

MICHIGAN STATE'S DAY AND ILLINOIS' WHITMORE
 TABBED BIG TEN PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE
 WEEK; MSU, OSU & NU OFF TO 3-1 STARTS

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THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

APRIL

4	Indiana at Evansville	6:00 p.m.
	Western Michigan at Illinois	6:35 p.m.
5	Western Michigan at Illinois	2:05 p.m.
	Michigan at Central Michigan	3:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Northern Iowa	3:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Illinois State	6:00 p.m.
	Miami (Ohio) at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
	Eastern Michigan at Michigan State [24]	7:00 p.m.
	Penn State at Pittsburgh [23]	7:00 p.m.
7	Indiana at Northwestern	3:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Penn State	3:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Purdue	3:00 p.m.
	Illinois at Ohio State	6:35 p.m.
	Michigan at Minnesota	6:35 p.m.
8	Indiana at Northwestern (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Iowa at Penn State (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Illinois at Ohio State (DH)	1:05 p.m.
	Michigan State at Purdue (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan at Minnesota (DH)	2:05 p.m.
9	Iowa at Penn State	10:00 a.m.
	Indiana at Northwestern	1:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Purdue	1:00 p.m.
	Illinois at Ohio State	1:05 p.m.
	Michigan at Minnesota	1:05 p.m.

SCHEDULE KEY

[23] Played at PNC Park (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
 [24] Played at Oldsmobile Park (Lansing, Mich.)

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

MARCH

28	Bowling Green at Michigan	W, 7-4
	Illinois at Indiana State	W, 4-2
29	Grand Valley State at Michigan State	W, 14-5
	Toledo at Ohio State	W, 8-5
	Indiana at Butler	L, 6-5
	Ball State at Purdue	L, 3-2
	Illinois State at Iowa	L, 7-3
31	Indiana at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 17-7
	Northwestern at Michigan	MICH, 6-2
	Purdue at Illinois	ILL, 9-7
	Ohio State at Iowa	OSU, 12-5
	Penn State at Minnesota	PSU, 7-3
APRIL		
1	Indiana at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 2-1
	Indiana at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 12-7
	Northwestern at Michigan	NU, 5-0
	Northwestern at Michigan	NU, 4-2
	Penn State at Minnesota	PSU, 12-2
	Penn State at Minnesota	MINN, 5-0
	Ohio State at Iowa	IOWA, 7-1
	Ohio State at Iowa	OSU, 6-4
	Purdue at Illinois	ILL, 3-2
	Purdue at Illinois	PUR, 10-4
2	Purdue at Illinois	PUR, 9-4
	Indiana at Michigan State [24]	MSU, 9-8 (10 inn.)
	Penn State at Minnesota	MINN, 5-0
	Ohio State at Iowa	OSU, 15-1
	Northwestern at Michigan	NU, 5-4

SCHEDULE KEY

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

2006 STANDINGS

	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T Pct.
1. Ohio State	3	1	0	.750	15	6	0 .714
Michigan State	3	1	0	.750	12	10	0 .545
Northwestern	3	1	0	.750	6	16	0 .273
4. Illinois	2	2	0	.500	13	8	0 .619
Purdue	2	2	0	.500	13	8	0 .619
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	12	10	0 .545
Penn State	2	2	0	.500	6	18	0 .250
8. Michigan	1	3	0	.250	12	10	0 .545
Iowa	1	3	0	.250	11	11	0 .500
Indiana	1	3	0	.250	8	14	0 .364

NCBWA TOP 30 POLL (APRIL 3)

Rk.	School	Overall	Pvs.
1.	South Carolina	26-3	5
2.	North Carolina	23-6	6
3.	Rice	24-8	7
4.	Florida State	27-4	1
5.	Mississippi State	22-3	3
6.	Cal State Fullerton	24-7	8
7.	Nebraska	20-5	2
8.	Clemson	20-7	9
9.	Georgia Tech	22-6	4
10.	Arkansas	23-6	10
11.	Texas	21-11	13
12.	Arizona State	23-9	11
13.	Oregon State	19-8	12
14.	North Carolina State	25-8	21
15.	Alabama	22-9	26
16.	Old Dominion	29-3	27
17.	Oklahoma	21-9	15
18.	Tulane	18-12	14
19.	Florida	19-13	18
20.	College of Charleston	23-6	28
21.	Wichita State	22-9	16
22.	Virginia	24-8	23
23.	Winthrop	23-7	24
24.	Tennessee	18-10	22
25.	LSU	20-10	17
26.	Miami (Fla.)	23-10	19
27.	Southern Miss	21-9	20
28.	Vanderbilt	19-9	NR
29.	West Virginia	23-4	NR
30.	Wake Forest	23-7	NR

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Austin Peay (18-8), Baylor (19-10), Charlotte (21-8), Creighton (18-6), Florida International (24-10), Fresno State (24-9), Georgia (18-9), Hawaii (24-9), Houston (18-13), Jacksonville (23-9), Kansas (20-11), Kansas State (20-5), Kentucky (22-7), Mississippi (17-11), Missouri (16-11), Notre Dame (17-8), OHIO STATE (15-6), Oklahoma State (18-7), Pepperdine (20-13), San Diego (20-11), USC (17-13), Stanford (13-11), Texas Tech (22-10), Troy (20-9), Washington (20-11), Washington State (21-9)

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Kyle Day, Michigan State
 FR, OF/C, Fort Wayne, Ind./Snider

Day earns his first career Big Ten Player of the Week award after hitting 11-for-17 with eight RBI on seven extra-base hits last week. His efforts helped MSU pick up wins in four of five games and open Big Ten play with a 3-1 record. Day marked the start of the week hitting just a double shy of the cycle. He cracked his first career home run and added a triple, going 4-for-4 with four RBI and four runs against Grand Valley State. He followed that performance going 7-for-13 with four doubles and a triple while scoring four runs in the weekend's four-game series against Indiana. In game two against the Hoosiers, Day was again perfect from the plate, going 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run. The four wins this week helped the Spartans get over the .500 hump for the first time this season as the Green and White improved to 12-10.

BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Matt Whitmore, Illinois
 SR, RP, Evansville, Ind./Evansville Central/John A. Logan CC

Whitmore earned three saves last week, picking up one in each of Illinois' wins against Indiana State and Purdue. The senior righthander did not allow a hit in three innings of relief work and faced only 11 batters. He struck out three and the only two men to reach base against him were a lead-off walk and on a fielding error Friday against Purdue. Against Indiana State, Whitmore needed only five pitches to retire the side, and he used only nine in the Illini's 3-2 win over Purdue on April 1. For the season, he is now 6-of-6 in save chances and his six saves currently lead the Big Ten. The six saves are already more than Illinois' leading save total of five last season and he needs only four more to eclipse last year's team total of nine.

This is Whitmore's first career Big Ten Pitcher of the Week honor.

BIG TEN PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 14: F: Antonio Mule, So., NU
 P: Dan Schwartz, Jr., NU
 Feb. 21: F: Lance Thompson, Sr., PSU
 P: Dan Brauer, Jr., NU
 Feb. 28: F: Doug Pickens, So., MICH
 P: Jay Buenete, Sr., PUR
 Mar. 7: F: Ryan Basham, Jr., MSU
 P: Cory Luebke, So., OSU

Mar. 14: F: Matt Angle, So., OSU
 P: Aaron Markowitz, Jr., PSU
 Mar. 20: F: Ronnie Bourquin, Jr., OSU
 F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR
 P: Tim Gudex, Sr., IOWA
 Mar. 27: F: Eric Wolfe, Sr., PUR
 P: Dan Sattler, Jr., PUR

Apr. 3: F: Kyle Day, Fr., MSU
 P: Matt Whitmore, Sr., ILL