

WITH A 5-0 RECORD, PENN STATE CLINCHES  
AT LEAST A SHARE OF THE BIG TEN TITLE;  
IOWA, MSU AND PSU CLAIM WEEKLY HONORS

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**2005 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS**

	Conference				GF	GA	Overall				GF	GA
	W	L	T	PCT			W	L	T	PCT		
1. Penn State	5	0	0	1.000	17	5	16	1	0	.941	63	12
2. Indiana	4	1	0	.800	12	7	13	2	0	.867	48	19
3. Ohio State	3	2	0	.600	14	9	14	4	0	.778	62	27
Iowa	3	2	0	.600	10	12	10	5	0	.667	47	26
5. Michigan	2	3	0	.400	11	13	11	6	0	.647	40	33
6. Michigan State	1	4	0	.200	9	10	10	7	0	.588	37	28
7. Northwestern	0	5	0	.000	7	21	7	9	0	.438	43	51

**THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

**October**

28	PENN STATE at INDIANA	Noon
	IOWA at MICHIGAN	2:00 p.m.
	NORTHWESTERN at Duke	2:00 p.m.
29	IOWA vs. Louisville	1 p.m.
	OHIO STATE at MICHIGAN STATE	11 a.m.
	NORTHWESTERN at Wake Forest	Noon
30	Miami (Ohio) at INDIANA	Noon
	Louisville at MICHIGAN	1 p.m.
	Ohio at MICHIGAN STATE	2 p.m.
	PENN STATE at North Carolina	1 p.m.

**BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

*Co-Offensive Players of the Week*

**Caitlin McCurdy, Iowa**

**Fr., F, Mountain Top, Pa./Crestwood**

McCurdy was named Co-Offensive Player of the Week after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime to give Iowa a 2-1 victory and snapping the Hoosiers' 10-game win streak. She scored her 10th goal, while also notching her third game-winner of the season. McCurdy, who earns her second consecutive weekly honor, currently ranks sixth in the league with 26 points.

**Inge Kaars Sijpestijn, Michigan State**

**Fr., B, Wassenaar, Holland/Rijnlands Lyceum**

Kaars Sijpestijn shares Player of the Week laurels after leading the Spartan attack in a 4-1 victory over Northwestern last weekend. She fired seven of MSU's 18 shots and found the back of the cage twice to give the Spartans their first Big Ten win of the season. She currently ranks second on the Michigan State squad with eight goals and 20 points.

*Defensive Player of the Week*

**Molly Schriver, Penn State**

**Sr., B, Kenilworth, Ill./New Trier**

Schriver led the Nittany Lion defense as they recorded shutouts over Ohio State and Bucknell last week. Schriver and the PSU defense handed No. 9 Ohio State its first shutout of the year, holding the Buckeyes to only seven shots in the game. Against Bucknell, Schriver recorded a shot on offense, and held the Bison to four shots in the contest. Schriver collects her second career Player of the Week accolade as she was also honored on Oct. 4, 2004.

**2005 STX/NFHCA COACHES POLL**

*(Released on Oct. 18, 2005)*

<u>Institution (record)</u>	<u>Votes (1st)</u>	<u>Prev</u>
1. Wake Forest (14-0)	560 (28)	1
2. Duke (12-3)	502	3
3. Maryland (15-2)	496	2
4. North Carolina (12-3)	471	4
5. American (13-0)	432	5
6. Penn State (14-1)	429	6
7. Old Dominion (11-5)	413	8
8. Indiana (13-1)	387	7
9. Ohio State (14-3)	324	9
10. Michigan (9-6)	291	11
11. Iowa (9-5)	242	12
12. Connecticut (11-4)	225	14
13. Northeastern (13-3)	212	10
14. Boston College (10-4)	201	T16
15. Michigan State (9-7)	153	15
16. Louisville (10-6)	143	13
17. Villanova (12-4)	140	18
18. Boston University (11-3)	92	19
19. James Madison (8-7)	82	T16
20. Virginia (8-6)	34	20

Also receiving votes: Richmond (18); Northwestern (8); Hofstra (7); William & Mary (7); California (6); Lock Haven (5).

**LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

**October**

18	No. 6 PENN STATE def. Bucknell, 6-0
22	No. 11 IOWA def. No. 8 INDIANA, 2-1 (OT)
	No. 6 PENN STATE def. No. 9 OHIO STATE, 2-0
	No. 15 MICHIGAN STATE def. NORTHWESTERN, 4-1
	No. 10 MICHIGAN def. California, 3-2
23	No. 10 MICHIGAN def. Pacific, 3-0
	No. 9 OHIO STATE def. Lock Haven, 4-2

**2005 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES**

Penn State clinched a share of the Big Ten Championship after defeating Ohio State, 2-0, on Saturday. The win was coupled with a loss by Indiana, which was tied for first place with the Nittany Lions heading into last weekend's play. The Hoosiers can still clinch a share of their first Big Ten title in school history as they will host Penn State on Friday. The winner of the IU-PSU match will also claim the No. 1 seed and first-round bye in the 2005 Big Ten Tournament which is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6 in Iowa City, Iowa.