

BIG TEN FOOTBALL FINAL RELEASE

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TOP STORIES

- Big Ten Ranked Second With Four Top 25 Teams in Both Final National Polls.
- Five Teams Produce Nine or More Wins for Second Straight Year and Fifth Time in History.
- Iowa Wins Outback Bowl as Big Ten Highlights Young Players During Postseason Play.
- Four Big Ten Standouts Claim National Awards and 12 Players Earn All-America Honors.
- Big Ten Leads All Conferences with Eight Academic All-Americans.

2008 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Games					All Games						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25	Streak
1. Penn State #	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	W2	11-2	.846	7-0	4-1	0-1	4-1	L1
Ohio State #	7-1	.875	3-1	4-0	W3	10-3	.769	6-1	4-1	0-1	3-3	L1
3. Michigan State	6-2	.750	3-1	3-1	L1	9-4	.692	6-1	3-2	0-1	1-3	L2
4. Iowa	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	W3	9-4	.692	6-1	2-3	1-0	1-0	W4
Northwestern	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	W2	9-4	.692	5-2	4-1	0-1	1-3	L1
6. Minnesota	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	L4	7-6	.538	4-3	3-2	0-1	0-1	L5
Wisconsin	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	W2	7-6	.538	5-2	2-3	0-1	1-3	L1
Illinois	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	L2	5-7	.417	4-2	1-3	0-2	0-4	L3
9. Purdue	2-6	.250	2-2	0-4	W1	4-8	.333	4-3	0-5	0-0	0-5	W1
Michigan	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	L2	3-9	.250	2-5	1-4	0-0	1-2	L2
11. Indiana	1-7	.125	1-3	0-4	L3	3-9	.250	3-5	0-4	0-0	1-1	L4

Big Ten Co-Champions

Bowl Teams in bold

BIG TEN. BIG BOWLS.

Hawkeyes Earn Outback Bowl Triumph: Iowa posted a 31-10 victory over South Carolina in the Outback Bowl to hand Kirk Ferentz his fourth bowl victory, which is tied for the second-highest total among active Big Ten coaches. Hawkeyes' running back **Shonn Greene** was named the Outback Bowl Most Valuable Player after producing 121 yards and three touchdowns. The Iowa defense forced five turnovers and held the Gamecocks scoreless for the first three quarters, as the team jumped out to a 31-0 advantage before giving up 10 fourth-quarter points.

Close Calls: In addition to Iowa's victory, three Big Ten schools nearly pulled off upsets against higher-ranked competition. Northwestern held No. 21 Missouri's high-powered offense to only 16 points in regulation in the Valero Alamo Bowl before the Tigers hit a late game-tying field goal and won in overtime, 30-23. Michigan State limited No. 15 Georgia's attack to only three first-half points in the Capital One Bowl and pulled within 17-12 in the fourth quarter before giving up a late score in the 24-12 defeat. In the Fiesta Bowl, Ohio State held No. 3 Texas' vaunted offense to three first half points before the Longhorns pulled ahead 17-6 entering the fourth quarter. The Buckeyes rallied with a field goal and two touchdowns to take a 21-17 lead with 2:05 remaining before falling, 24-21, on a score with 16 seconds left.

Bowl Attendance: The Big Ten's seven bowl games attracted 437,919 fans for an average of 62,560 per contest. The Rose Bowl boasted a sellout crowd for the 64th straight season, packing 93,293 fans into the 92,000-seat stadium. The Fiesta Bowl nearly filled the stadium, with 72,047 fans in the 73,000-seat facility. The Champs Sports Bowl attracted 52,692 fans, the second-highest attendance in the history of the bowl and the highest mark since the event moved to Orlando, Fla. The Insight Bowl welcomed 49,103 patrons, the second-largest crowd in the event's history and the best turnout since the game moved to Phoenix/Tempe, Ariz.

Bowl Ratings: Big Ten bowls also produced impressive television numbers, with four of the seven highest-rated bowls featuring conference teams. Penn State's trip to the

Rose Bowl was watched by nearly 13.43 million households and led to a final Nielsen rating of 11.73 for ABC to rank second behind only this year's BCS National Championship Game. Ohio State's efforts in the Fiesta Bowl earned an 11.6 overnight Nielsen rating, marking FOX's best rating ever for a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) game other than the national championship. The final rating for the Buckeyes' matchup with Texas was 10.37, which ranked third among all bowls and translates to almost 11.88 million households. Michigan State's Capital One Bowl appearance produced a 6.43 rating, which ranked fifth among all bowls this season. Wisconsin's appearance in the Champs Sports Bowl produced a 5.20 rating (seventh among all bowls) and almost 5.10 million households, making it the second most-watched bowl game in ESPN history. Northwestern's matchup in the Valero Alamo Bowl produced a 4.57 rating and nearly 4.48 million households, making it the 12th most-watched bowl contest in ESPN annals. In fact, three of the top four most-watched bowl games in ESPN history feature a Big Ten team. Iowa's appearance in the 2006 Alamo Bowl is the most-watched bowl outing on ESPN posting a 6.0 rating and over 5.52 million households, while Michigan's 2005 Alamo Bowl contest rates fourth with almost 4.88 million households.

A Young Conference: The 2008-09 Big Ten football season featured a bevy of young players thrust into the starting lineup early in their careers. Based on the final depth charts prior to the last game for all 11 conference teams, over 60 percent of those starters have eligibility remaining at every position except defensive line (52%) and tight end (58%). Eight of the 11 starters at quarterback and running back have eligibility remaining while all 11 schools listed at least four freshmen or sophomores in the starting lineup. Iowa and Michigan led the Big Ten with 11 freshmen or sophomores on the depth chart entering their final contest, followed by Northwestern (9), Indiana (7), Michigan State (7) and Ohio State (7). The Wildcats topped all schools with five freshmen in the starting lineup, followed by four first-year players for Michigan and Minnesota.

BIG TEN BOWL RESULTS

Dec. 27, 2008
CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
 Florida State def. WISCONSIN, 42-13

Dec. 29, 2008
VALERO ALAMO BOWL
 No. 21 Missouri
 def. No. 23 NORTHWESTERN, 30-23 (OT)

Dec. 31, 2008
INSIGHT BOWL
 Kansas def. MINNESOTA, 42-21

Jan. 1, 2009
OUTBACK BOWL
 IOWA def. South Carolina, 31-10

CAPITAL ONE BOWL
 No. 15 Georgia
 def. No. 18 MICHIGAN STATE, 24-12

ROSE BOWL
 No. 5 Southern California
 def. No. 8 PENN STATE, 38-24

Jan. 5, 2009
TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL
 No. 3 Texas def. No. 10 OHIO STATE, 24-21

Rankings: BCS

2009 BIG TEN KICKOFF LUNCHEON AND FOOTBALL MEDIA DAYS

The 2009 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon and football media days will be held from July 27-28, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

BIG TEN. BIG BOWLS, cont.

Youth Is Served: Many of the Big Ten youngsters wrapped up their seasons with strong bowl performances. On the offensive side of the ball, Ohio State freshman **Terrelle Pryor** rallied the Buckeyes against Texas with 78 rushing yards, 66 passing yards and a five-yard touchdown catch. A set of conference juniors also excelled, with Iowa running back **Shonn Greene** racking up 121 yards and three touchdowns in the Outback Bowl, Minnesota wideout **Eric Decker** hauling in eight catches for 149 yards and a score in the Insight Bowl, OSU running back **Chris "Beanie" Wells** totaling 106 yards in the Fiesta Bowl, Penn State quarterback **Daryll Clark** passing for 273 yards and accounting for three touchdowns in the Rose Bowl and Wisconsin rusher **P.J. Hill** averaging 9.3 yards per carry for 140 yards in the Champs Sports Bowl. On defense, Iowa freshman defensive back **Tyler Sash** picked off a pair of passes against South Carolina, Michigan State sophomore linebacker **Greg Jones** posted 12 tackles against Georgia, Ohio State sophomore defensive back **Chimdi Chekwa** registered a game-high 11 tackles versus Texas and Penn State sophomore linebacker **Navorro Bowman** racked up five tackles for loss against Southern California.

Big Ten Sends Seven Teams to Bowl Games: The Big Ten sent seven schools to take part in bowl games for the fourth straight season, the longest streak of seven or more bowl berths in conference history. The conference's seven bowl berths rank as the second-highest single-season total in Big Ten annals, behind only the eight bowl bids earned following the 2003 and 2007 campaigns. The conference also qualified seven schools for postseason play after the 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2006 seasons. The Big Ten sent six or more teams to bowl games for the 10th straight year and 17th time overall. Conference programs have made 69 bowl appearances over the last decade and 241 appearances all-time.

Big Ten BCS Duos: The Big Ten sent two schools to BCS games for the eighth time in the 11-year history of the system and the sixth time in the last seven seasons. Since the inception of the BCS in 1998, the Big Ten has qualified 19 teams for BCS bowls, more than any other conference. The SEC ranks second with 17 BCS bids followed by the Big 12 (16), Pac-10 (13), ACC (11) and Big East (11). The Big Ten also sent a pair of squads to BCS games in 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Four Straight Years of BCS Doubleheaders: The Big Ten qualified a pair of teams for BCS games for the fourth straight season, the longest streak since the system's creation. Ohio State and Penn State kicked off the current streak following the 2005 campaign and both returned this season. The Buckeyes also made BCS appearances after the 2006 and 2007 seasons and were joined by Michigan two years ago and Illinois last season. The SEC ranks second to the Big Ten after earning two BCS spots for the third straight year this season.

Nittany Lions Earn Automatic Bid: Penn State collected the Big Ten's automatic BCS berth for the second time in the last four seasons based on the Nittany Lion's 13-6 victory at Ohio State on Oct. 25. PSU also earned the BCS automatic bid in 2005, ending the regular season tied atop the standings with OSU but winning the tie-breaker based on a victory over the Buckeyes. Penn State is one of six Big Ten schools in the 11 years of the BCS to gain automatic qualification joining Illinois (2001), Michigan (2003, 2004), Ohio State (2002, 2006, 2007), Purdue (2000), and Wisconsin (1998, 1999).

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

On the Road Again: For the fourth straight season, at least two of the Big Ten 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 Wisconsin's loss to Florida State in the Champs Sports Bowl and Penn State's defeat by Southern California in the Rose Bowl. The Big Ten leads all conferences with 11 "road" bowl games over the last four seasons. Over that same time span, the ACC and Big 12 rank second with five "road" bowl games, followed by the Big East (3), SEC (3) and Pac-10 (1).

Experience and Youth on Sidelines: The Big Ten coaching contingent in this season's bowls featured a blend of experience and youth. Penn State's **Joe Paterno** made his 35th bowl appearance and has won 23 bowl contests, both of which are NCAA records. Paterno has built a 9-3 postseason record since joining the conference. Iowa's **Kirk Ferentz** and Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** are tied for second among active Big Ten coaches with four bowl victories each. Ferentz earned his second Outback Bowl triumph this season and has also won an Alamo and Capital One Bowl. Tressel has been victorious in three Fiesta Bowls and an Alamo Bowl but was edged by Texas in this year's Fiesta Bowl. On the flip side, Minnesota's **Tim Brewster** and Northwestern's **Pat Fitzgerald** were on the sidelines for their first bowl games as a coach. Michigan State's **Mark Dantonio** and Wisconsin's **Bret Bielema** were coaching in their third career bowl games.

Bowl Veterans: The Big Ten boasts three of the 11 programs with 39 or more bowl appearances in Penn State (8th - 41), Ohio State (T9th - 40) and Michigan (11th - 39). The Nittany Lions rank third all-time with 26 bowl triumphs followed by the Wolverines (T13th - 19) and Buckeyes (T15th - 18).

2008-09 BIG TEN BOWL TOP PERFORMERS

OFFENSE:

IOWA RB Shonn Greene: Surpassed 100 rushing yards for the 13th time in as many games with 121 yards on 29 carries (4.2 avg.) with three TDs.

MINN WR Eric Decker: Set Gophers bowl records with eight receptions for 149 yards with a TD.

NU QB C.J. Bachér: Ended college career by completing 27-of-43 passes (62.8 pct.) for 304 yards and three TDs vs. Missouri in Alamo Bowl.

NU RB Tyrell Sutton: Returned from injury to produce 100-yard outing in final career game, with 114 yards on 29 carries (3.9 avg.) in Alamo Bowl.

OSU QB Terrelle Pryor: Rushed for 78 yards on 15 carries (5.2 avg.), caught a five-yard TD pass and added 66 passing yards versus Texas.

OSU WR Brian Robiskie: Hauled in five passes for 116 yards (23.2 avg.) in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Texas.

OSU RB Chris "Beanie" Wells: Rambled for 106 yards on 16 carries (6.6 avg.) against Texas.

PSU QB Daryll Clark: Facing the nation's top scoring defense in USC, guided PSU to 24 points; Completed 21-of-36 passes (58.3 pct.) for 273 yards and two TDs while adding a rushing TD.

WIS RB P.J. Hill: Averaged 9.3 yards per carry in Champs Sports Bowl with 140 yards on 15 carries.

DEFENSE:

IOWA DB Tyler Sash: Picked off two passes and returned them 74 yards while adding four tackles (all solo) to help hold South Carolina to 10 points.

MSU LB Greg Jones: Posted a game-high 12 tackles (eight solo) with 1.5 TFLs (-5 yards) vs. Georgia.

MINN DL Cedric McKinley: Recorded two sacks (-12 yards) as part of a four-tackle effort (all solo).

NU LB Prince Kwateng: Produced a team-high 13 tackles (seven solo) with 0.5 TFLs (-3 yards) to help hold Missouri offense to only 16 points in regulation.

NU DE Corey Wootton: Disrupted Missouri offense with three tackles (one solo), a sack (-1 yard) and an interception in the Alamo Bowl.

OSU DB Chimdi Chekwa: Registered a game-high 11 tackles (all solo) while helping hold Texas to a season-low 21 points in the Fiesta Bowl.

OSU DB Kurt Coleman: Matched a game-high with 11 tackles (seven solo) and 0.5 TFL (-1 yard).

PSU LB Navorro Bowman: Racked up five TFLs (-21 yards), including a nine-yard sack, as part of an eight-tackle performance (seven solo) vs. USC.

WIS LB DeAndre Levy: Totaled eight tackles (four solo), two sacks (-13 yards) and a pass breakup.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

MSU P Aaron Bates: Placed four of five punts inside the 20-yard line, booting five kicks for 190 yards (38.0 avg.) with a long of 53 against Georgia.

MINN P Justin Kucek: Averaged 48.5 yards on four punts (194 yards) with two inside the 20 and a long of 55 yards against Kansas.

MINN KR Troy Stoudemire: Returned six kickoffs for 174 yards (29.0 avg.) vs. Kansas in Insight Bowl.

NU KR Stephen Simmons: Returned five kickoffs for 108 yards (21.6 avg.) vs. Missouri in Alamo Bowl.

OSU KR Lamaar Thomas: Returned five kickoffs for 102 yards (20.4 avg.) vs. Texas in Fiesta Bowl.

OSU P A.J. Trapasso: Placed all four of his punts inside the 20-yard line while averaging 40.2 yards per boot (161 yards) against Texas.

PSU P Jeremy Boone: Averaged 47.8 yards on four punts (191 yards) with two inside the 20 and a long of 56 yards in the Rose Bowl.

PSU K Kevin Kelly: Connected on his lone field goal attempt from 25 yards and added three extra points to boost his Big Ten career records.

WIS P Brad Nortman: Booted six punts for 266 yards (44.3 avg.) with one inside the 20-yard line and a long of 55 yards in the Champs Sports Bowl.

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

Big Ten Polling Place: When the final national rankings were released following bowl play, the Big Ten was one of only three conferences to produce four teams appearing among the top 25 of both the Associated Press (AP) and USA Today coaches polls. The Big Ten's nationally ranked contingent included Penn State (No. 8 AP/No. 8 USA Today), Ohio State (No. 9/11), Iowa (No. 20/20) and Michigan State (No. 24/24) while Northwestern was receiving votes in both polls. The Big 12 led all conferences with five top 25 teams in both final polls followed by the Big Ten (4), SEC (4), ACC (3), Mountain West (3) and Pac-10 (3). The Big Ten placed at least four teams in both final polls for the third straight season and the sixth time in the last seven years. In addition, the Nittany Lions and Buckeyes gave the Big Ten two top-10 programs in the final AP poll, tied with four other conferences with two teams each in the AP's top 10. The Big Ten has produced at least two schools in the final AP top 10 in three of the last four seasons.

Five Big Ten Teams with Nine or More Wins for Fifth Time in History: For the second straight season and just the fifth time in Big Ten annals, five different conference teams compiled nine or more victories. With postseason play complete, Penn State (11-2), Ohio State (10-3), Iowa (9-4), Michigan State (9-4) and Northwestern (9-4) all hit or surpassed the nine-win barrier. The Nittany Lions and Buckeyes both collected nine or more triumphs for the fourth straight season. The Hawkeyes reached the nine-win mark for the first time since going 10-2 in 2004. The Spartans' nine-win campaign was the first since producing a 10-2 record in 1999. The Wildcats reached nine victories for the first time since going 9-3 in 1996. Prior to the last two seasons, the only other times the Big Ten produced five teams with nine or more wins was during the 2003, 1998 and 1903 campaigns.

OSU and PSU Crack Double-Digits in Wins: Ohio State and Penn State both collected 10 or more victories. The Buckeyes end the season at 10-3 and posted at least 10 wins for the fourth straight year, the longest streak of double-digit victories for the school since racking up 10 or more triumphs during the 1995-98 seasons. The Nittany Lions produced an 11-2 record to crack double-digits in victories for the second time in four seasons and the sixth time since joining the conference in 1993. PSU ended the 2005 campaign with a record of 11-1 and also tallied 10 or more wins during the 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1999 seasons.

Big Ten Standouts Claim National Honors: The Big Ten collected four individual awards this season. Iowa's **Shonn Greene** earned the Doak Walker Award, the Ohio State pair of **Malcolm Jenkins** and **James Laurinaitis** took home the Jim Thorpe Award and Lott Trophy, respectively, while Penn State's **A.Q. Shipley** collected the Rimington Trophy. Greene earns the Big Ten's fifth Doak Walker Award, granted to the nation's top running back, and the first since Michigan's Chris Perry in 2003. The Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year becomes the first running back in Iowa history to collect the Doak Walker Award. Jenkins claims the Big Ten's fifth Jim Thorpe Award, honoring the country's outstanding defensive back, and first since Wisconsin's Jamar Fletcher in 2000. Ohio State garners its second Jim Thorpe Award as Antoine Winfield was honored in 1998. Laurinaitis becomes the first Big Ten student-athlete to win the Lott Trophy, awarded to college football's Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year. The Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year collects his third national award in as many years, after being honored with the Butkus Award in 2007 and the Nagurski Award in 2006. Shipley becomes the first Penn State player to earn the Rimington Trophy, granted to the nation's top center. The conference has claimed three previous Rimington Trophies, most recently when Greg Eslinger of Minnesota was honored in 2005.

Laurinaitis Wins Inaugural Lowe's Senior CLASS Award: In addition to his on-field exploits, Laurinaitis was also named the inaugural winner of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision. The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of coaches, media and fans, is presented annually to the most outstanding NCAA Division I senior student-athlete in nine sports. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award identifies personal qualities that define a complete student-athlete, with criteria including excellence in the classroom, character and community, as well as competition on the field. The Lowe's Senior CLASS Award also names an All-Senior All-America Team each year based on voting results of the finalists. Laurinaitis was named to the first team while Indiana's **Austin Starr** and Wisconsin's **Travis Beckum** were tabbed as second-team selections.

BIG TEN NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Shonn Greene, RB, IOWA
Doak Walker Award (Top Running Back)

Malcolm Jenkins, DB, OSU
Jim Thorpe Award (Best Defensive Back)

James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU
Lott Trophy (Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year)

A.Q. Shipley, C, PSU
Rimington Trophy (Top Center)

BIG TEN ALL-AMERICANS

Vontae Davis, DB, ILL	AP3
Shonn Greene, RB, IOWA #	AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1
Mitch King, DL, IOWA	AP2, WC2
Seth Olsen, OL, IOWA	SN2
Javon Ringer, RB, MSU	AP1, SN2, WC1
Alex Boone, OL, OSU	WC2
Malcolm Jenkins, DB, OSU	AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN2, WC1
James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU	AFCA, AP1, SN1, WC1
Aaron Maybin, DL, PSU	AP1, FWAA, SN2, WC1
Rich Ohrnberger, OL, PSU	AP3
A.Q. Shipley, OL, PSU	AP2, FWAA, WC1
Derrick Williams, KR/All-Purpose, PSU	AP3, SN2, WC2

*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-American

Everybody's All-American: Twelve Big Ten student-athletes were named to the All-America first, second or third 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 Big Ten All-Americans include one standout named to all five first teams -- Iowa running back **Shonn Greene**. The Big Ten boasted five consensus All-Americans, including Greene, Michigan State running back **Javon Ringer**, the Ohio State pair of defensive back **Malcolm Jenkins** and linebacker **James Laurinaitis** and Penn State defensive lineman **Aaron Maybin**. PSU offensive lineman **A.Q. Shipley** was also named to the first team by the FWAA and Walter Camp Football Foundation. Second- or third-team selections included Illini defensive back **Vontae Davis**, Hawkeyes' defensive lineman **Mitch King** and offensive lineman **Seth Olsen**, Buckeyes' offensive lineman **Alex Boone** and Nittany Lions' offensive lineman **Rich Ohrnberger** and all-purpose player/kick returner **Derrick Williams**. The complete breakdown of Big Ten All-Americans appears above.

A Rare Triple for Laurinaitis: Laurinaitis earned consensus All-America accolades for the third time, becoming only the sixth Big Ten student-athlete to accomplish that feat and the first since 1930. The senior linebacker is now one of three Ohio State players to be named a consensus All-American on three occasions, including end Wes Fesler (1928-29-30), the most recent Big standout to garner three accolades, and fullback Charles Harley (1916-17-19). Other conference student-athletes to be honored following three seasons are Chicago quarterback Walter Eckersall (1904-05-06), Illinois halfback Harold "Red" Grange (1923-24-25) and Michigan end Bennie Oosterbaan (1925-26-27).

THREE-TIME CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICANS FROM BIG TEN

Name, Position, School	Years
James Laurinaitis, LB, OSU	2006-07-08
Wes Fesler, E, OSU	1928-29-30
Bennie Oosterbaan, E, MICH	1925-26-27
Harold "Red" Grange, HB, ILL	1923-24-25
Charles Harley, FB, OSU	1916-17-19
Walter Eckersall, QB, CHI	1904-05-06

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS, cont.

Smart Players: The Big Ten topped all conferences with eight student-athletes named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America first or second teams in football. The Big Ten also led the way with seven first-team selections, matching the second-highest total in conference history behind only the eight first-team honorees in 2006. The Big Ten's total of eight Academic All-Americans led all conferences, followed by the Big 12 with seven selections, all on the second team. The Big Ten's seven first-team honorees nearly matched the total of nine first-team picks from all other Football Bowl Subdivision conferences, including five Mountain West selections, two SEC honorees and one choice each from the Pac-10 and Sun Belt. The Academic All-America first-team honorees from the Big Ten include Illinois' **Ryan McDonald**, Northwestern's **Phil Brunner**, Ohio State's **Brian Robiskie** and Penn State's **Gerald Cadogan**, **Josh Hull**, **Andrew Pitz** and **Mark Rubin**. Second-team honors went to the Nittany Lions' **Stefen Wisniewski**. McDonald, Robiskie and Cadogan each earned their second consecutive first-team accolades. Penn State's four first-team selections and five overall honorees led the nation. Brigham Young, Dayton and North Dakota State were the only other schools with more than two Academic All-Americans. Penn State is the first school to have five Academic All-America football players since Nebraska in 1997. To be eligible for the award, a player must be in at least his second year of athletic eligibility, be a first-team or key performer and carry a cumulative 3.30 grade point average (GPA). This GPA standard is higher than the 3.2 required in previous years.

Ohio State and Penn State Share 2008 Big Ten Championship: For the second time in four seasons, Ohio State and Penn State ended the year tied atop the conference standings at 7-1 to share the 2008 Big Ten Championship. The Buckeyes were the first to clinch a share of the crown, defeating Michigan on Nov. 22 to secure a fourth straight Big Ten title. Later in the day, the Nittany Lions knocked off Michigan State to secure a piece of the title. OSU and PSU produced identical 7-1 marks in 2005.

CONSECUTIVE BIG TEN TITLES	
Titles	School (Years)
6	OSU (1972-77)
5	MICH (1988-92)
4	MICH (1901-04)
4	MICH (1930-33)
4	MICH (1947-50)
4	MICH (1971-74)
4	OSU (2005-08)

OSU Claims Fourth Straight Title: Ohio State earned a share of its fourth straight Big Ten Championship, becoming the first team to finish first in four straight seasons since Michigan won at least a share of five consecutive championships from 1988-92. The last time the Buckeyes won at least part of four straight titles was when the program set a conference-record with six straight crowns from 1972-77. Ohio State has now won 33 Big Ten titles, which ranks second only to the Wolverines' sum of 42.

PSU Wins Second Championship in Four Years: Penn State finished first in the conference standings for the second time in the last four seasons and the third time overall. The Nittany Lions were a perfect 8-0 in conference play in 1994, their second season of Big Ten competition, on the way to a Rose Bowl triumph and an unblemished 12-0 campaign. In 2005, PSU earned a share of its second crown with a 7-1 record to end the regular season tied with Ohio State atop the standings. Penn State is the sixth program since 1990 to win at least two Big Ten titles over a four-year span. Michigan and Ohio State have accomplished that feat on multiple occasions in the last 19 seasons, along with two championships in four seasons by Iowa (2002-2004), Wisconsin (1998-1999) and Northwestern (1995-96).

Five Titles in 10 Years: Ohio State tops all Big Ten schools with five titles over the last decade, including first-place finishes in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Michigan ranks second with three championships over that time span (2000, 2003, 2004), followed by a pair of first-place finishes for Iowa (2002, 2004) and Penn State (2005, 2008) and one title for Illinois (2001), Northwestern (2000), Purdue (2000) and Wisconsin (1999). Overall, eight schools have won at least one title in the last decade.

Tressel Joins Prestigious Company with Fifth Title: Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** joined elite company, becoming just the fourth coach in 113 years of Big Ten football to collect five or more titles in his first eight years with a conference institution. Tressel earned his first Big Ten title in his second year in Columbus, guiding the Buckeyes to a perfect season and a national championship in 2002. After a two-year layoff, he has claimed at least a share of the last four conference crowns to

BIG TEN PLAYERS ON THE ACADEMIC AWARDS SCENE

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans

FIRST TEAM

- Ryan McDonald, ILL
- Phil Brunner, NU
- Brian Robiskie, OSU
- Gerald Cadogan, PSU
- Josh Hull, PSU
- Andrew Pitz, PSU
- Mark Rubin, PSU

SECOND TEAM

- Stefen Wisniewski, PSU

Draddy Trophy

Nation's Top Scholar-Athlete

FINALISTS

- Ryan McDonald, ILL
- Brian Robiskie, OSU

Lowe's Senior CLASS Award

Senior with notable achievements in classroom, character, community and competition

WINNER

- James Laurinaitis, OSU

FINALISTS

- Austin Starr, IND
- James Laurinaitis, OSU
- Travis Beckum, WIS

Wuerffel Trophy

Player that Best Combines Community Service with Academic and Athletic Achievement

FINALIST

- Austin Starr, IND

2008 BIG TEN FOOTBALL MVPS

As selected by each institution

Illinois	Arrelious Benn, WR
Indiana	Jammie Kirlew, DE
Iowa	Mitch King, DT; Shonn Greene, RB*
Michigan	Brandon Graham, DE
Michigan State	Javon Ringer, RB
Minnesota	Willie VanDeSteege, DE
Northwestern	Corey Wootton, DE
Ohio State	Chris "Beanie" Wells, RB
Penn State	Derrick Williams, WR
Purdue	Anthony Heygood, LB
Wisconsin	Allen Langford, DB

* Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner

boost his total to five Big Ten Championships. Michigan's Bo Schembechler holds the Big Ten record by finishing first in six of his first eight campaigns from 1969-76. Fellow-Wolverine Fielding Yost collected five championships from 1901-08, while Minnesota's Bernie Bierman won five titles from 1932-39.

More on the Four: Tressel also became just the fifth coach in Big Ten history to win four straight titles and the first since fellow-Buckeye Woody Hayes claimed a school-record six straight crowns from 1972-77. The other mentors to finish first in four straight seasons are the Michigan trio of Schembechler (1971-74), Harry Kipke (1930-33) and Yost (1901-04).

Paterno Nabs Third Big Ten Crown: Penn State's **Joe Paterno** earned his third Big Ten crown and second in the last four seasons. Paterno picked up his first conference title in just his second season in the Big Ten, leading the Nittany Lions to a perfect 12-0 overall record in 1994. He earned his second championship after finishing the 2005 season tied at 7-1 atop the standings with Ohio State, a feat he repeated this season for a third title. Paterno is the 20th head coach to collect three or more Big Ten Championships.

Tiller Ends Career With Win: In his final game as a head coach, Purdue's **Joe Tiller** ended his career in style with a 62-10 victory over Indiana. The Boilermakers' mentor improved to 87-62 in his 12 years in West Lafayette, making him the winningest coach in school history. He took Purdue to 10 bowl games

COACHES WITH FIVE OR MORE BIG TEN TITLES

Titles	Coach
13	Schembechler, MICH
	Hayes, OSU
10	Yost, MICH
8	Williams, MINN
7	Stagg, CHI
	Zuppke, ILL
	Bierman, MINN
5	Carr, MICH
	Tressel, OSU

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS, cont.

in his 12 seasons, after the program made only five bowl trips in its first 100-plus years of football. Last January, Tiller announced that he would retire at the end of the 2008 campaign and Purdue introduced **Danny Hope** as associate head football coach. Hope, who served as an assistant under Tiller at Purdue from 1997-2001, has now taken over as the new head coach. Hope most recently served as head coach at Eastern Kentucky and posted a five-year record of 35-22, including a 32-8 mark in Ohio Valley Conference games.

Mr. Consistency: Iowa's **Shonn Greene** broke loose for 121 rushing yards and three touchdowns in the Outback Bowl against South Carolina to post his 13th effort of 100 yards or more in as many games this season. The junior running back became the first Big Ten player to surpass the century mark in every game since Northwestern's Darnell Autry compiled 100 or more yards in every contest in 1995, including the 1996 Rose Bowl. The last conference player to break the 100-yard rushing mark in all eight Big Ten games was Penn State's Curtis Enis in 1997. Wisconsin's Anthony Davis cracked the 100-yard mark in each of his seven conference contests in 2001 but did not play in one game.

Paterno Still the One: Penn State's **Joe Paterno** ended the 2008 season with 383 career victories and currently holds the all-time victory record among Football Bowl Subdivision coaches. Paterno stands at 383-127-3 in his 43 seasons leading the Nittany Lions while Florida State's Bobby Bowden stands in second place with 382 wins. Paterno has been on the sidelines for 513 career games, one of only three mentors in NCAA history to crack that barrier along with former Big Ten coach Amos Alonzo Stagg (548 games from 1890-1946 with Springfield, Chicago and Pacific) and Bowden (508 games).

Paterno Stands Sixth in Century Club:

Penn State's **Joe Paterno** ended the 2008 campaign with 136 triumphs since joining the conference and is tied for sixth place on the list of 12 mentors to collect 100 or more wins while at a Big Ten school. Paterno stands at 136-60 in 16 seasons since 1993 to equal Minnesota's Henry Williams, who produced a record of 136-33-11 from 1900-21. The only Big Ten coaches with more victories at a conference institution are Ohio State's Woody Hayes (205-61-10), Chicago's Amos Alonzo Stagg (199-94-22), the Michigan duo of Bo Schembechler (194-48-5) and Fielding Yost (165-29-10) and Iowa's Hayden Fry (143-89-6). The complete list of coaches with 100 or more wins appears to the right.

BIG TEN CENTURY CLUB

Coach, Team	Seasons	Record
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	205-61-10
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI*	37	199-94-22
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	194-48-5
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	165-29-10
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	143-89-6
Henry Williams, MINN	22	136-33-11
Joe Paterno, PSU*	16	136-60-0
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	131-81-13
Lloyd Carr, MICH	13	122-40-0
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

Penn State Joins Michigan and Ohio State in 800-Win Club: Penn State earned the 800th victory in program history on Nov. 22 with a win over Michigan State. The Nittany Lions are the sixth school to boast 800 or more victories, including two other Big Ten programs. Michigan holds the national record with 872 triumphs all-time and is joined by Texas (832 wins), Notre Dame (831), Nebraska (817) and Ohio State (808), which joined 800-plus victory club earlier this season.

Five-Million Fan March: For the fourth straight season and just the sixth time in Big Ten history, the conference surpassed the five-million mark in overall attendance with a total of 5,399,659 fans attending 77 contests this year. The Big Ten's attendance in all games ranks as the third-highest total in conference annals behind only the 2002 (5,499,439) and 2007 (5,408,019) campaigns. Conference schools averaged 70,125 fans per home contest this season, cracking the 70,000-barrier for the sixth time in the last eight seasons. The Big Ten also broke the three-million barrier in conference games only with 3,172,365 fans attending 44 contests on the year, an average of 72,099 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).

Big Ten Equals Sellout Record: Big Ten schools produced 42 sellouts this season to equal the conference record set just one year ago. Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin filled their stadiums on the final weekend of action while Minnesota set a season-high with 64,071 patrons in its final game at the Metrodome, just 101 fans shy of a sellout. The Boilermakers packed Ross-Ade Stadium in the final game for head coach **Joe Tiller**, their first sellout this season. Nine Big Ten schools posted at least one full house this season, as the Buckeyes and Badgers sold out every home game.

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 average attendance. The Wolverines averaged 108,571 fans in seven games for a total attendance of 759,997. Penn State ranked second with an average of 108,254 fans in seven home contests (757,775 total) while the Buckeyes rated third by welcoming an average of 104,976 patrons for seven matchups (734,830). Other Big Ten schools to appear among the top 22 in average attendance are Wisconsin (15th at 81,088), Michigan State (20th at 74,858) and Iowa (22nd at 70,169). 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 2008-09 school year ended, the Big Ten recognized a total of 186 football student-athletes who have been named to the Academic All-Conference Team, breaking the previous record of 175 Academic All-Big Ten honorees established last season. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letterwinners who are in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

The list of the 2008 football honorees, with **Academic All-America selections in bold**, appears below:

Jon Asamoah, Tad Keely, **Ryan McDonald**, Brit Miller, Doug Pilcher, Anthony Santella, Cody Stunkard, ILL; Chris Adkins, Leon Beckum, Brandon Bugg, Trea Burgess, Ben Chappell, Zach Davis-Walker, Max Dedmond, Taylor Donnell, Matt Ernest, Mitchell Evans, Bruce Hampton, Jammie Kirlew, Joe Kleinsmith, Alex Perry, Mike Reiter, Tyler Replogle, Jeff Sanders, Pete Saxon, Austin Starr, Collin Taylor, Eric Thomas, Brian Zematias, IND; Wes Aeschliman, Robert Bruggeman, A.J. Edds, Matt Kroul, Nick Kuchel, Gavin McGrath, Brett Morse, Jayme Murphy, Daniel Murray, Anton Narinsky, Tyler Nielsen, Seth Olsen, Michael Sabers, Andy Schulze, Jeff Tarpinian, Julian Vanderveelde, IOWA; Jon Conover, John Ferrara, Will Heining, Will Johnson, K.C. Lopata, Zoltan Mesko, Tim North, Jason Olesnavage, Steven Threet, MICH; Ryan Allison, Aaron Bates, Todd Boleski, Kirk Cousins, Adam Decker, Joel Foreman, Andrew Hawken, Kevin Pickelman, Chris D. Rucker, Kyle Smith, Blair White, MSU; William Brody, D.J. Burris, Ryan Collado, Steven Davis, Eric Decker, Deon Hightower, Jon Hoese, Justin Kucek, Ben Kuznia, Mike Maciejowski, Chris Mensen, Barrett Moen, Steve Moore, Tony Mortenson, Damola Ogundipe, Derrick Onwuachi, Ryan Ruckdashel, Marcus Sherels, Jack Simmons, Eric Small, Matt Stommes, Patrick Sveum, Kyle Theret, Jeff Tow-Arnett, Adam Weber, MINN; Colin Armstrong, C.J. Bachér, Doug Bartels, Andrew Brewer, **Phil Brunner**, Corbin Bryant, Scott Concannon, Kyle Daley, Stefan Demos, Mike Dinard, Adam Hahn, Keegan Kennedy, Zeke Markshausen, Kurt Mattes, Bryce McNaul, James Nussbaum, David Oredugba, Dan Persa, Eric Peterman, Brian Peters, Kyle Petty, Brad Phillips, Josh Rooks, Desmond Taylor, Kevin Watt, Mark Woodsum, NU; Bryant Browning, Chimdi Chekwa, Jim Cordle, Todd Denlinger, Doug Ebner, Marcus Freeman, Tyson Gentry, Bryan Gray, Brian Harbline, Dan Herron, Ben Kacsandi, Dexter Larimore, James Laurinaitis, Jake McQuaide, Andrew Miller, Andrew Moses, Aaron Pettrey, Ryan Pretorius, **Brian Robiskie**, Kyle Ruhl, Brandon Saine, Dane Sanzenbacher, Austin Spiller, Taurian Washington, Chris Wells, Marcus Williams, OSU; Jesse Alfreno, Andrew Astorino, Jeremy Boone, Brett Brackett, **Gerald Cadogan**, Christopher Colasanti, Patrick Devlin, **Joshua Hull**, Kevin Kelly, Daniel Lawlor, Gregory Miskinis, Jordan Norwood, **Andrew Pitz**, **Mark Rubin**, Stephen Stupar, **Stefen Wisniewski**, PSU; Kyle Adams, Ryan Baker, Mike Conway, Dan Dierking, Frank Duong, Joey Elliott, Jermaine Guynn, Tyler Haston, Joe Holland, Andy Huffman, Ryan Kerrigan, Colton McKey, Nick Mondek, Chris Summers, Desmond Tardy, PUR; Zach Brown, Gabe Carimi, Allan Evridge, Ryan Flasch, William Hartmann, Tyler Holland, Andy Kemp, Prince Moody, Louis Nzegwu, Chris Pressley, Blake Sorensen, Mickey Turner, WIS.

BIG TEN. BIG NEWS, cont.

Big Ten Standouts Attack Single-Season Records: Three Big Ten student-athletes concluded the 2008 campaign ranked first or second on the single-season charts in a variety of statistical categories. Michigan State running back **Javon Ringer** set a conference record with 429 all-purpose plays, breaking the previous best set by fellow Spartan rusher Lorenzo White in 1985 (425 plays). Ringer also finished second with 390 rushing attempts behind only White's 419 rushes in 1985 while cracking the top 10 with 22 rushing touchdowns (tied for 7th). Penn State's **Kevin Kelly** produced 120 kicking points to equal the Big Ten single-season record set by Iowa's Nate Kaeding and Ohio State's Mike Nugent in 2002. Minnesota defensive back **Troy Stoudermire** became just the third player in Big Ten history to surpass 1,000 yards on kickoff returns and ended the season with 1,083 yards, ranking second only to the 1,135 kickoff return yards produced by Michigan State's Devin Thomas in 2007. Stoudermire posted 42 kickoff returns this season, which is tied for the second-best single-season effort trailing only the 43 returns by Iowa's Earl Douthitt in 1973. 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: Five Big Ten student-athletes cracked the conference's top five in career statistical categories. Penn State kicker **Kevin Kelly** ended his senior season as the Big Ten's all-time leader with 417 kicking points, 78 field goals and 183 extra points. Iowa's Nate Kaeding (2000-03) and Minnesota's Dan Nystrom (1999-02) previously held the conference record with 367 kicking points while a pair of Ohio State kickers entered the season atop the career charts with 72 field goals (Mike Nugent from 2001-04) and 177 extra points (Rich Spangler, 1982-85). Kelly also tallied a touchdown and a two-point conversion during his time with the Nittany Lions to amass 425 total points, just one point shy of the Big Ten record of 426 points set by Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne from 1996-99. Purdue quarterback **Curtis Painter** ended his career ranked among the top eight in six passing categories with 1,648 attempts (2nd), 987 completions (2nd), 11,163 passing yards (2nd), 11,511 total offensive yards (3rd), 1,873 total offensive plays (4th) and 67 passing touchdowns (8th). Fellow-Boilermaker **Kory Sheets** ended his career with 48 rushing touchdowns and 54 total scores, both of which rank fifth in Big Ten annals. Indiana's **Marcus Thigpen** ended his career with 2,009 kickoff return yards, becoming just the fifth player to surpass the 2,000-yard mark to rank fifth all-time. Thigpen's three kickoff return touchdowns are tied for third in conference history. In only his third season in Champaign, Illinois quarterback **Juice Williams** passed the 2,000-yard mark in rushing and his 2,050 rushing yards ranks fourth all-time among Big Ten signal callers. The complete list of players appearing among the top 10 Big Ten career records appears on page 13 of this release.

Big Ten Individual Leaders . . . : The Big Ten crowned new statistical champions for conference games only in all categories appearing in the records book. Iowa's **Shonn Greene** topped the Big Ten in two categories with 152.9 rushing yards and 9.8 points per contest. The junior running back gave the Hawkeyes the Big Ten rushing leader for the second time in four years, after Albert Young rated first in 2005. Greene's 13 touchdowns make him the first Iowa standout to top the conference in scoring since Wilburn Hollis tied for the Big Ten lead with eight touchdowns in 1960. Ohio State quarterback **Terrelle Pryor** led the Big Ten with a pass efficiency rating of 151.3, becoming the first freshman since at least 1980 to top the conference in that category. The only other freshman to lead the Big Ten in passing since 1939 was Purdue's Mark Herrmann, who ranked first in 1977 based on comparative grading. The Illinois tandem of quarterback **Juice Williams** and wide receiver **Arrelious Benn** ended the regular season atop two different categories. Williams ranked first with 319.4 yards of total offense per game while Benn led the Big Ten with 99.2 receiving yards per game. The last Illini standout to lead the conference in total offense was Kurt Kittner in 2001 while Benn becomes the first Illinois wideout to lead in receiving yardage since at least 1985. Minnesota's **Eric Decker** topped the Big Ten with 6.29 receptions per outing to become the first Gopher to lead the conference in catches per game since Omar Douglas in 1993. On special teams, Michigan State's **Aaron Bates** averaged 43.0 yards per punt to lead all Big Ten players, marking the third time in the last six years a Spartans' punter rated first in the conference following Brandon Fields in 2003 and 2004.

. . . and Team Leaders: In the team statistics, Big Ten Co-Champions Ohio State and Penn State were joined by Illinois on top of two major statistical categories each. The Buckeyes led the Big Ten in scoring defense for the fourth straight season by allowing only 12.2 points per game while also topping the conference in rushing offense for the second time in three years with 205.6 yards per outing. OSU is just the second school since 1936 to rank first in points allowed per contest in four straight campaigns, a feat first accomplished by Michigan from 1969-72. The Nittany Lions limited opponents to 284.8 yards per game to lead the Big Ten in total defense for the first time since joining the conference in 1993, snapping Ohio State's three-year dominance of that category. PSU also rated first in scoring offense for the second time in four seasons with 33.9 points per outing. The Fighting Illini topped the Big Ten in the remaining offensive categories with 427.1 yards of total offense and 271.5 yards of passing offense per contest. The last time Illinois ranked first in total offense was in 1981, while the last time the program led the way in passing offense was in 2002. Among the remaining major statistical categories, Iowa topped the Big Ten in rushing defense by allowing only 97.9 yards per game while Purdue rated first in passing defense by limiting opponents to only 152.5 yards per outing. The Hawkeyes ranked first in stopping the rush for the third time in the last seven years, including 2002 and 2004. The Boilermakers led the conference in passing defense for the first time since 1961.

No Plays: Each year, two Big Ten teams do not meet. Below is the breakdown of 2008 "no-plays":

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

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BIG TEN ANNOUNCES 2008 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Iowa's Greene and King Earn Offensive Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year Laurels, respectively; Ohio State's Laurinaitis Repeats as Defensive Player of the Year While Pryor Named Freshman of the Year; Penn State's Paterno and Shipley Tabbed as Coach and Offensive Lineman of the Year, respectively.

The Big Ten announced the 2008 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners on Nov. 24 as selected by the coaches and a media panel. After sharing the 2008 Big Ten Championship, Ohio State and Penn State picked up two individual awards a piece while Iowa also claimed a pair of individual honors. Buckeyes' linebacker **James Laurinaitis** became the third Big Ten player to earn back-to-back Defensive Player of the Year honors while quarterback **Terrelle Pryor** was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year. The Nittany Lions' **Joe Paterno** collected his third Dave McClain Coach of the Year award from the media while center **A.Q. Shipley** was honored by the coaches as the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. For the Hawkeyes, running back **Shonn Greene** was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year while the coaches selected defensive tackle **Mitch King** as the Defensive Lineman of the Year.

After earning consensus All-America honors the last two seasons, Laurinaitis returned to Columbus to spearhead a Buckeyes unit which led the Big Ten in scoring defense in conference play for the fourth straight year. The two-time Big Ten Preseason Defensive Player of the Year boosted the Buckeyes to a share of their fourth straight championship for the first time since 1977. In all games, the senior linebacker led Ohio State and ranked second in the conference with 10.1 tackles per game (121 total) while also collecting 5.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, two interceptions and a forced fumble in 12 games. Laurinaitis is the third player in Big Ten history to earn Defensive Player of the Year honors in consecutive seasons along with two other linebackers, Illinois' Dana Howard (1993 and 1994) and current Northwestern head coach Pat Fitzgerald (1995 and 1996). Ohio State has now claimed four of the last six Defensive Player of the Year awards, including honors for linebacker A.J. Hawk (2005) and defensive end Will Smith (2003). Laurinaitis won the 2007 Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and the 2006 Nagurski Trophy as the country's top defender. He is a finalist for the Lombardi Award, a semifinalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year and Bednarik Awards and a candidate to repeat as the Butkus Award winner.

Greene is the sixth Iowa standout to be named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, joining a group that includes Chuck Long (1985), Nick Bell (1990), Matt Rodgers (1990), Tavian Banks (1997) and Brad Banks (2002). The junior running back led the Big Ten with 1,729 rushing yards this season while scoring 17 touchdowns and averaging 6.2 yards per carry. He currently ranks second in the nation with 144.1 yards per game and is the only player in the country to rush for 100 or more yards in every game. He is the first Big Ten running back to surpass the 100-yard mark in 12 games since Northwestern's Darnell Autry in 1995 and the first to accomplish that feat in all eight conference games since Penn State's Curtis Enis in 1997. Greene's 1,729 rushing yards set a new school record while his 17 touchdowns are tied with Tavian Banks for the single-season best. Greene is a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award, given to the nation's top player, and one of three finalists for the Doak Walker Award, earned by the top running back.

Paterno guided the Nittany Lions to their second Big Ten title in the last four seasons and third since joining the conference to earn Big Ten Coach of the Year honors. After finishing 4-4 in the conference last season, Penn State produced a 7-1 mark with its lone loss coming on a last-second field goal at Iowa. The Nittany Lions ended the regular season 11-1 overall to post 10 or more victories for the second time in four seasons and the sixth time since joining the conference in 1993. Paterno has won 136 games since entering the Big Ten to rank sixth on the list of 12 mentors to collect 100 or more wins while at a conference school. He was previously honored as Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1994 and 2005 and becomes just the third individual in conference history to win three or more Coach of the Year awards. Michigan's Bo Schembechler

was named Big Ten Coach of the Year following six seasons (1972, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1989) while Iowa's Hayden Fry was honored in three different years (1981, 1990, 1991).

Shipley became the first Nittany Lion to earn Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year accolades as voted by the coaches. The senior center spearheaded a Penn State attack that led the Big Ten with 33.9 points per conference game while also ranking among the top four in total offense (second with 409.0 yards per game), rushing offense (fourth with 180.2 ypg) and passing offense (fourth with 228.8 ypg). Shipley, a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, has started the last 37 games at center and played in every game the last three years.

King became the first Hawkeye to nab Defensive Lineman of the Year laurels from the coaches since Jared Devries was honored in 1997. Other Iowa defensive linemen to be honored include Paul Hufford (1984), Dave Haight (1987) and Leroy Smith (1991). King's stout interior play helped Iowa lead the Big Ten in rushing defense for the first time since 2002 by allowing only 97.9 yards per game. The Hawkeyes also ranked third in conference play by limiting their opponents to only 16.2 points and 306.5 yards of total offense per contest. King led the team with 15.5 tackles for loss and added 51 total tackles, four sacks and a forced fumble in 12 games.

Pryor becomes the sixth Ohio State player to earn Freshman of the Year accolades, a group that includes Robert Smith (1990), Corey Stringer (1992), Orlando Pace (1994), Andy Katzenmoyer (1996) and Maurice Claret (2002). Pryor led the Big Ten with a pass efficiency rating of 151.3 in conference games only, making him the first freshman to top the conference in that category since at least 1980 when the current pass efficiency system was introduced. The only other freshman to lead the Big Ten in passing since 1939 was Purdue's Mark Herrmann, who ranked first in 1977 based on comparative grading. In all games, Pryor completed 95 of 152 passes (62.5 percent) for 1,245 yards and 12 touchdowns and ranked second on the team with 553 rushing yards and six touchdowns. He produced an 8-1 record as a starter and became the first OSU true freshman to start behind center since 1978.

Overall, there are 13 individuals repeating as members of the All-Big Ten first or second team from a year ago, including five first-team selections from 2007 who are on this year's first team - Illinois' **Vontae Davis**, Iowa's King, Penn State's Shipley and Ohio State's **Malcolm Jenkins** and Laurinaitis. Jenkins and Laurinaitis have now been named first team All-Big Ten in three straight seasons, the first Buckeyes to accomplish that feat since Hawk in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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 **Brit Miller** of Illinois, **Austin Starr** of Indiana, **Matt Kroul** of Iowa, **Sean Griffin** of Michigan, **Javon Ringer** of Michigan State, **Jack Simmons** of Minnesota, **Eric Peterman** of Northwestern, **Marcus Freeman** of Ohio State, **Gerald Cadogan** of Penn State, **Ryan Baker** of Purdue and **Chris Pressley** 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 2008 All-Big Ten Teams and individual honors follows.

2008 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team
As selected by **CONFERENCE COACHES**

FIRST TEAM

Daryll Clark, Penn State
Shonn Greene, Iowa
Javon Ringer, Michigan State
Eric Decker, Minnesota
Derrick Williams, Penn State
A.Q. Shipley, Penn State
Seth Olsen, Iowa
Rich Ohrnberger, Penn State
Alex Boone, Ohio State
Gerald Cadogan, Penn State
Brandon Myers, Iowa
Kevin Kelly, Penn State

OFFENSE

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

SECOND TEAM

Adam Weber, Minnesota
Chris "Beanie" Wells, Ohio State
Evan Royster, Penn State
Arrelious Benn, Illinois
David Gilreath, Wisconsin
Rob Bruggeman, Iowa
Stefen Wisniewski, Penn State
Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin
Xavier Fulton, Illinois
Bryan Bulaga, Iowa
Garrett Graham, Wisconsin
Brett Swenson, Michigan State

FIRST TEAM

MITCH KING, IOWA
Corey Wootton, Northwestern
Aaron Maybin, Penn State
Jared Odrick, Penn State
Greg Jones, Michigan State
James Laurinaitis, Ohio State
Navorro Bowman, Penn State
Vontae Davis, Illinois
Otis Wiley, Michigan State
MALCOLM JENKINS, OHIO STATE
Anthony Scirrotto, Penn State
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan

DEFENSE

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

SECOND TEAM

Jammie Kirlaw, Indiana
Brandon Graham, Michigan
Willie VanDeSteeg, Minnesota
Mike Newkirk, Wisconsin
Brit Miller, Illinois
Pat Angerer, Iowa
Marcus Freeman, Ohio State
Amari Spivey, Iowa
Traye Simmons, Minnesota
Allen Langford, Wisconsin
Jay Valai, Wisconsin
Ryan Donahue, Iowa

HONORABLE MENTION: ILLINOIS: Jon Asamoah, Michael Hoomanawanui, Ryan McDonald, Derek Walker, Juice Williams; IOWA: Kyle Calloway, A.J. Edds, Bradley Fletcher, Matt Kroul; MICHIGAN: Obi Ezeh, Brandon Minor, Terrance Taylor; MICHIGAN STATE: Trevor Anderson, Aaron Bates, Charlie Gantt, Brian Hoyer, Roland Martin, Jesse Miller, Chris Rucker, Blair White; MINNESOTA: Jack Simmons; NORTHWESTERN: John Gill, Keegan Kennedy, Sherrick McManis, Eric Peterman, Brad Phillips, Brendan Smith, Tyrell Sutton, Amado Villarreal; OHIO STATE: Nader Abdallah, Kurt Coleman, Rory Nicol; PENN STATE: Jeremy Boone, Tony Davis, Dennis Landolt, Jordan Norwood, Mark Rubin, Tyrell Sales, Lydell Sargeant; PURDUE: Anthony Heygood, Greg Orton, David Pender, Kory Sheets, Torri Williams; WISCONSIN: Jonathan Casillas, Jason Chapman, P.J. Hill, Andy Kemp, DeAndre Levy, Matt Shaughnessy, Eric Vanden Heuvel, Philip Welch.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Shonn Greene, Iowa
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: A.Q. Shipley, Penn State
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: James Laurinaitis, Ohio State
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Mitch King, Iowa
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State

Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honorees: Brit Miller, ILL; Austin Starr, IND; Matt Kroul, IOWA; Sean Griffin, MICH; Javon Ringer, MSU; Jack Simmons, MINN; Eric Peterman, NU; Marcus Freeman, OSU; Gerald Cadogan, PSU; Ryan Baker, PUR; Chris Pressley, WIS.

UNANIMOUS SELECTIONS IN ALL CAPS

2008 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team
As selected by **CONFERENCE MEDIA**

FIRST TEAM

Daryll Clark, Penn State
SHONN GREENE, IOWA
Javon Ringer, Michigan State
Arrelious Benn, Illinois
Eric Decker, Minnesota
A.Q. Shipley, Penn State

Seth Olsen, Iowa
Rich Ohrnberger, Penn State
Alex Boone, Ohio State
Gerald Cadogan, Penn State

Garrett Graham, Wisconsin
Kevin Kelly, Penn State

OFFENSE

Quarterback
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Guard
Tackle
Tackle
Tackle
Tight End
Kicker

SECOND TEAM

Juice Williams, Illinois
Chris "Beanie" Wells, Ohio State
Evan Royster, Penn State
Deon Butler, Penn State
Derrick Williams, Penn State
Ryan McDonald, Illinois*
Rob Bruggeman, Iowa*
Roland Martin, Michigan State
Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin
Xavier Fulton, Illinois*
Kyle Calloway, Iowa*
Jesse Miller, Michigan State*
Jack Simmons, Minnesota
Brett Swenson, Michigan State

FIRST TEAM

Jammie Kirlaw, Indiana
Mitch King, Iowa
Willie VanDeSteege, Minnesota
Aaron Maybin, Penn State
Brit Miller, Illinois
JAMES LAURINAITIS, OHIO STATE
Navorro Bowman, Penn State
Vontae Davis, Illinois
Otis Wiley, Michigan State
Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio State
Allen Langford, Wisconsin
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan

DEFENSE

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

SECOND TEAM

Matt Kroul, Iowa
Brandon Graham, Michigan
Corey Wootton, Northwestern
Jared Odrick, Penn State
Pat Angerer, Iowa
Greg Jones, Michigan State
Marcus Freeman, Ohio State
Traye Simmons, Minnesota
Kurt Coleman, Ohio State
Lydell Sargeant, Penn State
Anthony Scirrotto, Penn State
Aaron Bates, Michigan State

HONORABLE MENTION: ILLINOIS: Jon Asamoah, Michael Hoomanawanui, Derek Walker; INDIANA: Chris Hagerup; IOWA: Bryan Bulaga, Ryan Donahue, A.J. Edds, Bradley Fletcher, Brent Greenwood, Brandon Myers, Amari Spivey; MICHIGAN: Obi Ezeh, Tim Jamison, Terrance Taylor; MICHIGAN STATE: Trevor Anderson, Charlie Gantt, Brian Hoyer, Justin Kershaw, Brandon Long, Joel Nitchman, Chris Rucker, Blair White; MINNESOTA: Kyle Theret, Adam Weber; NORTHWESTERN: John Gill, Keegan Kennedy, Sherrick McManis, Eric Peterman, Brad Phillips, Brendan Smith, Amado Villarreal; OHIO STATE: Nader Abdallah, Rory Nicol, Terrelle Pryor, Brian Robiskie; PENN STATE: Jeremy Boone, Tony Davis, Josh Gaines, Dennis Landolt, Mark Rubin, Stafen Wisniewski; PURDUE: Anthony Heygood, Ryan Kerrigan, Greg Orton, Kory Sheets, Desmond Tardy, Torri Williams; WISCONSIN: P.J. Hill, Andy Kemp, DeAndre Levy, Mike Newkirk, Matt Shaughnessy, Eric Vanden Heuvel, Philip Welch.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:
DAVE McCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR:

Shonn Greene, Iowa
James Laurinaitis, Ohio State
Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State
Joe Paterno, Penn State

UNANIMOUS SELECTIONS IN ALL CAPS

* Additional honorees due to tie

BIG TEN COACHES TOP WINNING RECORDS -- ALL-TIME

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

Coach, Team	Yrs	Seasons	Record	PCT
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	1901-23, 1925-26	165-29-10	.833
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	1969-89	194-48-5	.796
Henry Williams, MINN	22	1900-21	136-33-11	.786
Fritz Crisler, MINN-MICH	12	1930-31, 1938-47	81-23-4	.769
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	1951-78	205-61-10	.761
Lloyd Carr, MICH	13	1995-2007	122-40-0	.753
Bernie Bierman, MINN	16	1932-41, 1945-50	93-35-6	.716
John Cooper, OSU	13	1988-2000	111-43-4	.715
Joe Paterno, PSU	16	1993-	136-60-0	.694
John Wilce, OSU	16	1913-28	78-33-9	.688
Jack Mollenkopf, PUR	14	1956-69	84-39-9	.670
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI	37	1896-32	199-94-22	.667
Bennie Oosterbaan, MICH	11	1948-58	63-33-4	.650
Barry Alvarez, WIS	16	1990-2005	118-73-4	.615
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	1979-98	143-89-6	.613
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	1913-41	131-81-13	.611
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	1954-72	109-69-5	.609
Joe Tiller, PUR	12	1997-2008	87-62-0	.584
Glenn Thistlewaite, NU-WIS	10	1922-26, 1927-31	47-33-4	.583
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	10	1999-	70-53	.569
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 Eliot, ILL	18	1942-59	83-73-11	.530
Glen Mason, MINN	10	1997-2006	64-57-0	.529
Murray Warmath, MINN	18	1954-71	86-78-7	.528
Pappy Waldorf, NU	12	1935-46	49-45-7	.520

Current Coaches Nearing 10 Full Seasons:

Jim Tressel, OSU	8	2001-	83-19	.814
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BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career (Yrs)	At School (Yrs)	Big Ten Only
Ron Zook, ILL	41-44 (7)	18-30 (4)	10-22
Bill Lynch, IND	91-82-3 (16)	10-15 (2)	4-12
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	82-74 (13)	70-53 (10)	43-37
Rich Rodriguez, MICH	108-71-2 (16)	3-9 (1)	2-6
Mark Dantonio, MSU	34-27 (5)	16-10 (2)	9-7
Tim Brewster, MINN	8-17 (2)	8-17 (2)	3-13
Pat Fitzgerald, NU	19-18 (3)	19-18 (3)	10-14
Jim Tressel, OSU	218-76-2 (23)	83-19 (8)	52-12
Joe Paterno, PSU	383-127-3 (43)	383-127-3 (43)	80-48
Joe Tiller, PUR	126-92-1 (18)	87-62 (12)	53-43
Bret Bielema, WIS	28-11 (3)	28-11 (3)	15-9

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

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	WIS
Preseason	20/19	-/-	-/-	rv/24	rv/rv	-/-	-/-	2/3	22/22	-/-	13/12
Sept. 1	24/25	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	19/19	-/-	11/11
Sept. 7	24/rv	-/-	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/rv	5/5	17/17	-/-	10/10
Sept. 14	22/23	-/-	rv/rv	-/-	-/rv	rv/-	rv/rv	13/14	16/15	-/-	8/8
Sept. 21	22/21	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv	rv/rv	rv/rv	14/13	12/12	-/rv	9/8
Sept. 28	rv/rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/rv	rv/rv/rv	-/-	rv/rv/rv	14/12/14	6/6/6	-/-	18/17/16
Oct. 5	rv/rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	23/19/21	-/rv/rv	rv/22/23	12/11/12	6/6/6	-/-	rv/24/24
Oct. 12	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	20/17/18	rv/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv	12/11/13	3/3/3	-/-	-/rv
Oct. 19	-/rv/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	25/25/25	rv/24/rv	10/10/10	3/3/3	-/-	-/-
Oct. 26	-/-	-/-	-/rv	-/-	22/21/21	20/20/20	rv/rv/rv	13/13/12	3/3/3	-/-	-/rv
Nov. 2	-/rv	-/-	-/-	-/-	18/17/18	rv/rv/rv	rv/25/rv	12/12/11	3/2/2	-/-	-/-
Nov. 9	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	-/-	18/15/16	-/rv/rv	rv/rv/rv	10/10/10	7/8/7	-/-	-/-
Nov. 16	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	-/-	17/15/16	-/rv	rv/24/rv	10/10/10	7/8/7	-/-	-/-
Nov. 23	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	-/-	22/21/21	-/-	24/20/24	10/10/10	6/6/6	-/-	-/-
Nov. 30	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	-/-	21/21/21	-/-	24/22/22	10/10/10	6/6/6	-/-	-/-
Dec. 7	-/-	-/-	rv/rv/rv	-/-	19/18/18	-/-	22/20/21	10/10/10	6/6/6	-/-	-/-
FINAL	-/-	-/-	20/20	-/-	24/24	-/-	rv/rv	9/11	8/8	-/-	-/-

rv - Receiving Votes

NOTE: Harris Poll first released on Sept. 28; Dec. 7 was final Harris Poll

2008 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

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

ACC (2)	1-1
Duke (1)	1-0
*Florida State (1)	0-1
Big 12 (5)	1-4
Iowa State (1)	1-0
*Kansas (1)	0-1
*Missouri (2)	0-2
*Texas (1)	0-1
Big East (3)	2-1
Pittsburgh (1)	0-1
Syracuse (2)	2-0
Big Sky (2)	2-0
Northern Colorado (1)	1-0
Montana State (1)	1-0
Big South (1)	1-0
Coastal Carolina (1)	1-0
Big West (1)	1-0
Cal-Poly (1)	1-0
Colonial Athletic Assoc. (1)	1-0
Maine (1)	1-0
Conference USA (1)	1-0
Marshall (1)	1-0
Mid-American (13)	9-4
Akron (1)	1-0
Ball State (1)	0-1
Bowling Green (1)	1-0
Central Michigan (2)	1-1
Eastern Michigan (1)	1-0
Miami (Ohio) (1)	1-0
Northern Illinois (1)	1-0
Ohio (2)	2-0
Temple (1)	1-0
Toledo (1)	0-1
Western Michigan (1)	0-1
Missouri Valley (2)	2-0
Southern Illinois (1)	1-0
Youngstown State (1)	1-0
Mountain West (1)	0-1
Utah (1)	0-1
Ohio Valley (2)	2-0
Eastern Illinois (1)	1-0
Murray State (1)	1-0
Pac-10 (5)	1-4
California (1)	0-1
Oregon (1)	0-1
Oregon State (1)	1-0
*Southern California (2)	0-2
SEC (2)	1-1
*Georgia (1)	0-1
*South Carolina (1)	1-0
Sun Belt (5)	5-0
Florida Atlantic (2)	2-0
Florida International (1)	1-0
Louisiana-Lafayette (1)	1-0
Troy (1)	1-0
WAC (1)	1-0
Fresno State (1)	1-0
Independent (4)	2-2
Notre Dame (3)	1-2
Western Kentucky (1)	1-0
Total (51)	33-18 (.647)
Bowl Games Only (7)	1-6 (.143)
* indicates bowl opponent	

ASSOCIATED PRESS -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Florida (48)	13-1	1606	1
2. Utah (16)	13-0	1519	7
3. USC (1)	12-1	1481	5
4. Texas	12-1	1478	3
5. Oklahoma	12-2	1391	2
6. Alabama	12-2	1264	4
7. TCU	11-2	1193	11
8. Penn State	11-2	1153	6
9. Ohio State	10-3	1013	10
10. Oregon	10-3	997	15
11. Boise State	12-1	938	9
12. Texas Tech	11-2	916	8
13. Georgia	10-3	903	16
14. Mississippi	9-4	857	20
15. Virginia Tech	10-4	713	21
16. Oklahoma State	9-4	534	13
17. Cincinnati	11-3	506	12
18. Oregon State	9-4	467	24
19. Missouri	10-4	435	25
20. Iowa	9-4	317	NR
21. Florida State	9-4	246	NR
22. Georgia Tech	9-4	223	14
23. West Virginia	9-4	144	NR
24. Michigan State	9-4	138	19
25. Brigham Young	10-3	137	17

Others Receiving Votes: California 128, Pittsburgh 106, LSU 95, Nebraska 64, Tulsa 61, Northwestern 53, Ball State 13, Boston College 11, Rutgers 11, Rice 8, Arizona 4, Kansas 2.

USA TODAY -- FINAL

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Florida (60)	13-1	1524	2
2. USC	12-1	1393	4
3. Texas	12-1	1389	3
4. Utah (1)	13-0	1375	7
5. Oklahoma	12-2	1333	1
6. Alabama	12-2	1157	4
7. TCU	11-2	1114	11
8. Penn State	11-2	1091	6
9. Oregon	10-3	1011	13
10. Georgia	10-3	904	17
11. Ohio State	10-3	874	10
12. Texas Tech	11-2	867	8
13. Boise State	12-1	809	9
14. Virginia Tech	10-4	740	19
15. Mississippi	9-4	620	24
16. Missouri	10-4	549	23
17. Cincinnati	11-3	493	12
18. Oklahoma State	9-4	480	14
19. Oregon State	9-4	407	25
20. Iowa	9-4	250	NR
21. Brigham Young	10-3	248	16
22. Georgia Tech	9-4	219	15
23. Florida State	9-4	217	NR
24. Michigan State	9-4	179	18
25. California	9-4	116	NR

Others Receiving Votes: West Virginia 101, Tulsa 68, LSU 65, Northwestern 63, Nebraska 62, Pittsburgh 38, Arizona 21, Ball State 14, Rice 14, Boston College 6, Rutgers 5, Kansas 3, Kentucky 3, Connecticut 2, Houston 1.

HARRIS INTERACTIVE -- FINAL (DEC. 7)

Team (1st Place)	Rec.	PTS	Prev.
1. Florida (77)	12-1	2,776	2
2. Oklahoma (26)	12-1	2,699	4
3. Texas (9)	11-1	2,616	3
4. Alabama	12-1	2,442	1
5. USC	11-1	2,413	5
6. Penn State	11-1	2,186	6
7. Utah (1)	12-0	2,119	7
8. Texas Tech	11-1	2,090	8
9. Boise State	12-0	1,938	9
10. Ohio State	10-2	1,858	10
11. TCU	10-2	1,580	12
12. Cincinnati	11-2	1,528	13
13. Oklahoma State	9-3	1,402	14
14. Georgia Tech	9-3	1,221	16
15. Oregon	9-3	1,211	15
16. BYU	10-2	1,071	17
17. Georgia	9-3	1,018	20
18. Michigan State	9-3	831	21
19. Pittsburgh	9-3	638	23
20. Ball State	12-1	609	11
21. Northwestern	9-3	548	22
22. Virginia Tech	9-4	511	NR
23. Mississippi	8-4	413	24
24. Missouri	9-4	382	18
25. Oregon State	8-4	228	25

Others Receiving Votes: Boston College 172; Iowa 67; Florida State 43; California 32; East Carolina 23; Tulsa 20; West Virginia 19; Rice 8; Kansas 3; LSU 3; Western Michigan 3; Nebraska 2; Rutgers 2.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS - FINAL (DEC. 7)

Rank	Team	BCS Avg.	Prev. Rank	Harris Rank	% of Votes	USA Today Rank	% of Votes	Computer Rank	% of Points
1.	Oklahoma (12-1)	.9757	2	2	.9554	1	.9718	1	1.000
2.	Florida (12-1)	.9479	4	1	.9827	2	.9711	3	.890
3.	Texas (11-1)	.9298	3	3	.9260	3	.9233	2	.940
4.	Alabama (12-1)	.8443	1	4	.8644	T-4	.8584	6	.810
5.	So. California (11-1)	.8208	5	5	.8542	T-4	.8584	7	.750
6.	Utah (12-0)	.7846	6	7	.7501	7	.7436	5	.860
7.	Texas Tech (11-1)	.7840	7	8	.7398	8	.7423	4	.870
8.	Penn State (11-1)	.7387	8	6	.7738	6	.7823	9	.660
9.	Boise State (12-0)	.6980	9	9	.6860	9	.6780	8	.730
10.	Ohio State (10-2)	.6354	10	10	.6577	10	.6584	11	.590
11.	Texas Christian (10-2)	.5848	11	11	.5593	11	.5751	10	.620
12.	Cincinnati (11-2)	.5384	13	12	.5409	12	.5443	12	.530
13.	Oklahoma State (9-3)	.4866	14	13	.4963	14	.4734	13	.490
14.	Georgia Tech (9-3)	.4516	15	14	.4322	15	.4525	14	.470
15.	Georgia (9-3)	.3775	16	17	.3604	17	.3521	15	.420
16.	Brigham Young (10-2)	.3580	18	16	.3791	16	.3548	16	.340
17.	Oregon (9-3)	.3395	19	15	.4287	13	.4898	T-23	.100
18.	Michigan State (9-3)	.2866	21	18	.2942	18	.3056	19	.260
19.	Virginia Tech (9-4)	.2440	25	22	.1809	19	.2210	17	.330
20.	Pittsburgh (9-3)	.2377	23	19	.2258	21	.2072	18	.280
21.	Missouri (9-4)	.1627	20	24	.1352	23	.1430	T-20	.210
22.	Ball State (12-1)	.1464	12	20	.2156	22	.1436	25	.080
23.	Northwestern (9-3)	.1377	22	21	.1940	20	.2190	NR	.000
24.	Boston College (9-4)	.1046	17	26	.0609	26	.0630	22	.190
25.	Mississippi (8-4)	.0837	NR	23	.1462	24	.1049	NR	.000

2008 WEEK-BY-WEEK ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Aug. 30	8	565,615	70,702	4	--	--	--	--
Sept. 6	9	684,385	76,043#	4	--	--	--	--
Sept. 13	6	317,195	52,866	1	--	--	--	--
Sept. 20	7	445,983	63,712	2	--	--	--	--
Sept. 27	5	427,051	85,410	4	5	427,051	85,410	4
Oct. 4	5	366,610	73,322	3	5	366,610	73,322	3
Oct. 11	6	422,994	70,499	4	5	315,727	63,145	3
Oct. 18	5	347,995	69,599	4	5	347,995	69,599	4
Oct. 25	5	382,011	76,402	3	5	382,011	76,402	3
Nov. 1	5	277,388	55,478	2	4	251,248	62,812	2
Nov. 8	5	278,895	55,779	3	5	278,895	55,779	3
Nov. 15	5	428,075	85,615	4	5	428,075	85,615	4
Nov. 22	6	455,462	75,910	4	5	374,753	74,951	3
Totals:	77	5,399,659	70,125	42	44	3,172,365	72,099	29

Single-day attendance record for nine games

2008 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

<u>9/1</u>	<u>9/22</u>	<u>10/13</u>	<u>11/10</u>
O QB Juice Williams, ILL	O RB Javon Ringer, MSU	O QB Daryll Clark, PSU	O RB Chris "Beanie" Wells, OSU
QB Kellen Lewis, IND	D DE Vince Browne, NU-FR	D DE Willie VanDeSteege, MINN	WR David Gilreath, WIS
D LB Obi Ezech, MICH	LB Navorro Bowman, PSU	DE Aaron Maybin, PSU	D S Tyler Sash, IOWA-FR
S P Stefan Demos, NU	S K Amado Villarreal, NU	S K Brett Swenson, MSU	S K K.C. Lopata, MICH
<u>9/8</u>	<u>9/29</u>	<u>10/20</u>	<u>11/17</u>
O RB Javon Ringer, MSU	O QB C.J. Bachér, NU	O RB Shonn Greene, IOWA	O RB Shonn Greene, IOWA
QB Adam Weber, MINN	D DE Brandon Graham, MICH	D LB Pat Angerer, IOWA	D DT Mike Newkirk, WIS
RB Evan Royster, PSU	S KR Derrick Williams, PSU	S K Kevin Kelly, PSU	S DB Malcolm Jenkins, OSU
D DE Karl Klug, IOWA			
S FB Frank Halliburton, PUR			
<u>9/15</u>	<u>10/6</u>	<u>10/27</u>	<u>11/24</u>
O RB Javon Ringer, MSU	O QB Juice Williams, ILL	O QB Brian Hoyer, MSU	O QB Daryll Clark, PSU
D LB DeAndre Levy, WIS	D LB Brit Miller, ILL	D S Mark Rubin, PSU	QB Curtis Painter, PUR
S PR Andy Brodell, IOWA	S K Brett Swenson, MSU	S P Brad Nortman, WIS-FR	D DE Kevin Mims, NU
	K Joel Monroe, MINN		S P Ryan Donahue, IOWA
		<u>11/3</u>	
		O QB Mike Kafka, NU	
		QB Justin Siller, PUR	
		D S Brendan Smith, NU	
		S K Brett Swenson, MSU	

ALL-TIME BIG TEN 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
33	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-06-07-08c
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
3	Penn State	1994-05c-08c
2	Indiana	1945-67c

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CURRENT PLAYERS AMONG BIG TEN CAREER LEADERS

Total Offensive Plays

1,975	Basanez, NU	2002-05
1,931	Brees, PUR	1997-00
1,917	Randle EI, IND	1998-01
1,873	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Total Offensive Yards

12,692	Brees, PUR	1997-00
11,576	Basanez, NU	2002-05
11,511	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Passing Attempts

1,678	Brees, PUR	1997-00
1,648	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Passing Completions

1,026	Brees, PUR	1997-00
987	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Passing Yards

11,792	Brees, PUR	1997-00
11,163	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Passing Touchdowns

90	Brees, PUR	1997-00
87	Henne, MICH	2004-07
74	Long, IOWA	1981-85
72	Navarre, MICH	2000-03
71	Herrmann, PUR	1977-80
	Grbac, MICH	1989-92
70	Kittner, ILL	1998-01
67	Painter, PUR	2005-08

Rushing Yards

7,125	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
5,589	Griffin, OSU	1972-75
5,299	Thompson, IND	1986-89
5,040	Hart, MICH	2004-07
4,887	White, MSU	1984-87
4,676	Davis, WIS	2001-04
4,654	Thompson, MINN	1986-89
4,485	Anderson, NU	1998-01
4,472	Thomas, MICH	1997-00
4,399	Ringer, MSU	2005-08

Rushing Yards by a Quarterback

3,895	Randle EI, IND	1998-01
2,150	Foggie, MINN	1984-87
2,066	Greene, OSU	1972-75
2,050	Williams, ILL	2006-
1,767	Bollinger, WIS	1999-02
1,714	Kern, OSU	1968-70
1,710	Podolak, IOWA	1966-68
1,677	Lewis, IND	2006-

Rushing Touchdowns

71	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
68	Thompson, IND	1986-89
56	Johnson, OSU	1973-76
55	Thomas, MICH	1997-00
48	Sheets, PUR	2005-08
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	Hill, WIS	2006-

Scoring - Touchdowns

71	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
68	Thompson, IND	1986-89
58	Johnson, OSU	1973-76
56	Thomas, MICH	1997-00
54	Wheatley, MICH	1991-94
	Sheets, PUR	2005-08
50	Byars, OSU	1982-85
46	Marek, WIS	1972-75
45	George, OSU	1992-95
43	White, MSU	1984-87
	Thompson, MINN	1986-89
	Hart, MICH	2004-07
42	Hill, WIS	2006-

Scoring -- Total Points

426	Dayne, WIS	1996-99
425	Kelly, PSU	2005-08

Scoring -- Kicking Points

417	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
367	Nystrom, MINN	1999-02
	Kaeding, IOWA	2000-03

Field Goals

78	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
72	Nugent, OSU	2001-04

Kicking Extra Points

183	Kelly, PSU	2005-08
177	Spangler, OSU	1982-85

Receptions

325	Stubblefield, PUR	2001-04
292	Bryant, PUR	2004-07
266	Standeford, PUR	2000-03
262	Williams, ILL	1983-85
252	Edwards, MICH	2001-04
210	Bates, NU	1995-98
204	Stratton, PUR	1998-01
203	Orton, PUR	2005-08

<u>Kickoff Returns</u>		
106	Mason, MSU	1993-96
	Williams, WIS	2002-05
93	Anderson, MINN	1983-86
	Graham, IND	1998-00
88	Bryant, PUR	2004-07
81	Carter, IND	1999-02
	Breaston, MICH	2003-06
	Thigpen, IND	2005-08
	Gilreath, WIS	2007-

Kickoff Return Yards

2,575	Mason, MSU	1993-96
2,349	Williams, WIS	2002-05
2,125	Bryant, PUR	2004-07
2,088	Graham, IND	1998-00
2,009	Thigpen, IND	2005-08
1,996	Anderson, MINN	1983-86
1,993	Breaston, MICH	2003-06
1,778	Davis, WIS	1998-01
1,770	Haygood, MSU	1998-01
1,762	Douthitt, IOWA	1972-74
1,734	Gilreath, WIS	2007-

Kickoff Return Touchdowns

5	Brown, PUR	1968-70
4	Cobb, MSU	2003-04
3	Mason, MSU	1993-96
	Thigpen, IND	2005-08
	Dorien Bryant, PUR	2004-07
2	15 players, most recently	
	Williams, PSU	2005-08

CURRENT PLAYERS AMONG BIG TEN SINGLE-SEASON LEADERS

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
3,892	Williams, ILL	2008

All-Purpose Plays

429	Ringer, MSU	2008
425	White, MSU	1985

All-Purpose Yards

2,655	Johnson, PSU	2002
2,590	Thomas, MSU	2007
2,441	Byars, OSU	1984
2,388	Thompson, IND	1989
2,344	George, OSU	1995
2,330	Dunbar, IND	1991
2,242	Dayne, WIS	1996
2,207	Calhoun, WIS	2005
2,201	Williams, IND	2001
2,195	Anderson, NU	2000
2,051	Ringer, MSU	2008

Rushing Attempts

419	White, MSU	1985
390	Ringer, MSU	2008

Rushing Yards

2,109	Dayne, WIS	1996
2,087	Johnson, PSU	2002
2,066	White, MSU	1985
2,063	Anderson, NU	2000
2,034	Dayne, WIS	1999
1,927	George, OSU	1995
1,850	Greene, IOWA	2008

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
	Ringer, MSU	2008
21	Dayne, WIS	1996
	Caulcrick, MSU	2007
20	Greene, IOWA	2008

Scoring -- All Points

156	Johnson, OSU	1975
	Thompson, IND	1988
	Carter, PSU	1994
154	Thompson, IND	1989
152	George, OSU	1995
144	Byars, OSU	1984
	Calhoun, WIS	2005
140	Johnson, PSU	2002
138	Howard, MICH	1991
	Anderson, NU	2000
132	Ringer, MSU	2008

Scoring -- Touchdowns

26	Johnson, OSU	1975
	Thompson, IND	1988
	Carter, PSU	1994
25	Thompson, IND	1989
	George, OSU	1995
24	Byars, OSU	1984
	Calhoun, WIS	2005
23	Howard, MICH	1991
	Anderson, NU	2000
	Johnson, PSU	2002
22	Ringer, MSU	2008

Scoring - Kicking Points

120	Kaeding, IOWA	2002
	Nugent, OSU	2002
	Kelly, PSU	2008
111	Jones, PUR	2003
	Starr, IND	2007
110	Huston, OSU	2005
	Summers, PUR	2007
109	Nystrom, MINN	2000
107	Forney, PSU	1999
105	Houghtlin, IOWA	1985
	Rayner, MSU	2003
	Rayner, MSU	2004
	Mehlfaff, WIS	2007

Field Goals

25	Hamilton, MICH	1994
	Nystrom, MINN	2000
	Nugent, OSU	2002
	Jones, PUR	2003
24	Bass, ILL	1982
	White, ILL	1984
	Nugent, OSU	2004
22	On 8 occasions, most recently:	
	Swenson, MSU	2008

Kickoff Returns

43	Douthitt, IOWA	1973
42	Gilreath, WIS	2007
	Stoudermire, MINN	2008
40	Gilreath, WIS	2008
39	Thomas, MSU	2007
38	Pooler, NU	1974
	Wright, NU	1990
	Graham, IND	2000
	Thigpen, IND	2008

Kickoff Return Yards

1,135	Thomas, MSU	2007
1,083	Stoudermire, MINN	2008
1,007	Bryant, PUR	2007
994	Douthitt, IOWA	1973
967	Gilreath, WIS	2007
966	Mason, MSU	1994
947	Mason, MSU	1995
897	Graham, IND	2000
869	Cobb, MSU	2004
853	Thigpen, IND	2008

ILLINOIS
5-7 Overall, 3-5 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	L, 42-52	vs. No. 6/7 Missouri [1]	66,441
9/6	W, 47-21	Eastern Illinois	60,131
9/13	W, 20-17	Louisiana-Lafayette	58,632
9/27	L, 24-38	at No. 12/12 Penn State	109,626
10/4	W, 45-20	at Michigan	109,750
10/11	L, 20-27	Minnesota	62,870
10/18	W, 55-13	Indiana	62,870
10/25	L, 17-27	at Wisconsin	81,241
11/1	W, 27-24	Iowa	62,870
11/8	L, 17-23	vs. Western Michigan [2]	12,865
11/15	L, 20-30	No. 10/10/10 Ohio State	62,870
11/22	L, 10-27	at No. -/24/- Northwestern	32,166

[1] at St. Louis [2] at Detroit

MICHIGAN STATE
9-4 Overall, 6-2 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	L, 31-38	at California	62,956
9/6	W, 42-10	Eastern Michigan	71,789
9/13	W, 17-0	Florida Atlantic	70,321
9/20	W, 23-7	Notre Dame	76,366
9/27	W, 42-29	at Indiana	31,832
10/4	W, 16-13	Iowa	77,526
10/11	W, 37-20	at No. -/22/23 Northwestern	32,527
10/18	L, 7-45	No. 12/11/13 Ohio State	77,360
10/25	W, 35-21	at Michigan	110,146
11/1	W, 25-24	Wisconsin	75,121
11/8	W, 21-7	Purdue	75,522
11/22	L, 18-49	at No. 7/8/7 Penn State	109,845
1/1	L, 12-24	vs. No. 16/17/17 Georgia Capital One Bowl	59,681

PENN STATE
11-2 Overall, 7-1 Big Ten
BIG TEN CO-CHAMPIONS



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 66-10	Coastal Carolina	106,577
9/6	W, 45-14	Oregon State	108,159
9/13	W, 55-13	at Syracuse	45,795
9/20	W, 45-3	Temple	105,106
9/27	W, 38-24	No. 22/21 Illinois	109,626
10/4	W, 20-6	at Purdue	57,215
10/11	W, 48-7	at No. -/24/24 Wisconsin	81,524
10/18	W, 46-17	Michigan	110,017
10/25	W, 13-6	at No. 10/10/10 Ohio State	105,711
11/8	L, 23-24	at Iowa	70,585
11/15	W, 34-7	Indiana	108,445
11/22	W, 49-18	No. 17/15/16 Michigan St.	109,845
1/1	L, 24-38	vs. No. 5/4/5 USC Rose Bowl	93,293

INDIANA
3-9 Overall, 1-7 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 31-13	Western Kentucky	30,067
9/6	W, 45-3	Murray State	30,123
9/20	L, 20-42	Ball State	41,349
9/27	L, 29-42	Michigan State	31,832
10/4	L, 7-16	at Minnesota	40,511
10/11	L, 9-45	Iowa	33,428
10/18	L, 13-55	at Illinois	62,870
10/25	W, 21-19	No. -/24/- Northwestern	30,698
11/1	L, 34-37	Central Michigan	26,140
11/8	L, 20-55	Wisconsin	30,618
11/15	L, 7-34	at No. 7/8/7 Penn State	108,445
11/22	L, 10-62	at Purdue	63,107

MINNESOTA
7-6 Overall, 3-5 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 31-27	Northern Illinois	44,029
9/6	W, 42-17	at Bowling Green	23,184
9/13	W, 35-23	Montana State	43,929
9/20	W, 37-3	Florida Atlantic	41,003
9/27	L, 21-34	at No. 14/13 Ohio State	105,175
10/4	W, 16-7	Indiana	40,511
10/11	W, 27-20	at Illinois	62,870
10/25	W, 17-6	at Purdue	54,215
11/1	L, 17-24	Northwestern	54,122
11/8	L, 6-29	Michigan	55,040
11/15	L, 32-35	at Wisconsin	81,228
11/22	L, 0-55	Iowa	64,071
12/31	L, 21-42	vs. Kansas Insight Bowl	49,103

PURDUE
4-8 Overall, 2-6 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
9/6	W, 42-10	Northern Colorado	51,476
9/13	L, 26-32	No. 16/14 Oregon (2OT)	54,666
9/20	W, 32-25	Central Michigan	57,101
9/27	L, 21-38	at Notre Dame	80,795
10/4	L, 6-20	No. 6/6/6 Penn State	57,215
10/11	L, 3-16	at No. 12/11/12 Ohio State	105,378
10/18	L, 26-48	at Northwestern	27,163
10/25	L, 6-17	No. 25/25/25 Minnesota	54,215
11/1	W, 48-42	Michigan	59,135
11/8	L, 7-21	at No. 18/17/18 Michigan St.	75,522
11/15	L, 17-22	at Iowa	67,676
11/22	W, 62-10	Indiana	63,107

IOWA
9-4 Overall, 5-3 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 46-3	Maine	70,585
9/6	W, 42-0	Florida International	70,585
9/13	W, 17-5	Iowa State	70,585
9/20	L, 20-21	at Pittsburgh	50,321
9/27	L, 17-22	Northwestern	70,585
10/4	L, 13-16	at Michigan State	77,526
10/11	W, 45-9	at Indiana	33,428
10/18	W, 38-16	Wisconsin	70,585
11/1	L, 24-27	at Illinois	62,870
11/8	W, 24-23	No. 3/2/2 Penn State	70,585
11/15	W, 22-17	Purdue	67,676
11/22	W, 55-0	at Minnesota	64,071
1/1	W, 31-10	vs. South Carolina Outback Bowl	55,117

NORTHWESTERN
9-4 Overall, 5-3 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 30-10	Syracuse	20,015
9/6	W, 24-20	at Duke	23,614
9/13	W, 33-7	Southern Illinois	19,062
9/20	W, 16-8	Ohio	22,069
9/27	W, 22-17	at Iowa	70,585
10/11	L, 20-37	No. 23/19/21 Michigan St.	32,527
10/18	W, 48-26	Purdue	27,163
10/25	L, 19-21	at Indiana	30,698
11/1	W, 24-17	at No. 20/20/20 Minnesota	54,122
11/8	L, 10-45	No. 12/12/11 Ohio State	47,130
11/15	W, 21-14	at Michigan	107,856
11/22	W, 27-10	Illinois	32,166
12/29	L, 23-30	vs. No. 25/23/24 Missouri (OT) Valero Alamo Bowl	55,986

WISCONSIN
7-6 Overall, 3-5 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 38-17	Akron	80,910
9/6	W, 51-14	Marshall	80,396
9/13	W, 13-10	at No. 21/21 Fresno State	42,387
9/27	L, 25-27	at Michigan	109,833
10/4	L, 17-20	No. 14/12/14 Ohio State	81,608
10/11	L, 7-48	No. 6/6/6 Penn State	81,524
10/18	L, 16-38	at Iowa	70,585
10/25	W, 27-17	Illinois	81,241
11/1	L, 24-25	at No. 22/21/21 Michigan St.	75,121
11/8	W, 55-20	at Indiana	30,618
11/15	W, 35-32	Minnesota	81,228
11/22	W, 36-35	Cal-Poly (OT)	80,709
12/27	L, 13-42	vs. Florida State Champs Sports Bowl	52,692

MICHIGAN
3-9 Overall, 2-6 Big Ten



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	L, 23-25	Utah	108,421
9/6	W, 16-6	Miami (Ohio)	106,724
9/13	L, 17-35	at Notre Dame	80,795
9/27	W, 27-25	No. 9/8 Wisconsin	109,833
10/4	L, 20-45	Illinois	109,750
10/11	L, 10-13	Toledo	107,267
10/18	L, 17-46	at No. 3/3/3 Penn State	110,017
10/25	L, 21-35	Michigan State	110,146
11/1	L, 42-48	at Purdue	59,135
11/8	W, 29-6	at Minnesota	55,040
11/15	L, 14-21	Northwestern	107,856
11/22	L, 7-42	at No. 10/10/10 Ohio State	105,564

OHIO STATE
10-3 Overall, 7-1 Big Ten
BIG TEN CO-CHAMPIONS



Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
8/30	W, 43-0	Youngstown State	105,011
9/6	W, 26-14	Ohio	105,002
9/13	L, 3-35	at No. 1/1 USC	93,607
9/20	W, 28-10	Troy	102,989
9/27	W, 34-21	Minnesota	105,175
10/4	W, 20-17	at No. 18/17/16 Wisconsin	81,608
10/11	W, 16-3	Purdue	105,378
10/18	W, 45-7	at No. 20/17/18 Michigan St.	77,360
10/25	L, 6-13	No. 3/3/3 Penn State	105,711
11/8	W, 45-10	at No. -/25/- Northwestern	47,130
11/15	W, 30-20	at Illinois	62,870
11/22	W, 42-7	Michigan	105,564
1/5	L, 21-24	vs. No. 3/3/3 Texas Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	72,047

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