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FINAL RECAP: The Michigan men's swimming & diving team took the lead on day one of the Big Ten Championships and never looked back, earning the program's 41st conference title and first since 2016 on Saturday night at the Counsilman-Billingsley Aquatic Center in Bloomington, Ind.

The Wolverines finished the four-day event with 1,548 points, while Ohio State rallied on the final day to place second with 1,329 points, just edging out host Indiana (1,321.5). Wisconsin ended up in fourth place (834.5) and Northwestern came on late to take fifth-place honors (665).

Following the conclusion of the meet on Saturday night, Indiana's Bruno Blaskovic was selected as the Big Ten Swimmer of the Championships, Michigan's Ross Todd and Ohio State's Lyle Yost were voted the Co-Big Ten Diver of the Championships and Indiana's Brendan Burns was chosen the Big Ten Freshman of the Year following a vote by the conference coaches. The Big Ten Sportsmanship Award recipients in men's swimming & diving were also announced on Saturday.

The Big Ten Swimmer of the Year, Diver of the Year and Coach of the Year will be selected after the conclusion of the NCAA Championships, which will take place March 25-28 at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.

The following are this year's Big Ten Men's Swimming & Diving individual award recipients, all-conference honorees and Sportsmanship Award selections:

Big Ten Swimmer of the Championships

Bruno Blaskovic, Jr., Indiana

Co-Big Ten Diver of the Championships

Ross Todd, Jr., Michigan

Lyle Yost, Fr., Ohio State

Big Ten Freshman of the Year

Brendan Burns, Indiana

All-Big Ten First Team

Zane Backes, So., Indiana

Bruno Blaskovic, Jr., Indiana

Brendan Burns, Fr., Indiana

Gabriel Fantoni, Jr., Indiana

Jack Franzman, So., Indiana

Brandon Hamblin, So., Indiana

Mohamed Hassan, Sr., Indiana

Felix Auback, Sr., Michigan

Kevin Callan, So., Michigan

Tommy Cope, Sr., Michigan

Miles Smachlo, Sr., Michigan

Charlie Swanson, Sr., Michigan

Ross Todd, Jr., Michigan

Max McHugh, So., Minnesota

Andrew Loy, Sr., Ohio State

Lyle Yost, Fr., Ohio State

Greg Duncan, Jr., Purdue

All-Big Ten Second Team

Luiz Gustavo Borges, Jr., Michigan

Will Chan, So., Michigan

Ricardo Vargas, Jr., Michigan

Cameron Peel, Fr., Michigan

Eric Storms, So., Michigan

River Wright, Fr., Michigan

Matt Abeyasinghe, Sr., Ohio State

Jonah Cooper, Fr., Ohio State

Paul Delakis, Jr., Ohio State
Noah Lense, Sr., Ohio State
Jason Mathews, So., Ohio State
Gabriel Castano, Jr., Penn State
Michael Daly, So., Penn State
Ben Bramley, So., Purdue

Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honorees

Brock Brown, Jr., Indiana
Anze Fers Erzen, So., Iowa
Jacob Montague, Sr., Michigan
Nehemiah Mork, Sr., Michigan State
Nick Saulnier, Sr., Minnesota
Jack Thorne, Gr., Northwestern
Jacob Siler, Jr., Ohio State
Austin Wilson, Sr., Penn State
Nick McDowell, Sr., Purdue
Eric Geunes, Sr., Wisconsin

Day 3 Recap (Friday): Michigan continues to hold the field at armâ€™s length through Fridayâ€™s third day of action at the 2020 Big Ten Menâ€™s Swimming & Diving Championships, increasing its lead to 198 points with one day to go.

The top five remains the same, with the Wolverines amassing 1,063 points, Ohio State in second (865), edging out host Indiana (857.5). Wisconsin (569) and Purdue (422) holds the fourth and fifth place, respectively, with Minnesota just two points further back of the Boilermakers.

Five more pool records were set on Friday, including one by Andrew Loy in the 200 free (1:31.88) as Loy earned his second Big Ten title in as many nights following his win in Thursdayâ€™s 200 IM. Loy is also just the second Buckeye ever to win the conference crown in the 200 free, joining Josh Fleagle in 2015.

Indiana and Michigan picked up a pair of titles on Friday, with the Hoosiersâ€™ Gabriel Fantoni claiming his third straight conference gold in the 100 back (pool-record 44.92) and the Indiana 200 free relay winning for the second year in a row in a pool-record 1:16.30. Meanwhile, the Wolverines helped preserve their lead in the team standings when Miles Smachlo repeated as Big Ten champion in the 100 fly (pool-record 45.05) and Charlie Swanson won his fourth straight conference title in the 400 IM (3:40.26), just the third four-time winner in the event and first since Michiganâ€™s Tim Siciliano from 1999-2002.

Rounding out Fridayâ€™s victors were Minnesotaâ€™s Max McHugh in the 100 breast (pool-record 50.67), the first Golden Gopher to win that race since 2009 (Colin Lee-To), and Purdueâ€™s Greg Duncan in the 3-meter diving event (448.20 points), the second time in three years a Boilermaker has prevailed in that discipline.

This yearâ€™s Championships will wrap up Saturday with the final seven events being contested - 1,650 free, 200 back, 100 free, 200 breast, 200 fly, 400 free relay and platform diving. The team title and individual awards for Swimmer and Diver of the Championships and Freshman of the Year, as well as all-conference awards and the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award recipients will be announced following the conclusion of Saturdayâ€™s action.

Day 2 Recap (Thursday): Michigan built upon its lead on day 2 of the 2020 Big Ten Menâ€™s Swimming & Diving Championships, opening up a 154-point advantage through seven events.

The Wolverines currently have 555 points, with Ohio State in second (401), just ahead of Indiana (397), with Wisconsin (274.5) and Purdue (263) completing the top five.

Speed continues to be the story of the meet, with three more pool records tumbling to the decks on Thursday. Michiganâ€™s Felix Auback claimed his fourth consecutive Big Ten title in the 500 free (4:10.14 - 4th in meet history), becoming the fourth four-time winner in the event and first since another Wolverine, Peter Vanderkaay, did so from 2003-06.

Meanwhile, Indianaâ€™s Bruno Blaskovic had a hand in two new pool records, winning the 50 free (18.97) while his prelim time (18.96) was a fourth-fastest in Big Ten Championships history. He also became the first Indiana swimmer to claim the 50 title in nearly a quarter of a century (Sam Gasowski, 1996).

Blaskovic then anchored the Hoosiersâ€™ victorious 400 medley relay that touched in 3:02.27, second-fastest ever at the Championships.

Also winning on Thursday were Ohio Stateâ€™s Andrew Loy, who became the first Buckeye to earn top honors in the 200 IM since 1966 (1:42.03), and Michiganâ€™s Ross Todd, who claimed the 1-meter diving crown with 385.20 points, securing the Wolverinesâ€™ first Big Ten title in any diving event since Jason Coben in 2004.

Seven more events will be contested on Friday, with medals to be awarded in the 100 fly, 400 IM, 200 free, 100 breast, 100 back and 200 free relay, along with the 3-meter diving competition.

Day 1 Recap (Wednesday): Michigan has a slim two-point lead on host Indiana after the first day of competition at the 2020 Big Ten Men's Swimming & Diving Championships.

The Wolverines (120 points) and Hoosiers (118) both won a relay on the abbreviated opening night, with each school posting a pool record and NCAA qualifying time - Indiana in the 200 medley relay (1:23.07) and Michigan in the 800 free relay (6:11.46).

Rounding out the top five on the tightly-packed team leaderboard after day one are Ohio State (108), Wisconsin (100) and Penn State (96).

2020 Big Ten Men's Swimming & Diving Championships Schedule (all times Eastern and subject to change)

Wednesday, February 26	
TIME	EVENT
6:30 am	Pool Open
3:30 pm	Warm-ups Begin
4:50 pm	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
4:55 pm	National Anthem
5:00 pm	200 Medley Relay - Heat 1
	200 Medley Relay - Heat 2
	200 Medley Relay Award Presentation
	<i>Intermission (30 minutes)</i>
	800 Freestyle Relay - Heat 1
	800 Freestyle Relay - Heat 2
	800 Freestyle Relay Award Presentation
9:00 pm	Pool Closed
Thursday, February 27	
TIME	EVENT
6:00 am	Pool Open
9:00 am	Warm-ups Begin
10:50 am	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
11:00 am	500 Freestyle
	200 Individual Medley
	50 Freestyle
1:00 pm	One-Meter Diving - Trials
	One-Meter Diving - Consolation Finals
5:00 pm	Warm-ups Begin
6:15 pm	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
6:25 pm	National Anthem
6:30 pm	500 Freestyle - C Finals
	500 Freestyle - Consolation Finals
	500 Freestyle - Finals
	500 Freestyle Award Presentation
	200 Individual Medley - C Finals
	200 Individual Medley - Consolation Finals
	200 Individual Medley - Finals
	200 Individual Medley Award Presentation
	50 Freestyle - C Finals
	50 Freestyle - Consolation Finals
	50 Freestyle - Finals

	<i>Introduction of One-Meter Diving Finalists</i>
	50 Freestyle Award Presentation
	One-Meter Diving Finals
	One-Meter Diving Award Presentation
	400 Medley Relay - Heat 1
	400 Medley Relay - Heat 2
	400 Medley Relay Award Presentation
10:00 pm	Pool Closed
Friday, February 28	
TIME	EVENT
6:00 am	Pool Open
9:00 am	Warm-ups Begin
10:50 am	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
11:00 am	100 Butterfly
	400 Individual Medley
	200 Freestyle
	100 Breaststroke
	100 Backstroke
1:00 pm	Three-Meter Diving - Trials
	Three-Meter Diving - Consolation Finals
6:15 pm	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
6:25 pm	National Anthem
6:30 pm	100 Butterfly - C Finals
	100 Butterfly - Consolation Finals
	100 Butterfly - Finals
	100 Butterfly Award Presentation
	400 Individual Medley - C Finals
	400 Individual Medley - Consolation Finals
	400 Individual Medley - Finals
	400 Individual Medley Award Presentation
	200 Freestyle - C Finals
	200 Freestyle - Consolation Finals
	200 Freestyle - Finals
	200 Freestyle Award Presentation
	100 Breaststroke - C Finals
	100 Breaststroke - Consolation Finals
	100 Breaststroke - Finals
	100 Breaststroke Award Presentation
	100 Backstroke - C Finals
	100 Backstroke - Consolation Finals
	100 Backstroke - Finals
	<i>Introduction of Three-Meter Diving Finalists</i>
	100 Backstroke Award Presentation
	Three-Meter Diving - Finals
	Three-Meter Diving Award Presentation
	200 Freestyle Relay - Heat 1

	200 Freestyle Relay - Heat 2
	200 Freestyle Relay Award Presentation
10:00 pm	Pool Closed
Saturday, February 29	
TIME	EVENT
6:00 am	Pool Open
9:00 am	Warm-ups Begin
10:50 am	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
11:00 am	200 Backstroke
	100 Freestyle
	200 Breaststroke
	200 Butterfly
1:00 pm	Platform Diving - Trials
	Platform Diving - Consolation Finals
4:15 pm	1,650 Freestyle (<i>approx. 4:15 pm; all but last heat</i>)
5:00 pm	Warm-ups Begin
6:15 pm	CLEAR THE COMPETITION POOL
6:25 pm	National Anthem
6:30 pm	1,650 Freestyle (<i>last heat of timed finals</i>)
	1,650 Freestyle Award Presentation
	200 Backstroke - C Final
	200 Backstroke - Consolation Finals
	200 Backstroke - Finals
	200 Backstroke Award Presentation
	100 Freestyle - C Final
	100 Freestyle - Consolation Finals
	100 Freestyle - Finals
	100 Freestyle Award Presentation
	200 Breaststroke - C Final
	200 Breaststroke - Consolation Finals
	200 Breaststroke - Finals
	200 Breaststroke Award Presentation
	200 Butterfly - C Final
	200 Butterfly - Consolation Finals
	200 Butterfly - Finals
	<i>Introduction of Platform Diving Finalists</i>
	200 Butterfly Award Presentation
	Platform Diving - Final
	400 Freestyle Relay - Heat 1
	400 Freestyle Relay - Heat 2
	Platform Diving Award Presentation
	400 Freestyle Award Presentation
	Team/Individual Awards Presentation
10:00 pm	Pool Closed

NOTES: Award presentations in boldface type



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