

Big Ten Wins Two BCS Games for Third Time in League Annals and At Least Three Bowl Games for Fourth Straight Year for the First Time Ever

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## 2005 CONFERENCE & OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Games					All Games						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	Top 25	Streak
1. Penn State#	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	W4	11-1	.917	7-0	3-1	1-0	4-0	W5
Ohio State#	7-1	.875	4-0	3-1	W6	10-2	.833	6-1	3-1	1-0	6-2	W7
3. Wisconsin	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	L2	10-3	.769	5-1	4-2	1-0	3-1	W2
Iowa	5-3	.625	3-1	2-2	W2	7-5	.583	5-1	2-3	0-1	1-2	L1
Michigan	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	L1	7-5	.583	4-3	3-1	0-1	3-3	L2
Northwestern	5-3	.625	2-2	3-1	W1	7-5	.583	4-2	3-2	0-1	2-4	L1
7. Minnesota	4-4	.500	2-2	2-2	L1	7-5	.583	4-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	L2
8. Purdue	3-5	.375	2-2	1-3	W3	5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	0-0	0-3	W3
9. Michigan State	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3	L3	5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	0-0	1-2	L3
10. Indiana	1-7	.125	1-3	0-4	L6	4-7	.364	3-3	1-4	0-0	0-3	L6
11. Illinois	0-8	.000	0-4	0-4	L9	2-9	.182	2-4	0-5	0-0	0-5	L9

# Big Ten Co-Champion

## BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP

**A Pair of BCS Wins:** The Big Ten produced a perfect 2-0 record in Bowl Championship Series (BCS) games for the third time in the system's eight years after Penn State knocked off Florida State in the Orange Bowl and Ohio State defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. The conference also boasted two BCS victories in 1999 (Wisconsin in Rose, Ohio State in Sugar) and 2000 (Wisconsin in Rose, Michigan in Sugar). The Big Ten is the only conference to rack up multiple BCS wins in three different years. The only other leagues to win two BCS games in a single season are the SEC (1999, 2002) and Pac-10 (2001).

**BCS Success:** The Big Ten leads all conferences with eight BCS victories and 13 berths overall since the system was created for the 1998-99 season. The SEC ranks second to the Big Ten with seven BCS triumphs and 11 appearances while the Big 12 has also played in 11 BCS games. The complete breakdown of BCS records by conference appears to the right. Ohio State is a perfect 4-0 in BCS games, the most wins of any team in the country, while Wisconsin is one of only three programs (along with LSU and Texas) to boast a 2-0 mark in the BCS.

**Three More Bowl Wins:** With a record of 3-4 during the 2005-06 bowl campaign, the Big Ten has now recorded three or more bowl wins in four straight seasons for the first time in conference history. The Big Ten was an impressive 5-2 in 2002 followed by three victories in both 2003 (3-5) and 2004 (3-3). The league's 14 bowl wins over a four-year period is tied for second all-time behind the conference's 16 postseason triumphs during the 1996 (4-3), 1997 (2-5), 1998 (5-0) and 1999 (5-2) bowl campaigns.

**Conference Call:** The Big Ten's total of three bowl wins this season was tied for third among all conferences behind only the ACC and Big 12, which both recorded 5-3 marks. The complete conference-by-conference bowl breakdown appears to the right.

**Bowl Coaching Greats:** Two different Big Ten coaches currently appear atop the NCAA charts for bowl victories, appearances and winning percentage for a career. Penn State's **Joe Paterno** improved his bowl record to 21-10-1 to stand atop the career postseason victory chart, now two triumphs ahead of Florida State's Bobby Bowden (19-9-1), who lost to the Nittany Lions in the Orange Bowl. Paterno also tops all coaches with 32 bowl appearances in his career. Wisconsin's **Barry Alvarez** improved to 8-3 in bowl games for a winning percentage of .727, the highest in NCAA history. The NCAA's list of winningest bowl coaches includes only mentors with 11 or more bowl games and Alvarez is now followed by Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd (9-4, .692), Bowden (.672) and Paterno (.672).

**Bowl Winners:** The Big Ten's 3-4 bowl record this season included victories in the Capital One, Fiesta and Orange Bowls. Wisconsin sent head coach **Barry Alvarez** off with a victory in his final game with the Badgers after posting a convincing win over Auburn in the Capital One Bowl. Ohio State has now won four straight bowl games for the second time in school history after defeating Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes' only other four-game bowl winning streak occurred over two decades with Rose Bowl titles in 1949, 1954, 1957 and 1968. In its first BCS appearance, Penn State edged Florida State in triple overtime in the Orange Bowl with Joe Paterno building on his NCAA record with a 21st bowl triumph.

**Close Calls:** The Big Ten's four bowl defeats this season came by a combined 26 points, with three of the four losses decided by a touchdown or less. Michigan was edged by Nebraska, 32-28, in the Alamo Bowl with the Cornhuskers scoring the winning touchdown with less than five minutes remaining and the Wolverines

## BIG TEN BOWL RESULTS

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

**MASTERCARD ALAMO BOWL**

Nebraska def. No. 20/21 MICHIGAN, 32-28  
San Antonio, Texas (62,016)

Friday, December 30, 2005

**GAYLORD HOTELS MUSIC CITY BOWL**

Virginia def. MINNESOTA, 34-31  
Nashville, Tenn. (40,519)

**VITALIS SUN BOWL**

No. 17/17 UCLA def. NORTHWESTERN, 50-38  
El Paso, Texas (50,426)

Monday, January 2, 2006

**OUTBACK BOWL**

No. 16/18 Florida def. No. 25/25 IOWA, 31-24  
Tampa, Fla. (65,881)

**CAPITAL ONE BOWL**

No. 21/20 WISCONSIN def. No. 7/7 Auburn, 24-10  
Orlando, Fla. (57,221)

**TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL**

No. 4/4 OHIO STATE def.  
No. 5/6 Notre Dame, 34-20  
Tempe, Ariz. (76,196)

Tuesday, January 3, 2006

**FEDEX ORANGE BOWL**

No. 3/3 PENN STATE def.  
No. 22/22 Florida State, 26-23 (3OT)  
Miami, Fla. (77,773)

Rankings: AP/USA Today

**2006 Big Ten  
Kickoff Luncheon and  
Football Media Days**

**The 2006 Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon  
and football media days will be  
held from August 1-2, 2006,  
at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.**

## ALL-TIME BCS RECORDS

League	Record
Big Ten	8-5
SEC	7-4
Pac-10	6-4
Big 12	5-6
Big East	4-4
Mountain West	1-0
ACC	1-7
Independents	0-2

## 2005-06 LEAGUE BOWL RECORDS

League	Bowls	BCS
ACC	5-3	0-1
Big 12	5-3	1-0
<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>2-0</b>
C-USA	3-3	--
Pac-10	3-2	0-1
SEC	3-3	0-1
Mountain West	2-2	--
Big East	1-3	1-0
Independents	1-1	0-1
MAC	1-1	--
WAC	1-2	--
Sun Belt	0-1	--

## BIG TEN BOWL WRAPUP, CONT.

final drive stalling after an eight-lateral play ended just 13 yards from the endzone. The Music City Bowl was decided by only three points with Virginia taking a 34-31 lead on a field goal with 1:08 on the clock before Minnesota's last drive resulted in an interception in the endzone. Northwestern twice cut the deficit to only five points in the final three minutes against UCLA in the Sun Bowl only to see the Bruins' return a pair of onside kicks for touchdowns after each score, the last occurring with 18 seconds on the clock to seal a 50-38 defeat. Iowa rallied from a 24-point deficit against Florida in the Outback Bowl to pull within 31-24 with 1:24 on the clock before the Gators recovered the onside kick.

**Bowl Attendance:** Four of the Big Ten's seven bowl games drew sellout crowds while the Fiesta Bowl attracted its largest attendance ever for a non-championship game. The conference's seven postseason games attracted 372,811 patrons for an average of 53,259 per contest, including full houses for the Sun, Outback, Fiesta and Orange Bowls.

**Working Overtime:** Penn State took part in the longest bowl game in Big Ten history when the Nittany Lions defeated Florida State in triple overtime in the 2006 Orange Bowl. The last conference bowl game to need an extra session was the 2004 Capital One Bowl, where Georgia edged Purdue, 34-27. The only other league team to play more than one extra session in a postseason game is Ohio State, as the Buckeyes defeated Miami (Fla.), 31-24, in double overtime in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl to clinch the national title. In eight years of the BCS, only three games have needed extra time and the Big Ten has been a part of all three contests -- the two games mentioned above and the 2000 Orange Bowl with Michigan edging Alabama, 35-34, in overtime.

**Seven Teams Go Bowling:** The Big Ten's seven bowl berths in 2005 matched the second-highest total in conference annals, trailing only the league record of eight bowl participants established following the 2003 campaign. The Big Ten also qualified seven schools for postseason play after the 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999 and 2002 seasons. The conference sent six or more teams to bowl games for the seventh straight year and 14th time overall. League programs have now made 66 bowl appearances over the last decade (1996-2005) and 219 appearances all-time.

**Big Ten BCS Duos:** In Ohio State and Penn State, the Big Ten sent a pair of teams to BCS games for the fifth time in the system's eight years. Since the inception of the BCS in 1998, the Big Ten has qualified 13 teams for BCS bowls, more than any other conference. The league also sent a pair of squads to BCS games after the following seasons - 1998 (Ohio State, Wisconsin), 1999 (Michigan, Wisconsin), 2002 (Iowa, Ohio State) and 2003 (Michigan, Ohio State).

**Winningest Programs Square Off:** Four of the top five winningest programs in NCAA history faced off in Big Ten bowl games with Michigan battling Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl and Ohio State challenging Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. With bowl play concluded, the Wolverines currently rank first in college football annals with 849 victories, followed by the Fighting Irish (second with 811 wins), Cornhuskers (fourth with 794) and Buckeyes (T-fifth with 774). In addition, Penn State ranks seventh with 771 wins all-time.

**Bowl Veterans:** The Big Ten boasts three of the 11 programs with 37 or more bowl appearances in Penn State (8th with 38), Michigan (T9th with 37) and Ohio State (T9th with 37). The Nittany Lions are tied for third all-time with 24 bowl triumphs while the Wolverines and Buckeyes are tied for 12th with 18 wins.

**Bowl Streaks:** Michigan's current streak of 31 consecutive bowls is the longest active streak in the nation. Meanwhile, Iowa is one of only four schools to play a January bowl game in each of the last four seasons along with USC, Georgia and Florida State.

## BIG TEN COACHES BOWL RECORDS

	Big Ten	Overall
Zook, ILL	0-0	0-2
Hoeppner, IND	0-0	1-1
Ferentz, IOWA	3-2	3-2
Carr, MICH	5-6	5-6
Smith, MSU	0-1	1-6
Mason, MINN	3-3	5-3
Walker, NU	0-3	0-6
Tressel, OSU	4-1	4-1
Paterno, PSU	7-2	21-10-1
Tiller, PUR	3-5	3-6
Alvarez, WIS	8-3	8-3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33-26</b>	<b>51-46-1</b>

## 2005-06 BIG TEN BOWL TOP PERFORMERS

## OFFENSE

IOWA QB **Drew Tate:** Completed 32-of-55 passes for 346 yards and three TDs against Florida in the Outback Bowl, including two scoring strikes to wideout Ed Hinkel in the fourth quarter as Iowa rallied within a TD after trailing 31-7.

MICH QB **Chad Henne:** Completed 21-of-43 passes for 270 yards and three TDs and added a scoring run in Alamo Bowl against Nebraska.

MINN QB **Bryan Cupito:** Established career best with four TD passes against Virginia in the Music City Bowl, completing 18-of-28 passes for 263 yards.

MINN WR **Ernie Wheelwright:** Hauled in seven passes for 120 yards and a touchdown against the Cavaliers.

NU QB **Brett Basanez:** Set Sun Bowl record with 448 yards of total offense, including connecting on 38-of-70 passes for 416 yards and two TDs vs. UCLA, rallying the Wildcats within five points twice in the last three minutes.

OSU WR **Ted Ginn, Jr.:** Career-high 167 receiving yards with a TD on eight receptions while adding a 68-yard scoring run in the Fiesta Bowl.

OSU QB **Troy Smith:** Named Offensive MVP of the Fiesta Bowl after setting a career high with 342 passing yards, completing 19-of-28 passes with two TDs and adding 66 yards on the ground in the victory over Notre Dame.

PSU QB **Michael Robinson:** Completed 21-of-39 passes for 253 yards and a TD while adding 21 rushing yards in victory over Florida State in Orange Bowl.

PSU RB **Austin Scott:** Stepped in after starter Tony Hunt injured an ankle and ran for a season-high 110 yards on 26 carries (4.2 avg.) with two touchdowns in Orange Bowl triumph over Florida State.

WIS RB **Brian Calhoun:** Named MVP of the Capital One Bowl after racking up 213 yards on 30 carries (7.1 avg.) with a touchdown in a win over Auburn.

WIS WR **Brandon Williams:** Set career-high and UW bowl record with 173 receiving yards on six receptions (28.8 avg.) with a touchdown vs. Auburn.

## DEFENSE

IOWA LB **Abdul Hodge:** Established an Outback Bowl record with 19 tackles, including 14 solo stops, with a TFL against Florida.

MICH CB **Leon Hall:** Named Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP after picking off two passes and adding four tackles against Nebraska.

MINN LB **John Shevlin:** Tied for team lead with 10 tackles (eight solo) and produced two TFLs, a sack and a fumble recovery against Virginia.

NU LB **Tim McGarigle:** Collected a game-high 17 tackles, including nine solo stops and a half of a TFL, against UCLA.

NU DE **Kevin Mims** and LB **Nick Roach:** Both returned an interception for a TD in the first quarter as NU set a Sun Bowl record with 22 first quarter points.

OSU LB **A.J. Hawk:** Named Defensive MVP of Fiesta Bowl after recording a game-high 12 tackles (nine solo), including 3.5 TFLs and two sacks.

OSU DE **Mike Kudla:** Set career high with three sacks against Notre Dame, part of a seven-tackle performance in the Fiesta Bowl.

PSU DT **Jay Alford:** Collected 2.5 TFLs, including 1.5 sacks, and forced a fumble against Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

PSU LB **Dan Connor:** Posted a team-best seven tackles, including two TFLs, to lead a PSU defense that limited FSU's offense to one TD in regulation.

WIS LB **Mark Zalewski:** Recorded eight defensive stops and two TFLs, including an eight-yard sack, to help UW hold Auburn to a season-low 10 points and 236 yards of total offense.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

IOWA KR **Damian Sims:** Returned five kickoffs for 107 yards vs. Florida.

MICH KR/PR **Steve Breaston:** Produced 224 all-purpose yards, setting an Alamo Bowl record with 146 kickoff return yards and adding 72 punt return yards.

PSU P **Jeremy Kapinos:** Punted a career-high 11 times for 487 yards (44.3 avg.) with a long of 54 and three inside the 20 against Florida State.

WIS P **Ken DeBauche:** Averaged 45.3 yards on three punts against Auburn, including a 58-yard boot and one kick placed inside the 20-yard line.

## 2005 SEASON IN REVIEW

**Big Ten Standouts Claim National Honors:** Big Ten student-athletes collected five national awards this season, the highest total since league standouts took home seven national accolades following the 2002 campaign. A pair of Big Ten standouts each claimed two national trophies in Minnesota center **Greg Eslinger** (Outland and Rimington Trophies) and Penn State linebacker **Paul Posluszny** (Bednarik and Butkus Awards) in addition to one national accolade for Ohio State linebacker **A.J. Hawk** (Lombardi Award). The last Big Ten student-athlete to pick up multiple national awards was Nittany Lions' running back Larry Johnson, who earned the Walter Camp Player of the Year, Maxwell and Doak Walker Awards in 2002.

Eslinger became the first player to win both the Outland Trophy, which honors the nation's outstanding interior lineman, and the Rimington Trophy, awarded to the country's top center, in the same season. The Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year is the 11th conference player to collect the Outland Trophy and the first since Iowa's Robert Gallery was honored in 2003. Eslinger is the second straight league center to be awarded the Rimington Trophy and the third Big Ten honoree in the six-year history of the award, joining 2004 co-winner David Baas of Michigan and 2001 winner LeCharles Bentley of Ohio State.

Posluszny is the second player in Big Ten annals to claim both the Bednarik Award, honoring the country's outstanding defensive player, and Butkus Award, awarded to the top linebacker, in the same season. The junior linebacker joins fellow Nittany Lion LaVar Arrington, who was the league's most recent winner of both awards in 1999. The Big Ten has now collected the Bednarik Award on five occasions in the award's 11-year history. Conference student-athletes have earned the Butkus Award on seven occasions.

Hawk became the fifth Buckeye to collect the Rotary Lombardi Award, honoring the nation's top college lineman or linebacker, and the first since offensive tackle Orlando Pace became the first player to win back-to-back awards in 1995 and 1996. The Big Ten has now claimed the Lombardi Award on seven occasions with six of those trophies headed to Ohio State.

**National Coach of the Year:** Penn State's **Joe Paterno** has picked up multiple national honors following the 2005 campaign, including being named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Associated Press, Bobby Dodd, Home Depot, Munger and The Sporting News National Coach of the Year. In his 40th season as head coach, the PSU mentor led the Nittany Lions to an 11-1 record, a share of the Big Ten Championship and an Orange Bowl victory over Florida State. Paterno is second in all-time victories among major college coaches and fourth in wins across all four NCAA divisions with a 354-117-3 career record. He has now won an unprecedented five AFCA National Coach of the Year awards and was also honored in 1968, 1978, 1982 and 1986. The only other major college coaches to earn AFCA Coach of the Year more than once are Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant (on three occasions) and USC's John McKay and Texas' Darrell Royal (on two occasions each). The last Big Ten coach to be named the AFCA National Coach of the Year was Ohio State's Jim Tressel in 2002.

**Farewell to a Legend:** Wisconsin's **Barry Alvarez** concluded a 16-year career as the Badgers' head coach with a victory over Auburn in the school's first trip to the Capital One Bowl. He ends his time on the sidelines with a record of 118-73-4 and his 118 career wins rank eighth on the all-time victory list for conference coaches. Alvarez took UW to 11 bowl games in his 16 years and boasts an 8-3 record, including three Rose Bowl victories. He will remain in his position as Wisconsin's Director of Athletics, while current defensive coordinator **Bret Bielema** will take over the head coaching duties next season.

**Smart Players:** The Big Ten topped all conferences with eight members of the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Football Team, an increase of two over the league's six honorees from last season. The Big Ten's eight Academic All-Americans include three first-team selections in Indiana's **Will**

## BIG TEN STANDOUTS ON THE NATIONAL AWARDS SCENE

## NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

**Bednarik Award**  
Top Defensive Player  
**WINNER**  
Paul Posluszny, PSU  
**OTHER BIG TEN FINALISTS**  
A.J. Hawk, OSU

**Butkus Award**  
Best Linebacker  
**WINNER**  
Paul Posluszny, PSU  
**OTHER BIG TEN FINALISTS**  
A.J. Hawk, OSU

**Rotary Lombardi Award**  
Outstanding Lineman  
**WINNER**  
A.J. Hawk, OSU  
**OTHER BIG TEN FINALISTS**  
Paul Posluszny, PSU

**Outland Trophy**  
Outstanding Interior Lineman  
**WINNER**  
Greg Eslinger, MINN

**Rimington Trophy**  
Outstanding Center  
**WINNER**  
Greg Eslinger, MINN  
**OTHER BIG TEN FINALISTS**  
Nick Mangold, OSU

American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Bobby Dodd, Home Depot, Munger and The Sporting News  
**National Coach of the Year**  
Joe Paterno, PSU

**Final Heisman Trophy Voting**

1. Reggie Bush, USC -- 2,541
2. Vince Young, Texas - 1,608
3. Matt Leinart, USC - 797
4. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame - 191
5. Michael Robinson, PSU - 49
6. A.J. Hawk, OSU - 29

**Walter Camp**  
Player of the Year Award  
**FINALIST**  
A.J. Hawk, OSU

**Ted Hendricks Award**  
Outstanding Defensive End  
**FINALIST**  
Tamba Hali, PSU

**Lott Trophy**  
Top Defensive Player  
**FINALIST**  
A.J. Hawk, OSU

**Bronko Nagurski Trophy**  
Top Defensive Player  
**FINALIST**  
Tamba Hali, PSU

**Johnny Unitas**  
Golden Arm Award  
Top Senior Quarterback  
**FINALIST**  
Brett Basanez, NU

**Eddie Robinson Award**  
College Coach of the Year  
**FINALIST**  
Joe Paterno, PSU

**Draddy Trophy**  
"Academic Heisman" given to nation's top scholar-athlete  
**FINALIST**  
Greg Eslinger, MINN

**Wuerffel Trophy**  
Combination of community service and academic achievement  
**FINALIST**  
Brett Basanez, NU

**ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans**

**FIRST TEAM**  
Will Meyers, IND  
Mike Elgin, IOWA  
Paul Posluszny, PSU

**SECOND TEAM**  
Jason Avant, MICH  
Chris Morris, MSU  
Drew Stanton, MSU  
Greg Eslinger, MINN  
Mark Losli, MINN

**Meyers**, Iowa's **Mike Elgin** and Penn State's **Paul Posluszny**. The league's five second-team choices are Michigan's **Jason Avant**, the Michigan State duo of **Chris Morris** and **Drew Stanton** and the Minnesota pair of **Greg Eslinger** and **Mark Losli**. Eslinger was one of only six student-athletes to repeat as Academic All-Americans after being honored as a second-team selection in 2004. To be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00 and have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his current institution.

## 2005 SEASON IN REVIEW, CONT.

**Everybody's All-American:** Four Big Ten standouts were named consensus All-Americans in Minnesota's Eslinger, Ohio State's Hawk and the Penn State duo of Tamba Hali and Posluszny. The Big Ten and the SEC tied for third among all leagues with four consensus picks, trailing only the Pac-10 (7) and Big 12 (5). The Nittany Lions were one of only five schools with multiple consensus All-Americans along with Georgia, Texas, UCLA and USC. In addition to the four consensus selections, 11 other Big Ten players earned All-America accolades from the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, Sporting News or Walter Camp Football Foundation. Those honorees include Iowa's Chad Greenway, Minnesota's Laurence Maroney and Mark Setterstrom, Northwestern's Zach Strief, Ohio State's Bobby Carpenter and Nick Mangold, Penn State's Levi Brown and Alan Zemaitis and Wisconsin's Brian Calhoun, Joe Thomas and Brandon Williams. The complete list appears to the right.

**Double-Digit Wins:** For the third time in four years and just the eighth time in conference history, three Big Ten teams ended the season with double-digit wins in Penn State (11-1), Ohio State (10-2) and Wisconsin (10-3). The league produced at least three teams with 10 or more wins in both 2003 (Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio State) and 2002 (Iowa, Michigan, Ohio State) while also accomplishing the feat with four programs in 1999 and three schools in 1998, 1993, 1903 and 1902. Over the previous decade (1996-2005), 23 conference teams have posted 10 or more wins and nine squads have racked up 11 or more victories. Penn State produced its first 11-win season since 1996 and 13th year of 11 or more victories under Paterno. Ohio State hit double-digits for the third time in the last four years and the 15th time in school annals. Wisconsin hit the 10-win mark for the first time since 1999 and just the fourth time in program history.

**Ohio State and Penn State Share Big Ten Title:** In the final weekend of conference action, Ohio State and Penn State secured a share of the 2005 Big Ten Championship by taking care of business on the road. The Buckeyes were the first team to hit the field as they met Michigan in Ann Arbor for the 102nd meeting in the all-time series. The Wolverines built a 21-12 advantage with less than eight minutes remaining before OSU rallied for the win, with Antonio Pittman scoring on a three-yard run with only 24 seconds left to give the Buckeyes a 25-21 victory and a share of the crown. The Nittany Lions then took the field in East Lansing and built a 17-0 halftime lead over the Spartans before holding on for the 31-22 triumph to split the conference title.

**Buckeyes Win 30th Big Ten Championship:** Ohio State picked up a share of the 30th Big Ten title in school history, the second-highest total among all league programs behind only Michigan (42). The Buckeyes have now won two conference championships in head coach Jim Tressel's five years at the helm and four crowns in the last decade, also splitting the title in 1996, 1998 and 2002. The Wolverines lead the way with five championships in the last 10 years (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004), followed by OSU's four crowns and a pair of first-place finishes for Iowa (2002, 2004), Northwestern (1996, 2000) and Wisconsin (1998, 1999).

**Penn State's Second Title:** The Nittany Lions and head coach Joe Paterno picked up their second Big Ten Championship since joining the conference in 1993. PSU placed third in the standings in their first season before claiming the Big Ten title with a perfect 8-0 mark in 1994 -- part of an undefeated 12-0 campaign including a Rose Bowl victory over Oregon. Since joining the league, the Nittany Lions have placed third or better on six occasions -- 1993 (3rd), 1994 (1st), 1995 (T3rd), 1996 (T3rd), 1997 (T2nd) and 2005 (T1st).

**Worst to First:** Penn State became the third Big Ten program in the last six years to win a conference crown just one season after placing ninth or worse in the league standings. The Nittany Lions produced a 2-6 record during the 2004 campaign to finish in ninth place, only to improve to a 7-1 mark and a conference title in 2005. Illinois produced a similar reversal of fortunes four years ago, winning the 2001 championship with a 7-1 record after tying for ninth at 2-6 in

## BIG TEN ALL-AMERICANS

Chad Greenway, LB, IOWA	AP2, SN2, WC2
<b>Greg Eslinger, OL, MINN #</b>	<b>AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1</b>
Laurence Maroney, RB, MINN	AP3, WC2
Mark Setterstrom, OL, MINN	AP2, SN2
Zach Strief, OL, NU	FWAA
Bobby Carpenter, LB, OSU	AP3, SN2
<b>A.J. Hawk, LB, OSU #</b>	<b>AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1</b>
Nick Mangold, OL, OSU	WC2
Levin Brown, OL, PSU	AP2
<b>Tamba Hali, DL, PSU #</b>	<b>AFCA, AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1</b>
<b>Paul Posluszny, LB, PSU</b>	<b>AP1, FWAA, SN1, WC1</b>
Alan Zemaitis, DB, PSU	AP2, SN2, WC2
Brian Calhoun, RB, WIS	AP2, SN2
Joe Thomas, OL, WIS	WC2
Brandon Williams, All-Purpose, WIS	AP2

*AFCA = AFCA; AP 1/2/3 = Associated Press 1st/2nd/3rd;*

*FW = FWAA; SN 1/2 = Sporting News 1st/2nd;*

*WC1/2 = Walter Camp 1st/2nd*

**Consensus All-Americans in bold #Unanimous Consensus All-Americans**

2000. While the Illini were placing ninth in 2000, Northwestern earned a share of the Big Ten crown with a 6-2 mark just one year after ending the 1999 season in 10th place with a 1-7 record.

**Spreading the Love:** Parity has reigned over the Big Ten landscape for the last decade (1996-2005) with eight different teams winning the conference title either outright or as a co-champion: Illinois ('01), Iowa ('02, '04), Michigan ('97, '98, '00, '03, '04), Northwestern ('96, '00), Ohio State ('96, '98, '02, '05), Penn State ('05), Purdue ('00) and Wisconsin ('98, '99). The title has been shared by at least two teams six times in this span, with a pair of three-team ties in 1998 and 2000 and two teams atop the standings in 1996, 2002, 2004 and 2005.

**Big Ten Championships for Current Coaches:** Seven current league coaches have earned at least one Big Ten crown in their careers. The complete list is below:

5	Lloyd Carr, MICH (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004)
3	Barry Alvarez, WIS (1993, 1998, 1999)
2	Kirk Ferentz, IOWA (2002, 2004)
	Jim Tressel, OSU (2002, 2005)
	Joe Paterno, PSU (1994, 2005)
1	Randy Walker, NU (2000)
	Joe Tiller, PUR (2000)

**Nittany Lions Earn BCS Automatic Bid:** While both OSU and PSU shared the Big Ten title, the Nittany Lions collected the league's automatic Bowl Championship Series (BCS) berth based on a 17-10 victory over the Buckeyes on Oct. 8. Penn State took part in its first BCS bowl game since the system's inception in 1998, becoming the sixth Big Ten school in eight years to earn BCS automatic qualification joining Illinois (2001), Michigan (2003, 2004), Ohio State (2002), Purdue (2000), and Wisconsin (1998, 1999).

**Big Ten's Best BCS Finish :** For the first time in Big Ten history, the league placed two teams among the top four in the final BCS standings released on Dec. 4. Penn State ended the regular season ranked third in the final BCS standings, surpassing the program's previous top final ranking of 11th in 1999, followed by Ohio State at fourth overall, the school's third top-five finish in the last four seasons (5th in 2003, 2nd in 2002). The Big Ten had previously placed two programs among the top five of the final BCS poll in 2003 (No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Ohio State) and 2002 (No. 2 Ohio State, No. 5 Iowa). Overall, the Big Ten tied the ACC and SEC with five teams among the top 25 in the final BCS poll, including No. 18 Wisconsin, No. 20 Michigan and No. 25 Northwestern.

## 2005 SEASON IN REVIEW, CONT.

**Big Ten Shatters Three Attendance Records:** The Big Ten established three attendance records in 2005 while also surpassing the five million mark in total attendance for just the third time in league history. In 69 contests, the Big Ten averaged 72,566 patrons per outing which shattered the previous league best of 70,505 fans per game set in 2002. In addition, the conference's total attendance of 5,007,067 for all games ranks third in Big Ten annals behind only the 2002 (5,499,439 in 78 games) and 2003 (5,282,102 in 75 games) seasons. Big Ten programs also set records for total and average attendance in conference games only with 3,175,427 patrons in 44 contests for an average of 72,169 fans per outing. The previous league highs were 3,138,387 in total attendance and 71,326 per game, both established in 2001. The Big Ten boasted 38 sellouts this season, which equals the second-highest single-season total in league history behind only the 39 sellouts posted in 2004. Ten of the Big Ten's 11 teams boast at least one sellout this season and the league sold out all five games the weekend of Oct. 15, which marked the first time the league featured packed stadiums for every game in a single week since at least the 1998 season. In addition, the conference set a single-day attendance record during the opening week of non-conference play with an average of 76,475 fans for eight home games, besting the previous record average of 70,270 patrons for eight games on Sept. 14, 1985.

**Nation's Best Fans:** Big Ten teams fill three of the top four spots in the final NCAA attendance rankings and seven conference programs rated among the top 30 in the country, which ranks second to the SEC (nine top 30 teams) among all leagues. Michigan led the nation with an average of 110,915 patrons per game while Ohio State ranked third (105,017) and Penn State rated fourth (104,859). Other Big Ten schools to appear among the top 30 in average attendance were Wisconsin (13th with 82,551), Michigan State (20th with 75,183), Iowa (21st with 70,585) and Purdue (26th with 62,996).

**First-Year Phenoms:** Big Ten freshmen had a big impact on the football field in 2005, with Northwestern's **Tyrell Sutton** being named the National Offensive Freshman of the Year by The Sporting News. The Wildcats running back was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year after ranking third in the conference and eighth nationally with 122.8 rushing yards per game (1,474 yards total). Sutton also rated third in the conference with 18 touchdowns, including 16 on the ground. He was one of six first-year league standouts to be named to The Sporting News Freshman All-American first team, along with Iowa defensive tackle **Mitch King**, Minnesota defensive end **Steven Davis**, Ohio State cornerback **Malcolm Jenkins**, Penn State all-purpose player **Justin King** and Wisconsin defensive end **Matt Shaughnessy**. King was one of four Penn State freshmen to boost the Nittany Lions to a share of the Big Ten crown thanks to

## 2005 BIG TEN FOOTBALL MVPs

## As selected by each institution

Illinois	Pierre Thomas, RB
Indiana	TBA
Iowa	Chad Greenway, LB; Ed Hinkel, WR; Abdul Hodge, LB; Albert Young, RB
Michigan	Jason Avant, WR
Michigan State	TBA
Minnesota	Greg Eslinger, C; Laurence Maroney, RB
Northwestern	Brett Basanez, QB
Ohio State	A.J. Hawk, LB
Penn State	Michael Robinson, QB*
Purdue	Rob Ninkovich, DE
Wisconsin	Brian Calhoun, RB

\* Chicago Tribune Silver Football winner

an improved offense, which led the conference at 35.2 points per game just one season after ranking last in 2004 with only 12.9 points per outing. Penn State's top three receivers this year were all in their first season on the field -- redshirt freshman **Deon Butler** (37-691 yards, 9 TDs) and true freshmen **Jordan Norwood** (32-422) and **Derrick Williams** (22-289, TD). Also on the receiving end, Indiana boasted one of the league's top wideouts in freshman **James Hardy**, who led the conference with 89.3 receiving yards per game and ranked second with 10 scoring catches, while hauling in 61 passes for 893 yards. **Non-Conference Review:** The Big Ten produced a record of 28-6 (.824) in non-conference play in 2005, which is the best winning percentage since going 23-4 (.852) prior to bowl play in 1997. In addition, the league's 28 non-league victories were the most prior to bowl play in an 11-game season since Big Ten teams went 28-7 (.800) in 1999. All five of the schools that defeated league programs in 2005 took part in a bowl -- Arizona State (Insight), California (Las Vegas), Iowa State (Houston), Notre Dame (Fiesta) and Texas (Rose).

**Road Warriors:** Big Ten teams were especially successful on the road this season with a record of 26-27 (.491) in all away games, the league's best road winning percentage and most victories away from home since at least the 2000 season. The Big Ten's previous best road performance in the last six years occurred in 2002 when the programs built a 25-30 (.455) mark in visiting stadiums. In addition, conference teams won 20 of 44 road games in league action, matching the 2002 season for the most successful road campaign since 2000.

## RECORD NUMBER OF FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

As the fall term of the 2005-06 school year ended, the Big Ten recognized a total of 162 football student-athletes who have been named to the Academic All-Conference Team, the highest single-season total in conference history. The previous record of 137 Academic All-Big Ten honorees was established during the 2002 season. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a career grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. The list of the 2005 football honorees, with Academic All-America selections in bold, follows:

Arthur Boyd III, Brian Brosnan, Brian Grzelakowski, J Leman, Walter Mendenhall, Ryan McDonald, Scott Moss, Josh Norris, Martin O'Donnell, Jason Reda, JJ Simmons, ILL; Tyson Beattie, Lance Bennett, Paul Haan, Adam Hines, Will Lumpkin, **Will Meyers**, Eric McClurg, Graeme McFarland, Casey Nowinski, Patrick Oldham, John Panno, Russ Richardson, Chris Rudanovic, Josiah Sears, Austin Starr, Kyle Thomas, Kevin Trulock, Yamar Washington, IND; Adam Shada, CJ Barkema, Andrew Becker, Bret Chinander, **Michael Elgin**, Andrew Fenstermaker, Michael Humpal, Michael Klindenborg, Matt Kroul, Ryan Majerus, Matt Melloy, Daniel Olszta, Cy Phillips, Kevin Sherlock, Paul Wilson, IOWA; **Jason Avant**, James Bloomsburgh, Alijah Bradley, Doug Dutch, Tyler Ecker, Matt Gutierrez, Will Johnson, Craig Moore, Ross Ryan, Paul Sarantos, David Schoonover, Mark Spencer, Charles Stewart, Carl Tabb, Jeremy Van Alstyne, MICH; Kiel Beltinck, Todd Boleski, Kyle Brown, Brian Bury, Pete Clifford, Cole Corey, Deon Curry, Tom Dance, Brandon Fields, Brett Kahn, Travis Key, Justin Kershaw, **Chris Morris**, Jelani Nantambu, Gordon Niebyski, Eric Smith, **Drew Stanton**, Kaleb Thornhill, MSU; Anthony Brinkhaus, Patrick Cheney, **Greg Eslinger**, Jeremy Faue, Jason Lamers, **Mark Losli**, Patrick McCarthy, Robert McGarry, Todd Meisel, Mark Mullaney, Tony Mortenson, Logan Payne, Jarod Posthumus, John Shevlin, Steve Shidell, Matt Spaeth, Tyson Swaggert, MINN; C.J. Bacher, Brett Basanez, Vince Clarke, Joel Howells, Rejaie Johnson, Ryan Pederson, Nick Roach, Ben Rothrauff, Frederic Tarver, NU; Alex Barrow, Doug Datish, Marcus Freeman, Roy Hall, Derek Harden, Ted Ginn Jr., Anthony Gonzalez, Dionte Johnson, Curt Lukens, Nick Mangold, Drew Norman, Nick Patterson, Joel Penton, Steve Rehiring, Brandon Schnitker, Jon Skinner, Antonio Smith, Stan White Jr., OSU; Gerald Cadogan, Joseph Cianciolo, Daniel Corrado, Joshua Gaines, Jason Ganter, Andrew Kubic, Nolan McCready, Michael Pawlikowski, **Paul Posluszny**, Curtis Reese, Michael Robinson, John Royse, Tyrell Sales, Timothy Shaw, Adam Senk, Patrick Weber, Brent Wise, Jeremy Zwierzynski, PSU; Ryan Baker, Dan Bick, Charles Davis, Jermaine Gynn, Pat Kohtz, John Lampert, Chase Lecklider, Brian Mattaway, Lance Melvin, Mike Otto, Nick Raben, Matt Turner, PUR; Jason Chapman, Andy Crooks, Casey Hogan, Paul Joran, Allen Langford, Joel Nellis, Mike Newkirk, Jason Pociask, Ben Strickland, Luke Swan, Joe Thomas, WIS.

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**Basanez Ends Career Ranked Among Top Two in Five Categories:**

Northwestern quarterback **Brett Basanez** ended his stellar career by setting the Big Ten mark with 1,975 total offensive plays in his four years on campus, while finishing second in four other categories. The Wildcats signal caller took part in 78 plays in the Sun Bowl against UCLA to move past Indiana's Antwaan Randle El (1,917) and Purdue's Drew Brees (1,931) to become the Big Ten career leader in the category. Basanez also completed 38-of-70 passes for 416 yards and added 32 yards on the ground against the Bruins to boost his career numbers to 1,584 pass attempts, 923 completions, 10,580 yards through the air and 11,576 yards of total offense. Basanez, the media's choice for Big Ten Player of the Year, ends his time in Evanston ranked second in all four categories behind only Brees. The first-team All-Big Ten selection also cracked the top 10 single-season leaders in all five categories. A complete list of Basanez' career and single-season accomplishments appears on page 8.

**More Career Record Chasers:** In addition to the performance of Basanez, the Michigan State duo of **Brandon Fields** and **Drew Stanton**, Ohio State's **Ted Ginn, Jr.**, and Wisconsin's **Brandon Williams** also find themselves atop the Big Ten career charts in various categories. Fields, a junior who entered the season leading the Big Ten in career punting average, maintained his spot atop the rankings with a 45.6 career average with one year to play, just percentage points ahead of Iowa's Reggie Roby in second place (45.5 avg. from 1979-82). Stanton completed 66.7 percent of his passes in 2005, the fifth-best single-season performance in conference history, and surpassed 300 completions for his career to qualify for the top spot in the all-time records with a 65.7 completion percentage. The Spartans junior has one year left to remain ahead of the Hawkeyes' Chuck Long, currently ranked second after completing 65.0 percent of his passes from 1981-85. After setting an NCAA record with four punt return touchdowns as a freshman, Ginn, Jr., added a fifth score on a punt return to equal Iowa's Tim Dwight for the Big Ten career mark. The OSU sophomore also surpassed 40 career returns to qualify for second with his 15.6 yard average on punt returns, just behind the league record of 16.0 yards per return set by Indiana's Bill Hillenbrand from 1941-42. Williams ended his time in Madison with 106 career kickoff returns for 2,349 yards, which equaled MSU's Derrick Mason for total returns but ranked second to Mason's 2,575 yards. In other return records, Michigan's **Steve Breaston** climbed to second all-time with 1,267 punt return yards and into a tie for fourth with 98 punt returns. A complete list of Big Ten career leaders appears on page 8.

**Carr and Paterno Join Century Club:** A pair of Big Ten coaches joined prestigious company this season when Penn State's **Joe Paterno** and Michigan's **Lloyd Carr** became just the 11th and 12th head coach, respectively, to collect 100 victories at a conference institution. Paterno, who ended the 2005 campaign ranked second in the NCAA records book with 354 career victories, was the first mentor to join the list after picking up his 100th win since joining the league in 1993 on Sept. 24 at Northwestern. Carr joined the club with an overtime victory at Iowa on Oct. 22, the same weekend that Paterno picked up his 350th career triumph at Illinois. Carr is the third Wolverines head coach on the list along with Bo Schembechler and Fielding Yost. The complete list of coaches to win 100 games at a Big Ten institution appears to the right.

**A New Golden Age of Coaching?:** With Alvarez, Paterno and Carr in the century club, the Big Ten featured three active coaches with 100 or more wins at their respective institutions for the first time in more than 85 years. The last time that three league coaches all ended a season with 100 or more wins at their schools was in 1921 when Chicago's Amos Alonzo Stagg (158 wins at the time), Michigan's Fielding Yost (137) and Minnesota's Henry Williams (136) accomplished the feat. The conference coaching roster for 1921

also featured Illinois' Robert Zuppke, who had only 70 wins at the end of that season but would go on to rack up 131 triumphs in his career.

**Big Ten Individual Leaders . . . :** With the Big Ten season complete, the conference produced new statistical leaders in every major category during the 2005 campaign. Iowa's **Albert Young** rallied to become the first Hawkeye to lead the conference in rushing since Dennis Mosley in 1979. The sophomore running back, who ranked fifth among all rushers after five Big Ten games, climbed to second place on the charts entering the final weekend of play trailing only Minnesota's **Laurence Maroney**, whom the Hawkeyes were facing in the regular-season finale. In a matchup of the league's top two ground gainers, Young rushed for 103 yards while Maroney was limited to 10 yards before leaving the game in the first quarter after reaggravating an ankle injury. Young ended the season ranked first in league games only with 125.2 rushing yards per game, while Maroney topped the Big Ten in all games with 133.1 yards on the ground per outing. Ohio State's **Troy Smith** led the Big Ten in league games only with a 169.6 pass efficiency rating, making him the first Buckeye quarterback to lead the conference since Joe Germaine in 1998. Northwestern's **Brett Basanez** produced 339.4 yards of total offense per game to rank first in the league for the second time in his career after leading the way as a freshman in 2002 (250.3 ypg). He became just the second player in the last 20 years to average more than 300 yards of total offense per contest along with Purdue's Drew Brees, who accomplished the feat three times from 1998-2000. On the receiving end, **Dorion Bryant** became the fifth different Purdue wideout in the last seven years to top the Big Ten in receptions per game with 6.62 catches per outing in conference games only. The Boilermakers offense has produced the leading pass-catcher in six of the last seven seasons, a group that includes Taylor Stubblefield (2002, 2004), John Standeford (2003), Vinny Sutherland (2000) and Chris Daniels (1999). Wisconsin running back **Brian Calhoun** led the charge in scoring with 10.5 points per game, making him the first UW player to lead the league in points since Ron Dayne in 1999. And in punting, fellow-Badger **Ken DeBauche** led the Big Ten with 44.4 yards per boot in conference contests only to end the two-year reign of Michigan State's **Brandon Fields**, who concluded the season ranked fourth with 41.0 yards per punt.

**. . . and Team Leaders:** In the team statistics, Ohio State dominated the defensive side of the ball while three different squads topped the charts in the major offensive categories. The Buckeyes led the Big Ten in league games only in scoring defense (14.8 ppg), total defense (271.1 ypg), rushing defense (80.8 ypg) and passing defense (190.4 ypg). The last conference school to rank first in all four categories was Michigan in 2001. The Buckeyes have now topped the conference in points, total yards and rushing yards allowed in three of the last six seasons, including the 2000 and 2003 campaigns. OSU led in scoring defense four times in that six-year span (2005, 2003, 2002, 2000), ranked first in total defense on four occasions (2005, 2003, 2002, 2000) and topped the league in rushing defense three times (2005, 2003, 2000). However, the annual leader in passing defense in the Big Ten records book is determined by pass efficiency rating and Penn State (104.1) edged Ohio State (111.7) for the top spot in that category. The Nittany Lions also led the league in defensive pass efficiency last season with a rating of 92.8. On the offensive side of the ball, Northwestern was the only Big Ten unit to rank among the top five in points, total yards, rushing yards and passing yards per game. The Wildcats topped the conference in both total offense (494.0 ypg) and passing offense (306.6 ypg) while rating fourth in scoring offense (31.6 ppg) and fifth in rushing offense (187.4 ypg). Northwestern ranked first in total and passing offense for just the second time in school annals and the first time since the 1950 squad accomplished the feat. NU most recently led the way in total yardage in 2000 while topping the charts through the air in 1973. Minnesota led the

## BIG TEN CENTURY CLUB

Coach, Team	Seasons	Record
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	205-61-10
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI*	37	199-94-22
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	194-48-5
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	165-29-10
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	143-89-6
Henry Williams, MINN	22	136-33-11
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	131-81-13
<b>Barry Alvarez, WIS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>118-73-4</b>
John Cooper, OSU	13	111-43-4
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	109-69-5
<b>Joe Paterno, PSU*</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>107-50-0</b>
<b>Lloyd Carr, MICH</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>102-34-0</b>
* Record while member of Big Ten only		

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Big Ten with 259.2 rushing yards per outing in 2005 league games, ranking first for the second time in three years (2003). Penn State put up more points than any other league outfit this season with 35.2 points per contest in Big Ten games to lead the way in scoring for the first time since setting the conference record in 1994 (48.1 ppg).

**Gophers' Rushing Feat:** In addition to leading the Big Ten in rushing, Minnesota became the first program in NCAA history to produce a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in three consecutive seasons. First-team All-Big Ten choice **Laurence Maroney** is the constant in that three-year span, tallying 1,464 yards in 2005 to become only the third player in Big Ten history to break the 1,000-yard mark in each of his first three seasons, joining Wisconsin's Ron Dayne and Michigan State's Sedrick Irvin. Maroney ranks second in school history with 3,933 yards on the ground for his career, a total that is just 279 yards shy of cracking the league's top-10 rushing leaders. Sophomore **Gary Russell** was the second Gopher to hit 1,000 rushing yards this season with a career-best 1,130 stripes. Maroney was joined by Marion Barber III with over 1,000 rushing yards in 2004 and 2003.

**Badgers' Two-Way Threat:** Wisconsin running back **Brian Calhoun** also entered the conference records book this season. The junior led the league with 1,636 rushing yards while ranking third on the team with 571 yards receiving to become just the second player in NCAA history to record 1,500 yards on the ground and 500 yards through the air. The only other Division I-A player to accomplish that feat was Pacific's Ryan Benjamin. Calhoun is only the second Big Ten player to surpass 1,000 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving along with Iowa's Ronnie Harmon, who racked up 1,166 rushing yards and 699 receiving yards in 1985.

**Putting Points on the Board:** Big Ten offenses produced points at a record pace during the 2005 season with eight teams averaging 30 or more points per outing and all 11 teams tallying an average of 30.1 points per game, the highest totals for the league since at least 1990. The Big Ten's previous high over the last 15 seasons occurred when six teams averaged 30 points or better in 1999, while the highest average for the entire league was the 28.5 points per contest produced in 2002. Eight conference attacks rated among the top 36 scoring offenses in the country including Minnesota (T10th at 35.8 ppg), Penn State (13th at 34.4), Wisconsin (14th at 34.3), Michigan State (T18th at 33.8), Ohio State (26th at 32.7), Northwestern (28th at 32.3), Iowa (T36th at 30.0) and Purdue (T36th at 30.0).

**Wildcats Join 500-Yard Club:** Northwestern became just the second team in Big Ten history to average more than 500 yards of total offense per game after ending the 2005 campaign with an average of 500.3 yards per outing (4th in the country). The only other league attack to crack the 500-yard barrier was Penn State's 1994 team that produced 512.7 yards per contest to set a conference record. In addition to the Wildcats offensive explosion this season, two other league outfits ranked among the top five single-season leaders in total offense -- Michigan State (4th with 497.3 ppg; 5th nationally) and Minnesota (5th with 494.8 ppg; 7th nationally).

**Gophers Break Through at Michigan:** Minnesota snapped the longest current losing streak among all Big Ten series this season with a last-second 23-20 road victory at Michigan on Oct. 8, ending the Wolverine's 16-game winning streak against the Gophers. Minnesota claimed the Little Brown Jug for the first

## BIG TEN INSTANT REPLAY BREAKDOWN

**Instant Replay -- Year Two:** The Big Ten has completed the second year of its college football instant replay program in 2005. All 44 conference games utilized this system and visiting teams during non-conference contests approved the usage of instant replay for all 23 televised home games (no TV scheduled for San Jose State at Illinois and Nicholls State at Indiana on September 10). In addition, other leagues also implemented their own instant replay system after the NCAA approved the Big Ten's proposal to allow all NCAA conferences and independent institutions to experiment with the use of video replay for the 2005 season. For more information on the Big Ten's instant replay system, go to [www.bigten.org](http://www.bigten.org).

<u>Week</u>	<u>Instant Replay Games</u>	<u>Stoppages for Replay</u>	<u>Calls Overturned</u>	<u>Avg. Time of Replay Games</u>
Sept. 3	8	5	2	3:19*
<i>Details: Two stoppages at ILL and WIS, one at MSU.</i>				
Sept. 10	8	6	4	3:20
<i>Details: Three stoppages at MICH, two at OSU, one at NU.</i>				
Sept. 17	6	0	0	3:06
<i>Details: No stoppages for the first time since Sept. 18, 2004.</i>				
Sept. 24	5	7	2	3:27#
<i>Details: Four stoppages at WIS, one at MINN, NU and OSU.</i>				
Oct. 1	5	8	4	3:22*
<i>Details: Two stoppages at MICH, PUR and WIS, one at IOWA, PSU.</i>				
Oct. 8	5	12	1	3:24
<i>Details: Four stoppages at MICH, three at NU, two at IND, PSU, one at PUR.</i>				
Oct. 15	5	10	7	3:34
<i>Details: Three stoppages at IOWA, two at MICH, OSU, PUR, one at MINN.</i>				
Oct. 22	5	6	3	3:14
<i>Details: Three stoppages at IOWA, one at ILL, IND, WIS.</i>				
Oct. 29	5	4	1	3:20
<i>Details: One stoppage at ILL, MSU, NU, PSU.</i>				
Nov. 5	5	1	0	3:12
<i>Details: One stoppage at NU.</i>				
Nov. 12	5	3	0	3:05
<i>Details: One stoppage at OSU, PUR, WIS.</i>				
Nov. 19	5	2	1	3:08
<i>Details: One stoppage at IND, IOWA.</i>				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>---</b>

\* includes OT game

# includes 2OT game

**NOTE:** The average time of all Big Ten games using instant replay in 2004 was 3:16, compared to 3:13 for all games in 2003.

time under head coach **Glen Mason** and picked up its first triumph over Michigan since 1986, which was also a three-point road win (20-17). The Wolverine's 16-game winning streak ranked seventh all-time among Big Ten streaks, as the longest streak in league annals was snapped in 2004 when Northwestern ended a 24-game skid against Ohio State. Michigan still boasts the longest active winning streak in a conference series with a 13-game string of success against Indiana.

**Big Ten on TV:** The 2005 campaign featured the most televised contests in conference history for an 11-game season, with 68 of 70 home football games appearing on television. That total included all 44 intraconference and 24 inter-conference games televised by either ABC Sports, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Plus, ESPNU, ESPN Classic or ESPN360. Six interconference road games were also televised bringing to 74 the number of Big Ten football games that appeared on television.

## 2005-06 PLAYERS ON BIG TEN CAREER RECORDS CHART

<b>Passing Attempts</b>	<b>Total Offense - Yards</b>	<b>Punting Average</b>	<b>Punt Return Average</b>
1,678 Brees, PUR 1997-00	12,692 Brees, PUR 1997-00	<b>45.6 Fields, MSU 2003-present</b>	16.0 Hillenbrand, IND 1941-42
<b>1,584 Basanez, NU 2002-05</b>	<b>11,576 Basanez, NU 2002-05</b>	45.5 Roby, IOWA 1979-82	<b>15.6 Ginn, Jr., OSU 2004-present</b>
<b>Passing Completions</b>	<b>Receptions</b>	45.2 Montgomery, MSU 1985-87	14.8 Gissendaner, NU 1990-93
1,026 Brees, PUR 1997-00	325 Stubblefield, PUR 2001-04	45.0 Groom, OSU 2001-02	14.5 Dwight, IOWA 1994-97
<b>923 Basanez, NU 2002-05</b>	266 Standeford, PUR 2000-03	44.7 Tupa, OSU 1984-87	14.3 Colzie, OSU 1972-74
<b>Completion Percentage</b>	262 Williams, ILL 1983-85	43.6 Mojsiejenko, MSU 1981-84	13.7 Derricotte, MICH 1944-48
<b>.657 Stanton, MSU 2003-present</b>	252 Edwards, MICH 2001-04	43.5 Kelly, MINN 1984-85	13.1 Zelina, OSU 1968-70
.650 Long, IOWA 1981-85	210 Bates, NU 1995-98	<b>43.5 Weatherford, ILL 2002-05</b>	13.0 Graham, OSU 1989-90
<b>Passing Yards</b>	204 Stratton, PUR 1998-01	<b>Punt Returns</b>	12.9 Breaston, MICH 2003-present
11,792 Brees, PUR 1997-00	<b>202 Williams, WIS 2002-05</b>	124 Marciano, IOWA 1986-89	<b>Punt Return TDs</b>
<b>10,580 Basanez, NU 2002-05</b>	<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	109 Branch, PSU 1998-01	5 Dwight, IOWA 1994-97
<b>Total Offense - Plays</b>	106 Mason, MSU 1993-96	105 Leonhard, WIS 2001-04	<b>Ginn, Jr., OSU 2004-present</b>
<b>1,975 Basanez, NU 2002-05</b>	<b>Williams, WIS 2002-05</b>	98 Boston, OSU 1996-98	
1,931 Brees, PUR 1997-00	<b>Kickoff Return Yards</b>	<b>Breaston, MICH 2003-present</b>	
	2,575 Mason, MSU 1993-96	<b>Punt Return Yards</b>	
	<b>2,349 Williams, WIS 2002-05</b>	1,347 Leonhard, WIS 2001-04	
		<b>1,267 Breaston, MICH 2003-present</b>	

## 2005-06 PLAYERS/TEAMS ON BIG TEN SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS CHART

<b>Individual Total Offensive Plays</b>	<b>Individual Points</b>	<b>Individual Kicking Points</b>	<b>Team Passing Attempts</b>
638 Brees, PUR 1998	156 Johnson, OSU 1975	120 Kaeding, IOWA 2002	594 PUR 1998
633 Brees, PUR 1999	Thompson, IND 1988	Nugent, OSU 2002	568 PUR 1999
<b>610 Basanez, NU 2005</b>	Carter, PSU 1994	111 Jones, PUR 2003	528 PUR 2000
	154 Thompson, IND 1989	110 Rackers, ILL 1999	<b>512 NU 2005</b>
<b>Individual Total Offensive Yards</b>	152 George, OSU 1995	<b>Huston, OSU 2005</b>	<b>Team Passing Completions</b>
4,189 Brees, PUR 2000	144 Byars, OSU 1984	<b>Individual Extra Points</b>	377 PUR 1998
4,176 Brees, PUR 1998	<b>Calhoun, WIS 2005</b>	66 Conway, PSU 1994	342 PUR 1999
<b>4,045 Basanez, NU 2005</b>	<b>Individual Passing Attempts</b>	59 Lloyd, MINN 2003	<b>320 NU 2005</b>
4,036 Brees, PUR 1999	569 Brees, PUR (361 comp.) 1998	57 Jackson, OSU 1995	<b>Team Total Offensive Plays</b>
3,672 Eason, ILL 1982	554 Brees, PUR (337 comp.) 1999	Kaeding, IOWA 2002	1,034 PUR 2002
3,589 Everett, PUR 1985	512 Brees, PUR (309 comp.) 2000	<b>56 Mehlhaff, WIS 2005</b>	1,014 MICH 2003
3,530 Hartlieb, IOWA 1988	505 Eason, ILL (313 comp.) 1982	<b>Individual Punt Return Average</b>	992 NU 2000
3,487 Dicken, PUR 1987	501 Trudeau, ILL (322 comp.) 1985	25.6 Ginn, Jr., OSU (15-384) 2004	989 PUR 1998
<b>3,415 Stanton, MSU 2005</b>	<b>497 Basanez, NU (314 comp.) 2005</b>	21.9 Hoernschemeyer, IND (29-635) 1943	977 MICH 2002
<b>Individual Rushing Attempts</b>	<b>Individual Passing Completions</b>	21.8 Evans, WIS (13-283) 1949	<b>974 NU 2005</b>
419 White, MSU 1985	361 Brees, PUR (569 att.) 1998	Gissendaner, NU (15-327) 1992	<b>Team Total Offensive Yards</b>
387 Autry, NU 1995	337 Brees, PUR (554 att.) 1999	20.9 Hillenbrand, IND (23-481) 1942	6,430 MINN 2003
364 Dunbar, IND 1991	322 Trudeau, ILL (501 att.) 1985	18.7 Zelina, OSU (23-431) 1969	6,222 OSU 1995
358 Thompson, IND 1989	<b>314 Basanez, NU (497 att.) 2005</b>	18.5 Worthington, NU (16-296) 1949	6,152 PSU 1994
357 White, MSU 1987	<b>Individual Passing Yards</b>	18.3 Dwight, IOWA (24-440) 1996	<b>6,004 NU 2005</b>
355 Thompson, IND 1988	3,983 Brees, PUR (361-569) 1998	<b>17.4 Johnson, IOWA (13-226) 2005</b>	5,971 OSU 1998
<b>348 Calhoun, WIS 2005</b>	3,909 Brees, PUR (337-554) 1999	<b>Team Rushing Yards</b>	<b>5,937 MINN 2005</b>
<b>Individual Rushing Touchdowns</b>	3,671 Eason, ILL (313-505) 1982	4,199 OSU 1974	<b>Team Total Offensive Yards Per Game</b>
26 Thompson, IND 1988	3,668 Brees, PUR (309-512) 2000	4,144 MICH 1976	512.7 PSU (6,152 in 12) 1994
Carter, PSU 1994	3,651 Everett, PUR (285-450) 1985	3,978 MICH 1971	<b>500.3 NU (6,004 in 12) 2005</b>
25 Johnson, OSU 1975	<b>3,622 Basanez, NU (314-497) 2005</b>	3,759 MINN 2003	497.6 OSU (5,971 in 12) 1998
24 Thompson, IND 1989	<b>Individual Completion Percentage</b>	3,305 WIS 1999	<b>497.3 MSU (5,470 in 11) 2005</b>
George, OSU 1995	.678 Bevell, WIS (187-276) 1993	<b>3,277 MINN 2005</b>	<b>494.8 MINN (5,937 in 12) 2005</b>
23 Anderson, NU 2000	.673 Yarema, MSU (200-297) 1986	<b>Team Rushing Yards Per Game</b>	
22 Byars, OSU 1984	.671 Long, IOWA (216-322) 1984	349.9 OSU (4,199 in 12) 1974	
<b>Calhoun, WIS 2005</b>	.670 Long, IOWA (260-338) 1985	345.3 MICH (4,144 in 12) 1976	
<b>Individual Total Touchdowns</b>	<b>.667 Stanton, MSU (236-354) 2005</b>	331.5 MICH (3,978 in 12) 1971	
26 Johnson, OSU 1975	<b>Individual Passing Efficiency</b>	289.2 MINN (3,759 in 13) 2003	
Thompson, IND 1988	175.3 Chappuis, MICH 1947	287.5 WIS (3,162 in 11) 1974	
Carter, PSU 1994	166.7 Collins, PSU 1994	275.4 WIS (3,305 in 12) 1999	
25 Thompson, IND 1989	166.4 Smoker, MSU 2001	<b>273.1 MINN (3,277 in 12) 2005</b>	
George, OSU 1995	163.7 Harbaugh, MICH 1985	<b>Team Completion Percentage</b>	
24 Byars, OSU 1984	163.4 Hoying, OSU 1995	.675 WIS (191-283) 1993	
<b>Calhoun, WIS 2005</b>	<b>162.7 Smith, OSU 2005</b>	<b>.661 MSU (252-381) 2005</b>	

# BIG TEN ANNOUNCES 2005 FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

*Northwestern's Basanez and Penn State's Robinson Share Offensive Honors while Ohio State's Hawk Sweeps Defensive Player of the Year Accolades*

The Big Ten announced the 2005 All-Conference football teams and individual award winners on Nov. 22 as selected by the coaches and a media panel. For just the sixth time since the award's inception in 1982, two different standouts were honored as the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year in Northwestern's **Brett Basanez** (media) and Penn State's **Michael Robinson** (coaches). The Nittany Lions, who earned a share of the Big Ten title, picked up two more individual laurels when **Joe Paterno** was tabbed as the media's choice for the Dave McClain Coach of the Year while **Tamba Hali** was a unanimous selection by the coaches as the Defensive Lineman of the Year. Fellow league co-champion Ohio State also collected some hardware with **A.J. Hawk** sweeping Defensive Player of the Year accolades from both groups. The Wildcats picked up another individual award with **Tyrell Sutton** being tabbed the Freshman of the Year by both coaches and media, while the coaches honored Minnesota's **Greg Eslinger** as the Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Basanez and Robinson are the first players to share Offensive Player of the Year honors since 1998, when Ohio State's Joe Germaine and Purdue's Drew Brees split the end-of-year award. The Big Ten also featured at least two honorees in 1997, 1990, 1987 and 1985.

Robinson boosted the Nittany Lions to their second Big Ten championship since joining the conference in 1993 to become the third PSU player to earn Offensive Player of the Year laurels, along with Curtis Enis (1997) and Kerry Collins (1994). The senior quarterback led the Big Ten's top-scoring offense to 35.2 points per outing in league games only, an increase of more than three touchdowns over an offensive attack that ended the 2004 campaign ranked last in the conference (12.9 points per game). Robinson has already established a school record with 2,882 yards of total offense this season, shattering the previous mark set by Collins in 1994, and has been responsible for 27 touchdowns, just two shy of a new program-best.

Basanez is the first Northwestern player to collect Offensive Player of the Year accolades after helping the Wildcats return to a bowl game for the second time in his career. The senior quarterback guided an offense that led the way in league games only with 494 yards per outing. He also topped the Big Ten in total offense for the second time in his career with 339.4 yards per contest, making him just the second player in the last 20 years to average more than 300 yards per game along with Purdue's Brees. Basanez joined Brees and Iowa's Chuck Long as just the third signal caller in conference history to surpass 10,000 career passing yards and is one of only three players (along with Purdue's Brees and Kyle Orton) to appear among the top five in career passes, completions, passing yards, total offensive plays and total offensive yards.

Hawk became the third Ohio State standout in the last four years to earn Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors following Will Smith (2003) and Michael Doss (2002) and the fifth honoree in school history. The senior linebacker is the only defender to rank among the Big Ten's top five in tackles (5th at 9.9 per game), sacks (4th with 7.5) and tackles for loss (4th with 13.0) for all games. He has spearheaded an Ohio State attack that leads all schools in conference games only in scoring defense, total defense, rushing defense and passing defense, the first unit to accomplish that feat since Michigan in 2001. Hawk is a finalist for the Butkus, Lombardi and Walter Camp Player of the Year Awards and a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award and Lott Trophy.

Penn State claimed two other individual honors with Hali being tabbed as the Big Ten's Defensive Lineman of the Year and Paterno picking up his second Coach of the Year award. Hali is the third Nittany Lion to be honored as the Defensive Lineman of the Year along with Jimmy Kennedy (2002) and Courtney Brown (1999). The senior defensive end, who is a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy and Ted Hendricks Award, led the Big Ten in all games with 11 sacks and 17 tackles for loss. Paterno guided the Nittany Lions to a share of their second Big Ten title since joining the league in 1993, producing a 7-1 mark to finish atop the league standings just one year after placing ninth in the conference with a 2-6 record. In his 40th year as a head coach, Paterno collects his second Big Ten Coach of the Year laurel after being previously honored during a perfect season in 1994. The Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year award is voted on by a conference media panel and is named for the late Wisconsin coach, who served at the Badgers' helm from 1978-1985. The league dedicated this award to his honor in 1986.

Sutton is the second Northwestern player to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors and the first since Ed Sutter shared the award in 1988. The true freshman running back ranked among the nation's top 10 in both rushing and scoring this season, setting school freshman records with 126.4 rushing yards (second in league, fifth nationally) and 9.8 points (third in league, ninth nationally) per game. For the year, Sutton has produced a conference-best 1,390 yards on the ground in all games, averaging 6.0 yards per carry with 18 total touchdowns.

Eslinger became the first Minnesota player to collect Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year honors after blocking for an attack that ranked among the league's top three in rushing yards (1st with 259.2 yards per game), total yards (2nd with 477.0 yards per game) and scoring (3rd with 31.9 points per game) in conference contests only. The senior is also only the fifth player in Gophers history to earn first team All-Conference honors in three straight seasons and the first since linebacker Billy Light accomplished the feat from 1970-72.

Overall, there are 19 individuals repeating as members of the All-Big Ten first or second team from a year ago, including eight first-team selections from 2004 who are on this year's first team - Iowa's **Chad Greenway**, Michigan's **Matt Lentz**, **Adam Stenavich** and **Gabe Watson**, Minnesota's Eslinger, **Laurence Maroney** and **Mark Setterstrom** and Ohio State's Hawk. Eslinger and Hawk are the only three-time first-team All-Big Ten honorees, as Hawk is the first Buckeye to earn three straight selections since Doss from 2000-02.

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 football are **J Leman** of Illinois, **Russ Richardson** of Indiana, **Abdul Hodge** of Iowa, **Carl Tabb** of Michigan, **Kyle Brown** of Michigan State, Eslinger of Minnesota, Basanez of Northwestern, **Nate Salley** of Ohio State, Robinson of Penn State, **Brandon Villarreal** of Purdue and **Jonathan Orr** 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 2005 All-Big Ten Teams and individual honors follows.

2005 All-Big Ten Conference Football Team  
**As selected by CONFERENCE COACHES**  
**(Players in ALL CAPS have 2006 eligibility)**

**FIRST TEAM**

Brett Basanez, Northwestern  
 LAURENCE MARONEY, Minnesota\*  
 BRIAN CALHOUN, Wisconsin  
 Jason Avant, Michigan  
 SANTONIO HOLMES, Ohio State  
 Greg Eslinger, Minnesota  
 Mark Setterstrom, Minnesota  
 Rob Sims, Ohio State  
 LEVI BROWN, Penn State  
 JOE THOMAS, Wisconsin  
 MATT SPAETH, Minnesota  
 Josh Huston, Ohio State

**OFFENSE**

Quarterback  
 Running Back  
 Running Back  
 Receiver  
 Receiver  
 Center  
 Guard  
 Guard  
 Tackle  
 Tackle  
 Tight End  
 Kicker

**SECOND TEAM**

Michael Robinson, Penn State  
 TYRELL SUTTON, Northwestern  
 TONY HUNT, Penn State  
 Mark Philmore, Northwestern  
 Brandon Williams, Wisconsin  
 Nick Mangold, Ohio State  
 Matt Lentz, Michigan  
 JORDAN GRIMES, Purdue  
 Adam Stenavich, Michigan  
 Zach Strief, Northwestern  
 Tim Massaquoi, Michigan  
 KYLE SCHLICHER, Iowa

**FIRST TEAM**

Gabe Watson, Michigan  
 Mike Kudla, Ohio State  
 Tamba Hali, Penn State\*  
 Scott Paxson, Penn State

**DEFENSE**

Line  
 Line  
 Line  
 Line  
  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Linebacker  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
 Defensive Back  
  
 Punter

**SECOND TEAM**

Victor Adeyanju, Indiana  
 Anthony Montgomery, Minnesota  
 Barry Cofield, Northwestern  
 QUINN PITCOCK, Ohio State (tie)  
 Rob Ninkovich, Purdue (tie)  
 Abdul Hodge, Iowa  
 Tim McGarigle, Northwestern  
 Bobby Carpenter, Ohio State  
 Jovon Johnson, Iowa  
 LEON HALL, Michigan  
 Eric Smith, Michigan State  
  
 Steve Weatherford, Illinois

**HONORABLE MENTION:** ILLINOIS: Ryan Matha; IOWA: Antwan Allen, Ed Hinkel, KENNY IWEBEMA, MARCUS PASCHAL, ALBERT YOUNG; MICHIGAN: PRESCOTT BURGESS, TYLER ECKER, Leo Henige, Grant Mason, Pat Massey, GARRETT RIVAS, LAMARR WOODLEY; MICHIGAN STATE: Domata Peko, JERRAMY SCOTT, Stefon Wheeler; MINNESOTA: TONY BRINKHAUS, Keith Lipka, GARY RUSSELL; NORTHWESTERN: MARQUICE COLE, Herschel Henderson; OHIO STATE: Marcus Green, ANTONIO PITTMAN, Anthony Schlegel, TROY SMITH; PENN STATE: JAY ALFORD, DEON BUTLER, Chris Harrell, JEREMY KAPINOS, Matthew Rice; PURDUE: DORIEN BRYANT, MIKE OTTO, SEAN SESTER, Brandon Villarreal; WISCONSIN: Jason Pociask, JOE STELLMACHER.

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

Michael Robinson, Penn State

**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:**

Greg Eslinger, Minnesota

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

A.J. Hawk, Ohio State

**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR:**

Tamba Hali, Penn State\*

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**

TYRELL SUTTON, Northwestern

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 Nate Salley, Ohio State  
 ASHTON YOUTBOTY, Ohio State  
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 MARQUICE COLE, Northwestern  
 Calvin Lowry, Penn State  
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**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Brett Basanez, Northwestern  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** A.J. Hawk, Ohio State  
**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:** TYRELL SUTTON, Northwestern  
**DAVE McCLAIN COACH OF THE YEAR:** Joe Paterno, Penn State

\*Denotes unanimous selection

**Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honorees:** J LEMAN, ILL; Russ Richardson, IND; Abdul Hodge, IOWA; Carl Tabb, MICH; Kyle Brown, MSU; Greg Eslinger, MINN; Brett Basanez, NU; Nate Salley, OSU; Michael Robinson, PSU; Brandon Villarreal, PUR; Jonathan Orr, WIS.

**BIG TEN COACHES ALL-TIME TOP WINNING RECORDS**

(Record in all games played while a member of the Big Ten; 10-year minimum)

<u>Coach, Team</u>	<u>Yrs</u>	<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>PCT</u>
Fielding Yost, MICH	25	1901-23, 1925-26	165-29-10	.833
Bo Schembechler, MICH	21	1969-89	194-48-5	.796
Henry Williams, MINN	22	1900-21	136-33-11	.786
Fritz Crisler, MINN-MICH	12	1930-31, 1938-47	81-23-4	.769
Woody Hayes, OSU	28	1951-78	205-61-10	.761
<b>Lloyd Carr, MICH</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1995-</b>	<b>102-34-0</b>	<b>.750</b>
Bernie Bierman, MINN	16	1932-41, 1945-50	93-35-6	.716
John Cooper, OSU	13	1988-2000	111-43-4	.715
John Wilce, OSU	16	1913-28	78-33-9	.688
<b>Joe Paterno, PSU</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1993-</b>	<b>107-50-0</b>	<b>.682</b>
Jack Mollenkopf, PUR	14	1956-69	84-39-9	.670
Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI	37	1896-32	199-94-22	.667
Bennie Oosterbaan, MICH	11	1948-58	63-33-4	.650
<b>Barry Alvarez, WIS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1990-2005</b>	<b>118-73-4</b>	<b>.615</b>
Hayden Fry, IOWA	20	1979-98	143-89-6	.613
Robert Zuppke, ILL	29	1913-41	131-81-13	.611
Duffy Daugherty, MSU	19	1954-72	109-69-5	.609
Glenn Thistlewaite, NU-WIS	10	1922-26, 1927-31	47-33-4	.583
Bo McMillan, IND	14	1934-47	63-48-11	.561
Bump Elliott, MICH	10	1959-68	51-42-2	.547
George Perles, MSU	12	1983-94	73-61-4	.544
Milt Bruhn, WIS	11	1956-66	52-45-6	.534
Ray Elliott, ILL	18	1942-59	83-73-11	.530
Murray Warmath, MINN	18	1954-71	86-78-7	.528
Pappy Waldorf, NU	12	1935-46	49-45-7	.520

**Current Coaches Nearing the 10-Year Mark:**

Joe Tiller, PUR	9	1997-	67-43-0	.609
Glen Mason, MINN	9	1997-	58-50-0	.537

**BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS**

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>Career (Yrs)</u>	<u>At School (Yrs)</u>	<u>Big Ten Only</u>
Ron Zook, ILL	25-23 (4)	2-9 (1)	0-8
Terry Hoepfner, IND	52-32 (7)	4-7 (1)	1-7
Kirk Ferentz, IOWA	61-57 (10)	49-36 (7)	32-24
Lloyd Carr, MICH	102-34 (11)	102-34 (11)	68-20
John L. Smith, MSU	128-78 (17)	18-18 (3)	11-13
Glen Mason, MINN	117-114-1 (20)	58-50 (9)	29-43
Randy Walker, NU	96-81-5 (16)	37-46 (7)	24-32
Jim Tressel, OSU	185-70-2 (20)	50-13 (5)	30-10
Joe Paterno, PSU	354-117-3 (40)	354-117-3 (40)	64-40
Joe Tiller, PUR	106-73-1 (15)	67-43 (9)	43-29
Barry Alvarez, WIS	118-73-4 (16)	118-73-4 (16)	65-60-3

**BIG TEN IN THE POLLS (ASSOCIATED PRESS/USA TODAY)**

	<u>ILL</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>IOWA</u>	<u>MICH</u>	<u>MSU</u>	<u>MINN</u>	<u>NU</u>	<u>OSU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>PUR</u>	<u>WIS</u>
Preseason	-/-	-/-	11/10	4/4	-/RV	RV/RV	-/-	6/9	RV/RV	15/16	RV/RV
Sept. 6	-/-	-/-	8/8	3/3	RV/RV	RV/RV	-/RV	4/7	RV/RV	13/13	RV/RV
Sept. 12	-/-	-/-	22/21	14/14	RV/RV	RV/RV	-/RV	9/9	RV/RV	12/11	RV/RV
Sept. 19	-/-	-/-	21/21	14/13	17/22	RV/RV	-/-	8/9	RV/RV	11/10	RV/24
Sept. 26	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	11/12	18/19	-/-	8/8	RV/RV	22/20	17/17
Oct. 3	-/-	-/-	RV/-	21/24	19/19	RV/RV	-/-	6/6	16/18	RV/RV	14/14
Oct. 10	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	16/17	22/22	RV/RV	15/15	8/10	-/-	23/23
Oct. 17	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	22/22	RV/25	RV/RV	14/13	12/14	-/-	19/17
Oct. 24	-/-	-/-	RV/-	25/RV	-/-	RV/22	21/23	12/13	11/12	-/-	15/15
Oct. 31	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	22/23	-/RV	RV/RV	RV/RV	12/12	10/11	-/-	14/14
Nov. 7	-/-	-/-	RV/-	21/22	-/-	RV/RV	25/RV	10/10	6/6	-/-	19/19
Nov. 14	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	17/17	-/-	RV/RV	RV/-	9/9	5/5	-/-	25/24
Nov. 21	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	22/23	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	7/7	4/4	-/-	24/22
Nov. 28	-/-	-/-	25/25	20/21	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	6/6	4/4	-/-	21/20
Dec. 5	-/-	-/-	25/25	20/21	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	4/4	3/3	-/-	21/20
FINAL	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	RV/RV	-/-	-/-	RV/RV	4/4	3/3	-/-	15/15

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**BIG TEN NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS IN 2005-06**

(Number in parenthesis indicates total times that a Big Ten team will face an opponent from this conference.)

<b>ACC (3)</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Florida State (1)*	1-0
North Carolina (1)	1-0
Virginia (1)*	0-1
<b>Big 12 (3)</b>	<b>0-3</b>
Iowa State (1)	0-1
Nebraska (1)*	0-1
Texas (1)	0-1
<b>Big East (3)</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Cincinnati (1)	1-0
Rutgers (1)	1-0
South Florida (1)	1-0
<b>Conference USA (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Tulsa (1)	1-0
<b>Gateway (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Northern Iowa (1)	1-0
<b>Mid-American (12)</b>	<b>12-0</b>
Akron (1)	1-0
Ball State (1)	1-0
Bowling Green (1)	1-0
Central Michigan (2)	2-0
Eastern Michigan (1)	1-0
Kent State (1)	1-0
Miami (Ohio) (1)	1-0
Northern Illinois (2)	2-0
Ohio (1)	1-0
Temple (1)	1-0
<b>Mountain West (2)</b>	<b>2-0</b>
Colorado State (1)	1-0
San Diego State (1)	1-0
<b>Pac-10 (4)</b>	<b>1-3</b>
Arizona (1)	1-0
Arizona State (1)	0-1
California (1)	0-1
UCLA (1)*	0-1
<b>SEC (3)</b>	<b>2-1</b>
Auburn (1)*	1-0
Florida (1)*	0-1
Kentucky (1)	1-0
<b>Southland (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Nicholls State (1)	1-0
<b>Sun Belt (1)</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Florida Atlantic (1)	1-0
<b>WAC (3)</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Hawaii (2)	2-0
San Jose State (1)	1-0
<b>Independent (4)</b>	<b>2-2</b>
Notre Dame (4)*	2-2
<b>Total (41)</b>	<b>31-10 (.756)</b>
<b>Bowl (7)</b>	<b>3-4 (.429)</b>

\* indicates bowl opponent

## ASSOCIATED PRESS -- FINAL

<u>Team (1st Place Votes)</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Prev.</u>
1. Texas (65)	13-0	1625	2
2. USC	12-1	1560	1
<b>3. Penn State</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>1484</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4. Ohio State</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>1428</b>	<b>4</b>
5. West Virginia	11-1	1325	11
6. LSU	11-2	1314	10
7. Virginia Tech	11-2	1197	12
8. Alabama	10-2	1081	13
9. Notre Dame	9-3	1019	5
10. Georgia	10-3	994	8
11. TCU	11-1	937	14
12. Florida	9-3	817	16
12. Oregon	10-2	817	6
14. Auburn	9-3	799	7
<b>15. Wisconsin</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>21</b>
16. UCLA	10-2	778	17
17. Miami	9-3	589	9
18. Boston College	9-3	545	19
19. Louisville	9-3	410	15
20. Texas Tech	9-3	359	18
21. Clemson	8-4	339	23
22. Oklahoma	8-4	329	NR
23. Florida State	8-5	232	22
24. Nebraska	8-4	128	NR
25. California	8-4	45	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Toledo 35, Tulsa 34, **Michigan 26**, Nevada 25, Navy 20, **Iowa 19**, Fresno State 8, Virginia 7, Boise State 3, Kansas 2, N.C. State 2, **Northwestern 2**, South Carolina 1, Utah 1, Missouri 1, Arizona State 1, Georgia Tech 1.

## USA TODAY -- FINAL

<u>Team (1st Place Votes)</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Prev.</u>
1. Texas (62)	13-0	1550	2
2. USC	12-1	1483	1
<b>3. Penn State</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4. Ohio State</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>4</b>
5. LSU	11-2	1281	10
6. West Virginia	11-1	1235	11
7. Virginia Tech	11-2	1176	12
8. Alabama	10-2	1066	13
9. TCU	11-1	914	14
10. Georgia	10-3	900	8
11. Notre Dame	9-3	866	6
12. Oregon	10-2	837	5
13. UCLA	10-2	774	17
14. Auburn	9-3	760	7
<b>15. Wisconsin</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>20</b>
16. Florida	9-3	718	18
17. Boston College	9-3	584	19
18. Miami	9-3	558	9
19. Texas Tech	9-3	422	15
20. Louisville	9-3	342	16
21. Clemson	8-4	310	23
22. Oklahoma	8-4	274	NR
23. Florida State	8-5	209	22
24. Nebraska	8-4	109	NR
25. California	8-4	68	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Tulsa 52, Nevada 35, **Michigan 32**, Toledo 18, Navy 17, **Iowa 15**, Boise State 7, South Carolina 7, Georgia Tech 5, Arizona State 2, **Northwestern 2**, Rutgers 2, N.C. State 1, Utah 1, Virginia 1.

## 2005 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RANKINGS - FINAL

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Harris Rank</u>	<u>% of Votes</u>	<u>USA Today Rank</u>	<u>% of Votes</u>	<u>Computer Rank</u>	<u>% of Points</u>	<u>BCS Avg.</u>	<u>Prev. Rank</u>
1.	Southern California	1	0.9950	1	0.9955	2	0.970	0.9868	1
2.	Texas	2	0.9650	2	0.9645	1	0.990	0.9732	2
3.	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.9175</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.9187</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.920</b>	<b>0.9187</b>	<b>3</b>
4.	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.8488</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.8387</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.880</b>	<b>0.8559</b>	<b>6</b>
5.	Oregon	6	0.7805	5	0.7961	5	0.820	0.7989	7
6.	Notre Dame	5	0.8124	6	0.7865	T-10	0.600	0.7329	8
7.	Georgia	8	0.7267	8	0.7077	8	0.720	0.7182	13
8.	Miami (Fla.)	9	0.6874	9	0.6935	7	0.730	0.7037	9
9.	Auburn	7	0.7381	7	0.7361	12	0.550	0.6747	10
10.	Virginia Tech	11	0.6085	12	0.6161	6	0.790	0.6715	5
11.	West Virginia	12	0.5922	11	0.6187	9	0.710	0.6403	11
12.	LSU	10	0.6414	10	0.6465	T-10	0.600	0.6293	4
13.	Alabama	13	0.5136	13	0.5077	18	0.340	0.4538	15
14.	TCU	14	0.4701	14	0.4735	17	0.390	0.4445	14
15.	Texas Tech	15	0.4060	15	0.4103	13	0.470	0.4288	16
16.	UCLA	T-17	0.3554	17	0.3426	T-14	0.410	0.3693	12
17.	Florida	T-17	0.3554	18	0.3419	21	0.220	0.3058	17
<b>18.</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.2389</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.2574</b>	<b>T-14</b>	<b>0.410</b>	<b>0.3021</b>	<b>18</b>
19.	Louisville	16	0.3596	16	0.3774	NR	0.050	0.2624	21
<b>20.</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.1968</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.1768</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.400</b>	<b>0.2579</b>	<b>19</b>
21.	Boston College	19	0.2701	19	0.2755	22	0.190	0.2452	20
22.	Florida State	22	0.1678	22	0.1652	NR	0.000	0.1110	NR
23.	Oklahoma	26	0.0308	26	0.0290	T-19	0.240	0.0999	23
24.	Georgia Tech	24	0.0998	24	0.0735	25	0.110	0.0945	24
25.	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>T-29</b>	<b>0.0106</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.0155</b>	<b>T-19</b>	<b>0.240</b>	<b>0.0887</b>	<b>22</b>

**EXPLANATION:** To derive a team's poll percentages in the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls, each team's point total is divided by a maximum 2825 possible points in the Harris Interactive Poll and 1525 possible points in the USA Today Poll. Teams are assigned an inverse point total (25 for #1, 24 for #2, etc.) for each of their respective computer poll rankings to determine the overall computer component. The highest and lowest ranking for each team is dropped, and the sum total of the remaining four rankings is divided by 100 (the maximum possible points). This figure produces a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin and Peter Wolfe. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength within its formula. The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive and USA Today Polls, and Computer rankings. The highest BCS Average receives the #1 ranking, the second highest receives #2, and so forth.

## 2005 WEEK-BY-WEEK ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Sept. 3	8	611,800	76,475*	4	---	---	---	---
Sept. 10	10	688,495	68,850	4	---	---	---	---
Sept. 17	6	465,854	77,642	3	---	---	---	---
Sept. 24	5	312,227	62,445	2	5	312,227	62,445	2
Oct. 1	5	404,411	80,882	4	4	338,920	84,730	3
Oct. 8	5	355,429	71,086	3	5	355,429	71,086	3
Oct. 15#	5	414,911	82,982	5	5	414,911	82,982	5
Oct. 22	5	333,548	66,710	3	5	333,548	66,710	3
Oct. 29	5	337,643	67,529	2	5	337,643	67,529	2
Nov. 5	5	342,337	68,467	2	5	342,337	68,467	2
Nov. 12	5	401,743	80,349	3	5	401,743	80,349	3
Nov. 19	5	338,669	67,734	3	5	338,669	67,734	3
Totals:	69	5,007,067	72,566&	38	44	3,175,427&	72,169&	26

& Single-Season Attendance Record

\* Single-Day Attendance Record

# First time every game sold out since at least 1998

## 2005 TEAM-BY-TEAM ATTENDANCE

Date	Games	OVERALL			CONFERENCE			
		Total	Average	SO	Games	Total	Average	SO
Illinois	6	287,113	47,852	0	4	187,725	46,931	0
Indiana	6	237,214	39,536	1	4	169,374	42,344	1
Iowa	6	423,510	70,585	6	4	282,340	70,585	4
Michigan	7	776,405	110,915	7	4	444,537	111,134	4
Michigan State	6	451,097	75,183	2	4	303,105	75,766	2
Minnesota	6	294,147	49,025	1	4	213,217	53,304	1
Northwestern	6	195,163	32,527	1	4	139,934	34,984	1
Ohio State	7	735,120	105,017	7	4	420,327	105,082	4
Penn State	7	734,013	104,859	3	4	435,775	108,944	3
Purdue	6	377,977	62,996	4	4	247,729	61,932	2
Wisconsin	6	495,308	82,551	6	4	331,364	82,841	4

## ALL-TIME BIG TEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

42	Michigan	1898-01c-02-03c-04c-06c-18c-22c-23c-25-26c-30c-31c-32c-33c-43c-47-48-49c-50-64-69c-71-72c-73c-74c-76c-77c-78c-80-82-86c-88-89-90c-91-92-97-98c-00c-03-04c
30	Ohio State	1916-17-20-35c-39-42-44-49c-54-55-57-61-68-69c-70-72c-73c-74c-75-76c-77c-79-81c-84-86c-93c-96c-98c-02c-05c
18	Minnesota	1900c-03c-04c-06c-09-10c-11-15c-27c-33c-34-35c-37-38-40-41-60c-67c
15	Illinois	1910c-14-15c-18c-19-23c-27c-28-46-51-53c-63-83-90c-01
11	Iowa	1900c-21-22c-56-58-60c-81c-85-90c-02c-04c
11	Wisconsin	1896-97-01c-06c-12-52c-59-62-93c-98c-99
8	Northwestern	1903c-26c-30c-31c-36-95-96c-00c
8	Purdue	1918c-29-31c-32c-43c-52c-67c-00c
7	Chicago	1899-05-07-08-13-22c-24
6	Michigan State	1953c-65-66-78c-87-90c
2	Indiana	1945-67c
2	Penn State	1994-05c

c - co-championship

## 2005 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5

**O: Brian Calhoun, WIS:** Exploded for a career-high 258 rushing yards on 43 carries and tied a school record with five TDs against Bowling Green in his first game in a UW uniform; His five TDs ranked fourth in Big Ten history.

**D: John Pannozzo, IND:** In first game since moving from fullback position, tallied six tackles, racked up three TFLs (including a 14-yard sack) and forced a fumble in a win over Central Michigan.

**S: Jeremy Kapinos, PSU:** Placed three of five punts inside the 20-yard line and averaged 42.2 yards, including a 60-yard effort vs. South Florida.

Sept. 12

**O: Tyrell Sutton, NU:** Became the first freshman in NU history to earn league POW honors after setting career highs with 214 yards on 30 carries and four TDs, including the game-clinching score with 62 seconds left against NIU.

**D: A.J. Hawk, OSU:** In a narrow loss to No. 2 Texas, racked up 12 tackles, three TFLs (including two sacks), one interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery to earn the second weekly accolade of his career.

**S: Marquice Cole, NU:** Returned two punts for 101 yards, including an 81-yard TD, the fourth-longest return in school annals, against Northern Illinois.

**S: Brandon Williams, WIS:** Returned four punts for 105 yards, including a 66-yard TD, and one kickoff 38 yards against Temple.

Sept. 19

**O: Drew Stanton, MSU:** Accounted for 375 yards of total offense and four touchdowns in a 44-41 overtime victory at No. 10/12 Notre Dame; Completed 16 of 27 passes (59.3 pct.) for 327 yards and three touchdowns while also running 14 times for 48 yards and another score.

**D: Chad Greenway, IOWA:** Collected a career-high 20 tackles (12 solo) against Northern Iowa while adding a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.

**S: Ken DeBauche, WIS:** Averaged 46.7 yards on seven punts, including four kicks placed inside the 20-yard line, in a win at North Carolina.

Sept. 26

**O: Drew Stanton, MSU:** In only three quarters of work, completed 20 of 26 passes (77 percent) for 259 yards and a school-record five TDs at Illinois.

**O: Laurence Maroney, MINN:** Set career highs in carries (46), rushing yards (217), receptions (5) and receiving yards (59) and totaled 333 all-purpose yards to lead Minnesota to a double-OT victory over nationally-ranked Purdue.

**D: Paul Posluszny, PSU:** Racked up a career-high 22 tackles (14 solo), the most by a PSU player since 1974, in a road victory at Northwestern.

**S: Joel Howells, NU:** Set school record with five field goals vs. PSU, equaling his career long with a 46-yarder and matching the NU record with 17 points.

Oct. 3

**O: Mike Hart, MICH:** Returned after missing two games due to injury to break loose for 218 yards on 36 carries and a touchdown to lead Michigan to an overtime road win at nationally-ranked Michigan State.

**D: Abdul Hodge, IOWA:** Career-best 18 tackles (11 solo) and two TFLs while holding Illinois to just one touchdown.

**D: Paul Posluszny, PSU:** Recorded nine tackles (two solo) and 1.5 TFLs to help hold Minnesota's offense to only 113 rushing yards, 213 below its national-best average, and 14 points, 32 below its average output.

**S: Brandon Williams, WIS:** Returned four punts for 86 yards (21.5 avg.), including a 63-yard touchdown, and one kickoff for 21 yards vs. Indiana.

Oct. 10

**O: Brett Basanez, NU:** Accounted for 430 of NU's school-record 674 yards, including connecting on 26 of 36 passes for 361 yards and three TDs and adding 69 rushing yards and another score in victory over Wisconsin.

**D: Tim McGarigle, NU:** Racked up a career-best 25 tackles, one shy of the official NCAA record, and added 3.5 TFLs, including two sacks, vs. Badgers.

**D: Paul Posluszny, PSU:** Collected 14 tackles and two TFLs, including a sack, as Penn State shut out OSU in the second half for the win.

**S: Jason Giannini, MINN:** Hit a career-best three field goals, including a 30-yarder with one second remaining in a 23-20 win at Michigan.

Oct. 17

**O: Brett Basanez, NU:** Totaled 506 yards of total offense, the eighth-best performance in league history, in first win at Purdue since 1995; Completed 37 of 55 passes (67.3 pct.) for 463 yards and three TDs and added 43 yards on the ground with another score.

**D: Bobby Carpenter, OSU:** Equaled a school record with four sacks (-27 yards) against Michigan State and added a season-high 11 tackles (seven solo).

**S: Steve Breaston, MICH:** Returned four kickoffs for 128 yards (32.0 avg.), including a 41-yarder with 58 seconds left to set up Michigan's last-second win.

**S: Ashton Youboty, OSU:** Picked up a blocked field goal and sprinted 72 yards for a TD to cut Michigan State's lead to 17-14 at the half and blocked a field goal in the fourth quarter which led to OSU's go-ahead score.

Oct. 24

**O: Michael Robinson, PSU:** Equaled the school record with six touchdowns in less than one half of play at Illinois; Completed 11 of 18 passes (61.1 pct.) for 194 yards and four TDs and ran seven times for 69 yards with two TDs.

**D: Herschel Henderson, NU:** Helped shut down Michigan State, the nation's third-ranked offense, with five tackles, a TFL and two interceptions.

**S: Ted Ginn, Jr., OSU:** Broke loose for 220 return yards at Indiana, including five punt returns for 110 yards and a 62-yard TD and three kickoff returns for 110 yards and a 73-yard return (which was a 98-yard TD negated by penalty).

Oct. 31

**O: Antonio Pittman, OSU:** Averaged 8.1 yards per carry and set a career-best with 186 yards on 23 attempts with two TDs in win at Minnesota.

**O: Brian Calhoun, WIS:** Matched his school record with five rushing TDs at Illinois and compiled 197 yards on 35 carries in the win.

**D: Leon Hall, MICH:** Totaled six tackles (four solo) and one TFL while also forcing and recovering a fumble and returning it 83 yards for a score at NU.

**S: Demond Williams, MSU:** Opened with a 98-yard kickoff return TD vs. Indiana and later blocked an extra point which was returned 75 yards for two points.

Nov. 7

**O: Gary Russell, MINN:** Set career highs in rushing attempts (28), yards (188) and TDs (3) while averaging 6.7 yards per carry in a win at Indiana.

**D: Tamba Hali, PSU:** Tallied a season-best nine tackles (three solo) and five TFLs, including a school-record four sacks, in a win over Wisconsin.

**S: Joel Howells, NU:** Successfully executed an onside kick with just over two minutes left to set up the game-winning score and connected on all four PATs, including the game-winner with 42 seconds remaining against Iowa.

Nov. 14

**O: Amir Pinnix, MINN:** In the absence of the Gophers' top two rushers, stepped in to set career highs in carries (32) and yards (206) while adding a touchdown in a victory over Michigan State.

**D: Mitch King, IOWA:** Set career-highs with 3.5 TFLs and two sacks, part of a six-tackle performance in a 20-10 road win at nationally-ranked Wisconsin.

**S: Steve Breaston, MICH:** Rolled up 201 all-purpose yards against Indiana in just one half of play, including 78 stripes on three punt returns (26.0 avg.), a 47-yard kickoff return and an 11-yard touchdown reception.

**S: Dave Brytus, PUR:** Placed three of four punts inside the 20-yard line while averaging 39 yards per boot in a victory over Illinois.

Nov. 21

**O: Ed Hinkel, IOWA:** Equaled a school record with four TD receptions while hauling in seven catches for 151 yards, all career-highs, vs. Minnesota.

**O: Troy Smith, OSU:** Led Buckeyes on a pair of fourth-quarter TD drives to rally OSU to a 25-21 win at Michigan and a share of the league crown; Set career high with 300 passing yards while completing 73 percent of his passes (27-of-37) and registering two TDs (one passing, one rushing).

**D: Alan Zemaitis, PSU:** Recorded a career-best three interceptions to go with seven tackles at MSU in helping PSU clinch its first Big Ten title since 1994.

**D: Rob Ninkovich, PUR:** Matched a league record with seven TFLs, including a school-record four sacks, while compiling 11 tackles and a forced fumble at IU.

**S: Donnie Johnson, PSU:** Blocked a punt that was returned for a TD at MSU.

Nov. 28

**O: John Stocco, WIS:** Completed 12 of 16 passes (75.0 pct.) for 191 yards and two TDs and ran for 26 yards and another TD in a victory at Hawaii.

**D: Dontez Sanders, WIS:** Collected three TFLs, including 2.5 sacks, while recording an interception and a pass breakup at Hawaii.

**S: Taylor Mehlhaff, WIS:** Connected on two-of-two field goals, both from 24 yards out, and added five PATs and four touchbacks on eight kickoffs.

## ILLINOIS (2-9, 0-8)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 33-30	Rutgers (OT)	50,112
Sept. 10	W, 40-19	San Jose State	49,276
Sept. 17	L, 20-35	at No. 15/15 California	57,657
Sept. 24	L, 14-61	No. 17/22 Michigan State	51,469
Oct. 1	L, 7-35	at Iowa	70,585
Oct. 8	L, 13-36	at Indiana	35,829
Oct. 22	L, 10-63	No. 12/14 Penn State	52,633
Oct. 29	L, 24-41	No. 15/15 Wisconsin	52,158
Nov. 5	L, 2-40	at No. 12/12 Ohio State	104,799
Nov. 12	L, 3-37	at Purdue	57,611
Nov. 19	L, 21-38	Northwestern	31,465

## INDIANA (4-7, 1-7)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 2	W, 20-13	at Central Michigan	22,212
Sept. 10	W, 35-31	Nicholls State	27,600
Sept. 17	W, 38-14	Kentucky	40,240
Oct. 1	L, 24-41	at No. 17/17 Wisconsin	82,330
Oct. 8	W, 36-13	Illinois	35,829
Oct. 15	L, 21-38	at Iowa	70,585
Oct. 22	L, 10-41	No. 14/13 Ohio State	52,866
Oct. 29	L, 15-46	at Michigan State	74,063
Nov. 5	L, 21-42	Minnesota	30,656
Nov. 12	L, 14-41	at No. 21/22 Michigan	110,580
Nov. 19	L, 14-41	Purdue	50,023

## IOWA (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 56-0	Ball State	70,585
Sept. 10	L, 3-23	at Iowa State	54,290
Sept. 17	W, 45-21	Northern Iowa	70,585
Sept. 24	L, 6-31	at No. 8/9 Ohio State	105,225
Oct. 1	W, 35-7	Illinois	70,585
Oct. 8	W, 34-17	at Purdue	64,785
Oct. 15	W, 38-21	Indiana	70,585
Oct. 22	L, 20-23	Michigan (OT)	70,585
Nov. 5	L, 27-28	at Northwestern	34,550
Nov. 12	W, 20-10	at No. 19/19 Wisconsin	83,184
Nov. 19	W, 52-28	Minnesota	70,585
Jan. 2	L, 24-31	vs. No. 16/18 Florida Outback Bowl	65,881

## MICHIGAN (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 33-17	Northern Illinois	110,971
Sept. 10	L, 10-17	No. 20/23 Notre Dame	111,386
Sept. 17	W, 55-0	Eastern Michigan	109,511
Sept. 24	L, 20-23	at No. -/24 Wisconsin	83,022
Oct. 1	W, 34-31	at No. 11/12 Michigan St. (OT)	79,401
Oct. 8	L, 20-23	Minnesota	111,117
Oct. 15	W, 27-25	No. 8/10 Penn State	111,249
Oct. 22	W, 23-20	at Iowa (OT)	70,585
Oct. 29	W, 33-17	at No. 21/23 Northwestern	47,130
Nov. 12	W, 41-14	Indiana	110,580
Nov. 19	L, 21-25	No. 9/9 Ohio State	111,591
Dec. 28	L, 28-32	vs. Nebraska Alamo Bowl	62,016

## MICHIGAN STATE (5-6, 2-6)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 49-14	Kent State	73,949
Sept. 10	W, 42-14	Hawaii	74,043
Sept. 17	W, 44-41	at No. 10/12 Notre Dame (OT)	80,795
Sept. 24	W, 61-14	at Illinois	51,469
Oct. 1	L, 31-34	Michigan (OT)	79,401
Oct. 15	L, 24-35	at No. 15/15 Ohio State	105,122
Oct. 22	L, 14-49	Northwestern	74,636
Oct. 29	W, 46-15	Indiana	74,063
Nov. 5	L, 21-28	at Purdue	62,467
Nov. 12	L, 18-41	at Minnesota	45,187
Nov. 19	L, 22-31	No. 5/5 Penn State	75,005

## MINNESOTA (7-5, 4-4)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 1	W, 41-10	at Tulsa	33,410
Sept. 10	W, 56-24	Colorado State	40,221
Sept. 17	W, 46-7	Florida Atlantic	40,709
Sept. 24	W, 42-35	No. 11/10 Purdue (2OT)	48,116
Oct. 1	L, 14-44	at Penn State	106,604
Oct. 8	W, 23-20	at No. 21/24 Michigan	111,117
Oct. 15	L, 34-38	No. 23/23 Wisconsin	65,089
Oct. 29	L, 31-45	No. 12/13 Ohio State	54,825
Nov. 5	W, 42-21	at Indiana	30,656
Nov. 12	W, 41-18	Michigan State	45,187
Nov. 19	L, 28-52	at Iowa	70,585
Dec. 30	L, 31-34	vs. Virginia Music City Bowl	40,519

## NORTHWESTERN (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 38-14	Ohio	20,115
Sept. 10	W, 38-37	Northern Illinois	35,114
Sept. 17	L, 21-52	at No. 18/22 Arizona State	55,029
Sept. 24	L, 29-34	Penn State	24,395
Oct. 8	W, 51-48	No. 14/14 Wisconsin	33,859
Oct. 15	W, 34-29	at Purdue	62,866
Oct. 22	W, 49-14	at No. 22/22 Michigan State	74,636
Oct. 29	L, 17-33	No. 25/- Michigan	47,130
Nov. 5	W, 28-27	Iowa	34,550
Nov. 12	L, 7-48	at No. 10/10 Ohio State	105,181
Nov. 19	W, 38-21	at Illinois	31,465
Dec. 30	L, 38-50	vs. No. 17/17 UCLA Sun Bowl	50,426

OHIO STATE (10-2, 7-1)  
Big Ten Co-Champion

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 34-14	Miami (Ohio)	104,695
Sept. 10	L, 22-25	No. 2/2 Texas	105,565
Sept. 17	W, 27-6	San Diego State	104,533
Sept. 24	W, 31-6	No. 21/21 Iowa	105,225
Oct. 8	L, 10-17	at No. 16/18 Penn State	109,839
Oct. 15	W, 35-24	No. 16/17 Michigan State	105,122
Oct. 22	W, 41-10	at Indiana	52,866
Oct. 29	W, 45-31	at No. -/22 Minnesota	54,825
Nov. 5	W, 40-2	Illinois	104,799
Nov. 12	W, 48-7	Northwestern	105,181
Nov. 19	W, 25-21	at No. 17/17 Michigan	111,591
Jan. 2	W, 34-20	vs. No. 5/6 Notre Dame Fiesta Bowl	76,196

PENN STATE (11-1, 7-1)  
Big Ten Co-Champion

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 23-13	South Florida	99,235
Sept. 10	W, 42-24	Cincinnati	98,727
Sept. 17	W, 40-3	Central Michigan	100,276
Sept. 24	W, 34-29	at Northwestern	24,395
Oct. 1	W, 44-14	No. 18/19 Minnesota	106,604
Oct. 8	W, 17-10	No. 6/6 Ohio State	109,839
Oct. 15	L, 25-27	at Michigan	111,249
Oct. 22	W, 63-10	at Illinois	52,633
Oct. 29	W, 33-15	Purdue	109,467
Nov. 5	W, 35-14	No. 14/14 Wisconsin	109,865
Nov. 19	W, 31-22	at Michigan State	75,005
Jan. 3	W, 26-23	vs. No. 22/22 Florida St. (3OT) Orange Bowl	77,773

## PURDUE (5-6, 3-5)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 10	W, 49-24	Akron	64,757
Sept. 17	W, 31-24	at Arizona	56,400
Sept. 24	L, 35-42	at Minnesota (2OT)	48,116
Oct. 1	L, 28-49	No. 13/14 Notre Dame	65,491
Oct. 8	L, 17-34	Iowa	64,785
Oct. 15	L, 29-34	Northwestern	62,866
Oct. 22	L, 20-31	at No. 19/17 Wisconsin	82,828
Oct. 29	L, 15-33	at No. 11/12 Penn State	109,467
Nov. 5	W, 28-21	Michigan State	62,467
Nov. 12	W, 37-3	Illinois	57,611
Nov. 19	W, 41-14	at Indiana	50,023

## WISCONSIN (10-3, 5-3)

Date	Score	Opponent	Attendance
Sept. 3	W, 56-42	Bowling Green	82,138
Sept. 10	W, 65-0	Temple	81,806
Sept. 17	W, 14-5	at North Carolina	60,000
Sept. 24	W, 23-20	No. 14/13 Michigan	83,022
Oct. 1	W, 41-24	Indiana	82,330
Oct. 8	L, 48-51	at Northwestern	33,859
Oct. 15	W, 38-34	at No. 22/22 Minnesota	65,089
Oct. 22	W, 31-20	Purdue	82,828
Oct. 29	W, 41-24	at Illinois	52,158
Nov. 5	L, 14-35	at No. 10/11 Penn State	109,865
Nov. 12	L, 10-20	Iowa	83,184
Nov. 25	W, 41-24	at Hawaii	34,031
Jan. 2	W, 24-10	vs. No. 7/7 Auburn Capital One Bowl	57,221

*Note: Rankings reflect polls the week of the game (Associated Press/USA Today)*