

MICHIGAN STATE LEADS THE BIG TEN WITH A
 NO. 9 RANKING IN THE LATEST GYMINFO RANKINGS;
 MSU'S CURLER NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Nicole Curler, Michigan State
 Fr., Bay City, Mich./John Glenn

Curler picks up Gymnast of the Week honors after winning both the balance beam (9.925) and floor exercise (9.875), while also tying for first in the all-around against No. 16 Arizona. The freshman tumbler tied with teammate Kristen Coleman in the all-around competition, tallying a mark of 39.400. Curler helped MSU achieve its highest team mark on the uneven bars since the 2000 season and the third-highest in Spartan history (49.325). The Bay City, Mich., native, becomes the first MSU gymnast to claim weekly accolades since Sarah Alexander was honored on Jan. 12, 2005.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

- 19 ILLINOIS at No. 14 LSU 7 p.m.
 No. 19 Southern Utah
 at No. 10 MICHIGAN 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh Quad Meet [1] 6 p.m.
 No. 9 MICHIGAN STATE, Maryland,
 No. 11 West Virginia, Pittsburgh
 20 No. 15 MINNESOTA
 at No. 18 Penn State 6 p.m.
 21 **N.C. State Quad Meet [2]** 1 p.m.
 IOWA, OHIO STATE, GEORGIA, N.C. State

[1] - Pittsburgh, Pa.

[2] - Raleigh, N.C.

All times are local to meet site.

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

- 12 No. 18 Missouri def. ILLINOIS, 194.025-191.025
 No. 9 LSU def. IOWA, 194.875-192.525
West Virginia Tri-Meet
 No. 6 MICHIGAN (194.850); No. 24 West
 Virginia (194.800); James Madison (182.475)
 No. 16 Arizona
 def. No. 22 MICHIGAN ST., 194.975-194.925
 13 No. 13 Iowa State
 def. No. 21 MINNESOTA, 194.525-194.400
 OHIO STATE def. Ball State, 193.625-185.325
 Arkansas
 def. No. 14 PENN STATE, 194.850-193.600

BIG TEN SUCCESS

The Big Ten has recorded nine top-10 team finishes in the last seven years of the NCAA Championships. Last year, Michigan fell just short of the program's 10th Super Six berth as the Wolverines finished fourth in the preliminaries session of the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships. Michigan leads all conference schools with 15 appearances in the NCAA Championships and is followed by Iowa and Penn State, which have earned six berths each.

2007 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

- Jan. 10 Brandi Personett, Fr., Penn State
 Jan. 17 Nicole Curler, Fr., Michigan State

GYMINFO RANKINGS - JAN. 15

| Team | Avg. |
|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Florida | 196.700 |
| 2. Georgia | 196.675 |
| 3. Utah | 196.325 |
| 4. Alabama | 195.700 |
| 5. Nebraska | 195.200 |
| 6. Iowa State | 195.062 |
| 7. UCLA | 194.987 |
| 8. Arizona | 194.975 |
| 9. MICHIGAN STATE | 194.925 |
| 10. MICHIGAN | 194.850 |
| 11. West Virginia | 194.800 |
| 12. Stanford | 194.600 |
| 13. Oklahoma | 194.500 |
| 14. LSU | 194.475 |
| 15. MINNESOTA | 194.400 |
| 16. Auburn | 194.262 |
| 17. Denver | 194.175 |
| 18. PENN STATE | 194.087 |
| 19. Southern Utah | 194.075 |
| 20. Arkansas | 193.825 |
| 21. Oregon State | 193.800 |
| 22. S.E. Missouri | 193.700 |
| 23. Brigham Young | 193.675 |
| 24. OHIO STATE | 193.625 |
| 25. Kentucky | 193.575 |

25TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

During the 2006-07 season, the Big Ten will celebrate the conference's 25th Anniversary of Women's Championships.



From Aug. 15, 2006 to July 2007, the conference will be sharing some of the many stories of student-athletes, teams, coaches and administrators who have made the past 25 years a success and have set the stage for "the story to continue."

Information about the campaign can be found on the official conference website - www.bigten.org.

2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2007 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships will be held on the campus of Penn State University on March 31.



Last year, Minnesota snapped Michigan's seven-year title streak with a winning performance in the 2006 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships. The Gophers, who have been the only group to defeat Michigan in the Big Ten Championships in the past 14 years, celebrated the fifth title in program history.

Be sure to check out the Big Ten website for updated information.