

NORTHWESTERN FINISHES SEASON RANKED
SECOND NATIONALLY; THREE BIG TEN
STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS

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2009 NCAA WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four Big Ten women's tennis teams advanced to the 2009 NCAA Championships. Illinois, Michigan, Northwestern and Ohio State were selected to the field of 64. In addition, five Big Ten student-athletes were selected as singles and doubles participants in the tournament.

Big Ten Tournament champion Northwestern earned the overall No. 1 seed in this year's Championships and was the lone conference squad to advance to the second week-end of team competition. The Wildcats coasted into the quarterfinal round with sweeps over Miami (Ohio) and Fresno State. NU also topped No. 26 Kentucky, 4-1, en route to the quarterfinals where for the second straight season the 'Cats suffered a 4-2 loss to No. 8 California to end their run at the national title. The Wildcats finished the 2009 campaign with a 28-2 overall ledger, including an unblemished 10-0 Big Ten slate. NU's 11th-straight Big Ten Tournament crown marks the most consecutive conference titles won in Big Ten history.

Individually, Northwestern's top-seeded Maria Mosolova played into the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championship bracket. Mosolova's bid for an NCAA title fell short as Georgia's eighth-seeded Chelsey Gullickson, the 2009 ITA National Rookie of the Year, bested the two-time Big Ten Athlete of the Year in the quarterfinal matchup, 6-1, 6-4. Mosolova ended her season with a 36-8 record, upping her career singles mark to 77-14.

In doubles, NU's Georgia Rose and Lauren Lui advanced to the quarterfinals before dropping a narrow three-set loss to the eighth-ranked Stanford tandem of Hillary Barte and Lindsay Burdette. All three Big Ten student-athletes were tabbed ITA All-Americans by virtue of their quarterfinal berths.

No. 34-ranked Illinois advanced in the bracket with a nail biting 4-3 win over No. 19 Vanderbilt before falling to No. 16 Fresno State in second-round competition, 4-3. The Orange and Blue finished the season with a 19-8 overall record, garnering the most wins for any Illini squad since 1991.

Nationally, 10 Big Ten student-athletes finished the season ranked in the top 125 singles list and six duos ranked in the top 60 doubles.

ITA NATIONAL TOP 125 SINGLES

May 22, 2009

Rank	Name	School	Points
1.	Mallory Cecil	Duke	61.88
2.	Maria Mosolova	Northwestern	56.73
3.	Aurelija Miseviciute	Arkansas	54.14
4.	Ani Mijacka	Clemson	50.54
5.	Julia Cohen	Miami (Fla.)	50.29
6.	Chelsey Gullickson	Georgia	49.13
7.	Marrit Boonstra	Florida	47.80
8.	Jana Juricova	California	44.48
9.	Hilary Barte	Stanford	43.86
10.	Laura Vallverdu	Miami (Fla.)	41.81
21.	Georgia Rose	Northwestern	26.28
56.	Samantha Murray	Northwestern	11.28
58.	Megan Fudge	Illinois	10.62
69.	Chisako Sugiyama	Michigan	8.67
84.	Nazlie Ghazal	Northwestern	6.53
100.	Sonja Molnar	Iowa	5.35
102.	Rika Tatsuno	Michigan	5.23
105.	Leigh Finnegan	Illinois	5.04
120.	Lauren Lui	Northwestern	4.33



ITA NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AWARDS

2009 ITA All-Americans

Maria Mosolova, Northwestern (Singles)
Georgia Rose, Northwestern (Doubles)
Lauren Lui, Northwestern (Doubles)

Midwest Regional ITA Assistant Coach of the Year

Dave Emery, Illinois

Midwest Region ITA Senior of the Year

Georgia Rose, Northwestern

Midwest Region ITA Rookie of the Year

Sonja Molnar, Iowa

National ITA Player to Watch

Maria Mosolova, Northwestern

ITA NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

May 22, 2009

Rank	Team	Avg.
1.	Duke	83.98
2.	NORTHWESTERN	84.65
3.	Georgia	79.07
4.	California	77.77
5.	Notre Dame	74.84
6.	Baylor	72.45
7.	Miami (Fla.)	70.32
8.	Georgia Tech	61.75
9.	USC	58.39
10.	Tennessee	53.89
11.	Clemson	53.49
12.	UCLA	52.58
13.	Stanford	51.62
14.	Florida	49.65
15.	Arkansas	49.02
16.	Fresno State	47.47
17.	South Carolina	43.75
18.	MICHIGAN	42.99
19.	Florida State	42.72
20.	North Carolina	38.47
21.	Mississippi	38.01
22.	Vanderbilt	36.96
23.	SMU	35.09
24.	LSU	32.51
25.	Kentucky	31.62
33.	ILLINOIS	25.25
37.	OHIO STATE	18.08
48.	INDIANA	14.26
69.	MINNESOTA	6.80

2009 OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1. Northwestern	10	0	1.000	28	2	.933
2. Michigan	9	1	.900	18	7	.720
3. Illinois	8	2	.800	19	8	.704
4. Ohio State	7	3	.700	15	11	.577
5. Indiana	6	4	.600	14	10	.583
6. Purdue	4	6	.400	9	13	.409
7. Wisconsin	3	7	.300	9	15	.375
Minnesota	3	7	.300	12	12	.500
9. Penn State	2	8	.200	5	18	.217
Iowa	2	8	.200	7	15	.318
11. Michigan State	1	9	.100	8	16	.333

2009 BIG TEN ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jan. 20: Maria Mosolova, NU
Jan. 27: Katya Zapadalova, IND
Feb. 3: Chisako Sugiyama, MICH
Feb. 10: Rika Tatsuno, MICH
Feb. 17: Maria Mosolova, NU
Feb. 24: Georgia Rose, NU
March 3: Kirsten Flower, OSU
March 10: Lauren Lui, NU
March 17: Keri Robison, NU
March 24: Rika Tatsuno, MICH
March 31: Elena Ivanova, MSU
April 7: Maria Mosolova, NU
April 14: Megan Fudge, ILL
April 21: Georgia Rose, NU

ITA NATIONAL TOP 60 DOUBLES

May 22, 2009

Rank	Team	School	Points
1.	Kucerkova/Petukhova	Fresno State	59.64
2.	Teffi/Frilling	Notre Dame	59.54
3.	Anderson/Juricova	California	56.54
4.	Burdette/Barte	Stanford	51.46
5.	Remynse/Schnack	UCLA	50.33
6.	Grabinski/Marand	North Carolina	46.62
7.	Gullickson/Gichrist	Georgia	45.24
8.	Whoriskey/Pluskota	Tennessee	42.96
9.	Broosova/Borsanyi	Baylor	42.40
10.	Fink/Niculescu	USC	37.11
13.	Rose/Lui	Northwestern	31.49
36.	Robison/Mosolova	Northwestern	16.26
39.	Sugiyama/Mahtani	Michigan	14.65
69.	Carpenter/Chupa	Wisconsin	7.73
73.	Chiarelli/Ferrazzi	Minnesota	7.20
77.	DiPastina/Keesey	Ohio State	6.96

2009 SEASON IN REVIEW

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

	Conference Matches			All Matches		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
1. Northwestern	10	0	1.000	28	2	.933
2. Michigan	9	1	.900	18	7	.720
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* Regular Season Champion

Big Ten Champion (determined by end-of-year Championship)

**2009 All-Big Ten
Women's Tennis Team**

Megan Fudge, ILL
 Leigh Finnegan, ILL
 Sonja Molnar, IOWA*
 Chisako Sugiyama, MICH*
 Rika Tatsuno, MICH*
 Lauren Lui, NU
 Maria Mosolova, NU*
 Samantha Murray, NU
 Georgia Rose, NU*
 Kirsten Flower, OSU
 Michelle Sammons, PUR
 Elizabeth Carpenter, WIS

* unanimous selection

2009 Individual Awards

Athlete of the Year:
 Maria Mosolova, NU

Freshman of the Year:
 Sonja Molnar, IOWA

Coach of the Year:
 Claire Pollard, NU

Sportsmanship Honorees

Amy Allin, ILL
 Sigrid Fischer, IND
 Allison Majercik, IOWA
 Whitney Taney, MICH
 Dana Guentert, MSU
 Alessandra Ferrazzi, MINN
 Lauren Lui, NU
 Christina Keeseey, OSU
 Maria Prishlyak, PSU
 Jennifer Rabot, PUR
 Katya Mirnova, WIS

2009 Big Ten Championship**April 23-26 • University of Wisconsin • Madison, Wisconsin • Nielsen Tennis Stadium****Thursday, April 23**

#8 Minnesota def. #9 Penn State*, 4-0
 #6 Purdue def. #11 Michigan State*, 4-2
 #7 Wisconsin def. #10 Iowa, 4-2

Friday, April 24

#1 Northwestern def. #8 Minnesota*, 4-0
 #4 Ohio State def. #5 Indiana*, 4-1
 #3 Illinois def. #6 Purdue*, 4-1
 #2 Michigan def. #7 Wisconsin*, 4-0

Saturday, April 25

#1 Northwestern def. #4 Ohio State*, 4-0
 #2 Michigan def. #3 Illinois*, 4-3

Sunday, April 26

#1 Northwestern def. #2 Michigan*, 4-0

* eliminated from Championship

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

T	School	Big Ten Tournament Titles
13	Indiana	1982-83-84-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-98
13	Northwestern	1985-86-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09
1	Michigan	1997
1	Wisconsin	1996

NCAA WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

T S D App.	School	Years Participated
0 0 0 21	Indiana	1983-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-00-01-02-04-05-06-07-08
0 0 2 20	Northwestern	1982-83-84-85-86-87-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09
0 0 0 11	Michigan	1996-97-98-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09
0 0 0 9	Illinois	1996-97-99-00-01-03-04-08-09
0 0 0 9	Ohio State	1996-99-00-01-02-03-04-08-09
0 0 0 7	Wisconsin	1996-97-98-99-02-04-05
0 0 0 6	Iowa	1999-00-01-04-05-06
0 0 0 5	Minnesota	1996-97-99-00-03
0 0 0 4	Purdue	1996-98-03-06
0 0 0 1	Penn State*	2001
0 0 0 0	Michigan State	

T - team champions

S - singles champions

D - doubles champions

* - Penn State statistics do not include competition prior to joining the Big Ten in 1991.

INDIVIDUAL NCAA CHAMPIONS

Women's Doubles

1997	Katrina Adams and Diane Donnelly, NU
2006	Cristelle Grier and Alexis Prousis, NU

ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS (since 1984; first team only)

ILLINOIS

Cynthia Chambers, 1988
 Kathy Neil, 1988
 Lindsey Nimmo, 1991-92-93
 Kristen Jones, 1994-95
 Kristi Meola, 1994
 Camille Baldrich, 1995
 Simone Kung, 1999
 Stacy Schapiro, 1999
 Jennifer McGaffigan, 2001-02-03-04
 Tiffany Eklov, 2003
 Cynthya Goulet, 2004-05
 Macall Harkins, 2006
 Megan Fudge, 2007-08-09
 Leigh Finnegan, 2009

INDIANA

Wendy Allen, 1984-85-86
 Tracy Hoffman, 1984-85
 Janey Strause, 1984
 Anne Hutchens, 1985
 Reka Monoki, 1985-86-87-88
 Janet McCutcheon, 1986
 Kelly Mulvihill, 1986-87-88-89
 Jane Paulson, 1986
 Angela Farley, 1987
 Candy Kopetzki, 1987-88-89-90
 Gretchen Doninger, 1988-90
 Shawn Foltz, 1988-89
 Stephanie Reece, 1989-90-91-92
 Deb Edelman, 1990-91-92-93
 Jody Yin, 1991-92-93-94
 Susie Starrett, 1992
 Rachel Epstein, 1993-94-95
 Holly Taylor, 1995
 Natasha Joshi, 1996
 Lizl Coetsee, 1997
 Megan McCarney, 1997
 Correne Stout, 1998
 Jessica Anderson, 1999-00
 Kelly Blanch, 2001
 Linda Tran, 2004
 Dora Vastag, 2004
 Sarah Batty, 2005-06
 Alba Berdala, 2007-08
 Laura McGaffigan, 2007

IOWA

Madeline Kooreman, 1990
 Catherine Wilson, 1990
 Laura Dvorak, 1992-93-94-95
 Rhonda Fox, 1994
 Toni Neykova, 1999-00-01-02
 Shera Wiegler, 2000
 Steffi Hoch, 2003

Hillary Mintz, 2004
 Meg Racette, 2004-05-06
 Jacqueline Lee, 2007-08
 Milicia Veselinovic, 2008
 Sonja Molnar, 2009

MICHIGAN

Mary Mactaggart, 1984
 Paula Reichert, 1984-86
 Tina Basle, 1987-88
 Stacy Berg, 1988
 Christine Schmeidel, 1990-91
 Kalei Beamon, 1993
 Sarah Cyganiak, 1994-95-96-97
 Bojana Jankovic, 1994
 Sora Moon, 1995-96-97
 Brooke Hart, 1998-00
 Danielle Lund, 1998
 Kavitha Tipernini, 2001
 Michelle DaCosta, 2002-03-04-05
 Elizabeth Exon, 2004-06
 Kara Delicata, 2006
 Chisako Sugiyama, 2007-08-09
 Jenny Kuehn, 2007
 Whitney Taney, 2008
 Rika Tatsuno, 2009

MICHIGAN STATE

Tracy Balagna, 1987
 Gina Romeo, 1987
 Alicia Leone, 1993
 Christine Bader, 2006-08

MINNESOTA

Claudia Brisk, 1984
 Nancy Rost, 1984-85
 Tonya Breitag, 1989
 Anne Gorde, 1989
 Jennie Moe, 1990-91-92
 Tiffany Gates, 1994-95
 Dana Peterson, 1996
 Alice Rangsitthienchai, 1996
 Nora Sauska, 1997-98-99-00
 Valerie Viadea, 2001-02-03
 Angela Buergis, 2003-04
 Nischela Reddy, 2005-06
 Ashley Schellhas, 2007

NORTHWESTERN

Maeve Quinlan, 1984
 Courtney Lord, 1984
 Eva Lucido, 1984
 Randi Rosen, 1984
 Kim Gandy, 1985

Kristin Laux, 1985
 Stephanie Lightvoet, 1985-86
 Katrina Adams, 1986-87
 Diane Donnelly, 1986-87
 Lindsay Matthews, 1990-91-92
 Wendy Nelson, 1990
 Branaca Elsberry, 1992-93
 Siri Eklund, 1993-95-96
 Marjorie Gantman, 1995-96-97
 Elissa Kim, 1996
 Katherine Nasser, 1997-98-99-00
 Shannon Duffy, 1998-99-00
 Laura Guignon, 1999
 Colleen Cheng, 2001
 Lia Jackson, 2001-02
 Marine Piriou, 2002
 Jessica Rush, 2002-03-04
 Cristelle Grier, 2003-04-05-06
 Jamie Peisel, 2003
 Audra Cohen, 2005
 Alexis Prousis, 2005-06-07
 Georgia Rose, 2006-07-08-09
 Samantha Murray, 2007-08-09
 Lauren Lui, 2008-09
 Maria Mosolova, 2008-09

OHIO STATE

Abigail Villena, 1992
 Kristen Jordan, 1997
 Kristy Dascoli, 1998-99-00-01
 Monica Rincon, 2000-01-02
 Sadhaf Pervez, 2003
 Kirsten Flower, 2009

PENN STATE

Olga Novikova, 1995-96-97
 Pilar Montgomery, 1998-01
 Rebecca Ho, 2001
 Maaria Husain, 2005

PURDUE

Erica Adams, 1988-89-90-91
 Mary Beth Maggart, 1996-97-98
 Jennifer Embry, 1998-99-00
 Shannon Taheny, 2000
 Gretchen Haynor, 2002
 Melissa Iqbal, 2002
 Hala Sufi, 2005
 Randi Schuler, 2006
 Mallory Voelker, 2007
 Brooke Beier, 2008
 Michelle Sammons, 2009

WISCONSIN

Lisa Fortman, 1984-85-86
 Cathy Van Pelt, 1985
 Chris Gilles, 1985-87-88
 Wendy Gilles, 1986-87-89
 Charlene Kaya, 1987
 Elaine Demetroulis, 1988-89-90-91
 Jill Chullino, 1989-91-92
 Diana Hatch, 1989
 Kira Gregerson, 1991
 Marija Neubauer, 1991-92-93-94
 Amanda Gregory, 1992-93
 Marjon Copier, 1994
 Lauren Gavaris, 1994-95-96
 Melissa Zimpfer, 1996-97
 Barbara Urbanska, 1996-97-98-99
 Andrea Nathan, 1998-99
 April Gabler, 2001
 Linde Mues, 2002-03
 Vanessa Rauh, 2002
 Shannon McElroy, 2003
 Katie McGaffigan, 2004-05
 Caitlin Burke, 2005-06-07
 Elizabeth Carpenter, 2009

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

1984 Claudia Brisk, MINN
 1985 Molly McGrath, PUR
 1986 Lisa Fortman, WIS
 1987 none selected
 1988 Kelly Mulvihill, IND
 Tina Basle, MICH
 1989 Kelly Mulvihill, IND
 1990 Deb Edelman, IND
 1991 Stephanie Reece, IND
 1992 Deb Edelman, IND
 Stephanie Reece, IND
 1993 Lindsey Nimmo, ILL
 1994 Jody Yin, IND
 1995 Sarah Cyganiak, MICH
 1996 Melissa Zimpfer, WIS
 1997 Sarah Cyganiak, MICH
 1998 Katherine Nasser, NU
 1999 Barbara Urbanska, WIS
 2000 Kristy Dascoli, OSU
 2001 Kristy Dascoli, OSU
 2002 Marine Piriou, NU
 2003 Cristelle Grier, NU
 2004 Cristelle Grier, NU
 2005 Audra Cohen, NU
 2006 Cristelle Grier, NU
 2007 Georgia Rose, NU
 2008 Maria Mosolova, NU
 2009 Maria Mosolova, NU

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

1988 Elaine Demetroulis, WIS
 1989 Stephanie Reece, IND
 1990 Deb Edelman, IND
 1991 Jody Yin, IND
 1992 Laura Dvorak, IOWA
 1993 Siri Eklund, NU
 1994 Sarah Cyganiak, MICH
 1995 Sora Moon, MICH
 1996 Alice Rangsitthienchai, MINN
 1997 Katherine Nasser, NU
 1998 Kristy Dascoli, OSU
 1999 Toni Neykova, IOWA
 2000 Marine Piriou, NU
 Shana McElroy, WIS
 2001 Jennifer McGaffigan, ILL
 2002 Inga Radel, IND
 2003 Cristelle Grier, NU
 2004 Meg Racette, IOWA
 2005 Audra Cohen, NU
 2006 Georgia Rose, NU
 2007 Samantha Murray, NU
 2008 Maria Mosolova, NU
 2009 Sonja Molnar, IOWA

COACH OF THE YEAR

1984 Oliver Owens, MICH
 1985 Kelly Ferguson, WIS
 1986 Kelly Ferguson, WIS
 1987 Mary Tredennick, ILL
 1988 Lin Loring, IND
 Elizabeth Ritt, MICH
 1989 David Creighton, MINN
 1990 Micki Schillig, IOWA
 1991 Kelly Ferguson, WIS
 1992 Lin Loring, IND
 1993 Kelly Ferguson, WIS
 1994 Elizabeth Ritt, MICH
 1995 Lin Loring, IND
 1996 Patti Henderson, WIS
 1997 Elizabeth Ritt, MICH
 1998 Mat Iandolo, PUR
 1999 Chuck Merzbacher, OSU
 2000 Martin Novak, MINN
 2001 Claire Pollard, NU
 2002 Patti Henderson, WIS
 2003 Tyler Thomson, MINN
 Mat Iandolo, PUR
 2004 Claire Pollard, NU
 2005 Claire Pollard, NU
 2006 Daryl Greenan, IOWA
 2007 Lin Loring, IND
 2008 Claire Pollard, NU
 2009 Claire Pollard, NU

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR*

1987 Michelle Conlon, IOWA
 1988 Yvonne Lohrer, OSU
 1989 Anne Gorde, MINN
 1990 Elaine Demetroulis, WIS
 1991 Kelly Story, OSU
 1992 no award
 1993 Shannon Tully, WIS
 1994 no award
 1995 Jaimie Fielding, MICH
 Michelle Busch, OSU
 1996 Siri Eklund, NU
 Mary Beth Maggart, PUR
 1997 Mary Beth Maggart, PUR
 1998 Alice Rangsitthienchai, MINN
 1999 Danielle Lund, MICH
 2000 Brooke Hart, MICH
 2001 Rebecca Ho, PSU
 2002 Amanda Field, IND

* Big Ten Sportsmanship Award instituted in 2003 to encompass all sports.