

Big Ten Ties for Conference Lead with Five  
Nationally Ranked Teams After Postseason Action;  
A Big Ten Record Eight Teams Play in Bowls

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## 2007 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#	7-1	.875	3-1	4-0	W1	11-2	.846	6-1	5-0	0-1	4-1	L1
2. Illinois	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	W3	9-4	.692	5-1	4-1	0-2	3-2	L1
Michigan	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	L2	9-4	.692	5-3	3-1	1-0	3-1	W1
4. Wisconsin	5-3	.625	4-0	1-3	W2	9-4	.692	7-0	2-3	0-1	2-2	L1
5. Penn State	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	L1	9-4	.692	6-1	2-3	1-0	1-1	W1
Iowa	4-4	.500	3-1	1-3	W3	6-6	.500	4-2	1-4	1-0	1-1	L1
7. Indiana	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	W1	7-6	.538	5-2	2-3	0-1	0-1	L1
Michigan State	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	W2	7-6	.538	5-2	2-3	0-1	1-4	L1
Purdue	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	L3	8-5	.615	5-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	W1
Northwestern	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	L1	6-6	.500	4-3	1-3	1-0	1-2	L1
11. Minnesota	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	L8	1-11	.083	1-6	0-4	0-1	0-3	L10

# Big Ten Champion Bowl Teams in Bold

## BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP

**Carr Ends Michigan Career with Bowl Win:** Michigan's Lloyd Carr wrapped up his coaching career with a victory over nationally-ranked Florida in the Capital One Bowl to improve to 122-40 in his 13 seasons leading the Wolverines. The Michigan mentor picked up his sixth bowl victory, the second-highest total among current Big Ten coaches, and ends his time in Ann Arbor as two of only 12 coaches with 100 or more triumphs at a conference institution. The unranked Wolverines rallied from a 35-31 deficit against the 12th-ranked Gators behind Capital One Bowl MVP Chad Henne, who tossed an 18-yard scoring strike with 4:12 on the clock to give UM a lead they would not relinquish and send Carr out victorious in his final game.

**Paterno Builds on NCAA Record for Bowl Wins:** In his 500th game as a head coach and the 40th bowl game for the Nittany Lions, Penn State's Joe Paterno led his program past Texas A&M in the Valero Alamo Bowl to win his NCAA record 23rd bowl contest. The PSU mentor is now 23-10-1 in postseason games and has been victorious in three straight bowl trips to improve his bowl mark to 9-2 since joining the Big Ten. Running back Rodney Kinlaw posted 143 yards on the ground to collect Offensive MVP honors while linebacker Sean Lee collected a game-high 14 tackles to earn defensive accolades.

**Purdue Wins Shootout in Motor City Bowl:** Purdue kicker Chris Summers connected on a 40-yard field goal with no time left to give the Boilermakers a 51-48 victory over Central Michigan in the Motor City Bowl. Purdue head coach Joe Tiller picked up his fourth bowl win in West Lafayette, equaling the school's total postseason wins prior to his arrival in 1997. Quarterback Curtis Painter set a school record with 546 passing yards, the third-highest total in Big Ten history, and three touchdowns. In addition, three different wide-outs eclipsed the 100-yard receiving barrier, marking just the fourth time in Purdue history and the first time in a bowl game that three receivers surpassed 100 yards.

**Bowl Attendance:** Four of the Big Ten's eight bowl games drew sellout crowds, including packed houses for the BCS National Championship Game and the Rose, Capital One and Valero Alamo Bowls. The conference's eight postseason games attracted 525,679 fans for an average of 65,710 per contest. The BCS National Championship Game was played in front of 79,651 fans, the largest crowd to see a football game in the history of the Superdome. The Valero Alamo Bowl attracted 66,166 people, making it the most attended sporting event in the history of the Alamodome, breaking the previous record of 65,875 patrons set during the 2006 event featuring Iowa and Texas.

**Big Ten Equals Conference Record with Eight Bowl Teams:** The Big Ten's eight bowl berths this season matched the conference record set following the 2003 campaign. The conference's eight postseason participants included Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin. In addition, 10 of the Big Ten's 11 programs reached bowl-eligible status for the first time in conference history. However, no bowl berths were available for Iowa and Northwestern, two teams that end the 2007 campaign at 6-6 overall. The Big Ten qualified seven schools for postseason play after the 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2006 seasons. The conference sent six or more teams to bowl games for the ninth straight year and 16th time overall. Conference programs have now made 67 bowl appearances over the last decade (1998-2007) and 234 appearances all-time.

**Buckeyes Return to National Championship Game:** Ohio State battled LSU in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship game, marking the Buckeyes' second straight appearance in the national title contest and third shot at the national crown in the last six years. After a 14-point loss to the Tigers, OSU is now 1-2 in title games, knocking off top-ranked Miami (Fla.) in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl and falling to Florida in the 2007 championship tilt.

**Rare Company:** Ohio State joined Florida State (1999, 2000, 2001) and Oklahoma (2001, 2004, 2005) as just the third program in the 10-year history of the BCS to make three appearances in the national championship contest. OSU is also the fifth school to earn back-to-back berths in the national title contest, joining the Seminoles (three straight appearances from 1999-2001), the Sooners (2004-05), Miami (2002-03) and USC (2005-06).

## BIG TEN BOWL RESULTS

**Dec. 26, 2007**  
**MOTOR CITY BOWL**  
PURDUE def. Central Michigan, 51-48

**Dec. 28, 2007**  
**CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL**  
No. 14 Boston College def. MICHIGAN STATE, 24-21

**Dec. 29, 2007**  
**VALERO ALAMO BOWL**  
PENN STATE def. Texas A&M, 24-17

**Dec. 31, 2007**  
**INSIGHT BOWL**  
Oklahoma State def. INDIANA, 49-33

**Jan. 1, 2008**  
**OUTBACK BOWL**  
No. 16 Tennessee def. No. 18 WISCONSIN, 21-17

**CAPITAL ONE BOWL**  
MICHIGAN def. No. 12 Florida, 41-35

**ROSE BOWL**  
No. 7 USC def. No. 13 ILLINOIS, 49-17

**January 7, 2008**  
**BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
No. 2 LSU def. No. 1 OHIO STATE, 38-24

Rankings: BCS

## 2008 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon and Football Media Days

The 2008 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon and football media days will be held from July 24-25, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

## BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP, cont.

**On the Road Again:** Five of the Big Ten's eight bowl matchups were virtual road games, with conference teams facing schools from the state in which the bowl was played. The Big Ten's "road" bowl contests included Purdue against Central Michigan in the Motor City Bowl (Detroit, Mich.), Penn State versus Texas A&M in the Valero Alamo Bowl (San Antonio, Texas), Michigan against Florida in the Capital One Bowl (Orlando, Fla.), Illinois versus Southern California in the Rose Bowl (Pasadena, Calif.) and Ohio State against Louisiana State in the BCS National Championship game (New Orleans, La.). The Big Ten leads all conferences with nine "road" bowl games over the last three seasons. Over that same time span, the ACC and Big 12 rank second with four "road" bowl games, followed by the Big East (3), Pac-10 (1) and SEC (1). Following the 2006 campaign, the Wolverines faced USC in the Rose Bowl while Iowa battled Texas in the Alamo Bowl. In 2005, the Hawkeyes took on Florida in the Outback Bowl while the Nittany Lions squared off against Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

**Big Ten BCS Duos:** The Big Ten sent two schools to BCS games for the seventh time in the 10-year history of the system and the fifth time in the last six seasons. Since the inception of the BCS in 1998, the Big Ten has qualified 17 teams for BCS bowls, more than any other conference. The SEC ranks second with 15 BCS appearances followed by the Big 12 (14), Pac-10 (12), ACC (10) and Big East (10). 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), 2005 (Ohio State, Penn State) and 2006 (Michigan, Ohio State).

**BCS Depth:** Seven different Big Ten schools have qualified to play in a BCS game, including both Illinois and Ohio State this season. The conference's previous BCS-bowl participants include Iowa, Michigan, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin. The Big Ten's seven-team BCS contingent is tied for the lead among all conferences along with the Big 12 and Pac-10, followed by the SEC (six different teams), ACC (five teams) and Big East (four teams).

**BCS Success:** Only 10 schools have produced multiple wins in BCS games and the Big Ten boasts two of those programs in Ohio State and Wisconsin. The Buckeyes now have a 4-2 record in BCS action, tied for the second-most

wins in BCS games with LSU behind only the five triumphs for USC. OSU has posted three triumphs in the Fiesta Bowl (2002, 2003, 2005) and a Sugar Bowl win (1998). The Badgers are 2-0 in BCS matchups with back-to-back Rose Bowl victories following the 1998 and 1999 seasons. Illinois appeared in its second BCS contest after playing in the 2002 Sugar Bowl. The Illini are one of 17 schools to appear in multiple BCS games, a group that includes the Big Ten's Michigan, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

**Buckeyes Earn Automatic BCS Bid:** Ohio State collected the Big Ten's automatic BCS berth for the second straight year and the third time since the system's inception in 1998. The Buckeyes also earned the automatic bid in 2002 and 2006 while posting perfect regular-season marks, winning the national championship with an undefeated record in 2002. OSU also nabbed an at-large spot in a BCS game in 1998, 2003 and 2005. OSU is one of six Big Ten schools in the 10 years of the BCS to gain automatic qualification joining Illinois (2001), Michigan (2003, 2004), Penn State (2005), Purdue (2000), and Wisconsin (1998, 1999).

**Bowl Coaching Breakdown:** The eight Big Ten coaches that reached bowl games this season now sport a combined record of 39-34-1 (.527) in bowl games as collegiate head coaches and a mark of 24-22 (.522) since they joined the conference. Penn State's **Joe Paterno** holds the NCAA record with 23 bowl wins, including a 9-2 mark since joining the Big Ten. Michigan's **Lloyd Carr** wrapped up his coaching career ranked second with six wins, followed by Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** (four wins) and Purdue's **Joe Tiller** (four wins).

**Bowl Veterans:** The Big Ten boasts three of the 11 programs with 38 or more bowl appearances in Penn State (8th - 40), Michigan (7th - 39) and Ohio State (7th - 39). The Nittany Lions rank third all-time with 26 bowl triumphs, the Wolverines are tied for 12th with 19 victories while the Buckeyes are knotted at 15th with 18 wins.

**Wolverines' Bowl Streak:** Michigan's current streak of 33 consecutive bowls is the longest active streak in the nation.

## 2007-08 BIG TEN BOWL TOP PERFORMERS

## OFFENSE

ILL RB **Rashard Mendenhall:** Broke loose for 155 yards on 17 carries (9.1 avg.), including a season-long 79-yard TD to set an Illinois bowl record, while adding 59 yards on five catches (11.8 avg.) in the Rose Bowl.

IND QB **Kellen Lewis:** Completed 22-of-43 passes (51.2 pct.) for 204 yards and two TDs and added 83 yards on 10 carries (8.3 avg.) in the Insight Bowl. MICH WR **Adrian Arrington:** Hauled in nine passes for 153 yards (17.0 avg.) with two TDs against Florida in the Capital One Bowl.

MICH QB **Chad Henne:** Named Capital One Bowl MVP after throwing for 373 yards on 25-of-39 passing (64.1 pct.) with three TDs, including an 18-yard strike with 4:12 on the clock to give the Wolverines a lead they would not relinquish.

MSU RB **Javon Ringer:** Became just the second player to break the 100-yard barrier against Boston College this season with 101 yards on 21 carries (4.8 avg.) in the Champs Sports Bowl.

OSU RB **Chris Wells:** Racked up 146 yards on 20 carries (7.3 avg.) in the BCS National Championship Game against LSU, including a 65-yard TD sprint, the longest scoring run in the history of the BCS title game.

PSU RB **Rodney Kinlaw:** Named Alamo Bowl Offensive MVP after posting 143 yards on 21 carries (6.8 avg.), his sixth 100-yard outing on the season.

PUR QB **Curtis Painter:** Set a school record with 546 passing yards, completing 35-of-54 passes (64.8 pct.) while adding three TDs and driving the Boilermakers to a last-second game-winning field goal in the Motor City Bowl.

PUR TE **Dustin Keller** and WRs **Greg Orton** and **Jake Standeford:** Keller (150 yards), Orton (136) and Standeford (112) each eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark in the Motor City Bowl, marking just the fourth time in Purdue history and the first time in a bowl game that three receivers surpassed 100 yards.

WIS RB **P.J. Hill:** Returned from an injury to post 132 yards on 16 carries (8.2 avg.) against Tennessee in the Outback Bowl.

## DEFENSE

ILL CB **Vontae Davis:** Collected a career-high 13 tackles (all solo), tied for the best single-game effort in Illini bowl history, and added a TFL in the Rose Bowl. MICH LB **Shawn Crable:** Collected six tackles (four solo), including two TFLs and two quarterback hurries against Florida in the Capital One Bowl.

MSU LB **Rob Tabatchnick:** Tied for team lead with five tackles (four solo) and added two TFLs, including first career sack, and a PBU to help held Boston College to a season-low 27 rushing yards in the Champs Sports Bowl.

OSU LB **James Laurinaitis:** Produced a game-high 18 tackles (12 solo) against LSU in the BCS National Championship Game.

PSU LB **Sean Lee:** Tabbed as Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP after racking up a game-high 14 tackles (four solo), tied for the most in Alamo Bowl history. WIS LB **Jonathan Casillas:** Team-high 10 tackles (nine solo), four TFLs and a forced fumble in the Outback Bowl.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

IND K **Austin Starr:** Connected on each of his field goal attempts from 43 and 37 yards against Oklahoma State in the Insight Bowl.

MICH K **K.C. Lopata:** Connected on his only two field goal attempts in the fourth quarter, including a 37-yarder to give Michigan a 31-28 lead and a 41-yarder with 2:21 left to provide the final margin in the Capital One Bowl.

MSU KR **Devin Thomas:** Established Big Ten single-season record with 1,135 kickoff return yards after setting a career high and Champs Sports Bowl record with 178 yards on five returns, including a career-best 79-yarder to start the game. PUR K **Chris Summers:** Connected on all three field goal attempts (30, 21 and 40 yards), including the game-winner from 40 yards out with no time left to send Purdue to a Motor City Bowl victory.

WIS KR/PR **David Gilreath:** Compiled 113 return yards in the Outback Bowl, producing 92 yards on three kickoffs (30.7 avg.), including a 60-yard return to set up the Badgers first touchdown, and 21 yards on three punts (7.0 avg.).

## 2007 SEASON IN REVIEW

**Big Ten Ties for Conference Lead With Five Ranked Teams:** When the final national rankings were released following bowl play, the Big Ten tied the Big 12 and SEC for the conference lead with five teams appearing among the top 25 of either the Associated Press (AP) or USA Today coaches polls. The Big Ten's nationally-ranked contingent included Ohio State (No. 5 AP/No. 4 USA Today), Michigan (No. 18/19), Illinois (No. 20/18), Wisconsin (No. 24/21) and Penn State (No. -/25). The Big 12 and SEC also boasted five Top 25 teams in the final polls, followed by the Pac-10 (4), ACC (3) and Big East (2).

**Illinois, Michigan and Ohio State Earn National Coaching Accolades:** Three Big Ten mentors were honored for their efforts this season as Illinois head coach **Ron Zook** was tabbed as the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, Michigan head coach **Lloyd Carr** was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year and Ohio State defensive coordinator **Jim Heacock** was honored with the Frank Broyles Award, given to the nation's top assistant coach. Zook led the Fighting Illini to the best turnaround in college football this season and a berth in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1984. The 2007 Big Ten Coach of the Year guided Illinois to a 9-4 record, surpassing the team's win total from the past four seasons. The program's turnaround also marked the biggest in school history from one season to another, improving by seven wins over the 2006 total. Carr received the Dodd Award, which honors the head coach whose program represents quality on and off the field and stresses the importance of academic excellence and sense of duty to return something to the community. Carr is the second Michigan coach to win the Dodd Award, joining 1977 winner Bo Schembechler, and the second Big Ten mentor to be honored in the last three years along with Penn State's **Joe Paterno**, who won the award in 2005. Heacock led an Ohio State defense which topped the country in scoring, total and passing defense during the regular season to help the Buckeyes earn their third straight Big Ten title and return to the BCS National Championship Game. The last Big Ten mentor to take home the Broyles Award was Michigan's Jim Hermann in 1997.

**Big Ten Standouts Claim National Honors:** The Big Ten collected two individual awards this season, including accolades for a pair of linebackers. Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year **James Laurinaitis** of Ohio State became the eighth conference standout to win the Butkus Award, given to the nation's top linebacker and named after former Illinois All-American Dick Butkus. Laurinaitis is only the second Buckeye in school history to win the Butkus Award along with Andy Katzenmoyer, who was honored in 1997. The last Big Ten standout to take home the Butkus Award was Penn State's Paul Posluszny in 2005. Fellow PSU linebacker **Dan Connor** earned the Bednarik Award as the nation's top defensive player. Connor gives the Nittany Lions the last three Bednarik Awards after Posluszny was honored following the 2005 and 2006 campaigns, becoming only the second two-time winner of the award along with current Northwestern head coach **Pat Fitzgerald** (1995 and 1996). The Big Ten has now claimed the Bednarik Award on seven occasions overall.

**More All-Americans Than Any Other Conference:** The Big Ten topped all conferences with 18 players named to the All-America first or second teams as chosen by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Associated Press (AP), Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), Walter Camp Football Foundation and *Sporting News*. The Pac-10 ranked second to the Big Ten with 15 All-Americans on those five first or second teams, followed by the ACC (13), Big 12 (13), SEC (13) and Big East (9). Seven Big Ten schools were represented on those five All-America squads, a total that tied for second with the Big 12, behind only the ACC (9 teams) and ahead of the Pac-10 (6), Big East (5) and SEC (5).

**Everybody's All-American:** The Big Ten's group of 18 All-Americans chosen by the AFCA, AP, FWAA, Walter Camp and *Sporting News* included two standouts named to all five first teams -- Michigan offensive lineman **Jake Long** and Ohio State linebacker **James Laurinaitis**. The Big Ten boasted four consensus All-Americans, including Long, Laurinaitis, Illinois linebacker **J Leman** and Penn State linebacker **Dan Connor**. Other first-team honorees were Illini offensive lineman **Martin O'Donnell** (AP), Indiana defensive lineman **Greg Middleton** (*Sporting News*), OSU offensive lineman **Kirk Barton** (AFCA) and the Wisconsin duo of tight end **Travis Beckum** (Walter Camp) and kicker **Taylor Mehlhaff** (AFCA). Second-team selections included the Hoosiers pair of wide-out **James Hardy** and kicker **Austin Starr**, the Wolverines trio of linebacker **Shawn Crable**, running back **Mike Hart** and wide receiver **Mario Manningham**, Michigan State defensive lineman **Jonal Saint-Dic** and the

## BIG TEN NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

**Dan Connor, LB, PSU**  
Bednarik Award (Top Defensive Player)

**James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU**  
Butkus Award (Best Linebacker)

**Ron Zook, ILL**  
Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year (Top Head Coach)

**Lloyd Carr, MICH**  
Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year (Top Head Coach)

**Jim Heacock, OSU**  
Frank Broyles Award (Top Assistant Coach)

## BIG TEN ALL-AMERICANS

<b>J Leman, LB, ILL</b>	AFCA, AP2, FWAA, SN2, WC2
Martin O'Donnell, OL, ILL	AP1
James Hardy, WR, IND	AP3, SN2, WC2
Greg Middleton, DL, IND	AP3, SN1, WC2
Austin Starr, PK, IND	AP2
Shawn Crable, LB, MICH	WC2
Mike Hart, RB, MICH	AP2, WC2
<b>Jake Long, OL, MICH #</b>	AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Mario Manningham, WR, MICH	AP2, WC2
Jonal Saint-Dic, DL, MSU	WC2
Kirk Barton, OL, OSU	AFCA, AP3, SN2
Vernon Gholston, DL, OSU	AP2, SN2, WC2
Malcolm Jenkins, DB, OSU	AP2, SN2, WC2
<b>James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU #</b>	AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Chris Wells, RB, OSU	SN2
<b>Dan Connor, LB, PSU</b>	AP1, SN2, WC1
Travis Beckum, TE, WIS	AP3, WC1, SN2
Taylor Mehlhaff, PK, WIS	AFCA

*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

Buckeyes threesome of defensive lineman **Vernon Gholston**, defensive back **Malcolm Jenkins** and running back **Chris Wells**. The complete breakdown of Big Ten All-Americans appears above.

**Repeat the Feat:** Long and Laurinaitis were joined by Arkansas' Darren McFadden as the three players to repeat as consensus All-Americans. Long is the first Wolverine to earn back-to-back consensus nods since strong safety Tripp Welborne was honored in 1989 and 1990. The last UM offensive lineman to repeat as a consensus All-American was guard Mark Donahue in 1976 and 1977. Laurinaitis gives the Buckeyes a consensus All-American at linebacker for the fourth straight season after A.J. Hawk was honored in consecutive seasons in 2004 and 2005.

**Smart Players:** The Big Ten led all conferences with eight student-athletes named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America football teams. Six of the Big Ten's eight honorees were chosen for the first team, which also topped all conferences. The Big 12 ranked second with four first-team selections. The Academic All-America first-team honorees from the Big Ten included Illinois' **Ryan McDonald**, Indiana's **Austin Starr**, Iowa's **Mike Klitsch** and **Adam Shada**, Ohio State's **Brian Robiskie** and Penn State's **Gerald Cadogan**. Second team honorees went to Illinois' **J Leman** and Purdue's **Jared Armstrong**. Klitsch and Shada earned their second consecutive first-team accolades after being honored last season. To be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must be in at least his second year of athletic eligibility, be a first team or key performer and carry a cumulative 3.20 grade point average.

**Ten Big Ten Teams Finish .500 or Better:** An unprecedented 10 of the 11 Big Ten programs concluded the 2007 campaign at .500 or better. A conference-record eight teams took part in postseason play -- Ohio State (11-2), Illinois (9-4), Michigan (9-4), Penn State (9-4), Wisconsin (9-4), Purdue (8-5), Indiana (7-6) and Michigan State (7-6) -- while Iowa and Northwestern wrapped up their seasons with identical 6-6 marks. Prior to this season, the Big Ten had never produced 10 teams with records of .500 or better in a single year. The conference has ended a season with nine teams at or above .500 on four occasions - 1904, 1903, 1901 and 1900. The last season that eight Big Ten teams finished at .500 or better was in 1999, the first time that feat had been accomplished since the 1960 campaign.

**Five Big Ten Teams with Nine or More Wins for Fourth Time in History:** For just the fourth time in Big Ten annals, five different conference teams compiled nine or victories. With postseason play complete, Ohio State (11-2), Illinois (9-4), Michigan (9-4), Penn State (9-4) and Wisconsin (9-4) all hit or surpassed the nine-win barrier. The last time the Big Ten produced five teams with nine or more wins was during the 2003 campaign, a feat accomplished on only two other occasions -- in 1998 and 1903.

**Big Ten Sets Record with Eight Teams Boasting Seven or More Wins:** For the first time in Big Ten history, eight different conference teams have produced seven or more victories. The conference has boasted seven schools with seven or more victories on multiple occasions, most recently in 2005 when seven teams reached that plateau after bowl competition.

**Record Non-Conference Success:** With bowl play now complete, the Big Ten equaled the modern era record with 38 non-conference wins while also establishing a new Big Ten mark with 35 non-conference wins prior to postseason action. The Big Ten ended the year with a record of 38-14 (.731) outside of the conference to win more than 70 percent of its matchups for just the third time in the last eight seasons. The Big Ten's 38 victories equals the modern era record set during the 2002 season (38-15). In regular-season play only, Big Ten programs produced a record of 35-9 in non-conference outings. The previous conference record for out-of-conference wins was 33 triumphs set prior to postseason play last season (33-12) and in 2002 (33-13). The Big Ten's all-time record for non-conference triumphs occurred when the conference built a 57-3-1 out-of-conference mark in 1905, the sixth straight year with 40 or more non-conference triumphs.

**Rodriguez Named Michigan Head Coach:** On Dec. 17, 2007, Rich Rodriguez was announced as the 18th head coach in Michigan football history. Rodriguez comes to Michigan after spending seven years as head coach at his alma mater, West Virginia, where he led the Mountaineers to a 60-26 record, four Big East titles and six consecutive bowl game bids. Following a 10-2 season when his team won the Big East title and a Bowl Championship Series berth, he was a finalist for the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, which honors the college football coaches who best exemplify responsibility and excellence on and off the field. Rodriguez was the 2003 and 2005 Big East Coach of the Year. Under his guidance, WVU has claimed four of the last five Big East championships and recorded three consecutive seasons (2005-07) of double-digit victories for the first time in school history. Prior to accepting the West Virginia job in 2000, Rodriguez served as offensive coordinator and associate head coach for Tommy Bowden at Clemson in 1999 and 2000. He spent the previous two years as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for Bowden at Tulane. A member of West Virginia's 1981-84 teams, Rodriguez was a three-year letterwinner (1982-84) as a defensive back for coach Don Nehlen, who served as an assistant coach at Michigan for Bo Schembechler from 1977-79.

**Ohio State Claims Third Straight Big Ten Championship:** Ohio State became the first conference team in more than a decade to claim three straight titles by picking up a road win over Michigan to earn the 2007 Big Ten Championship and the conference's automatic berth into the Bowl Championship Series. The Buckeyes clinched three consecutive crowns for the first time since posting six straight titles from 1972-77. OSU is also the first conference program to accomplish the feat since the Wolverines won at least a share of five consecutive championships from 1988-92. Ohio State claimed back-to-back outright titles for the first time since the 1954 and 1955 campaigns, the first conference school to win two straight outright crowns since Michigan in 1991 and 1992. OSU now has 32 Big Ten Championships, which ranks second only to the 42 titles earned by

## BIG TEN PLAYERS ON ACADEMIC AWARDS SCENE

**Draddy Trophy**  
Nation's Top Scholar-Athlete  
**FINALISTS**  
J Leman, ILL  
Mike Klinkenborg, IOWA

**Wuerffel Trophy**  
College player who best  
combines community service  
with academic/athletic  
achievement  
**FINALIST**  
J Leman, ILL

ESPN The Magazine  
**Academic All-Americans**  
**FIRST TEAM**  
Ryan McDonald, ILL  
Austin Starr, IND  
Mike Klinkenborg, IOWA  
Adam Shada, IOWA  
Brian Robiskie, OSU  
Gerald Cadogan, PSU  
**SECOND TEAM**  
J Leman, ILL  
Jared Armstrong, PUR

## 2007 BIG TEN FOOTBALL MVPs

As selected by each institution

Illinois	Rashard Mendenhall, RB*
Indiana	James Hardy, WR
Iowa	Mike Humpal, LB; Albert Young, RB
Michigan	Mike Hart, RB
Michigan State	Javon Ringer, RB
Minnesota	Dom Barber, DB
Northwestern	Adam Kadela, LB; Eric Peterman, WR
Ohio State	James Laurinaitis, LB; Chris Wells, RB
Penn State	Dan Connor
Purdue	Dustin Keller, TE
Wisconsin	Tyler Donovan, QB; Matt Shaughnessy, DE

\* Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner

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the Wolverines. The Buckeyes have won four conference titles in head coach **Jim Tressel's** seven years at the helm and five crowns in the last decade, splitting the title in 1998, 2002 and 2005. Michigan ranks second to Ohio State with four championships in the last 10 years (1998, 2000, 2003, 2004), followed by a pair of first-place finishes for Iowa (2002, 2004) and Wisconsin (1998, 1999) and one title for Northwestern (2000).

**Tressel Joins Rare Coaching Fraternity:** After claiming the 2007 Big Ten Championship, Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** became the first Buckeyes mentor and just the seventh coach in conference annals to produce four titles in their first seven years on campus. The only other Big Ten head coaches to win at least four Big Ten titles in their first seven years include Illinois' Bob Zuppke (four from 1913-19), Michigan's Harry Kipke (four from 1929-35), Bo Schembechler (five from 1969-75) and Fielding Yost (five from 1901-07) and Minnesota's Bernie Bierman (five from 1932-38) and Henry Williams (four from 1900-06). Tressel is also the first coach to lead a team to three straight Big Ten titles since Michigan's Gary Moeller accomplished the feat in his first three seasons from 1990-92. He is only the second Buckeyes' mentor to win three

straight titles along with the legendary Woody Hayes, who produced three straight crowns from 1968-70 before winning at least a share of six straight titles from 1972-77. Tressel rates second among active conference coaches with four Big Ten Championships behind only Michigan's **Lloyd Carr**, who has claimed five titles in his 13 years in Ann Arbor.

**Special Seasons Across the Big Ten:** In addition to Ohio State winning the Big Ten Championship and a record 10 conference teams becoming bowl-eligible, a number of Big Ten programs produced impressive seasons. Below is a breakdown of accomplishments from the Big Ten's eight bowl participants:

**ILLINOIS:** The Fighting Illini produced nine victories in a season for just the second time in the last 18 years. Illinois' 9-4 record marks the most wins for Illinois since earning 10 triumphs on the way to the 2001 Big Ten title. The Illini won only eight total games in the previous four seasons combined.

**INDIANA:** The Hoosiers collected seven wins in a season for the first time since posting an 8-4 mark in 1993, which marked IU's most recent bowl trip.

**MICHIGAN:** For the ninth time in the last 11 seasons, the Wolverines reached the nine-win plateau and also produced at least six Big Ten triumphs for the 10th time in the last 11 years.

**MICHIGAN STATE:** The Spartans cracked the seven-win barrier for the second time in the last eight seasons and earned their first bowl berth since racking up eight wins in 2003 on the way to the Alamo Bowl.

**OHIO STATE:** The Buckeyes compiled double-digit wins for the third straight season and the fifth time in the last six years. The last time OSU racked up three or more consecutive campaigns with 10 or more wins was a four-year stretch from 1995-98.

**PENN STATE:** The Nittany Lions hit the nine-victory mark for the third straight season, the longest streak of success since posting seven consecutive campaigns with nine or more triumphs from 1993-99.

**PURDUE:** The Boilermakers collected at least eight wins for the second straight year for the first time since winning nine games in both 1997 and 1998.

**WISCONSIN:** The Badgers won at least nine games for the fourth year in a row, the longest streak in school history.

**Michigan's Carr Announces Retirement:** Michigan head coach **Lloyd Carr** announced his retirement from coaching after 28 seasons with the Wolverine program. Carr is second to only Bennie Oosterbaan (31 years; 20 years as an assistant and 11 years as head coach) in years of service in Ann Arbor. He coached his 162nd and final game as head coach by leading the Wolverines past Florida in the Capital One Bowl and will now stay on with the Michigan athletic department as an associate athletics director. As head coach, Carr compiled a 122-40 overall record and ends his career ranked sixth among all coaches in Big Ten history with a .753 winning percentage, trailing only Fielding Yost (.833) and Bo Schembechler (.796) of Michigan, Henry Williams (.786) of Minnesota, Fritz Crisler (.769) of both Minnesota and Michigan and Woody Hayes (.761) of Ohio State. Carr has led the Wolverines to six 10-win seasons and trails only Yost (165-29-10) and Schembechler (194-48-5) in career victories at Michigan. Carr is just the eighth coach in conference history to claim five

or more championships. He has been a part of 13 Big Ten Championship teams during his tenure, eight as an assistant and five as head coach (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2004). Carr led the Wolverines to the 1997 national championship, the school's first title in 49 years, with a 21-16 victory over Washington State in the 1998 Rose Bowl.

**Five Million Fan March:** For the third straight season and just the fifth time in Big Ten history, the conference surpassed the five million mark in overall attendance with a total of 5,408,019 fans attending 76 contests this year. The Big Ten's attendance in all games ranks as the second-highest total in conference annals behind only the 2002 campaign, when 5,499,439 patrons passed through the turnstiles. Conference schools averaged 71,158 fans per home contest this season, the second-highest average trailing only the 2005 season (72,566 per game). The Big Ten also broke the three-million barrier in conference games only with 3,143,908 fans attending 44 contests on the year, an average of 71,452 patrons per outing -- the second-highest total and average attendance numbers in Big Ten history behind only the 2005 numbers (3,175,427 total; 72,169 average). Michigan packed 111,941 fans into Michigan Stadium in their regular-season finale on Nov. 17, the second-best attendance in school history behind only the 112,118 patrons who attended the 2003 Ohio State matchup.

**Most Packed Houses Ever:** After producing three more full houses in the final weekend of regular-season action, the Big Ten set a new conference record with 42 sellouts this season. Big Ten schools ended the year with 42 packed houses in 76 games, breaking the previous high of 39 sellouts established in 2004. Indiana produced its first sellout on the year in the regular-season finale against Purdue, which means nine of the conference's 11 schools have now featured at least one packed house this season. Iowa and Michigan also filled their stadiums during the final weekend of regular-season play and sold out every home game during the 2007 campaign, a feat also accomplished by Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin.

**Nation's Best Fans:** Three Big Ten teams stand atop the NCAA rankings for average attendance while six conference programs rate among the top 22 in the country overall, which ranks second to the SEC (7 of top 22) for the national lead. Michigan, Penn State and Ohio State rank first, second and third, respectively, in both total and average attendance. The Wolverines set an NCAA record for single-season attendance with 882,115 fans showing up for eight home outings this year for an average of 110,264 patrons per game. The Nittany Lions ranked second with 762,419 fans in seven home contests (108,917 avg.) while the Buckeyes rated third by welcoming 735,773 patrons for seven outings (105,110 avg.). Other Big Ten schools to appear among the top 22 in average attendance are Wisconsin (15th at 81,747), Iowa (21st at 70,585) and Michigan State (22nd at 70,540). Only 22 schools broke the 70,000 barrier in average attendance this season.

#### RECORD NUMBER OF FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

As the fall term of the 2007-08 school year ended, the Big Ten recognized a total of 175 football student-athletes who have been named to the Academic All-Conference Team, breaking the previous record of 161 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 2007 football honorees, with **Academic All-America selections in bold**, follows:

Jon Asamoah, Antonio James, **J Leman**, **Ryan McDonald**, Rashard Mendenhall, Martin O'Donnell, Doug Pilcher, Anthony Santella, Marques Wilkins, ILL; Trea Burgess, Ben Chappell, Bruce Hampton, Jammie Kirlaw, Joe Kleinsmith, Brad Martin, Alex Perry, Pete Saxon, Josiah Sears, **Austin Starr**, Kevin Trulock, Brian Zematis, IND; Rob Bruggeman, AJ Edds, Bryon Gattas, Brett Greenwood, Mike Humpal, **Mike Klinkenborg**, Matt Kroul, Bryan Mattison, Gavin McGrath, Brett Morse, Jayme Murphy, Daniel Murray, Anton Narinskiy, Daniel Olszta, Mike Sabers, **Adam Shada**, Jeff Tarpinian, Julian Vandervelde, IOWA; Jonathan Conover, Will Johnson, Adam Kraus, Jake Long, Chris McLaurin, Zoltan Mesko, Mark Moundros, Tim North, Austin Panter, Max Pollock, MICH; Ryan Allison, Todd Boleski, Andrew Hawken, Travis Key, John Masters, Jon Misch, Kaleb Thornhill, Blair White, MSU; Tony Brinkhaus, Garrett Brown, RJ Buckner, DJ Burriss, Steve Davis, Eric Decker, Mike Frankberg, John Jakes, Robert McGarry, Todd Meisel, Barrett Moen, Joel Monroe, Steve Moore, Tony Mortenson, Damola Ogundipe, Derrick Onwuachi, Troy Reilly, Marcus Sherels, John Shevlin, Steve Shidell, Jack Simmons, Matt Stommes, Jeff Tow-Arnett, Adam Weber, MINN; C.J. Bachér, Phil Brunner, Corbin Bryant, Kyle Daley, Stefan Demos, Mike Dinard, Dan Dixon, Tim Downing, Adam Hahn, Adam Kadela, Keegan Kennedy, Kurt Mattes, Brendan Mitchell, Eric Peterman, Brad Phillips, Ben Rothrauff, Desmond Taylor, Mark Woodsum, NU; Kirk Barton, Bryant Browning, Jim Cordle, Brett Daly, Todd Denlinger, Dan Dye, Marcus Freeman, Larry Grant, Jackson Haas, Brian Hartline, Ross Homan, Dionte Johnson, Dexter Larimore, James Laurinaitis, David Lisko, Ryan Lukens, Dimitrios Makridis, Ryan Pretorius, **Brian Robiskie**, Jon Skinner, Austin Spittler, Chris Wells, Tyler Whaley, Marcus Williams, OSU; Brett Brackett, **Gerald Cadogan**, Jason Ganter, Joseph Hughes, Joshua Hull, Jeremy Boone, Kevin Kelly, Justin King, Dennis Landolt, Daniel Lawlor, Sean Lee, Jordan Lyons, Christopher Mauriello, Ross Muir, Jordan Norwood, Mark Rubin, Kevin Suhey, Joseph Toriello, Patrick Weber, PSU; Kyle Adams, **Jared Armstrong**, Ryan Baker, Dan Bick, Joey Elliott, Jermaine Guynn, Andy Huffman, Aaron Lane, Garret Miller, Zach Smith, Jake Standeford, Chris Summers, Neal Tull, Jason Werner, PUR; Jake Bscherer, Gabe Carimi, Andy Crooks, Kirk DeCremer, Allan Evridge, Ryan Flasch, Xavier Harris, Will Hartmann, Casey Hogan, Tyler Holland, Andy Kemp, Ben Landgraf, Sean Lewis, Bill Nagy, Chris Pressley, Ben Strickland, Luke Swan, Mickey Turner, Jay Valai, WIS.

### Three Big Ten Standouts Hit Single-Season

**Records:** Iowa punter **Ryan Donahue**, Michigan State kick returner **Devin Thomas** and Purdue quarterback **Curtis Painter** all set or equaled Big Ten single-season records with their performances in 2007. Donahue recorded 86 punts to break the single-season record of 85 boots shared by Illinois' Terry Masar (1971) and the Hawkeyes' Dave Holsclaw (1978). Thomas ended the year with 1,135 kickoff return yards after racking up 178 yards in the Champs Sports Bowl. He surpassed the Boilermakers' **Dorien Bryant**, who became the first Big Ten player to surpass the 1,000-yard mark in kickoff return yardage just two days earlier when he produced 66 yards in the Motor City Bowl to end his final season with 1,007 yards. The previous Big Ten record holder was Iowa's Earl Douthitt, who collected 994 kickoff return yards in 1973. Also in the Motor City Bowl, Painter threw 54 passes to boost his season total to 569 attempts, equalling the Big Ten single-season mark set by fellow-Boilermaker Drew Brees in 1998. The complete list of players appearing among the top 10 Big Ten single-season records appears on page 13 of this release.

**Standing Among the Big Ten's Best:** Four Big Ten student-athletes wrapped up their college careers among the conference's top 10 career leaders in various statistical categories. Michigan quarterback **Chad Henne** completed his collegiate career by completing 25-of-39 passes for 373 yards and three touchdowns in the Capital One Bowl victory over Florida and appears in six different areas. He ranks among the top five in career touchdown passes (2nd with 87), completions (3rd with 828), attempts (3rd with 1,387) and yards (5th with 9,715) and among the top 10 in total offensive plays (6th with 1,567) and yards (6th with 9,400). Joining Henne in the Wolverines backfield for the last four seasons was running back **Mike Hart**, who posted 129 yards on 32 carries in the Capital One Bowl to become just the fourth player in Big Ten annals to surpass 5,000 rushing yards and 1,000 rushing attempts. Hart ends his college career with 5,040 yards, to rank behind only Wisconsin Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne (7,125 yards from 1996-99), Ohio State two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin (5,589 from 1972-75) and Indiana's Anthony Thompson (5,299 from 1986-89). Hart also collected 1,015 attempts to rate behind Dayne (1,220 attempts), Thompson (1,161) and Michigan State's Lorenzo White (1,082 from 1984-87). Two wideouts wrapped up their college careers among the Big Ten career receiving leaders in Purdue's **Dorien Bryant** and Indiana's **James Hardy**. Bryant ends his four-year stint in West Lafayette rated second with 292 career receptions, trailing only fellow Boilermaker Taylor Stubblefield (325 from 2001-04), and also became only the fourth pass catcher in Big Ten annals to surpass 3,500 receiving yards. Bryant's final total of 3,544 yards through the air ranks third in conference annals among a group that includes Purdue's John Standeford (3,788 from 2000-03), Stubblefield (3,629 from 2001-04) and Michigan's Braylon Edwards (3,541 from 2001-04). In only three seasons in Bloomington, Hardy hauled in 36 career touchdown passes to rank third behind only the Michigan duo of Edwards (39 from 2001-04) and Anthony Carter (37 from 1979-82).

**Painter Ready to Chase Records in 2008:** In addition to the standouts noted above, Purdue signal caller **Curtis Painter** cracked the top 10 in two more areas following an outstanding bowl performance and will enter his senior season among the top 10 in four offensive categories. Painter completed 35-of-54 passes for a career-high and school record 546 yards, the third-highest total in Big Ten history, and three touchdowns to lead the Boilermakers to a Motor City Bowl victory. The junior's 546-yard effort trails only the performances by Illinois' Dave Wilson (621 yards at Ohio State in 1980) and Iowa's Chuck Hartlieb (558 yards at Indiana in 1988) in conference annals and broke the school record of 522 yards shared by Drew Brees (1998 vs. Minnesota) and Kyle Orton (2004 vs. Indiana), which now ranks fourth overall. Painter, who entered bowl season already ranked among the Big Ten's top 10 career leaders in passing attempts and completions, cracked the conference's top 10 in passing yards and total offensive yards. The Boilermakers quarterback will enter his senior season with 8,763 passing yards (9th in Big Ten history), 1,269 attempts (7th), 760 completions (9th) and 9,137 total offensive yards (7th). He is also near the top 10 with 1,421 total offensive plays and 54 touchdown passes.

### BIG TEN CENTURY CLUB

<u>Coach, Team</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Record</u>
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 Zupke, ILL	29	131-81-13
<b>Joe Paterno, PSU*</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>125-58-0</b>
<b>Lloyd Carr, MICH</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>122-40-0</b>
Barry Alvarez, WIS	16	118-73-4
John Cooper, OSU	13	111-43-4
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	109-69-5

\* Record while member of Big Ten only

**Paterno and Carr in Big Ten Century Club:** Penn State's **Joe Paterno** and Michigan's **Lloyd Carr** both picked up bowl wins this season and remain two of only 12 coaches with 100 or more wins at a Big Ten school. Both coaches collected nine wins this season to move past current Wisconsin Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez, who wrapped up his 16-year coaching tenure in Madison following the 2005 campaign with a record of 118-73-4. Paterno has built a mark of 125-58 since the Nittany Lions joined the conference in 1993 to rank eighth, just six wins shy of Illinois' Robert Zupke (131-81-13) for seventh place. Carr rates just below Paterno with a record of 122-40 in his 13 seasons in Ann Arbor.

**Big Ten Individual Leaders . . . :** The conference crowned new statistical champions for conference games only in all categories appearing in the

records book. Michigan State and Ohio State led the way with a pair of statistical champions. For the Spartans, wide receiver **Devin Thomas** topped the Big Ten with 7.38 receptions per game while running back **Jehuu Caulcrick** led the conference with 11.2 points per outing. Thomas hauled in 7.38 passes per game to become the first MSU wideout to rank first in catches per contests since 1978, when Kirk Gibson stood atop the charts with 3.8 receptions per game. Caulcrick tallied 15 touchdowns in eight conference games for an average of 11.2 points per contest. He is the first Spartan to lead the Big Ten in scoring since kicker Dave Rayner rated first with 10.4 points per outing in 2004 and the first non-kicker from MSU to lead the conference in points since running back Sedrick Irvin topped all players with 11.3 points per game in 1996. For the Buckeyes, running back **Chris Wells** produced a conference-best 140.2 rushing yards per outing while quarterback **Todd Boeckman** ranked first with a 143.0 pass efficiency rating in Big Ten games only. Wells is the first OSU stand-out to lead the conference in rushing since Keith Byars topped the charts in back-to-back seasons from 1983-84. Ohio State produced the Big Ten's most efficient passer for the third straight year after Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith stood atop the charts at the end of the 2005 and 2006 campaigns. Northwestern quarterback **C.J. Bachér** led the Big Ten with 302.2 yards of total offense per contest, the second Wildcat signal caller to rank first in the last three years along with Brett Basanez, who appeared first in 2005. Michigan wide receiver **Mario Manningham** topped the conference with 109.8 receiving yards per game, the first Wolverine to rate first in that category since Braylon Edwards in 2004. Minnesota punter **Justin Kucek** averaged a conference-high 43.6 yards per punt to become the first Gopher to lead the way in punting since Adam Kelly in 1984.

**. . . and Team Leaders:** In the team statistics, Big Ten Champion Ohio State dominated the defensive side of the ball by leading the conference in all four major statistical categories -- total, scoring, rushing and passing defense. The Buckeyes topped the Big Ten by allowing only 236.1 total yards, 12.9 points, 66.8 rushing yards and 169.4 passing yards per outing this season. OSU has now led the conference in all four major defensive categories twice in the last three years after accomplishing the feat in 2005. Prior to the last three seasons, the last Big Ten team to rank first in all four areas was Michigan in 2001. Ohio State has now led the Big Ten in scoring defense for three straight years and the sixth time in the last eight seasons. OSU also continued its dominance in the category of total defense, leading the way for a third straight season and a sixth time in the last eight campaigns. By only allowing 236.1 yards of total offense per game, the Buckeyes boasted the stingiest defense since the 1997 Michigan team limited offenses to 193.0 yards per contest on the way to an undefeated season and the national championship. OSU also ranked first in rushing and passing defense for the second time in the last three seasons. On the offensive side of the ball, Michigan State led the Big Ten with 34.8 points and 431.1 yards of total offense per game this season. The last time the Spartans topped the conference in both categories was following the 2004 campaign. On the ground, Illinois ranked first with 262.0 rushing yards per game to lead the Big Ten in that category for the first time since 1953. Through the air, Northwestern stood atop the Big Ten charts with 310.6 passing yards per contest to rank first for the second time in three seasons.

# BIG TEN ANNOUNCES 2007 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

*Ohio State's Laurinaitis and Gholston Named Defensive Player and Lineman of the Year, respectively; Illinois' Mendenhall, Benn and Zook Sweep Offensive Player, Freshman and Coach of the Year Honors; Michigan's Long Repeats as Offensive Lineman of the Year*

The Big Ten announced the 2007 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners on Nov. 19 as selected by the coaches and a media panel. After leading Ohio State to a third straight conference title for the first time since 1977, linebacker **James Laurinaitis** was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year by both the coaches and media while defensive end **Vernon Gholston** was honored as the Defensive Lineman of the Year by the coaches. Michigan offensive tackle **Jake Long** became the first Big Ten stand-out to earn back-to-back Offensive Lineman of the Year laurels since 1996 after leading the Wolverines to a second-place finish in the conference standings. Illinois tied Michigan for second in the Big Ten standings and racked up nine overall wins, an improvement of seven triumphs over last season, to sweep the remaining individual honors. The coaches and media selected running back **Rashard Mendenhall** as the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and chose wide receiver **Arrelious Benn** as the Freshman of the Year while **Ron Zook** was the media's pick as the Dave McClain Coach of the Year.

After earning consensus All-America honors last season, Laurinaitis returned to Columbus to spearhead a Buckeyes defense which led the Big Ten in total, rushing, passing and scoring defense during conference play. The Big Ten's preseason Defensive Player of the Year boosted the Buckeyes to a third straight championship for the first time since the 1977 season and back-to-back outright titles for the first time since 1954 and 1955. In all games, the junior linebacker led Ohio State with 103 tackles while also collecting 8.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, two interceptions and a fumble recovery in 12 games. Laurinaitis is the third Buckeye in the past five years to be named Defensive Player of the Year by both the coaches and the media along with A.J. Hawk in 2005 and Will Smith in 2003. Laurinaitis, the reigning Nagurski Trophy winner as the nation's top defender, is a finalist for the Butkus Award and Nagurski Trophy and a semifinalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year, Bednarik and Lombardi Awards.

Gholston led the Big Ten with 10.0 sacks during conference play to become the fifth Buckeye to nab Defensive Lineman of the Year laurels and the first since Smith was honored in 2003. In all games, the junior defensive end ranked second in the conference and sixth nationally with 13.0 sacks to equal the school single-season record set by Mike Vrabel in 1995, when he won the first of two straight Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year awards. Gholston was part of a pass-rushing unit which tied for second in the Big Ten and fourth nationally with 42 sacks on the season. OSU currently tops the country in all games by allowing only 10.7 points, 225.2 yards of total offense and 148.2 yards of passing offense per game while ranking third nationally by giving up only 77.1 rushing yards per outing.

Long becomes just the fourth standout in conference history to collect back-to-back Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year accolades, a prestigious group that includes Ohio State's Orlando Pace (1995-96) and Corey Stringer (1993-94) and Michigan State's Tony Mandarich (1987-88). The senior offensive tackle gives the Wolverines three Offensive Lineman of the Year awards in the last four seasons, as David Baas 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).

Mendenhall shattered the Illinois school single-season records for rushing yards and touchdowns to become the first Fighting Illini standout to be named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year. The junior running back led the Big Ten with 1,526 rushing yards in all games this season to surpass the school's single-season record of 1,330 yards set by Antoino Harris in 2002. Mendenhall

added 16 rushing scores to break the previous program-high of 15 touchdowns established by Howard Griffith in 1990. Illinois ranked sixth in the country with 266.2 rushing yards per contest. In conference games only, the Illini led the Big Ten in rushing for the first time since 1953 with 262.0 yards per outing. Mendenhall is a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award, given to the nation's top player, and the Doak Walker Award, earned by the country's top running back.

Benn becomes Illinois' first offensive player to earn Freshman of the Year accolades and the second Illini to be so honored along with defensive end Simeon Rice, who picked up the award from the media only in 1992. The freshman wide receiver leads the team with 49 receptions and 596 receiving yards and 235 kickoff return yards, including a 90-yard touchdown sprint against Penn State. Benn has established new Illinois freshman records in both receptions and receiving yards, breaking the previous high of 511 yards by Brandon Lloyd in 1999 and 43 catches by Ty Douthard in 1993.

In his third-year in Champaign, Zook became the fourth Illinois mentor to earn Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after guiding the program to a seven-win improvement over last season, the largest turnaround in the nation. After winning only two games last year, Zook led the Fighting Illini to a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a 9-3 overall record, the school's first season with nine or more triumphs since producing 10 victories in 2001. In fact, Illinois' nine wins this season surpasses the program's combined total of eight victories over the last four seasons. Zook's seven-win improvement over a year ago leads the country, followed by current five-win improvements for Air Force, Connecticut and Kansas. Zook joins former Illini mentors Ron Turner (2001), John Mackovic (1988, 1989) and Mike White (1983) as Big Ten Coach of the Year honorees.

Overall, there are 21 individuals repeating as members of the All-Big Ten first or second team from a year ago, including seven first-team selections from 2006 who are on this year's first team - Illinois' **J Leman**, Michigan's **Adam Kraus**, Long and **Mario Manningham**, Ohio State's **Malcolm Jenkins** and Laurinaitis and Wisconsin's **Jack Ikegwuonu**.

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 Leman of Illinois, **Josiah Sears** of Indiana, **Tom Busch** of Iowa, **Chad Henne** of Michigan, **Javon Ringer** of Michigan State, **Amir Pinnix** of Minnesota, **Tonjua (T.J.) Jones** of Northwestern, **Brian Hartline** of Ohio State, **Anthony Morelli** of Penn State, **Jaycen Taylor** of Purdue and **Luke Swan** 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 2007 All-Big Ten Teams and individual honors follows.

**2007 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team**  
**As selected by CONFERENCE COACHES**  
**(Players in ALL CAPS have 2008 eligibility)**

**FIRST TEAM**

Chad Henne, Michigan  
 RASHARD MENDENHALL, Illinois  
 CHRIS "BEANIE" WELLS, Ohio State  
 James Hardy, Indiana  
 MARIO MANNINGHAM, Michigan  
 A.Q. SHIPLEY, Penn State  
 Martin O'Donnell, Illinois  
 Adam Kraus, Michigan  
 Jake Long, Michigan  
 Kirk Barton, Ohio State  
 TRAVIS BECKUM, Wisconsin  
 Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin

**OFFENSE**

Quarterback  
 Running Back  
 Running Back  
 Receiver  
 Receiver  
 Center  
 Guard  
 Guard  
 Tackle  
 Tackle  
 Tight End  
 Kicker

**SECOND TEAM**

KELLEN LEWIS, Indiana  
 Mike Hart, Michigan  
 JAVON RINGER, Michigan State  
 Devin Thomas, Michigan State  
 Dorien Bryant, Purdue  
 RYAN MCDONALD, Illinois  
 RICH OHRNBERGER, Penn State  
 KRAIG URBK, Wisconsin  
 XAVIER FULTON, Illinois  
 ALEX BOONE, Ohio State  
 Dustin Keller, Purdue  
 AUSTIN STARR, Indiana

**FIRST TEAM**

GREG MIDDLETON, Indiana  
 MITCH KING, Iowa  
 VERNON GHOLSTON, Ohio State  
 MAURICE EVANS, Penn State  
 J Leman, Illinois  
 JAMES LAURINAITIS, Ohio State  
 Dan Connor, Penn State  
 VONTAE DAVIS, Illinois  
 MALCOLM JENKINS, Ohio State  
 JUSTIN KING, Penn State  
 JACK IKEGWUONU, Wisconsin  
 JEREMY BOONE, Penn State

**DEFENSE**

Line  
 Line  
 Line  
 Line  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Punter

**SECOND TEAM**

TERRANCE TAYLOR, Michigan  
 Jonal Saint-Dic, Michigan State  
 Cliff Avril, Purdue  
 MATT SHAUGHNESSY, Wisconsin  
 Shawn Crable, Michigan  
 MARCUS FREEMAN, Ohio State  
 SEAN LEE, Penn State  
 Tracy Porter, Indiana  
 Charles Godfrey, Iowa  
 Jamar Adams, Michigan  
 Dominique Barber, Minnesota  
 Ken DeBauche, Wisconsin

**HONORABLE MENTION:** ILLINOIS: WILL DAVIS, Kevin Mitchell, Chris Norwell, Jason Reda, ISIAH "JUICE" WILLIAMS; INDIANA: John Sandberg; IOWA: RYAN DONAHUE, RAFAEL EUBANKS, Mike Humpal, Ken Iwebema, Bryan Mattison, SETH OLSEN, Albert Young; MICHIGAN: JUSTIN BOREN, Brandent Englemon, Morgan Trent; MICHIGAN STATE: Ervin Baldwin, Jehuu Caulcrick, Kellen Davis; MINNESOTA: JUSTIN KUCEK; NORTHWESTERN: JOHN GILL, Adam Kadela, Trevor Rees, TYRELL SUTTON; OHIO STATE: TODD BOECKMAN, KURT COLEMAN, BRIAN ROBISKIE, ANDERSON RUSSELL, A.J. TRAPASSO, DONALD WASHINGTON; PENN STATE: GERALD CADOGAN, JOSH GAINES, ANTHONY SCIRROTTO; PURDUE: ANTHONY HEYGOOD, CURTIS PAINTER, SEAN SESTER, Terrell Vinson; WISCONSIN: SHANE CARTER, JONATHAN CASILLAS, Marcus Coleman, Tyler Donovan, Nick Hayden, Paul Hubbard.

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

RASHARD MENDENHALL, Illinois

**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:**

Jake Long, Michigan

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

JAMES LAURINAITIS, Ohio State

**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:**

VERNON GHOLSTON, Ohio State

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**

ARRELIOUS BENN, Illinois

**Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honorees:** J Leman, ILL; Josiah Sears, IND; Tom Busch, IOWA; Chad Henne, MICH; JAVON RINGER, MSU; Amir Pinnix, MINN; Tonjua (T.J.) Jones, NU; BRIAN HARTLINE, OSU; Anthony Morelli, PSU; JAYCEN TAYLOR, PUR; Luke Swan, WIS.

2007 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team  
**As selected by CONFERENCE MEDIA**  
**(Players in ALL CAPS have 2008 eligibility)**

**FIRST TEAM**

TODD BOECKMAN, Ohio State  
 RASHARD MENDENHALL, Illinois  
 CHRIS "BEANIE" WELLS, Ohio State  
 James Hardy, Indiana  
 MARIO MANNINGHAM, Michigan  
 Marcus Coleman, Wisconsin  
 Martin O'Donnell, Illinois  
 Adam Kraus, Michigan  
 Jake Long, Michigan  
 Kirk Barton, Ohio State  
 TRAVIS BECKUM, Wisconsin  
 AUSTIN STARR, Indiana

**OFFENSE**

Quarterback  
 Running Back  
 Running Back  
 Receiver  
 Receiver  
 Center  
 Guard  
 Guard  
 Tackle  
 Tackle  
 Tight End  
 Kicker

**SECOND TEAM**

KELLEN LEWIS, Indiana  
 Mike Hart, Michigan  
 JAVON RINGER, Michigan State  
 Devin Thomas, Michigan State  
 Dorien Bryant, Purdue  
 RYAN MCDONALD, Illinois  
 RICH OHRNBERGER, Penn State  
 KRAIG URBIK, Wisconsin  
 Pete Clifford, Michigan State  
 ALEX BOONE, Ohio State  
 Dustin Keller, Purdue  
 Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin

**FIRST TEAM**

GREG MIDDLETON, Indiana  
 Jonal Saint-Dic, Michigan State  
 VERNON GHOLSTON, Ohio State  
 MAURICE EVANS, Penn State  
 J Leman, Illinois  
 JAMES LAURINAITIS, Ohio State  
 Dan Connor, Penn State  
 Tracy Porter, Indiana  
 MALCOLM JENKINS, Ohio State  
 JUSTIN KING, Penn State  
 JACK IKEGWUONU, Wisconsin  
 JEREMY BOONE, Penn State

**DEFENSE**

Line  
 Line  
 Line  
 Line  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Punter

**SECOND TEAM**

WILL DAVIS, Illinois  
 MITCH KING, Iowa  
 Bryan Mattison, Iowa  
 MATT SHAUGHNESSY, Wisconsin  
 Mike Humpal, Iowa  
 Shawn Crable, Michigan  
 SEAN LEE, Penn State  
 VONTAE DAVIS, Illinois  
 Jamar Adams, Michigan  
 Dominique Barber, Minnesota  
 Terrell Vinson, Purdue  
 JUSTIN KUCEK, Minnesota

**HONORABLE MENTION:** ILLINOIS: XAVIER FULTON, Kevin Mitchell, Chris Norwell, Jason Reda, ISIAH "JUICE" WILLIAMS; INDIANA: John Sandberg, AUSTIN THOMAS; IOWA: RYAN DONAHUE, Charles Godfrey, Mike Klinkenborg, MATT KROUL, Adam Shada, Albert Young; MICHIGAN: JUSTIN BOREN, Brandent Englemon, Chris Graham, Tim Jamison, Will Johnson, TERRANCE TAYLOR; MICHIGAN STATE: Ervin Baldwin, Kellen Davis, BRIAN HOYER, Travis Key; MINNESOTA: Tony Brinkhaus, Steve Shidell; NORTHWESTERN: C.J. BACHÉ, JOHN GILL, Adam Kadela, Trevor Rees; OHIO STATE: KURT COLEMAN, MARCUS FREEMAN, RYAN PRETORIUS, BRIAN ROBISKIE, ANDERSON RUSSELL, A.J. TRAPASSO; PENN STATE: GERALD CADOGAN, JOSH GAINES, KEVIN KELLY, Rodney Kinlaw, ANTHONY SCIRROTTO, A.Q. SHIPLEY; PURDUE: Cliff Avril, Jordan Grimes, CURTIS PAINTER, Robbie Powell, SEAN SESTER; WISCONSIN: SHANE CARTER, JONATHAN CASILLAS, Ken DeBauche, Tyler Donovan, Nick Hayden, P.J. HILL.

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

RASHARD MENDENHALL, Illinois

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

JAMES LAURINAITIS, Ohio State

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**

ARRELIUS BENN, Illinois

**DAVE McCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR:**

Ron Zook, Illinois

**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
<b>Lloyd Carr, MICH</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1995-2007</b>	<b>122-40-0</b>	<b>.753</b>
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
<b>Joe Paterno, PSU</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1993-</b>	<b>125-58-0</b>	<b>.683</b>
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
<b>Joe Tiller, PUR</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1997-</b>	<b>83-54-0</b>	<b>.606</b>
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
<b>Current Coaches Nearing 10th Year:</b>				
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	9	1999-	61-49	.555

**BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
Ron Zook, ILL	36-37 (6)	13-23 (3)	7-17
Bill Lynch, IND	88-73-3 (15)	7-6 (1)	3-5
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	73-70 (12)	61-49 (9)	38-34
Lloyd Carr, MICH	122-40 (13)	122-40 (13)	81-23
Mark Dantonio, MSU	25-23 (4)	7-6 (1)	3-5
Tim Brewster, MINN	1-11 (1)	1-11 (1)	0-8
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	10-14 (2)	10-14 (2)	5-11
Jim Tressel, OSU	208-73-2 (22)	73-16 (7)	45-11
Joe Paterno, PSU	372-125-3 (42)	372-125-3 (42)	73-47
Joe Tiller, PUR	122-84-1 (17)	83-54 (11)	51-37
Bret Bielema, WIS	21-5 (2)	21-5 (2)	12-4

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

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	WIS
Preseason	-/-	-/-	-/rv	5/5	-/-	-/-	-/-	11/10	17/18	rv/-	7/7
Sept. 4	-/-	-/-	-/rv	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	12/11	14/15	-/-	5/5
Sept. 9	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	10/10	12/12	rv/rv	7/7
Sept. 16	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	8/9	10/10	rv/rv	9/7
Sept. 23	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv/-	rv/rv/rv	rv/23/25	-/rv	-/rv	8/8/7	21/19/19	rv/25/rv	9/9/9
Sept. 30	rv/rv/rv	-/rv/rv	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/25	-/rv	-/rv	4/4/4	rv/rv/rv	23/20/20	5/5/5
Oct. 7	18/19/19	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	-/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	3/3/3	rv/rv/rv	rv/24/24	19/15/15
Oct. 14	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	24/rv/25	-/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	1/1/1	rv/25/rv	-/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv
Oct. 21	-/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	19/21/21	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	1/1/1	24/22/22	rv/rv/rv	rv/25/rv
Oct. 28	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	15/14/15	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv	rv/19/21
Nov. 4	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	13/13/15	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	1/1/1	rv/25/rv	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv
Nov. 11	20/21/20	-/rv	-/rv	23/23/22	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	7/7/7	rv/22/25	-/rv	24/24/23
Nov. 18	18/18/18	-/rv	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	5/5/5	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	22/20/20
Nov. 25	15/14/14	-/rv	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	3/3/3	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	19/16/16
Dec. 2	13/13/13	-/rv	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	1/1/1	rv/rv/rv	-/rv	18/15/15
FINAL	20/18	-/rv	-/rv	18/19	-/rv	-/rv	-/rv	5/4	rv/25	-/rv	24/21

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NOTE: Harris Poll first released on Sept. 23; final release on Dec. 2

**BIG TEN NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS IN 2007-08**

(Number in parenthesis indicates total times that a Big Ten team will face an opponent from conference.)

<b>Colonial Athletic Assoc. (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Northeastern (1)	1-0
<b>ACC (2)</b>	<b>0-2</b>
*Boston College (1)	0-1
Duke (1)	0-1
<b>Big 12 (4)</b>	<b>1-3</b>
Iowa State (1)	0-1
Missouri (1)	0-1
*Oklahoma State (1)	0-1
*Texas A&M (1)	1-0
<b>Big East (3)</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Pittsburgh (1)	1-0
Syracuse (2)	2-0
<b>Conference USA (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
UAB (1)	1-0
<b>Gateway (3)</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Indiana State (1)	1-0
Western Illinois (1)	1-0
Youngstown State (1)	1-0
<b>Great West (1)</b>	<b>0-1</b>
North Dakota State (1)	0-1
<b>Mid-American (19)</b>	<b>17-2</b>
Akron (2)	2-0
Ball State (2)	2-0
Bowling Green (2)	1-1
Buffalo (1)	1-0
*Central Michigan (2)	2-0
Eastern Michigan (2)	2-0
Kent State (1)	1-0
Miami (Ohio) (1)	1-0
Northern Illinois (2)	2-0
Temple (1)	1-0
Toledo (1)	1-0
Western Michigan (2)	1-1
<b>Mountain West (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
UNLV (1)	1-0
<b>Ohio Valley (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Eastern Illinois (1)	1-0
<b>Pac-10 (4)</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Oregon (1)	0-1
*USC (1)	0-1
Washington (1)	1-0
Washington State (1)	1-0
<b>SEC (3)</b>	<b>1-2</b>
*Florida (1)	1-0
*LSU (1)	0-1
*Tennessee (1)	0-1
<b>Southern (2)</b>	<b>1-1</b>
Appalachian State (1)	0-1
The Citadel (1)	1-0
<b>Sun Belt (2)</b>	<b>1-1</b>
Florida Atlantic (1)	0-1
Florida International (1)	1-0
<b>WAC (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Nevada (1)	1-0
<b>Independent (4)</b>	<b>4-0</b>
Notre Dame (4)	4-0
<b>Total (52)</b>	<b>38-14 (.731)</b>
<b>Bowl (8)</b>	<b>3-5 (.375)</b>
* indicates bowl opponent	

## ASSOCIATED PRESS -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. LSU (60)	12-2	1620	2
2. Georgia (3)	11-2	1515	4
3. USC (1)	11-2	1500	6
4. Missouri	12-2	1347	7
5. Ohio State	11-2	1346	1
6. West Virginia	11-2	1342	11
7. Kansas (1)	12-1	1303	8
8. Oklahoma	11-3	1139	3
9. Virginia Tech	11-3	1096	5
10. Texas	10-3	962	17
10. Boston College	11-3	962	14
12. Tennessee	10-4	904	16
13. Florida	9-4	685	9
14. Brigham Young	11-2	654	19
15. Auburn	9-4	648	22
16. Arizona State	10-3	587	12
17. Cincinnati	10-3	566	20
18. Michigan	9-4	508	NR
19. Hawaii	12-1	460	10
20. Illinois	9-4	443	13
21. Clemson	9-4	353	15
22. Texas Tech	9-4	308	NR
23. Oregon	9-4	253	NR
24. Wisconsin	9-4	202	18
25. Oregon State	9-4	110	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Virginia 66, Penn State 61, Kentucky 57, Wake Forest 53, Boise State 25, Arkansas 13, Utah 9, Mississippi State 7, Appalachian State 5, South Florida 5, Tulsa 4, Connecticut 3, Air Force 2, Rutgers 2.

## USA TODAY -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. LSU (60)	12-2	1500	2
2. USC	11-2	1380	6
3. Georgia	11-2	1370	4
4. Ohio State	11-2	1287	1
5. Missouri	12-2	1241	7
6. West Virginia	11-2	1239	9
7. Kansas	12-1	1217	8
8. Oklahoma	11-3	1016	3
9. Virginia Tech	11-3	979	5
10. Texas	10-3	924	17
11. Boston College	11-3	898	14
12. Tennessee	10-4	826	18
13. Arizona State	10-3	635	11
14. Auburn	9-4	624	21
14. Brigham Young	11-2	624	19
16. Florida	9-4	567	12
17. Hawaii	12-1	427	10
18. Illinois	9-4	416	13
19. Michigan	9-4	413	NR
20. Cincinnati	10-3	376	23
21. Wisconsin	9-4	333	15
22. Clemson	9-4	319	16
23. Texas Tech	9-4	242	NR
24. Oregon	9-4	192	NR
25. Penn State	9-4	127	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Oregon State 108, Virginia 71, Wake Forest 53, Boise State 33, Fresno State 11, Kentucky 11, California 8, Connecticut 8, Mississippi State 7, South Florida 6, Tulsa 5, UCF 4, Utah 2, Arkansas 1.

## HARRIS INTERACTIVE -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Ohio State (98)	11-1	2,813	3
2. LSU (7)	11-2	2,630	5
3. Oklahoma (6)	11-2	2,520	8
4. Georgia (1)	10-2	2,469	4
5. USC	10-2	2,346	9
6. Virginia Tech (1)	11-2	2,345	7
7. Missouri	11-2	2,117	1
8. Kansas	11-1	2,092	6
9. West Virginia	10-2	1,924	2
10. Hawaii (1)	12-0	1,903	10
11. Florida	9-3	1,786	11
12. Arizona State	10-2	1,628	13
13. Illinois	9-3	1,400	14
14. Boston College	10-3	1,124	12
15. Wisconsin	9-3	1,079	16
16. Clemson	9-3	1,041	18
17. Texas	9-3	983	17
18. BYU	10-2	912	20
19. Tennessee	9-4	870	15
20. Cincinnati	9-3	580	21
21. Virginia	9-3	551	23
22. Boise State	10-2	541	22
23. Auburn	8-4	448	24
24. South Florida	9-3	362	25
25. Arkansas	8-4	129	NR

Other teams receiving votes: Oregon 125; Air Force 75; Texas Tech 72; Connecticut 52; Oregon State 39; Central Florida 38; Michigan 35; Penn State 11; Kentucky 3; Navy 3; Wake Forest 2; Bowling Green 1; Pittsburgh 1

## 2007 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 (11-1)	1	0.9870	1	0.9793	3	0.910	0.9588	3
2.	LSU (11-2)	2	0.9228	2	0.9453	2	0.950	0.9394	7
3.	Virginia Tech (11-2)	6	0.8228	5	0.8280	1	0.960	0.8703	6
4.	Oklahoma (11-2)	3	0.8842	3	0.8873	T-6	0.800	0.8572	9
5.	Georgia (10-2)	4	0.8663	4	0.8513	T-6	0.800	0.8392	4
6.	Missouri (11-2)	7	0.7428	7	0.7360	4	0.850	0.7763	1
7.	USC (10-2)	5	0.8232	6	0.8180	9	0.650	0.7637	8
8.	Kansas (11-1)	8	0.7340	8	0.7327	5	0.810	0.7589	5
9.	West Virginia (10-2)	9	0.6751	9	0.6733	10	0.640	0.6628	2
10.	Hawaii (12-0)	10	0.6677	10	0.6627	12	0.610	0.6468	12
11.	Arizona State (10-2)	12	0.5712	11	0.6000	8	0.690	0.6204	13
12.	Florida (9-3)	11	0.6267	12	0.5933	11	0.620	0.6133	10
13.	Illinois (9-3)	13	0.4912	13	0.4980	16	0.390	0.4597	15
14.	Boston College (10-3)	14	0.3944	14	0.4113	13	0.570	0.4586	11
15.	Clemson (9-3)	16	0.3653	16	0.3780	15	0.410	0.3844	16
16.	Tennessee (9-4)	19	0.3053	18	0.3200	17	0.350	0.3251	14
17.	BYU (10-2)	18	0.3200	19	0.3080	19	0.280	0.3027	19
18.	Wisconsin (9-3)	15	0.3786	15	0.3960	24	0.100	0.2915	18
19.	Texas (9-3)	17	0.3449	17	0.3320	25	0.080	0.2523	20
20.	Virginia (9-3)	21	0.1933	20	0.2213	18	0.290	0.2349	22
21.	South Florida (9-3)	24	0.1270	25	0.0767	14	0.430	0.2112	21
22.	Cincinnati (9-3)	20	0.2035	23	0.1433	T-20	0.190	0.1789	23
23.	Auburn (8-4)	23	0.1572	21	0.1927	23	0.120	0.1566	24
24.	Boise State (10-2)	22	0.1898	22	0.1640	NR	0.000	0.1179	25
25.	Connecticut (9-3)	29	0.0182	T-28	0.0153	T-20	0.190	0.0745	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 1500 possible points in the USA Today Poll. Teams are assigned an inverse point total (25 for No. 1, 24 for No. 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 No. 1 ranking, the second highest receives No. 2, and so forth.

## 2007 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3

**O: Jehuu Caulcrick, MSU:** In just one half, averaged 9.3 yards per carry and scored a career-best four TDs against UAB; Racked up 93 yards on 10 carries and his four TDs tied for the second-best single-game total in school history.

**O: Tyler Donovan, WIS:** Set career highs with 19 completions, 29 attempts and three TDs while compiling 284 passing yards and a rushing score vs. Washington St.

**D: Sean Lee, PSU:** In less than three quarters, totaled seven tackles (all solo), a forced fumble, a PBU and two TFLs, including a sack, in a shutout over Florida International, PSU's third shutout in the last six games.

**S: Dorien Bryant, PUR:** Returned a pair of kickoffs for 151 yards, including a 91-yard TD, in a road win at Toledo.

Sept. 10

**O: Adam Weber, MINN:** Set Minnesota freshman records with 368 yards of total offense and four passing touchdowns to lead Gophers to a triple-overtime victory over Miami (Ohio); Completed 26-of-40 passes (65.0 pct) for 271 yards with four TDs while adding 16 rushes for 97 yards and another TD.

**O: Curtis Painter, PUR:** Set or matched career highs with 38 completions, 49 attempts, 77.6 completion percentage and six TD passes while compiling 348 passing yards in win over Eastern Illinois; Six passing scores equaled a school record and matched the second-highest single-game total in Big Ten history.

**D: Dan Connor, PSU:** Game-high 12 tackles (eight solo), a PBU and 2.5 TFLs, including an 11-yard sack, to help hold Notre Dame to three offensive points.

**S: Kenny Iwebema, IOWA:** Equaled his own school record by blocking two field goals in a shutout victory over Syracuse.

Sept. 17

**O: Kellen Lewis, IND:** Accounted for five touchdowns in victory over Akron and rushed for a career-high 199 yards, the third-best performance by an IU QB in school history; Completed 19 of 24 passes (79.2 pct.) for 137 yards and three TDs.

**D: Jonal Saint-Dic, MSU:** Totaled five tackles (three solo), two forced fumbles and three TFLs (-13 yards), including two sacks (-11 yards), in 17-13 win over Pittsburgh.

**D: James Laurinaitis, OSU:** Led Buckeyes with eight tackles (four solo) in a road triumph at Washington and added a five-yard sack and two interceptions, both deep in OSU territory to halt potential scoring drives for the hosts.

**S: David Gilreath, WIS:** Totaled 148 return yards in win over The Citadel, including 75 yards on three kickoffs and 73 yards on four punts.

Sept. 24

**O: Rashard Mendenhall, ILL:** Career-high 214 rushing yards on 27 carries (7.9 avg.) with a rushing and receiving TD in win at Indiana.

**D: Will Davis, ILL:** Compiled seven tackles (five solo) and a forced fumble at Indiana while adding five TFLs (-22 yards) and four sacks (-18 yards), both career highs and the second-best totals in school history.

**D: Jamar Adams, MICH:** Equaled career-best with eight tackles (two solo) and recorded five pass breakups, the second-best effort in program history; Three PBUs came in the fourth quarter, two on PSU's last two offensive plays.

**S: Ken DeBauche, WIS:** Punted eight times for 381 yards (47.6 avg.) vs. Iowa, including two placed inside the 20-yard line and five of 47 yards or more.

Oct. 1

**O: Kellen Lewis, IND:** Completed 73 percent of his passes (19-of-26) for a career-best 322 yards in win at Iowa with three touchdown strikes, including one to himself after he picked up a fumble and sprinted 71 yards for a score.

**O: P.J. Hill, WIS:** Rambled for 155 yards on 34 carries (4.6 avg.) and two TDs in a victory over previously-unbeaten Michigan State.

**D: Shawn Crable, MICH:** Equaled career-high with 10 tackles (eight solo) and set a career-best with five TFLs (-15 yards), the second-best single-game effort in school history, while adding a fumble forced and recovered at NU.

**S: Arrelious Benn, ILL:** After falling behind 3-0 to nationally-ranked PSU, returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for first career TD for a lead the Illini would not relinquish; Totaled 183 all-purpose yards and added a receiving score.

Oct. 8

**O: C.J. Bachér, NU:** Shattered school record with 520 passing yards, the fifth-best performance in Big Ten history, while equaling program best with five TD passes in 48-41 OT win at MSU; Completed 79.2 percent of his passes (38-of-48), including a 12-yard scoring strike to win the game in overtime.

**D: Chimdi Chekwa, OSU:** Racked up a career-best 10 tackles, all solo, with a pass breakup to lead a dominating defensive effort that limited Purdue to four rushing yards, 272 total yards and a single touchdown.

**S: Austin Starr, IND:** Equaled a school record with four field goals in win over Minnesota, including kicks of 47, 43, 33 and 25 yards.

Oct. 15

**O: Javon Ringer, MSU:** Averaged 7.0 yards per carry to set career highs with 203 rushing yards and 29 attempts while adding two TDs in a win over Indiana.

**O: C.J. Bachér, NU:** Led NU to a double-OT victory over Minnesota by completing 41-of-58 passes (70.7 pct.) for 470 yards and four passing TDs while adding a rushing score; Rallied hosts from a 21-point deficit, capped by a TD pass on fourth-and-goal with eight seconds left to force the extra sessions.

**D: Mike Humpal, IOWA:** Registered career highs with 18 tackles (five solo) and 2.5 TFLs, including first career sack, while recovering a fumble to lead an Iowa defense which limited Illinois to only two field goals in a 10-6 victory.

**S: Brian Hartline, OSU:** Three punt returns for 95 yards against Kent State, including breaking a school record with a 90-yard scoring sprint.

Oct. 22

**O: Chris Wells, OSU:** Set career highs with 31 attempts and 221 rushing yards, one of the top-10 performances in school annals, with a TD vs. MSU.

**O: Dorien Bryant, PUR:** Set a career-high with 167 receiving yards, hauling in nine balls (18.6 avg.) and two TDs in a win over Iowa.

**D: Maurice Evans, PSU:** Established career highs with 4.5 TFLs (-38 yards), 3.5 sacks (-36 yards) and two forced fumbles while adding six tackles (five solo), a pass breakup and a fumble recovery at Indiana.

**S: A.J. Trapasso, OSU:** Recorded five punts for 217 yards (43.4 avg.), including three inside the 20 and a long of 58 yards, against Michigan State.

Oct. 29

**O: Todd Boeckman, OSU:** Completed 73.1 percent of his pass attempts (19-of-26) for 253 yards and three touchdowns in a road triumph over Penn State, which entered the game ranked among the top 10 in scoring and total defense.

**D: DeAndre Levy, WIS:** Racked up eight tackles (seven solo), one sack (-3 yards), one PBU and one fumble forced and recovered while helping Wisconsin hold Indiana to only three points.

**S: Ryan Donohue, IOWA:** Averaged 51.6 yards per punt with eight boots for 413 yards; Recorded four over 50 yards, including a career-long 82-yarder, the second-longest punt in school annals and the longest for Iowa since 1962.

Nov. 5

**O: Chad Henne, MICH:** Equaled school record with four TD passes, including two in the fourth-quarter to rally Michigan from a 10-point deficit for a win at Michigan State; Completed 18-of-33 passes (54.5 pct.) for 211 yards.

**D: James Laurinaitis, OSU:** Career-high 19 tackles (nine solo), a fumble recovery and two TFLs (-9 yards), including a seven-yard sack vs. Wisconsin.

**D: Sean Lee, PSU:** Collected a game-high 12 tackles (seven solo), one PBU, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery against Purdue, including a fumble forced and recovered at the goal line to thwart a potential scoring drive.

**S: Jason Reda, ILL:** Connected on all three of his field goal attempts, including boots of 51, 47 and 37 yards, and five PATs in victory at Minnesota.

Nov. 12

**O: Juice Williams, ILL:** Threw a career-high four TD passes and added 70 rushing yards to lead Illinois to a victory at top-ranked Ohio State, the Illini's first win over a No. 1 team since 1956; Completed 12-of-22 passes (54.4 pct.) for 140 yards.

**D: Dan Connor, PSU:** Equaled career best with 18 tackles (11 solo) and added 1.5 sacks (-7 yards) in shutout of Temple.

**D: Matt Shaughnessy, WIS:** Totaled seven tackles (four solo) and 2.5 TFLs (-26 yards), including 1.5 sacks (-23 yards), in a victory over Michigan.

**S: James Bailey, IND:** Amassed a career-high 161 yards on four kickoff returns (40.3 avg.), including a 91-yard TD, at Northwestern.

Nov. 19

**O: Chris Wells, OSU:** Career-high 222 yards on 39 carries (5.7 avg.) with two TDs, including a career-long 62-yarder, to lead OSU to a third straight Big Ten title with a victory at Michigan.

**O: Zach Brown, WIS:** True freshman set career highs with 250 yards on 29 carries (8.6 avg.) with two TDs at Minnesota; Fourth-most rushing yards by a frosh in Wisconsin annals.

**D: Vernon Gholston, OSU:** Equaled a career-high with four TFLs (-21 yards), including three sacks (-20 yards) -- part of a five-tackle performance to lead an OSU defense that limited Michigan to three points to clinch the Big Ten title.

**S: Austin Starr, IND:** Connected on a game-winning career-long 49-yard field goal with 30 seconds left to boost Indiana past Purdue for the first time since 2001; Also hit a 42-yarder to set a school record with 19 field goals on the season.

## 2007 PLAYERS AMONG CAREER LISTS

Passing Touchdowns

90	Brees, PUR	1997-00
87	Henne, MICH	2004-07
74	Long, IOWA	1981-85

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
<b>9,715</b>	<b>Henne, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
9,337	Orton, PUR	2001-04
9,254	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
8,932	Smoker, MSU	2000-03
<b>8,763</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2005-</b>
8,725	Trudeau, ILL	1981, '83-85
8,722	Kittner, ILL	1998-01

Passing Attempts

1,678	Brees, PUR	1997-00
1,584	Basanez, NU	2002-05
<b>1,387</b>	<b>Henne, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
1,366	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
1,336	Orton, PUR	2001-04
1,309	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
<b>1,269</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2005-</b>
1,264	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
1,245	Trudeau, ILL	1981-85
1,203	Long, IOWA	1981-85

Passing Completions

1,026	Brees, PUR	1997-00
913	Basanez, NU	2002-05
<b>828</b>	<b>Henne, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
797	Trudeau, ILL	1981-85
786	Orton, PUR	2001-04
782	Long, IOWA	1981-85
772	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
765	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
<b>760</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2005-</b>
685	Smoker, MSU	2000-03
682	Kittner, ILL	1998-01

Total Offensive Plays

1,975	Basanez, NU	2002-05
1,931	Brees, PUR	1997-00
1,917	Randle El, IND	1998-01
1,614	Williams, NU	1990-93
1,607	Orton, PUR	2001-04
<b>1,567</b>	<b>Henne, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
1,514	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
1,464	Schlichter, OSU	1978-81
1,460	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
<b>1,421</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2005-</b>

Total Offensive Yards

12,692	Brees, PUR	1997-00
11,576	Basanez, NU	2002-05
11,364	Randle El, IND	1998-01
10,254	Long, IOWA	1981-85
9,653	Orton, PUR	2001-04
<b>9,400</b>	<b>Henne, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
<b>9,137</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2005-</b>
9,134	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
8,995	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
8,880	Kittner, ILL	1998-01

Receptions

325	Stubblefield, PUR	2001-04
<b>292</b>	<b>Bryant, PUR</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
266	Standeford, PUR	2000-03

Receiving Yards

3,788	Standeford, PUR	2000-03
3,629	Stubblefield, PUR	2001-04
<b>3,544</b>	<b>Bryant, PUR</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
3,541	Edwards, MICH	2001-04
3,468	Evans, WIS	1999-03
3,392	Williams, ILL	1983-85
3,310	Bates, NU	1995-98
3,139	Ingram, PSU	1991-95
3,076	Carter, MICH	1979-82
3,029	Alford, PUR	1994-97
2,992	Rison, MSU	1985-88

Receiving Touchdowns

<b>2,740</b>	<b>Hardy, IND</b>	<b>2005-07</b>
2,434	Wheelwright, MINN	2004-07
<b>2,310</b>	<b>Manningham, MICH</b>	<b>2005-</b>

Receiving Touchdowns

39	Edwards, MICH	2001-04
37	Carter, MICH	1979-82
<b>36</b>	<b>Hardy, IND</b>	<b>2005-07</b>
34	Boston, OSU	1996-98
33	Ingram, PSU	1991-95
32	Howard, MICH	1989-91
31	Alford, PUR	1994-97
	Johnson, MINN	1998-01
30	Butcher, IND	1967-69
27	<b>Manningham, MICH</b>	<b>2005-</b>

Rushing Attempts

1,220	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
1,161	Thompson, IND	1986-89
1,082	White, MSU	1984-87
<b>1,015</b>	<b>Hart, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
953	Anderson, NU	1998-01

Rushing Yards

7,125	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
5,589	Griffin, OSU	1972-75
5,299	Thompson, IND	1986-89
<b>5,040</b>	<b>Hart, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
4,887	White, MSU	1984-87

Rushing Touchdowns

71	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
68	Thompson, IND	1986-89
56	Johnson, OSU	1973-76
55	Thomas, MICH	1997-00
47	Wheatley, MICH	1991-94
46	Byars, OSU	1982-85
44	Marek, WIS	1972-75
	George, OSU	1992-95
43	White, MSU	1984-87
42	Davis, WIS	2001-04
<b>41</b>	<b>Hart, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>

All-Purpose Yards

7,429	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
6,559	Griffin, OSU	1972-75
6,466	Thompson, IND	1986-89
<b>6,219</b>	<b>Bryant, PUR</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
6,201	Morris, MICH	1984-87
6,000	Thomas, MICH	1997-2000
5,852	Williams, WIS	2002-05
5,799	Carter, MICH	1979-82
<b>5,624</b>	<b>Hart, MICH</b>	<b>2004-07</b>
5,609	Breaston, MICH	2003-06

## 2007 PLAYERS AMONG SINGLE-SEASON LISTS

Rushing Touchdowns

26	Thompson, IND	1988
	Carter, PSU	1994
25	Johnson, OSU	1975
24	Thompson, IND	1989
	George, OSU	1995
23	Anderson, NU	2000
22	Byars, OSU	1984
	Calhoun, WIS	2005
21	Dayne, WIS	1996
	Caulcrick, MSU	2007

Passing Attempts

569	Brees, PUR	1998
	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
554	Brees, PUR	1999
530	Painter, PUR	2006
<b>521</b>	<b>Bachér, NU</b>	<b>2007</b>
512	Brees, PUR	2000
505	Eason, ILL	1982
501	Trudeau, ILL	1985
497	Basanez, NU	2005
488	Smoker, MSU	2003

Passing Completions

361	Brees, PUR	1998
<b>356</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
337	Brees, PUR	1999
322	Trudeau, ILL	1985
<b>318</b>	<b>Bachér, NU</b>	<b>2007</b>
315	Painter, PUR	2006
314	Basanez, NU	2005
313	Eason, ILL	1982
309	Brees, PUR	2000
302	Smoker, MSU	2003

Passing Yards

3,985	Painter, PUR	2006
3,983	Brees, PUR	1998
3,909	Brees, PUR	1999
<b>3,846</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
3,671	Eason, ILL	1982
3,668	Brees, PUR	2000
<b>3,656</b>	<b>Bachér, NU</b>	<b>2007</b>
3,651	Everett, PUR	1985
3,622	Basanez, NU	2005
3,395	Smoker, MSU	2003
3,378	Hartlieb, IOWA	1988

Passing Touchdowns

39	Brees, PUR	1998
31	Orton, PUR	2004
30	Smith, OSU	2006
29	Hoying, OSU	1995
	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Lewis, IND</b>	<b>2007</b>
27	Long, IOWA	1985
	Kittner, ILL	2001
26	Brees, PUR	2000
	Banks, IOWA	2002

Total Offense - Plays

638	Brees, PUR	1998
633	Brees, PUR	1999
<b>622</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
610	Basanez, NU	2005
607	Brees, PUR	2000
	<b>Bachér, NU</b>	<b>2007</b>
606	Painter, PUR	2006
<b>595</b>	<b>Weber, MINN</b>	<b>2007</b>
579	Kustok, NU	2001
551	Smoker, MSU	2003

Total Offense - Yards

4,189	Brees, PUR	2000
4,176	Brees, PUR	1998
4,092	Painter, PUR	2006
4,086	Brees, PUR	1999
4,045	Basanez, NU	2005
<b>3,826</b>	<b>Painter, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>3,779</b>	<b>Lewis, IND</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>3,687</b>	<b>Bachér, NU</b>	<b>2007</b>
3,672	Eason, ILL	1982
3,589	Everett, PUR	1985

Receiving Touchdowns

19	Howard, MICH	1991
17	Glenn, OSU	1995
16	Stubblefield, PUR	2004
	<b>Hardy, IND</b>	<b>2007</b>
15	Edwards, MICH	2004
14	Multiple Players	

Kickoff Returns

43	Douthitt, IOWA	1973
<b>39</b>	<b>Thomas, MSU</b>	<b>2007</b>
	Gilreath, WIS	2007

Kickoff Return Yards

<b>1,135</b>	<b>Thomas, MSU</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>1,007</b>	<b>Bryant, PUR</b>	<b>2007</b>
994	Douthitt, IOWA	1973

Punts

<b>86</b>	<b>Donahue, IOWA</b>	<b>2007</b>
85	Masar, ILL	1971
	Holsclaw, IOWA	1978
84	Standring, NU	1999
82	Sander, OSU	2003
81	Larsen, ILL	1995
80	Simmons, MINN	1977
79	Kidd, NU	1981
	McCarthy, PUR	1988
	Sutter, NU	1991
	Bradley, IOWA	2003

Punting Yards

3,553	Sander, OSU	2003
<b>3,533</b>	<b>Donahue, IOWA</b>	<b>2007</b>
3,434	Mojsiejenko, MSU	1982
3,404	Standring, NU	1999
3,397	Mojsiejenko, MSU	1984
3,308	Montgomery, MSU	1985
3,306	Larsen, ILL	1995
3,303	Slaton, PUR	2003
3,296	Kidd, NU	1981
3,280	Stachowitz, MSU	1980

Sacks

22	Burke, WIS	1998
18.5	Williams, MINN	1997
18	Smith, IOWA	1991
16	Bethea, MSU	1977
	Rice, ILL	1994
	Riley, MINN	1999
	<b>Middleton, IND</b>	<b>2007</b>
15	Poloskey, ILL	1991
	Colvin, PUR	1998
	Peterson, MSU	1999
	Haynes, PSU	2002

Tackles for Loss

31	Burke, WIS	1998
30	Peterson, MSU	1999
29	Brown, PSU	1999
<b>28.5</b>	<b>Crabbe, MICH</b>	<b>2007</b>
28	Zgonina, PUR	1992
26.5	Spencer, PUR	2006
26	Messner, MICH	1988
	Vrabel, OSU	1995
	Dailey, NU	1997
	Foote, MICH	2001
25	Turner, PUR	1978
	Babineaux, IOWA	2004

## 2007 WEEK-BY-WEEK ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Sept. 1	8	571,444	71,431	4	---	---	---	---
Sept. 8	9	625,830	69,537	4	---	---	---	---
Sept. 15	7	482,581	68,940	3	---	---	---	---
Sept. 22	5	381,308	76,262	3	5	381,308	76,262	3
Sept. 29	6	367,292	61,215	4	5	302,042	60,408	3
Oct. 6	6	439,328	73,221	4	5	330,913	66,183	3
Oct. 13	6	493,041	82,174	4	5	387,990	77,598	3
Oct. 20	6	406,710	67,785	3	4	261,739	65,435	2
Oct. 27	6	485,290	80,882	4	5	429,712	85,942	4
Nov. 3	6	401,959	66,993	3	5	367,553	73,511	3
Nov. 10	5	334,486	66,897	3	5	334,486	66,897	3
Nov. 17	6	418,750	69,792	3	5	348,165	69,633	2
Totals:	76	5,408,019	71,158	42	44	3,143,908	71,452	26

## 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
32	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-06-07
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

c - co-championship

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## NO PLAYS FOR 2007

Each year, two Big Ten teams do not meet. Here is the breakdown of "no-plays" for 2007:

Team	Does not play
Illinois	Michigan State, Purdue
Indiana	Michigan, Ohio State
Iowa	Michigan, Ohio State
Michigan	Indiana, Iowa
Michigan State	Illinois, Minnesota
Minnesota	Michigan State, Penn State
Northwestern	Penn State, Wisconsin
Ohio State	Indiana, Iowa
Penn State	Minnesota, Northwestern
Purdue	Illinois, Wisconsin
Wisconsin	Northwestern, Purdue

ILLINOIS  
(9-4 Overall, 6-2 Big Ten)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	L, 34-40	vs. Missouri [1]	62,352
Sept. 8	W, 21-0	Western Illinois	48,301
Sept. 15	W, 41-20	at Syracuse	34,188
Sept. 22	W, 27-14	at Indiana	34,707
Sept. 29	W, 27-20	No. 21/19/19 Penn State	57,078
Oct. 6	W, 31-26	No. 5/5/5 Wisconsin	57,078
Oct. 13	L, 6-10	at Iowa	70,585
Oct. 20	L, 17-27	No. 24/-/25 Michigan	57,078
Oct. 27	W, 28-17	Ball State	55,578
Nov. 3	W, 44-17	at Minnesota	46,604
Nov. 10	W, 28-21	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,453
Nov. 17	W, 41-22	Northwestern	54,116
Jan. 1	L, 17-49	vs. No. 6/6/5 USC Rose Bowl	93,923

[1] at St. Louis, Mo.

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

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 55-7	Indiana State	34,715
Sept. 8	W, 37-27	at Western Michigan	32,129
Sept. 15	W, 41-24	Akron	31,196
Sept. 22	L, 14-27	Illinois	34,707
Sept. 29	W, 38-20	at Iowa	70,585
Oct. 6	W, 40-20	Minnesota	32,009
Oct. 13	L, 27-52	at Michigan State	73,449
Oct. 20	L, 31-36	Penn State	41,251
Oct. 27	L, 3-33	at No. -/25/- Wisconsin	81,324
Nov. 3	W, 38-20	Ball State	34,406
Nov. 10	L, 28-31	at Northwestern	20,466
Nov. 17	W, 27-24	Purdue	50,741
Dec. 31	L, 33-49	vs. Oklahoma State Insight Bowl	48,892

IOWA  
(6-6 Overall, 4-4 Big Ten)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 16-3	vs. Northern Illinois [1]	61,500
Sept. 8	W, 35-0	Syracuse	70,585
Sept. 15	L, 13-15	at Iowa State	49,516
Sept. 22	L, 13-17	at No. 9/7 Wisconsin	82,630
Sept. 29	L, 20-38	Indiana	70,585
Oct. 6	L, 7-27	at Penn State	108,951
Oct. 13	W, 10-6	No. 18/19/19 Illinois	70,585
Oct. 20	L, 6-31	at Purdue	58,123
Oct. 27	W, 34-27	Michigan State (2OT)	70,585
Nov. 3	W, 28-17	at Northwestern	30,173
Nov. 10	W, 21-16	Minnesota	70,585
Nov. 17	L, 19-28	Western Michigan	70,585

[1] at Chicago

MICHIGAN  
(9-4 Overall, 6-2 Big Ten)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	L, 32-34	Appalachian State	109,218
Sept. 8	L, 7-39	Oregon	109,733
Sept. 15	W, 38-0	Notre Dame	111,178
Sept. 22	W, 14-9	No. 10/10 Penn State	111,310
Sept. 29	W, 28-16	at Northwestern	40,604
Oct. 6	W, 33-22	Eastern Michigan	108,415
Oct. 13	W, 48-21	No. -/24/24 Purdue	110,888
Oct. 20	W, 27-17	at Illinois	57,078
Oct. 27	W, 34-10	Minnesota	109,432
Nov. 3	W, 28-24	at Michigan State	77,009
Nov. 10	L, 21-37	at Wisconsin	82,352
Nov. 17	L, 3-14	No. 7/7/7 Ohio State	111,941
Jan. 1	W, 41-35	vs. No. 9/12/11 Florida Capital One Bowl	69,748

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

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 55-18	Alabama-Birmingham	67,796
Sept. 8	W, 28-17	Bowling Green	67,276
Sept. 15	W, 17-13	Pittsburgh	68,620
Sept. 22	W, 31-14	at Notre Dame	80,795
Sept. 29	L, 34-37	at No. 9/9/9 Wisconsin	82,164
Oct. 6	L, 41-48	Northwestern (OT)	67,378
Oct. 13	W, 52-27	Indiana	73,449
Oct. 20	L, 17-24	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,287
Oct. 27	L, 27-34	at Iowa (2OT)	70,585
Nov. 3	L, 24-28	No. 15/14/15 Michigan	77,009
Nov. 10	W, 48-31	at Purdue	55,630
Nov. 17	W, 35-31	No. -/22/25 Penn State	72,251
Dec. 28	L, 21-24	vs. 14/14/14 Boston College Champs Sports Bowl	46,554

MINNESOTA  
(1-11 Overall, 0-8 Big Ten)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	L, 31-32	Bowling Green (OT)	49,253
Sept. 8	W, 41-35	Miami (Ohio) (3OT)	45,383
Sept. 15	L, 39-42	vs. Florida Atlantic [1]	10,759
Sept. 22	L, 31-45	Purdue	47,483
Sept. 29	L, 7-30	No. 8/8/7 Ohio State	51,611
Oct. 6	L, 20-40	at Indiana	32,009
Oct. 13	L, 48-49	at Northwestern (2OT)	23,314
Oct. 20	L, 21-27	North Dakota State	63,088
Oct. 27	L, 10-34	at No. 19/21/21 Michigan	109,432
Nov. 3	L, 17-44	Illinois	46,604
Nov. 10	L, 16-21	at Iowa	70,585
Nov. 17	L, 34-41	No. 24/24/23 Wisconsin	59,116

[1] at Miami, Fla.

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

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 27-0	Northeastern	16,199
Sept. 8	W, 36-31	Nevada	17,653
Sept. 15	L, 14-20	Duke	23,716
Sept. 22	L, 7-58	at No. 8/9 Ohio State	105,178
Sept. 29	L, 16-28	Michigan	40,604
Oct. 6	W, 48-41	at No. -/25 Michigan St. (OT)	67,378
Oct. 13	W, 49-48	Minnesota (2OT)	23,314
Oct. 19	W, 26-14	vs. Eastern Mich. [1]	10,000
Oct. 27	L, 17-35	at Purdue	58,237
Nov. 3	L, 17-28	Iowa	30,173
Nov. 10	W, 31-28	Indiana	20,466
Nov. 17	L, 22-41	at No. 20/21/20 Illinois	54,116

[1] at Detroit, Mich.

OHIO STATE  
(11-2 Overall, 7-1 Big Ten)  
Big Ten Champion

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 38-6	Youngstown State	105,038
Sept. 8	W, 20-2	Akron	104,317
Sept. 15	W, 33-14	at Washington	74,927
Sept. 22	W, 58-7	Northwestern	105,178
Sept. 29	W, 30-7	at Minnesota	51,611
Oct. 6	W, 23-7	at No. 23/20/20 Purdue	65,497
Oct. 13	W, 48-3	Kent State	105,051
Oct. 20	W, 24-17	Michigan State	105,287
Oct. 27	W, 37-17	at No. 24/22/22 Penn State	110,134
Nov. 3	W, 38-17	No. -/19/21 Wisconsin	105,449
Nov. 10	L, 21-28	Illinois	105,453
Nov. 17	W, 14-3	at No. 23/23/22 Michigan	111,941
Jan. 7	L, 24-38	vs. No. 2/2/2 LSU BCS National Championship Game	79,651

PENN STATE  
(9-4 Overall, 4-4 Big Ten)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 59-0	Florida International	107,678
Sept. 8	W, 31-10	Notre Dame	110,078
Sept. 15	W, 45-24	Buffalo	107,506
Sept. 22	L, 9-14	at Michigan	111,310
Sept. 29	L, 20-27	at Illinois	57,078
Oct. 6	W, 27-7	Iowa	108,951
Oct. 13	W, 38-7	No. 19/15/15 Wisconsin	109,754
Oct. 20	W, 36-31	at Indiana	41,251
Oct. 27	L, 17-37	No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	110,134
Nov. 3	W, 26-19	Purdue	108,318
Nov. 10	W, 31-0	at Temple	69,029
Nov. 17	L, 31-35	at Michigan State	72,251
Dec. 29	W, 24-17	vs. Texas A&M Valero Alamo Bowl	66,166

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

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 52-24	at Toledo	26,100
Sept. 8	W, 52-6	Eastern Illinois	52,504
Sept. 15	W, 45-22	Central Michigan	60,038
Sept. 22	W, 45-31	at Minnesota	47,483
Sept. 29	W, 33-19	Notre Dame	65,250
Oct. 6	L, 7-23	No. 4/4/4 Ohio State	65,497
Oct. 13	L, 21-48	at Michigan	110,888
Oct. 20	W, 31-6	Iowa	58,123
Oct. 27	W, 35-17	Northwestern	58,237
Nov. 3	L, 19-26	at Penn State	108,318
Nov. 10	L, 31-48	Michigan State	55,630
Nov. 17	L, 24-27	at Indiana	50,741
Dec. 26	W, 51-48	vs. Central Michigan Motor City Bowl	60,624

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

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 42-21	Washington State	81,547
Sept. 8	W, 20-13	at UNLV	38,250
Sept. 15	W, 45-31	The Citadel	80,327
Sept. 22	W, 17-13	Iowa	82,630
Sept. 29	W, 37-34	No. -/23/25 Michigan State	82,164
Oct. 6	L, 26-31	at Illinois	57,078
Oct. 13	L, 7-38	at Penn State	109,754
Oct. 20	W, 44-3	Northern Illinois	81,883
Oct. 27	W, 33-3	Indiana	81,324
Nov. 3	L, 17-38	at No. 1/1/1 Ohio State	105,449
Nov. 10	W, 37-21	No. 13/13/15 Michigan	82,352
Nov. 17	W, 41-34	at Minnesota	59,116
Jan. 1	L, 17-21	vs. No. 16/18/19 Tennessee Outback Bowl	60,121

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