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2006 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Games				All Games				
	W	L	PCT	Streak	W	L	T	PCT	Streak
Penn State	---	---	---	---	7	3	0	.700	L1
Michigan State	---	---	---	---	7	3	0	.700	W2
Michigan	---	---	---	---	11	5	0	.688	W1
Northwestern	---	---	---	---	10	6	0	.625	W1
Iowa	---	---	---	---	8	7	0	.533	W1
Ohio State	---	---	---	---	9	10	0	.474	W1
Purdue	---	---	---	---	9	10	0	.474	L1
Minnesota	---	---	---	---	8	9	0	.471	L1
Indiana	---	---	---	---	5	7	1	.423	L1
Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	4	6	0	.400	L1
Illinois	---	---	---	---	4	7	0	.364	L3

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

FEBRUARY

27 MICHIGAN def. Georgia, 9-2
MICHIGAN def. Georgia, 4-2
28 Troy def. Michigan, 4-2
Michigan def. Auburn, 1-0

MARCH

2 MICHIGAN def. Florida State, 9-0

3 Tennessee Tech def. INDIANA [9], 2-1
UT-Martin def. INDIANA [9], 5-2
MICHIGAN def. Maryland [21], 6-0
MICHIGAN def. Florida State [21], 6-3
MINNESOTA def. Syracuse [34], 2-1
MINNESOTA def. Winthrop [34], 9-8
NORTHWESTERN def. Cal State Fullerton [37], 4-0
OHIO STATE def. Coastal Carolina [42], 3-0
Alabama def. OHIO STATE [42], 3-1
Stanford def. PURDUE [37], 4-0
WISCONSIN def. Georgia State [34], 7-5
WISCONSIN def. Florida A&M [34], 10-0

4 Chattanooga def. INDIANA [9], 1-0
INDIANA def. North Florida [9], 3-2
Southern Illinois def. IOWA [16], 2-1
IOWA def. Northern Illinois [16], 4-3
Western Michigan def. MICHIGAN [21], 2-1
Boston def. MICHIGAN STATE [29], 2-0
MICHIGAN STATE def. Temple [29], 2-1

MINNESOTA def. Eastern Michigan [34], 3-1
MINNESOTA def. Dartmouth [34], 9-0 (5)
NORTHWESTERN def. Tennessee [37], 3-2
Stanford def. NORTHWESTERN [37], 5-4 (8)
Drake def. OHIO STATE [42], 4-3
Ohio State def. Drake [42], 4-2
PURDUE def. Oregon State [37], 9-1
Georgia def. PURDUE [37], 6-2
UTEP def. WISCONSIN [34], 4-0
WISCONSIN def. Radford [34], 2-1
5 INDIANA def. Bradley [9], 8-0
Middle Tennessee St. def. INDIANA [9], 4-1
IOWA def. Illinois-Chicago [16], 4-3
MICHIGAN def. Florida State [21], 5-0
MICHIGAN STATE def. Harvard [29], 5-0
MICHIGAN STATE def. Buffalo [29], 5-1
Radford def. MINNESOTA [34], 3-2
NORTHWESTERN def. Texas Tech [34], 7-0
Coastal Carolina def. OHIO STATE [42], 6-0
PURDUE def. UC Santa Barbara [37], 5-3
Cal State Fullerton def. PURDUE [37], 6-2
South Dakota State def. WISCONSIN [34], 3-2 (8)
[9] - Chattanooga Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn.; [16] - Coach B Classic in Carbondale, Ill.; [21] - Sunshine State Tournament in Tallahassee, Fla.; [29] - Plant City Tournament in Plant City, Fla.; [34] - Buzz Classic in Atlanta, Ga.; [37] - Worth Invitational in Fullerton, Calif.; [42] - Alabama Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MARCH

6 PENN STATE at Hawaii [39] 6 p.m.
7 Louisville at INDIANA 3 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Toledo (DH) Noon
PENN STATE vs. Detroit Mercy [39] 7 p.m.
8 PENN STATE vs. UC-Santa Barbara [39] Noon
PENN STATE vs. Detroit Mercy [39] 2 p.m.
9 ILLINOIS vs. Coastal Carolina [4] 10 a.m.
ILLINOIS vs. Fordham [4] 5 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Georgia Tech [30] 1 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Wright State [30] 6 p.m.
PENN STATE vs. UNLV [39] 10 a.m.
PENN STATE vs. Longwood [39] Noon
PURDUE vs. UMass [4] 4 p.m.
PURDUE vs. Jacksonville [4] 6 p.m.
10 ILLINOIS vs. Virginia Tech [4] 10 a.m.
ILLINOIS vs. Chattanooga [4] 3 p.m.
INDIANA vs. Tulsa [10] 10:30 a.m.
INDIANA vs. Troy State [10] 3:30 p.m.
IOWA vs. North Dakota State [17] 3 p.m.
IOWA at San Jose State [17] 9 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Long Island [30] 1 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE at USF [30] 4 p.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Portland State [35] Noon
MINNESOTA at Kansas [35] 4 p.m.
PENN STATE at Hawaii [39] 6 p.m.
PURDUE vs. Villanova [4] 1 p.m.
PURDUE vs. Tennessee Tech [4] 6 p.m.
WISCONSIN vs. Middle Tenn. St. [6] 1 p.m.
WISCONSIN at Stanford [6] 5 p.m.
11 ILLINOIS vs. Central Michigan [4] 10 a.m.
ILLINOIS vs. TBA [4] TBA
INDIANA vs. Appalachian State [10] 12:30 p.m.
INDIANA vs. TBA [10] 3:30 p.m.
INDIANA vs. TBA [10] 6 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Boston [30] 1 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. TBA [30] TBA
MINNESOTA vs. Portland State [35] 10 a.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Eastern Michigan [35] Noon
OHIO STATE vs. Louisville [43] 11 a.m.
OHIO STATE vs. Evansville [43] 1 p.m.
Penn State vs. TBA [39] TBA
PURDUE vs. Northern Illinois [4] 11 a.m.
WISCONSIN vs. BYU [6] 11 a.m.
WISCONSIN vs. Pacific [6] 1 p.m.
12 ILLINOIS vs. TBA [4] TBA
INDIANA vs. TBA [10] TBA
MICHIGAN STATE vs. TBA [30] TBA
MINNESOTA at Kansas [35] Noon
OHIO STATE vs. Louisville [43] 11 a.m.
OHIO STATE vs. Evansville [43] 1 p.m.
PURDUE vs. TBA [4] TBA
WISCONSIN vs. Miami (Ohio) [6] Noon

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tammy Williams, Northwestern
Fr., SS, El Dorado Springs, Mo./Osceola

Williams claims her first-ever Player of the Week accolade after registering a breakout weekend at the Worth Invitational, leading the Wildcats with a .643 batting average (9-of-14), eight runs scored, a 1.143 slugging percentage and a .667 on-base percentage. She had at least two hits in all four contests, while hitting safely as the leadoff batter in all four games. She began the weekend going 2-for-4 with two runs scored against Cal State Fullerton before swatting her first career home run against No. 3 Tennessee. She then led off against Stanford with her second homer of the day. Williams concluded the weekend, going 3-for-3 with three runs scored, an RBI and two steals in a 7-0 win over Texas Tech.

BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Jennie Ritter, Michigan
Sr., P, Dexter, Mich./Dexter

Ritter was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week after posting a 4-0 record with one save, while tallying a 0.50 ERA and 54 strikeouts in 28 innings. Ritter allowed just eight hits with all of her runs allowed coming in the first game of the week against Georgia. Ritter had three double-digit strikeout games in four of her starts, tying a personal best with 16 strikeouts against Florida State. She also fanned 12 batters against No. 17 Auburn and 11 versus No. 13 Georgia. In the Sunshine State Tournament championship game, Ritter threw a no-hitter through five innings against Florida State, striking out 10 of the first 11 batters she faced before giving up a lone single in the fourth.

[4] - USF-Adidas Spring Break Invitational in Clearwater, Fla.; [[6] - Stanford Classic in Palo Alto, Calif. [10] - FSU Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla.; [17] - NIST in San Jose, Calif.[30] - USF-ADIDAS Spring Break Tournament in Tampa, Fla.; [35] - Jayhawk Classic in Lawrence, Kan.; [39] - Hawaiian Airlines Spring Fling Invitational; [43] - Evansville Tournament in Evansville, Ind.