL; Joe Stellmacher, DB; Roderick Rogers, DB; Mark Zalewski, LB

* Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner

2005. Ohio State and Wisconsin ended the year with identical 12-1 marks to become the seventh and eighth squads in Big Ten annals to produce 12 wins in a single season. The only other conference teams to win 12 games in a season include a pair of national champions in the 2002 Ohio State squad (14-0) and the 1997 Michigan team (12-0). The Big Ten's other teams to win 12 games are Penn State (12-0 in 1994), the Wolverines (12-1 in 1905), Minnesota (13-0 in 1904) and Chicago (12-0-2 in 1899). See the chart to the right for the full list of Big Ten teams to win 11 or more games in a single season.

Breaking Down The Double-Digit Winners: Ohio State hit double-digits in victories for the fourth time in the last five years, the longest string of success since the program produced five seasons with 10 or more triumphs over a six-year stretch from 1993-98. The Buckeyes have now reached the 10-win plateau on 16 occasions and their 12 victories rank second in school annals behind only the 14-0 national championship run in 2002. Wisconsin established a school record with 12 victories, breaking the program best of 11 victories (including a Rose Bowl win) set in

BIG TEN
11-GAME WINNERS

<u>Record</u>	<u>Team, Year</u>
14-0	Ohio State, 2002
13-0	Minnesota, 1904
12-1	Ohio State, 2006
12-1	Wisconsin, 2006
12-0	Michigan, 1997
12-0	Penn State, 1994
12-1	Michigan, 1905
12-0-2	Chicago, 1899
11-2	Michigan, 2006
11-1	Penn State, 2005
11-2	Ohio State, 2003
11-2	Iowa, 2002
11-1	Ohio State, 1998
11-1	Wisconsin, 1998
11-1	Ohio State, 1996
11-2	Penn State, 1996
11-2	Ohio State, 1995
11-2	Michigan, 1986
11-1	Ohio State, 1979
11-1	Ohio State, 1975
11-1	Michigan, 1971
11-0-1	Michigan, 1903
11-0-1	Minnesota, 1903
11-0	Michigan, 1902
11-1	Chicago, 1902
11-0	Michigan, 1901
11-2-1	Chicago, 1896

1998. The Badgers have produced five seasons with double-digit triumphs, including back-to-back campaigns for the first time since 1998 and 1999. Michigan racked up 10 or more triumphs for the third time in five seasons and the 25th time overall. The Wolverines registered 11 or more victories for just the eighth time in school annals and just the fourth time in the last century, most recently when the team won the national title with a 12-0 mark in 1997 (which equaled the school record for wins set in 1905).

Big Ten's Second-Most Non-Conference Wins: The Big Ten produced an impressive mark of 35-17 (.673) outside of the conference, including two bowl triumphs, to rack up the second-most non-conference wins in Big Ten history. The Big Ten posted a record 38 non-conference triumphs in 2002, including a 5-2 mark in bowl action. The Big Ten's 33 non-conference victories during the 2006 regular season matched the conference's modern era record for out-of-league wins prior to bowl play, set when Big Ten teams produced a 33-13 (.717) mark in 2002, which was one of only two other 12-game seasons in conference annals (30-14 in 2003). The Big Ten's all-time record for non-conference triumphs occurred when the conference built a 57-3-1 out-of-league mark in 1905, the sixth straight year with 40 or more non-conference triumphs.

Big Ten 1-2 Step: The 2006 campaign saw the Big Ten produce the top two teams in the Associated Press (AP) poll for the first time in more than two decades. Ohio State spent the entire regular season ranked first in every national poll, including the AP, USA Today coaches, Harris Interactive and Bowl Championship Series (BCS) rankings. Michigan opened the year ranked 14th and 15th in the AP and USA Today polls, respectively, and moved up to second in the AP rankings on Oct. 16 to give the Big Ten the top two teams in the poll for the first time since 1985, when Iowa was ranked No. 1 and the Wolverines appeared at No. 2. The last time Ohio State and Michigan were rated first and second in the AP Top 25 was for a two-week span in September of 1976, with Bo Schembechler's Wolverines holding the top spot over Woody Hayes' Buckeyes. Michigan also moved up to No. 2 in this season's Harris Interactive poll on Oct. 16 before climbing to the second spot in the BCS rankings on Oct. 22 and the USA Today poll on Oct. 30, giving the Big Ten the top two teams in all four major polls. The Buckeyes and Wolverines appeared 1-2 in the AP rankings for six straight weeks (through Nov. 20) while also filling the top two spots in the Harris for five weeks (through Nov. 13), the USA Today poll in three weeks (through Nov. 13) and the BCS rankings for five weeks (through Nov. 19). The Big Ten became the first conference in six years

IN REMEMBRANCE:

BO SCHEMBECHLER AND RANDY WALKER

Bo Schembechler: On the day before the Michigan-Ohio State game, the Big Ten lost one of the greatest coaches in conference history when former Wolverines' mentor Bo Schembechler passed away on Friday, Nov. 17. Schembechler served as the Michigan head coach for 21 seasons from 1969-89 and produced a record of 194-48-5 in overall games and 143-24-3 in Big Ten contests. His .850 winning percentage in conference play ranks first in Big Ten annals and his 143 victories rates second only to Ohio State's Woody Hayes, who won 152 conference games from 1951-78. Schembechler, who served as an assistant coach under Hayes at OSU before taking over in Ann Arbor, also ranks second among all conference mentors in overall winning percentage at .796, just behind fellow Michigan head coach Fielding Yost (.833). Schembechler and Hayes share the Big Ten record with 13 conference championships a piece.

Randy Walker: The Northwestern football program entered the 2006 season with heavy hearts after the passing of head coach Randy Walker, who died on June 29 at the age of 52. Walker guided the Wildcats to a seven-year record of 37-46, the second-most wins in school history, and became the first coach in NU annals to lead the program to three bowl games -- the 2000 Alamo Bowl, 2003 Motor City Bowl and 2005 Sun Bowl. He was named the Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2000 after boosting Northwestern to a share of the Big Ten title in only his second year in Evanston. Walker, who joined the Wildcats in 1999 after a successful nine-year tenure at his alma mater, Miami (Ohio), was ranked 27th on the NCAA's list of active victory leaders with 96 career triumphs. Northwestern opened the 2006 season on Aug. 31 with a 21-3 victory over the RedHawks in Oxford, Ohio, where Walker played as a fullback from 1973-75 and served as the head coach from 1990-98.

OTHER BIG TEN COACHING NOTES

A Rare Rookie Coach: In his first year on the sidelines in Madison, Wisconsin's **Bret Bielema** became the first rookie head coach (with no prior head coaching experience) in Big Ten history to guide a team to 10 or more victories and seven wins in conference play. Bielema led the Badgers to a program-record 12 victories and a triumph in the Capital One Bowl. He becomes only the third first-year head coach (with no prior experience) in NCAA history to win 12 or more games in his first season on campus, a group that includes Boise State's Chris Peterson (13-0 in 2006) and Miami's Larry Coker (12-0 in 2001). The last Big Ten head coach to win nine overall games in his first stint on the sidelines (with no prior experience) was Michigan's Bennie Oosterbaan, who produced a record of 9-0 overall and 6-0 in conference in 1948. Ohio State's Earl Bruce is the last Big Ten mentor to win 10 or more overall games and seven or more conference contests in his first year with the school. Bruce, who had seven years of head coaching experience at the time, produced a record of 11-1 overall and 8-0 in the Big Ten in 1979, his first year leading the Buckeyes.

Paterno and Carr in Big Ten Century Club: Penn State's **Joe Paterno** and Michigan's **Lloyd Carr** passed a pair of coaches this season to move up to ninth and tenth, respectively, on the list of coaches with 100 or more wins at a Big Ten school. Paterno has built a record of 116-54 since the Nittany Lions joined the conference in 1993 while Carr has produced a mark of 113-36 in his 12 seasons leading the Wolverines. Both coaches moved ahead of Michigan State's Duffy Daugherty (109 wins from 1954-72) and Ohio State's John Cooper (111 wins from 1998-2000) on the century club list this season. Next on the chart is current Wisconsin Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez, who wrapped up his 16-year coaching tenure in Madison following the 2005 campaign with 118 wins. The complete list of coaches in the Big Ten century club appears to the right.

Paterno Equals Stagg Record: Penn State's **Joe Paterno** concluded his 41st season at the helm of the Nittany Lions, making him just the second coach in NCAA history to coach 41 years at a single institution. Paterno equaled the NCAA record established by Amos Alonzo Stagg, who coached at Chicago for 41 seasons from 1892-1932. Stagg built a record of 244-111-27 in his 41 years at Chicago and won seven Big Ten titles.

An Amazing Recovery: Indiana head coach **Terry Hooppner** underwent brain surgery on Sept. 13 to remove scar tissue following a procedure last December to remove a tumor from his right temple. The Hoosiers mentor was expected to miss 2-4 weeks but returned in 11 days, cleared for full coaching activities. He left the hospital on Sept. 15 and watched two games from the press box before returning to full duties on Sept. 24 in preparation for the Big Ten opener against Wisconsin on Sept. 30. In recognition of his recovery, Hooppner was nominated for the FedEx Orange Bowl-Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) Courage Award, which is given to an individual or team displaying courage, on or off the field, including overcoming an injury or physical handicap, preventing a disaster or living through a hardship.

Young Guns: The Big Ten featured the two youngest coaches in Division I-A football during the 2006 campaign in Northwestern's **Pat Fitzgerald** and Wisconsin's **Bret Bielema**. Fitzgerald, an NU assistant football coach since 2001, was named the 29th football head coach in school history on July 7 after the passing of Randy Walker. At the age of 31 entering the season, Fitzgerald was the youngest head football coach in Division I-A. Bielema, the Badgers' defensive coordinator the last two seasons, replaced outgoing coach and current Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez. Bielema was 36 years old at the start of the season and was the youngest head football coach in the Division I-A ranks until Fitzgerald's hiring.

BIG TEN CENTURY CLUB

Coach, Team	Seasons	Record
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	205-61-10
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI*	37	199-94-22
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	194-48-5
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	165-29-10
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	143-89-6
Henry Williams, MINN	22	136-33-11
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	131-81-13
Barry Alvarez, WIS	16	118-73-4
Joe Paterno, PSU*	14th	116-54-0
Lloyd Carr, MICH	12th	113-36-0
John Cooper, OSU	13	111-43-4
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	109-69-5

* Record while member of Big Ten only

to have the top two teams in the AP poll, as Nebraska and Kansas State of the Big 12 were ranked 1-2 in October of 2000. The Big Ten also boasted the top two teams in the BCS rankings for the first time in Big Ten annals and the first time for any conference since Oct. 27, 2001, when the Big 12's Nebraska and Oklahoma were ranked first and second.

Big Ten's Best BCS Finish: For the first time in Big Ten history, the conference placed three teams among the top seven in the final BCS rankings which were released on Dec. 3. Ohio State started and ended the year ranked first to stand atop each of the eight weekly polls. The Buckeyes remain the only Big Ten team to earn the No. 1 spot since the system's inception in 1998, also appearing atop the list on Nov. 11, 2002, and Nov. 2, 1998. Michigan remained third for the second straight week after being rated second for five straight weeks, the school's highest spot ever in the BCS poll. Wisconsin, which was rated 21st in the initial BCS poll of 2006, ended the year ranked seventh, the school's highest ranking since hitting a program-best of fifth on Nov. 1 and 8 of 2004. The Big Ten is the only conference with three teams among the top seven in the final BCS standings. The Big Ten has now placed three teams among the top 10 in the BCS rankings on 10 occasions, including each of the last four polls of 2006. The conference also boasted three top-10 teams on two occasions in 2002, 1999 and 1998. The Big Ten has also produced two of the top five schools in 15 BCS polls, including all eight top 25 listings of the 2006 season. The Big Ten also earned the top two spots in the BCS poll on Oct. 22 for the first time in conference history and became the first conference to produce the top two programs in the BCS ratings since Oct. 27, 2001 (Nebraska and Oklahoma of the Big 12). Ohio State and Michigan were ranked first and second, respectively, for five straight polls from Oct. 22 through Nov. 19 this year.

OSU Claims Back-to-Back Big Ten Titles: In a contest featuring two undefeated teams, Ohio State knocked off Michigan, 42-39, on Nov. 18 to keep its perfect season alive while claiming the 2006 Big Ten Championship. The Buckeyes claimed their first outright title since 1984 while posting back-to-back championships for the first time since the school won six straight titles from 1972-77. OSU now has 31 Big Ten crowns, which ranks second only to the 42 titles earned by the Wolverines. The Buckeyes have won three conference championships in head coach **Jim Tressel's** six years at the helm and four crowns in the last decade, splitting the title in 1998, 2002 and 2005. Michigan leads the way with five championships in the last 10 years followed by OSU's four crowns, a pair of first-place finishes for Iowa and Wisconsin and one title each for Illinois, Northwestern, Penn State and Purdue.

Tressel Joins Rare Coaching Fraternity: Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** picked up his third Big Ten Championship in just his sixth season in Columbus, becoming only the second Buckeyes mentor and the 11th coach in Big Ten history to finish first in the conference at least three times in his first six years. Tressel's three crowns in six seasons matches the feat of former OSU head coach Earl Bruce, who claimed a title in his first season with the Buckeyes in 1979 and added championships in his third (1981) and sixth (1984) campaigns. Tressel is the second active conference coach to win three titles in his first six years along with Michigan's **Lloyd Carr**, the most recent to accomplish the feat. After taking over in Ann Arbor in 1995, Carr claimed the Big Ten crown in his third (1997), fourth (1998) and sixth (2000) seasons. The other head coaches to win at least three Big Ten titles in their first six years include Illinois' Robert Zuppke (three from 1913-18), the Minnesota pair of Bernie Bierman (four from 1932-37) and Henry Williams (three from 1900-05) and six Michigan head coaches -- Carr, Gary Moeller (three during his five years from 1990-94), Bo Schembechler (five from 1969-74), Bennie Oosterbaan (three from 1948-53), Harry Kipke (four from 1929-34) and Fielding Yost (five from 1901-06).

Big Ten Championships for Current Coaches: Five current conference coaches have earned at least one Big Ten crown in their careers. The complete list is below:

- 5 Lloyd Carr, MICH (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004)
- 3 Jim Tressel, OSU (2002, 2005, 2006)
- 2 Kirk Ferentz, IOWA (2002, 2004); Joe Paterno, PSU (1994, 2005)
- 1 Joe Tiller, PUR (2000)

BIG TEN FOOTBALL MEDIA CENTER

The Big Ten football media center on www.bigten.org provides a single site for media to access information on every Big Ten football program, including downloadable PDFs of media guides, weekly releases and statistics for the conference and every school along with information and audio for the weekly coaches teleconference. The Big Ten football media center can be accessed by going to the primary football page on www.bigten.org and clicking on the "Football Media Center" link on the right-hand side of the page. This website is meant for media use only and is password-protected - please contact the Big Ten Communications office for the username and password.

Spreading the Love: Parity has reigned over the Big Ten landscape for the last decade (1997-2006) with eight different teams winning the conference title either outright or as a co-champion: Illinois ('01), Iowa ('02, '04), Michigan ('97, '98, '00, '03, '04), Northwestern ('00), Ohio State ('98, '02, '05, '06), Penn State ('05), Purdue ('00) and Wisconsin ('98, '99). The title has been shared by at least two teams five times in this span, with a pair of three-team ties in 1998 and 2000 and two teams atop the standings in 2002, 2004 and 2005.

Buckeyes Earn BCS Bid: Ohio State collected the Big Ten's automatic BCS berth for the second time since the system's inception in 1998. The Buckeyes also earned the automatic bid in 2002 on their way to an undefeated season and a national title while nabbing an at-large spot in a BCS game in 1998, 2003 and 2005. OSU is one of six Big Ten schools in the nine years of the BCS to gain automatic qualification joining Illinois (2001), Michigan (2003, 2004), Penn State (2005), Purdue (2000) and Wisconsin (1998, 1999).

A Big Ten First: For the first time in Big Ten history, the conference produced a pair of 11-0 teams when Michigan and Ohio State entered the final weekend of regular-season play with unblemished records. The only other time that two conference programs both opened with as many as 10 straight wins was in 1904, when both the Wolverines (10-0) and Minnesota (13-0) wrapped up undefeated campaigns. Michigan and Ohio State became the first Big Ten teams to open the season with 11 consecutive wins since the Buckeyes accomplished the feat in 2002 on their way to a perfect 14-0 season and the national championship. The Wolverines last 11-0 start occurred in 1997 on their way to an unblemished 12-0 mark and a national title. Only two other Big Ten schools have ever produced an 11-0 opening, including Penn State (most recently during a 12-0 unbeaten season in 1994) and Minnesota (most recently in 1904).

The Last Time?: With Ohio State and Michigan both entering the final weekend of conference action undefeated and ranked first or second in all of the national polls, their regular-season finale marked the first time in a long time for a number of interesting notes. Among those feats were . . .

No. 1 vs. No. 2: The last time two Big Ten teams ranked first and second in the national polls met on the field was on Oct. 19, 1985, when top-ranked Iowa defeated second-ranked Michigan, 12-10. The Buckeyes and Wolverines had never met when both programs appeared first and second in the national polls.

Undefeated Conference Teams: The last time two Big Ten teams were undefeated in conference play and squared off in their season finale was on Nov. 22, 1980, when Michigan defeated Ohio State, 9-3. The Wolverines entered the game 8-2 overall and 7-0 in conference play while the Buckeyes were 9-1 overall and 7-0 in Big Ten action.

Undefeated Teams (with ties): The last time two Big Ten teams were undefeated in overall play (but not untied) and matched up in the regular season finale was on Nov. 22, 1975, when Ohio State defeated Michigan, 21-14. The Buckeyes were 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the Big Ten heading into the game while the Wolverines boasted a record of 8-0-2 overall and 7-0 in conference.

Perfect Teams: The last time two Big Ten teams entered the season finale with unblemished records in overall play and faced off was on Nov. 24, 1973, when Michigan and Ohio State played to a 10-10 tie. The Wolverines were 10-0 overall and 7-0 in the Big Ten entering that weekend while the Buckeyes were 9-0 overall and 7-0 in conference play.

Five Million Fan March: The Big Ten surpassed the five million mark in total attendance for just the fourth time in Big Ten history. In 75 contests, 5,223,202 fans passed through the turnstiles, the third-highest total in conference annals behind only the 2002 (5,499,439 in 78 games) and 2003 (5,282,102 in 75

games) campaigns. The Big Ten also broke the five-million plateau last season with 5,007,067 in only 69 outings to establish the conference record at 72,566 fans per contest. The Big Ten ended the year with 34 sellouts, the fifth straight season with at least 34 full houses including a conference record 39 packed stadiums in 2004.

Nation's Best Fans: Three Big Ten teams appeared among the top four in the final NCAA rankings for average attendance while six conference programs rated among the top 25 in the country in total attendance, which ranked second to the SEC for the national lead. Michigan led the nation in both total and average attendance with a sum of 770,183 fans in seven home contests for an average of 110,026 patrons per game. The Wolverines were followed in average fans per outing by Penn State (2nd at 107,567), Tennessee (3rd at 105,789) and Ohio State (4th at 105,096). In total attendance, the Nittany Lions were also second in the country with 752,972 fans through the turnstiles, followed by the Buckeyes in sixth place (735,674). Other Big Ten schools to appear among the top 25 in total attendance were Wisconsin (13th at 569,576), Michigan State (21st at 495,731) and Iowa (22nd at 494,095).

Big Ten Winning Streaks: Wisconsin will enter the 2007 campaign with the third-longest winning streak among all schools after the Badgers concluded this season with nine straight triumphs, including a Capital One Bowl victory. Boise State concluded the year on a 13-game winning streak while Brigham Young ranks second with 10 straight triumphs. The Badgers nine-game winning streak is the longest for the program since opening at 9-0 in 2004. Ohio State entered the bowl season with 19 consecutive victories before falling to Florida in the BCS National Championship Game, the Buckeyes' first defeat since losing to Penn State on Oct. 8, 2005. OSU's 19-game string of success marked the longest winning streak for the program since claiming 19 straight victories during the 2002 and 2003 seasons, including a perfect 14-0 mark and a national championship in 2002. Michigan holds the Big Ten record with a 29-game winning streak from 1901-03. Ohio State will enter the 2007 season with a 14-game winning streak in Big Ten matchups, the school's longest string of in-conference success since winning 15 in a row from 1979-80. OSU set a school record by winning 17 straight Big Ten games on three different occasions, most recently from 1974-76. Michigan is the only team to win more consecutive conference games, setting the all-time record with 19 straight victories from 1990-92.

Mr. Efficiency: Ohio State quarterback **Troy Smith** entered the 2006 campaign with a career passing efficiency rating of 153.0, which would have made him the Big Ten career leader if he had reached the minimum of 300 completions. The senior signal caller completed his 300th pass in the fifth game of the season and concluded his career as the Big Ten's most efficient quarterback with a passing

efficiency number of 157.1, surpassing fellow Buckeye Joe Germaine (151.0 rating from 1996-98). Smith concluded his time in Columbus completing 420 of 670 passes (62.7 percent) for 5,720 yards and 54 touchdowns against only 13 interceptions. He led the conference in passing efficiency for a second straight season in 2006 and set a school record with 30 touchdown passes, the third-highest total in Big Ten annals behind only the Purdue pair of Kyle Orton (31 in 2004) and Drew Brees (39 in 1998). Smith also completed 65.3 percent of his passes (203-of-311) while throwing for 2,542 yards and only six interceptions.

More "Special" Players: Michigan's **Steve Breaston** and Ohio State's **Ted Ginn Jr.** also set career records this season in special teams categories. Breaston concluded his Michigan career with 127 punt returns for 1,599 yards, shattering the previous conference marks held by Iowa's Peter Marciano (124 punt returns from 1986-89) and Wisconsin's Jim Leonhard (1,347 yards from 2001-04). The senior wideout also ended his career among the top five with 81 kickoff returns (T-fifth) for 1,993 yards (fifth). In just his third season on campus, Ginn Jr. broke loose for a 60-yard punt return touchdown at Michigan State on Oct. 14 for his sixth career punt return score, breaking the Big Ten record held previously by Iowa's Tim Dwight (five from 1994-97). Ginn is now just two touchdowns shy of equaling the NCAA career record of eight punt return scores held by Texas Tech's Wes Walker (2000-03) and Oklahoma's Antonio Perkins (2001-04).

Painter and Thigpen Set Single-Season Marks: A pair of sophomores established Big Ten single-season records in 2006 in Purdue quarterback **Curtis Painter** and Indiana kick returner **Marcus Thigpen**. Painter set a conference record with 3,985 passing yards in his first full-season as the starter in West Lafayette, breaking the previous mark of 3,983 yards set by fellow-Boilermaker Drew Brees in 1998. The sophomore signal caller also ranks among the top four on the single-season charts with 4,092 yards of total offense (third), 530 passing attempts (third) and 315 completions (fourth). Thigpen returned three kickoffs for touchdowns this season to match Purdue's Stan Brown (1970) and Michigan State's DeAndra Cobb (2003) for the Big Ten record.

Big Ten Record Chasers for 2007: A pair of Big Ten players with eligibility remaining have already cracked the conference's career top 10 in just three seasons on campus. Michigan quarterback **Chad Henne** ended his junior campaign tied for sixth with 70 touchdown passes while also appearing among the top 10 in passing attempts (10th with 1,109) and just outside the top 10 in yards (7,777) and completions (666). Purdue's Drew Brees holds the career records in all four passing categories with 90 touchdowns, 1,678 attempts, 1,026 completions and 11,792 yards from 1997-2000. On the receiving end, Purdue wideout **Dorien Bryant** has hauled in 205 passes to rank sixth on the Big Ten career chart. A pair of Boilermakers stand atop the career receptions list in Taylor Stubblefield (325

RECORD NUMBER OF FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

As the fall term of the 2006-07 school year ended, the Big Ten recognized a total of 161 football student-athletes who have been named to the Academic All-Conference Team, breaking the previous record of 159 Academic All-Big Ten honorees established last season. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a career grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. The list of the 2006 football honorees, with Academic All-America selections in bold, follows:

Jim LaBonte, J Leman, Ryan McDonald, Rashard Mendenhall, Walter Mendenhall, Martin O'Donnell, Doug Pilcher, ILL; Scott Anderson, Tyson Beattie, Lance Bennett, Paul Haan, Jammie Kirlaw, Joe Kleinsmith, Eric McClurg, Graeme McFarland, **Will Meyers**, Casey Nowinski, Matt O'Neal, Patrick Oldham, Drew Robbins, Josiah Sears, Austin Starr, IND; **Mike Elgin**, Andrew Fenstermaker, Mike Humpal, **Mike Klinkenborg**, Matt Kroul, Ryan Majerus, Daniel Olszta, **Adam Shada**, IOWA; Alijah Bradley, Tyler Ecker, Will Johnson, Jeff Kastl, Chris McLaurin, Zoltan Mesko, Max Pollock, Ross Ryan, Carl Tabb, Jeremy Van Alstyne, MICH; Kiel Beltinck, Todd Boleski, Brian Bury, Tom Dance, Adam Decker, Brandon Fields, Andrew Hawken, Brett Kahn, Travis Key, Cole Malatinsky, John Masters, Jelani Nantambu, Drew Stanton, Kaleb Thornhill, John Van Dam, Blair White, MSU; Tony Brinkhaus, Bradley Bultman, John Carlson, Patrick Cheney, Steve Davis, Eric Decker, Jeremy Faue, Brody Grandas, John Jakel, Robert McGarry, Todd Meisel, Steve Moore, Logan Payne, Ryan Ruckdashel, John Shevlin, Steve Shidell, Jack Simmons, Matt Spaeth, Tyson Swaggert, MINN; Frayne Abernathy, C.J. Bacher, Andrew Brewer, Phil Brunner, Mike Dinard, Adam Hahn, Bryan Heinz, Shaun Herbert, Joel Howells, Ryan Keenan, Slade Larscheid, Eric Peterman, Nick Roach, Ben Rothrauff, Desmond Taylor, Mark Woodsum, NU; Alexander Barrow, Kirk Barton, James Cordle, Douglas Datish, Todd Denlinger, Marcus Freeman, **Anthony Gonzalez**, Larry Grant, Roy Hall, Derek Harden, Brian Hartline, Dionte Johnson, **James Laurinaitis**, Dimitios Makridis, Brandon Mitchell, Drew Norman, Joel Penton, Ryan Pretorius, Brian Robiskie, Jon Skinner, Antonio Smith, Austin Spittler, **Stanley White**, OSU; Sean Lee, Gerald Cadogan, Joseph Cianciolo, Paul Cianciolo, Jason Ganter, Joshua Hull, Kevin Kelly, Justin King, Andrew Kubic, Lee Kuzemchak, **Nolan McCready**, Jordan Norwood, **Paul Posluszny****, Mark Rubin, Tyrell Sales, **Timothy Shaw**, Kevin Suhey, Patrick Weber, PSU; Jared Armstrong, Ryan Baker, Paul Dubler, Jermaine Gynn, Andy Huffman, Pat Kohtz, John Lampert, Aaron Lane, Chase Lecklider, Garret Miller, Mike Otto, Nick Raben, Jake Standeford, Casey Welch, Jared Zwilling, PUR; Josh Balts, Matt Brown, Andy Crooks, Elijah Hodge, Jeff Holzbauer, Paul Joran, Andy Kemp, Derek Konkol, DeAndre Levy, Sean Lewis, Ben Strickland, Luke Swan, **Joe Thomas**, Eric Vanden Heuvel, WIS.

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from 2001-04) and John Standeford (266 from 2000-03). A full list of players appearing among the career and single-season leaders appears on page 17.

Big Ten Individual Leaders . . . With the Big Ten season complete, a pair of players repeated as statistical champions in conference games only while Wisconsin and Purdue nearly swept the statistical titles in the categories appearing in the conference records book. Ohio State quarterback **Troy Smith** rallied to lead the Big Ten in pass efficiency for a second straight season despite entering the final weekend trailing the Badgers' **John Stocco**. The Buckeyes' signal caller raised his quarterback rating from 158.2 to 159.2 by completing 29-of-41 passes (70.7 percent) for 316 yards and four touchdowns against Michigan, while Stocco sat out the Badgers final Big Ten game the previous week due to injury to complete conference play with a rating of 158.6. Smith becomes the first quarterback to lead the conference in pass efficiency in back-to-back years since former Buckeye Joe Germaine accomplished the feat in 1997 and 1998. Despite Smith passing Stocco, the Badgers still led the way in two other categories. Running back **P.J. Hill** became the second freshman in the last three years to lead the Big Ten in rushing with 129.0 yards per game in conference contests only, just ahead of Michigan's **Mike Hart** (121.9 ypg), who led the way in his first year on campus in 2004. Hill is the first Badger to top the conference in ground yardage since Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne picked up his third rushing title in four years in 1999. Wisconsin also boasted the top point-producer for the second straight year with kicker **Taylor Mehlhaff** averaging 8.1 points per Big Ten contest after former teammate Brian Calhoun tallied 10.5 points per outing last season. Mehlhaff is the second kicker in the last three years to lead the way in scoring along with Michigan State's Dave Rayner, who averaged a conference-best 10.4 points per game in 2004. Purdue continued its dominance in the other offensive categories with quarterback **Curtis Painter** producing a conference-best 268.8 yards of total offense per game. A Boilermakers signal caller has now led the Big Ten in this category in six of the last 10 seasons, including statistical titles for Kyle Orton (2004), Drew Brees (1998-2000) and Billy Dicken (1997). Many of Painter's passes were sent in the direction of wide receiver **Dorien Bryant**, who joined Smith as the second player to repeat as a statistical champion with 5.9 receptions per game. The junior wideout also led the conference with 6.6 catches per outing in 2005. Purdue has now produced the top player in receptions per game in seven of the last eight seasons and five straight years, including statistical titles for Taylor Stubblefield (2002, 2004), John Standeford (2003), Vinny Sutherland (2000) and Chris Daniels (1999). Bryant is the first Big Ten standout to win back-to-back receptions titles since fellow-Boilermaker Dave Young led the conference in 1979 and 1980. Indiana sophomore **James Hardy** racked up 151 yards through the air in the season finale at Purdue to pass Wisconsin's **Travis Beckum** for the lead in receiving yards per game with 76.2 yards per outing. Hardy, who led the Big Ten in receiving yards per contest in overall games his freshman year, becomes the first Hoosier to lead the Big Ten in conference games only since Ernie Jones topped the charts in 1987. Penn State's **Jeremy Kapinos** rounded out the Big Ten's statistical leaders with 43.5 yards per punt to become the first Niitany Lion to lead the conference in that category since the school joined the Big Ten in 1993.

. . . and Team Leaders: In the team statistics, Big Ten Champion Ohio State dominated the offensive and defensive side of the ball. The Buckeyes led the Big Ten in league games only in total (406.2 ypg), rushing (200.5 ypg) and scoring (38.1 ppg) offense while also leading the conference in total (257.0 ypg) and scoring (11.5) defense and ranking second in rushing (80.4 ypg) defense. The last conference school to lead the Big Ten in total, rushing and scoring offense was Michigan State in 2004. The last time Ohio State led in all three categories in conference games only was 1984. Ohio State led the Big Ten in total offense for the first time since 1995, in rushing offense for the first time since 1996 and in scoring offense for the first time since 1995. OSU's 38.1 points per game are

INSTANT REPLAY BREAKDOWN

NCAA Adopts Big Ten System: Beginning with the 2006 season, all Division-I conferences and independent institutions had the option of using a version of instant replay standardized by the NCAA - a system based upon an instant replay model created by the Big Ten Conference three years ago. Further details on the NCAA instant replay system can be found on pages 8-9 of the Big Ten football media guide.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Instant Replay Games</u>	<u>Total Stoppages for Replay</u>	<u>Coaches' Challenges (CC)</u>	<u>Calls Overturned</u>	<u>Avg. Time of Replay Games</u>
Sept. 2	5	4	1	1 (0 CC)	3:02
<i>Details: Two stoppages at MICH and one stoppage at IOWA (CC) and MSU.</i>					
Sept. 9	4	2	0	0	3:22*#
<i>Details: One stoppage at MICH and MSU.</i>					
Sept. 16	8%	5	3	1 (1 CC)	3:06
<i>Details: Two stoppages at Notre Dame, one stoppage at IOWA (CC), PUR (CC) and WIS (CC)</i>					
Sept. 23	6	9	2	4 (2 CC)	3:12
<i>Details: Two stoppages at ILL (1 CC), OSU, PUR (1 CC) and one stoppage at IND, MICH, MSU</i>					
Sept. 30	6%	6	0	5 (0 CC)	3:08
<i>Details: Two stoppages at MINN and PSU and one stoppage at IOWA and MSU</i>					
Oct. 7	6	7	2	3 (0 CC)	3:03*
<i>Details: Four stoppages at MICH (1 CC) and one stoppage at ILL (CC), MINN and OSU</i>					
Oct. 14	6	4	1	1 (0 CC)	3:03
<i>Details: Three stoppages at IND (1 CC) and one stoppage at WIS</i>					
Oct. 21	6	7	3	2 (0 CC)	3:06
<i>Details: Three stoppages at MICH (1 CC), two stoppages at PSU (2 CC), one stoppage at MINN, NU</i>					
Oct. 28	6	7	1	4 (1 CC)	3:07
<i>Details: Three stoppages at WIS, two stoppages at IOWA (1 CC), one stoppage at OSU and PUR</i>					
Nov. 4	6	6	0	2 (0 CC)	2:59
<i>Details: Two stoppages at MSU, one stoppage at ILL, MICH, MINN and WIS</i>					
Nov. 11	6	3	2	1 (0 CC)	3:02
<i>Details: One stoppage at IOWA, MSU and NU</i>					
Nov. 18	6	10	3	6 (1 CC)	3:10
<i>Details: Three stoppages at OSU and PUR, two stoppages at WIS, one stoppage at NU and PSU.</i>					
TOTALS	71	70	18	30 (5 CC)	---

* with OT game # with one-hour lightning delay % with Notre Dame (Big Ten crew)

NOTE: The average time of 2003 Big Ten games was 3:13. With the addition of instant replay, the length of games using the system increased to 3:17 in 2004 and dropped to 3:16 in 2005.

the most for a Big Ten attack since Northwestern averaged 42.1 points per outing in 2000. Purdue topped the Big Ten in passing offense this season with 261.4 yards through the air each Saturday, the second time in three years the Boilermakers have led in that category after producing a conference-best 307.2 yards per game in 2004. On the defensive side of the ball, Ohio State led the Big Ten in scoring defense for second straight year and the fifth time in the last seven seasons. OSU also continued its dominance in the category of total defense, leading the way for a second straight season and a fifth time in the last seven campaigns. The Buckeyes' limited foes to only 257.0 yards per game this season, the best performance by an OSU defense since the 1977 team held opponents to 219.7 yards per outing and the best by a Big Ten defense since the 1998 Michigan squad (244.6 ypg). The Wolverines topped the conference this season in rushing defense, allowing only 50.9 yards per contest on the ground. Michigan boasted the stingiest run defense since Ohio State in 1998 (45.8 ypg), making the 2006 Wolverines only the second unit since 1988 to hold foes under 51 yards per game. In addition, no Michigan defense since at least 1947 (the first year records are noted in the Big Ten media guide) has allowed fewer yards on the ground. Wisconsin topped the conference in passing defense this season by limiting opponent's passing attacks to 150.6 yards per game to lead the Big Ten for the first time since 1996 (135.4 ypg).

A Freshman Force: Wisconsin running back **P.J. Hill** became just the seventh freshman in NCAA history and the second first-year player in Big Ten annals to collect more than 1,500 rushing yards in his first season on campus. Hill wrapped his freshman campaign with a conference-best 1,569 yards and 15 rushing touchdowns to join fellow-Badger and former Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne as the second Big Ten freshman to crack the 1,500-yard mark. Dayne set a national freshman record with 1,863 rushing yards in 1996 before

boosting those numbers to the Big Ten record of 2,109 yards after bowl play (note: the NCAA did not count bowl game statistics for national records prior to 2002). The other first-year players to post 1,500 or more yards on the ground include Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson (1,925 yards in 2004), North Texas' Jamario Thomas (1,801 in 2004), Nevada's Chance Kretschmer (1,732 in 2001 before bowl play), Georgia's Herschel Walker (1,616 in 1980 before bowl play) and Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett (1,586 in 1973 before bowl play).

Other Young Guns: Hill was one of six Big Ten players in their first or second years on campus to rank first in conference statistical categories. Sophomore quarterback **Curtis Painter** of Purdue topped the Big Ten in passing yards and total offense per contest in both all games and conference games only. In all games, sophomore kicker **Kevin Kelly** of Penn State equaled Hill for the conference lead in scoring while leading the way in field goals per game as well. Other youthful leader in all game categories included Nittany Lion's sophomore **Anthony Scirrotto** in total interceptions and Indiana sophomore **Marcus Thigpen** in average yards per kickoff return. In conference games only, Hoosiers' sophomore **James Hardy** topped all players in receiving yards per outing.

Comeback Kings: Michigan State recorded the biggest comeback in Division I-A history on Oct. 21, rallying from a 35-point third quarter deficit for a 41-38 victory at Northwestern. The Wildcats built a 38-3 lead with 9:54 remaining in the third quarter before the Spartans rallied for 38 straight points, capped by a 28-yard **Brett Swenson** field goal with 13 seconds left in the game for the final margin. The previous record for the largest comeback in Division I-A annals was a 31-point rally by two different teams -- Ohio State on Oct. 28, 1989 (41-37 win over Minnesota) and Maryland on Nov. 10, 1984 (42-40 win over Miami).

Big Ten's First 11-0 Start: For the first time in conference history, Big Ten teams won all 11 games in a single weekend, with every team picking up victories from Aug. 31-Sept. 2, the opening week of play. The Big Ten has now opened two straight seasons with perfect records, as the 2005 campaign started with all 10 conference teams in action earning wins. Prior to the Big Ten's 10-0 record from Sept. 1-3 of 2005, the conference's last undefeated week took place on Sept. 14, 1985, when Big Ten teams were a perfect 9-0 in the second weekend of non-conference play.

BIG TEN NETWORK NEWS

Big Ten Network Unveils New Headquarters in Chicago:

The Big Ten Network announced on Dec. 20 the official location for its studios and business offices in Chicago. The network will be headquartered in the historic Montgomery Ward building located in Chicago's Near North neighborhood. The announcement was made at a press conference at the site by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin, Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany, Fox Sports Networks President Bob Thompson and Big Ten Network President Mark Silverman. The Big Ten Network studios will be located in a 44,000 square-foot office space at 600 West Chicago, formerly the Montgomery Ward & Co. Catalog House. The original section of the building was designated as a national historic landmark in 2000 for its significant role in American retail history. The space will include two studios and three control rooms as well as a 20,000 square-foot office space.

Silverman Named Big Ten Network President: The Big Ten Network announced on Dec. 5 that Mark Silverman will serve as the organization's first president. Silverman will manage the day-to-day operations of the network and will report to its Board of Directors. He comes to the Big Ten Network after serving as the general manager and senior vice president of ABC Cable Networks Group since April of 2004, managing the company's equity in such channels as Lifetime Television, A&E Network and the History Channel, each of which recorded their best financial performance in 2005. Silverman was also responsible for developing and launching new cable channels, shows and other key initiatives. He also served as the general manager of ABC Family Channel from 2003-04. Prior to joining ABC Family, Silverman was co-founder and president of Silverkings Media, a media/entertainment consulting company, from 2001-03, and senior vice president of Broadband Sports, an online sports content company, from 1999-2001. His previous experience also consists of various leadership roles with the Walt Disney Company from 1991-1999, including serving as vice president of business development for ABC, Inc., General Manager of ESPN Zone and vice president of Walt Disney Studios.

Big Ten Network Announces Branding Committee: On Oct. 25, the Big Ten Network announced the four individuals who will comprise its inaugural Branding Committee, a group which will provide oversight to preserve the integrity of the Big Ten Conference brand in all content provided through the network. The members of the Big Ten Network Branding Committee include Michigan State University President **Lou Anna K. Simon**, Northwestern University President **Henry S. Bienen**, Fox Networks Group President and



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Chief Executive Officer **Tony Vinciguerra**, and Fox College Sports Executive Vice President and General Manager **David Rone**. The Branding Committee will serve as consultants to the Big Ten Network in developing and strengthening the network's brand and ensuring that the core values of the Big Ten Conference are reflected through all programming and advertising.

Big Ten Network Announces Board of Directors: On Oct. 19, the Big Ten Network announced the five individuals who will compose its first Board of Directors. This group will provide leadership and oversight for the network. The members of the five-person Board of Directors include Big Ten Commissioner **James E. Delany**, Fox Sports Networks Chief Operating Officer **Randy Freer**, former PNC Bank Vice Chairman and Penn State philanthropist **Edward "Ted" Junker III**, President of Fox Sports Networks **Bob Thompson** and New York Mets Chairman of the Board and CEO **Fred Wilpon**. The Board of Directors is responsible for providing strategic oversight and corporate governance for the network. The Board will develop the long-term vision of the network and will sustain the ongoing commitment to becoming a premier, nationally distributed channel.

Big Ten Network Set to Debut in August of 2007: Last June, the Big Ten announced a 20-year deal with Fox Cable Networks to create the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs, to launch in August of 2007. The Big Ten Network will carry many of the games and events previously available only through syndication and will be available to all carriers and distributors nationwide. In addition to traditional distribution through cable and satellite, select Big Ten Network content will also be available through alternative media platforms. Sports programming on the Big Ten Network will annually include, but is not limited to, 35-plus football games, at least 105 regular-season men's basketball games, at least 55 regular-season women's basketball games, Big Ten Championships and Tournaments, 170 Olympic sporting events and coverage from the conference's vast library of historic sporting events, including bowl games. In addition, each school will have the right to provide 60 hours of its own content annually. Fox has entered into a charter affiliation agreement with DIRECTV, which will carry the Big Ten Network at launch nationwide on Total Choice, which is received by more than 15.4 million households. The Big Ten Network will be majority-owned by the Big Ten Conference, with Fox holding a minority interest. The network will establish its studios and headquarters in Chicago, with Fox handling the administration and daily operations and the Big Ten establishing general guidelines regarding the types of programs and advertising to ensure consistency with the conference's brand values.

BIG TEN ANNOUNCES 2006 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Ohio State's Smith Named Offensive Player of the Year; Michigan's Woodley Sweeps Defensive Player and Lineman of the Year Honors While Teammate Long Tabbed Offensive Lineman of the Year; Wisconsin's Bielema and Hill Collect Coach and Freshman of the Year Accolades, respectively

The Big Ten announced the 2006 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners on Nov. 21 as selected by the coaches and a media panel. After leading Ohio State to a perfect 12-0 regular season and a second-straight conference title, Buckeyes quarterback **Troy Smith** was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year by both the coaches and media, including a unanimous selection on the media side. Michigan and Wisconsin ended the year with identical 11-1 marks and dominated the remaining individual honors. For the Wolverines, defensive end **LaMarr Woodley** was honored as the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year by both the coaches and media while also picking up Defensive Lineman of the Year accolades from the coaches. Teammate **Jake Long** was tabbed by the coaches as the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. For the Badgers, first-year mentor **Bret Bielema** was selected as the media's choice for the Dave McClain Coach of the Year while running back **P.J. Hill** was chosen as the Freshman of the Year by both the coaches and media.

Smith boosted Ohio State to its first outright Big Ten Championship since 1984 while posting back-to-back titles for the first time since the school won six straight crowns from 1972-77. He becomes the fifth Buckeye to earn Offensive Player of the Year laurels and the first since quarterback Joe Germaine was honored by the coaches in 1998. Three other OSU standouts were honored by both the media and coaches including offensive tackle Orlando Pace (1996) and running backs Eddie George (1995) and Keith Byars (1984). Smith established a Big Ten record with five Player of the Week nods this season while leading the conference with a pass efficiency rating of 167.9, the highest rating by a Big Ten signal caller since at least 1985. The Cleveland, Ohio, native topped the conference with 30 touchdown passes, breaking the previous school record of 29 touchdowns set by Bobby Hoying in 1995 and ranking third in Big Ten annals behind only Purdue's Drew Brees (39 in 1998) and Kyle Orton (31 in 2004). Smith, who was also named the preseason Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year back in August, completed 67 percent of his passes for 2,507 yards with only five interceptions in 12 games. He is currently the Big Ten's career leader with a pass efficiency rating of 159.7 while ranking sixth with a completion percentage of 63.4 percent. Smith is a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Awards and a semifinalist for the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Awards.

Woodley becomes the first Michigan standout to sweep Big Ten Defensive Player and Lineman of the Year honors and the third student-athlete to accomplish that feat in the last four years along with Wisconsin's Erasmus James (2004) and Ohio State's Will Smith (2003). The senior defensive end is the third Wolverine to earn Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors following linebacker Larry Foote (2001) and cornerback and Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson (1997). He also becomes the fourth Michigan player to collect Defensive Lineman of the Year accolades along with Chris Hutchinson (1992), Mark Messner (1988) and Mike Hammerstein (1985). Woodley led the Big Ten with a career-best 11 sacks while ranking third with 15.5 tackles for loss. The Saginaw, Michigan, native spearheaded a Wolverines defense that topped the conference and ranked among the national leaders by allowing only 43.0 rushing yards per game, the lowest average since at least 1985. Michigan also rated among the top three in the Big Ten in total (2nd at 254.1 ypg) and scoring (3rd at 14.6 ppg) defense. Woodley is a finalist for the Lombardi Award and a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award.

Long becomes the second Wolverine in the last three years to claim Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year accolades along with center David Baas, who was honored in 2004. Other Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year honorees from Michigan include guard Steve Hutchinson (2000) and tackles Jon Jansen

(1998) and Greg Skrepenak (1991). After earning second team All-Big Ten honors as a freshman in 2004, Long missed the first seven games last season due to injury before returning to start four of the final five contests, including the Alamo Bowl. The Lapeer, Michigan, native has started all 12 games at left tackle in 2006 to help the Michigan offense lead the Big Ten with 189.2 rushing yards per game, after ranking ninth in that category in 2005.

In his first season on the sidelines, Bielema joins his predecessor Barry Alvarez as the second Wisconsin mentor to be named Big Ten Coach of the Year. Alvarez, the school's current Director of Athletics, was honored in 1993 and 1998. Bielema becomes the first individual in conference history to claim Coach of the Year honors in his first year as a head coach. Four other coaches were honored in their first year on campus, including Michigan State's John L. Smith (2003), Purdue's Joe Tiller (1997), Illinois John Mackovic (1988) and Ohio State's Earl Bruce (1979), but each of them had previous head coaching experience. Bielema guided the Badgers to 11 regular-season victories for the first time in school history, matching the program record of 11 triumphs (including a Rose Bowl win) set in 1998. He is the first rookie head coach (with no prior head coaching experience) in Big Ten history to guide a team to 10 or more victories and seven wins in conference play. Bielema is also only the sixth first-year head coach (with no prior experience) in NCAA history to win 11 or more games.

Hill is the fifth Wisconsin student-athlete to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors along with Anthony Davis (2001), Brooks Bollinger (1999), Ron Dayne (1996) and Tony Lowery (1987). The redshirt freshman running back became the second first-year standout in the last three years to lead the Big Ten in rushing with 129.0 yards per game in conference contests only. Michigan's Mike Hart, who ranked second this year with 121.9 yards per outing, topped the Big Ten in ground yardage in 2004 on his way to Freshman of the Year laurels. Hill is the first Badger to lead the conference in rushing since Heisman Trophy winner Dayne picked up his third rushing title in four years in 1999. Hill also led the conference in all games with 1,533 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns while topping the Big Ten with 96 total points.

Overall, there are 12 individuals repeating as members of the All-Big Ten first or second team from a year ago, including three first-team selections from 2005 who are on this year's first team - Minnesota's **Matt Spaeth**, Penn State's **Paul Posluszny** and Wisconsin's **Joe Thomas**. In addition, Michigan State's **Brandon Fields** returned to the first team after being honored as a first-team selection following his freshman and sophomore campaigns in 2003 and 2004. Fields is the Spartans' first three-time first-team All-Big Ten honoree since linebacker Percy Snow was honored from 1987-89.

The conference office also announced honorees from each team for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. The student-athletes chosen are individuals who have distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. In addition, the student-athletes must be in good academic standing and have demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting. Honorees for football are **J Leman** of Illinois, **Will Meyers** of Indiana, **Jason Manson** of Iowa, **Steve Breaston** of Michigan, **Drew Stanton** of Michigan State, **Spaeth** of Minnesota, **Joel Howells** of Northwestern, **Antonio Smith** of Ohio State, **Levi Brown** of Penn State, **Mike Otto** of Purdue and **John Stocco** of Wisconsin. These 11 student-athletes are now candidates for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award, as the conference office will honor one male and one female student-athlete from each institution at the end of the school year.

A complete listing of the 2006 All-Big Ten Teams and individual honors follows.

2006 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team
As selected by CONFERENCE COACHES
(Players in ALL CAPS have 2007 eligibility)

FIRST TEAM

Troy Smith, Ohio State
 MIKE HART, Michigan
 ANTONIO PITTMAN, Ohio State
 MARIO MANNINGHAM, Michigan
 ANTHONY GONZALEZ, Ohio State
 Doug Datish, Ohio State
 Mike Jones, Iowa
 T.J. Downing, Ohio State
 JAKE LONG, Michigan
 Joe Thomas, Wisconsin

Matt Spaeth, Minnesota
 Garrett Rivas, Michigan

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ALAN BRANCH, Michigan
 LaMarr Woodley, Michigan*
 Quinn Pitcock, Ohio State
 Anthony Spencer, Purdue
 David Harris, Michigan
 JAMES LAURINAITIS, Ohio State
 Paul Posluszny, Penn State
 Leon Hall, Michigan*
 MALCOLM JENKINS, Ohio State
 Antonio Smith, Ohio State
 JACK IKEGWUONU, Wisconsin

Brandon Fields, Michigan State

OFFENSE

Quarterback
 Running Back
 Running Back
 Receiver
 Receiver
 Center
 Guard
 Guard
 Tackle
 Tackle

Tight End
 Kicker

DEFENSE

Line
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 Linebacker
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 Defensive Back
 Defensive Back
 Defensive Back
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Punter

SECOND TEAM

CHAD HENNE, Michigan
 Tony Hunt, Penn State
 P.J. HILL, Wisconsin
 TED GINN JR., Ohio State
 DORIEN BRYANT, Purdue
 Mark Bihl, Michigan
 ADAM KRAUS, Michigan
 Kyle Cook, Michigan State
 Marshal Yanda, Iowa#
 Levi Brown, Penn State#
 Mike Otto, Purdue#
 Scott Chandler, Iowa
 TAYLOR MEHLHAFF, Wisconsin

SECOND TEAM

VERNON GHOLSTON, Ohio State
 David Patterson, Ohio State
 Jay Alford, Penn State
 MATT SHAUGHNESSY, Wisconsin
 J LEMAN, Illinois
 SHAWN CRABLE, Michigan
 DAN CONNOR, Penn State
 Marcus Paschal, Iowa#
 JAMAR ADAMS, Michigan#
 Brandon Mitchell, Ohio State#
 JUSTIN KING, Penn State#
 Roderick Rogers, Wisconsin#
 Jeremy Kapinos, Penn State

HONORABLE MENTION: ILLINOIS: VONTAE DAVIS, JASON REDA, Pierre Thomas; INDIANA: JAMES HARDY, TRACY PORTER; IOWA: Mike Elgin, Andy Fenstermaker, MIKE KLINKENBORG, BRYAN MATTISON, Kyle Schlicher; MICHIGAN: Prescott Burgess; MICHIGAN STATE: Clifton Ryan, BRETT SWENSON; MINNESOTA: DOMINIC JONES, Logan Payne, WILLIE VANDESTEEG; NORTHWESTERN: BRENDAN SMITH, TYRELL SUTTON; OHIO STATE: KIRK BARTON, MARCUS FREEMAN, Jay Richardson, A.J. TRAPASSO; PENN STATE: Ed Johnson, ANTHONY SCIRROTTO; PURDUE: JARED ARMSTRONG, JORDAN GRIMES, CURTIS PAINTER; WISCONSIN: TRAVIS BECKUM, JONATHAN CASILLAS, MARCUS COLEMAN, ALLEN LANGFORD, Joe Stellmacher, John Stocco, ERIC VANDEN HEUVEL.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Troy Smith, Ohio State
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Jake Long, Michigan
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: LaMarr Woodley, Michigan
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FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: P.J. HILL, Wisconsin

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Multiple honorees due to tie

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 Punter

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Troy Smith, Ohio State*
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: LaMarr Woodley, Michigan
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: P.J. HILL, Wisconsin
DAVE McCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR: Bret Bielema, Wisconsin

*Denotes unanimous selection

Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honorees: J Leman, ILL; Will Meyers, IND; Jason Manson, IOWA; Steve Breaston, MICH; Drew Stanton, MSU; Matt Spaeth, MINN; Joel Howells, NU; Antonio Smith, OSU; Levi Brown, PSU; Mike Otto, PUR; John Stocco, WIS.

BIG TEN COACHES TOP WINNING RECORDS -- ALL-TIME

(Record in all games played while a member of the Big Ten; 10-year minimum)

Coach, Team	Yrs	Seasons	Record	PCT
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	1901-23, 1925-26	165-29-10	.833
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	1969-89	194-48-5	.796
Henry Williams, MINN	22	1900-21	136-33-11	.786
Fritz Crisler, MINN-MICH	12	1930-31, 1938-47	81-23-4	.769
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	1951-78	205-61-10	.761
Lloyd Carr, MICH	12	1995-	113-36-0	.758
Bernie Bierman, MINN	16	1932-41, 1945-50	93-35-6	.716
John Cooper, OSU	13	1988-2000	111-43-4	.715
John Wilce, OSU	16	1913-28	78-33-9	.688
Joe Paterno, PSU	14	1993-	116-54-0	.682
Jack Mollenkopf, PUR	14	1956-69	84-39-9	.670
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI	37	1896-32	199-94-22	.667
Bennie Oosterbaan, MICH	11	1948-58	63-33-4	.650
Barry Alvarez, WIS	16	1990-2005	118-73-4	.615
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	1979-98	143-89-6	.613
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	1913-41	131-81-13	.611
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	1954-72	109-69-5	.609
Joe Tiller, PUR	10	1997-	75-49-0	.605
Glenn Thistlewaite, NU-WIS	10	1922-26, 1927-31	47-33-4	.583
Bo McMillan, IND	14	1934-47	63-48-11	.561
Bump Elliott, MICH	10	1959-68	51-42-2	.547
George Perles, MSU	12	1983-94	73-61-4	.544
Milt Bruhn, WIS	11	1956-66	52-45-6	.534
Ray Elliott, ILL	18	1942-59	83-73-11	.530
Glen Mason, MINN	10	1997-2006	64-57-0	.529
Murray Warmath, MINN	18	1954-71	86-78-7	.528
Pappy Waldorf, NU	12	1935-46	49-45-7	.520

Current Coaches Nearing 10th Year:

Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	8	1999-	55-43	.561
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BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
Ron Zook, ILL	27-33 (5)	4-19 (2)	1-15
Terry Hooppner, IND	57-39 (8)	9-14 (2)	4-12
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	67-64 (11)	55-43 (8)	34-30
Lloyd Carr, MICH	113-36 (12)	113-36 (12)	75-21
Mark Dantonio, MSU	18-17 (3)	0-0	0-0
TBA, MINN	---	---	---
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	4-8 (1)	4-8 (1)	2-6
Jim Tressel, OSU	197-71-2 (21)	62-14 (6)	38-10
Joe Paterno, PSU	363-121-3 (41)	363-121-3 (41)	69-43
Joe Tiller, PUR	114-79-1 (16)	75-49 (10)	48-32
Bret Bielema, WIS	12-1 (1)	12-1 (1)	7-1

BIG TEN IN THE POLLS (ASSOCIATED PRESS/USA TODAY/HARRIS)

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	WIS
Pre	-/-	-/-	16/17-	14/15/-	rv/-	-/rv/-	-/rv/-	1/1-	19/19/-	rv/rv/-	rv/rv/-
9/5	-/-	-/-	14/15/-	10/13/-	-/-	-/rv/-	-/rv/-	1/1-	19/19/-	rv/rv/-	rv/rv/-
9/11	-/-	-/-	16/16/-	11/13/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1-	25/rv/-	rv/rv/-	rv/rv/-
9/18	-/-	-/-	14/14/-	6/6/-	rv/rv/-	-/-	-/-	1/1-	24/rv/-	rv/rv/-	rv/rv/-
9/25	-/-	-/-	13/13/14	6/6/5	rv/rv/rv	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv
10/2	-/-	-/-	19/19/18	6/6/4	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv
10/9	-/-	-/-	15/13/13	4/5/4	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/-	25/rv/rv
10/16	-/-	-/-	rv/23/23	2/3/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	-/rv/rv	rv/-rv	21/22/22
10/23	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	2/3/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/-	17/18/18
10/30	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	2/2/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/-	17/17/17
11/6	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/2/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	-/-	-/-	16/16/16
11/13	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/2/2	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	-/-	-/-	12/10/11
11/20	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/3/3	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/rv/-	10/9/9
11/27	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3/3	-/-	-/rv	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/-	7/6/6
12/4	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3/3	-/-	-/-	-/-	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/-	6/5/6
FINAL	-/-	-/-	-/-	8/9/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	2/2/-	24/25/-	-/-	7/5/-

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NOTE: Harris Poll first released on Sept. 25; No poll released after bowls

BIG TEN NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS IN 2006

(Number in parenthesis indicates times that a Big Ten team faced an opponent from this conference.)

ACC (1)	0-1
Maryland (1)*	0-1
Atlantic 10 (1)	0-1
New Hampshire (1)	0-1
Big 12 (4)	2-2
Iowa State (1)	1-0
Texas (2)*	1-1
Texas Tech (1)*	0-1
Big East (6)	3-3
Cincinnati (1)	1-0
Connecticut (1)	0-1
Pittsburgh (1)	1-0
Rutgers (1)	0-1
Syracuse (2)	1-1
Big Sky (1)	1-0
Montana (1)	1-0
Gateway (4)	3-1
Indiana State (1)	1-0
Southern Illinois (1)	0-1
Western Illinois (1)	1-0
Youngstown State (1)	1-0
Great West (1)	1-0
North Dakota State (1)	1-0
Mid-American (17)	16-1
Akron (1)	1-0
Ball State (3)	3-0
Bowling Green (2)	2-0
Buffalo (1)	1-0
Central Michigan (1)	1-0
Eastern Michigan (2)	2-0
Kent State (1)	1-0
Miami (Ohio) (2)	2-0
Northern Illinois (2)	2-0
Ohio (1)	0-1
Western Michigan (1)	1-0
Mountain West (1)	1-0
San Diego State (1)	1-0
Ohio Valley (1)	1-0
Eastern Illinois (1)	1-0
Pac-10 (2)	0-2
California (1)	0-1
USC (1)*	0-1
SEC (4)	3-1
Arkansas (1)*	1-0
Florida (1)*	0-1
Tennessee (1)*	1-0
Vanderbilt (1)	1-0
WAC (3)	1-2
Hawaii (1)	0-1
Idaho (1)	1-0
Nevada (1)	0-1
Independent (6)	3-3
Notre Dame (4)	1-3
Temple (2)	2-0
Total (52)	35-17 (.673)
Bowl (7)	2-5 (.286)

* indicates bowl opponent

ASSOCIATED PRESS -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Florida (64)	13-1	1624	2
2. Ohio State	12-1	1492	1
3. LSU	11-2	1452	4
4. USC	11-2	1389	8
5. Boise State (1)	13-0	1383	9
6. Louisville	12-1	1338	5
7. Wisconsin	12-1	1288	6
8. Michigan	11-2	1145	3
9. Auburn	11-2	1112	10
10. West Virginia	11-2	1035	13
11. Oklahoma	11-3	933	7
12. Rutgers	11-2	884	16
13. Texas	10-3	772	18
14. California	10-3	697	20
15. Arkansas	10-4	677	12
16. Brigham Young	11-2	673	19
17. Notre Dame	10-3	553	11
18. Wake Forest	11-3	551	15
19. Virginia Tech	10-3	407	14
20. Boston College	10-3	353	23
21. Oregon State	10-4	291	24
22. TCU	11-2	279	25
23. Georgia	9-4	204	NR
24. Penn State	9-4	183	NR
25. Tennessee	9-4	181	17

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Hawaii 110, Nebraska 58, Maryland 24, South Florida 17, Texas A&M 10, Georgia Tech 8, Kentucky 1, San Jose State 1.

USA TODAY -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Florida (63)	13-1	1575	2
2. Ohio State	12-1	1435	1
3. LSU	11-2	1418	4
4. USC	11-2	1345	7
5. Wisconsin	12-1	1328	5
6. Boise State	13-0	1275	9
7. Louisville	12-1	1270	6
8. Auburn	11-2	1119	10
9. Michigan	11-2	1092	3
10. West Virginia	11-2	1012	12
11. Oklahoma	11-3	849	8
12. Rutgers	11-2	841	17
13. Texas	10-3	791	16
14. California	10-3	716	19
15. Brigham Young	11-2	615	20
16. Arkansas	10-4	592	13
17. Wake Forest	11-3	535	15
18. Virginia Tech	10-3	494	14
19. Notre Dame	10-3	485	11
20. Boston College	10-3	388	23
21. TCU	11-2	339	24
22. Oregon State	10-4	206	25
23. Tennessee	9-4	202	18
24. Hawaii	11-3	152	NR
25. Penn State	9-4	142	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Georgia 133, Nebraska 43, Texas A&M 29, Georgia Tech 19, South Carolina 17, Houston 8, Maryland 7, Texas Tech 2, Kentucky 1.

HARRIS INTERACTIVE -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Ohio State (112)	12-0	2,824	1
2. Florida (1)	12-1	2,670	4
3. Michigan	11-1	2,632	3
4. LSU	10-2	2,372	5
5. Louisville	11-1	2,272	7
6. Wisconsin	11-1	2,229	6
7. USC	10-2	2,173	2
8. Oklahoma	11-2	1,977	11
9. Boise State	12-0	1,950	9
10. Auburn	10-2	1,725	12
10. Notre Dame	10-2	1,725	10
12. West Virginia	10-2	1,485	15
13. Arkansas	10-3	1,483	8
14. Wake Forest	11-2	1,366	16
15. Virginia Tech	10-2	1,358	14
16. Rutgers	10-2	1,083	13
17. Texas	9-3	952	17
18. Tennessee	9-3	940	18
19. BYU	10-2	838	19
20. California	9-3	736	21
21. Texas A&M	9-3	551	24
22. Nebraska	9-4	352	20
23. Boston College	9-3	318	25
24. TCU	10-2	232	NR
25. Georgia Tech	9-4	145	22

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Oregon State 127; Hawaii 72; Houston 31; Georgia 28; Penn State 28; Clemson 17; Navy 11; UCLA 10; Central Michigan 5; Missouri 4; South Florida 2; Rice 1; South Carolina 1.

2006 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS - FINAL

Rank	Team	Harris Rank	% of Votes	USA Today Rank	% of Votes	Computer Rank	% of Points	BCS Avg.	Prev. Rank
1	Ohio State	1	.9996	1	1.000	1	1.000	.9999	1
2	Florida	2	.9451	2	.9484	T-2	.940	.9445	4
3	Michigan	3	.9317	3	.9316	T-2	.940	.9344	3
4	LSU	4	.8396	4	.8381	5	.820	.8326	5
5	USC	7	.7692	7	.7568	4	.860	.7953	2
6	Louisville	5	.8042	6	.7890	6	.790	.7944	6
7	Wisconsin	6	.7890	5	.8148	10	.640	.7480	7
8	Boise State	9	.6903	9	.6794	7	.760	.7099	8
9	Auburn	T-10	.6106	10	.6452	8	.690	.6486	11
10	Oklahoma	8	.6998	8	.7194	16	.470	.6297	12
11	Notre Dame	T-10	.6106	11	.5955	9	.680	.6287	10
12	Arkansas	13	.5250	13	.5148	12	.510	.5166	9
13	West Virginia	12	.5257	12	.5161	T-14	.480	.5073	15
14	Wake Forest	14	.4835	15	.4806	18	.330	.4314	17
15	Virginia Tech	15	.4807	14	.5039	19	.300	.4282	14
16	Rutgers	16	.3834	17	.3658	T-14	.480	.4097	13
17	Tennessee	18	.3327	18	.3226	13	.500	.3851	16
18	California	20	.2605	19	.2813	11	.540	.3606	18
19	Texas	17	.3370	16	.3755	T-21	.150	.2875	19
20	Brigham Young	19	.2966	20	.2381	23	.090	.2082	21
21	Texas A&M	21	.1950	21	.1955	T-24	.050	.1468	23
22	Oregon State	26	.0450	T-25	.0465	17	.340	.1438	24
23	Nebraska	22	.1246	22	.1561	NR	.000	.0936	20
24	Boston College	23	.1126	23	.1129	NR	.040	.0885	NR
25	UCLA	33	.0035	NR	.0000	20	.190	.0645	NR

EXPLANATION: To derive a team's poll percentages in the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls, each team's point total is divided by a maximum 2850 possible points in the Harris Interactive Poll and 1575 possible points in the USA Today Poll. Teams are assigned an inverse point total (25 for #1, 24 for #2, etc.) for each of their respective computer poll rankings to determine the overall computer component. The highest and lowest ranking for each team is dropped, and the sum total of the remaining four rankings is divided by 100 (the maximum possible points). This figure produces a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin and Peter Wolfe. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength within its formula. The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive and USA Today Polls, and Computer rankings. The highest BCS Average receives the #1 ranking, the second highest receives #2, and so forth.

2006 WEEK-BY-WEEK ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Sept. 2	8	587,650	73,456	3	---	---	---	---
Sept. 9	5	333,189	66,638	2	---	---	---	---
Sept. 16	9	552,587	61,399	3	---	---	---	---
Sept. 23	6	421,459	70,243	3	4	314,010	78,503	2
Sept. 30	5	333,637	66,727	2	5	333,637	66,727	2
Oct. 7	6	456,928	76,155	4	5	351,871	70,374	3
Oct. 14	6	358,406	59,734	2	5	324,078	64,816	2
Oct. 21	6	474,645	79,108	3	5	411,800	82,360	3
Oct. 28	6	460,911	76,819	4	5	390,326	78,065	3
Nov. 4	6	425,080	70,847	3	5	315,721	63,144	2
Nov. 11	6	375,058	62,510	2	5	269,108	53,822	2
Nov. 18	6	443,652	73,942	3	5	362,802	72,560	2
Totals:	75	5,223,202	69,643	34	44	3,073,353	69,849	21

2006 TEAM-BY-TEAM ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Illinois	7	304,118	43,445	0	4	183,689	45,922	0
Indiana	7	231,443	33,063	0	4	142,298	35,575	0
Iowa	7	494,095	70,585	7	4	282,340	70,585	4
Michigan	7	770,183	110,026	7	4	442,444	110,611	4
Michigan State	7	495,731	70,819	1	4	274,971	68,743	0
Minnesota	6	313,239	52,207	0	4	204,782	51,196	0
Northwestern	6	167,973	27,996	1	4	125,930	31,483	1
Ohio State	7	735,674	105,096	7	4	421,684	105,421	4
Penn State	7	752,972	107,567	4	4	435,563	108,891	4
Purdue	7	388,198	55,457	0	4	232,861	58,215	0
Wisconsin	7	569,576	81,368	7	4	326,791	81,698	4

ALL-TIME BIG TEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

42	Michigan	1898-01c-02-03c-04c-06c-18c-22c-23c-25-26c-30c-31c-32c-33c-43c-47-48-49c-50-64-69c-71-72c-73c-74c-76c-77c-78c-80-82-86c-88-89-90c-91-92-97-98c-00c-03-04c
31	Ohio State	1916-17-20-35c-39-42-44-49c-54-55-57-61-68-69c-70-72c-73c-74c-75-76c-77c-79-81c-84-86c-93c-96c-98c-02c-05c-06
18	Minnesota	1900c-03c-04c-06c-09-10c-11-15c-27c-33c-34-35c-37-38-40-41-60c-67c
15	Illinois	1910c-14-15c-18c-19-23c-27c-28-46-51-53c-63-83-90c-01
11	Iowa	1900c-21-22c-56-58-60c-81c-85-90c-02c-04c
11	Wisconsin	1896-97-01c-06c-12-52c-59-62-93c-98c-99
8	Northwestern	1903c-26c-30c-31c-36-95-96c-00c
8	Purdue	1918c-29-31c-32c-43c-52c-67c-00c
7	Chicago	1899-05-07-08-13-22c-24
6	Michigan State	1953c-65-66-78c-87-90c
2	Indiana	1945-67c
2	Penn State	1994-05c

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2006 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 4

O: Alex Daniels, MINN: In first game as running back after playing defense last season, broke loose for a game-high 155 yards on 24 carries (6.5 avg.) with three touchdowns in win at Kent State.

O: Troy Smith, OSU: Completed first five passes, including three for touchdowns, on the way to completing 72 percent of his attempts (18-for-25) for 297 yards and three scores in victory over Northern Illinois.

D: Dan Connor, PSU: Tallied career-high 3.5 TFLs (-23 yards), including two sacks (-21 yards), while adding a game-high 13 tackles (seven solo) and a forced fumble against Akron.

S: Erryn Cobb, NU: Broke open a scoreless tie in the second half by blocking a punt and returning it 23 yards for a touchdown at Miami (Ohio).

S: Jonathan Casillas, WIS: Gave Badgers first lead of game against Bowling Green by blocking a punt and recovering it in the endzone.

Sept. 11

O: Matt Trannon, MSU: Set school record with 14 receptions against Eastern Michigan, racking up a career-best 151 receiving yards while adding two touchdown catches and a touchdown pass.

D: James Laurinaitis, OSU: Career-high 13 tackles (10 solo), one TFL, two forced fumbles and an interception to lead an OSU defense to win over No. 2.

S: A.J. Trapasso, OSU: Recorded six punts for 305 yards (50.8 avg.), including placing two inside the 20-yard line, at Texas.

Sept. 18

O: Mario Manningham, MICH: Hauled in four passes for a career-high 137 yards (34.3 avg.) and set a career best with three touchdowns, all in the first half to boost Michigan to a 34-7 first-half advantage at No. 2/3 Notre Dame.

D: Prescott Burgess, MICH: Recorded five tackles (one solo), one TFL, one pass breakup and a career-best two interceptions (66 yards), including a 31-yard touchdown return for a 7-0 lead on the second play at Notre Dame.

S: Aaron Pettrey, OSU: Connected on two field goals over 40 yards against Cincinnati, including a career-long 47-yarder and a 43-yarder.

Sept. 25

O: Mario Manningham, MICH: Caught a career-high seven passes for 113 yards (16.1 avg.) and two TDs in win over Wisconsin.

D: Anthony Spencer, PUR: Led team with 10 tackles, including a career-best nine solo stops, while adding a fumble forced and recovered and three TFLs (-11 yards), including two sacks (-10 yards), in victory over Minnesota.

S: Jeremy Kapinos, PSU: Averaged 50.5 yards on six punts (303 yards), including a long of 68 yards with three boots inside the 20-yard line at OSU.

S: Ken DeBauche, WIS: Recorded a career-high 11 punts for a school record 514 yards (46.7 avg.), including a long of 57 yards, against Michigan.

Oct. 2

O: John Stocco, WIS: Completed 88 percent of his passes (15-for-17) for 304 yards and three TDs in less than three quarters of play in a win at Indiana, setting the school record with a passing efficiency rating of 296.68.

D: Anthony Spencer, PUR: Recorded career highs with 15 tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss, including 1.5 sacks, at Notre Dame.

S: Jason Reda, ILL: Converted all three of his field goals, including a long of 39 yards with just 10 seconds on the clock for a 23-20 win at Michigan State.

Oct. 9

O: Troy Smith, OSU: Completed 85 percent of his passes (17-for-20), the third-best single-game performance in OSU history, for 191 yards and three TDs and added 54 yards rushing in a win over Bowling Green.

O: P.J. Hill, WIS: Averaged 7.1 yards per carry to set career highs with 35 carries and 249 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown run, against NU.

D: Mike Sherels, MINN: Set career highs with 15 tackles and three tackles for loss while adding a pass breakup against Penn State.

S: Marcus Thigpen, IND: Set a school record with 197 kickoff return yards and averaged 49.3 yards on four returns, including a 98-yard touchdown.

Oct. 16

O: Kellen Lewis, IND: Led Hoosiers to their first win over a top-15 team since 1987 by completing 76 percent of his passes and throwing for a career-best 255 yards and three touchdowns while adding a rushing score against Iowa.

O: Curtis Painter, PUR: Set career highs with 35 completions, 49 attempts and 431 passing yards while completing 71.4 percent of his throws, including a pair of touchdowns, in a victory at Northwestern.

D: LaMarr Woodley, MICH: Tied for the team-lead with five tackles, including three TFLs and a pair of sacks, as Michigan recorded a season-high seven sacks and held Penn State to -14 yards rushing.

S: Ted Ginn Jr., OSU: Broke the Big Ten record with his sixth career punt return touchdown, a 60-yard sprint against Michigan State.

Oct. 23

O: Drew Stanton, MSU: Led MSU to the greatest comeback in NCAA Division I-A history, rallying the Spartans from a 35-point deficit for a 41-38 win at NU; Completed 73 percent of his passes (27-of-37) with two touchdowns and added a rushing score in the victory.

O: Troy Smith, OSU: Tossed four touchdown passes in the first half against Indiana, ending the game with 220 yards on 15-of-23 (65.2 pct.) passing.

D: Antonio Smith, OSU: Career-high 12 tackles (11 solo) and four TFLs (-22 yards), including a 10-yard sack and a forced fumble against Indiana.

D: Paul Posluszny, PSU: Team-high 13 tackles (seven solo), a sack (-1 yard) and a forced fumble that was returned for a touchdown in the fourth quarter against Illinois.

S: Jeremy Kapinos, PSU: Placed four of his eight punts inside the 20-yard line against the Illini and totaled 365 yards, an average of 45.6 per boot.

Oct. 30

O: Kellen Lewis, IND: Accounted for a career-high and school record six touchdowns, including five passing scores and one on the ground, while completing 15-for-26 passes for 261 yards in a win over Michigan State.

D: Dan Connor, PSU: Game-high 12 tackles (10 solo) and an interception as Penn State handed Purdue its first shutout since 1996.

S: Taylor Mehlhaff, WIS: Connected on all three of his field goal attempts, including a long of 33 yards, in a narrow six-point victory over Illinois.

Nov. 6

O: Bryan Cupito, MINN: Posted 378 passing yards and a career-best four touchdown strikes while completing 22-of-33 passes (66.7 pct.) against Indiana.

O: Tyrell Sutton, NU: Piled up 203 all-purpose yards, including 168 yards on 28 carries (6.0 avg.) and a touchdown in a road win at Iowa.

D: J Leman, ILL: Racked up a career-high 19 tackles and added a forced fumble and 3.5 TFLs (-17 yards), including a sack, while holding No. 1 Ohio State to a season-low 17 points and a shutout in the second half.

S: Garrett Rivas, MICH: Tallied two field goals and 10 points in an eight-point victory over Ball State while becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

Nov. 13

O: Troy Smith, OSU: Matched career high with four TD passes in three quarters of play at NU; Completed 63.2 percent of his passes (12-of-19) for 185 yards.

O: Tony Hunt, PSU: Averaged an impressive 10.4 yards on 16 attempts to compile a career-high 167 rushing yards in less than three quarters of play against Temple; Totaled a personal-best four TDs, including three on the ground.

D: Willie VanDeSteege, MINN: Equaled school record with four sacks, the third-highest single-game total in Big Ten history, in win at Michigan State.

S: Steve Breaston, MICH: Compiled 231 all-purpose yards in win at Indiana, including an 83-yard punt return TD, his fourth career score to match a school record; Also returned two kickoffs for 45 yards and caught three passes for 103 yards, including a 62-yard TD.

Nov. 20

O: Troy Smith, OSU: Completed 29-of-41 passes (70.7 percent) for a season-high 316 yards and equaled a career best with four TD passes to clinch the Big Ten title and keep Ohio State perfect in a battle of unbeaten against Michigan.

D: J Leman, ILL: Racked up a career-high 22 tackles, the most by any player in the country this season, and added 2.5 TFLs (-10 yards), including an eight-yard sack, at Northwestern to end his season as the Big Ten's leading tackler.

S: Joel Howells, NU: Perfect two-of-two (36, 22) on field goals and added a successful onside kick to open the second half in a victory over Illinois.

Nov. 27

O: Curtis Painter, PUR: Completed 69 percent of his passes (29-of-42) for 357 yards and a career-high four touchdowns at Hawaii.

D: Cliff Avril, PUR: Recorded four pass breakups against the nation's top passing team while adding three solo tackles and a two-yard sack at Hawaii.

S: Jared Armstrong, PUR: Averaged 51.7 yards per punt (3 for 155 yards) while placing one boot inside the 20-yard line against Hawaii.

CURRENT PLAYERS AMONG
BIG TEN CAREER LEADERSCompletion Percentage

.650	Long, IOWA	1981-85
.643	Collins, MICH	1991-94
.642	Stanton, MSU	2003-06
.640	Trudeau, ILL	1981-85
.638	Hartlieb, IOWA	1986-88
.629	Miller, MSU	1990-93
.627	Smith, OSU	2003-06

Passing Efficiency

157.1	Smith, OSU	2003-06
151.0	Germaine, OSU	1996-98

Passing Touchdowns

90	Brees, PUR	1997-00
74	Long, IOWA	1981-85
72	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
71	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
	Grbac, MICH	1989-92
70	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
	Henne, MICH	2004-
63	Orton, PUR	2001-04
61	Smoker, MSU	2000-03
	Tate, IOWA	2003-06
59	Bevell, WIS	1992-95

Passing Attempts

1,678	Brees, PUR	1997-00
1,584	Basanez, NU	2002-05
1,366	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
1,336	Orton, PUR	2001-04
1,309	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
1,264	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
1,245	Trudeau, ILL	1981-85
1,203	Long, IOWA	1981-85
1,150	Smoker, MSU	2000-03
1,109	Henne, MICH	2004-
1,090	Tate, IOWA	2003-06
1,083	Verduzco, ILL	1989-92

Passing Yards

11,792	Brees, PUR	1997-00
10,580	Basanez, NU	2002-05
10,461	Long, IOWA	1981-85
9,946	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
9,337	Orton, PUR	2001-04
9,254	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
8,932	Smoker, MSU	2000-03
8,725	Trudeau, ILL	1981, '83-85
8,722	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
8,292	Tate, IOWA	2003-06
7,777	Henne, MICH	2004-
7,686	Bevell, WIS	1992-95

Receptions

325	Stubblefield, PUR	2001-04
266	Standeford, PUR	2000-03
262	Williams, ILL	1983-85
252	Edwards, MICH	2001-04
210	Bates, NU	1995-98
205	Bryant, PUR	2004-
204	Stratton, PUR	1998-01
202	Williams, WIS	2002-05
198	Johnson, MINN	1998-01
197	Buchanan, NU	1987-90

Punt Returns

127	Breaston, MICH	2003-06
124	Marciano, IOWA	1986-89

Punt Return Yards

1,599	Breaston, MICH	2003-06
1,347	Leonhard, WIS	2001-04

Punt Return Touchdowns

6	Ginn Jr., OSU	2004-
5	Dwight, IOWA	1994-97
4	Breaston, MICH	2003-06

Kickoff Returns

106	Mason, MSU	1993-96
	Williams, WIS	2002-05
93	Anderson, MINN	1983-86
	Graham, IND	1998-00
81	Carter, IND	1999-02
	Breaston, MICH	2003-06
78	Douthitt, IOWA	1972-74
	Owens, WIS	1986-89
77	Davis, WIS	1998-01

Kickoff Return Yards

2,575	Mason, MSU	1993-96
2,349	Williams, WIS	2002-05
2,088	Graham, IND	1998-00
1,996	Anderson, MINN	1983-86
1,993	Breaston, MICH	2003-06

Punting Average

45.5	Roby, IOWA	1979-82
45.2	Montgomery, MSU	1985-87
45.0	Groom, OSU	2001-02
	Fields, MSU	2003-06

Punts

305	Standring, NU	1998-01
279	Mojsiejenko, MSU	1981-84
273	McCarthy, PUR	1986-89
272	Baker, IOWA	1997-00
261	Kidd, NU	1980-83
256	Fitts, ILL	1998-01
255	Carpenter, NU	1984-87
251	Kapinos, PSU	2003-06

Punting Yards

12,639	Standring, NU	1998-01
12,220	Mojsiejenko, MSU	1981-84
11,304	Baker, IOWA	1997-00
11,246	McCarthy, PUR	1986-89
10,916	Kidd, NU	1980-83
10,671	Fitts, ILL	1998-01
10,660	Stemke, WIS	1997-00
10,476	Kapinos, PSU	2003-06

Kicking Points

367	Nystrom, MINN	1999-02
	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03
356	Nugent, OSU	2001-04
355	Dorsch, PUR	1998-01
354	Rivas, MICH	2003-06

Field Goals Made

72	Nugent, OSU	2001-04
71	Nystrom, MINN	1999-02
68	Dorsch, PUR	1998-01
67	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03
65	Gregoire, WIS	1984-87
64	Rivas, MICH	2003-06

CURRENT PLAYERS AMONG
BIG TEN SINGLE-SEASON LEADERSTotal Offense - Yards

4,189	Brees, PUR	2000
4,176	Brees, PUR	1998
4,092	Painter, PUR	2006
4,045	Basanez, NU	2005
4,036	Brees, PUR	1999
3,672	Eason, ILL	1982
3,589	Everett, PUR	1985
3,530	Hartlieb, IOWA	1988
3,487	Dicken, PUR	1987
3,415	Stanton, MSU	2005

Passing Attempts

569	Brees, PUR	1998
554	Brees, PUR	1999
530	Painter, PUR	2006
512	Brees, PUR	2000
505	Eason, ILL	1982
501	Trudeau, ILL	1985
497	Basanez, NU	2005
488	Smoker, MSU	2003
463	Wilson, ILL	1980
460	Hartlieb, IOWA	1988
	Basanez, NU	2004

Passing Completions

361	Brees, PUR	1998
337	Brees, PUR	1999
322	Trudeau, ILL	1985
315	Painter, PUR	2006
314	Basanez, NU	2005
313	Eason, ILL	1982
309	Brees, PUR	2000
302	Smoker, MSU	2003
288	Hartlieb, IOWA	1988
285	Everett, PUR	1985

Passing Yards

3,985	Painter, PUR	2006
3,983	Brees, PUR	1998
3,909	Brees, PUR	1999
3,671	Eason, ILL	1982
3,668	Brees, PUR	2000
3,651	Everett, PUR	1985
3,622	Basanez, NU	2005
3,395	Smoker, MSU	2003
3,378	Hartlieb, IOWA	1988
3,360	Eason, ILL	1981

Touchdown Passes

39	Brees, PUR	1998
31	Orton, PUR	2004
30	Smith, OSU	2006

Pass Efficiency Rating

175.3	Chappuis, MICH	1947
166.7	Collins, PSU	1994
166.4	Smoker, MSU	2001
163.7	Harbaugh, MICH	1985
163.4	Hoying, OSU	1995
162.7	Smith, OSU	2005
162.3	Abdul-Khaliq, MINN	2003
162.0	Wangler, MICH	1979
161.9	Smith, OSU	2006

Completion Percentage

.678	Bevell, WIS	1993
.673	Yarema, MSU	1986
.671	Long, IOWA	1984
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.667	Stanton, MSU	2005
.663	Collins, PSU	1994
	McCann, IOWA	2001
.658	Herrmann, PUR	1980
.654	Rodgers, IOWA	1991
.653	Smith, OSU	2006

Kickoff Returns - Avg. Per Return

34.3	Barrington, OSU	1965
33.6	Brown, PUR	1970
31.3	Cassady, OSU	1955
31.1	Hughes, MSU	1979
30.8	Raimey, MICH	1961
30.3	Sturtz, OSU	1950
	Backes, NU	2004
30.1	Armstrong, PUR	1972
	Thigpen, IND	2006

Kickoff Returns - Touchdowns

3	Brown, PUR	1970
	Cobb, MSU	2003
	Thigpen, IND	2006

Kickoff Returns

43	Douthitt, IOWA	1973
38	Pooler, NU	1974
	Wright, NU	1990
	Graham, IND	2000
36	Mason, MSU	1994
	Carter, IND	2002
	Cobb, MSU	2004
35	Mason, MSU	1995
34	Williams, MSU	2006

Field Goals Made

25	Hamilton, MICH	1994
	Nystrom, MINN	2000
	Nugent, OSU	2002
	Jones, PUR	2003
24	Bass, ILL	1982
	White, ILL	1984
	Nugent, OSU	2004
22	Thompson, WIS	1992
	Edinger, MSU	1998
	Dorsch, PUR	2001
	Rayner, MSU	2003
	Rayner, MSU	2004
	Huston, OSU	2005
	Kelly, PSU	2006

Tackles for Loss

31	Burke, WIS	1998
30	Peterson, MSU	1999
29	Brown, PSU	1999
28	Zgonina, PUR	1992
26.5	Spencer, PUR	2006

ILLINOIS

(2-10 Overall, 1-7 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 42-17	Eastern Illinois	45,444
Sept. 9	L, 0-33	at Rutgers	41,036
Sept. 16	L, 21-31	Syracuse	40,657
Sept. 23	L, 7-24	No. 14/14 Iowa	43,066
Sept. 30	W, 23-20	at Michigan State	71,268
Oct. 7	L, 32-34	Indiana	43,006
Oct. 14	L, 17-20	Ohio	34,328
Oct. 21	L, 12-26	at Penn State	108,112
Oct. 28	L, 24-30	at No. 17/18/18 Wisconsin	81,300
Nov. 4	L, 10-17	No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	53,351
Nov. 11	L, 31-42	Purdue	44,266
Nov. 18	L, 16-27	at Northwestern	22,242

INDIANA

(5-7 Overall, 3-5 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 39-20	Western Michigan	30,733
Sept. 9	W, 24-23	at Ball State	23,813
Sept. 16	L, 28-35	Southern Illinois	31,156
Sept. 23	L, 7-14	Connecticut	27,256
Sept. 30	L, 17-52	Wisconsin	32,142
Oct. 7	W, 34-32	at Illinois	43,006
Oct. 14	W, 31-28	No. 15/13/13 Iowa	31,392
Oct. 21	L, 3-44	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,267
Oct. 28	W, 46-21	Michigan State	36,444
Nov. 4	L, 26-63	at Minnesota	44,610
Nov. 11	L, 3-34	No. 2/2/2 Michigan	42,320
Nov. 18	L, 19-28	at Purdue	62,105

IOWA

(6-7 Overall, 2-6 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 41-7	Montana	70,585
Sept. 9	W, 20-13	at Syracuse (2OT)	37,199
Sept. 16	W, 27-17	Iowa State	70,585
Sept. 23	W, 24-7	at Illinois	43,066
Sept. 30	L, 17-38	No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	70,585
Oct. 7	W, 47-17	Purdue	70,585
Oct. 14	L, 28-31	at Indiana	31,392
Oct. 21	L, 6-20	at No. 2/3/2 Michigan	110,923
Oct. 28	W, 24-14	Northern Illinois	70,585
Nov. 4	L, 7-21	Northwestern	70,585
Nov. 11	L, 21-24	No. 16/16/16 Wisconsin	70,585
Nov. 18	L, 24-34	at Minnesota	64,140
Dec. 30	L, 24-26	vs. No. 18/16/17 Texas Alamo Bowl	65,875

MICHIGAN

(11-2 Overall, 7-1 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 27-7	Vanderbilt	109,668
Sept. 9	W, 41-17	Central Michigan	108,712
Sept. 16	W, 47-21	at No. 2/3 Notre Dame	80,795
Sept. 23	W, 27-13	Wisconsin	111,058
Sept. 30	W, 28-14	at Minnesota	50,805
Oct. 7	W, 31-13	Michigan State	111,349
Oct. 14	W, 17-10	at Penn State	110,007
Oct. 21	W, 20-6	No. -/23/23 Iowa	110,923
Oct. 28	W, 17-3	Northwestern	109,114
Nov. 4	W, 34-26	Ball State	109,359
Nov. 11	W, 34-3	at Indiana	42,320
Nov. 18	L, 39-42	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,708
Jan. 1	L, 18-32	vs. No. 8/7/7 USC Rose Bowl	93,852

MICHIGAN STATE

(4-8 Overall, 1-7 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 27-17	Idaho	70,711
Sept. 9	W, 52-20	Eastern Michigan	69,856
Sept. 16	W, 38-23	at Pittsburgh	47,956
Sept. 23	L, 37-40	No. 12/13 Notre Dame	80,193
Sept. 30	L, 20-23	Illinois	71,268
Oct. 7	L, 13-31	at No. 6/6/4 Michigan	111,349
Oct. 14	L, 7-38	No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	73,498
Oct. 21	W, 41-38	at Northwestern	29,387
Oct. 28	L, 21-46	at Indiana	36,444
Nov. 4	L, 15-17	Purdue	65,398
Nov. 11	L, 18-31	Minnesota	64,807
Nov. 18	L, 13-17	at Penn State	108,607

MINNESOTA

(6-7 Overall, 3-5 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Aug. 31	W, 44-0	at Kent State	20,126
Sept. 9	L, 17-42	at No. 22/23 California	55,035
Sept. 16	W, 62-0	Temple	45,612
Sept. 23	L, 21-27	at Purdue	54,620
Sept. 30	L, 14-28	No. 6/6/5 Michigan	50,805
Oct. 7	L, 27-28	Penn State (OT)	45,227
Oct. 14	L, 12-48	at No. 25/-/ Wisconsin	82,010
Oct. 21	W, 10-9	North Dakota State	62,845
Oct. 28	L, 0-44	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,443
Nov. 4	W, 63-26	Indiana	44,610
Nov. 11	W, 31-18	at Michigan State	64,807
Nov. 18	W, 34-24	Iowa	64,140
Dec. 29	L, 41-44	vs. Texas Tech (OT) Insight Bowl	48,391

NORTHWESTERN

(4-8 Overall, 2-6 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Aug. 31	W, 21-3	at Miami (Ohio)	20,476
Sept. 9	L, 17-34	New Hampshire	20,108
Sept. 16	W, 14-6	Eastern Michigan	21,935
Sept. 22	L, 21-31	at Nevada	16,176
Sept. 30	L, 7-33	at Penn State	108,837
Oct. 7	L, 9-41	at Wisconsin	81,704
Oct. 14	L, 10-31	Purdue	27,171
Oct. 21	L, 38-41	Michigan State	29,387
Oct. 28	L, 3-17	at No. 2/3/2 Michigan	109,114
Nov. 4	W, 21-7	at Iowa	70,585
Nov. 11	L, 10-54	No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	47,130
Nov. 18	W, 27-16	Illinois	22,242

OHIO STATE

(12-1 Overall, 8-0 Big Ten)
Big Ten Champion

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 35-12	Northern Illinois	103,896
Sept. 9	W, 24-7	at No. 2/2 Texas	89,422
Sept. 16	W, 37-7	Cincinnati	105,037
Sept. 23	W, 28-6	No. 24/- Penn State	105,266
Sept. 30	W, 38-17	at No. 13/13/14 Iowa	70,585
Oct. 7	W, 35-7	Bowling Green	105,057
Oct. 14	W, 38-7	at Michigan State	73,498
Oct. 21	W, 44-3	Indiana	105,267
Oct. 28	W, 44-0	Minnesota	105,443
Nov. 4	W, 17-10	at Illinois	53,351
Nov. 11	W, 54-10	at Northwestern	47,130
Nov. 18	W, 42-39	No. 2/2/2 Michigan	105,708
Jan. 8	L, 14-41	vs. No. 2/2/2 Florida BCS National Championship Game	74,628

PENN STATE

(9-4 Overall, 5-3 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 34-16	Akron	106,505
Sept. 9	L, 17-41	at No. T4/5 Notre Dame	80,795
Sept. 16	W, 37-3	Youngstown State	104,954
Sept. 23	L, 6-28	at No. 1/1 Ohio State	105,266
Sept. 30	W, 33-7	Northwestern	108,837
Oct. 7	W, 28-27	at Minnesota (OT)	45,227
Oct. 14	L, 10-17	No. 4/5/4 Michigan	110,007
Oct. 21	W, 26-12	Illinois	108,112
Oct. 28	W, 12-0	at Purdue	58,025
Nov. 4	L, 3-13	at No. 17/17/17 Wisconsin	81,777
Nov. 11	W, 47-0	Temple	105,950
Nov. 18	W, 17-13	Michigan State	108,607
Jan. 1	W, 20-10	vs. No. 17/18/18 Tennessee Outback Bowl	65,601

PURDUE

(8-6 Overall, 5-3 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 60-35	Indiana State	50,108
Sept. 9	W, 38-31	Miami (Ohio) (OT)	53,668
Sept. 16	W, 38-28	Ball State	51,561
Sept. 23	W, 27-21	Minnesota	54,620
Sept. 30	L, 21-35	at No. 12/14/12 Notre Dame	80,795
Oct. 7	L, 17-47	at No. 19/19/18 Iowa	70,585
Oct. 14	W, 31-10	at Northwestern	27,171
Oct. 21	L, 3-24	No. 21/22/22 Wisconsin	58,111
Oct. 28	L, 0-12	Penn State	58,025
Nov. 4	W, 17-15	at Michigan State	65,398
Nov. 11	W, 42-31	at Illinois	44,266
Nov. 18	W, 28-19	Indiana	62,105
Nov. 25	L, 35-42	at No. 25/25/25 Hawaii	47,825
Dec. 29	L, 7-24	vs. Maryland Champs Sports Bowl	40,168

WISCONSIN

(12-1 Overall, 7-1 Big Ten)



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 35-14	vs. Bowling Green [1]	30,307
Sept. 9	W, 34-10	Western Illinois	80,845
Sept. 16	W, 14-0	San Diego State	81,090
Sept. 23	L, 13-27	at No. 6/6 Michigan	111,058
Sept. 30	W, 52-17	at Indiana	32,142
Oct. 7	W, 41-9	Northwestern	81,704
Oct. 14	W, 48-12	Minnesota	82,010
Oct. 21	W, 24-3	at Purdue	58,111
Oct. 28	W, 30-24	Illinois	81,300
Nov. 4	W, 13-3	Penn State	81,777
Nov. 11	W, 24-21	at Iowa	70,585
Nov. 18	W, 35-3	Buffalo	80,850
Jan. 1	W, 17-14	vs. No. 12/13/13 Arkansas Capital One Bowl	60,774

[1] at Cleveland Browns Stadium

Note: Rankings reflect polls the week of the game
(Associated Press/USA Today/Harris Poll) -- Harris Poll
first released on Sept. 25