

OHIO STATE'S NO. 7 FIRST VARSITY EIGHT
CLAIMS WEEKLY HONOR
AFTER KNOCKING OFF NO. 3 VIRGINIA

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BIG TEN BOAT OF THE WEEK

OHIO STATE FIRST VARSITY EIGHT

Defeated: No. 3 Virginia, No. 13 Michigan State and Duke 1V8 squads at ACC/Big Ten Duals

Notes: Ohio State's No. 7 First Varsity Eight has earned Boat of the Week honors after recording three victories last weekend at the ACC/Big Ten Duals in Columbus, Ohio. The Buckeye boat of Susanne Herbrand, Ninett Kossowsky, Beth Tompkins, Gabrielle Albertaviciute, Jess Shepherd, Annabelle Fago, Charlott Goldstein and Sarah Obee defeated No. 3 Virginia in a morning dual matchup as OSU clocked in at 6:36.80, 1.64 seconds ahead of the Cavaliers. The Scarlet and Gray squad went on to defeat Big Ten rival No. 13 Michigan State and Duke with a time 6:34.20, the best mark of the entire regatta. The Buckeye First Varsity Eight last earned Boat of the Week honors on March 28, 2005.

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 two in the top 10, in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) rankings. Ohio State leads all Big Ten teams at No. 7 after dropping three spots from the preseason coaches poll. Wisconsin dropped one spot to No. 9 and joins the Buckeyes in the top 10. Michigan (12), Michigan State (13) and Minnesota (18) round out the league's top 20 representation while Iowa is currently receiving votes.

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

April 4

Ohio State First 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

| | | |
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| 8 | INDIANA at Big Ten/Big East Double Dual | All Day |
| | IOWA at Princeton with Rutgers/Columbia | All Day |
| | MICHIGAN vs. Southern California/Tennessee | All Day |
| | WISCONSIN at Big Ten/Big East Double Dual | All Day |
| | OHIO STATE vs. Southern California/Tennessee | All Day |
| | MICHIGAN STATE at Virginia | All Day |
| | MINNESOTA at UCLA | All Day |
| 9 | INDIANA vs. California | All Day |

USRowing/CRCA

Division 1 Varsity Eight Coaches Poll (March 29, 2006)

(First-place votes in parentheses)

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| 1. | Princeton (18) | 474 |
| 2. | Cal-Berkeley (5) | 460 |
| 3. | Virginia | 420 |
| 4. | Yale | 394 |
| 5. | Brown | 347 |
| 6. | Stanford | 344 |
| 7. | OHIO STATE | 321 |
| 8. | USC (1) | 268 |
| 9. | WISCONSIN | 245 |
| 10. | Washington | 236 |
| 11. | Washington State | 209 |
| 12. | MICHIGAN | 204 |
| 13. | MICHIGAN STATE | 187 |
| 14. | Tennessee | 160 |
| 15. | UCLA | 154 |
| 16. | Oregon State | 147 |
| 17. | Harvard | 142 |
| 18. | MINNESOTA | 105 |
| 19. | Boston University | 78 |
| 20. | Columbia | 53 |

Receiving Votes: Northeastern 39, Notre Dame 24, Louisville 10, Texas 9, Duke 5, Central Florida 3, IOWA 1, San Diego 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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