

2015 Field Hockey Season In Review

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The Big Ten enjoyed a successful 2015 season that concluded with Maryland and Michigan securing bids to the 2015 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Tournament Tournament.

NCAA Tournament: Two Big Ten teams will compete in the NCAA Field Hockey Tournament, it was announced on Sunday night. Maryland and Michigan earned berths to the 16-team tournament, with both teams opening play on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Maryland is made its 27th NCAA Tournament appearance, including its 21st straight, dating back to the 1995 season. The Terrapins took on Princeton in the opening round falling, 3-1.

Michigan battled with Wake Forest in the first round winning, 2-1, before falling in the second round to top-ranked North Carolina 1-0. The Wolverines are made their 12th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and first since 2012. For the full NCAA Bracket, click [here](#).

Regular-Season Crown: The Big Ten regular-season championship came down to the last week of play this season. Maryland earned the No. 1 seed in the Big Ten Tournament after clinching the outright Big Ten Championship with a win over Iowa in the final game of the season. The title marked the second-straight for the Terrapins. For the full release, including the Big Ten Tournament bracket, click

[here](#).

Big Ten Tournament Title: The top-seeded Maryland field hockey team won its first-ever Big Ten Tournament title after defeating No. 2 Michigan, 5-1, in the Championship Match. With the win, the Terrapins earned the Big Ten's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. For more information, including the All-Tournament Team, click [here](#).

End-of-Year Awards: The Big Ten Conference announced its 2015 field hockey All-Big Ten teams and individual award winners with Iowa, Maryland and Michigan collecting individual honors.

The Terrapins' **Sarah Sprink**, a 2014 Academic All-Big Ten selection, was tabbed Player of the Year. Iowa's **Stephanie Norlander** claimed Offensive Player of the Year honors, while Michigan's **Lauren Thomas**, a 2013 Academic All-Big Ten honoree, was selected as Defensive Player of the Year. Maryland's **Linnea Gonzales** collected Freshman of the Year accolades and Terrapin head coach **Missy Meharg** earned Coach of the Year recognition. For the complete list of All-Big Ten selections, click [here](#).

All-America Accolades: Ten Big Ten Field Hockey players were named 2015 Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFCHA) Division I All-America honorees as announced by the NFCHA. For the complete list of All-America honorees, click [here](#).

Region Players of the Year: Maryland's Sarah Sprink was named the Mid-Atlantic Region Player of the Year and Michigan's Lauren Thomas was named the West Region Player of the Year as announced by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. For more, click [here](#).

Region Coaches of the Year: Maryland's head coach Missy Meharg and Michigan's mentor Marcia Pankratz were named the 2015 4U Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Mid-Atlantic and West Region Coaches of the Year, respectively. For more, click [here](#).