

BIG TEN COACHES AND MEDIA TAB OHIO STATE AS
PRESEASON FAVORITE AND BUCKEYE JUNIOR
JESSICA DAVENPORT PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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2004-05 FINAL CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE GAMES					ALL GAMES					Top	Last	
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	25#	10	Streak
1. Michigan State	14-2	.875	8-0	6-2	W9	33-4	.892	13-0	10-2	10-2	13-2	9-1	L1
Ohio State	14-2	.875	8-0	6-2	W2	30-5	.857	17-0	11-3	2-2	9-4	7-3	L1
3. Penn State	13-3	.813	8-0	5-3	L1	19-11	.633	12-0	6-9	1-2	6-6	6-4	L2
4. Minnesota	12-4	.750	7-1	5-3	W3	26-8	.765	16-2	7-4	3-2	4-7	7-3	L1
5. Purdue	9-7	.563	5-3	4-4	W1	17-13	.567	9-4	6-7	2-2	3-11	5-5	L1
6. Iowa	8-8	.500	4-4	4-4	W3	23-10	.697	11-4	8-5	4-1	1-7	7-3	L1
7. Illinois	7-9	.438	4-4	3-5	W1	17-13	.567	8-5	7-6	2-2	2-7	4-6	L2
8. Wisconsin	5-11	.313	3-5	2-6	L1	12-16	.429	9-5	2-9	1-2	1-8	4-6	L1
9. Indiana	3-13	.188	2-6	1-7	L3	10-18	.357	7-7	3-10	0-1	0-9	2-8	L5
10. Northwestern	2-14	.123	2-5	0-9	L8	5-25	.167	3-10	0-13	2-2	1-9	1-9	L9
11. Michigan	1-15	.063	1-7	0-8	L9	5-23	.179	4-10	1-12	0-1	0-8	0-10	L10

AP or ESPN/USA Today Polls

BIG TEN NEWS & NOTES

WELCOME BACK TO BIG TEN WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Big Ten welcomes back seven members of the 2004-05 All-Big Ten team, including last season's lone unanimous first-team selection in **Jessica Davenport** of Ohio State. The Buckeye junior was also tabbed the 2005 Big Ten Player of the Year by both the league coaches and the media. Returning from the second team are Michigan State's **Lindsay Bowen** and **Liz Shimek**, along with Purdue's **Katie Gearlds**. Third-team honorees from a year ago include Iowa's **Crystal Smith**, Ohio State's **Brandie Hoskins** and Wisconsin's **Jolene Anderson**, who was also selected Big Ten Freshman of the Year by both coaches and media.

Also returning to the league this season are five honorable mention All-Big Ten selections in Indiana's **Cyndi Valentin**, Michigan State's **Rene Haynes**, Minnesota's **Jamie Broback** and **Shannon Schonrock** and Purdue's **Erin Lawless**.

One additional conference standout that will compete this season after sitting out the entire 2004-05 season due to a torn ACL is Indiana senior **Jenny DeMuth**. In 2003-04, DeMuth was tabbed second-team All-Big Ten by the media and third-team by the conference coaches.

Here is a brief look at some of the League's top returnees this season:

Jessica Davenport, JR, OSU, C 1st-Coaches, 1st-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 19.3 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 3.3 bpg, .587 FG%
Last season, Davenport became just the fourth sophomore to ever earn Big Ten Player of the Year honors. She led the league in scoring (19.3) and blocks (3.3) and was second in rebounding (9.3) and field goal percentage (.587). The National Player of the Year finalist was named a first-team All-American by the Associated Press, USBWA and Kodak/WBCA, as well as being tabbed a Wooden Award All-American.

Lindsay Bowen, SR, MSU, G 2nd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 13.8 ppg, 2.8 apg, 2.5 rpg, .430 3FG%
Bowen helped lead the Spartans to the national championship final last year and was named honorable-mention All-America by the Associated Press for her efforts. She ranked 16th in the league in scoring (13.8), but first in the conference in three-pointers per game (2.24) and second in three-point field goal percentage (.430).

Liz Shimek, SR, MSU, F 2nd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 14.8 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 2.0 apg, 1.2 bpg
With a 14.8 points-per-game average in 2004-05, Shimek led all Spartans en route to the national championship game. The Associated Press honorable mention All-American was 12th in the league in scoring and third in rebounding (9.1).

Katie Gearlds, JR, PUR, G 2nd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 14.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 3.0 apg, 1.6 spg
After being named 2004 Big Ten Freshman of the Year by the coaches, Gearlds put forth another strong season in her sophomore campaign. The Purdue guard raised her scoring average by 3.5 points and saw an increase in all other vitals. Gearlds was third in the Big Ten last year at the free-throw line, connecting on 81-of-91 (.890) shots.

Jenny DeMuth, SR, IND, F *3rd-Coaches, *2nd-Media
*2003-04 Statistics: 18.3 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 1.8 apg, 2.5 spg *03-04*
DeMuth, who sat out the entire season last year due to an ACL injury suffered at Midnight Madness, ranked fifth in the Big Ten in scoring (18.3) and in rebounds (7.7) in 2003-04. Two years ago, she was the only Big Ten player to rank in the top five in the conference in both categories. In addition, she ranked fifth in the Big Ten in steals with 2.5 per game. DeMuth's 18.3 points per game average stands as the fifth-highest per-game average in Indiana history and the highest average for a Hoosier since 1988.

BIG TEN OPENING WEEKS

NOVEMBER 11
#20/21 Temple vs. MICHIGAN (1) 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12
Oregon/St. Francis vs. MICHIGAN (1) 5/7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18
ILLINOIS at Loyola (Chicago) 7 p.m.
#2/1 Duke at PENN STATE 7 p.m.
Butler at #23/19 PURDUE 7 p.m.
Houston at WISCONSIN 7 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at #11/10 MICHIGAN STATE 8 p.m.
MICHIGAN at #15/15 Notre Dame 9 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19
Creighton at NORTHWESTERN 12 p.m.
San Francisco at #17/16 MINNESOTA (7) 3 p.m.
#7/6 Baylor at INDIANA 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20
Cleveland State at WISCONSIN 12 p.m.
UW-Milwaukee at IOWA 2 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at MICHIGAN 2 p.m.
Western Carolina at #11/10 MICHIGAN STATE 2 p.m.
Villanova at PENN STATE 2 p.m.
Long Island/#10/11 Stanford at #17/16 MINNESOTA (7) 3 p.m.

TOURNAMENT KEY

(1) Women's Sports Foundation Challenge, Eugene, Ore.
(2) Subway Classic, Minneapolis, Minn.

BIG TEN AT A GLANCE

BACK-TO-BACK FINAL FOUR PARTICIPANTS

FIVE FINAL FOUR TEAMS IN LAST SEVEN YEARS

RECORD-SETTING ATTENDANCE
IN EACH OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS

MOST SUCCESSFUL BACK-TO-BACK NCAA
TOURNAMENTS IN BIG TEN HISTORY



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Brandie Hoskins, SR, OSU, G 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 13.2 ppg, 4.0 apg, 3.0 rpg, .596 FG%

Hoskins led the Big Ten in field goal shooting last season, hitting on 186-of-312 shots (.596) for a percentage that also ranked 12th nationally. The Buckeye senior was fifth in the conference in assists (3.97) and 19th in scoring (13.2). A well-poised guard, Hoskins also ranked fourth in the league with a 1.63 assist-turnover ratio.

Jolene Anderson, SO, WIS, G 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 17.8 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 3.4 apg, .852 FT%

Anderson, tabbed the 2005 Big Ten Freshman of the Year by both the league coaches and media, finished fourth last year in scoring (17.8). The Badger newcomer was the first freshman in the league since the 2000-01 season to average 17.0 points or better. The league mark was set in 2001 by Penn State's Kelly Mazzante (18.1), who went on to become a two-time Big Ten Player of the Year.

Crystal Smith, SR, IOWA, G 3rd-Coaches, HM-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 16.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 2.9 apg, 2.4 spg, .509 FG%

Smith led the Hawkeyes in scoring last season at 16.8 points per game, which ranked fifth in the conference. She hit on 207-of-407 shots for a sixth-best league mark of .509. Perhaps the quickest player in the league, Smith snatched 2.4 steals in 2005, which ranked fourth in the Big Ten and was a threat from the perimeter as well. Her three-point field goal percentage of .360 and her game average of 1.48 ranked seventh and ninth, respectively.

Cyndi Valentin, SR, IND, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 15.0 ppg, 4.7 rpg, .816 FT%, .352 3FG%

Valentin was Indiana's leading scorer last season at 15.0 points per game, which ranked 11th in the league. She also ranked among the top 10 in free-throw percentage (.816) and three-point field goal percentage (.352). This past summer, she was the lone standout to score in double figures each game of the Big Ten Foreign Tour and led the team in scoring with 15.0 points per outing.

Jamie Broback, JR, MINN, F HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 14.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 1.9 apg, .478 FG%

Broback emerged as a rising star for the Golden Gophers right out of the gate last season. She was second on the team in scoring (14.4) and led the Gophers (14.7) in the 2005 NCAA Tournament. Broback was also named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team after averaging a tournament-leading 23.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Erin Lawless, JR, PUR, F HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 14.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, .471 FG%, .803 FT%

Lawless led the Boilermakers in scoring (14.2) last season, which ranked 14th in the league, and was a double-figure scorer a team-high 24 times. She was also among the top-20 rebounders at 5.3 boards per game. Her .803 free-throw percentage ranked eighth in the conference.

Shannon Schonrock, SR, MINN, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2004-05 Statistics: 9.1 ppg, 2.5 apg, .417 3FG%

The Gophers' starter at guard in 78 of 99 career games, including the last 71 starts consecutively, Schonrock is an excellent ballhandler and perimeter scoring threat. She ranked third in the league last season in three-point field goals made per game (2.15) and percentage (.417).

Rene Haynes, JR, MSU, G HM-Coaches
2004-05 Statistics: 7.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 1.6 apg, 1.5 spg

Haynes was named honorable mention All-Big Ten despite coming off the bench for all but seven games. She had 12 double-figure scoring games, including 10 when coming off the bench. Haynes received the team's Best Defender Award and Sixth Player Award last year.

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

SCORING		BLOCKED SHOTS		3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT.	
1. Davenport, OSU	19.3	1. Davenport, OSU	3.31	2. Bowen, MSU	.430
* DeMuth, IND	18.3	3. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR	1.87	3. Schonrock, MINN	.417
4. Anderson, WIS	17.8	5. Brown, PSU	1.63	6. Josephson, WIS	.373
5. Smith, IOWA	16.8	9. Shimek, MSU	1.16	7. Smith, IOWA	.360
		10. McKay, IND	1.14	10. Valentin, IND	.352
REBOUNDING		FIELD GOAL PCT.		3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	
2. Davenport, OSU	9.3	1. Hoskins, OSU	.596	1. Bowen, MSU	2.24
3. Shimek, MSU	9.1	2. Davenport, OSU	.587	3. Schonrock, MINN	2.15
* DeMuth, IND	7.7	4. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR	.520	6. Anderson, WIS	1.89
5. VandeVenter, IOWA	7.6	6. Smith, IOWA	.509	7. Valentin, IND	1.57
8. Hawkins, IND	7.0	9. Shimek, MSU	.501	8. Gearlds, PUR	1.50
9. Nelson, WIS	6.8	10. Broback, MINN	.478	9. Smith, IOWA	1.48
ASSISTS		FREE THROW PCT.		ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO	
3. Solverson, IOWA #	4.12	2. Roysland, MINN	.894	2. Allen, OSU	1.85
5. Hoskins, OSU	3.97	3. Gearlds, PUR	.890	3. Wilburn, OSU	1.73
9. Calhoun, MINN	3.56	5. Bowen, MSU	.817	4. Hoskins, OSU	1.63
10. Anderson, WIS	3.36	* DeMuth, IND	.817	6. Acuna, ILL	1.41
		6. Valentin, IND	.816	7. Clement, MICH	1.38
		8. Lawless, PUR	.803	8. Calhoun, MINN	1.38
		10. Davenport, OSU	.772		
STEALS				* Did not play in 2004-05 (Injury)	
* DeMuth, IND	2.48			2003-04 Stats Listed	
3. Wilburn, OSU	2.43			# Will not play in 2005-06 (Injury)	
4. Smith, IOWA	2.42				
7. Solverson, IOWA #	2.12				
10. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR	2.03				

BIG TEN PRESEASON HONORS

TEAM RANKINGS - COACHES

- Ohio State
- Michigan State
- Minnesota
- Purdue
- Iowa
- Wisconsin
- Penn State
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Northwestern

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN - COACHES

Lindsay Bowen, MSU, SR, G
 Jamie Broback, MINN, JR, F
 JESSICA DAVENPORT, OSU, JR, C
 Katie Gearlds, PUR, JR, G
 LIZ SHIMEK, MSU, SR, F

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR - COACHES

Jessica Davenport, OSU, JR, C

TEAM RANKINGS - MEDIA

- Ohio State
- Michigan State
- Purdue
- Minnesota
- Iowa
- Penn State
- Wisconsin
- Indiana
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Northwestern

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN - MEDIA

Jolene Anderson, WIS, SO, G
 Lindsay Bowen, MSU, SR, G
 JESSICA DAVENPORT, OSU, JR, C
 Katie Gearlds, PUR, JR, G
 Liz Shimek, MSU, SR, F

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR - MEDIA

JESSICA DAVENPORT, OSU, JR, C

UNANIMOUS SELECTION IN ALL CAPS

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT INFO

MARCH 2-3-5-6, 2006
 CONSECO FIELDHOUSE
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



Schedule

March 2	#8 vs. #9	3 p.m. ET
	#7 vs. #10	25 min. after #1
	#11 vs. #6	25 min. after #2
March 3	#1 vs. Game 1 Winner	12 p.m. ET
	#4 vs. #5	25 min. after #4
	#2 vs. Game 2 Winner	6 p.m. ET
	#3 vs. Game 3 Winner	25 min. after #6
March 5	Semifinal #1	1 p.m. ET
	Semifinal #2	25 min. after #1
March 6	Big Ten Tournament Final	7 p.m. ET

NOTE: There is no designated media hotel for the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament.

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SPARTANS & BUCKEYES NOT LOOKING TO SHARE

Michigan State and Ohio State enter the 2005-06 season looking to successfully defend their co-Big Ten Championship from a year ago. Last year marked the ninth time in league history and the first time since the 1996-97 season that the Big Ten regular season title was shared by two teams. The Buckeyes have not captured consecutive league titles since winning five straight from 1983-1987. Michigan State tallied its second-ever conference championship last year and its first since 1997.

THE BIG TEN LOOKING FORWARD TO BOSTON

The Big Ten certainly wouldn't mind making Boston home in early April as the 2006 NCAA Women's Final Four has been set for April 2-4, at the TD Banknorth Garden (18,500) in Boston, Mass. Harvard and Northeastern Universities will serve as hosts.

The Big Ten has sent five teams to the past seven Final Fours, including national finalist Michigan State last year.

TWO BIG TEN STARS ON WADE TROPHY WATCH

Michigan State's **Liz Shimek** and Ohio State's **Jessica Davenport** were named by a national awards committee consisting of leading basketball coaches, journalists, and basketball administrators August 16 as preseason candidates for the 2006 State Farm Wade Trophy. The list is comprised of 25 student-athletes who are members of an NCAA Division I institution and are selected based on the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

The Big Ten has had two State Farm Wade Trophy Award winners, most recently in 1999 when Purdue's Stephanie White-McCarty received the honor. Minnesota's Carol Ann Shudlick was the Wade Trophy winner in 1994.

The 2006 State Farm Wade Trophy winner will be announced during the WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four in Boston, Mass., March 31-April 4, 2006.

BIG TEN TRIO ON WOODEN AWARD WATCH LIST

Three Big Ten student-athletes have been selected among the top 30 women's basketball players to the Women's Wooden Award Preseason All-America Team selected by the John R. Wooden Award National Advisory Board. Michigan State's **Lindsay Bowen**, Ohio State's **Jessica Davenport** and Purdue's **Katie Gearlds** were named August 11 to the third annual Preseason Team.

Purdue is the lone Big Ten school to have a preseason Wooden All-American in each of the three years the award has been given. Shereka Wright was both a preseason and postseason All-American in 2003-04, while Gearlds has been named to the preseason squad the past two years.

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Big Ten Weekly Teleconference

When? Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 10:36 a.m. (CT)

How long? Beginning December 27, 2005 with the final call scheduled for February 28, 2006.

Who? Each Big Ten head coach is invited to participate on the weekly teleconferences. Participation is not mandatory, so some coaches may not be available each week.

How? To participate, please call the Big Ten Communications office for the access and play-back numbers. The call will be available for play-back for 24 hours following each teleconference. An archived version of the call will also be available to both media and fans on www.bigten.org.

Schedule of Coaches:

9:00 a.m. CT	Sharon Versyp, IND
9:08 a.m.	Joanne P. McCallie, MSU
9:16 a.m.	Rene Portland, PSU
9:24 a.m.	Kristy Curry, PUR
9:32 a.m.	Theresa Grentz, ILL
9:40 a.m.	Lisa Stone, WIS
9:48 a.m.	Cheryl Burnett, MICH
9:56 a.m.	Jim Foster, OSU
10:04 a.m.	Lisa Bluder, IOWA
10:12 a.m.	Pam Borton, MINN
10:20 a.m.	Beth Combs, NU
10:28 a.m.	Player of the Week (if available)

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The Big Ten has also been represented on each of the previous two five-player postseason All-America teams. Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and Purdue's Wright were honored in 2004, while Ohio State's Davenport was named to the team in 2005.

In mid-January, the Wooden Award Committee will release the Midseason Top 20 List, followed in March by the official voting ballot, consisting of approximately 15 top players who have proven to their universities that they are also making progress toward graduation and maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The 2006 Award ceremony, which will include the presentation of the Men's and Women's Wooden Award, the Wooden Award All-American Teams and the Legends of Coaching Award, will be held at The Los Angeles Athletic Club on April 8, 2006, and will be broadcast live on a national CBS telecast.

BIG TEN REPRESENTS AT UNIVERSITY GAMES

Over the summer, three Big Ten women's basketball standouts were selected by USA Basketball to represent their country as members of the World University Games team. Big Ten Player of the Year **Jessica Davenport** of Ohio State, along with teammate **Brandie Hoskins** and Michigan State's **Liz Shimek** competed against the world's top young players in Izmir, Turkey, August 11-21.

The trio of Big Ten student-athletes was the largest representation of any other league in the nation. The Big East, Pac-10 and SEC each had two.

The U.S. pocketed its sixth gold medal in 14 appearances at the World University Games with a 7-0 record. Team USA has won a medal in 13 of 14 showings in WUG play.

For the tournament, Davenport finished as the team's third-leading scorer at 10.7 points a game and shot 62 percent (29-of-47) from the field. She averaged 4.6 rebounds a game. Hoskins contributed nearly seven points a game and ranked third on Team USA with 14 assists. Shimek finished the tournament averaging 7.3 points and 6.6 rebounds.

BADGERS' ANDERSON HELPS USA U-19 TO GOLD

In addition to Team USA's gold-medal performance at the World University Games, Wisconsin's **Jolene Anderson** also helped the Americans to gold as a member of the USA team at the 2005 FIBA Women's U19 World Championship. Competing in Tunis,

Tunisia, the 2005 Big Ten Freshman of the Year tallied 4.9 points per game on 17-of-33 (.515) shooting, while pulling down 1.9 rebounds per contest during Team USA's 8-0 trip.

POINTS COME IN PAIRS

Among tandems in which both players return this year, Indiana senior **Jenny DeMuth** and junior **Cyndi Valentin** are the highest-scoring Big Ten duo returning in 2005-06.

BIG TEN'S HIGHEST-SCORING DUOS

1. Jenny DeMuth & Cyndi Valentin (IND) *33.3
2. Jessica Davenport & Brandie Hoskins (OSU) 32.5
3. Liz Shimek & Lindsay Bowen (MSU) 28.6
4. Jolene Anderson & Janese Banks (WIS) 28.4
5. Erin Lawless & Katie Gearlds (PUR) 28.3

*Includes DeMuth's 2003-04 stats; DNP in 2004-05 (Injury)

VERSYP TAKES OVER INDIANA PROGRAM

Sharon Versyp, whose coaching career includes seven years as an Indiana high school coach, four years as a Division I assistant coach and most recently five years as the head coach at the University of Maine, was appointed Indiana's seventh head women's basketball coach in the 34-year history of the program. IU Athletics Director Rick Greenspan announced April 8. She replaces former head coach Kathi Bennett, who resigned on March 1. Versyp returns to her home state after leading the Black Bears to three-straight America East regular season championships (2003, 2004, 2005), the 2004 America East Tournament title and a trip to the 2004 NCAA Tournament. Ironically, the 2003 and 2005 America East Coach of the Year replaced Joanne P. McCallie at Maine, who was hired on as the head coach at Michigan State.

GREAT PLACE TO BE FROM AND COME BACK TO

Four Big Ten coaches have a very unique tie to the conference as each of them played at a different league school than the one they are currently employed at. Indiana's **Sharon Versyp** played at Purdue from 1985-88, while Michigan State's **Joanne P. McCallie** was a member of the Northwestern squad from 1984-87. Northwestern mentor **Beth Combs** was a student-athlete at Illinois from 1987-89 and Wisconsin's **Lisa Stone** played at Iowa from 1980-84.

Big Ten Coach	Current School	Played At
Sharon Versyp	IND	PUR, 1985-88
Joanne P. McCallie	MSU	NU, 1984-87
Beth Combs	NU	ILL, 1987-89
Lisa Stone	WIS	IOWA, 1980-84

THE IMMACULATA IDOLS

Illinois head coach **Theresa Greutz** and Penn State mentor **Rene Portland** were former teammates at Immaculata back in the mid-70s. Today, they are together again as the most tenured head coaches in the Big Ten. The 2005-06 season marks the 26th season at PSU for Portland, while Greutz enters her 11th year with the Illini. In fact, those combined 37 years on a conference campus are two more than the total of the remaining nine league coaches' tenures. The landscape of Big Ten mentors has taken on a fairly fresh look since the 1999-00 season. Excluding Greutz and Portland, nine of the 11 conference coaches have spent seven years or less at their respective schools. Six coaches have spent less than four years on their respective Big Ten campuses.

YEARS FOR COACHES ON CONFERENCE CAMPUSES

26	Rene Portland, PSU	4	Jim Foster, OSU
11	Theresa Greutz, ILL	3	Cheryl Burnett, MICH
7	Kristy Curry, PUR	3	Lisa Stone, WIS
6	Lisa Bluder, IOWA	2	Beth Combs, NU
6	Joanne P. McCallie, MSU	0	Sharon Versyp, IND
4	Pam Borton, MINN		

ONE PLAYS

Every year, each Big Ten team will only meet four other conference teams once during league play. Here is the breakdown of "one-plays" for 2005-06:

Team	Home	Away
Illinois	MINN, PUR	IND, OSU
Indiana	ILL, MICH	MSU, WIS
Iowa	MINN, PUR	PSU, WIS
Michigan	NU, WIS	IND, PSU
Michigan State	IND, PSU	NU, PUR
Minnesota	OSU, PSU	ILL, IOWA
Northwestern	MSU, OSU	MICH, PUR
Ohio State	ILL, WIS	MINN, NU
Penn State	IOWA, MICH	MSU, MINN
Purdue	MSU, NU	ILL, IOWA
Wisconsin	IND, IOWA	MICH, OSU

SPREADING THE LOVE AROUND THE LEAGUE

Five non-conference teams that finished the 2004-05 season ranked in the Top 25 will face multiple Big Ten squads for the upcoming season. Notre Dame, ranked 15th in the final poll, will face four conference schools this season, while No. 3 LSU will face three league teams. No. 7 Rutgers, No. 20 DePaul and No. 25 Iowa State will each face two Big Ten squads apiece. Below is a list of those five teams and their "Big Ten schedule," including one additional team that received votes in the final Associated Press poll.

Opponent	*Final Rank	Scheduled Big Ten Teams
LSU	3	@OSU, @MSU, @MINN
Rutgers	7	IOWA, @MSU
Notre Dame	15	MICH, @IND, @WIS, @PUR
DePaul	20	PUR, @NU
Iowa State	25	IOWA, @MINN
Oklahoma	arv	IOWA, @ILL, @MSU, @OSU

BIG TEN COACHES RECORDS

Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Theresa Greutz, ILL	32nd	11th	636-284	.691	175-129	.576	87-73	.544
Sharon Versyp, IND	6th	1st	98-51	.658	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Lisa Bluder, IOWA	22nd	6th	452-201	.692	96-59	.619	46-34	.575
Cheryl Burnett, MICH	18th	3rd	338-176	.658	19-40	.322	7-25	.219
Joanne P. McCallie, MSU	14th	6th	268-129	.675	101-56	.643	44-36	.550
Pam Borton, MINN	8th	4th	145-69	.678	76-23	.768	33-15	.688
Beth Combs, NU	5th	2nd	49-70	.412	5-25	.167	2-14	.125
Jim Foster, OSU	28th	4th	577-250	.698	73-25	.745	35-13	.729
Rene Portland, PSU	30th	26th	665-233	.741	578-204	.739	162-50	.764
Kristy Curry, PUR	7th	7th	153-44	.777	153-44	.774	73-23	.760
Lisa Stone, WIS	21st	3rd	397-151	.724	22-33	.400	9-23	.281

BIG TEN NEWS & NOTES

INJURED IOWA

Poised to make a run at the top of the Big Ten standings this year, Iowa was dealt yet another blow in early August as senior small forward **Johanna Solverson** tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee. Solverson became the second Hawkeye starter to suffer an ACL injury this past summer and will miss the 2005-06 season. Point guard **Lindsay Richards**, who missed all of last season and was looking to play a key role for the Hawkeyes in 2005-06, sustained her third ACL injury in as many years in July.

Last year, Solverson became only the second Iowa player to amass over 350 points, 125 assists and rebounds and 70 steals in a single season.

INDIANA TO OPEN AGAINST NATIONAL CHAMPS

Hoosiers' head coach **Sharon Versyp** will not have the opportunity to ease her way into the 2005-06 season as Indiana opens its campaign at home against defending national champion Baylor. The Lady Bears, who defeated Michigan State 84-62 in the final game last year, finished the season 33-3. Indiana, however, opened its 2004-05 season at Baylor and gave the Lady Bears all they could ask for before falling 60-47 in the late stages of the game.

ALL EYES ON DAVENPORT VS. AUGUSTUS

A national viewing audience will surely be able to watch a head-to-head battle between National Player of the Year candidates **Jessica Davenport** of Ohio State and **Seimone Augustus** of LSU on December 15. ESPN2 will televise the game when the Tigers travel to Columbus to face the Buckeyes at 7:30 p.m. ET. In 2005, Augustus claimed National Player of the Year honors as a junior, however Davenport was a finalist for each award as a sophomore. A 2004-05 comparison of the two is below.

Player	GP/GS	FG%	FT%	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Augustus	36/36	.539	.869	20.1	4.6	2.1	1.4	0.5
Davenport	35/35	.587	.772	19.2	9.3	1.6	0.8	3.3

CBS TO AIR REGIONAL BIG TEN COVERAGE

Big Ten basketball hits the national scene on the afternoon of January 7, when Michigan State and Minnesota will be broadcast in their respective games on CBS. Portions of the national viewing audience will see Rutgers face Michigan State at 12 p.m. ET, while another section of the country will watch Minnesota at LSU at 11 a.m. CT.

STRINGER TO RETURN TO IOWA CITY

Speaking of Rutgers, one of Iowa's most-anticipated contests this season will be against the Scarlet Knights, when they travel to Iowa City to take part in the KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge, December 3-4. Should Iowa get past Vermont in the first game, it will most likely face Rutgers in the championship game, which is coached by former Hawkeye mentor C. Vivian Stringer. Iowa's all-time winningest coach, Stringer guided the Hawkeyes to 269 victories, six Big Ten Championships and one Final Four appearance in 12 years on the Iowa sidelines.

"FEBRUARY FRENZY" TO TELEVISION LEAGUE PAIR

This season's women's basketball coverage on ESPN2 includes a late-season doubleheader dubbed "February Frenzy." The 2006 February Frenzy will take place on Sunday, February 12, and will include Big Ten games Purdue at Minnesota (3:05 p.m.) and Wisconsin at Michigan State (3:11 p.m.). Four games will be slated for staggered start-times at both 3 and 5 p.m. ET. ESPN2's coverage will "whip around" the four games, which replicates ESPN's regional coverage of early round NCAA women's basketball tournament games last season.

PENN STATE & PURDUE TO HOST 1ST-2ND ROUNDS

Two Big Ten teams that have endured much success in the NCAA Tournament will play the role of host during the 2006 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship First- and Second-Round Games. Penn State will welcome eight teams between Sunday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Bryce Jordan Center, while Purdue will host eight other teams at Mackey Arena for tournament action beginning March 19 as well.

ALL-BIG TEN SCHOLARS RETURN TO THE COURT

For the upcoming season, 28 of the 43 (65 percent) women's basketball players that earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2005 will return for the 2006 campaign. Minnesota, which ranked 24th on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) 2004-2005 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll, returns all eight Academic All-Big Ten selections from a year ago.

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES POLL

2005-06 Preseason Poll

RANK/SCHOOL (#1 votes)	RECORD	PTS.	PREVIOUS
1. Tennessee (19)	30-5	756	4
2. Duke (3)	31-5	724	8
3. LSU (3)	33-3	668	3
4. OHIO STATE	30-5	648	9
5. Rutgers	28-7	573	7
Georgia	24-10	573	13
7. Baylor	33-3	562	1
8. North Carolina	30-4	557	6
9. Connecticut	25-8	549	10
10. Stanford (1)	32-3	482	5
11. MICHIGAN STATE	33-4	471	2
12. Texas	22-9	431	17
13. Texas Tech	24-8	418	12
14. Maryland	22-10	302	24
15. Notre Dame	27-6	288	15
16. Vanderbilt	24-8	246	14
17. MINNESOTA	26-8	226	11
18. Arizona State	24-10	207	16
19. DePaul	26-5	200	20
20. Temple	28-4	157	18
21. Utah	26-8	151	NR
22. Southern California	20-11	145	22
23. PURDUE	17-13	132	NR
24. N.C. State	21-8	122	NR
25. Oklahoma	17-13	99	NR

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

2005-06 Preseason Poll

RANK/SCHOOL (#1 votes)	RECORD	PTS.	PREVIOUS
1. Duke	31-5	1107	7
2. Tennessee	30-5	1102	3
3. LSU	33-3	1025	2
4. OHIO STATE	30-5	997	8
5. Rutgers	28-7	881	9
6. Baylor	33-3	874	5
7. North Carolina	30-4	863	4
8. Georgia	24-10	853	20
9. Connecticut	25-8	802	10
10. MICHIGAN STATE	33-4	727	6
11. Stanford	32-3	675	1
12. Texas	22-9	644	13
13. Texas Tech	24-8	601	14
14. Maryland	22-10	598	NR
15. Notre Dame	27-6	408	11
16. MINNESOTA	26-8	344	12
17. Vanderbilt	24-8	341	18
18. DePaul	26-5	335	17
19. PURDUE	17-13	297	NR
20. Arizona State	24-10	271	NR
21. Temple	28-4	215	15
22. Utah	26-8	199	NR
23. N.C. State	21-8	192	21
24. Southern California	20-11	168	NR
25. Oklahoma	17-13	143	NR

Others Receiving Votes: UCLA 118, Boston College 59, Arizona 16, New Mexico 15, Louisville 12, Virginia Tech 10, Louisiana Tech 9, Villanova 8, Florida St. 7, Kansas St. 7, Wake Forest 6, George Washington 4, W. Kentucky 4, TCU 3, Iowa St. 2, Xavier 2, Bowling Green 1, Kansas 1, Mississippi 1, UC Santa Barbara 1, Virginia 1, West Virginia 1.

BIG TEN ON TELEVISION



2 GAMES

7 GAMES

1 GAME

1 GAME

22 GAMES

As of November 9, at least 33 games will be nationally and regionally televised.