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THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MAY		
2	St. Xavier at Illinois	2:00 p.m.
3	Western Illinois at Iowa	6:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at North Dakota State	6:30 p.m.
	Western Michigan at Michigan	6:35 p.m.
	Eastern Michigan at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
	Northwestern at Northern Illinois	7:00 p.m.
5	Ohio State at Michigan State [24]	2:05 p.m.
	Iowa at Indiana	3:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Northwestern	3:00 p.m.
	Penn State at Purdue	3:00 p.m.
	Michigan at Illinois	6:00 p.m.
6	Michigan at Illinois (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Indiana (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Northwestern (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Penn State at Purdue (DH)	1:00 p.m.
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	Minnesota at Northwestern	6:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE KEY

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LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

APRIL		
25	Miami (Ohio) at Indiana	W, 5-0
	Illinois at Eastern Illinois	L, 10-6
	UW-Milwaukee at Northwestern	L, 5-4 (12 inn.)
	Bucknell at Penn State	W, 14-6
	Purdue at Notre Dame	L, 2-1
26	Cleveland State at Ohio State	L, 7-5
	Toledo at Michigan State	W, 23-4
	Valparaiso at Purdue	W, 13-4
	Iowa at Northern Iowa	L, 4-2
	South Dakota State at Minnesota	W, 9-2
28	Indiana at Penn State	PSU, 5-4
	Northwestern at Iowa	NU, 9-5
	Illinois at Minnesota	ILL, 4-3
	Michigan State at Michigan	MICH, 7-1
	Purdue at Ohio State	OSU, 10-5
29	Indiana at Penn State	IND, 3-2 (11 inn.)
	Indiana at Penn State	IND, 3-0
	Northwestern at Iowa	NU, 9-8
	Northwestern at Iowa	IOWA, 16-2
	Purdue at Ohio State	OSU, 4-0
	Purdue at Ohio State	OSU, 4-1
	Illinois at Minnesota	MINN, 9-5
	Illinois at Minnesota	ILL, 5-4
	Michigan at Michigan State [24]	MICH, 6-2
	Michigan at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 7-6
30	Illinois at Minnesota	ILL, 16-8
	Indiana at Penn State	PSU, 11-0
	Northwestern at Iowa	NU, 7-6
	Michigan State at Michigan	MICH, 11-5
	Purdue at Ohio State	PUR, 7-6

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BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ronnie Bourquin, Ohio State
JR, 3B, Canton, Ohio/Canton South

In a five-game homestand last week, Bourquin batted .706 (12-for-17) with seven RBI and five runs scored. He touched 16 bases for a .941 slugging percentage and added four walks for an on-base percentage of .762, while posting three of four stolen bases. After a 2-for-2 performance against Cleveland State earlier in the week, the Buckeye junior batted .667 (10-for-15) in the 3-1 series win over Purdue with five RBI and four runs scored. He had multiple hits in four of the five games last week and is currently riding a career-long 11-game hit streak. Bourquin now leads all conference batters with a .426 batting average, up from .393 before the week started.

BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Craig Clark, Penn State
JR, P, Phoenixville, Pa./Spring-Ford

Clark pitched a nine-inning, complete-game, six-hit shutout in Sunday's 11-0 win over Indiana. In just the second career occasion he has gone the distance, which was also the second complete-game shutout this year for the Nittany Lion pitching staff, Clark went all nine innings and scattered just the six hits. Needing just 96 pitches for his effort, the junior struck out seven and did not walk any. He now has 64 strikeouts and just nine walks on the year for a remarkable strikeout to walk ratio of over 7:1. In getting his second win of the year, Clark allowed just two runners to get as far as second base and picked off one, increasing his pickoff total to a Big Ten-best four on the year. Clark completed the shutout by retiring 13 of the last 15 Hoosier hitters and nine of the last 10.

2006 STANDINGS

	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Michigan	14	6	0	.700	26	15	0	.634
Northwestern	14	6	0	.700	17	24	0	.415
3. Ohio State	12	8	0	.600	27	14	0	.659
4. Illinois	10	10	0	.500	23	19	0	.548
5. Purdue	9	11	0	.450	23	18	0	.561
Minnesota	9	11	0	.450	22	20	0	.524
Michigan State	9	11	0	.450	21	21	0	.500
Penn State	9	11	0	.450	16	27	0	.372
9. Iowa	7	13	0	.350	18	25	0	.419
Indiana	7	13	0	.350	17	25	0	.405

NCBWA TOP 30 POLL (MAY 1)

Rk.	School	Overall	Pvs.
1.	Rice	39-9	1
2.	North Carolina	39-8	2
3.	Nebraska	36-6	3
4.	Cal State Fullerton	33-11	4
5.	Clemson	33-13	7
6.	Oregon State	32-10	6
7.	Alabama	34-13	8
8.	Texas	32-15	9
9.	Oklahoma	35-11	10
10.	Georgia Tech	33-12	5
11.	Virginia	38-10	14
12.	South Carolina	32-12	13
13.	Florida State	35-11	12
14.	Notre Dame	35-9-1	15
15.	Arkansas	31-14	11
16.	Houston	31-16	21
17.	Tulane	30-16	20
18.	Arizona State	29-16	16
19.	Kentucky	34-11	26
20.	College of Charleston	33-10	17
21.	Old Dominion	35-8	22
22.	North Carolina State	32-15	18
23.	Wichita State	34-15	23
24.	Miami, FL	29-16	27
25.	Winthrop	33-12	24
26.	Mississippi	30-15	NR
27.	Mississippi State	30-15	19
28.	LSU	29-17	29
29.	Wake Forest	30-14	28
30.	Troy	34-12	25

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Baylor (27-19), Boston College (25-21-1), Charlotte (29-14-1), Connecticut (28-15-1), Jacksonville (33-13), Kansas (32-18), Kent State (28-14), MICHIGAN (26-15), OHIO STATE (27-14), Oklahoma State (31-13), Pepperdine (30-16), Rhode Island (27-9), Southern Mississippi (31-16), Vanderbilt (27-18), Washington (30-16), West Virginia (29-15)

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 14:	F: Antonio Mule, So., NU P: Dan Schwartz, Jr., NU	Mar. 20:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR	Apr. 18:	F: Pat McMahon, Sr., NU F: Neal Gorka, Sr., PUR
Feb. 21:	F: Lance Thompson, Sr., PSU P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU	Mar. 27:	F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR P: Dan Sattler, Jr., PUR	Apr. 24:	F: Eric Rose, Jr., MICH P: Alan Stidfole, Sr., PSU
Feb. 28:	F: Doug Pickens, So., MICH P: Jay Buenete, Sr., PUR	Apr. 3:	F: Kyle Day, Fr., MSU P: Matt Whitmore, Sr., ILL	May 1:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU P: Craig Clark, Jr., PSU
Mar. 7:	F: Ryan Basham, Jr., MSU P: Cory Luebke, So., OSU	Apr. 11:	F: L.J. Mims, Sr., IOWA F: Eric Fryer, So., OSU		
Mar. 14:	F: Matt Angle, So., OSU P: Aaron Markowitz, Jr., PSU		P: John Dwan, Jr., MSU		