

MICHIGAN STATE'S SECOND VARSITY EIGHT CLAIMS  
VICTORY OVER TWO FIRST VARSITY EIGHT SQUADS  
TO EARN BOAT OF THE WEEK

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**BIG TEN BOAT OF THE WEEK**

**MICHIGAN STATE SECOND VARSITY EIGHT**

**Defeated:** Indiana's 1V8 and Michigan State's 1V8 in a dual meet with Indiana

**Notes:** Michigan State's Second Varsity Eight has earned Boat of the Week honors after defeating both Indiana's and MSU's First Varsity Eight. The Spartan 2V8 squad competed in the 1V8 competition due to a lack of opponents because of injuries. The Green and White 2V8 team finished the 2,000-meter course in 7:22.00, .50 seconds ahead of the No. 13 MSU 1V8 squad. Indiana came in third, clocking in at 7:42.00. Michigan State has now claimed the weekly laurel five times, most recently in 2005 (April 18). This is only the second time since the Big Ten has sponsored women's rowing that a Second Varsity Eight group has garnered the weekly honor. It last occurred on April, 9 2002 when Michigan's 2V8 earned Boat of the Week laurels.

**CREW NEWS**

This is the seventh season of Big Ten Conference women's rowing. Seven league teams compete for the conference: Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State and Wisconsin.

The University of Minnesota will host the seventh annual Big Ten Women's Rowing Championships on Saturday, April 29. Last spring, Michigan State won its first-ever conference title as the Spartans totaled 130 points, edging out Ohio State by one point in the final team standings. MSU is now the third school in the six-year history of the championships to win the team title. Ohio State finished second with 129 points and joins Michigan and Minnesota as the only three teams to win the event. Wisconsin (106) ended up third in the team standings while the Badger II Novice Eight claimed its sixth-consecutive victory. Michigan (103), Minnesota (73), Indiana (46) and Iowa (22) rounded out the competition.

Five Big Ten teams are ranked in the top 20, including three in the top 10, in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Preseason poll. Ohio State leads all Big Ten teams at No. 4 while Michigan (7) and Wisconsin (8) round out the top 10.

**BIG TEN BOATS OF THE WEEK**

**March 14**

Minnesota First Varsity Four

**March 21**

Wisconsin First Varsity Eight

**March 28**

Michigan State Second Varsity Eight

**2005 FINAL STANDINGS**

Team	Score
1. Michigan State *	130
2. Ohio State	129
3. Wisconsin	106
4. Michigan	103
5. Minnesota	73
6. Indiana	46
7. Iowa	22

\* Big Ten Champion

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**April**

- 1 **INDIANA** vs. Cincinnati, E. Michigan, Dayton All Day
- MICHIGAN** at ACC/Big Ten Double Dual All Day
- MICHIGAN STATE** at ACC/Big Ten Double Dual All Day
- MINNESOTA** at IOWA All Day
- OHIO STATE** at ACC/Big Ten Double Dual All Day
- WISCONSIN** at San Diego Crew Classic All Day
- WISCONSIN** vs. IOWA/MINNESOTA All Day
- 2 **WISCONSIN** at San Diego Crew Classic All Day

**USRowing/CRCA**

**Division 1 Varsity Eight Coaches Preseason Poll  
(March 13, 2006)**

*(First-place votes in parentheses)*

1. Princeton (13)	450
2. Cal-Berkeley (9)	421
3. Virginia	386
4. <b>Ohio State</b>	<b>383</b>
5. Yale	361
6. Brown	299
7. <b>Michigan</b>	<b>286</b>
8. <b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>254</b>
9. Washington State	252
10. Washington	226
11. USC (1)	214
12. Tennessee	205
13. <b>Michigan State</b>	<b>195</b>
14. UCLA	149
15. Stanford	137
16. Boston University	129
17. Harvard	124
18. Northeastern	91
19. <b>Minnesota</b>	<b>81</b>
20. Columbia University	59

**Also Receiving Votes:** Dartmouth 29, Oregon State 21, Syracuse 18, Notre Dame 17, Louisville 11, Duke 9, Texas 9, Iowa 7, Clemson 4, Indiana 1, Sacramento State 1, Penn 1.

**2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2006 Big Ten Women's Rowing Championships will be held at the University of Minnesota on April 29. The Michigan State Spartans will look to defend last year's conference title and attempt to win their second championship overall.



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