

PSU CLAIMS LADY 'BACK INVITATIONAL TITLE;
PURDUE'S KRCELICH AND PSU'S BESERES
EARN BIG TEN WEEKLY HONORS

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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
Northwestern	---	---	---	---	8	4	0	.667	W1
Michigan State	---	---	---	---	4	2	0	.667	L2
Michigan	---	---	---	---	4	3	0	.571	W1
Purdue	---	---	---	---	8	6	0	.571	L1
Iowa	---	---	---	---	6	6	0	.500	L4
Ohio State	---	---	---	---	6	8	0	.429	L2
Illinois	---	---	---	---	4	7	0	.364	L3
Minnesota	---	---	---	---	4	8	0	.333	L2
Indiana	---	---	---	---	2	4	1	.357	L1
Wisconsin	---	---	---	---	1	4	0	.200	L4

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

FEBRUARY

24 Florida def. ILLINOIS [3], 11-10 (10)
Nebraska def. ILLINOIS [3], 21-1 (5)
INDIANA def. USF [8], 1-0
Kent State def. INDIANA [8], 1-0
UL-Lafayette def. IOWA [3], 6-0
Tennessee def. IOWA [3], 11-2 (5)
Alabama def. MICHIGAN [3], 3-2 (9)
MICHIGAN def. Hofstra [3], 5-2
Georgia def. MICHIGAN STATE [3], 5-4
S. Illinois def. MICHIGAN STATE [3], 6-3
MINNESOTA def. Pittsburgh [33], 3-2
MINNESOTA def. Coastal Carolina [33], 3-1
Louisville def. NORTHWESTERN [3], 2-0
NORTHWESTERN def. UMass [3], 7-2
UCLA def. OHIO STATE [41], 4-1
UC-S. Barbara def. OHIO STATE [41], 10-1
PENN STATE def. Arkansas [51], 3-2 (10)
PENN STATE def. Missouri-K.C. [51], 4-0
PURDUE def. IUPUI [46], 8-3

25 ILLINOIS vs. Florida Atlantic [3], cancelled
INDIANA def. Siena [8], 5-0
USF def. INDIANA [8], 2-0
IOWA vs. Florida State [3], cancelled
MICHIGAN vs. Georgia Tech [3], cancelled

MICHIGAN STATE vs. Seton Hall [3], cancelled
Virginia Tech def. MINNESOTA [33], 6-1
NORTHWESTERN vs. Illinois State [3], cancelled
OHIO STATE def. Oregon [41], 6-0
Arizona def. OHIO STATE [41], 5-1
PENN STATE def. Drake [51], 2-1 (8)
PENN STATE def. Missouri State [51], 4-0
PURDUE def. Western Illinois [46], 11-3
Purdue def. Northern Iowa [46], 6-1

26 Kent State def. INDIANA [8], 8-5
Pittsburgh def. MINNESOTA [33], 4-0
UNLV def. OHIO STATE [41], 4-0
PENN STATE def. N. Dakota St. [51], 7-0
Bradley def. PURDUE [46], 1-0

[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.

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tiffany Krcelich, Purdue
So., OF, Granger, Ind./Penn

Krcelich batted .769 with 10 hits in 13 at bats, while accounting for four RBI and six runs on the weekend to earn her first Player of the Week accolade. The left fielder posted a .786 on-base percentage, while tallying a .769 slugging percentage. She posted at least one hit in all four of Purdue's contests including two 3-for-3 outings and one 3-for-4 performance at the Bradley Invitational. Against IUPUI, Krcelich scored the game-winner in the seventh inning after reaching on a single. She followed with another solid performance, batting 3-for-3 with two RBI in an 11-3 victory over Western Illinois.

BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Missy Beseres, Penn State
Sr., P, Golden Valley, Minn./Golden Valley

Beseres was named Pitcher of the Week after picking up two wins over the weekend, including the third no-hitter of her career. She struck out 10 batters in 10 innings of play to lift the Lions to a 3-2 victory over host Arkansas to start Penn State's undefeated weekend campaign at the Lady 'Back Invitational. A day later, Beseres threw her third no-hitter of her career when she fanned eight in the Lions' 4-0 win over Missouri State. For the week, the Golden Valley, Minn., native struck out a total of 18 batters in 17 innings of work, and allowed no earned runs.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

FEBRUARY

2 MICHIGAN at Florida State 5 p.m.

3 INDIANA vs. Tennessee Tech [9] 12:15 p.m.
INDIANA vs. UT-Martin [9] 2:30 p.m.
MICHIGAN vs. Maryland [21] 1:30 p.m.
MICHIGAN at Florida State [21] 4 p.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Syracuse [34] 3 p.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Winthrop [34] 6 p.m.
NORTHWESTERN vs. UC S. Barbara [37] 3:30 p.m.
NORTHWESTERN at Cal State Fuller. [37] 8 p.m.
OHIO STATE vs. Coastal Carolina [42] 1 p.m.
OHIO STATE vs. Alabama [42] 6 p.m.
PURDUE vs. Oregon State [37] 11:15 a.m.
PURDUE vs. Stanford [37] 3:45 p.m.
WISCONSIN vs. Georgia State [34] Noon
WISCONSIN vs. Florida A&M [34] 2 p.m.

4 INDIANA at Chattanooga [9] 2:30 p.m.
INDIANA vs. North Florida [9] 4:45 p.m.
IOWA at Southern Illinois [16] 2 p.m.
IOWA vs. Northern Illinois [16] 4 p.m.
MICHIGAN vs. Western Michigan [21] 11 a.m.
MICHIGAN vs. TBA [21] TBA
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Boston [29] 1:30 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Temple [29] 4 p.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Eastern Michigan [34] 9 a.m.
MINNESOTA vs. Dartmouth [34] 11 a.m.
MINNESOTA vs. TBA [34] TBA
NORTHWESTERN vs. Tennessee [37] 1:15 p.m.
NORTHWESTERN vs. Stanford [37] 8 p.m.
OHIO STATE vs. Drake [42] 11 a.m.
PURDUE vs. Georgia [37] 11:15 a.m.
WISCONSIN vs. UTEP [34] Noon
WISCONSIN vs. Radford [34] 3 p.m.

5 INDIANA vs. Bradley [9] 10 a.m.
INDIANA vs. Middle Tennessee St. [9] 12:15 p.m.
IOWA vs. Illinois-Chicago [16] 10 a.m.
MICHIGAN vs. TBA [21] TBA
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Harvard [29] 12:30 p.m.
MICHIGAN STATE vs. Buffalo [29] 3 p.m.
MINNESOTA vs. TBA [34] TBA
NORTHWESTERN vs. Texas Tech [34] 11 a.m.
PURDUE at Cal State Fullerton [37] 1:30 p.m.
WISCONSIN vs. TBA [34] TBA

[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.