

INDIANA'S WATSON AND NORTHWESTERN'S BRAUER  
EARN WEEKLY NODS; BRAUER NO-HITS FOR  
NATIONAL HONOR; NU/MICHIGAN REMAIN TIED FOR 1ST

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### THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MAY		
16	Ball State at Indiana	3:00 p.m.
	Penn State at Villanova	3:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Northern Iowa	6:30 p.m.
	Michigan vs. Notre Dame [13]	7:00 p.m.
	Northwestern at Illinois State	7:00 p.m.
	Purdue at Western Michigan	7:00 p.m.
17	Purdue at Western Michigan	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Central Michigan	3:00 p.m.
	Illinois vs. Missouri [4]	6:30 p.m.
	Pittsburgh at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
19	Illinois at Michigan State	3:00 p.m.
	Northwestern at Purdue	3:00 p.m.
	Indiana at Minnesota	6:30 p.m.
	Iowa at Michigan	6:35 p.m.
	Penn State at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
20	Illinois at Michigan State (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Northwestern at Purdue (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Penn State at Ohio State (DH)	1:05 p.m.
	Indiana at Minnesota (DH)	2:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Michigan (DH)	4:05 p.m.
21	Illinois at Michigan State	1:00 p.m.
	Indiana at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
	Northwestern at Purdue	1:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Michigan	1:05 p.m.
	Penn State at Ohio State	1:05 p.m.

### SCHEDULE KEY

- 4 Played in O'Fallon, Mo.  
13 Played in Comstock Park, Mich.

### BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Reggie Watson, Indiana  
SR, CF, Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle

Watson carried a .529 average (9-for-17), a .941 slugging percentage and a .571 on-base percentage (all team highs) this past week, as the Hoosiers won four times in five contests and took their first Big Ten series of the season against Illinois. The senior, who earns his first career weekly honor, kicked off the week with a 2-for-4 effort, a career-high four RBI, two runs scored and one steal at Valparaiso. Three of those RBI came on an inside-the-park home run, the first inside-the-parker of his career, his second home run of the season and his sixth at IU. He then carded three hits in the series-opening victory over Illinois and capped the doubleheader off with two hits and two runs, giving him 19 multi-hit games and a team-best 11 multi-run contests. With two steals during the week, Watson moved into eighth on IU's single-season steal list (32) and is two spots out of third on the all-time charts (86).

### LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MAY		
9	Michigan State at Western Michigan	W, 10-6
	Eastern Michigan at Michigan	W, 11-6
	Northwestern at Illinois-Chicago	L, 23-5
10	Indiana at Valparaiso	W, 13-11
	Indiana State at Purdue	CLD
12	Michigan at Penn State	MICH, 7-0
	Purdue at Iowa	IOWA, 4-2
	Minnesota at Ohio State	OSU, 10-2
13	Michigan State at Northwestern	NU, 6-3
	Michigan at Penn State	MICH, 2-0
	Michigan at Penn State	PSU, 13-2
	Minnesota at Ohio State	MINN, 2-1
	Purdue at Iowa	PUR, 1-0
	Purdue at Iowa	IOWA, 2-0
14	Michigan State at Northwestern	NU, 7-0
	Michigan State at Northwestern	MSU, 6-2
	Illinois at Indiana	IND, 4-3
	Illinois at Indiana	ILL, 9-6
	Purdue at Iowa	PUR, 4-2
	Michigan at Penn State	MICH, 4-0
	Minnesota at Ohio State	OSU, 12-3
15	Illinois at Indiana	IND, 5-4
	Illinois at Indiana	IND, 2-0
	Michigan State at Northwestern	NU, 12-2

### BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

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

Brauer earns his second-straight Big Ten weekly nod after having already earned Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week honors from Collegiate Baseball on Monday. The NU junior highlighted his week against Michigan State with the Wildcats' first no-hitter since 1999 in a 7-0 win over the Spartans -- a team that entered the series second in the league in hitting. Brauer allowed only two runners to reach base, one of which struck out but made it safely to first on a passed ball by the catcher. He fanned eight and walked one to extend his scoreless inning streak to 14 innings (two complete game shutouts). He threw 99 pitches (69 strikes) in his sixth complete game of the season and lowered his conference ERA to 2.17. He also leads the Big Ten (all games) with 85 strikeouts in 77.2 innings pitched.

### BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 14:	F: Antonio Mule, So., NU	Mar. 27:	F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR	May 1:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU
	P: Dan Schwartz, Jr., NU		P: Dan Sattler, Jr., PUR		P: Craig Clark, Jr., PSU
Feb. 21:	F: Lance Thompson, Sr., PSU	Apr. 3:	F: Kyle Day, Fr., MSU	May 9:	F: Nate Recknagel, So., MICH
	P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU		P: Matt Whitmore, Sr., ILL		P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU
Feb. 28:	F: Doug Pickens, So., MICH	Apr. 11:	F: L.J. Mims, Sr., IOWA	May 16:	F: Reggie Watson, Sr., IND
	P: Jay Buenete, Sr., PUR		F: Eric Fryer, So., OSU		P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU
Mar. 7:	F: Ryan Basham, Jr., MSU		P: John Dwan, Jr., MSU		
	P: Cory Luebke, So., OSU	Apr. 18:	F: Pat McMahon, Sr., NU		
Mar. 14:	F: Matt Angle, So., OSU		F: Neal Gorka, Sr., PUR		
	P: Aaron Markowitz, Jr., PSU		P: Paul Hammond, Sr., MICH		
Mar. 20:	F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU	Apr. 24:	F: Eric Rose, Jr., MICH		
	F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR		P: Alan Stidfole, Sr., PSU		
	P: Tim Gudex, Sr., IOWA				

### 2006 STANDINGS

	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T Pct.
1. Michigan	19	9	0	.679	33	18	0 .647
Northwestern	19	9	0	.679	22	29	0 .431
3. Ohio State	16	11	0	.593	32	17	0 .653
4. Minnesota	13	14	0	.481	26	24	0 .520
5. Purdue	13	15	0	.464	27	22	0 .551
Illinois	13	15	0	.464	27	24	0 .529
7. Iowa	12	16	0	.429	23	28	0 .451
Penn State	12	16	0	.429	19	32	0 .373
9. Michigan State	11	17	0	.393	24	27	0 .471
Indiana	11	17	0	.393	22	29	0 .431

### THE RACE TO THE FINISH

MICHIGAN and NORTHWESTERN both enter the final week of regular-season play tied at 19-9 in the conference. The Wolverines will conclude league action with a series at home against Iowa (12-16), while the Wildcats hit the road the final weekend to battle Purdue (13-15). OHIO STATE, which is currently third in the conference standings at 16-11, is also playing for the Big Ten title and will host Penn State (12-16) this week in Columbus.

The Big Ten Tournament bracket will be released on Sunday following the conclusion of conference play.

### NCBWA TOP 30 POLL (MAY 8)

May 15th poll not available at time of release

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).