

WISCONSIN'S FIRST VARSITY EIGHT GOES 4-0 LAST WEEKEND TO CLAIM ITS FIRST WEEKLY ACCOLADE OF THE 2006 SEASON.

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## BIG TEN BOAT OF THE WEEK

### WISCONSIN FIRST VARSITY EIGHT

**Defeated:** Texas, Miami (Fla.), Duke and Kansas State at the Longhorn Invitational  
**Notes:** Wisconsin's eighth-ranked First Varsity Eight earns Boat of the Week honors after recording a 4-0 mark at the Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas last weekend. The Badgers kicked off the 2006 season by defeating Texas and Duke, two teams who are currently receiving votes in the USRowing/CRCA Coaches Preseason Poll. Wisconsin finished the 2,000-meter course in 6:36.98, .97 seconds ahead of the Longhorns before beating the Blue Devils by 1.4 seconds (6:38.2). The Badgers finished the competition by recording victories over Miami and Kansas State with times of 6:41.4 and 6:40.7, respectively. This is the second weekly accolade for Wisconsin's First Varsity Eight boat as the 2000 foursome earned the honor on April 25.

## 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

## 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

### March

25	INDIANA at MICHIGAN STATE	All Day
	MICHIGAN vs. Princeton/Brown	All Day
	OHIO STATE at Wyndamere Classic	All Day
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## 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.	Ohio State	383
5.	Yale	361
6.	Brown	299
7.	Michigan	286
8.	Wisconsin	254
9.	Washington State	252
10.	Washington	226
11.	USC (1)	214
12.	Tennessee	205
13.	Michigan State	195
14.	UCLA	149
15.	Stanford	137
16.	Boston University	129
17.	Harvard	124
18.	Northeastern	91
19.	Minnesota	81
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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