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**IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**TRIO OF HAWKEYE SOPHOMORES EARN ALL-BIG TEN HONORS**

**PARK RIDGE, IL** – The Big Ten Conference announced its 2007 All-Big Ten women's basketball teams Tuesday, and it included Iowa sophomores **Wendy Ausdemore**, **Megan Skouby** and **Kristi Smith**.

Smith was named all-Big Ten third team by the coaches and media. Ausdemore was third team all-conference by the coaches, honorable mention by the media and is Iowa's women's basketball nominee for the Sportsmanship Award. Skouby earned honorable mention recognition by the coaches and media.

Smith directs an Iowa offense that ranks third in Big Ten scoring offense and 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally in assists. The native of Thornton, CO, ranks high in nine Big Ten statistical categories, including first in 3-point field goal percentage (.517), fourth in assists (4.17) and 10<sup>th</sup> in scoring (15.2) and 3-pointers made (1.55). Smith became the first Iowa underclassman, and fourth player overall, to amass over 375 points and 100 assists in a single-season. The sophomore posted team highs in steals 16 times, assists 13 times and scoring 12 times this season. Her 121 assists rank third-best in a single-season by an Iowa sophomore. Smith, who was named to the WBCA Classic all-Tournament team in November, netted 20 points or more a team-best seven times her sophomore campaign. She sank 13 triples in Iowa's first 14 games, but since has made 32 in only 50 (.640) attempts.

Ausdemore averaged 10.6 points during non-conference competition, but raised her level of her play the last two months. The 6-2 forward led Iowa and ranked fifth in league scoring (15.2), during the 16-game conference schedule. Additionally, she ranked first in league free throw percentage, missing only one attempt (.975, 39-40), second in 3-point field goal percentage (.519) and 3-pointers made (2.5) and seventh in field goal percentage (.494) during Big Ten action. Her 97.5 percent free throw percentage ranks second-best in Big Ten single-season history. Ausdemore sank 62 triples in 2006-07, the most ever by a Hawkeye sophomore. Furthermore, she ranks sixth in the country in overall 3-point accuracy (.406, 62-144). Ausdemore, who was honored on the WBCA Classic and Hawkeye Challenge all-Tournament teams, broke a Carver-Hawkeye Arena record by an Iowa player when she drained six 3-pointers in Iowa's regular season finale vs. Wisconsin on Feb. 25. The native of Neola, IA, also excels in the classroom, as she earned Academic all-District second team honors on Feb. 8.

Ausdemore joins 10 other honorees from each of the league's 11 women's basketball squads for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. The student-athletes chosen are individuals who have distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. In addition, the student-athletes must be in good academic standing and have demonstrated good citizenship outside of the sports-competition setting.

Despite suffering an injury in early February, Skouby earned honorable mention all-Big Ten accolades. The 6-6 center ranks second in team scoring (13.5), first in blocks (36) and third in rebounding (4.6). She ranks fourth in Big Ten free throw percentage (.851), seventh in blocks (1.44) and 12<sup>th</sup> in scoring (13.5) and field goal percentage (.465). Skouby was named Most Valuable Player of the WBCA Classic and Hawkeye Challenge in November. The native of Mentor, OH, posted team highs in blocks 17 times, scoring six times and steals four times.

Ohio State's Jessica Davenport was named the Big Ten Player of the Year by both the media and coaches, becoming the first three-time winner in the 25-year history of the sport. Michigan State's Allyssa DeHaan was recognized as Freshman of the Year by both the media and coaches. Both voting panels recognized Ohio State's Jim Foster as Coach of the Year.

Eighth-seeded Iowa (14-15, 6-10) opens Big Ten Tournament competition when it plays ninth-seeded Indiana (17-12, 6-10) Thursday at approximately 7 pm. (CST) at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, IN. The game will be televised live on Comcast SportsNet Chicago.





**2006-07 All-Big Ten Women's Basketball Team**

*As Selected by the Coaches*

**First Team**

JESSICA DAVENPORT, Ohio State  
KATIE GEARLDS, Purdue  
Jolene Anderson, Wisconsin  
Amanda Brown, Penn State  
Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, Purdue

**Second Team\***

Lori Bjork, Illinois  
Allyssa DeHaan, Michigan State  
Emily Fox, Minnesota  
Brandie Hoskins, Ohio State  
Victoria Lucas-Perry, Michigan State  
Rene Haynes, Michigan State

**Third Team**

Wendy Ausdemore, Iowa  
Kristi Smith, Iowa  
Marscilla Packer, Ohio State  
Sarah McKay, Indiana

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Jenna Smith, **ILLINOIS**; Megan Skouby, **IOWA**; Kelly Roysland, **MINNESOTA**, A.J. Glasauer, **NORTHWESTERN**; Star Allen, **OHIO STATE**; Kamela Gissendanner and Tyra Grant, **PENN STATE**; Erin Lawless, **PURDUE**; Janese Banks, **WISCONSIN**

**COACHES' ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM:** Jenna Smith, **ILLINOIS**; Allyssa DeHaan, **MICHIGAN STATE**; Brittany McCoy, **MINNESOTA**; Tyra Grant, **PENN STATE**; FahKara Malone, **PURDUE**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Jessica Davenport, Ohio State  
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, Purdue  
**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:** Allyssa DeHaan, Michigan State  
**SIXTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Jamie Braun, Indiana  
**COACH OF THE YEAR:** Jim Foster, Ohio State

\* - Six players named due to tie

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Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, Purdue  
Jolene Anderson, Wisconsin

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