

SEVEN SQUADS VISIT NOTRE DAME FOR MEYO INVITE;
THREE TEAMS IN TRACKWIRE TOP 25;
PSU, PURDUE & WISCONSIN NAB HONORS

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BIG TEN TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

TRACK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Shana Cox, Penn State

Jr., Westbury, N.Y./Holy Trinity

Cox clocked one NCAA automatic qualifying time and two provisional qualifiers while setting one track and two school records at the Penn State National Invitational. The junior qualified automatically with a time of 52.31 in the 400-meter dash, setting PSU and facility records. Cox was also part of the distance medley relay and 4x400 relay squads that each qualified provisionally for the NCAAs. This is Cox' first career honor.

Last PSU AOW: Lena Bettis (1/16/07)

CO-FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mallory Peck, Purdue

So., Sioux Falls, S.D./O'Gorman

Peck tied her personal best and qualified provisionally for the NCAAs in the pole vault with a mark of 12'11.75". The sophomore's first-place finish helped the Boilermakers come out on top at the 12th annual Gene Edmonds Cup on Saturday. The award is the first of Peck's career.

Last PUR AOW: Ebbie Metzinger (1/15/02)

Melissa Talbot, Wisconsin

Sr., Freedom, Wis./Freedom

Talbot recorded three personal-best performances en route to winning the pentathlon at the Wisconsin Elite Invitational. Her overall score of 4,048 provisionally qualified her for the NCAAs and came just two points shy of an automatic qualification. The senior took first in three of the pentathlon's five events with wins in the 55-meter hurdles (8.06), high jump (5'05.25") and shot put (40'07.00").

Last WIS AOW: Shunita Lucas (1/13/04)

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- Jan. 9: T: Lorain Price, Sr., IND
F: Jacqueline Coleman, Fr., IND
- Jan. 16: T: Tiffany Ofili, So., MICH
F: Lena Bettis, Jr., PSU
- Jan. 23: T: Liz Roehrig, Jr., MINN
F: Liz Alabi, Sr., MINN
- Jan. 30: T: Shana Cox, Jr., PSU
F: Mallory Peck, So., PUR
F: Melissa Talbot, Sr., WIS

TRACKWIRE 25 POWER RANKINGS

(Released Jan. 23, 2007)

1	Stanford	55
2	Arizona State	51
3	LSU	44
4	MICHIGAN	33
5	South Carolina	30
6	Texas A&M	26
7	Kansas State	22
8	Texas	21
	Auburn	21
10	Miami	20
	North Carolina	20
12	MINNESOTA	18
13	Arkansas	16
14	IOWA	15
	Tennessee	15
16	Washington State	14
	Oregon	14
18	Washington	13
19	Georgia	12
	USC	12
	Texas Tech	12
22	Colorado	11
23	Duke	10
	Georgia Tech	10
	Florida	10
	Southern Illinois	10

2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Michigan will vie for its third straight conference title, Feb. 24-25, at the 2007 Big Ten Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships, held at the Army track on the University of Illinois campus.



For more information on the Big Ten Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships, please contact Illinois' Sports Information Office at (217) 333-1391 or check www.fightingillini.com.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

2-3	Meyo Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	Husker Invitational (Lincoln, Neb.)
	ILLINOIS	IOWA
	IOWA	Akron Invitational (Akron, Ohio)
	MICHIGAN	OHIO STATE
	MICHIGAN STATE	New Ballance Collegiate Invite (New York, N.Y.)
	MINNESOTA	OHIO STATE
	PURDUE	PENN STATE
	WISCONSIN	
	Indiana Relays (Bloomington, Ind.)	
	ILLINOIS	3 Mankato Invitational (Mankato, Minn.)
	INDIANA	MINNESOTA

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

26	MICHIGAN STATE at Notre Dame Invite	NTS
27	INDIANA at Gladstein Invitational	NTS
	IOWA at Gladstein Invitational	NTS
	MINNESOTA at Northern Iowa Invitational	NTS
	MINNESOTA at Pole Vault Summit	NTS
	OHIO STATE at Gladstein Invitational	NTS
	PENN STATE at Penn State National Open	NTS
	WISCONSIN at Wisconsin Elite Invitational	NTS
	Carle/Health Alliance Invite (top 3 finishes)	
	1. ILLINOIS , 186	
	2. IOWA , 62	
	3. Middle Tennessee State, 55	
	Michigan Intercollegiate (top 3 finishes)	
	1. MICHIGAN , 178	
	2. Western Michigan, 164.5	
	3. Central Michigan, 128.5	
	Gene Edmonds Cup (top 3 finishes)	
	1. PURDUE , 57	
	2. Missouri, 40	
	3. Indiana State, 38	

2006 INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Place		Score
1.	Michigan *	126.67
2.	Illinois	112
3.	Minnesota	104.83
4.	Penn State	85
5.	Wisconsin	71
6.	Ohio State	61
7.	Iowa	57.5
8.	Purdue	49
9.	Indiana	19
10.	Michigan State	16

* Big Ten Champion

25TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

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

Through 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.

