

NATION-LEADING SEVEN BIG TEN SQUADS HEAD TO
NCAA TOURNAMENT; POSTSEASON HONORS
ANNOUNCED; PENN STATE WINS BIG TEN TITLE

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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	
1. PENN STATE	18	2	.900	27	2	.931	4-2	9-0	14-2	11-0	2-0	10-0	W11
2. OHIO STATE	17	3	.850	27	3	.900	3-3	10-0	13-1	11-2	3-0	8-2	W3
MINNESOTA	17	3	.850	28	4	.875	8-2	11-1	14-1	9-2	5-1	8-2	W7
4. WISCONSIN	13	7	.650	19	9	.679	2-5	6-2	12-3	5-6	2-0	6-4	W1
5. ILLINOIS	11	9	.550	19	10	.655	2-5	8-1	10-3	5-7	4-0	5-5	W1
6. MICHIGAN	9	11	.450	19	12	.613	1-5	9-1	12-6	5-6	2-0	4-6	L2
PURDUE	9	11	.450	16	14	.533	3-6	7-3	9-6	4-7	3-1	5-5	L1
8. MICHIGAN STATE	7	13	.350	12	16	.429	1-8	5-3	8-5	3-9	1-2	5-5	L3
9. NORTHWESTERN	5	15	.250	10	20	.333	0-11	5-5	5-11	3-9	2-0	3-7	W2
10. INDIANA	2	18	.100	8	23	.348	0-8	6-5	4-13	2-10	2-0	0-10	L10
IOWA	2	18	.100	10	22	.313	0-8	8-4	4-10	1-12	5-0	1-9	L3

* USA Today/CSTV Coaches Poll

NATION-LEADING SEVEN SQUADS EARN NCAA BIDS

The NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee announced Sunday that a nation-leading seven Big Ten teams were among the 64-team field selected for the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. It marks the second-highest number of NCAA postseason participants in League history, behind the record total of eight, set in 1999 and 2002. Big Ten champion Penn State earned the Conference's automatic berth, while Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio State, Purdue and Wisconsin all earned at-large invitations. Four Big Ten squads earned top-15 seeds, with three Conference teams seeded in the top-five. The Nittany Lions earned the second seed overall, followed by No. 4 Minnesota and No. 5 Ohio State. Penn State is one of just four teams (Pacific, Stanford, UC Santa Barbara) to have earned bids to all 24 championships.



By earning the No. 2 seed, fourth-ranked Penn State (27-2, 18-2 Big Ten) enters the tournament with its highest seed since it was ranked No. 1 in 1999. The Nittany Lions will host Patriot League Champion American (24-6) on Friday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. Penn State reached the National Championship match in three consecutive Tournaments, from 1997-1999, and captured the Big Ten's only national title in 1999.

No. 4 seed Minnesota (28-4, 17-3) heads to New Haven, Connecticut, to battle Long Island (32-6) in the first round on Thursday, December 2. For the first time in school history, the fifth-ranked Golden Gophers were awarded a No. 1 regional seed. Minnesota's fourth seed is also their highest in school history. The Gophers, who are making their 10th NCAA Tournament appearance, have advanced to the regional semifinals in four of the last five seasons, including the first national semifinal appearance in school history last season. This year, Minnesota's 17 League wins tied a school-record, while 28 wins tied for the second-best regular season win total in school history.

Fifth-seeded Ohio State (27-3, 17-3) will host Dayton (23-8) on Friday. The eighth-ranked Buckeyes, who were last in the tournament in 2002, make their 13th overall NCAA appearance. OSU has advanced to regional play nine times and was a participant in the national semifinals in 1991 and 1994.

No. 14-seed Wisconsin (19-9, 13-7) plays host to Loyola (21-8) on Friday at 7 p.m. The Badgers make their 13th overall and ninth consecutive appearance in the NAAs. Wisconsin has not played at home in the tournament since 2002 when it topped Alabama A&M, 3-0, in the first round before falling to Miami (Fla.).

Illinois (19-10, 11-9) will play Louisville (28-2) in the opening round at 4 p.m. Friday in Columbia, Missouri. In 15 prior trips to the NCAA Tournament, the Fighting Illini have advanced to 11 regional semifinals, including two under head coach Don Hardin in 1998 and 2003. Hardin has led Illinois to NCAA berths in 1998, 1999, 2001, and 2003.

Michigan (19-12, 9-11) earned its third consecutive and fifth tournament bid in the last six seasons. The Wolverines will face Rice (25-4) in the first round on Friday at 5 p.m. on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

Purdue (16-14, 9-11), which qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1990, will face Colorado State in Fort Collins on Thursday at 7 p.m. MST. The Boilermakers topped three Top 25 teams during the season, including Georgia Tech and Illinois, as well as No. 14 seed Wisconsin and No. 16 seed Missouri. Purdue's 16-14 regular season record is its best since 1992.

Teams winning both matches will move on to regional play December 10 and 11. The pre-determined regional sites are Louisville, Kentucky; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Seattle, Washington. The regional winners will advance to the semifinals and final hosted by Long Beach State University at Long Beach Arena in Long Beach, California on December 16 and 18.

THE BIG TEN IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Long Island vs. #4 MINNESOTA [1] 5:30 p.m.
PURDUE at #9 Colorado State [2] 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

#19 Louisville vs. ILLINOIS [3] 4 p.m.
Rice vs. MICHIGAN [6] 5 p.m.
Dayton at #7 OHIO STATE [4] 7 p.m.
American at #3 PENN STATE [7] 7 p.m.
Loyola (Chicago) at WISCONSIN [5] 7 p.m.
#4 MINNESOTA vs. Yale/Albany [1] 7 p.m.
PURDUE vs. Colorado/#2 Hawaii [2] 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

ILLINOIS vs. Arkansas/#24 Missouri [3] 6 p.m.
MICHIGAN vs. Texas State/#11 Texas [6] 6:30 p.m.
#25 Ohio/Pittsburgh at #7 OHIO STATE [4] 7 p.m.
Valparaiso/Notre Dame at WISCONSIN [5] 7 p.m.
Towson/Maryland at #3 PENN STATE [7] 7 p.m.

[1] - NCAA First/Second Round, New Haven, Conn.
[2] - NCAA First/Second Round, Fort Collins, Colo.
[3] - NCAA First/Second Round, Columbia, Mo.
[4] - NCAA First/Second Round, Columbus, Ohio
[5] - NCAA First/Second Round, Madison, Wis.
[6] - NCAA First/Second Round, Austin, Texas
[7] - NCAA First/Second Round, State College, Pa.

* Should Big Ten Teams Win First Round Game
All Times Local

FIRST & SECOND ROUND SCHEDULE

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY REGIONAL

December 3-4 at Nebraska
Wichita State (24-5) vs. Nevada (21-9)
Iona (19-15) vs. Nebraska (27-1)

December 3-4 at Missouri
Louisville (21-10) vs. ILLINOIS (19-10)
Arkansas (17-15) vs. Missouri (19-8)

December 3-4 at San Diego
UC Irvine (18-10) vs. Arizona (18-10)
New Mexico State (29-2) vs. San Diego (22-4)

December 2-3 at USC
Cal State Northridge (17-10) vs. Kansas State (19-10)
College of Charleston (26-5) vs. USC (19-5)

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA REGIONAL

December 3-4 at Ohio State
Ohio (28-2) vs. Pittsburgh (21-10)
Dayton (23-8) vs. OHIO STATE (27-3)

December 3-4 at Tennessee
Winthrop (31-3) vs. Texas A&M (18-8)
Eastern Kentucky (27-4) vs. Tennessee (30-2)

December 3-4 at Georgia Tech
Alabama A&M (20-5) vs. UC Santa Barbara (23-3)
Georgia (18-11) vs. Georgia Tech (25-6)

December 2-3 at Yale
Long Island (32-6) vs. MINNESOTA (28-4)
Yale (17-7) vs. Albany (New York) (27-6)

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN REGIONAL

December 2-3 at Colorado State
Colorado (14-13) vs. Hawaii (28-0)
PURDUE (16-14) vs. Colorado State (26-3)

December 3-4 at Wisconsin
Valparaiso (29-4) vs. Notre Dame (20-8)
Loyola (Illinois) (21-8) vs. WISCONSIN (19-9)

December 3-4 at Florida A&M
Jacksonville (15-12) vs. Stanford (24-6)
Florida A&M (28-2) vs. Florida (27-4)

December 3-4 at Texas
Rice (25-4) vs. MICHIGAN (19-12)
Texas State (27-5) vs. Texas (24-4)

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON REGIONAL

December 3-4 at Washington
Kansas (18-11) vs. Santa Clara (18-8)
Idaho (17-12) vs. Washington (24-2)

December 2-3 at California
Sacramento State (24-7) vs. St. Mary's (Calif.) (23-3)
Pacific (19-9) vs. California (16-11)

December 3-4 at UCLA
Utah (24-6) vs. Long Beach State (23-6)
Loyola Marymount (17-11) vs. UCLA (18-10)

December 3-4 at Penn State
Towson (25-8) vs. Maryland (17-14)
American (24-6) vs. PENN STATE (27-2)

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

- The **Big Ten** will send a nation-leading seven League teams to the NCAA Championship. The Big 12 will also field seven teams.
- This season marks the fifth time in League history the **Big Ten** has had seven or more teams selected to the NCAA Championship. The League sent a record eight teams to the NAAs in 1999 and 2002 and boasted seven NCAA participants in 1995 and 2003.
- The League is 25-14 (.641) when seven teams participate in the tournament. In addition, the Big Ten is 51-30 (.630) with six participants and 22-15 (.595) when eight teams advance to postseason play.
- The **Big Ten** holds an overall NCAA Championship record of 156-101 (.607), dating back to 1981. The Conference has boasted a combined winning percentage of .600 or higher in 10 of the last 12 years and a .500 or better record in each of the past 13 tournaments.
- Ironically, this year's opening match between **Illinois** and Louisville, is a rematch of the second round match from last season where the Illini defeated the Cardinals in three games. Dayton, which defeated Michigan State in five games last year, faces **Ohio State** in the opening round on Friday. In addition, 10 other non-conference opponents could potentially face a Big Ten team for the second-straight year.
- Three Conference teams -- **Ohio State**, **Penn State** and **Wisconsin** -- will serve as host for first and second round action this year. **Minnesota** will host the third and fourth rounds in the Minneapolis Regional.
- During the two years in which the Big Ten fielded seven teams, **Wisconsin** claimed the National Intercollegiate Volleyball Championship (NIVC) in 1995 with a win over CSU-Sacramento and **Minnesota** earned the school's first-ever national semifinal appearance in 2003, before falling to eventual two-time defending champion USC.
- In 1999, **Penn State** (36-1) became the lone school in the League to win the NCAA Championship.
- Of the seven Big Ten squads in the NCAA field, five have a .500 winning percentage or better, led by **Penn State** at .651 (41-22) over 23 years. **Minnesota** makes its 10th appearance with a 16-9 record (.640), followed by **Wisconsin's** 12-year mark of 20-12 (.625). **Ohio State's** record of 20-14 (.588) spans 14 years, while **Illinois** is 21-15 (.583) over 15 seasons. **Purdue** is 6-7 (.462) in seven years and **Michigan** is 4-5 (.444) over five.

BIG TEN VS. TOP 25 TEAMS

10-5 VS. NON-CONFERENCE

#1 (1-1) #1 USC def. #5 MINN, 2-3 8/28/04	#13 (0-1) #13 Stanford def. NU, 3-0 9/18/04
#16 ILL def. #1 USC, 3-2 9/11/04	#15 (1-0) #5 MINN def. #15 Kansas St., 3-2 9/10/04
#4 (1-1) #4 Florida def. NU, 0-3 9/5/04	#20 (1-0) #1 MINN def. #20 LMU, 3-0 9/18/04
#5 MINN def. #4 Florida, 3-2 9/11/04	#21 (1-1) OSU def. #21 Georgia Tech, 3-0 9/12/04
#6 (0-1) #6 Washington def. MSU, 0-3 9/11/04	#21 Long Beach St. def. NU, 3-0 9/14/04
#11 (1-0) #5 MINN def. #11 Colorado St., 3-1 8/27/04	#22 (1-0) MICH def. #22 Tennessee, 3-1 9/18/04
#12 (3-0) PUR def. #12 Georgia Tech, 3-1 9/3/04 WIS def. #12 Georgia Tech, 3-2 9/4/04	
#7 PSU def. #12 Stanford, 3-2 9/10/04	

2004 BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL POSTSEASON HONORS

Two of the nation's most dominant offensive and defensive standouts - Ohio State's **Stacey Gordon** and Minnesota's **Paula Gentil** - have been tabbed by Conference coaches as the 2004 Big Ten Player and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively. League officials announced Tuesday (November 30). Penn State's **Kate Price** was selected as Big Ten Freshman of the Year, while Ohio State mentor **Jim Stone** was tabbed by both his peers and the media as Coach of the Year. In addition to individual honors, 17 student-athletes were named to All-Big Ten Teams, while six newcomers were selected to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Eleven honorees were also selected for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.

Gordon and Gentil both rewrote the Conference record books this season as the Buckeye senior set the Big Ten career-kill record while Gentil broke the all-time Conference record for digs in just her junior campaign. After setting the League's single-season record with 6.62 kills per game last year, the Oshawa, Ontario, native has shattered her own record with her current average of 7.00, which is tops in the nation. In mid-October, the 5-10 outside hitter broke the Conference's career-kill mark of 2,379, established by Minnesota's Nicole Branagh from 1997-2000. Gordon currently has 2,708 kills for her career, which is fifth on the NCAA Division I career kills list. She stands 21 kills behind No. 4 Michelle Collier (1998-2002) of South Florida who has 2,729. She ranked fifth in hitting percentage at .331 and was eighth in digs with a 4.13 per game average. Gordon was the only hitter to be ranked in the top-10 in digs. The Big Ten Player of the Week five times this season, she has won the award 16 times in her career. She is the sixth Ohio State student-athlete to become the Player of the Year and is the only OSU player to win the honor twice, taking the honor as a sophomore. Gordon is only the fourth player to win the award more than once.

Gentil, a junior libero for the Golden Gophers, earns her third-straight Defensive Player of the Year honor after setting the Big Ten's all-time record for career digs with 1,947, bettering the previous record of 1,931, set by Janet Moylan of Iowa from 1987-90. Three weeks ago, Gentil shattered her Big Ten single-season digs record of 656, which she set last year, and currently stands at 751. The native of Fortaleza Ceara', Brazil, is just the third player in Big Ten history to record 1,900 digs and is on pace to become the first to eclipse the 2,000-dig plateau. Earlier this season, Gentil, who currently has the nation's third-best average of 6.53 digs per game, broke her own school record with 39 digs in a 3-0 sweep of Michigan on September 25, bettering her previous high of 37 against then-No. 1 USC on August 28 in five games. Gentil's school record marked just the first time a League player had recorded 39 or more digs in a match since October 20, 1990. She has helped lead her Gophers to a 28-4 record, including a No. 1 ranking earlier in the season, a second-place tie with Ohio State in the final League standings at 17-3, and the fourth-seed in the NCAA Championship.

Penn State also earned a three-peat of its own as it now stakes claim to its third-consecutive Big Ten Freshman of the Year in Price. Current Nittany Lions Sam Tortorello (2002) and Cassy Salyer (2003) were tabbed the League's best newcomers the past two seasons. A native of Fraser, Mich., Price has helped lead the Nittany Lions to a 27-2 overall record, their second-straight outright Big Ten title after finishing 18-2 in League play, and a No. 2 seed in the upcoming NCAA Championship. The 6-2 outside hitter, who ranks first on the team with 3.93 kills per game and has recorded six double-doubles, set the tone early in her freshman campaign. In her first collegiate road weekend, Price earned MVP honors at the Stanford Invitational after a dominating performance against then-No. 12 Stanford when she posted a career high 28 kills. It marked the first time since the 2002 season that a Penn State player had recorded 28 or more kills, and only the third time in Penn State rally-scoring-era history that the mark had been reached.

Stone becomes the first Big Ten coach since Minnesota's Mike Hebert in 2002 to earn outright Coach of the Year honors by both the League mentors and the media. This season marks the fourth year Stone has been honored by the League, as he was a coaches' and media selection in 1989 and 1991 and the media's pick in 1994. Earlier this year, Stone captured his 500th career win and then led his Buckeyes to a school-record 19-0 start and a No. 7 national ranking. After finishing ninth in the League last season at 5-15, Stone's troops tied for second in 2004 at 17-3 and 27-3 overall. The fifth-seeded Buckeyes will make their 13th overall NCAA appearance later this week.

This season's All-Big Ten is made up of nine first-time selections and four returnees, including unanimous selections in Ohio State's Gordon, Minnesota's Gentil, Penn State's Tortorello and Michigan State's **Kim Schram**. Illinois' **Jessica Belter** and Wisconsin's **Sheila Shaw** were also unanimous selections. Gordon is just the sixth player in League history and the first since Penn State's Bonnie Bremner and Lauren Caccliamani from 1996-99 to be selected All-Big Ten in each of her four years. Eight of the 11 League schools were represented on the All-Big Ten Team, led by Minnesota and Penn State with three selections each. In addition to Gentil, the Gophers' **Erin Martin** and **Kelly Bowman** were selected, while **Kaleena Walters** and Syndie Nadeau joined Tortorello from the Nittany Lions.

Along with Price, five newcomers were selected by the League coaches to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team. Outside hitter **Katie Bruzdinski** of Michigan joins middle blockers **Jen Hynds** of Illinois and Ohio State's **Ami Stevens** on the squad. A pair of setters, Michigan State's **Maggie Griffin** and Wisconsin's **Jackie Simpson**, were also honored.

The Conference office also announced honorees from each team for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. The student-athletes chosen are individuals who have distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. In addition, the student-athletes must be in good academic standing and have demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting. Honorees for volleyball are **Erin Virtue** of Illinois, **Katie Pollom** of Indiana, **Pam Kavadas** of Iowa, **Erin Cobler** of Michigan, Griffin of Michigan State, **Meredith Nelson** of Minnesota, **Lauren Greenwood** of Northwestern, **Briana McCarthy** of Ohio State, **Tabitha Eshleman** of Penn State, **Daren Poe** of Purdue and **Jill Odenthal** of Wisconsin. These 11 student-athletes are now candidates for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award, as the Conference office will honor one male and one female student-athlete from each institution at the end of the school year.

A complete listing of the 2004 All-Big Ten Team and individual honors follows.

ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

Jessica Belter, Sr., OH, Illinois*
Lisa Gamalski, Sr., S, Michigan
Kim Schram, Sr., OH, Michigan State*
KELLY BOWMAN, So., S, Minnesota
PAULA GENTIL, Jr., LIB, Minnesota*
Erin Martin, Sr., OH, Minnesota
Stacey Gordon, Sr., OH, Ohio State*
MARISA MAIN, So., S, Ohio State
Syndie Nadeau, Sr., OH, Penn State
SAM TORTORELLO, Jr., S, Penn State*
KALEENA WALTERS, Jr., LIB, Penn State
Kim McConaha, Sr., MB, Purdue
SHEILA SHAW, Jr., MB, Wisconsin*

ALL-BIG TEN HONORABLE MENTION

RACHEL VanMETER, Jr., OH, Illinois
Katie Pollom, Sr., MB, Indiana
RENATA DARGAN, Jr., S, Purdue
Jill Odenthal, Sr., OH, Wisconsin

BIG TEN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

JEN HYNDS, MB, Illinois
KATIE BRUZDZINSKI, OH, Michigan
MAGGIE GRIFFIN, S, Michigan State
AMI STEVENS, MB, Ohio State
KATE PRICE, OH, Penn State
JACKIE SIMPSON, S, Wisconsin

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Stacey Gordon, Ohio State

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PAULA GENTIL, Minnesota

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

KATE PRICE, Penn State

COACH OF THE YEAR (COACHES/MEDIA)

Jim Stone, Ohio State

* Unanimous Selection
Players in ALL CAPS have 2005 Eligibility
13 Players Named All-Big Ten Due to a Tie

USA TODAY/CSTV TOP 25 POLL

Rank	School (Votes)	Points	2004 Record	Last Week
1	Nebraska (30)	1,588	27-1	2
2	Hawaii (35)	1,572	28-0	1
3	PENN STATE	1,494	27-2	4
4	MINNESOTA	1,384	28-4	5
5	Washington	1,383	24-2	3
6	Stanford	1,258	24-6	7
7	OHIO STATE	1,219	27-3	8
8	Southern California	1,187	19-5	6
9	Colorado State	1,111	26-3	9
10	Tennessee	1,039	30-2	10
11	Texas	962	24-4	11
12	San Diego	845	22-4	13
13	Florida	832	27-4	12
14	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	722	23-3	15
15	UCLA	660	18-10	16
16	UC Santa Barbara	633	23-3	17
17	California	574	16-11	14
18	Texas A&M	493	18-8	18
19	Louisville	422	28-2	20
20	Utah	410	23-6	19
21	Arizona	382	18-10	21
22	Florida A&M	270	28-2	22
23	Kansas State	232	19-10	23
24	Missouri	131	19-8	24
25	Ohio	117	28-2	NR

Also receiving votes: Santa Clara 74, Georgia Tech 34, Wichita State 31, Rice 28, Long Beach State 17, Notre Dame 9, WISCONSIN 4, Pacific 3.

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	19	-	-	arv	-	1	-	16	4	arv	-
10/4	24	-	-	arv	-	3	-	9	6	arv	arv
10/11	23	-	-	arv	-	2	-	8	5	-	-
10/18	24	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	5	-	-
10/25	21	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	6	-	arv
11/1	25	-	-	-	-	5	-	7	6	-	arv
11/8	25	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	4	-	arv
11/15	arv	-	-	-	-	5	-	7	4	arv	arv
11/22	arv	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	4	-	arv
11/29	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	3	-	arv
12/6											
FINAL											

arv - also receiving votes

BIG TEN VS. NCAA LEADERS

Stats Through 11/28/04;
Top-30 List Compiled Every Wednesday

Assists Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	A	Per/G
1	Lindsey Laband, Ga. Tech	Jr.	97	1500	15.46
3	Marisa Main, OSU	So.	104	1535	14.76
8	Sam Tortorello, PSU	Jr.	99	1371	13.85
15	Stephanie Obermeier, ILL	Fr.	78	1047	13.42
17	Renata Dargan, PUR	Jr.	109	1458	13.38

Digs Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	D	Per/G
1	Becky Dreher, Oral Roberts	Sr.	117	821	7.02
3	Paula Gentil, MINN	Jr.	115	751	6.53
19	Kaleena Walters, PSU	Jr.	99	561	5.67

Kills Per Game

#	Name, Team	Cl	G	Kills	Per/G
1	Stacey Gordon, OSU	Sr.	103	721	7.00
22	Erin Martin, MINN	Sr.	116	586	5.05

Assists Per Game

#	Team	G	Assists	Per/G
1	Georgia Tech	103	1790	17.38
2	Ohio State	104	1753	16.86
3	Minnesota	116	1906	16.43
6	Penn State	99	1590	16.06
13	Purdue	114	1775	15.57
23	Wisconsin	101	1541	15.26

Blocks Per Game

#	Team	G	BS	BA	Per/G
1	Nebraska	92	78	589	4.05
15	Wisconsin	101	54	521	3.11
22	Penn State	99	76	446	3.02

Digs Per Game

#	Team	G	Digs	Per/G
1	Princeton	108	2259	20.92
4	Minnesota	116	2313	19.94
9	Penn State	99	1922	19.41

Hitting Percentage

#	Team	Kills	Err	TA	Pct.
1	Florida A&M	1615	383	3261	.378
3	Ohio State	1906	622	4098	.313
14	Penn State	1710	499	4266	.284

Kills Per Game

#	Team	G	Kills	Per/G
1	Georgia Tech	103	1928	18.72
2	Ohio State	104	1906	18.33
4	Minnesota	116	2052	17.69
8	Penn State	99	1710	17.27
18	Purdue	114	1921	16.85
28	Wisconsin	101	1659	16.43
30	Illinois	107	1754	16.39

BIG TEN SEASON NOTES

Penn State Claims Second Straight Outright Big Ten Title

No. 4 Penn State (27-2, 18-2 Big Ten) captured its second consecutive outright Big Ten title and its eighth in 14 years as it defeated Michigan in three games (30-26, 31-29, 30-23) Saturday night in Ann Arbor. The Nittany Lions improved to 27-2 and end the Conference with an 18-2 record, including an 11-match winning streak.

Minnesota's Hebert One Win Shy of 800

Minnesota head coach Mike Hebert stands just one win away from the 800th-victory milestone only seven total and four active coaches have ever reached. Hebert, in his ninth year at Minnesota, has recorded a career record of 799-338 (.703), as head coach of the Gophers, Illinois (1983-95), New Mexico (1980-82) and Pittsburgh (1976-79). Hebert is expected to eclipse the 800-win plateau in the NCAA Tournament.

Penn State head coach Russ Rose is also one of the four active coaches to have reached 800 wins as he eclipsed the mark in the Nittany Lions' season opener. On September 3, PSU swept Rutgers 3-0, to make Rose 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 (.846, Hawaii's Dave Shoji-.850) and third all-time in victories (826).

Three Conference Teams Rank Among Top 10

For the eighth time this season and only the ninth time in Big Ten history, three teams rank in the top 10 nationally. In the latest USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches Poll, Penn State is ranked No. 3, followed by Minnesota at No. 4 and No. 7 Ohio State. Wisconsin also received votes outside the top 25.

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.

Badgers Just Miss Big Ten Attendance Mark

Wisconsin barely missed setting the Big Ten volleyball record for attendance for the second year in a row. In 2004, Wisconsin totalled 46,026 fans in 10 Conference matches for an average of 4,603. The Badgers set the current record average of 4,649 in 2003.

Record Five Top-10 Meetings Highlight 2004-05 Season

On five occasions this season, two Conference teams ranked in the top 10 nationally battled against one another. Prior to this season, the most top-10 meetings that occurred in a single season was four in 1995. This instance has happened on 20 different occasions and was highlighted this season by the highest-ranked match in League history. Then-No. 1 Minnesota defeated fourth-ranked Penn State, 3-2, on October 2.

Big Ten Ranks Among Nation's Best

As of November 28, 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 (7.00), while teammate Marisa Main is third in the country in assists per game (14.76). Minnesota's Paula Gentil ranks third currently in digs with 6.53 per game. In team categories, Ohio State ranks second in the nation in assists per game (16.86) followed by Minnesota (16.43) at No. 3 and Penn State (16.06) at No. 6. OSU also holds the nation's second-best mark in kills per game (18.33) and is third in hitting percentage (.313).

ALL-TIME BIG TEN KILLS RECORD

TRACKING OHIO STATE'S STACEY GORDON
+ 329

Rank	Player	Years	Kills
1	Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	2001-Pres.	2,708
2	Nicole Branagh, Minnesota	1997-00	2,379
3	Katrien DeDecker, Minnesota	1993-96	2,300
4	Jenna Wrobel, Michigan State	1995-98	2,292
5	Andrea Gonzalez, Minnesota	1985-88	2,140

ALL-TIME BIG TEN DIGS RECORD

TRACKING MINNESOTA'S PAULA GENTIL
+ 50

Rank	Player	Years	Kills
1	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	2002-Pres.	1,981
2	Janet Moylan, Iowa	1987-90	1,931
3	Susan Wohlford, Wisconsin	1988-91	1,920
4	Jenny Rees, Iowa	1987-90	1,632
5	Becky Kanitz, Purdue	1985-88	1,564

SEASON BIG TEN DIGS RECORD

TRACKING MINNESOTA'S PAULA GENTIL
+ 95

Rank	Player	Year	Kills
1	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	2004	751
2	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	2003	656
3	Becky Kanitz, Purdue	1987	606

NATIONAL ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Compiled by Diane Nordstrom, University of Wisconsin
November 29, 2004

RANKED BY AVERAGE

	School	Avg.	Total	Matches
1.	Hawaii	7,135	121,292	17
2.	Nebraska	4,358	61,008	14
3.	WISCONSIN	4,218	63,268	15
4.	MINNESOTA	3,831	49,800	13
5.	Washington	3,185	28,661	9
6.	PENN STATE	2,572	41,156	16
7.	Florida	2,272	31,806	14
8.	Texas	1,902	24,728	13
9.	Colorado State	1,829	27,435	15
10.	ILLINOIS	1,824	20,059	11
11.	Texas A&M	1,755	24,570	14
12.	MICHIGAN STATE	1,707	18,772	11
13.	Pacific	1,706	22,176	13
14.	PURDUE	1,564	23,464	15
15.	Northern Iowa	1,548	20,126	13
16.	Illinois State	1,535	21,494	14
17.	Notre Dame	1,513	16,639	11
18.	Long Beach State	1,473	27,994	19
19.	Kansas State	1,453	18,892	13
20.	Arizona	1,394	16,725	12
21.	MICHIGAN	1,394	23,706	17
22.	Montana State	1,377	15,144	11
23.	Missouri	1,357	17,644	13
24.	OHIO STATE	1,225	17,151	14
25.	Stanford	1,204	14,454	12
26.	Wichita State	1,166	17,485	15
27.	BYU	1,163	17,441	15
28.	New Mexico State	1,152	16,135	14
29.	Eastern Washington	1,130	12,435	11
30.	Georgia Tech	1,060	12,724	12
31.	UCLA	1,044	10,437	10
32.	SW Missouri State	1,003	16,054	16
33.	Kansas	969	10,656	11
34.	Oregon	936	5,615	6

TOP MATCH ATTENDANCES

1.	10,927 - ILLINOIS AT MINNESOTA, 10-16
2.	9,875 - Nevada at Hawaii, 11-13
3.	8,656 - Pepperdine at Hawaii, 9-25
4.	8,048 - Fresno State at Hawaii, 11-5
5.	7,954 - UCLA at Hawaii, 9-11
6.	7,453 - Rice at Hawaii, 10-21
7.	7,385 - Boise State at Hawaii, 10-8
8.	7,276 - Iowa State at Nebraska, 10-16
9.	7,135 - San Jose State at Hawaii, 11-12
10.	6,926 - UC Irvine at Hawaii, 9-18
11.	6,855 - Tulsa at Hawaii, 10-22
12.	6,849 - Pepperdine at Hawaii, 9-24
13.	6,840 - California at Hawaii, 9-17
14.	6,696 - UTEP at Hawaii, 10-10
15.	6,661 - Arizona at Hawaii, 9-5
16.	6,311 - LSU at Florida, 10-15
17.	6,146 - San Diego at Hawaii, 9-3
18.	6,144 - Santa Clara at Hawaii, 9-10
19.	5,857 - Eastern Washington at Hawaii, 9-2
20.	5,778 - Michigan at Wisconsin, 11-19
21.	5,712 - Stanford at Washington, 10-23
22.	5,688 - USC at Washington, 11-26
23.	5,567 - ILLINOIS AT PENN STATE, 11-20
24.	5,626 - SW Missouri State at Hawaii, 9-9
25.	5,312 - Purdue at Minnesota, 11-19
26.	5,312 - Indiana at Minnesota, 11-20
27.	5,275 - Washington State at Arizona, 10-15
28.	5,136 - MINNESOTA AT WISCONSIN, 10-30
29.	5,031 - OHIO STATE AT MINNESOTA, 11-6
30.	4,937 - PENN STATE AT WISCONSIN, 10-26
31.	4,838 - PURDUE AT WISCONSIN, 10-16
32.	4,773 - Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, 11-12
33.	4,550 - MICHIGAN STATE AT WISCONSIN, 11-20
34.	4,520 - OHIO STATE AT WISCONSIN, 9-24
35.	4,406 - PENN STATE AT MINNESOTA, 11-5
36.	4,355 - INDIANA AT WISCONSIN, 10-15

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Six Big Ten Standouts Selected Academic All-District

Six Big Ten volleyball student-athletes have been honored by ESPN The Magazine and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as members of the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District University Division Women's Volleyball Team. To be nominated, student-athletes must be a starter or important reserve and carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher. The All-District team is part of the CoSIDA Academic All-America program. The following is a list of Big Ten student-athletes represented on All-District teams:

Kathleen Bazetta, Illinois
Senior, LIB, Naperville, Ill., Business

Stacey Gordon, Ohio State
Senior, OH, Oshawa, Ontario, Sports & Leisure Studies

Michelle Kopka, Michigan State
Senior, OH, Scarborough, Ontario, Human Biology

Daren Poe, Purdue
Senior, LIB, Martinsville, Ind., Accounting/Finance

Kim Schram, Michigan State
Senior, OH, London, Ontario, Supply Chain Mgmt.

Leah Wischmeier, Purdue
Junior, OH, Brownstown, Ind., Health Sciences

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
Mike Hebert, MINN	800	799, 1 left
Chuck Erbe, MSU	550	Set 10/27/04
Jim Stone, OSU	500	Set 9/17/04
Pete Waite, WIS	400	Set 9/17/04
Don Hardin, ILL	350	Set 11/5/04
Mark Rosen, MICH	300	Set 9/11/04

Coach, Team	School Win	Countdown
Mike Hebert, MINN	200	Set 8/27/04
Mark Rosen, MICH	100	Set 10/22/04
Cindy Fredrick, IOWA	1	Set 9/3/04

Coach, Team	Big Ten Win	Countdown
Mark Rosen, MICH	50	Set 10/6/04
Cindy Fredrick, IOWA	1	Set 9/25/04

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2004 BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 30	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	JR, Libero, Forteleaza 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
SEPTEMBER 27	Paula Gentil, Minnesota	JR, Libero, Forteleaza Ceara', Brazil/Lake Highland
OCTOBER 4	Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	SR, Outside Hitter, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada/Eastdale
OCTOBER 11	Jessica Belter, Illinois	SR, Outside Hitter, St. Peters, Mo./Zumwalt South
OCTOBER 18	Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	SR, Outside Hitter, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada/Eastdale
OCTOBER 25	* Kelly Bowman, Minnesota	SO, Setter, Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo
	Jackie Simpson, Wisconsin	FR, Setter, Downers Grove, Ill./South
NOVEMBER 1	Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	SR, Outside Hitter, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada/Eastdale
	Sheila Shaw, Wisconsin	JR, Middle Blocker, Muskego, Wis./Muskego
NOVEMBER 8	* Syndie Nadeau, Penn State	SR, Outside Hitter, St. Georges, Quebec/Cegep Beauce-Appalaches
NOVEMBER 15	Stacey Gordon, Ohio State	SR, Outside Hitter, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada/Eastdale
NOVEMBER 22	Maria Carlini, Wisconsin	SO, Outside Hitter, LaSalle, Ontario/Villanova
NOVEMBER 29	Syndie Nadeau, Penn State	SR, Outside Hitter, St. Georges, Quebec/Cegep Beauce-Appalaches

* AVCA National Player of the Week



ILLINOIS fighting illini
19-10 (11-9, 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, 13-15
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
18	at Arkansas (3)	W, 3-1	30-22, 29-31, 30-20, 31-29
24	PURDUE	L, 1-3	25-30, 25-30, 30-21, 28-30
25	INDIANA	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-21, 30-27
OCTOBER			
1	at Northwestern	W, 3-0	30-28, 30-20, 30-16
2	at Wisconsin	L, 1-3	28-30, 30-25, 24-30, 22-30
8	MICHIGAN	W, 3-2	28-30, 30-22, 30-16, 26-30, 15-12
9	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-0	30-27, 30-22, 30-19
15	at Iowa	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-22, 30-16
16	at #2 Minnesota	L, 1-3	22-30, 28-30, 30-28, 16-30
22	#5 PENN STATE	L, 1-3	18-30, 24-30, 32-30, 15-30
23	#7 OHIO STATE	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-22, 30-24
29	at Michigan State	L, 1-3	26-30, 30-22, 24-30, 22-30
30	at Michigan	W, 3-1	16-30, 30-28, 30-28, 30-28
NOVEMBER			
5	WISCONSIN	W, 3-0	30-27, 30-20, 32-30
6	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-1	23-30, 30-23, 30-27, 30-27
12	at Indiana	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-18, 30-22
13	at Purdue	L, 2-3	25-30, 30-24, 30-32, 31-29, 11-15
19	at #7 Ohio State	L, 2-3	24-30, 31-29, 28-30, 30-27, 8-15
20	at #4 Penn State	L, 0-3	21-30, 28-30, 19-30
26	MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	24-30, 26-30, 28-30
27	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-22, 30-25
DECEMBER			
3	vs. #19 Louisville (4)		4 p.m.

(1) Hurricane Frances Classic, Oxford, Ohio
 (2) State Farm Illini Classic, Champaign, Ill.
 (3) C&C Services Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.
 (4) NCAA First/Second Round, Columbia, Mo.



INDIANA hoosiers
8-23 (2-18, 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)	W, 3-0	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	L, 0-3	22-30, 20-30, 12-30
25	at #13 Illinois	L, 0-3	22-30, 21-30, 27-30
OCTOBER			
1	at Michigan State	L, 0-3	27-30, 27-30, 22-30
2	at Michigan	L, 2-3	30-25, 20-30, 30-22, 23-30, 13-15
8	#9 OHIO STATE	L, 1-3	22-30, 20-30, 30-27, 19-30
9	#6 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	15-30, 24-30, 15-30
15	at Wisconsin	L, 2-3	33-31, 23-30, 16-30, 30-22, 9-15
16	at Northwestern	W, 3-2	31-29, 22-30, 28-30, 30-27, 17-15
22	#2 MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	28-30, 15-30, 22-30
23	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-22, 30-24
29	at #6 Penn State	L, 0-3	18-30, 21-30, 27-30
30	at #7 Ohio State	L, 0-3	20-30, 20-30, 20-30
NOVEMBER			
5	MICHIGAN	L, 0-3	21-30, 21-30, 21-30
6	MICHIGAN STATE	L, 1-3	26-30, 23-30, 30-25, 22-30
10	PURDUE	L, 2-3	21-30, 31-29, 33-31, 19-30, 13-15
12	#25 ILLINOIS	L, 0-3	20-30, 18-30, 22-30
18	at Iowa	L, 2-3	16-30, 19-30, 30-27, 30-27, 13-15
20	at #5 Minnesota	L, 0-3	16-30, 12-30, 25-30
26	NORTHWESTERN	L, 2-3	31-29, 25-30, 30-26, 24-30, 14-16
27	WISCONSIN	L, 1-3	26-30, 26-30, 30-27, 27-30

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



IOWA hawkeyes
10-22 (2-18, 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	L, 0-3	35-37, 14-30, 23-30
25	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-1	30-25, 28-30, 30-17, 30-20
OCTOBER			
1	at #4 Penn State	L, 0-3	15-30, 17-30, 18-30
2	at #16 Ohio State	L, 0-3	24-30, 27-30, 27-30
5	at Northern Iowa	L, 1-3	21-30, 30-23, 27-30, 26-30
8	NORTHWESTERN	L, 2-3	22-30, 30-21, 30-28, 18-30, 10-15
9	WISCONSIN	L, 0-3	30-21, 30-24, 30-22
13	#2 MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	21-30, 16-30, 25-30
15	#23 ILLINOIS	L, 0-3	19-30, 22-30, 16-30
22	at Purdue	L, 0-3	16-30, 20-30, 19-30
23	at Indiana	L, 0-3	23-30, 22-30, 24-30
29	at Wisconsin	L, 0-3	18-30, 17-30, 20-30
30	at Northwestern	L, 0-3	23-30, 28-30, 16-30
NOVEMBER			
5	#7 OHIO STATE	L, 0-3	22-30, 20-30, 18-30
6	#6 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	23-30, 17-30, 19-30
12	at Michigan State	L, 0-3	25-30, 29-31, 28-30
13	at Michigan	L, 0-3	22-30, 19-30, 22-30
18	INDIANA	W, 3-2	30-16, 30-19, 27-30, 27-30, 15-13
21	PURDUE	L, 0-3	20-30, 19-30, 29-31
24	at Minnesota	L, 0-3	20-30, 10-30, 24-30
27	at Illinois	L, 0-3	21-30, 22-30, 25-30

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



MICHIGAN wolverines
19-12 (9-11, 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	W, 3-0	37-35, 30-14, 30-23
25	at #1 Minnesota	L, 0-3	30-26, 30-17, 30-27
28	NOTRE DAME	W, 3-1	30-23, 30-25, 27-30, 32-30
OCTOBER			
1	PURDUE	W, 3-1	30-23, 32-34, 31-29, 30-26
2	INDIANA	W, 3-2	25-30, 30-20, 22-30, 30-23, 15-13
6	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-1	30-19, 24-30, 31-29, 30-12
8	at #24 Illinois	L, 2-3	30-28, 22-30, 16-30, 30-26, 12-15
15	at #5 Penn State	L, 0-3	23-30, 21-30, 14-30
16	at #8 Ohio State	L, 1-3	22-30, 30-28, 24-30, 23-30
22	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-0	30-16, 34-32, 30-27
23	WISCONSIN	L, 1-3	29-31, 34-32, 23-30, 20-30
27	at Michigan State	L, 2-3	23-30, 30-28, 30-24, 19-30, 15-17
30	#21 ILLINOIS	L, 1-3	30-16, 28-30, 28-30, 28-30
NOVEMBER			
5	at Indiana	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-21, 30-21
6	at Purdue	W, 3-2	22-30, 21-30, 30-25, 30-19, 15-13
12	#5 MINNESOTA	L, 2-3	28-30, 35-33, 19-30, 30-20, 15-12
13	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-19, 30-22
19	at Wisconsin	L, 0-3	24-30, 29-31, 25-30
20	at Northwestern	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-26, 30-20
26	#8 OHIO STATE	L, 0-3	28-30, 24-30, 17-30
27	#4 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	26-30, 29-31, 23-30
DECEMBER			
3	vs. Rice (4)		5 p.m.

(1) Manhattan College Invitational, Riverdale, N.Y.
 (2) Michigan/Pepsi Challenge, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 (3) Michigan/Nike Challenge, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 (4) NCAA First/Second Round, Austin, Texas



MICHIGAN STATE spartans
12-16 (7-13, 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 #1 Minnesota	L, 0-3	16-30, 18-30, 19-30
25	at Iowa	L, 0-3	25-30, 30-28, 17-30, 20-30
OCTOBER			
1	INDIANA	W, 3-0	30-27, 30-27, 30-22
2	PURDUE	L, 2-3	26-30, 30-26, 30-28, 21-30, 6-15
6	at Michigan	L, 1-3	19-30, 30-24, 29-31, 12-30
9	at #24 Illinois	L, 0-3	27-30, 22-30, 19-30
15	at #8 Ohio State	L, 0-3	26-30, 23-30, 26-30
16	at #5 Penn State	L, 1-3	17-30, 24-30, 30-23, 22-30
22	WISCONSIN	L, 0-3	27-30, 23-30, 26-30
23	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-1	30-24, 30-27, 26-30, 30-25
27	MICHIGAN	W, 3-2	30-23, 28-30, 24-30, 30-19, 17-15
29	#21 ILLINOIS	W, 3-1	30-26, 22-30, 30-24, 30-22
NOVEMBER			
5	at Purdue	L, 1-3	22-30, 31-29, 30-32, 20-30
6	at Indiana	W, 3-1	30-26, 30-23, 25-30, 30-22
12	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-25, 31-29, 30-28
13	#5 MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	30-32, 20-30, 16-30
19	at Northwestern	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-24, 30-28
20	at Wisconsin	L, 1-3	30-20, 28-30, 27-30, 22-30
26	#4 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	28-30, 24-30, 21-30
27	#8 OHIO STATE	L, 0-3	24-30, 25-30, 20-30

(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
28-4 (17-3, 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	3



NORTHWESTERN wildcats
10-20 (5-15, 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	#4 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	25-30, 24-30, 24-30
25	#20 OHIO STATE	L, 0-3	23-30, 17-30, 25-30
29	WISCONSIN	L, 0-3	28-30, 20-30, 16-30
OCTOBER			
1	#19 ILLINOIS	L, 0-3	21-30, 17-30, 27-30
8	at Iowa	W, 3-2	30-22, 21-30, 28-30, 30-18, 15-10
9	at #3 Minnesota	L, 0-3	21-30, 26-30, 27-30
15	PURDUE	W, 3-1	30-22, 30-27, 18-30, 30-24
16	INDIANA	L, 2-3	29-31, 30-22, 30-28, 27-30, 15-17
22	at Michigan	L, 0-3	16-30, 32-24, 27-30
23	at Michigan State	L, 0-3	24-30, 27-30, 30-26, 25-30
29	#2 MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	17-30, 17-30, 24-30
30	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-28, 30-16
NOVEMBER			
3	at Wisconsin	L, 0-3	19-30, 19-30, 20-30
6	at #25 Illinois	L, 1-3	30-23, 23-30, 27-30, 27-30
12	at #8 Ohio State	L, 1-3	32-30, 20-30, 20-30, 11-30
13	at #4 Penn State	L, 0-3	17-30, 25-30, 8-30
19	MICHIGAN STATE	L, 0-3	22-30, 24-30, 28-30
20	MICHIGAN	L, 0-3	21-30, 26-30, 20-30
26	at Indiana	W, 3-2	29-31, 30-25, 26-30, 30-24, 16-14
27	at Purdue	W, 3-2	30-26, 24-30, 28-30, 30-28, 15-13

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



PURDUE boilermakers
16-14 (9-11, 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	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-20, 30-12
24	at #13 Illinois	W, 3-1	30-25, 30-25, 21-30, 30-28
OCTOBER			
1	at Michigan	L, 1-3	23-30, 34-32, 29-31, 26-30
2	at Michigan State	W, 3-2	30-26, 26-30, 28-30, 30-21, 15-6
8	#6 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	28-30, 27-30, 26-30
9	#9 OHIO STATE	L, 0-3	23-30, 26-30, 24-30
15	at Northwestern	L, 1-3	22-30, 27-30, 30-25, 24-30
16	at Wisconsin	L, 1-3	24-30, 28-30, 30-25, 18-30
22	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-16, 30-20, 30-19
23	#2 MINNESOTA	L, 0-3	16-30, 24-30, 24-30
29	at #7 Ohio State	L, 0-3	34-36, 23-30, 28-30
30	at #6 Penn State	L, 0-3	22-30, 19-30, 18-30
NOVEMBER			
5	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-1	30-22, 29-31, 32-30, 30-20
6	MICHIGAN	L, 2-3	30-22, 30-21, 25-30, 19-30, 13-15
10	at Indiana	W, 3-2	30-21, 29-31, 31-33, 30-19, 15-13
13	#25 ILLINOIS	W, 3-2	25-30, 30-24, 30-32, 31-29, 15-11
19	at #5 Minnesota	L, 0-3	24-30, 25-30, 23-30
21	at Iowa	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-19, 21-29
26	WISCONSIN	W, 3-1	26-30, 30-24, 30-25, 30-26
27	NORTHWESTERN	L, 2-3	26-30, 30-24, 30-28, 28-30, 13-15
DECEMBER			
2	at #9 Colorado State (4)		7 p.m.

- (1) Badger Challenge, Madison, Wis.
- (2) Lady Vols Classic, Knoxville, Tenn.
- (3) Mortar Board Premier, West Lafayette, Ind.
- (4) NCAA First/Second Round, Fort Collins, Colo.



OHIO STATE buckeyes
27-3 (17-3, 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	W, 3-1	30-20, 23-30, 30-18, 30-24
25	at Northwestern	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-17, 30-25
OCTOBER			
1	#1 MINNESOTA	W, 3-1	30-24, 30-23, 18-30, 30-24
2	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-27, 30-27
8	at Indiana	W, 3-1	30-22, 30-20, 27-30, 30-19
9	at Purdue	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-26, 30-24
15	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-23, 30-26
16	MICHIGAN	W, 3-1	30-22, 28-30, 30-24, 30-23
20	at #5 Penn State	W, 3-2	30-25, 22-30, 30-26, 26-30, 15-11
23	at #24 Illinois	L, 0-3	26-30, 22-30, 24-30
29	PURDUE	W, 3-0	36-34, 30-23, 30-28
31	INDIANA	W, 3-0	30-20, 30-20, 30-20
NOVEMBER			
5	at Iowa	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-20, 30-18
6	at #5 Minnesota	L, 1-3	19-30, 30-32, 30-21, 28-30
12	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-1	30-32, 30-20, 30-20, 30-11
13	WISCONSIN	W, 3-0	30-18, 32-30, 30-23
17	#4 PENN STATE	L, 1-3	28-30, 30-22, 19-30, 28-30
19	ILLINOIS	W, 3-2	30-24, 29-31, 30-28, 27-30, 15-8
26	at Michigan	W, 3-0	30-28, 30-24, 30-17
27	at Michigan State	W, 3-0	30-24, 30-25, 30-20
DECEMBER			
3	DAYTON (4)		7 p.m.

- (1) Temple Tournament, Philadelphia, Pa.
- (2) Georgia Tech Invitational, Atlanta, Ga.
- (3) Buckeye Classic, Columbus, Ohio
- (4) NCAA First/Second Round, Columbus, Ohio



WISCONSIN badgers
19-9 (13-7, 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	#20 OHIO STATE	L, 1-3	20-30, 30-23, 18-30, 24-30
26	#4 PENN STATE	L, 0-3	19-30, 26-30, 28-30
29	at Northwestern	W, 3-0	30-28, 30-20, 30-16
OCTOBER			
3	#19 ILLINOIS	W, 3-1	30-28, 25-30, 30-24, 30-22
8	at #3 Minnesota	L, 0-3	22-30, 26-30, 29-31
9	at Iowa	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-24, 30-22
15	INDIANA	W, 3-2	31-33, 30-23, 30-16, 22-30, 15-9
16	PURDUE	W, 3-1	30-24, 30-28, 25-30, 30-18
22	at Michigan State	W, 3-0	30-27, 30-23, 30-26
23	at Michigan	W, 3-1	31-29, 32-34, 30-23, 30-20
29	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-18, 30-17, 30-20
30	#2 MINNESOTA	W, 3-2	30-27, 20-30, 28-30, 30-27, 17-15
NOVEMBER			
3	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-19, 30-20
5	at #25 Illinois	L, 0-3	27-30, 20-30, 30-32
12	at #4 Penn State	L, 1-3	30-23, 32-30, 30-25, 30-28
13	at #8 Ohio State	L, 0-3	18-30, 30-32, 23-30
19	MICHIGAN	W, 3-0	30-24, 31-29, 30-25
20	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-1	20-30, 30-28, 30-27, 30-22
26	at Purdue	L, 1-3	30-26, 24-30, 25-30, 26-30
27	at Indiana	W, 3-1	30-26, 30-26, 27-30, 30-27
DECEMBER			
3	LOYOLA-CHICAGO (4)		7 p.m.

- (1) Badger Challenge, Madison, Wis.
- (2) Kansas Invitational, Lawrence, Kan.
- (3) InnTowner Invitational, Madison, Wis.
- (4) NCAA First/Second Round, Madison, Wis.



PENN STATE nittany lions
27-2 (18-2, 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	W, 3-0	30-25, 30-24, 30-24
26	at Wisconsin	W, 3-0	30-19, 30-26, 30-28
OCTOBER			
1	IOWA	W, 3-0	30-15, 30-17, 30-18
2	#1 MINNESOTA	L, 2-3	36-34, 28-30, 27-30, 30-26, 11-15
8	at Purdue	W, 3-0	30-28, 30-27, 30-26
9	at Indiana	W, 3-0	30-15, 30-24, 30-15
15	MICHIGAN	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-21, 30-14
16	MICHIGAN STATE	W, 3-1	30-17, 30-24, 23-30, 30-22
20	#7 OHIO STATE	L, 2-3	25-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-26, 11-15
22	at #24 Illinois	W, 3-1	30-18, 30-24, 30-32, 30-15
29	INDIANA	W, 3-0	30-18, 30-21, 30-27
30	PURDUE	W, 3-0	30-22, 30-19, 30-18
NOVEMBER			
5	at #5 Minnesota	W, 3-1	32-30, 30-28, 22-30, 30-26
6	at Iowa	W, 3-0	30-23, 30-17, 30-19
12	WISCONSIN	W, 3-1	23-30, 32-30, 30-25, 30-28
13	NORTHWESTERN	W, 3-0	30-17, 30-25, 30-8
17	at #7 Ohio State	W, 3-1	30-28, 22-30, 30-19, 30-28
20	ILLINOIS	W, 3-0	30-21, 30-28, 30-19
26	at Michigan State	W, 3-0	30-28, 30-24, 30-21
27	at Michigan	W, 3-0	30-26, 31-29, 30-23
DECEMBER			
3	AMERICAN (4)		7 p.m.

- (1) Penn State Invitational, University Park, Pa.
- (2) Stanford Invitational, Palo Alto, Calif.
- (3) Penn State Classic, University Park, Pa.
- (4) NCAA First/Second Round, University Park, Pa.