



# 2005 BIG TEN WOMEN'S ROWING

March 28, 2005

1500 West Higgins Road • Park Ridge, IL 60068-6300 • Phone: (847) 696-1010 • Fax: (847) 696-1110 • Website: www.bigten.org

## Big Ten Boat of the Week

### OHIO STATE FIRST VARSITY EIGHT

**Defeated:** Virginia and Duke at ACC/Big Ten Duals in Columbus, Ohio

**Notes:** The Buckeyes' first varsity eight defeated No. 6 Virginia and No. 17 Duke to open the 2005 season with a 2-0 record for the fifth-consecutive year. The Ohio State boat topped the Blue Devils by 16.4 seconds in the morning and edged the Cavaliers by 4.7 seconds in the afternoon, posting times of 6:32.3 and 6:25.5, respectively. Members of Ohio State's winning crew were Laureen Ellison as coxswain, Diana Albrecht at stroke, Franziska Schubert, Jana Schiller, Beth Tompkins, Ninett Kossowsky, Jess Shepherd, Anna Fago and Amanda Purcell at bow.

## Crew News

• 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).

### 2005 Big Ten Boats of the Week:

March 15      Minnesota First Varsity Eight  
March 21      Indiana First Varsity Eight  
March 28      Ohio State First Varsity Eight

### 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
<b>4. Michigan</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>5. Ohio State</b>	<b>357</b>
6. Virginia	326
7. Cal Berkeley	290
8. Harvard	286
9. Washington	275
10. Tennessee	209
<b>11. Michigan State</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>12. Wisconsin</b>	<b>183</b>
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

\* The first regular season poll will be released on March 30.

## Upcoming Schedule

### **April 2:**

INDIANA	At Cincinnati w/ Dayton, Eastern Michigan, Louisville (Cincinnati, Ohio)
IOWA	Hosting Minnesota (Iowa City, Iowa)
MICHIGAN	Hosting Ohio State (Belleville, Mich.)
MICHIGAN STATE	At Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.)
MINNESOTA	At Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa)
OHIO STATE	At Michigan (Belleville, Mich.)
WISCONSIN	Off