



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE 2007-08 EDITION OF BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Ohio State looks to become first Big Ten school to capture four straight regular-season titles since Iowa in the 1980s.
- Four new head coaches, including two rookies, will patrol the conference sidelines in 2007-08.
- Wisconsin's Jolene Anderson and OSU's Marscilla Packer named to State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List.
- Conference squads return 14 All-Big Ten selections from a year ago, including five first- or second-team members.
- Five of last year's top 10 scorers back in Big Ten uniforms, including Anderson, who ranked 16th in the nation.
- Big Ten returns to Indianapolis for conference tournament and sets its sights on Tampa for a trip to the Final Four.

TOP RETURNING PLAYER CAPSULES

The Big Ten welcomes back 14 members of its 2006-07 All-Conference teams, including first-team selection **Jolene Anderson** of Wisconsin. The Badger senior was last season's Big Ten scoring champion and was named to the State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List in August. Returning from the second team are Illinois' **Lori Bjork**, Michigan State's **Alllyssa DeHaan**, Ohio State's **Star Allen** and Minnesota's **Emily Fox**. Third-team honorees from a year ago include Iowa's **Wendy Ausdemore** and **Kristi Smith** as well as Ohio State's **Marscilla Packer**, also included on the preseason Wade Watch List.

Also returning to the conference this season are six honorable mention All-Big Ten selections in Illinois' **Jenna Smith**, Iowa's **Megan Skouby**, Michigan State's **Aisha Jefferson**, Penn State's **Kamela Gissendanner** and **Tyra Grant** and Wisconsin's **Janese Banks**.

A brief look at the Big Ten's top returnees follows:

Jolene Anderson, SR, WIS, G 1st-Coaches, 1st-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 19.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 2.9 apg, .433 FG%
 Last year's Big Ten scoring champion, Anderson put up 19.31 points per conference game, eclipsing two-time category winner Jessica Davenport of Ohio State. The senior has led the Badgers in scoring in each of her three years on campus and also paced the team in rebounding and steals last season. As a junior, Anderson shattered Wisconsin's single-season scoring mark by over 100 points with 714 tallies and became the school's sixth Kodak/WBCA District IV All-American. Anderson spent the summer with the U21 USA Women's Basketball team, helping the squad to a gold medal on the strength of a 9.3 ppg average.

Lori Bjork, JR, ILL, G 2nd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 14.3 ppg, 2.5 apg, .825 FT%, .385 3FG%
 Bjork finished seventh in the conference and first on her team in scoring last season on the strength of a school-record 84 three-pointers, which was the highest total in the Big Ten. Bjork enters the season third on Illinois' all-time three-point field goal list with 137, needing just 58 treys in 2007-08 to set the school mark. Finding success in the classroom as well, Bjork was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America third team following the season.

Alllyssa DeHaan, SO, MSU, C 2nd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 12.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 4.4 bpg, .530 FG%
 The Big Ten's consensus Freshman of the Year in 2007, DeHaan set the conference's single-season blocks record with 145 swats on the season. Her average of 4.4 blocks per game ranked second in the NCAA last season, while her total marked the highest by a freshman and the seventh-most by any player in NCAA history. Also a threat to score, DeHaan set an MSU freshman record with 411 points. Ranking seventh in the Big Ten with 7.5 boards per game, DeHaan was named to the conference's All-Defensive Team and All-Tournament Team.

Emily Fox, JR, MINN, G 2nd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 12.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 3.97 apg, .807 FT%
 A team captain for the 2007-08 season, Fox was second on her squad in scoring last season, averaging 12.9 points per game. As a sophomore, she led the Gophers and was fifth in the conference with 3.97 assists per game for a 1.31 assists-to-turnovers ratio which ranked sixth in the Big Ten. She also finished in the top 10 in the Big Ten with an .807 free-throw shooting percentage which improved to .848 in conference contests. Fox started all 33 of Minnesota's games last season and scored in double figures in 20 of those contests.

Star Allen, JR, OSU, F 2nd-Coaches, HM-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 10.1 ppg, .625 FG%, 6.3 rpg, 1.6 apg
 The conference leader in field-goal percentage last season, Allen set a Big Ten record by shooting at a .694 mark (84-121) in conference competition. Allen recorded four double-doubles during the season, including a 21-point, 13-rebound performance against Purdue on Jan. 29. As a sophomore, she helped the Buckeyes clinch their third-straight Big Ten title, scoring 22 points on 9-of-10 shooting against Penn State on Feb. 22. Allen finished second on the team in rebounding last season with 6.3 rpg and fourth in scoring with 10.1 ppg.

Kristi Smith, JR, IOWA, G 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 13.4 ppg, 4.1 apg, .495 3FG%, .858 FT%
 Smith led the Hawkeyes in scoring last season, putting up 13.4 points per game, which was good enough for 10th in the Big Ten. As a sophomore she averaged 4.1 assists per game, again leading her squad and finishing third in the conference standings. With 402 points and 124 assists, Smith became the first Iowa underclassman and just the third Hawkeye ever to eclipse 400 points and 100 assists in a season. Smith started all 30 of Iowa's games in her sophomore season, scoring in double-digits 23 times. Her .495 percentage from behind the arc ranks second in Iowa history while her .858 free-throw shooting clip is fifth.

Marscilla Packer, SR, OSU, G 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 10.4 ppg, .868 FT%, 57 3FG, 1.93 A/T Ratio
 Packer finished the 2006-07 season third on her team in scoring with 10.4 ppg on the strength of a team-leading 57 three-point field goals. Packer was sixth in the conference with a .377 three-point field goal percentage, giving her a .408 clip in her career, which ranks second all-time at Ohio State. As a junior, she made 33 of 38 baskets from the free-throw line for an .868 clip, ranking first on her team.

Wendy Ausdemore, JR, IOWA, F 3rd-Coaches, HM-Media
2006-07 Statistics: 12.7 ppg, .902 FT%, .439 FG%, 4.7 rpg
 Ausdemore broke Iowa's single-season free throw percentage mark in overall and conference-only competition with a .902 clip (.975 Big Ten) as a sophomore. Her Big Ten free throw percentage is the second-highest mark in conference history, while her 62 three-pointers set a record for Hawkeye sophomores. Ausdemore scored in double figures 21 times in 30 games last season for a total of 381 points, ranking 10th among Iowa sophomores throughout program history. The junior enters the 2007-08 season ranked ninth in Iowa career three-pointers with 82.

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Jenna Smith, SO, ILL, C HM-Coaches, HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 11.1 ppg, 7.8 rpg, .514 FG%, 1.3 bpg
 A member of the All-Big Ten Freshman Team, Smith broke the Illinois freshman rebounding record with 233 boards. Smith ranked sixth in the conference in rebounding in all games and topped the Big Ten in offensive boards during the conference schedule. Her .514 field-goal percentage ranked sixth in the Big Ten last season, while her 1.3 blocked shots per game was good enough for eighth.

Megan Skouby, JR, IOWA, C HM-Coaches, HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 13.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg, .462 FG%, .851 FT%
 The tallest women's basketball player in program history at 6-6, Skouby enters the season ranked sixth in the low record books in career blocks (84) and scoring (757). She scored in double figures in 18 games last season, including three contests with 20 points or more. As a sophomore, Skouby posted a free-throw percentage of .851 in all games, ranking 27th in NCAA Division I, and an .875 FT% in conference games, marking the sixth-best clip in the Big Ten. Skouby started 13 of 26 games last season, but missed four conference matchups due to injury.

Kamela Gissendanner, SR, PSU, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 12.8 ppg, .840 FT%, 3.1 rpg, .414 FG%
 After averaging 12.8 points per game a year ago, Gissendanner is on pace to become the 30th player in school history to score 1,000 career points. In her junior season, Gissendanner was among the Big Ten and NCAA leaders at the charity stripe, owning an .840 free-throw shooting percentage. In Big Ten games, Gissendanner's points-per-game average skyrocketed to 15.2, which was good enough for fifth in the conference.

Tyra Grant, SO, PSU, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 14.6 ppg, .713 FT%, 2.5 rpg, .325 3FG%
 Despite starting just half of her team's games, Grant led the Nittany Lions with 14.6 points per game, upping her average to 16.6 points per conference contest. In addition to her honorable mention All-Conference nod, Grant was selected as a member of the All-Big Ten Freshman Team after finishing the season third on PSU's all-time freshman chart with 452 points and tied for sixth with 20 blocks.

Janese Banks, SR, WIS, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 14.6 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 2.4 apg, 1.4 spg
 Banks has finished second on her team in scoring in each of her three previous seasons, posting a 14.6 ppg mark in 2006-07. As a junior, she became the 19th Badger in program history to eclipse the 1,000 career point milestone, tallying 525 points on .434 shooting. Banks shot at an .830 clip from the charity stripe, ranking second on her squad and sixth in the conference. Banks pulled down 6.3 boards per game last season, including 3.22 offensive rebounds per contest, ranking second in the Big Ten in that category.

Aisha Jefferson, JR, MSU, F HM-Media
 2006-07 Statistics: 10.4 ppg, 5.6 rpg, .419 FG%, .653 FT%
 Jefferson's 10.4 points per game tied her for third-most on the team while her 5.6 rebounds-per-game average was the Spartans' third-best. Jefferson also contributed 15 blocks to the squad that set a school record with 211 swats during the 2006-07 campaign.

Big Ten Women's Basketball Media Day

Big Ten Women's Basketball Media Day will be held in conjunction with the Men's Basketball Media Day on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the O'Hare Marriott in Chicago, Ill. Format and times will be set at a later date. For credential requests, please contact Valerie Todryk at the Big Ten office.

RETURNING BIG TEN STATISTICAL LEADERS (FINAL 2006-07 NCAA RANK)

SCORING		BLOCKED SHOTS		3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	
2. J. Anderson, WIS (16th)	19.8	1. A. DeHaan, MSU (2nd)	4.39	1. L. Bjork, ILL	2.71
5. J. Banks, WIS	14.6	6. D. Ward, WIS	1.53	3. J. Anderson, WIS	2.11
6. T. Grant, PSU	14.6	7. M. Skouby, IOWA	1.42	4. W. Ausdemore, IOWA	2.07
7. L. Bjork, ILL	14.3	8. J. Smith, ILL	1.30	5. N. Smith, IND	2.03
10. K. Smith, IOWA	13.4	9. K. Phillips, MICH	1.28	8. M. Packer, OSU	1.78
		10. L. Simpson, ILL	1.26	9. J. Howell, PUR	1.51
				10. K. Smith, IOWA	1.50
REBOUNDING		FIELD GOAL PCT.		ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO	
3. W. Thomas, IND	8.5	1. S. Allen, OSU	.625	1. J. Graham, IOWA	1.49
5. J. Graham, IOWA	7.8	5. A. DeHaan, MSU (38th)	.530	3. M. Moeller, OSU	1.45
6. J. Smith, ILL	7.8	6. J. Smith, ILL	.514	4. B. O'Rourke, PSU	1.45
7. A. DeHaan, MSU	7.5	7. D. Crutcher, ILL	.509	6. E. Fox, MINN	1.31
8. A. Ellis-Milan, MINN	7.2	8. L. Knight, MINN	.497	7. K. Smith, IOWA	1.27
9. K. Campbell, MINN	7.1	10. M. Skouby, IOWA	.462	8. R. D'Alie, WIS	1.23
10. J. Anderson, WIS	7.1			9. L. Simpson, ILL	1.06
				10. F. Malone, PUR	1.03
ASSISTS		FREE THROW PCT.		MINUTES PLAYED	
1. R. D'Alie, WIS	4.58	2. K. Smith, IOWA (21st)	.858	2. J. Anderson, WIS	35.25
2. B. O'Rourke, PSU	4.29	3. M. Skouby, IOWA (27th)	.851	3. L. Bjork, ILL	35.06
3. K. Smith, IOWA	4.13	4. K. Gissendanner, PSU (41st)	.840	4. B. O'Rourke, PSU	34.52
4. F. Malone, PUR	4.00	5. J. Anderson, WIS (42nd)	.839	6. K. Smith, IOWA	33.97
5. E. Fox, MINN	3.97	6. J. Banks, WIS	.830	7. E. Fox, MINN	33.30
7. M. Moeller, OSU	3.31	7. L. Knight, MINN	.826		
10. L. Simpson, ILL	3.23	8. L. Bjork, ILL	.825		
		9. E. Fox, MINN	.807		
STEALS		3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT.		2006-07 Overall Stats Listed	
1. F. Malone, PUR (25th)	2.81	1. K. Smith, IOWA	.495		
2. K. Roberson, IND (45th)	2.61	2. W. Ausdemore, IOWA (14th)	.416		
3. J. Anderson, WIS	2.50	3. J. Howell, PUR	.406		
4. L. Simpson, ILL	2.29	5. L. Bjork, ILL (31st)	.385		
7. B. O'Rourke, PSU	2.16	6. M. Packer, OSU	.377		
9. E. Fox, MINN	2.12	9. N. Smith, IND	.349		
10. W. Thomas, IND	1.88	10. J. Anderson, WIS	.322		

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Big Ten Aims for Fun in the Sun at Final Four in Tampa

The Big Ten has sent five teams to the past nine Final Fours, including two in the last four seasons, and hopes to add to that total in 2008. This season, the conference has its eyes set on sunny skies and clear blue water as the 2008 NCAA Women's Final four will be held in Tampa Bay, Fla. The championship event will be played April 6 and 8 at the St. Pete Times Forum (21,497). The University of South Florida will serve as the event's host.

Big Ten/ACC Women's Basketball Challenge

The Big Ten and Atlantic Coast Conference announced in May the formation of an annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge for women's basketball, which will span at least four years and begin this fall. The Big Ten/ACC Challenge will match 11 teams from each conference in head-to-head competition traditionally on the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after Thanksgiving, following the men's basketball Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The inaugural edition begins on Nov. 19 as Michigan heads to Miami, and concludes as Penn State hosts Duke.

Conference Coaching Carousel

Four fresh faces will patrol the conference benches as the 2007-08 season opens in Illinois' Jolene Law, Michigan's Kevin Borseth, Michigan State's Suzy Merchant and Penn State's Coquese Washington. Including the four additions, six of the conference's 11 coaches are either in their first or second seasons at their respective institutions, while eight Big Ten mentors have been at their schools for less than five full years.

Buckeyes Shoot to Make it Four in a Row

Despite losing three-time Big Ten Player of the Year Jessica Davenport to graduation, Ohio State still returns a good portion of its offensive firepower as it looks to become the first conference squad to win four straight championships since Iowa did it from 1987-90. The Buckeyes welcome back last year's Big Ten field-goal percentage champion Star Allen, as well as Marscilla Packer, a preseason candidate for the State Farm Wade

Trophy. Packer and Allen were the third- and fourth-highest scorers for OSU a year ago, respectively averaging 10.4 and 10.1 points per game.

Welcome to the Block Party

2006-07 was a banner season for the Big Ten in terms of blocked shots, as Freshman of the Year Allyssa DeHaan set a Big Ten single season and NCAA Division I freshman record with 145 swats. Including DeHaan, the conference returns nine of its top 15 shot blockers from a year ago, including six of its top 10. Behind its 6-9 center, Michigan State finished fourth in the nation in blocks, while the conference was also represented by Purdue (20th) and Illinois (26th) among the top 30.

Top Scorers Return for 2007-08

The Big Ten returns five of its top 10 scorers from a year ago and eight of its top 15. Big Ten scoring champion Jolene Anderson (19.8 ppg) of Wisconsin returns for her senior season and is joined by teammate Janese Banks (14.6), Tyra Grant of Penn State (14.6), Lori Bjork of Illinois (14.3) and Kristi Smith of Iowa (13.4) in the top 10. Six of the conference's 11 teams return their top scorer from last season, including Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, who each return their top two.

Wisconsin's Dynamic Duo

Wisconsin's Jolene Anderson and Janese Banks represent the highest-scoring returning duo in the Big Ten entering the 2007-08 season. The conference's top five scoring tandems returning for this season can be found below.

BIG TEN'S HIGHEST-SCORING DUOS

1. Jolene Anderson (19.8) & Janese Banks (14.6), WIS 34.4
2. Tyra Grant (14.6) & Kamela Gissendanner (12.8), PSU 27.4
3. Kristi Smith (13.4) & Megan Skouby (13.2), IOWA 26.6
4. Lori Bjork (14.3) & Jenna Smith (11.1), ILL 25.4
5. Allyssa DeHaan (12.5) & Aisha Jefferson (10.4), MSU 22.9

BIG TEN COACHES' CORNER

Former Hawkeye Standout Set to Lead Illinois

Jolette Law became Illinois' seventh women's basketball head coach on May 11, 2007 after spending the last 12 seasons at Rutgers. Law spent the last four years as the Scarlet Knights' associate head coach and helped guide the program to two Final Fours, three Elite Eights and three Sweet 16 appearances, including the team's NCAA runner-up finish this past season. Law graduated from Iowa in 1990 after helping the Hawkeyes to four straight Big Ten titles on a 105-18 combined record. After graduation, Law competed as the only woman with the Harlem Globetrotters for four years before spending one season at Ball State, and then moving on to Rutgers where she coached with her former mentor at Iowa, C. Vivian Stringer.

Borseth Moves Back to Michigan to Lead Maize and Blue

Bessemer, Mich., native **Kevin Borseth** returns to his home state after spending nine successful seasons as head coach at UW-Green Bay. Borseth strung together a 216-62 record with the Phoenix, including eight 20-win seasons. He also led his squad to postseason appearances every year, including into the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2003 and '07. The Phoenix won the Horizon League regular-season title in each of Borseth's nine years, and won the conference tournament seven times. Before taking the reigns at UWGB, Borseth spent 11 seasons as head coach at Michigan Tech, accumulating a 225-97 record with the Huskies.

Merchant Stays Close to Home at MSU

After nine seasons and more wins than any head coach in program history, **Suzy Merchant** left Eastern Michigan to lead the program at Michigan State. The Central Michigan graduate guided the EMU Eagles to a 147-91 record with three 20-win seasons, three postseason appearances and two MAC West Division titles. A native of Traverse City, Mich., Merchant played at Central Michigan before racking up 15 years of coaching experience, all in the same state. Merchant also served as an assistant at Oakland University and head coach of Saginaw Valley State.

Washington Leaves Notre Dame for Happy Valley

Coquese Washington became the fifth head coach in Penn State women's basketball history, having spent the last eight seasons at Notre Dame. Washington was the associate head coach with the Fighting Irish for two seasons after spending six years as an assistant, helping the squad to an NCAA Championship in 2001. A graduate of Notre Dame, Washington spent two seasons with the ABL's Portland Power before a two-year stint with the WNBA's New York Liberty. In 2000, Washington helped the Houston Comets to a WNBA title before she finished her career with the Indiana Fever. Washington will return to the Fever's home arena for the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament in March.

Unfamiliar Territory

With four new leaders on the sidelines, over half the head coaches in the Big Ten have been at their respective schools for less than two years. Now in her eighth year of service at Iowa, **Lisa Bluder** is the conference's longest tenured coach, while eight of the Big Ten's mentors have spent less than five years on their respective campuses.

COACHES' YEARS SPENT AT CURRENT SCHOOL

7	Lisa Bluder, IOWA	1	Felisha Legette-Jack, IND
5	Pam Borton, MINN	1	Sharon Versyp, PUR
5	Jim Foster, OSU	0	Jolette Law, ILL
4	Lisa Stone, WIS	0	Kevin Borseth, MICH
3	Beth Combs, NU	0	Suzy Merchant, MSU
		0	Coquese Washington, PSU

Remember When...?

Four head coaches are back on Big Ten campuses after having served as a student-athlete with a conference school. Illinois' **Jolette Law** (1987-90) and Wisconsin's **Lisa Stone** (1980-84) both attended Iowa, while Northwestern's **Beth Combs** (1987-89) played at Illinois, and Purdue's **Sharon Versyp** (1985-88) was a guard for the Boilermakers. In addition, Indiana's **Felisha Legette-Jack** has also spent time on a different Big Ten campus, as she served as an assistant at Michigan State for three seasons (2000-02).

Walseth Returns to Happy Valley

Two-time All-Big Ten honoree **Maren Walseth** returns to Penn State as an assistant coach after spending the past three seasons at the U.S. Naval Academy. Walseth was an integral part of the Lady Lions' Final Four team in 2000 and helped the squad to its WNIT Championship in 1998. Walseth ranks 14th on PSU's all-time scoring list and 16th on its rebounding chart. During her collegiate career, she earned first-team All-Big Ten accolades in 2000 and 2001, and a spot on the conference's All-Freshman Team in 1998. Before joining the coaching ranks, Walseth enjoyed a four-year professional career, which included one season in the WNBA as well as time overseas.

Northwestern Adds Former Boiler to Coaching Ranks

Wildcats head coach **Beth Combs** added a former Purdue standout to her coaching staff over the summer, promoting **Carol Duncan** from Assistant Director of Basketball Operations to Assistant Coach. A 2006 graduate, Duncan was a four-year forward for the Boilermakers and a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree. The Boilermakers made the NCAA Tournament in each of Duncan's four years with the program, including two Sweet 16 appearances and one bid into the Elite Eight. Seventy-five percent of the Northwestern coaching staff comes from a Big Ten institution in Combs (Illinois, '92), Duncan (Purdue, '06) and assistant **Tempie Brown** (Michigan, '90).

BIG TEN COACHES RECORDS

Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Jolette Law, ILL	1st	1st	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Felisha Legette-Jack, IND	5th	2nd	73-77	.487	19-14	.576	6-10	.375
Lisa Bluder, IOWA	23rd	8th	483-229	.678	127-87	.593	62-50	.554
Kevin Borseth, MICH	26th	1st	506-210	.707	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Suzy Merchant, MSU	13th	1st	201-120	.626	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Pam Borton, MINN	9th	6th	181-95	.656	112-49	.696	51-29	.638
Beth Combs, NU	6th	4th	63-114	.356	19-69	.216	6-42	.125
Jim Foster, OSU	29th	6th	634-257	.712	130-32	.802	65-15	.813
Coquese Washington, PSU	1st	1st	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Sharon Versyp, PUR	7th	2nd	148-71	.676	31-6	.838	23-9	.719
Lisa Stone, WIS	22nd	5th	431-182	.703	56-64	.467	21-43	.328

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Two Top Conference Players Named to Wade Watch List

Wisconsin's **Jolene Anderson** and Ohio State's **Marscilla Packer** were named to the preseason watch list for the State Farm Wade Trophy Division I Player of the Year award on August 14. Anderson and Packer are part of a 25-player list that was selected by a committee of leading coaches, journalists and basketball administrators. The list is comprised of top Division I student-athletes who best embody the spirit of Margaret Wade according to the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

The Big Ten has produced two State Farm Wade Trophy award winners in Purdue's Stephanie White (1999) and Minnesota's Carol Ann Shudlick (1994).

The 2008 State Farm Wade Trophy winner will be announced at the WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four in Tampa, Fla., April 5-8, 2008.

Solverson Granted Sixth Year of Eligibility

Iowa senior **Johanna Solverson** was granted a sixth year of eligibility to compete in the 2007-08 season. Solverson suffered two ACL tears, forcing her to miss the 2005 and '06 seasons. A three-year starter, Solverson is ninth in the Iowa record books in assists (284), 13th in steals (157), 20th in rebounding (408) and 29th in scoring (802).

Michigan State Headlines Preseason WNIT Action

Michigan State opens its 2007-08 campaign in the Preseason WNIT at home against IUPUI on Friday, Nov. 9. Seven schools in the 16-team field earned berths into the NCAA Tournament, including Michigan State and Final Four participant LSU. In addition, Delaware, Delaware State, Maryland, Notre Dame and TCU made the NCAA bracket, while East Tennessee State and Western Kentucky advanced into the Postseason WNIT field. Evansville, IUPUI, Marshall, Miami (Ohio), Princeton, Radford and Samford round out the 2007 Preseason WNIT bracket. A Big Ten team has appeared in the event's title game in two of the last three seasons, including **Purdue**, who won the championship last season. **Ohio State** finished as the runner-up in 2004.

More Television Coverage Than Ever

Big Ten women's basketball will enjoy more television coverage than ever before with games scheduled to air on CBS, the Big Ten Network, ESPN2 and ESPNU this season.

The Big Ten Network has committed to carrying at least 55 regular-season women's basketball games and nine of the 10 contests in the Women's Basketball Tournament. The network has also dedicated itself to total event equality for men's and women's sports within its first three years. Additionally, the network will provide in-depth coverage and analysis on Big Ten women's basketball, including a weekly program on Monday nights dedicated to Big Ten women's sports.

A total of nine games will be broadcast nationally on CBS, ESPN2 and ESPNU, including the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament championship game, set to air on ESPN2. The ESPN networks will also air coverage of the inaugural Big Ten/ACC Challenge, which gets underway the weekend following Thanksgiving.

TEAM-BY-TEAM QUICK HITS

Starters, Letterwinners, Newcomers

The following is a breakdown of each school's total for returning (R) and lost (L) starters, letterwinners and newcomers:

Team	Start (R/L)	Letter (R/L)	New
Illinois	5/0	8/2	2
Indiana	3/2	4/3	7
Iowa	5/0	10/0	3
Michigan	5/0	13/1	1
Michigan State	3/2	9/4	5
Minnesota	4/1	9/2	2
Northwestern	4/1	9/1	6
Ohio State	2/3	3/9	4
Penn State	3/2	7/3	3
Purdue	2/3	9/3	3
Wisconsin	5/0	12/0	3

Big Ten "One Plays"

Starting in 2007-08, each Big Ten team will only meet two other conference teams once during league play. Below is the breakdown of this season's "one-plays":

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

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CBS Sports to Air Regional Big Ten Coverage

CBS will air coverage of Big Ten women's basketball on back-to-back days, beginning with Penn State at Michigan State on Saturday, Jan. 5 at Noon ET. On Sunday, Jan. 6, CBS will cover Purdue as the Boilermakers host perennial powerhouse Connecticut at 1:30 p.m. ET.

ESPN Family to Broadcast Seven Big Ten Games

ESPN2 will air six regular-season games, beginning with Purdue at North Carolina on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. ET, as part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The channel's coverage of the challenge will continue on Sunday, Dec. 2, as it will carry Duke at Penn State at 5 p.m. ET. ESPN2 will air its first conference matchup on Sunday, Feb. 10, as defending Big Ten Champion Ohio State visits Wisconsin at 4:30 p.m. ET. The network will then air two Big Ten matchups in the month of February with Purdue at Ohio State on Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. ET, and Michigan State at Purdue on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. ET. ESPN2's 2007-08 coverage of Big Ten women's basketball will conclude with the conference tournament championship game on Sunday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. ET.

ESPNU will carry one conference game as Ohio State heads to Maryland as part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. ET.

Big Ten Tournament Returns To Circle City

The Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament will remain in Indianapolis, Ind., in 2008, marking the seventh consecutive season the event has been held in the Circle City. The Big Ten men's and women's tournaments will be held in Indianapolis for five years beginning this season.

Mackey Arena to Host NCAA Competition

A Sweet 16 participant in the 2007 NCAA Tournament, Purdue looks to replicate its postseason success on its home court this year, as Mackey Arena (14,123) has been selected to host NCAA First- and Second-Round action. The Boilermakers will welcome eight teams to West Lafayette on March 23 and 25.

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR



2008 Big Ten Tournament
Conseco Fieldhouse
Indianapolis, Ind.
March 6-9, 2008

March 6	Game 1	Noon ET
	Game 2	25 min. after #1
	Game 3	25 min. after #2
March 7	Game 4	11:30 a.m. ET
	Game 5	25 min. after #4
	Game 6	6 p.m. ET
	Game 7	25 min after #6
March 8	Semifinal #1	6 p.m. ET
	Semifinal #2	25 min after #1
March 9	Big Ten Tournament Final	5:30 p.m. ET

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



2008 NCAA Championship
First & Second Round Sites
March 22-25, 2008

March 22 & 24, 2008	March 23 & 25, 2008
The Pit/Bob King Court (15,932) Albuquerque, New Mexico Host: New Mexico	Bridgeport Arena at Harbor Yard (8,754) Bridgeport, Conn. Host: Fairfield
Pete Maravich Assembly Center (13,394) Baton Rouge, La. Host: Louisiana State	Comcast Center (17,950) College Park, Md. Host: Maryland, College Park
Wells Fargo Arena at the Iowa Events Center (16,081) Des Moines, Iowa Host: Iowa State	Ted Constant Convocation Center (8,600) Norfolk, Va. Host: Old Dominion
Maples Pavilion (7,233) Stanford, Calif. Host: Stanford	Mackey Arena (14,123) West Lafayette, Ind. Host: Purdue



2008 NCAA Championship
Regional Sites
March 29-April 1, 2008

March 29 & 31 2008	March 30 & April 1, 2008
New Orleans Regional New Orleans Arena (17,500) New Orleans, La. Host: University of New Orleans	Greensboro Regional Greensboro Coliseum (12,005) Greensboro, N.C. Host: Atlantic Coast Conference
Spokane Regional Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena (12,000) Spokane, Wash. Host: Washington State	Oklahoma City Regional Ford Center (18,929) Oklahoma City, Okla. Host: Big 12 Conference



2008 NCAA Championship
Women's Final Four
April 6 & 8, 2008

St. Pete Times Forum (21,509) Tampa, Fla. Host: University of South Florida	
2009: Scottrade Center (43,000)	St. Louis, Mo.
2010: Alamodome (30,000)	San Antonio, Texas
2011: Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis, Ind.

RETURNING ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SCHOLARS

For the upcoming season, 25 of the 35 (71 percent) women's basketball players that earned Academic All-Big Ten honors last season will return for the 2007-08 campaign.

Name, School	Year	Major	Hometown
Lori Bjork, Illinois	Jr.	Political Science	Johnston, Iowa
Stephanie Chelleen, Illinois	Sr.	Community Health	Des Moines, Iowa
Chelsea Gordon, Illinois	Jr.	Liberal Arts & Science	Erie, Pa.
Erin McCarthy, Illinois	Jr.	Speech Communication	Tulsa, Okla.
Lacey Simpson, Illinois	Jr.	Sport Management	Zion, Ill.
Whitney Thomas, Indiana	Jr.	Exercise Science	Bloomington, Ind.
Wendy Ausdemore, Iowa	Jr.	Communication Studies/Pre-Business	Neola, Iowa
Jenee Graham, Iowa	Sr.	Communication Studies	Bolingbrook, Ill.
Krista Vande Venter, Iowa	Sr.	Integrative Psychology	Osseo, Minn.
Krista Clement, Michigan	Sr.	General Studies	St. Ignace, Mich.
Ta'Shia Walker, Michigan	Sr.	Sport Management	Lansing, Mich.
Laura Hall, Michigan State	Sr.	General Business, Pre-Law	Temperance, Mich.
Jordan Barnes, Minnesota	Sr.	Marketing and Coaching Studies	Minnetonka, Minn.
Emily Fox, Minnesota	Jr.	Undecided	Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Leslie Knight, Minnesota	Sr.	Communications	Minnetonka, Minn.
Katie Ohm, Minnesota	Jr.	Kinesiology	Rochester, Minn.
Nadia Bibbs, Northwestern	Sr.	Computer Engineering	Chicago, Ill.
Sara Stutz, Northwestern	Sr.	Learning & Organizational Change	Glenview, Ill.
Alice Jamen, Ohio State	Sr.	Biology	Cameroon, Africa
Ashlee Trebilcock, Ohio State	Jr.	Communications	Boise, Idaho
Natasha Bogdanova, Purdue	Sr.	Management	St. Petersburg, Russia
Jodi Howell, Purdue	Jr.	Organizational Leadership & Supervision	Alexandria, Ind.
Lauren Mioton, Purdue	Jr.	Biology	River Ridge, La.
Janese Banks, Wisconsin	Sr.	Legal Studies	Indianapolis, Ind.
Caitlin Gibson, Wisconsin	Jr.	Elementary Education	Jefferson, Wis.