



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE 2006-07 EDITION OF BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Ohio State looks to become first Big Ten school to capture three-straight regular-season titles since Iowa in late-1980s.
- Buckeyes' senior center Jessica Davenport could finish 2006-07 as Big Ten's first-ever three-time Player of the Year.
- Versyp leaves Indiana and heads back home to coach alma mater Purdue, while Hoosiers' land former MSU assistant.
- OSU's Davenport and Purdue's Katie Gearlds named to 2007 State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List.
- Six of last year's top-10 scorers and rebounders return, while eight of the top-10 shot blockers are back.
- Big Ten eyes return to Indianapolis for conference tournament and sets sights on Cleveland for another Final Four trip.

TOP RETURNING PLAYER CAPSULES

The Big Ten welcomes back eight members of the 2005-06 All-Conference team, including last season's lone unanimous first-team selection **Jessica Davenport** of Ohio State. The Buckeye senior has also been tabbed the 2005 and 2006 consensus Big Ten Player of the Year by both the coaches and the media. Joining Davenport as a first-team pick is Purdue's **Katie Gearlds**. Returning from the second team are Iowa's **Megan Skouby**, the 2006 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, Penn State's **Amanda Brown** and Wisconsin's **Jolene Anderson**. Third-team honorees from a year ago include Ohio State's **Brandie Hoskins** and **Marscilla Packer** and Purdue's **Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton**.

Also returning to the conference this season are seven honorable mention All-Big Ten selections in Illinois' **Erin Wigley**, Iowa's **Krista Vandeventer**, Michigan State's **Victoria Lucas-Perry**, Penn State's **Kamela Gissendanner** and **Brianne O'Rourke**, Purdue's **Erin Lawless**, and Wisconsin's **Janese Banks**.

A brief look at the Big Ten's top returnees follows:

Jessica Davenport, SR, OSU, C 1st-Coaches, 1st-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 18.7 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 3.1 bpg, .618 FG%
 Last season, Davenport became just the fourth conference standout to ever repeat as the Big Ten's top player, joining Northwestern's Anucha Browne (1984, 1985), Ohio State's Tracey Hall (1986, 1987), Purdue's Katie Douglas (2000, 2001) and Penn State's Kelly Mazzante (2003, 2004). She led the Big Ten in overall scoring (18.7), rebounding (8.9), blocks (3.1) and field goal percentage (.618). The National Player of the Year finalist was named a first-team All-American by the USBWA and Kodak/WBCA and was a second-team selection by the Associated Press.

Katie Gearlds, SR, PUR, G 1st-Coaches, 1st-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 15.0 ppg, 3.6 apg, .848 FT%, .373 3FG%
 Gearlds ranked eighth (15.0) in scoring, but was first in the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.57) and second in minutes played (35.88). The Boilermaker MVP also ranked seventh in assists (3.58) and free-throw percentage (.848), eighth in three-point percentage (.373) and 10th in blocked shots (0.85). She was tabbed Kodak All-District and Honorable Mention AP All-American and became the seventh fastest Boilermaker to reach 1,000 career points last year when she did so in her 80th game.

Jolene Anderson, JR, WIS, G 2nd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 17.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 3.5 apg, 2.1 spg
 Anderson, the Big Ten's Freshman of the Year in 2005, led the team in scoring for a second season and scored 20 points or more in 12 games. She became UW's fastest player to 1,000 points in her 57th career game to close her sophomore year in 2006. The Badger junior had seven doubles-doubles in 2005-06 and 11 in her career, while just missing a triple-double by two rebounds against Michigan State with a career-high 10 assists, 14 points and eight rebounds.

Amanda Brown, SR, PSU, F/C 2nd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 15.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 2.0 bpg, .593 FG%
 Brown joined Ohio State's Davenport as the only two Big Ten standouts to rank in the top six in points (15.6, 6th), rebounds (7.3, 4th), blocks (2.0, 2nd) and field goal percentage (.593, 2nd) last year. She tallied six double-doubles during 2005-06, which ranked sixth in the Big Ten, and scored in double digits on 26 occasions. Brown also eclipsed the 20-point mark five times last season, including a career high 29 points and eight rebounds against No. 8 Purdue.

Megan Skouby, SO, IOWA, C 3rd-Coaches, 2nd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 14.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 1.6 bpg, .551 FG%
 Last season, the consensus Big Ten Freshman of the Year played in all 29 games, including 18 starts. Skouby ranked fourth overall in Big Ten blocked shots (1.62) and field goal percentage (.551) and 10th in scoring (14.3). Her 16.8 points per contest average in conference games was the highest output by a freshman since Penn State's Kelly Mazzante averaged 19.7 points in 2000-01. Skouby scored in double figures 23 times, including the last 16 contests of her freshman year, which helped place her second all-time in Iowa single-season history for freshman scoring (414) and blocks (47).

Marscilla Packer, SR, OSU, G 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 10.8 ppg, .471 FG%, .462 3PG%, 2.5 3FGM
 Packer returns as the Buckeyes' and Big Ten's top perimeter threat. The senior guard's three-point percentage of .462 ranked second all-time in Big Ten for single-season shooting. In addition, Packer enters the year ranked first in OSU history for career three-point percentage (.427). Her junior season was highlighted by a career-best 32 points at Minnesota (Feb. 16), in which she made 12-of-15 from the floor and 8-of-10 from beyond the arc, and game-winning baskets to beat Penn State in the regular-season finale and Purdue in the Big Ten Tournament final.

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, JR, PUR, F 3rd-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 10.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 2.5 spg, 1.9 bpg, .498 FG%
 Purdue's inside presence returns as one of the conference's top defensive players. Wisdom-Hylton ranked second in the Big Ten in overall steals (2.45) and third in blocks (1.91) last season and was a member of Big Ten's first-ever All-Defensive Team. She also proved dominant on the other end of the floor as she was Purdue's most accurate shooter from the field (.498) and was a double-figure scorer on 22 occasions, including 13 times in Big Ten play.

Brandie Hoskins, SR, OSU, G HM-Coaches, 3rd-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 12.3 ppg, 3.6 rpg, .472 FG%, 1.33 A/T Ratio
 Hoskins' junior year was stamped for approval when she was selected the 2006 Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Player after averaging 15 points per game in OSU's three-game run to its first conference tournament title. The Buckeye guard, who has started 96 of 97 career games, turned in a career performance against Eastern Kentucky last season with a personal-best 26 points and 10 assists.

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Kamela Gissendanner, JR, PSU, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 14.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 2.3 apg, .859 FT%
 Gissendanner, who transferred to Penn State after playing the 2003-04 season at N.C. State, started all 29 games for the Lady Lions in 2005-06. The PSU guard ranked fourth in Big Ten free-throw shooting (.859) and strung together 20 games of reaching double-digit scoring figures. She went for a career high 34 points against then-No. 24 Texas Tech, which marked second-highest output in the Big Ten last season.

Victoria Lucas-Perry, SR, MSU, G HM-Coaches, HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 10.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg, .401 FG%, .387 3FG%
 Lucas-Perry, one of three tri-captains last year, finished third on the team with a career high 10.2 points per game, while starting at guard in 30 of 33 games. She ended the season on a high note, scoring 13 points, all in the second half, and leading MSU with nine rebounds in the NCAA second-round win over Kentucky, before the Spartans fell to Duke in the Bridgeport Regional semifinal. Lucas-Perry notched a team-best 17 points in that game.

Janese Banks, JR, WIS, G HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 12.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 4.4 apg, 2.0 spg
 Banks responded in 2005-06 with an impressive sophomore campaign as she ranked second in the Big Ten in assists (4.42), sixth in minutes played (33.88), 10th in steals (2.00), 15th in scoring (12.8) and 18th in rebounding (5.4).

Erin Lawless, SR, PUR, F HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 10.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.1 spg, .460 FG%
 A member of the Big Ten All-Tournament team, Lawless led Purdue in scoring in both Big Ten Tournament and NCAA games with a postseason average of 14.2 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. She became the 22nd Boilermaker to eclipse 1,000 career points when she did so in the final game of the season.

Brianne O'Rourke, SO, PSU, G HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 7.8 ppg, 5.1 apg, 2.2 rpg, 1.37 A/T Ratio
 The conference leader in overall assists at 5.14 last season, O'Rourke returns for her sophomore campaign as Penn State's floor general. The Big Ten All-Freshman Team member ranked fifth last season in minutes played (34.07) -- the most of any freshman -- and was eighth in the conference with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.37.

Krista Vandeventer, JR, IOWA, F HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 8.9 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 2.9 apg, 2.1 spg
 Vandeventer has scored exactly 500 points in her Hawkeye career and is the only Iowa player to start in all 62 games in her first two seasons. Statistically, her 8.2 rebounds per game average ranked third in the conference last year, while her steals average of 2.10 was tied for seventh-best.

Erin Wigley, SR, ILL, F HM-Media
2005-06 Statistics: 11.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.2 apg, 1.1 spg
 Wigley ranked 19th overall in Big Ten scoring (11.2) last year and 17th in rebounding (5.5). She topped her previous career high of 19 points twice in 2005-06, with outputs of 20 at Iowa and 22 at home against Illinois State.

Big Ten Women's Basketball Media Day

Big Ten Women's Basketball Media Day will be held in conjunction with the Men's Basketball Media Day on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the O'Hare Marriott in Chicago, Ill. Format and times will be set at a later date. For credential requests, please contact Jeff Smith at the Big Ten office.

RETURNING BIG TEN STATISTICAL LEADERS (FINAL 2005-06 NCAA RANK)

SCORING		BLOCKED SHOTS		3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT.	
1. J. Davenport, OSU (T-22nd)	18.7	1. J. Davenport, OSU (10th)	3.06	1. M. Packer, OSU (5th)	.462
4. J. Anderson, WIS	17.3	2. A. Brown, PSU (T-39th)	1.97	2. K. Roysland, MINN	.435
6. A. Brown, PSU	15.6	3. L. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR (47th)	1.91	6. V. Lucas-Perry, MSU	.387
8. K. Gearlds, PUR	15.0	4. M. Skouby, IOWA	1.62	7. J. Cooper, MICH	.379
9. K. Gissendanner, PSU	14.8	5. D. Ward, WIS	1.55	8. K. Gearlds, PUR	.373
10. M. Skouby, IOWA	14.3	8. S. Skrba, MICH	0.90	10. S. Stutz, NU	.364
		9. R. Vynuchalova, PSU	0.85		
		10. K. Gearlds, PUR	0.85		
REBOUNDING		FIELD GOAL PCT.		3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	
1. J. Davenport, OSU	8.9	1. J. Davenport, OSU (4th)	.618	1. M. Packer, OSU (34th)	2.47
3. K. Vandeventer, IOWA	8.2	2. A. Brown, PSU (12th)	.593	2. J. Anderson, WIS	2.14
4. A. Brown, PSU	7.3	4. M. Skouby, IOWA (25th)	.551	5. K. Gearlds, PUR	1.91
5. A. Tabon, ILL	7.2	5. D. Crutcher, ILL	.548	7. N. Smith, IND	1.76
7. W. Thomas, IND	7.2	8. K. Dierdorf, MICH	.504	9. L. Bjork, ILL	1.71
9. J. Anderson, WIS	7.0	10. L. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR	.498	10. A. Squire, PSU	1.69
ASSISTS		FREE THROW PCT.		ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO	
1. B. O'Rourke, PSU (34th)	5.14	1. A. Squire, PSU (1st)	.964	1. K. Gearlds, PUR	2.57
2. J. Banks, WIS	4.42	4. K. Gissendanner, PSU (28th)	.859	8. B. O'Rourke, PSU	1.37
5. N. Bibbs, NU	3.82	5. A. Glasauer, NU	.855	9. B. Hoskins, OSU	1.33
7. K. Gearlds, PUR	3.58	7. K. Gearlds, PUR (40th)	.848		
9. J. Anderson, WIS	3.45	10. K. Roysland, MINN	.828		
STEALS		MINUTES PLAYED			
2. L. Wisdom-Hylton, PUR	2.45	2. K. Gearlds, PUR	35.88		
7. J. Anderson, WIS	2.10	3. J. Anderson, WIS	35.10		
K. Vandeventer, IOWA	2.10	5. B. O'Rourke, PSU	34.07		
9. R. Haynes, MSU	2.09	6. J. Banks, WIS	33.88		
10. J. Banks, WIS	2.00	10. K. Gissendanner, PSU	32.79		

2005-06 Stats Listed

2006-07 PRESEASON NEWS & NOTES

Big Ten Ready to Rock 'n Roll En Route to Cleveland

The Big Ten has sent five teams to the past eight Final Fours, including two in the last three seasons, and hopes to accomplish the feat once again. This year, the conference has its eyes set on Cleveland, Ohio -- home of the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame and the 2007 NCAA Women's Final Four. The championship event has been set for April 1 & 3, at the Quicken Loans Arena (20,000). Cleveland State University and the Mid-American Conference will serve as hosts.

Buckeyes Looking For Third-Straight Big Ten Title

Two-time defending Big Ten champion Ohio State will enter the 2006-07 season in search of its third-consecutive conference title. Last year, the Buckeyes clinched their first outright Big Ten crown since the 1985-86 season, which marked the ninth conference championship and fourth outright title in school history. The championship also marked the first time OSU won back-to-back Big Ten regular season titles since 1985-86 and 1986-87. The conference has not had a team win three-consecutive regular season titles since Iowa accomplished the feat from 1987-88 to 1989-90. Ohio State captured five-straight conference championships from 1982-83 through 1986-87.

Over Half of Conference's Top Scorers Return

Six of last season's top-10 conference scorers return for the 2006-07 season, led by Ohio State's **Jessica Davenport**. As a junior, the Buckeye center posted an average of 18.7 points per game, which was tied for 22nd best in the country. Wisconsin's **Jolene Anderson** (17.3) was fourth in Big Ten scoring last year, while Penn State's **Amanda Brown** (15.6) was sixth. Purdue's **Katie Gearlds** (15.0), Penn State's **Kamela Gissendanner** (14.8) and Iowa's **Megan Skouby** (14.3) ranked eighth through 10th, respectively, in the conference a year ago.

Points Come in Pairs

Among tandems in which both players return this year, Ohio State seniors **Jessica Davenport** and **Brandie Hoskins** are the highest-scoring Big Ten duo returning in 2006-07.

BIG TEN'S HIGHEST-SCORING DUOS

1. Jessica Davenport (18.7) & Brandie Hoskins (12.3), OSU	31.0
2. Amanda Brown (15.6) & Kamela Gissendanner (14.8), PSU	30.4
3. Jolene Anderson (17.3) & Janese Banks (12.8), WIS	30.1
4. Katie Gearlds (15.0) & Erin Lawless (10.3), PUR	25.3
5. Erin Wigley (11.2) & Lori Bjork (10.1), ILL	21.3

Back to the Block

Of all Big Ten statistical categories, none has more top-10 returning players than blocked shots. All top-five shot blockers and a total of eight of last year's top 10 return for the 2006-07 campaign. Ohio State's **Jessica Davenport's** 3.06 blocks per game as a junior led the Big Ten and was 10th-best in the country. Penn State's **Amanda Brown** (1.97) and Purdue's **Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton** (1.91) were also ranked in the nation's top 50 a year ago. Iowa's **Megan Skouby** (1.62) and Wisconsin's **Danielle Ward** (1.55) were fourth and fifth best in the conference, while Michigan's **Stephany Skrba** (0.90), Penn State's **Romana Vynuchalova** (0.85) and Purdue's **Katie Gearlds** (0.85) rounded out places eighth through 10th last year.

Nation's Top Shooters Returning to Big Ten

Three Big Ten standouts ranked among the country's top five in their respective shooting categories last year. Penn State's **Adrienne Squire** led the nation at the free-throw line with a .964 percentage. Ohio State's **Jessica Davenport** ranked fourth in the country with a field goal percentage of .618, while her teammate **Marscilla Packer** was fifth among accurate perimeter shooters with a percentage of .462 from beyond the three-point line.

BIG TEN COACHES' CORNER

Indiana's Versyp Moves Upstate to Purdue

Following the departure of Kristy Curry, **Sharon Versyp** was introduced as the new Purdue women's basketball head coach on April 10. She returns to her alma mater after one year as head coach at Indiana, where she guided the Hoosiers to a 19-14 overall record and a 9-7 Big Ten mark. The turnaround from a 10-18 (3-13) campaign in 2004-05 stands as the second-best improvement in Indiana history. Versyp was a four-year letterwinner for the Boilermakers from 1985-88 and is still one of only seven players in Purdue history to start all four years.

Hoosiers Hire Former Spartan Assistant

On April 19, Indiana announced the hiring of **Felisha Legette-Jack** as its eighth women's basketball head coach. Legette-Jack owns 15 years of Division I college coaching experience, including assistant stops at Michigan State, Syracuse and Boston College and most recently the last four years as the head coach at Hofstra University. An assistant under Michigan State's **Joanne P. McCallie** for two years (2000-02), Legette-Jack arrives in Bloomington after directing Hofstra to a 19-12 overall record and 12-6 Colonial Athletic Association mark in 2005-06, culminating in a Women's National Invitation Tournament appearance.

Spartans' McCallie Wins Gold with Team USA U-20s

Michigan State's **Joanne P. McCallie** coached the United States U-20 team to a gold medal and a perfect 5-0 record at the FIBA Americas U20 Championship in Mexico City this past August. The Spartan mentor, who coached Big Ten standouts **Victoria Lucas-Perry** (MSU), **Marscilla Packer** (OSU), **Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton** (PUR) and **Jolene Anderson** (WIS), guided the team to a convincing 96-54 win over Brazil in the gold medal game.

Back Where I Come From?

Four Big Ten coaches have a very unique tie to the conference as one has returned to her alma mater and the other three played at a different Big Ten school than the one they are currently employed at. Michigan State's **Joanne P. McCallie** was a member of the Northwestern squad from 1984-87, while NU mentor **Beth Combs** was a student-athlete at Illinois from 1987-89 and Wisconsin's **Lisa Stone** played at Iowa from 1980-84. This year, **Sharon Versyp** returns to her home in West Lafayette where she played at Purdue from 1985-88. Versyp coached at Indiana during the 2005-06 season.

Big Ten Coach	Current School	Played At
Joanne P. McCallie	MSU	NU, 1984-87
Beth Combs	NU	ILL, 1987-89
Lisa Stone	WIS	IOWA, 1980-84
Sharon Versyp	PUR	PUR, 1985-88

The Immaculata Idols

Illinois head coach **Theresa Grentz** and Penn State mentor **Rene Portland** were former teammates at Immaculata back in the mid-70s. Today, they are together again as the most tenured head coaches in the Big Ten. The 2006-07 season marks the 27th season at PSU for Portland, while Grentz enters her 12th year with the Illini. In fact, those combined 39 years on a conference campus are three more than the total of the remaining nine Big Ten coaches' tenures. The landscape of conference mentors has taken on a fairly fresh look since the 1999-00 season. Excluding Grentz and Portland, nine of the 11 conference coaches have spent six years or less at their respective schools. Seven coaches have spent less than four years on their respective Big Ten campuses.

YEARS FOR COACHES ON CONFERENCE CAMPUSES

27	Rene Portland, PSU	4	Cheryl Burnett, MICH
12	Theresa Grentz, ILL	4	Lisa Stone, WIS
7	Lisa Bluder, IOWA	3	Beth Combs, NU
7	Joanne P. McCallie, MSU	1	Sharon Versyp, PUR
5	Pam Borton, MINN	0	Felisha Legette-Jack, IND
5	Jim Foster, OSU		

Grentz Guides Big Ten Foreign Tour to Perfect Mark

Illinois' **Theresa Grentz** coached the Big Ten Foreign Tour team to a perfect 4-0 record and its fifth-straight undefeated trip this past July. The Illini mentor guided the 12-member squad through Denmark, Sweden and Norway during the 10-day adventure and helped keep the Tour's win streak alive at 23 games. Since the inception of the Tour in 1992, which has been held annually except for 2003, the All-Stars have gone 55-18 (.753).

Minnesota's Borton Welcomes Back Whalen

Former Minnesota All-American and WNBA All-Star **Lindsay Whalen** will join **Pam Borton's** Minnesota staff as an administrative assistant. Whalen will begin her duties this fall, taking some time off after leading the Connecticut Sun to the 2006 Eastern Conference regular-season title and the second round of the WNBA playoffs. In her duties, Whalen will not be coaching nor recruiting per NCAA rules, but will assist with the team's community service projects, marketing and alumni relations.

Wildcats' Combs Welcomes a Pair of Boilermakers

Northwestern head coach **Beth Combs** added a pair of former Purdue standouts to her administrative staff this past summer in **Kelly Komara** and **Carol Duncan**. Komara, formerly a graduate assistant at Auburn, was named an assistant coach while Duncan was appointed assistant director of operations. The 2001 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, Komara helped guide Purdue to the 1999 NCAA title and to the final game of the 2001 NCAA Championship. Duncan was a four-year forward and a three-time Academic All-Big Ten performer at Purdue from 2002-06.

2006-07 PRESEASON NEWS & NOTES

Three Schools Welcome Back All Five Starters

Michigan, Northwestern and **Penn State** are set to welcome back all five of their starters from the 2005-06 season. Last year, Michigan was one of the conference's top perimeter-shooting teams, ranking second with 5.00 three-point field goals made per game. Northwestern was third in steals (9.39) and fourth in assists (15.29), while Penn State was third in field-goal (.439) and free-throw (.758) percentages.

OSU Opens With Army in Emotional Game

Ohio State will begin the conference's nationally-televised package on the ESPN family of networks when it opens the season against Army in the Maggie Dixon Classic. Head coach **Jim Foster** and the Buckeyes will face the Black Knights in their emotional return to the court after the untimely passing of their head coach for whom the tournament is named. Last year, Dixon led Army to its first NCAA Tournament bid in school history and its first 20-win season since 1990-91.

Purdue to Open 2006-07 in Preseason WNIT

Purdue will open the season 2006-07 season with a Nov. 9 home game against Belmont as part of first round action of the 2006 Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT). The 16-team field includes 11 teams that played in the postseason last season. Purdue, along with 2005 NCAA Champion Baylor, BYU, Dartmouth, Hartford, North Carolina State, St. John's and Stanford played in the 2006 NCAA Tournament, while Belmont, Hofstra and Idaho State qualified for the Postseason WNIT field. High Point, Iona, Loyola-Marymount, North Texas and Wichita State round out the tournament field. The single-elimination tournament runs through Nov. 19.

Two Big Ten Stars Named to Wade Trophy Watch

Ohio State's Jessica Davenport and **Purdue's Katie Gearlds** were named by a national awards committee consisting of leading basketball coaches, journalists, and basketball administrators Aug. 17 as preseason candidates for the 2007 State Farm Wade Trophy. The list is comprised of 25 student-athletes who are members of an NCAA Division I institution and are selected based on the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

The Big Ten has had two State Farm Wade Trophy Award winners, most recently in 1999 when Purdue's Stephanie White received the honor. Minnesota's Carol Ann Shudlick was the Wade Trophy winner in 1994.

The 2007 State Farm Wade Trophy winner will be announced during the WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four in Cleveland, Ohio, March 30-April 3, 2007.

Big Ten to Compete in 34 Regional/National TV Games

The Big Ten will have at least 34 women's basketball games televised nationally and regionally for the upcoming 2006-07 season. A total of 12 games will be aired nationally on CBS, ESPN2, ESPNU and CSTV, while the remaining 22 contests, including nine of the 10 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament games, will be televised on Comcast SportsNet Chicago.

CBS Sports to Air Regional Big Ten Coverage

Big Ten basketball hits the national scene on the afternoon of Jan. 6, when **Michigan State** and **Ohio State** will be broadcast in their respective games on CBS. Portions of the national viewing audience will see Kentucky at two-time defending conference champion Ohio State at 12 p.m. ET, followed by Michigan State at the reigning national champion Maryland at 2 p.m. ET.

BIG TEN COACHES RECORDS

Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Theresa Grentz, ILL	33rd	12th	652-299	.686	191-144	.570	93-83	.528
Felisa Legette-Jack, IND	6th	1st	54-63	.462	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Lisa Bluder, IOWA	23rd	7th	469-213	.688	113-71	.614	56-40	.583
Cheryl Burnett, MICH	19th	4th	344-199	.634	25-63	.284	7-41	.146
Joanne P. McCallie, MSU	15th	7th	292-139	.677	125-66	.654	55-41	.573
Pam Borton, MINN	9th	5th	164-79	.675	95-33	.742	44-20	.688
Beth Combs, NU	6th	3rd	55-92	.374	11-47	.190	4-28	.125
Jim Foster, OSU	29th	5th	606-253	.705	102-28	.785	50-14	.781
Rene Portland, PSU	31st	27th	678-249	.731	591-220	.729	168-60	.737
Sharon Versyp, PUR	7th	1st	117-65	.643	0-0	.000	9-7	.563
Lisa Stone, WIS	22nd	4th	408-169	.707	33-51	.393	14-34	.292

TEAM-BY-TEAM QUICK HITS

Starters, Letterwinners, Newcomers

The following is a breakdown of each school's total for returning (R) and lost (L) starters, letterwinners and newcomers:

Team	Start (R/L)	Letter (R/L)	New
Illinois	3/2	9/3	2
Indiana	3/2	6/3	4
Iowa	3/2	10/4	2
Michigan	5/0	10/0	4
Michigan State	3/2	6/2	3
Minnesota	1/4	3/11	6
Northwestern	5/0	8/3	4
Ohio State	3/2	7/5	6
Penn State	5/0	9/1	3
Purdue	3/2	8/6	1
Wisconsin	3/2	5/7	8

Big Ten "One Plays"

Every year, each Big Ten team will only meet four other conference teams once during league play. Here is the breakdown of "one-plays" for 2006-07:

Team	Home	Away
Illinois	NU, PSU	IOWA, WIS
Indiana	IOWA, NU	OSU, PSU
Iowa	ILL, MICH	IND, NU
Michigan	MSU, OSU	IOWA, MINN
Michigan State	MINN, WIS	MICH, OSU
Minnesota	MICH, PUR	MSU, NU
Northwestern	IOWA, MINN	ILL, IND
Ohio State	IND, MSU	MICH, PUR
Penn State	IND, WIS	ILL, PUR
Purdue	OSU, PSU	MINN, WIS
Wisconsin	ILL, PUR	MSU, PSU

2006-07 PRESEASON NEWS & NOTES

ESPN2 to Broadcast Big Ten Teams Seven Times

ESPN2 will air its first of seven games featuring Big Ten teams this season when it broadcasts **Purdue** at Connecticut on Nov. 30. Three weeks later, ESPN2 will televise **Ohio State** at Oklahoma on Dec. 20, followed by another Big Ten-Big 12 matchup when **Purdue** travels to Texas on Jan. 7. **Michigan State** will be shown on national television on Jan. 28 when it visits Rutgers, a game which will precede three Big Ten contests including the Big Ten Tournament Championship game.

"February Frenzy" Highlights Big Ten Matchup

This season's women's basketball coverage on ESPN2 includes a late-season doubleheader dubbed "February Frenzy." The 2007 February Frenzy will take place on Sunday, Feb. 11, and will include **Michigan State** at **Purdue** at 3:10 p.m. Four games will be slated for staggered start-times at both 3 and 5 p.m. ET. ESPN2's coverage will "whip around" the four games, which replicates ESPN's regional coverage of early round NCAA women's basketball tournament games the past two seasons.

Big Ten Venues to Host NCAA First & Second Rounds

Two Big Ten teams that have endured much success in the NCAA Tournament will play the role of host during the 2007 NCAA Championship First- and Second-Round Games. **Minnesota**, a 2004 Final Four participant, will host eight teams March 17 & 19, 2007 in Williams Arena (14,669). An NCAA Championship finalist in 2005, **Michigan State** will welcome eight teams to the Breslin Center (15,085) for action on March 18 & 20.

Former Purdue Standout Stars in Big Ten Campaign

Former Purdue All-American **Katie Douglas** is one of 11 selected student-athletes that will be the face of the Big Ten Conference this year as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary of Women's Championships. Douglas has been featured in a 30-second public service announcement "sharing her story" about overcoming family tragedy to become a Big Ten and NCAA Champion. To learn more about Douglas, as well as the conference's year-long campaign, log on to bigten.org.

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR



2007 Big Ten Tournament
Conseco Fieldhouse
Indianapolis, Ind.
March 1-5, 2007

March 1	Game 1	3 p.m. ET
	Game 2	25 min. after #1
	Game 3	25 min. after #2
March 2	Game 4	12 p.m. ET
	Game 5	25 min. after #4
	Game 6	6 p.m. ET
	Game 7	25 min. after #6
March 4	Semifinal #1	5 p.m. ET
	Semifinal #2	25 min. after #1
March 5	Big Ten Tournament Final	7 p.m. ET

NOTE: There is no designated media hotel for the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament.



2007 NCAA Championship
First & Second Round Sites
March 17-20, 2007

March 17 & 19, 2007	March 18 & 20, 2007
Frank Erwin Center (16,755) Austin, Texas Host: Texas	Breslin Center (15,085) East Lansing, Mich. Host: Michigan State
Williams Arena (14,669) Minneapolis, Minn. Host: Minnesota	Hartford Civic Center (14,913) Hartford, Conn. Host: Connecticut
Maples Pavilion (7,233) Stanford, Calif. Host: Stanford	Petersen Events Center (12,508) Pittsburgh, Pa. Host: Pittsburgh
Galen Center (10,280) Los Angeles, Calif. Host: Southern California	RBC Center (19,500) Raleigh, N.C. Host: North Carolina State



2007 NCAA Championship
Regional Sites
March 24-27, 2007

March 24 & 26 2007	March 25 & 27, 2007
Fresno Regional Save Mart Center (15,621) Fresno, Calif. Host: Cal-State Fresno	Dallas Regional Reunion Arena (17,767) Dallas, Texas Hosts: Conference USA & SMU
Greensboro Regional Greensboro Coliseum (12,005) Greensboro, N.C. Host: Atlantic Coast Conference	Dayton Regional Univ. of Dayton Arena (13,000) Dayton, Ohio Host: University of Dayton



2007 NCAA Championship
Women's Final Four
April 1 & 3, 2007

Quicken Loans Arena (20,000)
Cleveland, Ohio
Hosts: Cleveland State & Mid-American Conference

Future Final Four Sites

2008: St. Pete Times Forum (21,497)	Tampa, Fla.
2009: Edward Jones Dome (43,000)	St. Louis, Mo.
2010: Alamodome (30,000)	San Antonio, Texas

RETURNING ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SCHOLARS

For the upcoming season, 23 of the 43 (53 percent) women's basketball players that earned Academic All-Big Ten honors last season will return for the 2006-07 campaign.

Name, School	Year	Major	Hometown
Stephanie Chelleen, Illinois	JR	Community Health	Des Moines, Iowa
Erin Wigley, Illinois	SR	Sport Management	Moon Township, Pa.
Leah Enterline, Indiana	SR	Teacher Prep-All Grade	Monroeville, Ind.
Jenee Graham, Iowa	JR	Open	Bolingbrook, Ill.
Krista VandeVenter, Iowa	JR	Open	Osseo, Minn.
Krista Clement, Michigan	JR	Undeclared	St. Ignace, Mich.
Ta'Shia Walker, Michigan	SO	Undeclared	Lansing, Mich.
Maggie Dwyer, Michigan State	JR	Family Community Service	Grand Haven, Mich.
Katrina Grantham, Michigan State	SR	Accounting	Saginaw, Mich.
Laura Hall, Michigan State	JR	General Business/Pre-Law	Temperance, Mich.
Victoria Lucas-Perry, Michigan State	SR	Finance	Flint, Mich.
Leslie Knight, Minnesota	SO	Communications	Minnetonka, Minn.
Kelly Roysland, Minnesota	JR	Kinesiology	Fosston, Minn.
Nadia Bibbs, Northwestern	JR	Computer Science	Chicago, Ill.
A.J. Glasauer, Northwestern	SR	Biological Sciences	Freiburg, Germany
Sara Stutz, Northwestern	JR	Undeclared	Glenview, Ill.
Stephanie Blanton, Ohio State	SR	Health Sciences	Lancaster, Ohio
Alice Jamen, Ohio State	JR	Biology	Yaounde, Cameroon
Amanda Brown, Penn State	SR	Science	Kennett Square, Pa.
Romana Vynuchalova, Penn State	JR	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Bratislava, Slovakia
Natasha Bogdanova, Purdue	JR	Management	Toronto, Ontario
Janese Banks, Wisconsin	JR	Business	Indianapolis, Ind.
Shari Welton, Wisconsin	SO	Journalism	Calumet City, Ill.

PRESEASON VOTING BREAKDOWN

As we look ahead to the 2006-07 Preseason All-Big Ten Team that will be voted on in October and announced at Big Ten Media Day October 29, the following is a breakdown of the voting over the past five years. Also indicated in parentheses is the actual regular-season finish of that particular team.

COACHES		MEDIA	
2005-06		2005-06	
1. Ohio State (1)	1. Ohio State (1)	1. Ohio State (1)	1. Ohio State (1)
2. Michigan State (T-3)	2. Michigan State (T-3)	2. Michigan State (T-3)	2. Michigan State (T-3)
3. Minnesota (T-3)	3. Purdue (2)	3. Purdue (2)	3. Purdue (2)
All-Big Ten		All-Big Ten	
Lindsay Bowen, MSU	Jolene Anderson, WIS	Lindsay Bowen, MSU	Jolene Anderson, WIS
Jamie Broback, MINN	Lindsay Bowen, MSU	Jamie Broback, MINN	Lindsay Bowen, MSU
Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU
Katie Gearlds, PUR	Katie Gearlds, PUR	Katie Gearlds, PUR	Katie Gearlds, PUR
Liz Shimek, MSU	Liz Shimek, MSU	Liz Shimek, MSU	Liz Shimek, MSU
Player of the Year		Player of the Year	
Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU
2004-05		2004-05	
1. Ohio State (T-1)	1. Purdue (5)	1. Ohio State (T-1)	1. Ohio State (T-1)
2. Michigan State (T-1)	2. Ohio State (T-1)	2. Michigan State (T-1)	2. Ohio State (T-1)
3. Minnesota (4)	3. Penn State (3)	3. Penn State (3)	3. Penn State (3)
All-Big Ten		All-Big Ten	
Lindsay Bowen, MSU	Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jenny DeMuth, IND	Jenny DeMuth, IND
Jessica Davenport, OSU	Jenny DeMuth, IND	Katie Gearlds, PUR	Katie Gearlds, PUR
Katie Gearlds, PUR	Janel McCarville, MINN	Janel McCarville, MINN	Janel McCarville, MINN
Janel McCarville, MINN	Tanisha Wright, PSU	Tanisha Wright, PSU	Tanisha Wright, PSU
Player of the Year		Player of the Year	
Janel McCarville, MINN	Janel McCarville, MINN	Janel McCarville, MINN	Janel McCarville, MINN
2003-04		2003-04	
1. Penn State (1)	1. Purdue (2)	1. Penn State (1)	1. Penn State (1)
2. Purdue (2)	2. Penn State (1)	2. Penn State (1)	2. Penn State (1)
3. Minnesota (6)	3. Minnesota (6)	3. Minnesota (6)	3. Minnesota (6)
All-Big Ten		All-Big Ten	
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Jennie Lillis, IOWA	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Jennie Lillis, IOWA
Janel McCarville, MINN	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Janel McCarville, MINN	Kelly Mazzante, PSU
Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN
Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR
Player of the Year		Player of the Year	
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU
2002-03		2002-03	
1. Penn State (1)	1. Purdue (T-2)	1. Penn State (1)	1. Penn State (1)
2. Purdue (T-2)	2. Penn State (1)	2. Penn State (1)	2. Penn State (1)
3. Minnesota (T-2)	3. Minnesota (T-2)	3. Minnesota (T-2)	3. Minnesota (T-2)
All-Big Ten		All-Big Ten	
LeeAnn Bies, MICH	LeeAnn Bies, MICH	LeeAnn Bies, MICH	LeeAnn Bies, MICH
Jennie Lillis, IOWA	Jennie Lillis, IOWA	Jennie Lillis, IOWA	Jennie Lillis, IOWA
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU
Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN	Lindsay Whalen, MINN
Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR
Player of the Year		Player of the Year	
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU
2001-02		2001-02	
1. Purdue (1)	1. Purdue (1)	1. Purdue (1)	1. Purdue (1)
Michigan (T-9)	2. Penn State (2)	2. Penn State (2)	2. Penn State (2)
3. Wisconsin (T-5)	3. Iowa (4)	3. Iowa (4)	3. Iowa (4)
All-Big Ten		All-Big Ten	
LeeAnn Bies, MICH	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Lindsey Meder, IOWA	Lindsey Meder, IOWA
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Lindsey Meder, IOWA	Tamara Moore, WIS	Tamara Moore, WIS
Lindsey Meder, IOWA	Jessie Stomski, WIS	Jessie Stomski, WIS	Jessie Stomski, WIS
Tamara Moore, WIS	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR	Shereka Wright, PUR
Player of the Year		Player of the Year	
Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU	Kelly Mazzante, PSU
Jessie Stomski, WIS	Jessie Stomski, WIS	Jessie Stomski, WIS	Jessie Stomski, WIS

2006-07 BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 12	Ohio State at Army	3:30 p.m. ET	ESPNU
Thursday, November 30	Purdue at Connecticut	7 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Wednesday, December 20	Ohio State at Oklahoma	7 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Thursday, December 28	Penn State at Illinois	7 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Thursday, January 4	Minnesota at Ohio State	8 p.m. ET	CSTV
Saturday, January 6	Kentucky at Ohio State	12 p.m. ET	CBS
	Michigan State at Maryland	2 p.m. ET	CBS
Sunday, January 7	Purdue at Texas	3 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Thursday, January 11	Ohio State at Penn State	8 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
Sunday, January 14	Indiana at Purdue	3 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
Thursday, January 18	Minnesota at Illinois	7 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Sunday, January 21	Wisconsin at Northwestern	12 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Thursday, January 25	Michigan State at Penn State	6 p.m. ET	CSTV
	Minnesota at Iowa	7 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Sunday, January 28	Iowa at Penn State	1 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
	Michigan State at Rutgers	5 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Monday, January 29	Ohio State at Purdue	7 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Thursday, February 1	Penn State at Michigan State	8 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
Thursday, February 8	Michigan at Iowa	7 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Sunday, February 11	Indiana at Minnesota	12 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
	Michigan State at Purdue	3:10 p.m. ET	ESPN2
Monday, February 18	Michigan State at Ohio State	1 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
Thursday, February 22	WILDCARD	7 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Sunday, February 25	WILDCARD	12 p.m. CT	CSN Chicago
Thursday, March 1	Big Ten Tournament #1	3 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #2	25 min. after #1	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #3	25 min. after #2	CSN Chicago
Friday, March 2	Big Ten Tournament #4	12 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #5	25 min. after #4	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #6	6 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #7	25 min. after #6	CSN Chicago
Sunday, March 4	Big Ten Tournament #8 (TD)	5 p.m. ET	CSN Chicago
	Big Ten Tournament #9 (TD)	25 min. after #2	CSN Chicago
Monday, March 5	Big Ten Tournament Final	7 p.m. ET	ESPN2

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	Michigan State at Maryland	2 p.m. ET



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December 20	Ohio State at Oklahoma	7 p.m. ET
January 7	Purdue at Texas	3 p.m. ET
January 28	Michigan State at Rutgers	5 p.m. ET
January 29	Ohio State at Purdue	7 p.m. ET
February 11	Michigan State at Purdue	3:10 p.m. ET
March 5	Big Ten Tournament Final	7 p.m. ET



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January 25	Michigan State at Penn State	6 p.m. ET



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	Big Ten Tournament #6	6 p.m. ET
	Big Ten Tournament #7	25 min. after #6
March 4	Big Ten Tournament #8	5 p.m. ET
	Big Ten Tournament #9	25 min. after #2