



## 2004 Big Ten Baseball Pitchers of the Week

May 24

**J.A. Happ, Northwestern**  
**JR, LHP, Peru, IL/St. Bede Academy**

Happ concluded the regular season as he began it by claiming his third Big Ten Pitcher of the Week award after tossing a complete-game shutout in the series opener at Michigan State. The junior lefthander allowed only five hits in nine innings for his third nine-inning complete game this season and second straight overall. He posted 10 strikeouts in the contest to tie for the League lead with 62 K's in Conference games only. In all games, he topped the Big Ten with a 2.68 ERA and 106 punchouts, the second-highest single-season total in school annals.

May 17

**Bryan Gale, Michigan State**  
**SR, RHP, Decatur, MI/Decatur**

Gale led MSU to a series-opening victory at Penn State, allowing no earned runs and only three hits in eight innings of work to nab Pitcher of the Week accolades for the second time this season. The senior righthander posted six strikeouts in the win, as the Spartans would go on to take three-of-four in the series to stay alive in the Big Ten title race. Gale also tied the Michigan State school record with his 28th career triumph. He was previously honored on March 29.

May 11

**Josh Newman, Ohio State**  
**SR, LHP, Wheelersburg, OH/Wheelersburg**

Newman allowed no earned runs and only four hits in the series opening win over Penn State to earn a share of the Big Ten Pitcher of the Week award. The senior southpaw picked up his 31st career triumph with eight strikeouts and only two walks. He collects Pitcher of the Week accolades for the second time this season, as he also split the honor on March 16.

**Sean Stidfole, Penn State**  
**SO, RHP, New Bloomfield, PA/Susquenita**

Stidfole becomes the third different PSU hurler in the last three weeks to pick up a share of Big Ten Pitcher of the Week laurels after notching his first career complete-game shutout in a crucial 1-0 triumph at OSU to even the series. The sophomore righthander allowed no runs on five hits while striking out nine batters with three walks (one intentional). He joins battery mates Aaron Tressler (April 26) and Clayton Hamilton (May 3) as weekly Conference honorees.

May 3

**Glen Perkins, Minnesota**  
**SO, LHP, Stillwater, MN/Stillwater**

Perkins improved to 12-0 all-time in Big Ten play with the second complete-game shutout of his career to pick up a share of Big Ten Pitcher of the Week honors. The reigning Conference Freshman of the Year allowed only four hits in nine innings of work in the opener against Purdue and posted seven strikeouts with only one walk. Perkins earns his first weekly award this season and boasts a 4-0 record, a 1.47 ERA (second in League play) and 33 strikeouts in 43 innings.

**Clayton Hamilton, Penn State****SR, RHP, Beaver Falls, PA/Blackhawk**

Hamilton becomes the second straight PSU hurler to nab Pitcher of the Week laurels after holding Illinois to only three hits in the first complete-game nine-inning shutout of his career. The senior righthander struck out five batters with only one walk in the series finale in Champaign. He joins teammate Aaron Tressler (April 26) as weekly Conference pitching honorees.

April 26

**Aaron Tressler, Penn State****SR, RHP, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA/State College**

Tressler nearly recorded a no-hitter against Iowa, allowing only one hit and no earned runs in a complete-game victory over the Hawkeyes. The senior righthander pitched his second complete game of the year to give head coach Joe Hindelang his school-record 381st win. Tressler struck out a career-high nine batters against only two walks in his seven innings of work to improve to 3-0 in Big Ten play. In all games, he ranks second among all Big Ten hurlers with a 2.75 ERA and boasts a 3-1 mark. Tressler is the first Nittany Lion to collect Pitcher of the Week laurels this year.

April 19

**Chris Toneguzzi, Purdue****SO, RHP, Thunder Bay, Ontario/St. Patrick**

Toneguzzi allowed only one unearned run and tallied a career-best eight strikeouts in seven innings at Northwestern to collect Big Ten Pitcher of the Week laurels. The sophomore righthander posted his second win of the season in the series finale to give the Boilermakers a four-game split. He gave up only five hits and two walks in his seven innings of work. Toneguzzi is the second Purdue hurler to earn the weekly Conference accolade as teammate Scott Byrnes was tabbed as the Pitcher of the Week on March 22.

April 12

**Tim Gorski, Illinois****SR, RHP, Carmel, IL/Lindenhurst**

Gorski handed Michigan State its first Conference loss by blanking the Spartans on only four hits to share Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The senior righthander collected his first career shutout and posted a career-best seven strikeouts with only one walk. Gorski is the second Illini hurler to be selected this season as teammate Ted Rowe was honored on March 2.

**Derek Feldkamp, Michigan****SO, RHP, Adrian, MI/Blissfield**

Feldkamp pitched 8.2 shutout innings on the week and recorded both a win and a save to split the Conference weekly laurel. The sophomore righthander started with a mid-week save against Eastern Michigan, a 2003 NCAA Tournament participant, allowing no runs in 1.2 innings. He started the second game of the Iowa series and helped the Wolverines rally from an opening loss by pitching his first complete-game shutout. The Michigan native gave up only four hits and produced five strikeouts as UM would go on to win the final three games of the road series. Feldkamp is the second Wolverines pitcher to earn weekly honors along with teammate Michael Penn (March 16).

April 5

**J.A. Happ, Northwestern****JR, LHP, Peru, IL / St. Bede Academy**

Happ picks up his second Conference weekly award of the season after earning a victory in the Wildcats? Big Ten opener against Indiana. The left-hander pitched his first collegiate complete-game shutout, striking out 12 batters and walking only one. Happ gave up only two hits in nine innings while facing just 29 batters.

March 29

**Bryan Gale, Michigan State****SR, RHP, Decatur, MI/Decatur**

Gale led the Spartans to their first shutout of the season by allowing only three hits and no runs in seven innings of work to nab Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The senior righthander posted eight strikeouts with only two walks to earn his first win of the year and 25th of his career, just three shy of the school record of 28 victories set by Stuart Hirschman from 1990-93. Gale also neared the top spot in two more career categories, as he now stands only 8.2 innings pitched and seven strikeouts away from setting program records. The 2003 All-Big Ten Second Team selection is the first Michigan State player to earn a weekly Conference honor this season.

March 22

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**Dan Brauer, Northwestern**

**SO, LHP, Wheaton, IL/Wheaton-Warrenville South**

**Michael Penn, Michigan**

**JR, RHP, Columbus, OH/Worthington Christian**

Penn tossed a nine-inning, four-hit shutout against Youngstown State to share Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The junior righthander registered the first complete game by a Wolverine hurler this season and the third of his career, while collecting the second shutout in his time in Ann Arbor.

**Josh Newman, Ohio State**

**SR, LHP, Wheelersburg, OH/Wheelersburg**

Newman racked up seven strikeouts and no walks to pick up a win over McNeese State and split the Big Ten Pitcher of the Week award. The senior righthander went 7.2 innings and allowed only four hits and one unearned run while posting a season-high in strikeouts. Newman picked up the 26th victory of his career and has now pitched 292.1 career innings for the Buckeyes, which ranks sixth on the school's all-time list.

March 9

**Dan Brauer, Northwestern**

**SO, LHP, Wheaton, IL/Wheaton-Warrenville South**

Brauer racked up a career-best 11 strikeouts and no walks in a dominating performance against Samford to collect his second Conference Pitcher of the Week award this season. The sophomore lefthander threw seven innings and allowed only six hits and one unearned run for the victory, as he lowered his season ERA to 2.96 with 26 strikeouts in only 24.1 innings pitched.

March 2

**Ted Rowe, Illinois**

**SR, RHP, Dunlap, IL/Dunlap**

In his first outing of the season, Rowe threw a no-hitter through five innings and allowed only one hit in seven innings to earn the victory over Western Kentucky and collect Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The senior righthander led Illinois to its first opening day shutout since 1984, striking out five batters with only one walk before being pulled because of his pitch count.

February 24

**Dan Brauer, Northwestern**

**SO, LHP, Wheaton, IL/Wheaton-Warrenville South**

Brauer flirted with a no-hitter against New Mexico, allowing no hits and three unearned runs while striking out 10 batters in just over seven innings of work to collect Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The sophomore lefthander went seven and two-third innings before leaving with a 3-2 lead but earned a no-decision after the Lobos knotted the score and the game ended in a tie after 10 innings. Brauer moved to the designated hitter role after being relieved and collected a hit in his only at bat. He is the second Wildcats hurler to earn the weekly Conference pitching honor this season, as teammate J.A. Happ was selected last week. This is the first weekly League award for Brauer.

February 17

**J.A. Happ, Northwestern**

**JR, LHP, Peru, IL/St. Bede Academy**

Happ opened the 2004 season by throwing six innings of one-run baseball against Washington State to collect Big Ten Pitcher of the Week accolades. The junior lefthander gave up only four hits in his six innings of work and struck out five batters with only one walk. Happ left the game with a 2-1 lead but ended up with a no decision as the Cougars tied the game in the eighth inning before falling by a final of 3-2. The Illinois native earns his fourth weekly Conference honor, as he was also selected on three occasions last season on his way to First Team All-Big Ten accolades. Happ, a First Team All-League choice as a reliever in 2002, is aiming to become the first Wildcat in school history to be named First Team All-Conference in three seasons.



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