

Olympic Sports Recap: Women's Soccer Season Comes To A Close



Women's Soccer

Ohio State's season came to a close on May 1, as it fell in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to No. 10 Santa Clara, 4-1. The Buckeyes were hampered by the loss of netminder Bailey Kolinski, who suffered an injury early in the game and was forced to spend 13 minutes away from the pitch while she was tended to, though she returned in the 16th minute.

Backup Maciah Lipsey surrendered a goal as she filled in, and Kolinski never quite looked the same as she allowed three more and the Buckeyes were never able to scrap back into the game.

Ohio State did claim a game in the NCAA Tournament, knocking off Stony Brook 5-1 in the first round, thanks to goals from Alyssa Baumbick (2), Emma Sears, Kitty Jones-Black and Meghan Kammerdeiner.

Women's Volleyball

The No. 23-ranked women's lacrosse team fell to No. 16 Rutgers in the Big Ten tournament, 19-13, likely ending its season. The game was tied 8-8 at the half, but Rutgers was able to pull away in the final half, despite strong performances from Liza Hernandez, Nicole Ferrara and Lindsay Epstein, all of whom had five points on the day.



Ohio State's women's lacrosse against Rutgers' women's lacrosse in a quarterfinal game of the 2021 Big Ten Women's Lacrosse Tournament at Panzer Stadium on April 29, 2021. Photo/Craig Houtz

The Buckeyes got as close as 11-10 and 15-13 in that second frame, but were never able come any closer than that.

Women's Tennis

The top-seeded Ohio State women's tennis team tore through the Big Ten tournament on their way to a conference title, the third in program history and first since repeating in 2016 and 2017. The Buckeyes shut out Michigan State in the opening round, 4-0, and dropped just a single set in the span of the entire match.

Round two saw another dominant win for the Buckeyes, this time over No. 4 Iowa, 4-2. Ohio State earned the doubles point, while Isabelle Boulais, Lucia Marzal and Luna Dormet claimed singles wins over their Hawkeye competition to advance to a finals match against No. 2 Michigan.



2021 Big Ten Women's Tennis Championship, April 29 - May 2 at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison WI.

The Buckeyes had no problems there, either. They earned their 13th win in a row and an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament with a 4-1 victory over the Wolverines, led by another doubles point win, straight set victories for Marzal and Dormet and a come-from-behind win for Lisa Hofbauer to clinch the title for the Buckeyes.

□ Big Ten Tournament Champions □

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Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team had a similar start to its counterpart in the Big Ten tournament, storming through the first two rounds, but it came up short in the conference title game, falling 4-3 to Illinois to end its conference season.

Ohio State toppled Michigan State in the first round, 4-0, winning the doubles point and a pair of individual points without facing any significant push back from the lowly Spartans. The Buckeyes rolled again in round two, sweeping Northwestern 4-0 and advancing to the conference finals to continue its streak - the Buckeyes have made the title game every season since 2009.



Ohio State vs Northwestern Men's Tennis Big Ten Championships 2021

Zeke Clark won the title match for the Buckeyes, scoring three consecutive points at the end of his battle with Kyle Seelig to take the last set 7-4 and to win the match between the two. The Buckeyes will play next in the NCAA tournament.

Men's Golf

Ohio State took fifth at the Big Ten Championships, a better-than-expected finish for a team that had struggled down the stretch.

The Buckeyes were led by a trio of top-20 finishers, including Felix Kvarnstrom, who shot 8-over par and finished tied for 10th. Maxwell Moldovan and Adam Wallin shot 9-over and 10-over and finished 13th and 18th, respectively. As a team, Ohio State finished 41-over par, and will have to wait until May 5 to learn of its potential NCAA Championships fate.

Baseball

The Buckeyes took two of three off of Purdue to improve to 17-14 on the season, a second straight series win for Ohio State. OSU won games one and two on the back of excellent offense, 11-3 and 12-2, but couldn't get the outs needed in game three, falling 16-15.

Nick Erwin was excellent for the Buckeyes all weekend, batting 4-of-5 in game three and putting up a .571 average over the three-game series. Zach Dezenzo was 8-of-14 on the weekend with two home runs, two doubles, a triple and 10 RBI. Ohio State heads to Minnesota for a three-game series next weekend.

Softball

The softball team had less luck against Purdue, falling in three of four games to drop to 18-17 on the season. The Buckeyes claimed game one, 5-1, but lost 4-2, 7-6 (eight innings) and 4-2 in the final three games of a crucial series. With only a few games left in the regular season, Ohio State will need a miracle to qualify for postseason play.

Men's Lacrosse

Ohio State had its season come to a close with a 15-11 loss to Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten tournament, despite four goals from Jackson Reid and 10 saves for goalie Alec Van de Bovenkamp. The Buckeyes cut the deficit to three in the final frame, but couldn't generate enough scoring to come out on top of the Wolverines.

"We're hurting right now," said head coach Nick Myers. "This season has been full of challenges. Our seniors led the way and I'm grateful for all they have given to our brotherhood. I'm proud to be their coach and they'll be missed. They are Buckeyes for life."