

CONFERENCE PLAY BEGINS THIS WEEK;
OSU'S CLAYTON AND PSU'S BERRENA AND
CAHILL CLAIM WEEKLY HONORS

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2005 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall						
	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA	W	L	T	PCT	GF	GA
Penn State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	9	1	0	.900	37	7
Indiana	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	1	0	.857	22	8
Michigan State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7	2	0	.778	20	13
Northwestern	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	2	0	.714	23	21
Ohio State	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	2	0	.714	21	10
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	3	0	.667	33	11
Michigan	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	3	0	.625	17	14

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

September		
20	OHIO STATE at Ball State	3 p.m.
23	MICHIGAN at OHIO STATE	4 p.m.
24	NORTHWESTERN at PENN STATE	Noon
	MICHIGAN STATE at INDIANA	1 p.m.
25	Lindenwood at INDIANA	2 p.m.
	IOWA at OHIO STATE	1 p.m.
	MICHIGAN at Kent State	Noon
	NORTHWESTERN at Bucknell	10 a.m.

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Co-Offensive Players of the Week

Lucy Clayton, Ohio State

Sr., M/F, Scarborough, England/Scarborough
Clayton earns Player of the Week honors after leading the Buckeyes to a 2-0 record last week, including a 4-3 overtime victory over 14th-ranked Louisville. She posted her first hat trick of the season and fourth of her career, tallying all three goals against the Cardinals. In a 2-0 shutout over Missouri State, Clayton had a team-best 14 shots, but was held scoreless as the MSU goalie came up with 21 saves in the game. Clayton leads the Buckeyes in goals with five and is tied for the team lead in points (11).

Natalie Berrena, Penn State

Sr., M/F, State College, Pa./State College Area
Berrena led Penn State to three consecutive shutouts, downing Temple, Lafayette and West Chester last week while also extending the Nittany Lions' win streak to nine games. She finished the week tallying 10 shots, five assists and two goals. Berrena, who picks up her first Player of the Week honor, currently ranks third on the team in points (23) and goals (5).

Defensive Player of the Week

Sara Cahill, Penn State

Sr., B, Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville

Cahill anchored a PSU defense that did not allow a goal in three games last week to earn her first Defensive Player of the Week accolade. She helped keep Penn State's opponents in check as the Nittany Lions gave up just 11 shots over the three-game span. Cahill also tallied her first goal of the year in a 7-0 victory over Lafayette.

2005 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

A29	O: Lydia Schrott, Jr., Indiana D: Megan Akstin, Sr., Penn State
S5	O: Meghan Small, Jr., Northwestern D: Lissa Munley, Fr., Iowa
S12	O: Katie Morris, Jr., Michigan D: Haley Exner, So., Indiana
S19	O: Lucy Clayton, Sr., Ohio State O: Natalie Berrena, Sr., Penn State D: Sara Cahill, Sr., Penn State

2005 STX/NFHCA COACHES POLL

(Released on Sept. 13, 2005)

Institution (record)	Votes (1st)	Prev
1. Wake Forest (4-0)	669 (26)	3
2. Maryland (7-0)	647 (5)	2
3. North Carolina (6-0)	616 (3)	1
4. Duke (4-1)	581 (1)	4
5. American (6-0)	581 (1)	7
6. Michigan State (6-1)	500	8
7. Penn State (6-1)	400	20
8. Michigan (3-3)	354	5
9. Old Dominion (3-3)	352	12
10. Iowa (5-2)	326	11
11. Connecticut (4-1)	273	6
12. Indiana (4-1)	265	NR
13. Northeastern (4-1)	232	9
14. Louisville (5-1)	230	NR
15. James Madison (4-2)	180	NR
16. Boston College (4-1)	173	13
17. Ohio State (3-2)	163	NR
18. William & Mary (3-2)	144	15
19. Delaware (4-2)	121	14
20. Boston (3-2)	119	19
6. Connecticut (20-1)	336	6

Also receiving votes: Richmond (114);
Northwestern (93); Harvard (75); Villanova (41);
Virginia (28); California (16); Towson (12); Drexel
(9); Syracuse (8); Hofstra (6); Pennsylvania (5);
Stanford (5); Lock Haven (4); Princeton (4); New
Hampshire (3); Providence (3); Dartmouth (2);
Rutgers (2); Cornell (1).

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

September		
13	No. 8 MICHIGAN def. C. Michigan, 2-0	
14	No. 17 OHIO STATE def. No. 14 Louisville, 4-2 (OT) No. 7 PENN STATE def. Temple, 5-0	
16	NORTHWESTERN def. Ball State, 4-3 No. 6 MICHIGAN STATE def. Kent State, 2-1 No. 7 PENN STATE def. Lafayette, 7-0	
17	No. 17 OHIO STATE def. Missouri State, 2-0 No. 4 Duke def. No. 10 IOWA, 3-2 No. 12 INDIANA def. Ohio, 4-1 No. 1 Wake Forest def. No. 6 MICHIGAN STATE, 2-0	
18	No. 14 Louisville def. NORTHWESTERN, 4-3 No. 10 IOWA def. Appalachian State [2], 7-1 No. 12 INDIANA def. Missouri State, 3-0 No. 8 MICHIGAN def. Vermont, 5-0 No. 7 PENN STATE def. West Chester, 6-0	

[1] - in Kent, Ohio

BIG TEN NOTES

The 2005 conference play begins this weekend, as all seven league teams are in action. Defending regular-season tri-champion Michigan opens its Big Ten season in Columbus, Ohio against Ohio State on Friday. On Saturday, Northwestern takes on Penn State, while Big Ten champion Michigan State faces Indiana. Ohio State will also host another defending conference champion when the Buckeyes take on Iowa on Sunday.