

MINNESOTA BREAKS FIVE SCHOOL RECORDS LAST WEEKEND;
OSU'S JATSEK PICKS UP WEEKLY HONOR

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BIG TEN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lenny Jatsek, Ohio State
SO, Walton Hills, Ohio/Trinity

Jatsek has been named Athlete of the Week after posting an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 20.05 in the weight throw competition. His mark of 65'9 1/2" now ranks fifth overall in the OSU record books. The Walton Hills, Ohio, native also took fourth in the shot put with a toss of 51'11". This is Jatsek's first indoor honor of his career and he is the first Buckeye to be named indoor track and field Athlete of the Week since Dan Taylor earned the accolade on Feb. 24, 2004.

2006 TRACK NOTES

Illinois pulled double-duty last weekend as half of the Illini traveled to the Arkansas Razorback Invite while the other half remained in Champaign, Ill., for the Illinois Invite. In Arkansas, the Illini men ran to four top-two finishes and recorded three NCAA provisional qualifying marks. At home, Illinois claimed three top-three spots in as many events.

Three Big Ten teams competed in the IU Invite as Indiana took second-place, Ohio State claimed third and Purdue rounded out the competition in fourth. The Hoosiers claimed four first-place finishes while eight athletes earned new personal bests. The Buckeyes recorded one provisional qualifying time while running to seven top-two places. The Boilermakers recorded nine top-three finishes, including two personal-bests.

Iowa traveled north to face conference rival Minnesota in the Jack Johnson Classic on Saturday as two Hawkeyes claimed victory and personal-best in their respective events. The Gophers broke five school records, highlight by junior Adam Schnaible's 67'2 1/4" weight throw toss, junior Aaron Buzard's 17.60 600-meter dash time and Antonio Vega's 8:11.29 3,000-meter performance.

The No. 15 Michigan Wolverines hosted the Red Simmons Invite and notched their first NCAA provisional time as Mike Woods finished the 3,000-meter race in 7:58.55.

Michigan State traveled to South Bend, Ind., for the Nore Dame Invite where the Spartans claimed six individual titles and one provisional mark.

No. 3 Wisconsin ran to three first-places finishes in the UNI Dome during the Panther Invite, hosted by Northern Iowa. Junior Demi Omole recorded an NCAA provisional mark in the 200-meter dash, running 21.47 to beat the rest of the competition field by nearly a second.

BIG TEN ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jan. 10: David Neville, Jr., IND
Adam Schnaible, Jr., MINN
Jan. 17: Rickey Pinkney, Jr., PUR
Jan. 24: Lenny Jatsek, So., OSU

TRACKWIRE 25 POWER RANKINGS

(As of Jan. 17, 2006)

1	Arkansas	54
2	Florida State	53
3	Wisconsin	45
4	Texas	38
5	LSU	31
6	Tennessee	27
T7	Nebraska	26
T7	Arizona	26
9	Texas Tech	21
10	Virginia Tech	20
11	Oregon	19
12	Texas A&M	17
T13	Indiana	15
T13	Kansas	15
T15	TCU	14
T15	Florida	14
T15	Michigan	14
18	South Carolina	12
19	UTEP	11
T20	USC	10
T20	Kansas State	10
T20	BYU	10
T23	Auburn	9
T23	Notre Dame	9
T25	Baylor	8
T25	Oklahoma	8

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

27	INDIANA at Indiana Invite	12:00 p.m.
	MICHIGAN at Boston Invite	All Day
	MICHIGAN STATE at Akron	All Day
	PENN STATE at Penn State National Open	9:00 a.m.
28	ILLINOIS at Carle/Health Alliance Classic	9:00 a.m.
	INDIANA at Indiana Invite	11:00 a.m.
	IOWA at UNI Open	All Day
	MICHIGAN at Boston Invite	All Day
	PENN STATE at Penn State National Open	9:00 a.m.
	PURDUE at Gene Edmonds Cup	All Day
	WISCONSIN at Wisconsin Elite Invite	All Day
	MINNESOTA at Wisconsin Elite Invite	All Day

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

20	ILLINOIS at Arkansas Razorback Invite	NTS
	No. 15 MICHIGAN at Red Simmons Invite	NTS
	MICHIGAN STATE at Notre Dame Invite	NTS
21	ILLINOIS at Illinois Invite	NTS
	INDIANA at Indiana Invite	2/4, 139 pts.
	PURDUE at Indiana Invite	4/4, 122 pts.
	OHIO STATE at Indiana Invite	3/4, 123 pts.
	IOWA at Jack Johnson Classic	NTS
	No. 15 MICHIGAN at Red Simmons Invite	NTS
	No. 3 WISCONSIN at Panther Invite	NTS
	MINNESOTA at Jack Johnson Classic	NTS

2005 INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Place		Score
1.	Wisconsin*	144.50
2.	Indiana	105.50
3.	Illinois	96
4.	Michigan	88
5.	Minnesota	80
6.	Ohio State	49
7.	Purdue	47
8.	Penn State	37
9.	Michigan State	32
10.	Iowa	22

* Big Ten Champion

2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Wisconsin Badgers will look to defend their conference title this for the sixth time in seven seasons as the 2006 Big Ten Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships will be held Feb. 25-26 at the University of Iowa.



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