

SWIMMING & DIVING SET SIGHTS ON
BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT WEEKEND;
NITTANY LIONS SWEEP WEEKLY AWARDS

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BIG TEN SWIMMER & DIVER OF THE WEEK

SWIMMER OF THE WEEK

Kelly Nelson, Penn State

So., West Chester, Pa./West Chester East

Nelson won two events and helped three relay teams to first-place finishes as No. 15 Penn State swept No. 19 Notre Dame, Oakland, West Virginia and UConn at the Shamrock Invitational. The sophomore posted NCAA "B" times as the winner of the 200-yard freestyle (1:50.20) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:00.07). This is Nelson's second career award and her second of the season.

Last PSU SOW: Kelly Nelson (11/28/06)

DIVER OF THE WEEK

Kimberlee Peifer, Penn State

Sr., Camp Hill, Pa./Cedar Cliff

Peifer took third in both springboard events at the five-team Shamrock Invitational last weekend with a score of 260.05 off the one-meter board and a total of 252.95 off the three-meter. The senior had the highest scoring average of any of the event's 15 divers and was the only one to finish in the top three of both events. The award is the first of Peifer's career and the first for a Penn State diver this season.

Last PSU DOW: Alison Riccobono (11/30/04)

UPCOMING BIG TEN SCHEDULE

February

8 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS [1]

9 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS [1]

10 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS [1]

[1] University Aquatic Center, hosted by the University of Minnesota

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

27 MINNESOTA at Minnesota Challenge NTS

Shamrock Invitational

PENN STATE def. Notre Dame, 213.5-156.5

PENN STATE def. Oakland, 310-54

PENN STATE def. UConn, 291-78

PENN STATE def. West Virginia, 243-127

SWIMMERS & DIVERS OF THE WEEK

Oct. 10: S: Gabby Maddalena, Fr., WIS
D: Jenny Hawkins, Fr., WIS

Oct. 17: S: Yi Ting Siow, So., WIS
D: Amanda Miller, Sr., PUR

Oct. 24: S: Marissa Clapp, So., ILL
D: Christina Loukas, Jr., IND

Oct. 31: S: Leila Vaziri, Sr., IND
D: Christina Loukas, Jr., IND

Nov. 7: S: Leila Vaziri, Sr., IND
S: Carlene Takaki, Sr., PUR
D: Amanda Miller, Sr., PUR

Nov. 14: S: Yi Ting Siow, So., WIS
D: Elyse Lee, Jr., MICH

Nov. 21: S: Lindsey Smith, Sr., MICH
S: Yi Ting Siow, So., WIS
D: Christina Loukas, Jr., IND

Nov. 28: S: Kelly Nelson, So., PSU
D: No Selection

Dec. 5: S: Yuen Kobayashi, So., MINN
D: Amanda Miller, Sr., PUR

Dec. 12: S: Alison Gschwend, So., IOWA
D: Katie Edwards, Sr., MSU

Dec. 19: No Selection

Dec. 26: No Selection

Jan. 2: No Selection

Jan. 9: S: Kassia Shishkoff, Fr., NU
D: Chelsea Davis, So., OSU

Jan. 16: S: Leila Vaziri, Sr., IND
D: Lindsay Weigle, Sr., IND

Jan. 23: S: Yi Ting Siow, So., WIS
D: Lindsay Weigle, Sr., IND
D: Amanda Miller, Sr., PUR

Jan. 30: S: Kelly Nelson, So., PSU
D: Kimberlee Peifer, Sr., PSU

CSCAA POLL RANKINGS

(As of Dec. 14, 2006)

1	Stanford (6)	209
2	Arizona (1)	204
3	Auburn	191
4	California	190
5	Texas A&M	186
6	Georgia	171
7	Florida State	161
8	SMU	161
9	Florida	158
10	MICHIGAN	149
11	Southern California	142
12	Texas	172
13	INDIANA	127
14	UCLA	115
15	PENN STATE	113
16	Tennessee	99
17	North Carolina	96
18	WISCONSIN	93
19	Notre Dame	86
20	Virginia	85
21	MINNESOTA	75
22	Rutgers	62
23	Arizona State	54
24	Missouri	50
25	Kentucky	39

Also receiving votes: Louisville 23, West Virginia 20, Princeton 19, Oregon State 14, Hawaii 12, NORTH-WESTERN 8, Harvard 7, PURDUE 3, Clemson 3, Virginia Tech 3, Pittsburgh 1, Maryland-Baltimore County 1

2006 CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Score
1. Penn State*	552
2. Minnesota	536.5
3. Michigan	509
4. Indiana	495
5. Purdue	428
6. Wisconsin	358
7. Ohio State	258
8. Northwestern	244.5
9. Illinois	207
10. Iowa	163.5
11. Michigan State	102.5

* Big Ten Champion

25TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

During the 2006-07 season, the Big Ten will celebrate the conference's 25th Anniversary of Women's Championships.

Through July 2007, the conference will be sharing some of the many stories of student-athletes, teams, coaches and administrators who have made the past 25 years a success and have set the stage for "the story to continue."

Information about the campaign can be found on the official conference website - www.bigten.org.

