

Three squad ranked in top 25;
Purdue's Pinkney picks up weekly honor

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BIG TEN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Rickey Pinkney, Purdue
JR, Lake Worth, Fla./Suncoast

Pinkney collects Athlete of the Week honors after leading the Boilermakers at the Purdue Invitational on Saturday. The defending Big Ten indoor 60-meter hurdles champion began his 2006 campaign by notching a provisional qualifying mark in the event with a time of 7.88. Pinkney's time in the hurdle event marks the third best in Purdue history. He also ran on the first-place 4x400 relay that crossed the finish line in 3:23.86. His hand in two victories was part of the Boilermakers' effort that claimed nine events. This is Pinkney's first weekly honor of his career.

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

2005 ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
Zach Glavash, ILL	Stephanos Ioannou, IND
Abe Jones, ILL	Mark Langlois, MSU
Trammell Smith, ILL	Aaron Buzard, MINN
Nathan Vadeboncoeur, ILL	Robb Merritt, MINN
Adrian Walker, ILL	Josh Paulson, MINN
Sean Jefferson, IND	David Bollinger, PSU
David Neville, IND	Jaret Campisi, PSU
Aarik Wilson, IND	Chris Lolagne, PSU
Nathan Brannen, MICH	Steve Morgan, PSU
Sebastien Lounis, MICH	Ernie Terrell, PSU
Rondell Ruff, MICH	Scott Vernon, PSU
DarNell Talbert, MICH	Ben Gregory, WIS
Nick Willis, MICH	Jvontai Hanserd, WIS
Brad Gebauer, MSU	Paul Hubbard, WIS
Travis Brandstatter, MINN	Tim Keller, WIS
Bryant Howe, MINN	Chad Melotte, WIS
Anthony Cole, OSU	Alonzo Moore, WIS
Bryan Doby, OSU	Ben Roland, WIS
Nedzad Mulabegovic, PUR	Chris Solinsky, WIS
Rickey Pinkney, PUR	Josh Spiker, WIS
Matt Tegenkamp, WIS	Joe Thomas, WIS

Athlete of the Championships: Aarik Wilson, IND
Athlete of the Year: Aarik Wilson, IND
Freshman of the Year: Anthony Cole, OSU
Coach of the Year: Ed Nuttycombe, WIS

BIG TEN ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jan. 10: David Neville, Jr., IND
Adam Schnaible, Jr., MINN
Jan. 17: Rickey Pinkney, Jr., PUR

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

20	ILLINOIS at Arkansas Razorback Invite	All Day
	No. 15 MICHIGAN at Red Simmons Invite	All Day
	MICHIGAN STATE at Notre Dame Invite	All Day
21	ILLINOIS at Illinois Invite	9:00 a.m.
	INDIANA vs.	
	PURDUE/OHIO STATE/Indiana St.	11:00 a.m.
	IOWA at Gold Country Classic	All Day
	No. 15 MICHIGAN at Red Simmons Invite	All Day
	No. 3 WISCONSIN at UNI Invite	All Day
	MINNESOTA at Gold Country Classic	All Day

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

13	MICHIGAN STATE at Chippewa Open	NTS
	OHIO STATE at Kentucky Invite	NTS
14	ILLINOIS at Iowa Hawkeye Open	NTS
	INDIANA at Hoosier Classic	NTS
	IOWA at Iowa Hawkeye Open	NTS
	MICHIGAN at Eastern Michigan Invite	NTS
	MICHIGAN STATE at Chippewa Open	NTS
	MINNESOTA at Minnesota Invite	NTS
	OHIO STATE at Kentucky Invite	NTS
	PENN STATE at Penn State Relays	NTS
	PURDUE at Purdue Invite	NTS
	WISCONSIN at Badger Track Classic	NTS

2006 TRACK NOTES

The indoor season continued this weekend as five conference teams began their 2006 campaigns and joined the remaining Big Ten squads in action.

Three league teams are represented in the first Trackwire 25 Power Rankings. Wisconsin leads the way at No. 3 while Indiana is tied with Kansas at No. 13 and Michigan is tied at No. 15 with Florida.

The Badgers opened their season in stunning fashion by claiming 10 events and notching one NCAA provisional qualifying mark at the Badger Classic last weekend.

Indiana, competing at home for the second consecutive weekend, notched nine first-place finishes while Michigan recorded seven top three finishes at the Eastern Michigan Invitational on Saturday.

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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