

MICHIGAN'S RECKNAGEL AND NORTHWESTERN'S BRAUER EARN WEEKLY HONORS, WHILE BOTH TEAMS REMAIN TIED FOR CONFERENCE LEAD

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**THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

MAY		
9	Michigan State at Western Michigan	3:00 p.m.
	Eastern Michigan at Michigan	4:00 p.m.
	Northwestern at Illinois-Chicago	7:00 p.m.
10	Indiana at Valparaiso	7:05 p.m.
12	Michigan at Penn State	2:05 p.m.
	Illinois at Indiana	3:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Northwestern	3:00 p.m.
	Purdue at Iowa	6:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
13	Illinois at Indiana (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Northwestern (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan at Penn State (DH)	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota at Ohio State (DH)	1:05 p.m.
	Purdue at Iowa (DH)	2:00 p.m.
14	Illinois at Indiana	1:00 p.m.
	Purdue at Iowa	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Northwestern	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan at Penn State	1:05 p.m.
	Minnesota at Ohio State	1:05 p.m.

**LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

MAY		
2	St. Xavier at Illinois	W, 6-4
3	Western Illinois at Iowa	CLD
	Minnesota at North Dakota State	L, 7-3
	Western Michigan at Michigan	W, 10-5
	Eastern Michigan at Ohio State	W, 5-2
	Northwestern at Northern Illinois	L, 8-6
5	Ohio State at Michigan State [24]	OSU, 16-2
	Iowa at Indiana	IOWA, 3-2
	Minnesota at Northwestern	MINN, 15-3
	Michigan at Illinois	ILL, 3-1
6	Michigan at Illinois	MICH, 1-0
	Michigan at Illinois	ILL, 7-4
	Iowa at Indiana	IOWA, 4-3
	Iowa at Indiana	IOWA, 6-0
	Minnesota at Northwestern	NU, 1-0
	Minnesota at Northwestern	MINN, 1-0
	Penn State at Purdue	PUR, 6-5
	Ohio State at Michigan State [24]	OSU, 12-3
	Ohio State at Michigan State [24]	OSU, 6-4
7	Michigan at Illinois	MICH, 9-6
	Iowa at Indiana	IND, 10-5
	Minnesota at Northwestern	NU, 9-8
	Penn State at Purdue	PUR, 6-2
	Penn State at Purdue	PSU, 4-0
	Ohio State at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 5-2
8	Penn State at Purdue	PSU, 8-6

**SCHEDULE KEY**  
 [24] Played at Oldsmobile Park (Lansing, Mich.)

**2006 STANDINGS**

	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	I	Pct.	W	L	I Pct.
1. Michigan	16	8	0	.667	29	17	0 .630
Northwestern	16	8	0	.667	19	27	0 .413
3. Ohio State	15	9	0	.625	31	15	0 .674
4. Illinois	12	12	0	.500	26	21	0 .553
5. Purdue	11	13	0	.458	25	20	0 .556
Minnesota	11	13	0	.458	24	23	0 .511
Penn State	11	13	0	.458	18	29	0 .383
8. Michigan State	10	14	0	.417	22	24	0 .478
Iowa	10	14	0	.417	21	26	0 .447
10. Indiana	8	16	0	.333	18	28	0 .391

**NCBWA TOP 30 POLL (MAY 8)**

Rk.	School	Overall	Pvs.
1	Rice	39-9	1
2	North Carolina	39-8	2
3	Cal State Fullerton	35-12	4
4	Clemson	33-13	5
5	Texas	36-15	8
6	Oregon State	34-11	6
7	Nebraska	36-8	3
8	Georgia Tech	36-12	10
9	Virginia	39-10	11
10	Arkansas	34-15	15
11	Alabama	34-16	7
12	Florida State	37-12	13
13	Oklahoma	37-13	9
14	Kentucky	37-11	19
15	Houston	34-17	16
16	Notre Dame	37-11-1	14
17	Tulane	34-16	17
18	Arizona State	30-16	18
19	South Carolina	32-16	12
20	Old Dominion	37-9	21
21	Winthrop	37-12	25
22	North Carolina State	33-15	22
23	Miami, Florida	32-16	24
24	College of Charleston	33-11	20
25	Louisiana State	32-17	28
26	Mississippi State	33-16	27
27	Wake Forest	31-15	29
28	Oklahoma State	33-13	NR
29	Wichita State	36-17	23
30	Georgia	31-16	NR

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Elon (39-13), Hawaii (37-12), Jacksonville (36-14), Kansas (33-21), Kent State (32-15), Mississippi (31-18), OHIO STATE (31-15), Pepperdine (33-17), Southern Mississippi (34-16), St. John's (32-14), Troy (35-14), UCLA (25-19), Washington (31-19).

**BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Nate Recknagel, Michigan  
 SO, 1B/DH, Lake Orion, Mich./Lake Orion

Recknagel hit .533 (8-for-15) in the series at Illinois with two doubles, two long home runs and four RBI. For the five-game week, he hit .556, going 10-for-18 while mixing in a 2-for-3 game with three RBI against Western Michigan. Recknagel concluded his week by extending his team-leading, season-high hitting streak to 12 games and hammering two home runs last Sunday to help clinch the victory at Illinois. Currently, the Wolverine sophomore shares the team lead in Big Ten action with catcher Jeff Kunkel as both are hitting .398 (33-for-83). For the season, Recknagel is leading Michigan with a .373 (57-for-153) average with 13 doubles, four homers and 30 RBI. He also leads the team with 20 multiple-hit games and ranks second with five game-winning RBI.

**BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK**

Dan Brauer, Northwestern  
 JR, P, Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton-Warrenville South

Brauer pitched one his best games as a collegiate pitcher this past Saturday against Minnesota and then turned in an impressive performance at the plate on Sunday. In the game he pitched, the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, he threw a complete-game, four-hit shutout, striking out a season-high 10. He allowed only two runners to reach third base, shutting down an offense that totaled 15 hits in the first game of the series. All four hits he gave up were singles. At the plate on Sunday, Brauer was 2-for-2 with a three-run home run in the first inning. He was walked twice and doubled in his other at bat. He scored three times in NU's 9-8 victory. Brauer leads the conference with 75 strikeouts in 70.2 innings pitched. He is hitting .364 in conference games with 10 RBI, and .341 overall with 12 RBI.

**BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Feb. 14:	F: Antonio Mule, So., NU	Mar. 20:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU	Apr. 18:	F: Pat McMahon, Sr., NU
	P: Dan Schwartz, Jr., NU		F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR		F: Neal Gorka, Sr., PUR
Feb. 21:	F: Lance Thompson, Sr., PSU		P: Tim Gudex, Sr., IOWA		P: Paul Hammond, Sr., MICH
	P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU	Mar. 27:	F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR	Apr. 24:	F: Eric Rose, Jr., MICH
Feb. 28:	F: Doug Pickens, So., MICH		P: Dan Sattler, Jr., PUR		P: Alan Stidfole, Sr., PSU
	P: Jay Buenete, Sr., PUR	Apr. 3:	F: Kyle Day, Fr., MSU	May 1:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU
Mar. 7:	F: Ryan Basham, Jr., MSU		P: Matt Whitmore, Sr., ILL		P: Craig Clark, Jr., PSU
	P: Cory Luebke, So., OSU	Apr. 11:	F: L.J. Mims, Sr., IOWA	May 9:	F: Nate Recknagel, So., MICH
Mar. 14:	F: Matt Angle, So., OSU		F: Eric Fryer, So., OSU		P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU
	P: Aaron Markowitz, Jr., PSU		P: John Dwan, Jr., MSU		