

MSU WINS HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PIRATE CLASSIC;  
 NU'S AMEGIN NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK;  
 MSU'S TURNEY EARNS FIRST PITCHING HONOR

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**2006 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS**

	Conference Games				All Games				
	W	L	PCT	Streak	W	L	T	PCT	Streak
Michigan State	---	---	---	---	4	0	0	1.000	W4
Northwestern	---	---	---	---	7	3	0	.700	W2
Iowa	---	---	---	---	6	4	0	.600	L2
Michigan	---	---	---	---	3	2	0	.600	W1
Ohio State	---	---	---	---	5	4	0	.556	W1
Purdue	---	---	---	---	5	5	0	.500	W1
Illinois	---	---	---	---	4	5	0	.444	L1
Penn State	---	---	---	---	2	3	0	.400	L1
Minnesota	---	---	---	---	2	6	0	.250	L1
Indiana	---	---	---	---	0	1	1	.250	T1
Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	1	4	0	.200	L4

**LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

**FEBRUARY**

17 Oregon State def. ILLINOIS [2], 15-7  
 California def. ILLINOIS [2], 6-4  
 Oklahoma def. INDIANA [7], 10-8  
 IOWA def. Illinois State [15], 9-3  
 Arizona State def. IOWA [15], 5-4  
 MICHIGAN def. DePaul [20], 10-2  
 MICHIGAN def. Longwood [20], 5-0  
 MICHIGAN STATE def. Army [27], 3-0  
 MICHIGAN STATE def. Seton Hall [27], 8-1  
 Coastal Carolina def. MINNESOTA [32], 7-1  
 MINNESOTA def. Toledo [32], 10-2  
 NORTHWESTERN def. Cal St. Fullerton [2], 5-4  
 NORTHWESTERN def. UNLV [20], 5-3  
 DePaul def. PENN STATE [20], 1-0  
 Florida def. PENN STATE [20], 3-1  
 PURDUE def. New Mexico [45], 7-1  
 BYU def. PURDUE [45], 5-2

18 ILLINOIS def. Utah State [2], 8-1  
 ILLINOIS def. Utah [2], 7-2  
 INDIANA vs. North Dakota State [7], cancelled  
 INDIANA vs. Nevada [7], cancelled  
 IOWA def. Illinois State [14], 10-2  
 Arizona State def. IOWA [14], 10-7  
 Florida def. MICHIGAN [20], 3-2  
 PENN STATE def. MICHIGAN [20], 1-0  
 MICHIGAN STATE def. Bucknell [27], 3-2  
 MICHIGAN STATE def. East Carolina [27], 1-0  
 Oregon St. def. NORTHWESTERN [2], 6-2

NORTHWESTERN def. California [2], 3-0  
 UCF def. OHIO STATE [40], 2-1 (8)  
 Stetson def. OHIO STATE [40], 2-0  
 PENN STATE def. Longwood [20], 5-0  
 Tennessee def. PURDUE [45], 12-3  
 Portland State def. PURDUE [45], 4-1  
 WISCONSIN vs. UT-San Antonio [48], cancelled

19 Portland State def. ILLINOIS [2], 7-6  
 INDIANA vs. North Dakota State [7], cancelled  
 INDIANA tied Oklahoma [7], 11-11  
 Arizona State def. IOWA [14], 8-1  
 MICHIGAN def. Florida [20], 4-0  
 MINNESOTA vs. Akron [32], 1-0  
 Toledo def. MINNESOTA [32], 5-1  
 NORTHWESTERN def. C. Michigan [2], 11-3 (6)  
 OHIO STATE def. Stetson [40], 5-2  
 UCF def. OHIO STATE [40], 8-6  
 DePaul def. PENN STATE [20], 1-0  
 PURDUE def. Wright State [45], 14-5

[2] - Louisville Slugger Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev.;  
 [7] - University of Oklahoma Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla.; [14] - Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz.; [20] - GRU Classic in Gainesville, Fla.; [27] - Holiday Inn Pirate Classic in Greenville, N.C.; [32] - Triangle Classic in Chapel, N.C.; [40] - Stetson Tournament in Deland, Fla.; [45] - UNLV Dessert Classic in Las Vegas, Nev.

**BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Kristen Amegin, Northwestern**  
 Sr., 3B/C, West Sacramento, Calif./Elk Grove

Amegin claims Player of the Week laurels after launching three home runs and batting a team-best .500 (7-for-14) to lead the Wildcats to a 4-1 record in the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic last week. Amegin went 2-for-4 with a two-run homer in a 5-4 victory over Cal State Fullerton. She then launched a solo home run against No. 8 California's two-time All-American Kristina Thorson and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to account for two of NU's three runs in the game. The West Sacramento, Calif., native sparked an 11-run outburst with a three-run homer against Central Michigan. Amegin finished the weekend with eight RBI, giving her 103 in her career, just five shy of Northwestern's all-time record. She earns her second Player of the Week accolade as she was also honored on April 26, 2004.

**BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

**Rachel Turney, Michigan State**  
 Sr., P, Lansing, Mich./Lansing Everett

Turney picked up tournament MVP honors at the Holiday Inn Express Pirate Classic last week after tallying 17 strikeouts, while posting a 2-0 record to open the 2006 season. She held teams to a 0.85 batting average and walked just one batter in 14.0 innings. Against host East Carolina, Turney struckout a career-best 11 batters and gave up only two hits to lead the Spartans to a 1-0 victory in the championship game. Turney claims her first Pitcher of the Week accolade and is the first MSU pitcher to earn weekly laurels since Jessica Beech was honored on March 31, 2003.

**THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

**FEBRUARY**

24 ILLINOIS vs. Florida [3] 11 a.m.  
 ILLINOIS vs. Nebraska [3] 1:30 p.m.  
 INDIANA at USF [8] 1:30 p.m.  
 INDIANA vs. Kent State [8] 6:30 p.m.  
 IOWA vs. UL-Lafayette [3] 1:30 p.m.  
 IOWA vs. Tennessee [3] 4 p.m.  
 MICHIGAN vs. Alabama [3] 2:30 p.m.  
 MICHIGAN vs. Hofstra [3] 5 p.m.  
 MICHIGAN STATE vs. Georgia [3] Noon  
 MICHIGAN STATE vs. S. Illinois [3] 2:30 p.m.  
 MINNESOTA vs. TBA [33] TBA  
 NORTHWESTERN vs. Louisville [3] 11 a.m.  
 NORTHWESTERN vs. UMass [3] 1:30 p.m.  
 OHIO STATE vs. UCLA [41] 10:30 a.m.  
 OHIO STATE vs. UC-S. Barbara [41] 5:30 p.m.  
 PENN STATE at Arkansas [51] 3 p.m.  
 PENN STATE vs. Missouri-K.C. [51] 5 p.m.  
 PURDUE vs. Northern Iowa [46] 7 p.m.

25 ILLINOIS vs. Florida Atlantic [3] 9 a.m.  
 ILLINOIS vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 INDIANA vs. Siena [8] 10:30 a.m.  
 INDIANA vs. TBA [8] TBA  
 IOWA vs. Florida State [3] 11:30 a.m.  
 MICHIGAN vs. Georgia Tech [3] 12:30 p.m.  
 MICHIGAN vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 MICHIGAN STATE vs. Seton Hall [3] 10 a.m.  
 MICHIGAN STATE vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 MINNESOTA vs. TBA [33] TBA  
 NORTHWESTERN vs. Illinois State [3] 9 a.m.  
 NORTHWESTERN vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 OHIO STATE vs. Oregon [41] 10 a.m.  
 OHIO STATE vs. Arizona [41] 5:30 p.m.  
 PENN STATE vs. Drake [51] 11 a.m.  
 PENN STATE vs. Missouri State [51] 3 p.m.  
 PURDUE vs. Northern Illinois [46] 9:30 a.m.  
 PURDUE at Bradley [46] 1 p.m.

26 ILLINOIS vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 INDIANA vs. TBA [8] TBA  
 MICHIGAN vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 MICHIGAN STATE vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 MINNESOTA vs. TBA [33] TBA  
 NORTHWESTERN vs. TBA [3] TBA  
 OHIO STATE vs. UNLV [41] 9 a.m.  
 PENN STATE vs. N. Dakota St. [51] 9 a.m.  
 PURDUE vs. TBA [46] TBA

[3] - NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga.; [8] - Louisville Slugger Tournament in Tampa, Fla.; [33] - Coastal Carolina Tourney in Conway, S.C.; [41] - Palm Springs Classic in Palm Springs, Calif.; [46] - Bradley Invitational in Peoria, Ill.; [51] Lady 'Back Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.