

2007 BIG TEN MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW

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February 24-25 • Indiana University • Bloomington, Ind. • Harry Gladstein Fieldhouse

All 10 conference squads will converge upon the Harry Gladstein Fieldhouse on the Indiana University campus to vie for the title at the 2007 Big Ten Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships. Among the field are two teams ranked amongst the nation's elite in No. 2 Wisconsin and No. 11 Michigan, as well as countless individuals among the NCAA's top performers in their respective events.

Illinois has won 21 Big Ten championships in its history, but has not taken home the title since 1989. The Illini look to 2006 Freshman of the Year Dominique Worsley, last year's second-place finisher in the 60 and 200 meters, to help the team improve upon its third-place finish from last season.

Indiana lost David Neville, a two-time winner at the 2006 championships to graduation, but boasts two athletes with provisional NCAA scores including Kyle Jenkins, the Big Ten's Field Athlete of the Week on Jan. 9 and 23.

Iowa looks to improve upon its seventh-place finish from a year ago with a strong core of field competitors. Shane Maier finished third in the shot put last year while Adam Hamilton took third in the weight throw. Both have qualified provisionally for the NCAA's in their respective events this season.

Michigan athletes have posted six provisional scores, three of which have come from Lex Williams (mile, 3,000 meters, 5,000 meters). Mike Woods (mile) and Michael Whitehead (triple jump) have also posted provisional marks and were both members of the 2006 All-Conference team.

Jeremy Orr leads Michigan State into Bloomington, already with three NCAA provisional times this season. The junior sprinter has posted provisional cuts in the 60, 200 and 400 meters and was named the Big Ten's Track Athlete of the Week on Jan. 16.

After a second-place finish last year, Minnesota is looking for its first conference title since 1998. The Gophers return four athletes from last year's All-Big Ten second team, including Aaron Buzard (400 meters) and Adam Schnaible (weight throw), who have both posted NCAA provisional times this season.

Ohio State will lean on its perennially strong throwing squad at this year's championships, led by Lenny Jatsek, the latest of four consecutive Buckeyes to have won the weight throw at the Big Ten meet. Jatsek, a 2006 All-American, is one of five returning first-team selections as Taylor Candella, Gerald Griffin, Joe Gourley and Jeff See won the Distance Medley Relay last year.

Sophomore Ryan Fritz leads a young Penn State squad, who finished eighth at last year's championships. Fritz was a second-team All-Big Ten selection in 2006 after tying for second in the high jump. Fritz was named the Big Ten's Field Athlete of the Week on Feb. 13 for posting a career-best mark of 7'02.5" in the same event.

2006 All-Big Ten first-team selection Rickey Pinkney returns to lead the Boilermakers having garnered an individual championship in the 60-meter hurdles last year. The senior has provisionally qualified for the NCAA's in the event, clocking a time of 7.80, which is .03 seconds better than his finish at the 2006 meet.

Wisconsin head coach Ed Nuttycombe needs just one more team championship to tie the conference record, already with 21 to his name in his 24-year career with the Badgers. Wisconsin has won the last four championships and hopes to repeat behind the leadership of senior Chris Solinsky, last year's Athlete of the Year and Championships.



TRACKWIRE 25 POWER RANKINGS

(Released Feb. 13, 2007)

1.	Florida State	48
2.	WISCONSIN	43
3.	Texas	42
4.	Auburn	38
5.	Baylor	31
6.	Washington	30
7.	Arkansas	27
8.	Oregon	23
9.	Louisville	22
10.	Stanford	19
11.	MICHIGAN	18
12.	UCLA	16
13.	Clemson	15
14.	Tennessee	14
15.	LSU	13
	Idaho	13
	Nebraska	13
18.	Pittsburgh	11
	Oklahoma	11
20.	Northern Arizona	10
	South Alabama	10
	Providence	10
23.	Florida	9
	Northern Iowa	9
	UTEP	9

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Media Coverage
Updates, summaries and live results will be available daily on the Big Ten website at bigten.org. Updates and summaries can also be found on the Indiana website at iuhoosiers.com

2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 24

10:00 a.m. Heptathlon 60 meters
10:40 a.m. Heptathlon long jump
11:50 a.m. Heptathlon shot put
12:50 p.m. Heptathlon high jump
1:30 p.m. Long jump (trials & finals)
3,000 meters - unseeded section (finals)
1:40 p.m. Weight throw (trials & finals)
1:45 p.m. Pole vault (trials)
2:00 p.m. 60 meters (trials)
2:30 p.m. Mile (trials)
3:00 p.m. 400 meters (trials)
3:20 p.m. 60 meters (semi-finals)
3:30 p.m. 800 meters (trials)
3:50 p.m. 60-meter hurdles (semi-finals)
4:00 p.m. 600 meters (trials)
4:15 p.m. 200 meters (trials)
4:40 p.m. 3,000 meters - seeded section (finals)
5:00 p.m. Distance Medley Relay (finals)

Sunday, Feb. 25

10:00 a.m. Heptathlon 60-meter hurdles
10:30 a.m. Heptathlon pole vault
11:00 a.m. Shot put (trials & finals)
High jump (trials & finals)
Triple jump (trials & finals)
12:50 p.m. Heptathlon 1,000 meters
1:00 p.m. Mile (finals)
1:50 p.m. 400 meters (finals - 2 sections)
2:00 p.m. 60 meters (finals)
2:10 p.m. 800 meters (finals)
2:20 p.m. 60-meter hurdles (finals)
2:30 p.m. 600 meters (finals - 2 sections)
2:40 p.m. 200 meters (finals - 2 sections)
2:50 p.m. 5,000 meters - seeded section (finals)
3:00 p.m. 4x400-meter relay (final - 2 sections)
3:25 p.m.

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FINAL BIG TEN TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

TRACK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ibrahim Kabia, Minnesota

So., Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park

Kabia broke school and facility records in the 60-meter dash at the Gold County Snowshoe Open over the weekend, clocking in at 6.66. The time qualified him provisionally for the NCAA Championships.

Last MINN AOW: Adam Schnaible (2/21/06)

FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Adam Schnaible, Minnesota

Sr., Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville

Schnaible took first in the weight throw at the Snowshoe Open, hurling for a distance of 67'03.25," good enough for an NCAA provisional mark. The distance is the longest in the Big Ten so far this season.

Last MINN AOW: Adam Schnaible (2/21/06)

MEN'S BIG TEN INDOOR TEAM CHAMPIONS

26	Michigan	1918-19-23-25-31-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-43-44-45-55-56-59-60-61-63c-64-76-78-82-94
21	Illinois	1912-13-14-16-20-21-22-24-28-46-47-51-52-53-54-58-77-81-87-88-89
20	Wisconsin	1927-30-49c-62-65-67-68-69-70-71-86-95-96-97-00-01-03-04-05-06
15	Indiana	1932-33-41-57-73-74-75-79-80-83-84-85-90-91-92
5	Ohio State	1942-48-49c-50-93
3	Iowa	1926-29-63c
3	Chicago	1911-15-17
2	Michigan State	1966-72-99
1	Minnesota	1998
0	Penn State	
0	Northwestern\$	
0	Purdue	

c - co-champion

\$ Northwestern discontinued the sport in 1988

2006 ALL-BIG TEN MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Abe Jones, ILL
Trammel Smith, ILL
Nathan Vadeboncover, ILL
Adrian Walker, ILL
David Neville, IND
Matty Gorman, IOWA
Mike Woods, MICH
Michael Whitehead, MICH
Brad Gebauer, MSU
Karl Erickson, MINN
Kevin Netzer, MINN
Trent Reiter, MINN
Taylor Candella, OSU
Gerald Griffin, OSU
Joe Gourley, OSU
Jeff See, OSU
Leonard Jatssek, OSU
Ricky Pinkney, PUR
Nathan Brown, WIS
Demi Omole, WIS
Chris Solinsky, WIS

SECOND TEAM

Jason Bill, ILL
Eric DiSilvestro, ILL
Tim Hobbs, ILL
Dominique Worsley, ILL
Ryan Ketchum, IND
Kiwon Lawson, IND
Jeff Porter, MICH
Bobby Sherman, MSU
John Albert, MINN
Aaron Buzard, MINN
Sayfe Jassim, MINN
Walter Langkau, MINN
Robb Merritt, MINN
Adam Schnaible, MINN
Brian Olinger, OSU
Ryan Fritz, PSU
Ben Gregory, WIS
Alonzo Moore, WIS
Ben Roland, WIS

Athlete of the Championships:

Chris Solinsky, WIS

Athlete of the Year:

Chris Solinsky, WIS

Freshman of the Year:

Dominique Worsley, ILL

Coach of the Year:

Ed Nuttycombe, WIS

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jan. 9:	T: Bryan Pratt, Sr., ILL
	F: Kyle Jenkins, Jr., IND
Jan. 16:	T: Jeremy Orr, Jr., MSU
	F: Shane Maier, Jr., IOWA
Jan. 23:	T: Adam Harris, So., MICH
	F: Kyle Jenkins, Jr., IND
Jan. 30:	T: Demi Omole, Sr., WIS
	F: Joe Delmer, Sr., WIS
Feb. 6:	T: Demi Omole, Sr., WIS
	F: Michael Whitehead, Sr., MICH
Feb. 13:	T: Chris Solinsky, Sr., WIS
	F: Ryan Fritz, So., PSU
Feb. 20:	T: Ibrahim Kabia, So., MINN
	F: Adam Schnaible, MINN

2006 TEAM RESULTS

Place		Score
1.	Wisconsin *	124.5
2.	Minnesota	94
3.	Illinois	93
4.	Michigan	76
5.	Indiana	72
6.	Ohio State	64
7.	Iowa	49
8.	Penn State	46.5
9.	Michigan State	43
10.	Purdue	40

* Big Ten Champion

CHAMPIONSHIPS HONORS

ATHLETE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1983	Marcus Sanders, MSU
1984	Terry Brahm, IND
1985	Terry Brahm, IND
1986	Albert Robinson, IND
	Omar Davidson, MICH
1987	Rod Woodson, PUR
1988	Tim Simon, ILL
1989	Gary Gooden, IND
1990	Bob Kennedy, IND
1991	Aaron Payne, OSU
1992	Bob Kennedy, IND
1993	Jason Casiano, WIS
1994	Reggie Torian, WIS
1995	Kevin Sullivan, MICH
1996	Dorian Green, ILL
1997	Reggie Torian, WIS
1998	Kevin Sullivan, MICH
1999	Robert True, ILL
2000	Michael Bennett, WIS
2001	Andrew Pierce, OSU
2002	No Honoree
2003	Dan Taylor, OSU
2004	Nick Willis, MICH
2005	Aarik Wilson, IND
2006	Chris Solinsky, WIS

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BIG TEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORDS

Event	Record	Record Holder	Year	Site
55-meter Dash	:06.21	Anthony Jones, ILL	1993	Madison, Wis.
60-meter Dash	:06.70	Demi Omole, WIS	2006	Iowa City, Iowa
200-meter Dash	:20.84	Andrew Pierce, OSU	2001	University Park, Pa.
400-meter Dash	:45.46	Andrew Pierce, OSU	2001	University Park, Pa.
600-meter Run	1:16.19	Tom Gerding, MINN	2001	University Park, Pa.
800-meter Run	1:47.74	Nathan Brannen, MICH	2004	Ann Arbor, Mich.
One-mile Run	4:00.56	Kevin Sullivan, MICH	1998	West Lafayette, Ind.
3,000-meter Run	7:54.73	Chris Solinsky, WIS	2006	Iowa City, Iowa
5,000-meter Run	13.51.34	Chris Solinsky, WIS	2006	Iowa City, Iowa
60-meter High Hurdles	7.64	T.J. Nelson, WIS	2001	University Park, Pa.
4x400-meter Relay	3:08.71	Ohio State (Green, Jones, Beyers, Pierce)	2001	University Park, Pa.
Distance Medley Relay	9:40.05	Michigan (Ruff, Talbert, Lounis, Brannen)	2005	West Lafayette, Ind.
High Jump	7'04.5"	Staffan Strand, MINN	1998	West Lafayette, Ind.
Long Jump	27'01.25"	Charlton Ehizuelen, ILL	1975	Bloomington, Ind.
Triple Jump	55'02.75"	Aarik Wilson, IND	2005	West Lafayette, Ind.
Pole Vault	18'02.75"	Paul Terek, MSU	2001	University Park, Pa.
Shot Put	69'02.75"	Mike Lehmann, ILL	1982	Bloomington, Ind.
Heptathlon	5769	Ben Jensen, MINN	1998	West Lafayette, Ind.
Weight Throw	75'08.25"	Dan Taylor, OSU	2004	Ann Arbor, Mich.

set in semi-finals

Records set at 2006 Big Ten Championships in **bold**.

RETIRED RECORDS

Event	Record	Record Holder	Year	Site
60-yard Dash	:05.9	Herb Washington, MSU	1972	Columbus, Ohio
		Larry Burton, PUR	1973	West Lafayette, Ind.
		Marshall Dill, MSU	1973	West Lafayette, Ind.
		Larry Burton, PUR	1974	East Lansing, Mich.
		Mike McFarland, IND	1975	Bloomington, Ind.
300-yard Dash	:29.60	Marshall Dill, MSU	1972	Columbus, Ohio
		Mike McFarland, IND	1975	Bloomington, Ind.
300-meter Dash	:33.44	Tim Simon, ILL	1988	Columbus, Ohio
440-yard Dash	:46.40	Sunder Nix, IND	1984	Ann Arbor, Mich.
500-meter Dash	1:01.99	Todd Steverson, MICH	1986	West Lafayette, Ind.
600-yard Run	1:08.68	Marcus Sanders, MSU	1983	East Lansing, Mich.
880-yard Run	1:48.6	Dave Furst, MICH	1976	Madison, Wis.
1,000-meter Run	2:22.95	Doug Peterson, NU	1981	Madison, Wis.
1,000-yard Run	2:06.6	Ralph Schultz, NU	1969	Champaign, Ill.
	2:06.6*	Tom Byers, OSU	1974	East Lansing, Mich.
1,500-meter Run	3:49.90	Ed Delashmutt, IOWA	1981	Madison, Wis.
4x800-meter Relay	7:29.02	Wisconsin	1991	West Lafayette, Ind.
One-mile Relay	3:09.24	(Terry, Schumacher, Raemisch, Hyland) Iowa	1984	Ann Arbor, Mich.
		(Greer, Williams, Smith, Duckett)		
Two-mile Run	8:35.03	Jim Spivey, IND	1980	Madison, Wis.
Three-mile Run	13:20.7	Mike McGuire, MICH	1976	Madison, Wis.
Pentathlon	4,097	Brian Kelley, PSU	1993	Madison, Wis.
55-meter Hurdles	:07.07	Reggie Torian, WIS	1997	Iowa City, Iowa
60-yard Hurdles	:07.11	Rod Woodson, PUR	1985	Madison, Wis.