

### SWIMMER OF THE WEEK

#### Kate Hardt, Minnesota

Hardt competed in five events for Minnesota as the Golden Gophers hosted the Minnesota Challenge over the weekend. In her final competition before the Big Ten Championships, the junior touched the wall first in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.62 and was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:38.28) and 200-yard medley relay (1:50.56) that finished second and third, respectively. Hardt, a freestyle and individual medley specialist, showed her versatility by also finishing first in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.42) and fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (59.59).

This is Hardt's first career weekly accolade and the first for a Minnesota swimmer since Megan Moore earned the award on Jan. 15, 2002. Minnesota diver, Jessica Livingston is the only other Gopher to be honored by the Conference this season as she claimed Diver of the Week laurels on Jan. 7.

Big Ten women's swimming and diving squads are back in action Feb. 16-19 when the teams travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the 2005 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

#### JR, Carson City, Nev./Carson

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### February

- 4 MINNESOTA at Minnesota Challenge, NTS
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### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### BIG TEN WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2005 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships will be held at Indiana University on February 16-19. The Michigan Wolverines will look to defend last year's Conference title and attempt to win their 15th Championship overall.

CSCAA Poll		
Women's Dual Meet Rankings		
January 27, 2005		
1	Georgia (8)	200
2	Auburn	192
3	Florida	184
4	Texas	176
5	Stanford	164
6	SMU	160
7	Arizona	156
8	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>143</b>
9	Texas A&M	135
10	California	130
11	UCLA	118
12	Virginia	113
13	Maryland	104
14	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>96</b>
15	North Carolina	74
16	Arizona State	71
17	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>66</b>
18	Southern Cal	60
19	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>58</b>
20	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>50</b>
21	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>40</b>
22	Hawai'i	39
23	Washington	34
24	Florida State	17
25	Notre Dame	15

**Others receiving votes:**  
Minnesota, Tennessee, Rutgers

Purdue University will serve as the host for the 2005 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships on March 17-19. All-session passes are currently on sale at [purduesports.com](http://purduesports.com), while individual-session passes will not be available until the start of the event. For more information, contact the Purdue Athletics ticket office at (765) 494-3194 or 1-800-49-SPORT.

### Swimmers and Divers of the Week

#### October

- 12 S: Susan Johnson, WIS  
D: Amanda Witte, WIS
- 19 S: Nikki Collins, PSU  
D: Alison Riccobono, PSU
- 26 S: Carly Piper, WIS  
D: Lisette Planken, IOWA

#### November

- 2 S: Anna Trinidad, WIS  
D: Carrie McCambridge, PUR
- 9 S: Susan Gilliam, MICH  
D: Nandlea Underwood, IOWA
- 16 S: Kaitlyn Brady, MICH  
D: Nandlea Underwood, IOWA
- 23 S: Christine Leupold, PUR  
D: Carrie McCambridge, PUR
- 30 S: Amberle Biedemann, PSU  
D: Alison Riccobono, PSU

#### December

- 7 S: Susan Johnson, WIS  
D: Jessica Livingston, MINN
- 14 S: Erika Templeton, MSU  
D: No Selection
- 21 S: Griet Buelens, OSU  
D: No Selection

#### January

- 4 S: Jenae Gill, PUR  
D: No Selection
- 11 S: Andrea Hupman, NU  
D: Leanne Dumais, NU
- 18 S: Kaityln Brady, MICH  
D: Elyse Lee, MICH
- 25 S: Brielle Bovee, NU  
D: Leanne Dumais, NU

#### February

- 1 S: Leila Vaziri, IND  
D: Carrie McCambridge, PUR
- 8 S: Kate Hardt, MINN  
D: No Selection