

2016 Big Ten Women's Soccer Championship



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The 21st annual Big Ten Women's Soccer Tournament was held from Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2016, with the four highest-seeded teams playing host to quarterfinal matches and the highest remaining seed after the quarterfinal round earning the right to play host to the semifinals and championship match.

Championship: Emily Heslin's goal with 5:22 remaining lifted top-seeded Minnesota to a 2-1 victory over No. 7 seed Rutgers in the Big Ten Women's Soccer Tournament championship match at Elizabeth Lyle Robbie Stadium in St. Paul, Minn. With the win, the Golden Gophers earned their second Big Ten Tournament title and first since 1995. Minnesota also received the Big Ten's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. Heslin's goal, her first of the season, came off a rising blast from just outside the top of the penalty area only 47 seconds after Rutgers had tied the match on Chantelle Swaby's goal. Prior to the thrilling finish, it appeared Minnesota's Sydney Squires would have the only score of the day, having put the Golden Gophers on the board with her goal in the 27th minute.

2016 Big Ten Women's Soccer All-Tournament Team

- Mykayla Brown, Indiana
- Nicky Waldeck, Michigan
- Tori Burnett, Minnesota
- Emily Heslin, Minnesota
- Sydney Squires, Minnesota
- Sydney Miramontez, Nebraska
- Nikia Smith, Northwestern
- Nicolette Driesse, Penn State
- Chantelle Swaby, Rutgers
- Madison Tiernan, Rutgers
- Rose Lavelle, Wisconsin

Individual Awards

Offensive Player of the Tournament: Sydney Squires, Minnesota

Defensive Player of the Tournament: Tori Burnett, Minnesota

Semifinals: Top-seeded Minnesota earned its place in the Big Ten Tournament championship match with a 1-0 win over No. 4 seed Michigan in the first semifinal. The Golden Gophers picked up a goal from Julianna Gernes 7:10 in the contest and made it stand up the rest of the way to secure their first trip to the Big Ten final since 2008. In the day's second semifinal, No. 7 seed Rutgers also got an early goal by Colby Ciarrocca in the seventh minute and held off a stern second-half challenge from third-seeded Northwestern to post a 1-0 victory. With the win, the Scarlet Knights advanced to their second consecutive Big Ten Tournament championship match in just their third season as a conference member.

Quarterfinals: It was a dramatic opening day in the Big Ten Tournament, highlighted by No. 7 seed Rutgers posting a 2-0 win at second-seeded Penn State behind goals from Erica Murphy and Madison Tiernan midway through each half. There also were a pair of penalty-kick shootouts, marking the first time since 2011 (and just the second time in tournament history) that two Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals were decided from the spot. Third-seeded Northwestern turned back a challenge from visiting No. 6 seed Nebraska, 4-3 on penalties after the schools finished 0-0 through two overtimes. No. 4 seed Michigan also advanced on penalty kicks, defeating fifth-seeded Wisconsin by a 4-2 margin after playing to a 1-1 double-overtime draw, thanks to first-half goals by the Wolverines' Nicky Waldeck and the Badgers' Emily Borgmann. Top-seed and host Minnesota was the lone favorite to reach the semifinals in regulation time, toppling No. 8 seed Indiana, 3-1 on the strength of three-point afternoons (one goal/one assist) from Josee Stiever and Sydney Squires.

TEAM INFORMATION



Indiana



Northwestern



Michigan



Minnesota



Nebraska



Penn State



Rutgers



Wisconsin

Schedule

Sunday, October 30 (Quarterfinals - on campus of highest seeds)

TIME (TV)	GAME	LINKS
3 p.m. ET (BTN Plus)	#1 Minnesota 3, #8 Indiana 1	Box Score Minnesota Recap Indiana Recap
4 p.m. ET (BTN Plus)	#4 Michigan 1, #5 Wisconsin 1 <i>(Michigan advances 4-2 on penalty kicks)</i>	Box Score Michigan Recap Wisconsin Recap
1 p.m. ET (BTN Plus)	#7 Rutgers 2, #2 Penn State 0	Box Score Rutgers Recap Penn State Recap
4 p.m. ET (BTN)	#3 Northwestern 0, #6 Nebraska 0 <i>(Northwestern advances 4-3 on penalty kicks)</i>	Box Score Northwestern Recap Nebraska Recap

Friday, November 4 (Semifinals - at St. Paul, Minn. (Elizabeth Lyle Robbie Stadium))

TIME (TV)	GAME	LINKS
3 p.m. ET (BTN)	#1 Minnesota 1, #4 Michigan 0	Box Score Minnesota Recap Michigan Recap
5:30 p.m. ET (BTN)	#7 Rutgers 1, #3 Northwestern 0	Box Score Rutgers Recap Northwestern Recap

Sunday, November 6 (Championship - at St. Paul, Minn. (Elizabeth Lyle Robbie Stadium))

TIME (TV)	GAME	LINKS
2 p.m. ET (BTN)	#1 Minnesota 2, #7 Rutgers 1	Box Score Big Ten Recap Minnesota Recap Rutgers Recap