



2017 Men's Soccer Season In Review

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The Big Ten enjoyed a successful 2017 season that concluded with Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin securing bids to the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament.

- Four Big Ten squads finished the season ranked in the top-25 of the United Soccer Coaches' Final Poll. Indiana checked in at No. 2, while Michigan State and Wisconsin were close behind at No. 6 and No. 10, respectively. Michigan checked in at No. 22.

- Two Big Ten teams ranked in the top-20 for scoring offense this season. Wisconsin led the league and ranked 16th nationally, averaging 2.05 goals per game. Indiana ranked No. 18, averaging 1.96.

- Three Big Ten teams finished the season ranked in the top-20 for shutout percentage. Indiana led the nation with a .720 percentage. Michigan State followed ranked No. 11 with a .550 percentage, while Maryland finished at No. 20 with .474.

- Two conference squads finished the season ranked among the top-10 in team goals against average. Indiana led the league and the nation with a .260 goals against average per game. Michigan State checked in at 10th (.619).

NCAA Tournament: Five Big Ten men's soccer teams earned berths to the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament, as announced Monday. Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin all secured bids to the national tournament. For more information, click [here](#) and [here](#).

Maryland made its 35th NCAA Tournament appearance. The Terrapins opened the first round against Albany at home.

Michigan made its sixth tournament appearance overall and the first since 2012 after claiming the Big Ten Championship. The Wolverines earned a first-round bye as the No. 13 seed, and entertained Colgate in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Michigan State made its 17th appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Spartans earned a No. 7 seed and a first-round bye, and hosted Virginia Tech in the second round.

After winning the Big Ten Tournament title, Wisconsin hosted Illinois-Chicago in the first round. It marked Wisconsin's seventh appearance in the tournament and first since 2013.

Indiana earned the overall No. 2 seed and hosted Old Dominion in the second round after advancing to the Big Ten Tournament championship match. The Hoosiers advanced to their 19th NCAA College Cup, an NCAA Tournament record. Indiana fell to Stanford in the National Championship in Philadelphia.

Regular-Season Crown: The Michigan men's soccer team clinched the outright Big Ten Conference men's soccer title on Oct. 29 with a 2-1 victory in double overtime against Maryland in College Park. It was the Wolverines' first Big Ten championship and earned them the No. 1 seed in the Big Ten Tournament. For the full release, including the Big Ten Tournament bracket, click [here](#).

Big Ten Tournament Title: The fifth-seeded Wisconsin men's soccer team won the Big Ten Tournament Championship after defeating Indiana, with a 4-2 penalty kick decision, in the championship game at Grand Park in Westfield, Ind. For more information, including the All-Tournament Team, click [here](#).

End-of-Year Awards: The Big Ten Conference announced its 2017 men's soccer All-Big Ten teams and individual award winners on Nov. 3, with Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State and Wisconsin collecting individual honors. The Badgers' Christopher Mueller was tabbed Offensive Player of the Year, Indiana's Grant Lilliard earned Defensive Player of the Year and Maryland's Eryk Williamson claimed Midfielder of the Year honors. Jimmy Hague of Michigan State collected Goalkeeper of the Year accolades, Indiana's Mason Toye earned Freshman of the Year recognition and Michigan's Chaka Daley was named Big Ten Coach of the Year. For the complete list of All-Big Ten selections, click [here](#).

All-America Accolades: Five Big Ten men's soccer students were named 2017 United Soccer Coaches Division I All-America honorees as announced by the association. For the complete list of All-America honorees, click [here](#). Eight Big Ten men's soccer students were awarded with TopDrawerSoccer Division I Postseason awards. For the complete list, click [here](#).

Academic All-Big Ten Honorees: The Big Ten Conference recognized a total of 1,277 students competing in fall sports who have been named to the Academic All-Conference team. The list of honorees features 107 men's soccer students. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, students must be on a varsity team, as verified by being on the official squad list as of November 1 for fall sports, who have been enrolled fulltime at the institution for a minimum of 12 months and carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. For the full list of honorees, click [here](#).