

Ohio State's Anavia Battle Wins Big Ten Athlete Of The Week, Becomes World Leader



Ohio State junior sprinter Anavia Battle became the world leader in the 200-meter dash for 2020.

By running a blazing 22.66-second 200-meter dash, Battle became the first woman at Ohio State to run the fastest 200-meter time in the world in any given year. It was also the fastest mark ever recorded at the Clemson University Indoor Complex and improved upon Battle's prior school record (22.80s).

The fastest time in the world came one week after Battle won Big Ten Track Athlete of the Week for her excellent performance in the 200-meter dash (22.86s) at the Texas Tech Invite.

The junior from Inkster, Mich., has stood out since arriving in Columbus, securing eight event titles and winning Big Ten Freshman of the Year in his first season.

Battle has become a four-time Big Ten Champion including three during outdoor championships, and has also made two NCAA championship appearances.

At the 2019 indoor Big Ten Championships, Battle ran a personal best 60-meter dash with a time of 7.28 seconds to claim silver. She also earned the title of Big Ten Champion in the 200-meter dash with the best time in Ohio State history (22.80s) at that point.

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