

MINNESOTA RETAINS NATION'S TOP RANKING;
BIG TEN TEAMS OPEN CONFERENCE SEASON
THIS WEEK

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2004 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	BIG TEN Matches			All Matches			vs. Top 25*	vs. Non-Conf.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	LAST 10	STREAK
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L
OHIO STATE	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000	1-0	10-0	4-0	3-0	3-0	10-0	W10
PENN STATE	0	0	.000	9	0	1.000	1-0	9-0	6-0	1-0	2-0	9-0	W9
MINNESOTA	0	0	.000	10	1	.909	4-1	10-1	3-0	2-0	5-1	9-1	W9
MICHIGAN	0	0	.000	9	1	.900	1-0	9-1	5-1	2-0	2-0	9-1	W1
ILLINOIS	0	0	.000	8	1	.889	1-0	8-1	3-0	1-1	4-0	8-1	W3
WISCONSIN	0	0	.000	6	2	.750	1-0	6-2	4-1	0-1	2-0	6-2	W4
IOWA	0	0	.000	8	3	.727	0-0	8-3	2-2	1-1	5-0	7-3	W2
PURDUE	0	0	.000	7	3	.700	1-0	7-3	4-1	0-1	3-1	7-3	L1
MICHIGAN STATE	0	0	.000	5	3	.625	0-1	5-3	3-0	1-1	2-1	5-3	L3
INDIANA	0	0	.000	6	5	.545	0-0	6-5	3-4	1-1	2-0	5-5	L3
NORTHWESTERN	0	0	.000	5	5	.500	0-3	5-5	3-3	0-2	2-0	5-5	L2

* USA Today/CSTV Coaches Poll

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Indiana and Purdue Set to Open 2004 Big Ten Play

The 2004 Big Ten Conference season begins this Wednesday when Indiana travels to intrastate rival Purdue for a 7 p.m. first serve. The majority of this weekend's League play will take place on Friday and Saturday, and will conclude Sunday with No. 5 Penn State traveling to Wisconsin for a 1 p.m. matinee.

All Hail The Gophers

Minnesota has claimed the No. 1 spot in the USA Today/CSTV Top 25 poll once again this week. The Golden Gophers are 10-1 on the season after capturing three wins this past weekend at the North Carolina Tournament. This is the second-straight week Minnesota has been ranked No. 1, marking the first time a Big Ten squad has ruled the collegiate volleyball scene in consecutive weeks since Penn State in 1999. The Nittany Lions held the No. 1 rank for 11-straight weeks from October 4, 1999 until the final poll of the 1999 season when PSU captured the NCAA title.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Cincinnati at MINNESOTA	7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 INDIANA at PURDUE	7 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 PURDUE at ILLINOIS MICHIGAN at IOWA MICHIGAN STATE at MINNESOTA PENN STATE at NORTHWESTERN OHIO STATE at WISCONSIN	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 INDIANA at ILLINOIS MICHIGAN STATE at IOWA MICHIGAN at MINNESOTA OHIO STATE at NORTHWESTERN	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 PENN STATE at WISCONSIN	1 p.m.

All Times Local

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Loyola-Chicago def. #9 ILLINOIS, 3-2 INDIANA def. IPFW, 3-2 Creighton def. IOWA, 3-0 #25 OHIO STATE def. Youngstown State, 3-0 PURDUE def. Valparaiso, 3-1 #21 Long Beach State def. NORTHWESTERN, 3-0	30-25, 30-24, 26-30, 28-30, 15-13 30-32, 30-16, 24-30, 30-22, 15-11 30-23, 30-26, 30-18 30-11, 30-25, 30-20 30-16, 30-17, 28-30, 30-26 30-28, 30-23, 30-24
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 #9 ILLINOIS def. Houston, 3-0 (5) #9 ILLINOIS def. Ball State, 3-1 (5) Alabama def. INDIANA, 3-1 (6) Eastern Washington def. IOWA, 3-1 (7) MICHIGAN def. Virginia Tech, 3-0 (4) Western Michigan def. MICHIGAN, 3-2 (4) Notre Dame def. MICHIGAN STATE, 3-1 (1) #1 MINNESOTA def. Rice, 3-2 (6) NORTHWESTERN def. Villanova, 3-0 (2) Western Kentucky def. NORTHWESTERN, 3-1 (2) #25 OHIO STATE def. Fla. International, 3-0 (3) #25 OHIO STATE def. Northeastern, 3-1 (3) #5 PENN STATE def. Maryland-Baltimore Co., 3-0 (9) PURDUE def. Central Michigan, 3-0 (8) WISCONSIN def. Virginia, 3-0 (10)	30-25, 33-31, 30-16 30-23, 33-35, 30-23, 30-23 30-25, 26-30, 31-33, 25-30 30-27, 30-26, 26-30, 30-25 30-16, 30-18, 30-24 30-27, 30-25, 27-30, 27-30, 14-16 30-22, 24-30, 30-21, 30-19 30-23, 30-32, 26-30, 30-28, 15-11 30-16, 30-24, 30-23 30-28, 17-30, 31-29, 30-24 30-15, 30-23, 30-23 29-31, 30-17, 30-22, 30-20 30-14, 30-12, 30-12 30-18, 30-15, 30-24 30-20, 30-20, 30-21
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 #9 ILLINOIS def. Arkansas, 3-1 (5) Kent State def. INDIANA, 3-2 (6) Pittsburgh def. INDIANA, 3-2 (6) IOWA def. Furman, 3-0 (7) IOWA def. Chicago State, 3-0 (7) MICHIGAN def. #22 Tennessee, 3-1 (4) South Carolina def. MICHIGAN STATE, 3-2 (1) #1 MINNESOTA def. #20 Loyola Marymount, 3-0 (6) #1 MINNESOTA def. North Carolina, 3-0 (6) #13 Stanford def. NORTHWESTERN, 3-0 (2) #25 OHIO STATE def. Montana State, 3-0 (3) #5 PENN STATE def. Yale, 3-0 (9) #5 PENN STATE def. West Virginia, 3-0 (9) PURDUE def. East Tennessee State, 3-0 (8) Kentucky def. PURDUE, 3-2 (8) WISCONSIN def. Marshall, 3-0 (10) WISCONSIN def. Cincinnati, 3-0 (10)	30-22, 29-31, 30-20, 31-29 28-30, 27-30, 39-37, 30-28, 17-15 21-30, 30-27, 30-24, 18-30, 15-7 30-20, 30-24, 30-14 30-27, 30-23, 30-20 30-27, 19-30, 30-23, 30-20 30-22, 30-21, 21-30, 25-30, 15-6 32-30, 30-20, 30-23 30-24, 30-22, 30-12 30-17, 30-23, 30-18 30-19, 30-23, 30-24 30-16, 30-14, 30-11 30-18, 30-20, 30-18 30-12, 30-22, 30-16 30-24, 21-30, 31-33, 30-25, 15-17 30-13, 30-19, 30-24 30-25, 30-25, 30-20
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 MICHIGAN STATE vs. #2 USC (1)	Cancelled

- 1 - South Carolina Invitational, Columbia, S.C.
- 2 - Wildcat Classic, Evanston, Ill.
- 3 - Buckeye Classic, Columbus, Ohio
- 4 - Michigan/Nike Challenge, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 5 - C&C Services Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 6 - North Carolina Tournament, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 7 - Hawkeye Holiday Inn Classic, Iowa City, Iowa
- 8 - Mortar Board Premier, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 9 - Penn State Classic, University Park, Pa.
- 10 - InnTowner Invitational, Madison, Wis.

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sam Tortorello
JR, Setter, Shorewood, Ill./Joliet Catholic Academy

Tortorello was named the Most Valuable Player of the Penn State Classic as she directed the fifth-ranked Nittany Lions to three non-conference victories this past weekend. Penn State now enters the Big Ten portion of the schedule with a 9-0 record.

Behind Tortorello's leadership, Penn State attacked at a combined .419 clip over the weekend, including a season-high .457 against Maryland-Baltimore County. In all three matches, her set selection was distributed in a way that four or more of her teammates ended up with double-digit attacks, while three players recorded double-digit kill figures in each match as well.

Individually, the 2003 second-team AVCA All-American and unanimous First Team All-Big Ten pick provided another weapon on the Penn State offense, racking up 14 kills (1.56 kpg) and a .591 hitting percentage. She was also effective on defense, notching 19 digs (2.11 dpq), the second-highest total on the team for the weekend. On the blocking front, Tortorello tallied 11 total blocks, an average of 1.22 blocks per game. She fell just two blocks shy of her career high against Yale, recording seven stuffs in the outing.

For the year, Tortorello is averaging 13.13 apg, 2.70 dpq, 1.33 kpg and 0.73 bpq.

This is the second career Conference Player of the Week selection for Tortorello.

THIS WEEK ON FSN CHICAGO



MICHIGAN (9-1)

at

IOWA (8-3)



Match Date & Time
Friday, September 24 • 7 p.m. CDT

Broadcast Date & Time
Sunday, September 26 • 6 p.m.

BIGTEN.ORG QUICKIES

OSU's Stone Reaches No. 500

Ohio State head coach Jim Stone captured his 500th career win September 17 when his Buckeyes defeated Northeastern, 3-1. The win ranks him fourth among active coaches in the League.

Worth the Wait for Waite

Wisconsin head coach Pete Waite captured career win No. 400 last Friday in a 3-0 sweep of Virginia. Waite, who is in his 17th year at the helm of the Badgers, ranks 35th all-time among active coaches with 402 wins, but ranks near the top 10 in winning percentage at .742 (402-140) overall.

Six Big Ten Teams Earn Recognition in Top 25 Poll

Six Big Ten teams have received recognition in the *USA Today*/CSTV Top 25 poll released September 20. Minnesota leads the nation at No. 1, followed by No. 4 Penn State and No. 13 Illinois. Ohio State made the biggest jump of any team in the polls this week, moving from 25th to 20th. Michigan and Wisconsin also received votes.

Big Ten Boasts Winning Record Over Top-25 Teams

In the four total weeks of non-conference action, Big Ten teams were a combined 10-5 against top-25 competition. League teams defeated two top-10 teams, including then top-ranked USC (Illinois, 3-2), and posted a record of 7-4 against teams in the top-15. On three occasions, three different Big Ten teams defeated the 12th-ranked team, as Purdue and Wisconsin topped then-No. 12 Georgia Tech the first week of September, while Penn State topped No. 12 Stanford the week after.

Underclassmen Blocking Out the Competition

Seven underclassmen, including three freshmen in the top five, currently lead the Conference in blocks. Only two juniors and one senior can be found among the top 10 blockers in the League. Wisconsin freshman Taylor Reineke leads the Conference with 1.45 blocks per game, while classmates Lyndsay Miller of Michigan (1.39) and Illinois' Jen Hynds (1.33) are third and fifth, respectively.

Keep Your Eye on the Hawks

Under first-year head coach Cindy Fredrick, the Iowa Hawkeyes have already surpassed their win total from last season. Iowa opened this season 8-3, after going 6-24 last season. The eight-win total marks the highest number of victories for the Iowa program in four years. The Hawks also had eight wins in 2002 when Iowa finished 8-22 on the year.

An A-Maize-ing Start

Despite dropping a 3-2 decision to Western Michigan on September 17, the Michigan Wolverines opened their 2004 campaign with an 8-0 start. The eight wins to start the year tied the school record for the Maize and Blue, as no Michigan volleyball team has started a season better than 8-0.

Three Big Ten Squads Affected by Hurricane Season

For the second time this season, a Big Ten team has had scheduling conflicts due to a hurricane.

Michigan State was scheduled to face No. 2 USC at the Gamecock Invitational in South Carolina on September 19, but the Women of Troy backed out due to safety concerns with Hurricane Ivan in the area and Hurricane Jeanne surfacing in the Atlantic.

As the approach of Hurricane Frances threatened the eastern coast of Florida, both Illinois and Northwestern were forced to cancel their previously scheduled volleyball tournaments September 3-4, on the campuses of Miami and Florida, respectively. Both Florida schools cancelled their tournaments on September 1 in anticipation of severe weather. The cancellations forced Illinois to travel to the Hurricane Frances Classic in Oxford, Ohio, while Northwestern quickly organized the NU Labor Day Classic in Evanston.

BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL BITS



No. 13 **Illinois** (8-1) is now 17-2 in the last two-seasons in non-conference play. The Illini are getting production by some different sources this year as last year Jessica Belter and Erin Virtue were named to All-Tournament teams, while Rachel VanMeter has been the MVP of the first two tournaments this year and Rasa Virsilaitė the MVP at Arkansas last weekend. In addition, Lauren Harks, Belter, and Virtue were named to All-Tournament teams this year. The Illini open Big Ten play at home against Purdue on Friday, followed by Indiana on Saturday.



Indiana (6-5) opens Conference play for all League teams on Wednesday as the Hoosiers travel to intrastate rival Purdue for a 7 p.m. match. Last weekend, Indiana senior outside hitter Christina Archibald broke the school's all-time kills record (1,547) against Kent State. The mark was previously held by Melissa Brewer (1999-2003). Archibald now stands at (1,564) for her career. Setter Tasha Arsenych set and then broke her career-high in assists against IPFW. She tallied 62 assists in that match and recorded 65 against Kent State.



Iowa (8-3) has now claimed eight wins on the season, matching its win total from 2002 and marking the most wins for the program since the 2000 season. After playing its first seven matches on the road, Iowa returned home last weekend and turned in a 2-2 performance. The Hawkeyes dropped matches to Creighton and Eastern Washington, but rebounded to defeat Furman and Chicago State. Iowa hosts Michigan and Michigan State to open Conference play. Hawkeye head coach Cindy Fredrick will be looking for her first Big Ten win.



Michigan (9-1) is coming off an impressive 3-1 victory over No. 22 Tennessee. In that match, senior setter Lisa Gamalski recorded her first-career triple-double, including 10 kills, a career-high 21 digs and 42 assists for the Wolverines. Jennifer Gandolph broke the school career digs mark in the match against Western Michigan, while Katie Bruzdinski broke the school record with eight aces against Virginia Tech. Prior to their loss against Western Michigan, the Wolverines' 8-0 start tied the school record. U-M is on the road in the first week of Big Ten play, competing at Iowa on Friday and at Minnesota on Saturday.



Michigan State (5-3) returns from South Carolina to open Conference action on the road at Minnesota and Iowa on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The Spartans dropped two matches in the South Carolina Invitational, but carries a 5-3 record into League play. Michigan State has had three or more players post double-digit kills totals in five of its eight matches this season, and has a 3-2 record in those five matches.



No. 1 **Minnesota** (10-1) has won nine straight matches and looks to match its longest winning streak (10) from last year when the Gophers host Cincinnati on Monday. The Golden Gophers have started 10-1 four times in the program's history. Despite a 3-2 scare from Rice, Minnesota spent its first week at No. 1 claiming the North Carolina Tournament title. In the Rice match, the Gophers trailed 2-1 and 28-24 in game four, but rallied to win in five games. Paula Gentil and Lindsey Taatjes were named to the All-Tournament team, which marked Taatjes' first All-Tournament team honor of the year, while Erin Martin and Gentil have received All-Tournament honors in each of Minnesota's four tournaments.



Northwestern (5-5) opens Conference play this weekend at home, hosting Penn State on Friday and Ohio State on Saturday. The Wildcats will face a tough task in their first week of action in the League as both the Nittany Lions and the Buckeyes are ranked in the *USA Today*/CSTV Top 25 poll. National competition is nothing new to Northwestern however, as the the Wildcats are coming off matches against No. 13 Stanford and No. 21 Long Beach State last week.



No. 20 **Ohio State** (10-0) enters Big Ten play at 10-0 on the heels of capturing the Buckeye Classic, its third tournament victory this season. Stacey Gordon was named the Most Valuable Player of the Classic with Maya Mapp and Marisa Main named to the All-Tournament Team. The Buckeyes set an OSU match record by hitting .595 (59-98) against Youngstown State. The previous best was .531 (62-108) against Northern Illinois in 1994. OSU opens League play on the road with Wisconsin on Friday and Northwestern on Saturday.



No. 4 **Penn State** (9-0) joins the Buckeyes as the only remaining Conference teams undefeated on the season. The Nittany Lions' junior setter Sam Tortorello is the current Big Ten Player of the Week, but Penn State has also been paced by junior libero Kaleena Walters. Walters is on path to shatter her own PSU record for single-season digs per game that she set last season (4.29), as she is currently digging at a rate of 5.27 digs per game (158d in 9m). With her 57 digs this past weekend, Walters is just 48 digs shy of reaching the 1000 mark for her career. PSU is on the road this weekend, battling Northwestern on Friday and Wisconsin in Madison on Sunday.



Purdue (7-3) is 4-1 at home this season and will look for continued success in West Lafayette when the Boilermakers open League play against Indiana on Wednesday. Purdue will then travel to Illinois on Friday to complete its two-game Conference set. Last weekend, senior Daren Poe tallied her 1,000th career dig in Purdue's sweep of East Tennessee State. Poe currently sits at 1,021. Kim McConaha surpassed the 20-kill mark twice last week with a team-high 24 against Kentucky and 23 against Valparaiso.



Wisconsin (6-2) captured all three matches and claimed the InnTowner Invitational in Madison last weekend. Head Coach Pete Waite recorded his 400th career win against Virginia on Friday night and is now 402-140 in his 17th year at the Badger helm. Wisconsin set a three-game school record for blocks with 23.5 (7.83/game) against Cincinnati, bettering the previous mark of 18 set in 1996. Three Badgers recorded individual personal bests in blocks as Jill Odenthal, Jackie Simpson and Taylor Reineke recorded eight a piece. UW plays host to Ohio State on Friday and Penn State on Sunday.

NATIONAL ATTENDANCE FIGURES

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September 20, 2004

RANKED BY AVERAGE

School	Avg.	Total	Matches
1. Hawai'i	6,519	52,154	8
2. Nebraska	4,132	16,527	4
3. Wisconsin	3,448	17,242	5
4. Penn State	2,594	15,564	6
5. Florida	2,039	4,078	2
6. Illinois	2,007	6,022	3
7. Minnesota	1,995	5,984	3
8. Colorado State	1,920	11,523	6
9. Purdue	1,645	8,225	5
10. Texas A&M	1,637	8,186	5
11. Long Beach State	1,513	10,593	7
12. Illinois State	1,420	4,261	3
13. Texas	1,341	5,363	4
14. Michigan	1,310	7,863	6
15. Northern Iowa	1,216	3,648	3
16. South Carolina	1,110	3,301	3
17. Kansas State	1,096	3,287	3
18. Notre Dame	1,093	4,373	4
19. BYU	1,087	6,521	6
20. Georgia Tech	1,030	3,091	3
21. Valparaiso	1,029	1,029	1
22. North Carolina	946	3,784	4
23. No. Colorado	914	914	1
24. Washington State	870	1,739	2
25. Wichita State	826	2,479	3

TOP MATCH ATTENDANCE

- 7,954 - UCLA at Hawai'i, 9-11
- 6,926 - UC Irvine at Hawai'i, 9-18
- 6,840 - California at Hawai'i, 9-17
- 6,661 - Arizona at Hawai'i, 9-5
- 6,146 - San Diego at Hawai'i, 9-3
- 6,144 - Santa Clara at Hawai'i, 9-10
- 5,857 - Eastern Washington at Hawai'i, 9-2
- 5,626 - SW Missouri State at Hawai'i, 9-9
- 4,299 - Georgia Tech at Wisconsin, 9-4**
- 4,151 - Florida A&M at Nebraska, 9-10
- 4,142 - Ball State at Nebraska, 9-11
- 4,127 - Missouri at Nebraska, 9-15
- 4,107 - Maryland at Nebraska, 9-12
- 3,998 - Virginia at Wisconsin, 9-17**
- 3,986 - Georgia Tech at Colorado State, 8-28
- 3,321 - Missouri at Wisconsin, 9-3**
- 3,267 - Minnesota at Colorado State, 8-27
- 3,044 - Cincinnati at Wisconsin, 9-18**
- 3,043 - West Virginia at Penn State, 9-18**
- 3,043 - Yale at Penn State, 9-18**
- 2,969 - USC at Illinois, 9-11**
- 2,858 - UCLA at Texas A&M, 9-4
- 2,704 - Quinnipiac at Penn State, 9-4**
- 2,704 - BYU at Penn State, 9-4**
- 2,580 - Marshall at Wisconsin, 9-18**
- 2,443 - Florida at Minnesota, 9-11**
- 2,182 - Kansas at Texas A&M, 9-17
- 2,064 - UMBC at Penn State, 9-17**
- 2,055 - Clemson at Florida, 9-17
- 2,023 - South Florida at Florida, 9-1
- 2,006 - Rutgers at Penn State, 9-3**

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Gophers Say Just Bring it

Minnesota has stormed out to a 10-1 record this season, with four of those games coming against top 15 competition. The Gophers fell to No. 1 USC in a five-game heartbreaker in August, but have captured top-15 wins over No. 4 Florida (3-2), No. 11 Colorado State (3-1), and No. 15 Kansas State (3-2). USC is the two-time defending national champion, while Florida was a national semi-finalist along with the Gophers last season.

Bowman Brings It During Top-Ranked Competition

Minnesota's Kelly Bowman is one of only two Big Ten players so far this season to record at least one triple-double. The sophomore setter, who has tallied three triple-doubles this year, with two coming against two of the top four teams in the nation. On August 28, Bowman recorded 17 kills, 18 digs and 40 assists versus No. 1 USC, while on September 11, she recorded 11 kills, 19 kills and 15 assists against No. 4 Florida. On September 17, in Minnesota's first match as the top-ranked team in the nation, Bowman posted 11 kills, 22 digs and 30 assists to help the Gophers survive a 3-2 scare against Rice.

The Conquer of Troy

In front of nearly 3,000 fans in Huff Hall two weeks ago, 16th-ranked Illinois defeated top-ranked and two-time defending national champion USC, 3-2, ending the longest winning streak in NCAA volleyball history at 52 straight. The Illini (5-0) topped the Women of Troy 30-24, 24-30, 12-30, 30-27, 15-8, which marked the first time in school history that the Orange and Blue defeated a number one team. Earlier this year, Minnesota dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker to USC at the NACWAA Tournament.

Ohio State's Gordon Eyes All-Time Big Ten Kill Mark

Ohio State's Stacey Gordon, who set a Big Ten record last season with 6.62 kills per game, has her eyes set on the all-time Big Ten kill record of 2,379, set by Minnesota's Nicole Branagh from 1997-2000.

Currently, the Buckeye senior has 2,180 kills for her career, 199 shy of the record. Gordon, who is averaging 7.00 kills per game through 32 games this season, is on pace to break the mark in approximately 29 games.

Gordon leaped over fifth-place (Debbie McDonald, PUR, 2,108) and into fourth-place all-time in Big Ten history, surpassing Minnesota's Andrea Gonzalez's mark of 2,140. Gordon recorded 85 kills in the first week of play this season to surpass the 2,000 plateau, making her one of only seven players in League history to have surpassed 2,000 kills.

Others in League Stalking Gordon's Mark

Several other Big Ten student-athletes have their sights set on individual marks for kills this season as well. Indiana's Christina Archibald surpassed the 1,500-kill plateau September 18 and now stands at 1,564 for her career. Minnesota's Erin Martin (1,349) and Michigan's Jennifer Gandolph (1,328) are also quickly approaching the 1,500-kill mark.

BIG TEN VS. TOP 25 TEAMS

**10-5 AGAINST NON-CONFERENCE TOP-25 TEAMS
as of 9/20/04**

#1 (1-1)		
#1 USC def. #5 Minnesota, 2-3		8/28/04
#16 Illinois def. #1 USC, 3-2		9/11/04
#4 (1-1)		
#4 Florida def. Northwestern, 0-3		9/5/04
#5 Minnesota def. #4 Florida, 3-2		9/11/04
#6 (0-1)		
#6 Washington def. Michigan State, 0-3		9/11/04
#11 (1-0)		
#5 Minnesota def. #11 Colorado State, 3-1		8/27/04
#12 (3-0)		
Purdue def. #12 Georgia Tech, 3-1		9/3/04
Wisconsin def. #12 Georgia Tech, 3-2		9/4/04
#7 Penn State def. #12 Stanford, 3-2		9/10/04
#13 (0-1)		
#13 Stanford def. Northwestern, 3-0		9/18/04
#15 (1-0)		
#5 Minnesota def. #15 Kansas State, 3-2		9/10/04
#20 (1-0)		
#1 Minnesota def. #20 Loyola Marymount, 3-0		9/18/04
#21 (1-1)		
Ohio State def. #21 Georgia Tech, 3-0		9/12/04
#21 Long Beach State def. Northwestern, 3-0		9/14/04
#22 (1-0)		
Michigan def. #22 Tennessee, 3-1		9/18/04

BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL ON TELEVISION

Over the 2004 season, at least 11 Big Ten volleyball contests will air on ESPN2 and FSN Chicago, as the schedule will feature each Conference school in action at least once.

For more than a decade, the Big Ten has been a leader in collegiate volleyball television exposure. The Conference enters its 10th-consecutive year of partnership with ESPN2 in

which at least three matches will be broadcast. The League also begins its eighth season with FSN Chicago, which will broadcast eight Conference matches on its network.

The ESPN2 network is seen in over 87 million households nationwide, while the FSN network reaches nearly 20 million cable households nationwide.

DATE	MATCH	TIME	STATION	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
Fri., Sept. 24	Michigan at Iowa	7 p.m. CDT	FSN Chicago	Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 1	Minnesota at Ohio State	7 p.m. EDT	FSN Chicago	Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 9	Michigan State at Illinois	7 p.m. CDT	FSN Chicago	Oct. 10 at 3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 16	Michigan State at Penn State	7 p.m. EDT	ESPN2	Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 16	Indiana at Northwestern	7 p.m. CDT	FSN Chicago	Oct. 17 at 3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 30	Minnesota at Wisconsin	7 p.m. CDT	ESPN2	Oct. 31 at 2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 30	Purdue at Penn State	7 p.m. EDT	FSN Chicago	Oct. 31 at 3 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 6	Northwestern at Illinois	7 p.m. CST	ESPN2	Nov. 7 at 4:00 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 12	Wisconsin at Penn State	7 p.m. EST	FSN Chicago	Nov. 14 at 3 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 20	Michigan State at Wisconsin	7 p.m. CST	FSN Chicago	Nov. 21 at 3 p.m.
Fri. Nov. 26 or Sat. Nov. 27	WILDCARD	TBD	FSN Chicago	Nov. 28 at 3 p.m.

* NOTE: Schedule dates and times subject to change

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BIGTEN.ORG QUICKIES

Gordon Named AVCA National Player of the Week
 After earning her 12th career Big Ten Player of the Week honor last week, Ohio State's Stacey Gordon was honored by the AVCA as the National Player of the Week. It was Gordon's second career weekly honor by the AVCA.

Gordon Extends Double-Figure Streak for Kills
 Ohio State's Stacey Gordon has extended her double-figure kill streak to 86 after tallying double-digit totals in each of her four matches last weekend. She has had double-figure kills in 99 of 101 career matches including 59 matches with 20 or more.

Big Ten Ranks Among Nation's Best
 As of September 12, the Big Ten boasted several of its teams and student-athletes at or near the top of the NCAA statistical rankings. Ohio State's Stacey Gordon leads the nation in kills per game, while teammate Marisa Main is second in the country in assists per game. In team categories, top-ranked Minnesota leads the nation in assists per game and is second in kills per game, while Ohio State also ranks near the top in assists per game (3rd), hitting percentage (4th) and kills per game (4th).

Wolverines Go 3-0 For Rosen's 3-0-0
 Michigan head coach Mark Rosen recorded his 300th career victory in a 3-0 defeat of Oakland University on September 11. The Wolverines captured the Michigan/Pepsi Challenge title that evening with a 3-0 sweep of Florida State. Rosen is now 303-108 in his 13th season as a head coach and has 94 wins at the Michigan helm, third-best on the all-time list.

Making Those Yellow Jackets Blue
 For the third time this season, a Big Ten squad has knocked off nationally-ranked Georgia Tech. Ohio State won the Georgia Tech Invitational September 11, with a 3-0 sweep of the host Yellow Jackets. The Buckeyes' win marked the end of Tech's 26-match home winning streak. Earlier this year, Purdue defeated then-No. 12 Tech, 3-1, one day before Wisconsin topped the Yellow Jackets, 3-2.

The Sweet Smell of a Rose
 Penn State opened its season September 3 with a 3-0 sweep of Rutgers, giving head coach Russ Rose his 800th career victory. The Nittany Lion mentor became only the sixth coach in Division I history to reach the 800-win plateau. Currently, Rose ranks second all-time among active coaches in winning percentage (.845, Hawaii's Dave Shoji-.850) and third all-time in victories (808).

Fredrick Successfully Begins Tenure at Iowa
 Cindy Fredrick began her stint as Iowa head coach in winning fashion September 3, as the Hawkeyes topped Wright State, 3-2. Iowa captured its second game of the season as well, sweeping Denver 3-0, before falling at Illinois State.

BIG TEN VS. NCAA LEADERS

Stats Through 9/12/04;
 List Compiled Every Wednesday

Assists Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	A	Per/G
1	Julie Knytych, Tenn.	Jr.	20	298	14.90
2	Marisa Main, OSU	So.	20	295	14.75
9	Tasha Arsenych, IND	So.	24	333	13.88
12	Erin Virtue, ILL	Sr.	18	245	13.61
15	Renata Dargan, PUR	Jr.	20	268	13.40

Digs Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	D	Per/G
1	Elvina Kung, Brown	Sr.	10	83	8.30
6	Paula Gentil, MINN	Jr.	32	201	6.28
24	Pam Kavadas, IOWA	Sr.	26	146	5.62

Hitting Percentage

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	Kills	Err	TA	Pct.
1	Sami Cash, UC Irvine	Sr.	20	65	9	91	.615
T9	Brittney Aldridge, NU	Fr.	21	49	9	90	.444
19	Stacey Gordon, OSU	Sr.	20	144	31	267	.423

Kills Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	Kills	Per/G
1	Stacey Gordon, OSU	Sr.	20	144	7.20
24	Rachel VanMeter, ILL	Jr.	18	89	4.94
25	Erin Martin, MINN	Sr.	32	156	4.88

Aces Per Game

#	Team	G	Aces	Per/G
1	North Carolina A&T	19	72	3.79
17	Illinois	18	46	2.56

Assists Per Game

#	Team	G	Assists	Per/G
1	Minnesota	32	529	16.53
3	Ohio State	20	327	16.35
10	Purdue	23	361	15.70
26	Penn State	21	317	15.10

Digs Per Game

#	Team	G	Digs	Per/G
1	Robert Morris	30	683	22.77
17	Minnesota	32	602	18.81

Hitting Percentage

#	Team	G	Kills	Err	TA	Pct.
1	Texas	361	87	7	10	.386
4	Ohio State	354	115	7	37	.324
9	Michigan	355	108	8	11	.305
14	Penn State	345	96	8	65	.288
28	Illinois	290	115	6	44	.272
29	Purdue	391	128	9	70	.271

Kills Per Game

#	Team	G	Kills	Per/G
1	Tennessee	20	366	18.30
2	Minnesota	32	573	17.91
4	Ohio State	20	354	17.70
14	Purdue	23	391	17.00
19	Indiana	24	403	16.79

MINNESOTA TABBED AS BIG TEN PRESEASON VOLLEYBALL FAVORITE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

After earning its first ever trip to the NCAA National Semifinals last season, Minnesota was selected as the top choice in the 2004 Big Ten Volleyball Preseason Coaches Poll, it was announced August 16 by League officials. Penn State, the defending Conference champion, was tabbed second, while Wisconsin was voted to the No. 3 spot. The Big Ten coaches also selected a 12-member Preseason All-Big Ten team, which included student-athletes from nine different League institutions.

2004 BIG TEN PRESEASON POLL

1. Minnesota
2. Penn State
3. Wisconsin
4. Michigan State
5. Illinois
6. Michigan
- Ohio State
8. Purdue
9. Northwestern
10. Indiana
11. Iowa

2004 PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Name	Yr./Position	Hometown
Erin Virtue, Illinois	Sr./Setter	St. Charles, Ill.
Christina Archibald, Indiana (2)	Sr./Outside Hitter	Belleville, Ill.
Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan	Sr./Outside Hitter	Greenwood, Ind.
Kim Schram, Michigan State #	Sr./Outside Hitter	London, Ontario
Paula Gentil, Minnesota (2)	Jr./Liber	Fortaleza Ceara', Brazil
Erin Martin, Minnesota	Sr./Outside Hitter	Ames, Iowa
Stacey Gordon, Ohio State (3) #	Sr./Outside Hitter	Oshawa, Ontario
Ashley Pederson, Penn State	Sr./Outside Hitter	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Cassy Salyer, Penn State	So./Middle Hitter	Aurora, Colo.
Sam Tortorello, Penn State (2) #	Jr./Setter	Shorewood, Ill.
Renata Dargan, Purdue	Jr./Setter	New Lenox, Ill.
Jill Odenthal, Wisconsin	Sr./Opposite Hitter	Geneva, Ill.

- Unanimous Selection • (2) - Two-time selection • (3) - Three-time selection

USA TODAY/CSTV TOP 25 POLL

Rank	School (Votes)	Points	2004 Record	Last Week
1	MINNESOTA (43)	1,590	10-1	1
2	USC (13)	1,539	5-1	2
3	Washington (6)	1,469	8-0	3
4	PENN STATE (2)	1,383	9-0	5
5	Florida	1,380	8-1	4
6	Hawaii	1,330	8-0	7
7	Nebraska (1)	1,239	7-1	8
8	UC Santa Barbara	1,119	6-0	10
9	Colorado State	1,096	8-1	11
10	UCLA	1,074	7-2	6
11	Texas A&M	908	6-2	12
12	Stanford	877	7-2	13
13	ILLINOIS	845	8-1	9
14	Arizona	772	8-2	15
15	Louisville	657	8-1	17
16	California	633	5-3	14
17	Santa Clara	539	7-2	19
18	Long Beach State	454	8-0	21
19	Kansas State	371	6-4	16
20	OHIO STATE	328	10-0	25
21	Kansas	257	9-1	24
22	Texas	235	9-0	NR
23	Utah	177	7-2	NR
24	Tennessee	121	9-1	22
25	Colorado	106	6-3	NR

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Pepperdine 100, Florida A&M 93, San Diego 78, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 70, Loyola Marymount 63, MICHIGAN 56, Ohio 56, UC Irvine 44, Rice 19, WISCONSIN 13, Georgia Tech 12, Loyola-Chicago 9, South Carolina 5, Western Kentucky 2.

TOP 25 POLL BIG TEN BREAKDOWN

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NU	OSU	PSU	PUR	WIS
PRE	19	-	-	arv	arv	5	-	arv	8	-	23
9/6	16	-	-	arv	arv	5	-	arv	7	24	25
9/13	9	-	-	arv	arv	1	-	25	5	arv	arv
9/20	13	-	-	arv	-	1	-	20	4	-	arv
9/27											
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10/18											
10/25											
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11/8											
11/15											
11/22											
11/29											
12/6											
FINAL											

arv - also receiving votes

THE MILESTONE MARKER

The following is a list of League coaches who have or had career milestones on the horizon this season:

Coach, Team	Career Win	Countdown
Russ Rose, PSU	800	Set 9/3/04
Chuck Erbe, MSU	550	547, 3 left
Jim Stone, OSU	500	Set 9/17/04
Pete Waite, WIS	400	Set 9/17/04
Don Hardin, ILL	350	341, 9 left
Mark Rosen, MICH	300	Set 9/11/04

Coach, Team	School Win	Countdown
Mike Herbert, MINN	200	Set 8/27/04
Mark Rosen, MICH	100	94, 6 Left
Cindy Fredrick, IOWA	1	Set 9/3/04

Coach, Team	Big Ten Win	Countdown
Mark Rosen, MICH	50	46, 4 left
Cindy Fredrick, IOWA	1	1 Left

OTHER TOP PERFORMERS IN THE BIG TEN LAST WEEK

ILLINOIS - Rasa Virsilaitė, Junior, Outside Hitter

Virsilaitė was named MVP of the C&C Services Invitational at the University of Arkansas in leading Illinois to the team title. Virsilaitė set a career-high in kills (21) and attacks (47) in the victory over Arkansas. The team win marked the fifth straight in-season title for Illinois.

INDIANA - Christina Archibald, Senior, Outside Hitter

Archibald's 25th kill against Kent State broke the schools all-time kills record (1,547) previously held by Melissa Brewer (1999-2003). Archibald, who now stands at (1,564) for her career, also helped out on defense posting a double-double (kills and digs) in three matches and nearly a fourth against Pittsburgh.

IOWA - Justeen Patton, Junior, Setter

Patton started in her first matches of the season against Furman and Chicago State and gave the Hawkeyes an instant spark. The junior transfer from Barton Community College (KS) distributed her sets with four different Iowa player having double-digit kills in the Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge this weekend.

MICHIGAN - Lisa Gamalski, Senior, Setter

Gamalski earned her third-straight tournament MVP award with a triple-double in the championship match against No. 22 Tennessee, posting 10 kills, a career-high 21 digs and 42 assists for the Wolverines. Gamalski served for 10 points in a pivotal game one against Tennessee, taking U-M from a 25-21 deficit and flipping it to a 27-25 lead, handing Tennessee just its second game one loss of the season. Down 4-6 in game four, Gamalski recorded two-straight kills to keep Michigan in the match, recording the first triple-double of her career. Gamalski nearly recorded a triple-double against Western Michigan, falling three kills short (seven kills, 10 digs, 54 assists). For the tournament, Gamalski recorded 22 kills, 133 assists and 39 digs, while scoring 25.5 points.

MICHIGAN STATE - Brooke Langston, Junior, Middle Hitter

Langston hit .233 for the Spartans on the weekend, and her 30 kills led State's efforts in its nine games. She averaged 3.33 kills per game to go along with 1.67 digs per game, as the Spartans fell to Notre Dame (3-1) and South Carolina (3-2) in the Gamecock Invitational in Columbia, S.C.

MINNESOTA - Erin Martin, Senior, Outside Hitter

Martin averaged 6.36 kpg, hit .367 and had 0.64 blpg to lead Minnesota to its third straight tournament title, as the Golden Gophers won the North Carolina Tournament championship. She was the MVP of the North Carolina Tournament, marking the third straight week that Martin won tournament MVP honors. Martin broke a school-record for most kills in a three-game rally-scoring match as she had 26 kills against No. 20 Loyola Marymount. Martin also hit .489 in that match. Against North Carolina, Martin hit .500 with a match-high 22 kills. She also had 22 kills in a five-game victory over Rice in the first match of the tournament. Martin had 70 kills in three matches (11 games) on the weekend. She is just one kill from eighth on the career kill list at 1,349 for her career.

NORTHWESTERN - Courtnie Paulus, Freshman, Outside Hitter

Paulus recorded a team-high 38 kills over the course of the Wildcat Classic Tournament, earning her All-Tournament honors. It was the second time Paulus was named to an All-Tournament team in as many weeks, as she was named to the Chicago Challenge Tournament team for the weekend of September 10.

OHIO STATE - Stacey Gordon, Senior, Outside Hitter

Named the Most Valuable Player of the Buckeye Classic, Gordon has powered OSU to a 10-0 start entering Big Ten play. Her .857 hitting (in two games) ranks as the second best performance in OSU history against Youngstown State. She had five kills in five attempts in game one, did not play in game two, began game three with seven kills in seven attempts before finishing the match with 13 kills in 14 attempts with one error. Gordon, now with 2,180 career kills has moved to fourth in Big Ten career kills passing Andrea Gonzalez of Minnesota who had 2,140. Gordon had double-figure kills in all four matches to extend her streak to 86 matches. She has had double-figure kills in 99 of 101 career matches including 59 matches with 20 or more. Gordon hit .500 or better in two of the four matches, hitting a career-high .857 against Youngstown State and .583 against Montana State. On the season, Gordon is OSU's team leader in points (253.5, 7.91 per game), kills (224, 7.0), aces (18, .56), attack percentage (.447) and second in digs (83, 2.59).

PURDUE - Kim McConaha, Senior, Middle Hitter

McConaha was named to the Mortar Board Premier All-Tournament team after hitting .381 for the tournament including a stellar .667 (10-0-15) against East Tennessee State. McConaha surpassed the 20-kill mark twice during the week with a team-high 24 against Kentucky and 23 against Valparaiso. She finished her double-double with 10 kills against UK to go with a four aces. All told on the week, the senior hit .363, while serving up six aces and averaging 4.64 kills, 1.50 digs and 0.86 blocks per game.

WISCONSIN - Sheila Shaw, Junior, Middle Blocker

Shaw led the Badgers to the title of their own InnTownner Invitational with a 3-0 record. The Badgers won all three matches on the weekend by 3-0 scores. Shaw led Wisconsin with 15 kills and a .560 attack percentage against Virginia. She added her second double-figure kill match of the weekend with 16 kills and a .483 hitting percentage against Marshall. Shaw led all blockers with nine block assists against Cincinnati. On the weekend, she averaged 4.44 kills and 1.67 blocks per game while hitting .467 percent. Shaw upped her season averages to a team-best 3.76 kills per game and leads the team with a .327 hitting percentage.

2004 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 30	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	JR, Libero, Fortleaza Ceara', Brazil/Lake Highland
SEPTEMBER 6	Kim McConaha, Purdue	SR, Middle Hitter, Centerville, Ind./Centerville
SEPTEMBER 13	* Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	SR, Outside Hitter, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada/Eastdale
SEPTEMBER 20	Sam Tortorello, Penn State	JR, Setter, Shorewood, Ill./Joliet Catholic Academy

* AVCA National Player of the Week



ILLINOIS fighting illini
8-1 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
1	ILLINOIS STATE	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-19, 30-20
4	vs. TCU (1)	W, 3-1	30-26, 27-30, 30-21, 30-20
	at Miami (OHIO) (1)	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-18, 30-23
10	MIAMI (OHIO) (2)	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-25, 30-24
11	#1 USC (2)	W, 3-2	30-24, 24-30, 12-30, 30-27, 15-8
14	at Loyola-Chicago	L, 2-3	25-30, 24-30, 30-26, 30-28, 15-13
17	vs. Houston (3)	W, 3-0	30-25, 33-31, 30-16
	vs. Ball State (3)	W, 3-1	30-23, 33-35, 30-23, 30-23
	at Arkansas (3)	W, 3-1	30-22, 29-31, 30-20, 31-29
24	PURDUE		7 p.m.
25	INDIANA		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
2	at Wisconsin		1 p.m.
8	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
9	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
15	at Iowa		7 p.m.
16	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
22	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
23	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
29	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
30	at Michigan		7 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
5	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
6	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
12	at Indiana		7 p.m.
13	at Purdue		8 p.m.
19	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
20	at Penn State		7 p.m.
26	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
27	IOWA		7 p.m.

(1) Hurricane Frances Classic, Oxford, Ohio
(2) State Farm Illini Classic, Champaign, Ill.
(3) C&C Services Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.



INDIANA hoosiers
6-5 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
1	at IUPUI	W, 3-1	30-23, 28-30, 30-25, 30-20
3	MURRAY STATE (1)	W, 3-0	32-30, 30-28, 30-18
4	SAINT LOUIS (1)	L, 0-3	28-30, 30-32, 27-30
	OREGON STATE (1)	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-26, 36-34
10	vs. Arkansas-Little Rock (2)	W, 3-1	30-32, 30-22, 30-15, 30-21
11	vs. Houston (2)	W, 3-1	30-20, 30-18, 27-30, 30-23
	at Texas Arlington (2)	L, 0-3	30-16, 31-29, 30-28
14	IPFW	W, 3-2	30-32, 30-16, 24-30, 30-22, 15-11
17	ALABAMA (3)	L, 1-3	30-25, 26-30, 31-33, 25-30
18	KENT STATE (3)	L, 2-3	30-28, 30-27, 37-39, 28-30, 15-17
18	PITTSBURGH (3)	L, 2-3	30-21, 27-30, 24-30, 30-18, 7-15
22	at Purdue		7 p.m.
25	at Illinois		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
2	at Michigan		6 p.m.
8	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
9	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
15	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
16	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
22	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
23	IOWA		7 p.m.
29	at Penn State		7 p.m.
30	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
5	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
6	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
10	PURDUE		7 p.m.
12	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
18	at Iowa		7 p.m.
20	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
26	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
27	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.

(1) IU Invitational, Bloomington, Ind.
(2) UT-Arlington Invitational, Arlington, Texas
(3) TIS/Taylor Tournament, Bloomington, Ind.



IOWA hawkeyes
8-3 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
3	vs. Wright State (1)	W, 3-2	28-30, 30-25, 30-18, 27-30, 15-11
4	vs. Denver (1)	W, 3-0	30-28, 33-31, 30-20
	at Illinois State (1)	L, 0-3	21-30, 16-30, 25-30
10	vs. Georgia State (2)	W, 3-2	30-26, 30-32, 30-28, 27-30, 15-7
	vs. Weber State (2)	W, 3-1	30-14, 30-24, 25-30, 30-28
11	vs. Grambling State (2)	W, 3-0	30-15, 30-24, 30-24
	at Lamar (2)	W, 3-0	32-30, 30-22, 30-21
14	CREIGHTON	L, 0-3	23-30, 26-30, 18-30
17	EASTERN WASHINGTON (3)	L, 1-3	27-30, 26-30, 30-26, 25-30
18	FURMAN (3)	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-24, 30-14
	CHICAGO STATE (3)	W, 3-0	30-27, 30-23, 30-20
24	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
25	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	at Penn State		7 p.m.
2	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
5	at Northern Iowa		7 p.m.
8	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
9	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
13	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
15	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
22	at Purdue		7 p.m.
23	at Indiana		7 p.m.
29	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
30	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
5	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
6	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
12	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
13	at Michigan		7 p.m.
18	INDIANA		7 p.m.
21	PURDUE		2 p.m.
24	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
27	at Illinois		7 p.m.

(1) Illinois State Tournament, Normal, Ill.
(2) Lamar University Cardinal Classic, Beaumont, Texas
(3) Hawkeye Holiday Inn Classic, Iowa City, Iowa



MICHIGAN wolverines
9-1 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
1	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-20, 35-33
3	vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore (1)	W, 3-0	30-18, 30-22, 30-17
4	at Manhattan (1)	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-18, 30-17
	vs. American (1)	W, 3-1	27-30, 30-25, 30-22, 30-27
10	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2)	W, 3-0	32-30, 30-26, 30-17
11	OAKLAND (2)	W, 3-0	30-10, 30-12, 30-18
	FLORIDA STATE (2)	W, 3-0	30-25, 30-22, 30-21
17	VIRGINIA TECH (3)	W, 3-0	30-16, 30-18, 30-24
	WESTERN MICHIGAN (3)	L, 2-3	30-27, 30-25, 27-30, 27-30, 14-16
18	TENNESSEE (3)	W, 3-1	30-27, 19-30, 30-23, 30-20
24	at Iowa		7 p.m.
25	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
28	NOTRE DAME		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	PURDUE		7 p.m.
2	INDIANA		6 p.m.
6	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
8	at Illinois		7 p.m.
15	at Penn State		7 p.m.
16	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
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19	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
20	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
26	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
27	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.

(1) Manhattan College Invitational, Riverdale, N.Y.
(2) Michigan/Pepsi Challenge, Ann Arbor, Mich.
(3) Michigan/Nike Challenge, Ann Arbor, Mich.



MICHIGAN STATE spartans
5-3 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
3	OHIO (1)	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-22, 30-27
4	ST. JOHN'S (1)	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-24, 30-24
	FLORIDA A&M (1)	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-25, 30-23
10	vs. Arkansas (2)	W, 3-1	29-31, 30-24, 30-22, 30-20
	at Wichita State (2)	W, 3-2	25-30, 30-23, 32-34, 30-27, 15-11
11	vs. #6 Washington (2)	L, 0-3	14-30, 17-30, 27-30
17	vs. Notre Dame (3)	L, 1-3	30-22, 24-30, 30-21, 30-19
18	at South Carolina (3)	L, 2-3	30-22, 30-21, 21-30, 25-30, 15-6
19	vs. #1 USC (3)		CANCELLED
24	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
25	at Iowa		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	INDIANA		7 p.m.
2	PURDUE		7 p.m.
6	at Michigan		7 p.m.
9	at Illinois		7 p.m.
15	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
16	at Penn State		7 p.m.
22	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
23	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
27	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
29	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
5	at Purdue		7 p.m.
6	at Indiana		7 p.m.
12	IOWA		7 p.m.
13	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
19	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
20	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
26	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
27	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.

(1) Coca-Cola/MSU Volleyball Invitational, East Lansing, Mich.
(2) Wichita State Tournament, Wichita, Kan.
(3) South Carolina Invitational, Columbia, S.C.



MINNESOTA golden gophers
10-1 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
AUGUST			
27	at #11 Colorado State (1)	W, 3-1	23-30, 30-24, 30-22, 30-27
28	vs. #1 USC (1)	L, 2-3	30-25, 30-32, 30-26, 28-30, 12-15
SEPTEMBER			
3	vs. Texas-San Antonio (2)	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-18, 30-24
	vs. Idaho State (2)	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-19, 30-18
4	at Wyoming (2)	W, 3-0	30-17, 30-24, 30-20
10	#15 KANSAS STATE (3)	W, 3-2	30-28, 26-30, 26-30, 30-27, 15-13
11	#4 FLORIDA (3)	W, 3-2	30-22, 28-30, 26-30, 30-18, 17-15
12	NORTHERN IOWA (3)	W, 3-1	26-30, 30-25, 32-30, 30-24
17	vs. Rice (4)	W, 3-2	30-23, 30-32, 26-30, 30-28, 15-11
18	vs. Loyola Marymount (4)	W, 3-0	32-30, 30-20, 30-23
	at North Carolina (4)	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-22, 30-12
20	CINCINNATI		7 p.m.
24	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
25	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
OCTOBER			
1	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
2	at Penn State		7 p.m.
8	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
9	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
13	at Iowa		7 p.m.
16	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
22	at Indiana		7 p.m.
23	at Purdue		7 p.m.
29	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
30	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
5	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
6	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
12	at Michigan		7 p.m.
13	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
19	PURDUE		7 p.m.
20	INDIANA		7 p.m.
24	IOWA		7 p.m.
26	at Illinois		7 p.m.

(1) NACWAA Tournament, Colorado Springs, Colo.
(2) Wyoming Tournament, Laramie, Wyo.
(3) Diet Coke Classic, Minneapolis, Minn.
(4) North Carolina Tournament, Chapel Hill, N.C.

**NORTHWESTERN wildcats**
5-5 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
4	IPFW (1)	W, 3-2	26-30, 30-27, 29-31, 22-30, 15-13
5	BOWLING GREEN (1)	W, 3-0	30-28, 26-30, 17-30
	#4 FLORIDA (1)	L, 0-3	24-30, 20-30, 14-30
10	at Loyola (2)	L, 0-3	22-30, 24-30, 28-30
11	vs. DePaul (2)	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-18, 31-29
	vs. Illinois-Chicago (2)	W, 3-1	33-35, 30-22, 30-22, 30-17
14	at #21 Long Beach State	L, 0-3	28-30, 23-30, 24-30
17	VILLANOVA (3)	W, 3-0	30-16, 30-24, 30-23
	WESTERN KENTUCKY (3)	L, 1-3	28-30, 30-17, 29-31, 24-30
18	#13 STANFORD (3)	L, 0-3	17-30, 23-30, 18-30
24	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
25	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
29	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
8	at Iowa		7 p.m.
9	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
15	PURDUE		7 p.m.
16	INDIANA		7 p.m.
22	at Michigan		7 p.m.
23	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
29	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
30	IOWA		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
6	at Illinois		7 p.m.
12	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
13	at Penn State		7 p.m.
19	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
20	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
26	at Indiana		7 p.m.
27	at Purdue		7 p.m.

- (1) NU Labor Day Invite, Evanston, Ill.
 (2) Loyola's Chicago Challenge, Chicago, Ill.
 (3) Wildcat Classic, Evanston, Ill.

**OHIO STATE buckeyes**
10-0 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
1	DAYTON	W, 3-0	30-17, 30-16, 30-15
3	at Temple (1)	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-17, 30-22
4	vs. North Carolina (1)	W, 3-1	30-23, 23-30, 30-25, 30-28
	vs. Western Michigan (1)	W, 3-1	30-27, 30-21, 29-31, 30-21
11	vs. Xavier (2)	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-18, 30-22
12	at #21 Georgia Tech (2)	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-28, 30-28
14	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 3-0	30-11, 30-25, 30-20
17	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (3)	W, 3-0	30-15, 30-23, 30-23
	NORTHEASTERN (3)	W, 3-1	29-31, 30-17, 30-22, 30-20
18	MONTANA STATE (3)	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-23, 30-24
24	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
25	at Northwestern		7 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
2	IOWA		7 p.m.
8	at Indiana		7 p.m.
9	at Purdue		7 p.m.
15	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
16	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
20	at Penn State		7 p.m.
23	at Illinois		7 p.m.
29	PURDUE		7 p.m.
30	INDIANA		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at Iowa		7 p.m.
6	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
12	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
13	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
17	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
19	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
26	at Michigan		7 p.m.
27	at Michigan State		7 p.m.

- (1) Temple Tournament, Philadelphia, Pa.
 (2) Georgia Tech Invitational, Atlanta, Ga.
 (3) Buckeye Classic, Columbus, Ohio

**PENN STATE nittany lions**
9-0 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
3	RUTGERS (1)	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-25, 30-18
4	QUINNIPIAC (1)	W, 3-0	30-11, 30-5, 30-16
	BRIGHAM YOUNG (1)	W, 3-1	30-26, 27-30, 30-17, 30-11
9	vs. San Francisco (2)	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-20, 30-24
10	at #12 Stanford (2)	W, 3-2	31-29, 23-30, 30-25, 26-30, 15-12
11	vs. Eastern Washington (2)	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-26, 30-14
17	MARYLAND-BALTIMORE CO. (3)	W, 3-0	30-14, 30-12, 30-12
18	YALE (3)	W, 3-0	30-16, 30-14, 30-11
	WEST VIRGINIA (3)	W, 3-0	30-18, 30-20, 30-18
24	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
26	at Wisconsin		1 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	IOWA		7 p.m.
2	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.
8	at Purdue		7 p.m.
9	at Indiana		7 p.m.
15	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
16	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
20	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
22	at Illinois		7 p.m.
29	INDIANA		7 p.m.
30	PURDUE		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
6	at Iowa		7 p.m.
12	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
13	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
17	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
20	ILLINOIS		7 p.m.
26	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
27	at Michigan		7 p.m.

- (1) Penn State Invitational, University Park, Pa.
 (2) Stanford Invitational, Palo Alto, Calif.
 (3) Penn State Classic, University Park, Pa.

**PURDUE boilermakers**
7-3 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
1	BUTLER	W, 3-1	28-30, 30-25, 30-21, 30-25
3	vs. #12 Georgia Tech (1)	W, 3-1	30-27, 30-26, 27-30, 30-28
4	vs. Missouri (1)	W, 3-2	17-30, 33-31, 25-30, 30-24, 15-9
10	vs. Tennessee-Martin (2)	W, 3-0	30-17, 30-18, 30-19
11	vs. Wake Forest (2)	L, 0-3	22-30, 19-30, 27-30
	at Tennessee (2)	L, 1-3	30-28, 23-30, 24-30, 23-30
14	VALPARAISO	W, 3-1	30-16, 30-17, 28-30, 30-26
17	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (3)	W, 3-0	30-18, 30-15, 30-24
18	EAST TENNESSEE STATE (3)	W, 3-0	30-12, 30-22, 30-16
	KENTUCKY (3)	L, 2-3	30-24, 21-30, 31-33, 30-25, 15-17
22	INDIANA		7 p.m.
24	at Illinois		7 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	at Michigan		7 p.m.
2	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
8	PENN STATE		7 p.m.
9	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
15	at Northwestern		7 p.m.
16	at Wisconsin		7 p.m.
22	IOWA		7 p.m.
23	MINNESOTA		8 p.m.
29	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
30	at Penn State		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
6	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
10	at Indiana		7 p.m.
13	ILLINOIS		8 p.m.
19	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
21	at Iowa		2 p.m.
26	WISCONSIN		7 p.m.
27	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.

- (1) Badger Challenge, Madison, Wis.
 (2) Lady Vols Classic, Knoxville, Tenn.
 (3) Mortar Board Premier, West Lafayette, Ind.

**WISCONSIN badgers**
6-2 (0-0, Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Time/Score
SEPTEMBER			
3	MISSOURI (1)	L, 1-3	19-30, 30-25, 35-37, 13-30
4	#12 GEORGIA TECH (1)	W, 3-2	30-22, 26-30, 30-22, 19-30, 20-18
10	vs. Denver (2)	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-21, 30-19
	at Kansas (2)	L, 1-3	21-30, 26-30, 31-29, 22-30
11	vs. Rhode Island (2)	W, 3-1	30-28, 21-30, 30-20, 30-20
17	VIRGINIA (3)	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-20, 30-21
18	MARSHALL (3)	W, 3-0	30-13, 30-19, 30-24
	CINCINNATI (3)	W, 3-0	30-25, 30-25, 30-20
24	OHIO STATE		7 p.m.
26	PENN STATE		1 p.m.
29	at Northwestern		7 p.m.

OCTOBER

3	ILLINOIS		1 p.m.
8	at Minnesota		7 p.m.
9	at Iowa		7 p.m.
15	INDIANA		7 p.m.
16	PURDUE		7 p.m.
22	at Michigan State		7 p.m.
23	at Michigan		7 p.m.
29	IOWA		7 p.m.
30	MINNESOTA		7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	NORTHWESTERN		7 p.m.
5	at Illinois		7 p.m.
12	at Penn State		7 p.m.
13	at Ohio State		7 p.m.
19	MICHIGAN		7 p.m.
20	MICHIGAN STATE		7 p.m.
26	at Purdue		7 p.m.
27	at Indiana		7 p.m.

- (1) Badger Challenge, Madison, Wis.
 (2) Kansas Invitational, Lawrence, Kan.
 (3) InnTowner Invitational, Madison, Wis.