

WISCONSIN MEN FIRST, MICHIGAN WOMEN THIRD IN LATEST POLLS; NEARLY ALL BIG TEN TEAMS TO COMPETE AT PRE-NATIONALS THIS SATURDAY

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THIS WEEK'S MEN'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

Illinois @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Indiana @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
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Iowa @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Michigan @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Michigan State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Minnesota @ Jim Drews Invitational		
West Salem, Wis.	10:30 a.m.	
Ohio State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Penn State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Purdue @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	12:10 p.m.	
Wisconsin @ Jim Drews Invitational		
West Salem, Wis.	10:30 a.m.	

LAST WEEK'S MEN'S RESULTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Ohio State @ All-Ohio Championships	
Delaware, Ohio	1st/42 (42 pts.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

Illinois @ Saluki Invitational	
Carbondale, Ill.	3rd/9 (71 pts.)
Penn State @ National Invitational	
University Park, Pa.	2nd/17 (101 pts.)

MEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Alex Bailey, Ohio State
 Jr., Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard Davidson

Bailey finished third last week with an 8K time of 25:33.6 and led the Buckeyes to the All-Ohio Championships team title for the second season in a row. In a field of 42 teams and 286 runners, the OSU junior finished just three seconds behind the individual winner, but helped Ohio State to a 45-point win over second-place Cincinnati. In 2005, Bailey finished second in the All-Ohio individual race.

This is Bailey's second career weekly honor from the conference office, as he was also honored on Oct. 11, 2005.

Last OSU ROW: John Ealy (9/19/06)

THIS WEEK'S WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

Illinois @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Indiana @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
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Iowa @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Michigan @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Michigan State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Minnesota @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Minnesota @ Tori Neubauer Invitational		
West Salem, Wis.	11:30 a.m.	
Northwestern @ Forester Invitational		
Lake Forest, Ill.	9 a.m.	
Northwestern @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Ohio State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Penn State @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Purdue @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	
Wisconsin @ NCAA Pre-Nationals		
Terre Haute, Ind.	11 a.m.	

LAST WEEK'S WOMEN'S RESULTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Ohio State @ All-Ohio Championships	
Delaware, Ohio	2nd/28 (73 pts.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

Minnesota @ UMD Invitational	
Carlton, Minn.	1st/6 (20 pts.)
Penn State @ National Invitational	
University Park, Pa.	2nd/16 (64 pts.)
Wisconsin @ Ripon Invitational	
Ripon, Wis.	1st/8 (24 pts.)

WOMEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Bridget Franek, Penn State
 Fr., Hiram, Ohio/Crestwood

Franek led the way for Penn State for the third time this season as she finished first in scoring with a personal best 6K time of 21:18 at the Penn State National. Her efforts, which marked the second victory of the season for the freshman, helped the Nittany Lions capture a second-place finish at the meet, the team's third runner-up of the season.

This is Franek's first career weekly honor from the conference office.

Last PSU ROW: Molly Landreth (9/28/04)

USTFCCCA TOP 30 POLL - OCT. 10

Rank	Men's Team	Pts	Rank	Women's Team	Pts
1	WISCONSIN	(449)	1	Stanford	(390)
2	Arkansas	(433)	2	Colorado	(373)
3	Stanford	(413)	3	MICHIGAN	(368)
4	Colorado	(397)	4	Arkansas	(344)
5	Iona College	(390)	5	North Carolina State	(333)
6	Oregon	(383)	6	BYU	(328)
7	Arizona	(357)	7	Princeton	(307)
8	Portland	(334)	8	UC Santa Barbara	(296)
9	BYU	(306)	9	WISCONSIN	(282)
10	Oklahoma State	(304)	10	Providence	(272)
11	UTEP	(280)	11	IOWA	(260)
12	MINNESOTA	(263)	12	Florida State	(239)
13	North Carolina State	(259)	13	Wake Forest	(226)
14	MICHIGAN	(229)	14	Washington	(222)
15	Georgetown	(218)	15	Oklahoma State	(217)
16	Virginia	(212)	16	Arizona State	(197)
17	Alabama	(190)	17	ILLINOIS	(185)
18	Providence	(185)	18	MINNESOTA	(173)
19	William & Mary	(168)	19	Baylor	(150)
20	Arizona State	(162)	20	Duke	(145)
21	Notre Dame	(161)	21	MICHIGAN STATE	(122)
22	OHIO STATE	(136)	22	Colorado State	(112)
23	Texas	(118)	23	Georgetown	(98)
24	Iowa State	(113)	24	Tennessee	(88)
25	Florida	(102)	25	Boston U.	(80)
26	Dartmouth	(89)	26	Virginia	(72)
27	Florida State	(82)	27	Villanova	(48)
28	Eastern Michigan	(65)	28	Texas Tech	(32)
29	Butler	(41)	29	Butler	(23)
30	Cal Poly SLO	(36)	30	Virginia Tech	(16)

Also Receiving Votes: Princeton 24, Kansas 18, Villanova 13, Louisville 7, MICHIGAN STATE 6, Washington 6, California 5, American 4, Central Michigan 4, Lamar 4, Missouri 3, Cal-Santa Barbara 2, IOWA 2, Northern Arizona 1, UCLA 1.

Also Receiving Votes: Weber State 12, INDIANA 8, Washington State 8, UC-Riverside 5, Yale 5, Florida 4, Iona 3, LaSalle 1, William & Mary 1.

2006 MEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5	Brandon Fellows, Fr., MICH
Sept. 12	John Ealy, Sr., OSU Brandon Bethke, Fr., WIS
Sept. 19	Stephen Shay, Jr., MSU John Ealy, Sr., OSU
Sept. 26	Stu Eagon, So., WIS
Oct. 3	Jordan Kyle, Fr., IND
Oct. 10	Alex Bailey, Jr., OSU

2006 WOMEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5	Alissa McKaig, So., MSU
Sept. 12	Erin Webster, Jr., MICH
Sept. 19	Sarah Foster, Fr., OSU Hanna Grinaker, Fr., WIS
Sept. 26	Angela Bizzarri, Fr., ILL
Oct. 3	Diane Nukuri, Jr., IOWA
Oct. 10	Bridget Franek, Fr., PSU

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS CAMPAIGN

During the 2006-07 season, the Big Ten will celebrate the conference's 25th Anniversary of Women's Championships. From August 15, 2006 to 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.

