

# MEN'S SOCCER NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE

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### 2009 BIG TEN MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS



		CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
		W	L	T	PTS.	PCT.	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT.	GF	GA
1.	Ohio State	4	2	0	12	.667	5	4	12	4	4	.700	23	15
2.	Penn State	3	2	1	10	.583	8	6	12	7	2	.619	36	20
3.	Northwestern	3	2	1	10	.583	6	4	10	4	4	.667	25	18
4.	Indiana	3	3	0	9	.500	4	5	10	9	1	.525	25	24
	Wisconsin	3	3	0	9	.500	7	8	7	9	2	.444	15	22
6.	Michigan State	2	4	0	6	.333	4	6	11	7	2	.600	27	17
7.	Michigan	2	5	0	6	.333	5	6	10	7	1	.583	31	22

### NCAA MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

The 2009 NCAA Men's Soccer Championship is set to begin this weekend with 48 teams from across the country vying for the national title, including five from the Big Ten. Michigan State Northwestern, Ohio State and Penn State received first-round byes and will begin action on Sunday, Nov. 22. Indiana will enter tournament play Thursday as the Hoosiers play host to first-round action in Bloomington, Ind. Two teams represent the conference in the latest NSCAA/adidas national top 25, while four Big Ten squads rank in the RPI's top-15, tied with the ACC for the most among all conferences.

Ohio State, fresh of its third Big Ten Championship title in program history, earned the conference's highest seed in the national tournament at No. 4. The No. 13-ranked Buckeyes will host the winner of Western Illinois and Drake on Sunday, Nov. 22. OSU went 4-2-0 in conference play this season to earn its first-ever outright Big Ten title. Conference Coach of the Year John Bluem pilots the Scarlet and Gray in his 13th year at the helm, leading OSU to its seventh berth in the national tournament, all coming under Bluem's reign. The Buckeyes boast the Big Ten's best winning percentage at .700 (12-4-4) and have allowed only 15 goals all season to rank seventh in the country with a .865 save percentage.

Penn State enters the Championship for the 11th time in school history and the first since 2005. The Nittany Lions will face the winner of the Loyola (Md.)-Maryland matchup on Sun., Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. ET at Jeffrey Field. Penn State posted an unblemished 7-0-2 record at Jeffrey Field this year outscoring opponents by a 24-4 margin. The Nittany Lions have a wealth of talent, anchored by Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year Jason Yeisley and Most Valuable Offensive Player of the Big Ten Tournament Corey Hertzog. The offensive tandem has combined for 19 goals this season, piloting the highest scoring offense in the conference.

Northwestern will host the winner of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Notre Dame on Sunday for a second-round matchup at 2 p.m. ET. With a 10-4-4 record and a RPI rank of No. 3, NU has proven itself as one of the nation's best in 2009, earning a No. 9 seed to match the 2007 squad as the highest in program history. The bid marks the Wildcat's fifth tournament berth, making the 2009 NU senior class the first to compete in the NCAA Championship in each of its four years. Junior Matt Eliason enters the NCAA event with 28 points and 13 goals, including six game-winning strikes, leading the Big Ten in all three categories.

Michigan State is making its 13th NCAA Championship appearance and fifth since 2001. The Spartans are 17-9-4 all-time in the national tournament will enter the event as the No. 14 overall seed. MSU will take on either Duke or Winthrop on Sunday at DeMartin Stadium at 1 p.m. ET.

The Big Ten's most storied program, Indiana, makes its 34th overall NCAA appearance and 23rd consecutive. Boasting seven national titles, the Hoosiers own an all-time record of 74-24-4 in NCAA tournament play with a Division I-best 74 wins and .745 winning percentage. Indiana welcomes sixth-ranked Louisville in the tournament opener on Thursday, with kickoff slated for 7 p.m. ET.

### 2009 BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, November 12 - Sunday, November 15**  
**Jerry Yeagley Field at Bill Armstrong Stadium**  
**Bloomington, Ind.**  
Hosted by Indiana University

#### Thursday, Nov. 12

Game 1: No. 6 Michigan State def. No. 3 Northwestern, 1-0  
Game 2: No. 4 Indiana def. No. 5 Wisconsin, 2-0  
Game 3: No. 2 Penn State def. No. 7 Michigan, 1-0 (2OT)

#### Friday, Nov. 13

Semifinal 1: No. 1 Ohio State def. No. 4 Indiana, 4-2  
Semifinal 2: No. 2 Penn State def. No. 6 Michigan State, 3-0

#### Sunday, Nov. 15

No. 1 Ohio State, def. No. 2 Penn State, 1-0

#### Big Ten All-Tournament Team

Andy Adlard, IND	Doug Verhoff, OSU
Will Bruin, IND	Corey Hertzog, PSU
Julian Robles, MICH	Warren Gross, PSU
Tim Granaderos, MSU	Eric Conklin, WIS
Rubin Bega, MSU	
Pat Coleman, NU	
David Tiemstra, OSU	

#### Offensive Player of the Tournament

Corey Hertzog, Penn State

#### Defensive Player of the Tournament

Doug Verhoff, Ohio State

### 2009 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRINGS

#### Bloomington, Ind

First round - Louisville at **Indiana** (Nov. 19, 7 p.m. ET)  
Second round - Winner at No. 12 Butler (Nov. 22, 1 or 2 p.m. ET)

#### South Bend, Ind.

First round - Green Bay at Notre Dame  
Second round - Winner at **No. 9 Northwestern** (Nov. 22, 2 p.m. ET)

#### Des Moines, Iowa

First round - Western Illinois at Drake  
Second round - Winner at **No. 4 Ohio State** (Nov. 22, 1 p.m. ET)

#### Durham, N.C.

First round - Winthrop at Duke  
Second round - Winner at **No. 14 Michigan State** (Nov. 22, 1 p.m. ET)

#### College Park, Md.

First round - Loyola (Maryland) at Maryland  
Second round - Winner at **No. 7 Penn State** (Nov. 22, 1 p.m. ET)

## BIG TEN ANNOUNCES ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

The Big Ten office announced the 2009 All-Big Ten and All-Freshman men's soccer teams, as well as individual award winners at the Tournament banquet Thursday evening. For the first time-ever, the annual Player of the Year award was divided into two separate accolades to highlight exceptional offensive and defensive performances. Penn State's **Jason Yeisley** was selected as Offensive Player of the Year, while Northwestern's **Mark Blades** and Ohio State's **Doug Verhoff** were tabbed Co-Defensive Players of the Year. Newcomers **Matt Lampson** of Ohio State and **Kevin Cope** of Michigan State were dubbed Co-Freshmen of the Year and Buckeye head mentor **John Bluem** was lauded as Coach of the Year by his peers.

A two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, Yeisley becomes Penn State's fifth all-time Big Ten Player of the Year and the first since 1995 (Stuart Reid). With the new postseason-award format now in place, the senior forward is also the conference's first-ever Offensive Player of the Year. A 2009 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award finalist, Yeisley capped a stellar career in Happy Valley with 21 points and eight goals, including three game-winning strikes while also leading the Big Ten in shots with 72 on the year.

The senior tandem of Northwestern's Blades and Ohio State's Verhoff claimed a share of the conference's first Defensive Player of the Year award after leading their teams to the top tier of the Big Ten standings. The veteran duo becomes the conference's second all-time joint selection for Player of the Year in Big Ten history and the first in 16 seasons. For their efforts, Blades and Verhoff were tabbed unanimous first-team All-Big Ten selections.

For the first time since 2003, the conference coaches deemed a pair of standout newcomers Freshmen of the Year, marking only the third co-selection since the award's inception in 1991. Michigan State's Cope becomes the second MSU freshman to earn the honor (Jason Wolff, 1994) after powering a tenacious Spartan defense that allowed only 14 goals in 18 contests – good enough to rate second in the conference statistics. Topping the charts in that category is Ohio State, led by freshman goalkeeper Lampson. The Hilliard, Ohio, native came up strong between the pipes for the Buckeyes this season, conceding only 10 goals against 62 saves. His Big Ten-leading .861 save percentage is accompanied by eight shutouts on the year while facing the 11th-toughest schedule in the nation. He becomes only the fourth OSU freshman to take home the award and the first since 2000 (Justin Cook).

In his 13th season at the helm of the Buckeye program, Bluem picks up his third Big Ten Coach of the Year honor, moving him into a tie for second place for most yearly awards in conference annals. Aside from earning its first-ever top seed in this year's Big Ten Tournament, Ohio State finished the regular season 4-2-0 in conference play and 10-4-4 overall as Bluem posted his 11th season of 10 or more wins since his arrival in Columbus in 1997. Under Bluem's direction, the Buckeyes captured their first outright Big Ten Championship in program history.

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.

### 2009 MEN'S SOCCER ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

Position	First Team	Second Team*
<b>Forward</b>	Will Bruin, IND Mauro Fuzetti, MICH MATT ELIASON, NU JASON YEISLEY, PSU	Justin Meram, MICH Andrew Magill, OSU Corey Hertzog, PSU Scott Lorenz, WIS
<b>Midfield</b>	Spencer Thompson, MSU Matt Gold, OSU MATHEUS BRAGA, PSU	Andy Adlard, IND Eric Alexander, IND Konrad Warzycha, OSU Drew Cost, PSU
<b>Defense</b>	MARK BLADES, NU DOUG VERHOFF, OSU Andres Casais, PSU	Rick Balchan, IND Ofori Sarkodie, IND Colin Givens, MSU
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Avery Steinlage, MSU	Matt Lampson, OSU

\*Additional honorees due to a tie  
UNANIMOUS SELECTIONS IN ALL CAPS

### 2009 MEN'S SOCCER ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM

Position	First Team
<b>Forward</b>	KEVIN BICK, IND HAMOODY SAAD, MICH CHRIS HEGNGI, OSU
<b>Midfield</b>	LATIF ALASHE, MICH KYLE SCHICKEL, NU AUSTIN McANENA, OSU
<b>Defense</b>	MATT WIET, IND Kofi Opare, MICH KEVIN COPE, MSU Chris Ritter, NU
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Matt Lampson, OSU

UNANIMOUS SELECTIONS IN ALL CAPS

### CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

First Team  
Jason Yeisley, Sr., PSU

Second Team  
Matt Eliason, Jr., NU

Third Team  
Ofori Sarkodie, Sr., IND

### CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

The 2009 CoSIDA Academic All-District teams were announced Thursday, Oct. 29, as four Big Ten student-athletes were named to the first-team squad. In order to qualify, student-athletes must have reached at least sophomore status, possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.2, and be either a starter or key reserve for their team.

<u>First Team</u> Chris Blais, MICH Matt Eliason, NU Ofori Sarkodie, IND Jason Yeisley, PSU	<u>Second Team</u> Andy Parr, PSU
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### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD HONOREES

Ofori Sarkodie, Sr., IND  
Daniel Gray, Sr., MICH  
Tim Granaderos, Sr., MSU  
Pat Coleman, Sr., NU  
Doug Verhoff, Sr. OSU  
Jason Yeisley, Sr., PSU  
Jon Rzepka, Jr., WIS

**ALL-TIME BIG TEN MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**1991 at Bloomington**  
 #3 Penn State 2, #6 Northwestern 0  
 #4 Michigan State 1, #5 Ohio State 0  
 #2 Indiana 4, #3 Penn State 0  
 #1 Wisconsin 3, #4 Michigan State 0  
 #2 Indiana 2, #1 Wisconsin 0

**1992 at Bloomington**  
 #3 Ohio State 3, #6 Northwestern 2  
 #4 Penn State 5, #5 Michigan State 0  
 #2 Indiana 1, Ohio State 0  
 #4 Penn State 2, #1 Wisconsin 1  
 #2 Indiana 2, Penn State 1

**1993 at Madison**  
 #6 Ohio State 4, #3 Michigan State 2  
 #4 Penn State 2, #5 Northwestern 1  
 #4 Penn State 1, #1 Indiana 0  
 #2 Wisconsin 4, #6 Ohio State 0  
 #4 Penn State 1, #2 Wisconsin 0

**1994 at Columbus**  
 #3 Ohio State 2, #6 Northwestern 1  
 #4 Wisconsin 4, #5 Michigan State 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #4 Wisconsin 0  
 #2 Penn State 3, #3 Ohio State 0  
 #1 Indiana 3, #2 Penn State 1

**1995 at East Lansing**  
 #3 Indiana 2, #6 Northwestern 1  
 #4 Michigan State 3, #5 Ohio State 2  
 #1 Wisconsin 2, #4 Michigan State 0  
 #3 Indiana 3, #2 Penn State 1  
 #1 Wisconsin vs. #3 Indiana\*

\*cancelled - declared co-champions

**1996 at University Park**  
 #3 Wisconsin 2, #6 Northwestern 0  
 #4 Penn State 3, #5 Ohio State 0  
 #2 Michigan State 1, #3 Wisconsin 1  
 (MSU, 5-3, in penalty kicks)  
 #1 Indiana 2, #4 Penn State 2  
 (IND, 3-2, in penalty kicks)  
 #1 Indiana 4, #2 Michigan State 0

**1997 at Bloomington**  
 #3 Michigan State 2, #6 Northwestern 0  
 #4 Penn State 2, #5 Wisconsin 0  
 #2 Ohio State 3, #3 Michigan State 0  
 #1 Indiana 4, #4 Penn State 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #2 Ohio State 0

**1998 at Evanston**  
 #3 Ohio State 2, #6 Northwestern 1  
 #4 Wisconsin 2, #5 Michigan State 0  
 #2 Penn State 3, #3 Ohio State 2 (OT)  
 #1 Indiana 4, #4 Wisconsin 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #2 Penn State 0 (OT)

**1999 at East Lansing**  
 #3 Penn State 2, #6 Michigan State 1 (2OT)  
 #4 Northwestern 2, #5 Wisconsin 0  
 #3 Penn State 1, #2 Ohio State 0  
 #1 Indiana 2, #4 Northwestern 0  
 #1 Indiana 2, #3 Penn State 1 (2OT)

**2000 at Columbus**  
 #5 Ohio State 2, #4 Wisconsin 1  
 #3 Penn State 2, #6 Michigan 1 (2OT)  
 #2 Michigan State 6, #7 Northwestern 0  
 #5 Ohio State 1, #1 Indiana 0  
 #3 Penn State 2, #2 Michigan State 1  
 #5 Ohio State 3, #3 Penn State 2 (OT)

**2001 at Madison**  
 #5 Michigan 1, #4 Wisconsin 0  
 #3 Michigan State 2, #6 Ohio State 1  
 #2 Penn State 2, #7 Northwestern 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #5 Michigan 0 (3OT)  
 #3 Michigan State 2, #2 Penn State 1  
 #1 Indiana 2, #3 Michigan State 0

**2002 at University Park**  
 #6 Michigan State 3, #3 Ohio State 2  
 #4 Penn State 1, #5 Wisconsin 0  
 #2 Michigan 1, #7 Northwestern 0  
 #4 Penn State 1, #1 Indiana 1  
 (PSU, 4-2, in penalty kicks)  
 #2 Michigan 1, #6 Michigan State 0  
 #4 Penn State 2, #2 Michigan 1

**2003 at Bloomington**  
 #6 Penn State 2, #3 Michigan State 1  
 #5 Wisconsin 2, #4 Ohio State 0  
 #7 Northwestern 2, #2 Michigan 1  
 #1 Indiana 1, #5 Wisconsin 0  
 #6 Penn State 1, 37 Northwestern 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #6 Penn State 1  
 (IND, 4-1, in penalty kicks)

**2004 at Ann Arbor**  
 #5 Michigan State 1, #4 Wisconsin 0  
 #3 Northwestern 1, #6 Penn State 0 (OT)  
 #7 Michigan 1, #2 Ohio State 0 (OT)  
 #5 Michigan State 2, #1 Indiana 1  
 #3 Northwestern 5, #7 Michigan 0  
 #5 Michigan State 1, #3 Northwestern 0

**2005 at Evanston**  
 #4 Michigan State 1, #5 Michigan 0  
 #3 Indiana 2, #6 Wisconsin 0  
 #2 Ohio State 1, #7 Northwestern 0  
 #1 Penn State 2, #4 Michigan State 0  
 #3 Indiana 3, #2 Ohio State 0  
 #1 Penn State 1, #3 Indiana 0

**2006 at Columbus**  
 #4 Penn State 2, #5 Northwestern 1 (2OT)  
 #6 Michigan 1, #3 Wisconsin 0  
 #2 Ohio State 3, #7 Michigan State 1  
 #1 Indiana 1, #4 Penn State 0  
 #2 Ohio State 1, #6 Michigan 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #2 Ohio State 0

**2007 at East Lansing**  
 #3 Northwestern 3, #6 Wisconsin 1  
 #2 Ohio State 1, #7 Michigan 0  
 #4 Penn State 0, #5 Michigan State 0  
 (MSU, 4-3, in penalty kicks)  
 #2 Ohio State 1, #3 Northwestern 0  
 #1 Indiana 1, #5 Michigan State 0  
 #2 Ohio State 0, #1 Indiana 0  
 (OSU, 5-4, in penalty kicks)

**2008 at Madison**  
 #4 Northwestern 2, #5 Penn State 1 (2OT)  
 #3 Indiana 1, #6 Ohio State 0 (OT)  
 #2 Michigan 0, #7 Wisconsin 0  
 (MICH, 4-3, in penalty kicks)  
 #1 Michigan State 1, #4 Northwestern 0  
 #3 Indiana 1, #2 Michigan 0  
 #1 Michigan State 1, #3 Indiana 0

**2009 at Bloomington**  
 #6 Michigan State 1, No. 3 Northwestern 0  
 #4 Indiana 2, #5 Wisconsin, 0  
 #2 Penn State 1, #7 Michigan 0 (2OT)  
 #1 Ohio State 4, #4 Indiana 2  
 #2 Penn State 3, #6 Michigan State 0  
 #1 Ohio State 1, #2 Penn State 0

**2009 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

- Sept. 7 O: Jason Yeisley, Sr., Penn State  
 D: Alex Horwath, Sr., Wisconsin
- Sept. 14 O: Matt Eliason, Jr., Northwestern  
 D: Avery Steinlage, Jr., Michigan State  
 D: Chris Blais, Jr., Michigan
- Sept. 21 O: Brandon Miller, Sr., Wisconsin  
 D: Alex Horwath, Sr., Wisconsin
- Sept. 28 O: Corey Hertzog, So., Penn State  
 D: Matt Lampson, R-Fr., Ohio State
- Oct. 5 O: Andy Adlard, Jr., Indiana  
 O: Matheus Braga, Jr., Penn State  
 D: Misha Rosenthal, Sr., Northwestern
- Oct. 12: O: Scott Lorenz, Sr., Wisconsin  
 D: Matt Lampson, R-Fr., Ohio State
- Oct. 20 O: Jeff Ricondo, Jr., Michigan State  
 D: Avery Steinlage, Jr., Michigan State
- Oct. 26 O: Matt Eliason, Jr., Northwestern  
 D: Misha Rosenthal, Sr., Northwestern
- Nov. 2 O: Matt Schmitt, Sr., Michigan  
 D: Chris Blais, Jr., Michigan
- Nov. 9 O: David Tiemstra, So., Ohio State  
 D: Matt Lampson, Fr., Ohio State

**NSCAA/adidas NATIONAL POLL**

November 17, 2009

RANK/SCHOOL	RECORD	PTS. PREV.
1 Akron (23)	20-0-0	575 1
2 Wake Forest	14-3-3	529 3
3 Virginia	14-3-3	526 6
4 North Carolina	13-2-3	512 2
5 Monmouth	18-1-1	426 8
6 Louisville	13-2-4	422 7
7 Maryland	12-5-2	414 5
8 UCLA	10-3-4	411 10
9 Harvard	13-3-1	409 11
10 UC Santa Barbara	15-4-2	369 4
11 Tulsa	13-4-2	359 12
12 Connecticut	11-4-3	285 9
<b>13 OHIO STATE</b>	<b>12-4-4</b>	<b>241 25</b>
14 St. John's	9-2-9	230 24
15 N.C. State	13-6-2	220 20
16 South Florida	13-3-3	194 13
17 UC Irvine	15-6-0	182 RV
18 N.C. Wilmington	14-2-4	162 22
19 San Diego	12-5-2	133 14
20 Duke	12-6-0	126 15
<b>21 NORTHWESTERN</b>	<b>10-4-4</b>	<b>118 16</b>
22 Butler	14-2-2	15 23
23 Saint Louis	14-6-0	76 RV
24 Drake	13-6-2	74 RV
25 Charlotte	11-3-5	72 18

**BIG TEN TOURNAMENTS**

	W	L	T	Pct.	Titles	Years
Indiana	26	6	4	.778	11	1991-92-94-95c-96-97-98-99-01-03-06
Penn State	25	13	4	.643	3	1993-02-05
Ohio State	15	15	1	.500	3	2000-07-09
Michigan State	13	17	2	.438	2	2004-08
Wisconsin	7	16	2	.320	1	1995c
Michigan	5	10	1	.344	0	
Northwestern	6	19	0	.240	0	

c - co-champions

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

School	W	L	T	Pct.	App.	Years Participated
Indiana	74	24	4	.745	33	1974-76-77-78-79-80-81- <b>82-83</b> -84-85-87- <b>88</b> -89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97- <b>98-99</b> -00-01-02- <b>03-04</b> -05-06-07-08
Michigan State	15	8	5	.625	12	1962-63-64-65-66- <b>67c</b> -68c-69-01-04-07-08
Penn State*	10	9	1	.525	10	1992-93-94-95-98-99-01-02-04-05
Wisconsin	8	4	0	.666	5	1981-91-93-94- <b>95</b>
Ohio State	6	6	1	.500	6	2000-01-04-05-07-08
Northwestern	6	4	1	.591	4	2004-06-07-08
Michigan	3	3	1	.500	3	2003-04-08

NCAA Champions in **bold**

c - co-champions

! Michigan State tied with St. Louis after the 1967 championship game was called due to inclement weather.

\*Penn State statistics do not include competition prior to joining the Big Ten in 1991.