

ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN FINISH 7-0-1 IN BIG TEN DUAL
COMPETITION TO SHARE CONFERENCE TITLE;
SPARTANS HOST NO. 7 OKLAHOMA ON FRIDAY

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW

Under two weeks remain until all 11 League schools will take to the mats for the 2005 Big Ten Wrestling Championships, March 5-6, at Carver Hawkeye Arena. The Championships will be held in Iowa City, Iowa and hosted by the University of Iowa.

The Hawkeyes will look to defend their Big Ten title, which they won last season at Ohio State. Iowa (129.5) bested runner-up Minnesota (124.5) by five points. Illinois (98.5), Michigan (96.0) and Penn State (90.0) rounded out the top five.

For the second consecutive year, Illinois and Michigan will enter the Big Ten Championships as the League's Dual Meet co-Champions. The Fighting Illini and Wolverines each ended the 2005 campaign with 7-0-1 records. Then-No.5 Michigan tied No. 2 Illinois, 17-17, on February 6 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The pre-seeds for the 2005 Big Ten Championships will be announced the morning of Monday, February 28, and will be posted on the League's website at bigten.org.

A LOOK AHEAD IN THE BIG TEN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

No. 7 Oklahoma at No. 19 Michigan State • East Lansing, Mich. • 7 p.m.

All Times Local • Rankings by NWCA/InterMat

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

*No. 18 Northwestern at No. 3 Illinois • Champaign, Ill. • ILL, 29-6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

*Purdue at No. 17 Indiana • Bloomington, Ind. • IND, 18-12

*No. 5 Michigan at No. 19 Michigan State • East Lansing, Mich. • MICH, 34-8

*No. 10 Minnesota at No. 11 Wisconsin • Madison, Wis. • WIS, 18-17

*Ohio State at No. 13 Penn State • State College, Pa. • OSU, 21-17

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

*No. 17 Indiana at No. 9 Iowa • Iowa City, Iowa. • IOWA, 17-16

*No. 3 Illinois at No. 10 Minnesota • Minneapolis, Minn. • ILL, 24-13

*No. 11 Wisconsin at No. 18 Northwestern • Evanston, Ill. • WIS, 19-18

*Purdue at No. 5 Michigan • Ann Arbor, Mich. • MICH, 29-18

Rankings by NWCA/InterMat
* Denotes official Big Ten dual match

2004-05 OVERALL STANDINGS

	Conference Record				Overall Record			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Illinois	7	0	1	.938	16	1	1	.917
Michigan	7	0	1	.938	15	3	1	.816
Iowa	5	3	0	.625	10	5	0	.667
Wisconsin	4	3	1	.563	10	3	2	.733
Michigan State	4	3	1	.563	7	5	1	.577
Indiana	4	4	0	.500	16	5	0	.762
Penn State	3	5	0	.375	10	10	0	.500
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	9	9	0	.500
Northwestern	2	6	0	.250	9	6	0	.600
Purdue	2	6	0	.250	8	12	0	.400
Ohio State	1	7	0	.125	8	11	0	.421

BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

11/11	Nick Simmons, MSU	SO, 125, Williamston, Mich.
11/17	James Woodall, PSU	SR, 149, St. Dupont, Pa.
11/23	T.J. Enright, OSU	FR, 133, Galloway, Ohio
11/30	Bobbe Lowe, MINN	SR, 125, Oak Grove, Mo.
12/8	Ryan Churella, MICH	JR, 165, Northville, Mich.
12/15	Matt Nagel, MINN	JR, 165, Frazee, Minn.
12/22	Joe Dubuque, IND	JR, 125, Bloomfield, N.J.
12/29	No Selection	
1/5	Jake Herbert, NU	FR, 174, Wexford, Pa.
1/12	Mario Galanakis, IOWA	JR, 133, Greenfield, Iowa
1/19	Tyrone Byrd, ILL	JR, 197, Clinton, Ill.
1/26	Alex Tirapelle, ILL	JR, 157, Clovis, Calif.
2/2	Mike Tamillow, NU	FR, 184, Oak Park, Ill.
2/9	Mark Perry, IOWA	FR, 165, Stillwater, Okla.
2/16	Willie Breyer, MICH	JR, 197, Oxford, Mich.
2/23	Pete Friedl, ILL	JR, 174, Orland Park, Ill.
	Brady Reinke, WIS	SR, 184, Phillips, Wis.

BIG TEN WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

Pete Friedl, Illinois

JR, 174, Orland Park, Ill./Sandburg

Friedl had two key wins last week to lead Illinois to its second consecutive Big Ten Dual Meet title. In his first match of the week, Friedl avenged an early season loss to No. 3 Jake Herbert of Northwestern with an 11-4 decision to hand Herbert his first loss of the season. The match had seed implications for the Big Ten Tournament. Friedl finished the weekend with a 6-3 win over Gabriel Dretsch of Minnesota to end the regular season with a 30-3 overall record and an unblemished 8-0 mark in the Big Ten. With the two wins, Friedl is one of the favorites for the No. 1 seed at the Big Ten Championships in two weeks.

Brady Reinke, Wisconsin

SR, 184, Phillips, Wis./Phillips

Competing in the last dual weekend of his college career, Reinke went 2-0 in defeating Minnesota's sixth-ranked Roger Kish and No. 17 Mike Tamillow of Northwestern. Last Friday, Reinke beat Kish by a 10-8 decision scoring on three takedowns and four escapes, while on Sunday, he earned a 7-3 decision over Tamillow. Reinke finished the regular season as the only undefeated Badger wrestler going a perfect 13-0.

This is Reinke's first Wrestler of the Week award and Wisconsin's first since Ralph DeNisco on January 8, 2002.

2005 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 5-6, 2005

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TICKETS

All-Session Adult: \$35

All-Session College Student/Youth: \$20

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SESSION TIMES

Session	Date	Time	Mat Numbers
Session I	Saturday, March 5	11 a.m.	4 mats
Session II	Saturday, March 5	6 p.m.	4 mats
Session III	Sunday, March 6	12 p.m.	3 mats

TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

Tournament pre-seeds will be announced Monday, February 28. Following the seeding meeting on Friday, March 4, tournament brackets will be posted on www.hawkeyesports.com and www.bigten.org.

Brackets will be updated at the end of each session. They will be posted on www.hawkeyesports.com and www.bigten.org in .pdf format, made available to any credentialed media member in attendance and e-mailed to a distribution list.

NCAA COLLEGIATE WRESTLING NATIONAL RANKINGS

NWCA/InterMat 2/15/2005	The Wrestling Mall 2/15/2005	Amateur Wrestling News 12/7/2004	W.I.N. Magazine 2/15/2005
1 Oklahoma State	1 Oklahoma State	1 Oklahoma State	1 Oklahoma State
2 Iowa State	2 Iowa State	2 Lehigh	2 Iowa State
3 ILLINOIS	3 Nebraska	3 Nebraska	3 ILLINOIS
4 Lehigh	4 ILLINOIS	4 ILLINOIS	4 Lehigh
5 MICHIGAN	5 Lehigh	5 Lehigh	5 MICHIGAN
6 Nebraska	6 MICHIGAN	6 Oklahoma	6 Nebraska
7 Oklahoma	7 Oklahoma	7 MICHIGAN	7 Oklahoma
8 Central Michigan	8 IOWA	8 IOWA	8 MINNESOTA
9 IOWA	9 MINNESOTA	9 MINNESOTA	9 IOWA
10 MINNESOTA	10 Central Michigan	10 West Virginia	10 Central Michigan
11 WISCONSIN	11 Cornell University	11 Cornell University	11 Cornell University
12 Northern Iowa	12 Missouri	12 Northern Iowa	12 WISCONSIN
13 PENN STATE	13 Arizona State	13 Cal Poly	13 Northern Iowa
14 Cornell University	14 WISCONSIN	14 Missouri	14 Missouri
15 Hofstra	15 PENN STATE	15 Penn	15 Hofstra
16 Missouri	16 NORTHWESTERN	16 Hofstra	16 MICHIGAN STATE
17 INDIANA	17 MICHIGAN STATE	17 MICHIGAN STATE	17 PENN STATE
18 NORTHWESTERN	18 Hofstra	18 Oregon	18 INDIANA
19 MICHIGAN STATE	19 Northern Iowa	19 PURDUE	19 NORTHWESTERN
20 Arizona State	20 West Virginia	20 Central Michigan	21 West Virginia
21 Navy	21 Navy		22 Navy
22 Northern Illinois	22 Bloomsburg		23 Army
23 Army	23 INDIANA		24 Tennessee-Chattanooga
24 Penn	24 Army		25 Northern Illinois
25 West Virginia	25 Northern Illinois		