



2005 BIG TEN WOMEN'S ROWING

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Big Ten Boat of the Week

INDIANA FIRST VARSITY EIGHT

Defeated: Clemson, Purdue, Buffalo and Marist at Clemson, S.C.

Notes: Indiana raced to victory in its first regatta of the spring season as the Hoosiers claimed the event crown at the Solid Orange Clemson Challenge. The V8+ boat opened a four-seat lead at the 500-meter mark and sprinted to the first-place finish (6:53.00) by almost 10 seconds over second-place Clemson, 7:02.3. Members of Indiana's winning crew were Betsy Hibbard as coxswain, Amanda Walker at stroke, Lauren Anderson, Kelly Schuiling, Ashley Airis, Laura Lazaridis, Stacey Young, Rozzie McHenry and Dana Powell at bow.

Crew News

• This is the sixth season of Big Ten Conference women's rowing. Seven Conference teams compete in women's rowing: Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

• Indiana University will host the sixth annual Big Ten Women's Rowing Championships on Saturday, April 30, at Lake Lemon. Last spring, Michigan won its fourth Conference title as the Wolverines totaled 128 points including wins in the I and II Varsity Eights races. Wisconsin finished second (115) and remained undefeated in the II Novice Eight race, while Ohio State (112) ended up third in the team standings. OSU is the only other school to win a Big Ten rowing crown as the Buckeyes were victorious in 2002.

• The Big Ten has two new head coaches this season as Matt Weise takes over the Michigan State program while Bebe Bryans begins her first season leading the women's openweight and lightweight rowing teams at the University of Wisconsin.

• Four Big Ten teams are ranked in the top 20, including two in the top 10, in the first issue of the USRowing / Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) poll, which was released on March 9. Michigan leads all Conference schools at No. 4. See complete poll (right).

USRowing/CRCA Division I Varsity Eight Coaches Preseason Poll (March 9, 2005) (First-place votes in parentheses)

1. Princeton (12)	415
2. Yale (3)	401
3. Brown (7)	374
4. Michigan	359
5. Ohio State	357
6. Virginia	326
7. Cal Berkeley	290
8. Harvard	286
9. Washington	275
10. Tennessee	209
11. Michigan State	198
12. Wisconsin	183
13. Stanford	165
14. Southern California	157
15. Texas	136
16. Notre Dame	107
17. Duke	77
18. Boston	71
Washington State	71
20. Syracuse	55

Upcoming Schedule

March 26 & 27:

INDIANA	At Georgetown with North Carolina (Washington, DC)
IOWA	Off
MICHIGAN	At ACC/Big Ten Duals (Columbus, Ohio)
MICHIGAN STATE	At Princeton with Brown (Princeton, N.J.)
MINNESOTA	Off
OHIO STATE	Hosting ACC/Big Ten Duals
WISCONSIN	Off

Big Ten Boats of the Week

March 15

Minnesota First Varsity Eight

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Indiana First Varsity Eight