

New Big Ten Features Nebraska, Four Fresh Coaches

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The bigger Big Ten is ready to go. After talking about the move for more than a year, the biggest addition — No. 10 Nebraska — will begin its season Saturday and all 12 conference members are in action this week in a league that will have two divisions and a title game for the first time.

"It seems like it was a long time ago that we were invited in and accepted the invitation to join the Big Ten and I think everybody's been excited about it," Cornhuskers coach Bo Pelini said Tuesday. "It's now a sense of, 'Wow, it's finally here.'"

Three schools hired new coaches — Brady Hoke at Michigan, Jerry Kill at Minnesota, Kevin Wilson at Indiana — but the biggest offseason news came from Ohio State. A scandal centered on a tattoo-parlor owner giving cash and discounts for memorabilia to several players eventually

cost coach Jim Tressel his job in May after 10 years at the helm.

Longtime linebackers coach Luke Fickell is now leading one of the Big Ten's most dominant programs.

"People ask me, 'Are you nervous?' No, it's an excitement," Fickell said. "All of our guys are extremely excited, not about what's happened in the past, but to truly be able to move forward here and start the season."

While the 18th-ranked Buckeyes dealt with a tumultuous offseason, No. 11 Wisconsin dealt with a crushing loss to TCU in the Rose Bowl. The season kicks off when the Badgers host UNLV on Thursday night.

"I really don't get nervous. I think nervous is when you're not sure of what you're going to do," Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema said. "I'm pretty confident in what our guys have been trained to do."

While conference play doesn't begin for a month, it's time to brush up on the Legends and Leaders divisions since the conference decided not to follow geographical

boundaries while attempting to retain as many regional rivalries as possible.

The Legends features Iowa, Michigan, No. 17 Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska and Northwestern. The Leaders will be Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin.

The top team from each will meet in the first Big Ten title game on Dec. 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

"We still have eight conference games," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "We still play eight, the whole idea now is to advance to the ninth game, which will be very, very competitive for everybody. It just makes things a little bit more interesting probably for everyone. And, if you're fortunate enough to get to Indianapolis, that's a great thing to be able to deal with. It'd be the first time I'd be involved in an experience like that."

For now, the Big Ten coaches are busy preparing for FCS opponents including Tennessee Tech, Youngstown State and Indiana State this week. The most interest-

ing game may be when Kill's Gophers travel to No. 25 Southern California.

"Would we like to open up with USC every year? No," Kill said, laughing. "I'd like to open up right here at home, but it is what it is and I'm sure it's going to be a great opportunity for us."

With all the changes, there is a prominent sign of stability: Joe Paterno is back, and not even a blindsided hit in camp to Penn State's 84-year-old leader that hurt his hip and shoulder could keep him away. Paterno is entering his 46th season with a record of 401-135-3.

The style of play is also likely to remain steady, especially in nonconference games.

The Badgers will use their beefy offensive line to run the ball with Montee Ball and James White to take the pressure off transfer quarterback Russell Wilson. Quarterback Kirk Cousins will be expected to lead the Spartans' offensive attack and Ohio State will still have a stout defense now led by linemen John Simon, Nate

Williams and linebacker Andrew Sweat.

Even the new coaches bring their systems in from previous stops, giving the coaches a chance to watch either other closely before conference play begins.

"There is some history with all these football teams but it's important to recognize as we move into the season, into Big Ten games, what's the most recent history," Michigan State coach Mike Dantonio said. "Regardless of what these new teams have or (who is) new to the Big Ten, they have an established system in place."

That includes winning. With the Cornhuskers, the conference boasts four of the six programs with the most wins in college football history.

"Everybody's looking forward to coming and competing in a tremendous conference. You're competing against a lot of great football teams and great universities," Pelini said. "We'll be ready come Big Ten play. It's a bit of a historic season. It's going to be a fun season for us."

Cavs Upend Andes Central

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme Cavaliers won a home match against Andes Central in three straight sets 25-18, 25-16 and 25-16.

The Cavaliers were led by Raquel Suter who had 9 kills and a block. Kayli Adams had 13 set assists, 6 kills and 4 ace serves. Sara Burbach led with 13 digs while Tara Ronke also had 9 digs and 4 ace serves.

Leading Andes Central was Kellie Winckler with 12 kills, 9 digs and 3 blocks. LaTasha Dion led the way in setting with 8 set assists.

The JV match was won by Andes Central 25-20, 25-23. The C-Match was won by Bon Homme 25-21, 25-20.

Up next for Bon Homme is Sept. 3 at the Gregory Tournament.

Andes Central's next match is at Avon on Sept. 1.

ANDES CENTRAL (0-1)	18	16	16
BON HOMME (2-0)	25	25	25

Lennox Triangular

LENNOX — The Vermillion Tanagers went 2-0 to sweep a volleyball triangular with Lennox and Todd County Tuesday.

Lennox beat Todd County in the other match. **VERMILLION 3, TODD COUNTY 0:** Vermillion opened the Lennox Triangular with a victory over the Todd County Lady Falcons in three sets 25-17, 25-21, 25-6.

Leading Vermillion was Kelly Amundson who had seven kills and five blocks. Emily McClellan had 18 digs. Kylie Fischbach had six kills and 17 assists.

LENNOX 3, TODD COUNTY 1: In the second game of the triangular the Lennox Orioles came out victorious over the Todd County Lady Falcons 25-18, 17-25, 25-21, 25-14.

Leading the Orioles was Vanna Innen with eight kills, 16 digs and three blocks. Taylors Anderson also had three blocks and Amber Kost had 20 set assists.

For the Lady Falcons Selina Big Crow had six kills and two blocks. Shanice Kils Plenty had eight digs and Justice Red Hawk had nine set assists.

VERMILLION 3, LENNOX 0: The Vermillion Tanagers were able to make quick work of Lennox as they won in three sets 25-20, 25-14, 25-23.

Leading the way for Vermillion was Kelly Amundson who had 11 kills, two solo blocks and four assisted blocks. Beth Szymanski ended with six kills and three solo blocks. Emily McClelland and Lizzy Bye provided defensive support with 26 and 13 digs, respectively. Kylie Fischbach and Sami Girard led the setters with 18 assists and 12 assists, respectively.

Lennox was led in kills by Lauren Luther with four. Megan Stewart posted eight digs. Leading in the assists category was Amber Kost with 30 assists. Kayla Kruse did a little bit of everything as she ended the match with three kills, seven digs and five blocks.

Tripp-Delmont-Armour 3, Menno 2

MENNO — Tripp-Delmont-Armour outlasted Menno 25-20, 24-26, 25-20, 21-25, 15-11 in prep volleyball action Tuesday.

Kelli Batterman led TDA with 13 kills, 31 digs and seven ace serves. Julie Mingo had 12 kills, 10 assists, 14 digs and four ace serves. Katie Heisinger had 13 assists, 15 digs and five ace serves. Erin Crichton posted nine kills, Hannah Just had 14 kills and five ace serves, Kaitlin Buchholz had 14 digs and four ace serves, and LaNae Fuerst had 11 digs in the victory.

Brittany Halverman had four kills and four blocks, and Shelby Huber had three blocks and four ace serves to lead Menno. Courtney Schaeffer had 11 assists, Tessa Goehring had 14 digs and Katelyn Kotalik had 12 digs for the Wolves.

TDA travels to White Lake Thursday. Menno, 0-2, hosts Freeman Academy Thursday.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR	25	24	25	21	15
MENNO (0-2)	20	26	20	25	11

Elk Point-Jefferson 3, Dell Rapids 1

ELK POINT — Elk Point-Jefferson won its Big Sioux Conference volleyball opener, beating Dell Rapids 25-21, 27-29, 25-15, 25-15 Tuesday.

Lexie Branson had 15 kills and three blocks, and Keely Bertram had 11 kills, five ace serves and 17 digs to lead EPJ. Hope Erickson posted 36 assists and five ace serves. Amy Zeller had eight kills. Caitlin Davis posted seven kills and 16 digs. Kelsey Abbey added 15 digs in the win. Hannah Hammer led Dell Rapids with 12 kills and two blocks, with Lexie Pierson posting 11 kills. Paige Bunkers had 11 digs. Laine Mitchell added 27 assists and two ace serves.

EPJ, 2-0 overall, hosts Dakota Valley Thursday. Dell Rapids, 3-2 and 0-1, is off until a Sept. 6 match against West Central.

DELL RAPIDS (3-2)	21	29	15	15
ELK POINT-JEFFERSON (2-0)	25	27	25	25

Marion 3, Gayville-Volin 0

MARION — Kylie Hughes posted 12 kills and 16 digs to lead Marion to a 25-19, 25-21, 25-20 victory over Gayville-Volin in prep volleyball action Tuesday.

Erica Schoenwald had three blocks and four ace serves, and Josie Schmidt had three blocks

Eagles Dominate At DV Invite



Alcester-Hudson's Ty Schoellerman (left) and Canton's Halie McMains earned individual honors at the Dakota Valley Invitational cross country meet, held Tuesday at the Don Baker Cross Country Course in Vermillion. The Canton girls and Irene-Wakonda boys claimed team honors.



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Cross Country: Canton Edges SFC, Bon Homme For Girls' Title

VERMILLION — The Irene-Wakonda boys and the Canton girls claimed top honors in the Dakota Valley Invitational Tuesday at the Don Baker Cross Country Course in Vermillion.

The Canton girls edged Sioux Falls Christian for the win in the team standings, followed closely by Bon Homme. Even though Canton only claimed one of the top four spots, they had three runners in the top 11 to beat Sioux Falls Christian, who claimed two of the top four spots and had three runners in the top 14.

Canton's Halie McMains took first place with a 15:58, 25 seconds ahead of Justine Vanzee of Sioux Falls Christian. Bon Homme's Jena Rezac was third in 16:53.

Julia Mochel of Beresford dominated the competition at the JV level with a 17:50, 46 seconds ahead of her next competitor.

In the boys' race, Irene-Wakonda blew away their opponents with a 14-point advantage, with Beresford coming in second. Irene-Wakonda took four of the top six spots and five of the top eight. The individual winner was Ty Schoellerman from Alcester-Hudson with an 18:01, followed by Irene-Wakonda's Jake Vollmer (18:10), Beresford's Hayden Palmer (18:27) and I-W's Jack Johnson (18:49), Cash Murphy (18:58) and Jed Murphy (19:08).

Brandon Phelps, from Tea, won a close competition at the JV level with a 16:11; followed by Seth Weiland, Peter Auch and Nick O'Connell, all of Beresford.

GIRLS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Canton 40, Sioux Falls Christian 41, Bon Homme 44, Beresford 52, Dakota Valley 62, Elk Point-Jefferson 81, Lennox 108.

TOP 20: 1, Halie McMains, Canton 15:58; 2, Justine Vanzee, S.F. Christian 16:23; 3, Jena Rezac, Bon Homme 16:53; 4, Audrey Brooks, S.F. Christian 16:55; 5, Alyson Johnson, Beresford 16:58; 6, Home, Beresford 16:59; 7, Josie Heeren, Elk Point-Jefferson 16:59; 8, Chloe Nielson, Irene-Wakonda 17:11; 9, Sally Peterson, Canton 17:12; 10, Katie Hommandberg, Alcester-Hudson 17:34; 11, Morgan Goodroad, Canton 17:38; 12, Claire Johnson, Dakota Valley 17:38; 13, Kelsey Sutura, Bon Homme 17:42; 14, Laura Kaldeman, S.F. Christian 17:46; 15, Maddison Helek, Bon Homme 17:47; 16, Tatum Adema, Elk Point-Jefferson 17:51; 17, Olivia Ohm, Dakota Valley 17:54; 18, Maisey Brinbridge, Lennox 17:58; 19, Morgan Rothschild, Bon Homme 18:02; 20, Jenna Kiltier, Dakota Valley 18:09.

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Irene-Wakonda 13, Beresford 27, Sioux Falls Christian 62, Lennox 83, Tea 84, Canton 89, Dakota Valley 115.

TOP 20: 1, Ty Schoellerman, Alcester-Hudson 18; 2, Jake Vollmer, Irene-Wakonda 18:10; 3, Hayden Palmer, Beresford 18:27; 4, Jack Johnson, Irene-Wakonda 18:49; 5, Cash Murphy, Irene-Wakonda 18:58; 6, Jed Murphy, Irene-Wakonda 19:08; 7,

Lancers Take Two In Omaha To Open Season

OMAHA, Neb. — The Mount Marty College volleyball team opened the 2011 season on a positive note, sweeping Union and Grace in a college volleyball triangular Tuesday in Omaha, Neb.

MMC started its 2011 campaign with a 25-13, 25-17, 25-7 victory over Union.

Jena Peters had 11 kills and two ace serves, and Carlie Lambert had 10 kills and

seven digs to lead MMC. Kate Lingscheit posted seven kills. Caitlyn Ilg had 14 assists and two ace serves, and Tina Rowbotham had 14 assists and two ace serves in the victory.

The Lancers completed the sweep by beating Grace 26-24, 25-23, 25-21.

Lambert had 12 kills and Peters had eight kills and five solo blocks to lead the Mount

Marty net attack. Ilg had 11 assists, Rowbotham had eight assists and Lingscheit had three solo blocks in the win.

MMC, 2-0, travels to Milwaukee for the Wolves Weekend Invitational, hosted by Cardinal Stritch University. MMC will face St. Francis (Ind.) and Huntington University on Friday, then will play Aquinas College and hosts Cardinal Stritch on Saturday.

Football: YHS Sophomores Fall To Lincoln

The Yankton Bucks sophomore football team opened the season with a tough loss to Sioux Falls Lincoln, falling 59-20 to the Patriots Tuesday at Crane-Youngworth Field.

The Bucks were led on the offensive side by Ty Hauger who ran nine times gaining 58 yards. Hauger also found the endzone one time in the third quarter. Mitch Mueller was the second-leading yard gainer on the ground as he ran six times, compiling 39 yards. Layne Dropers was able to score a touchdown on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter. Passing offense was not relied upon very often, but Brady Hale managed to complete three passes for 27 yards, including a 15-yard toss to Colton Frohreich that scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Defensive leaders for the bucks were Chance James and Isaac Althoff who each had seven tackles apiece. They were followed closely by Sam Wendte who had six tackles of his own.

The final score may have been upsetting, but the Bucks showed promise in the second half. The Bucks scored all of their 20 points in the second half, while holding Sioux Falls Lincoln to 14 second half points.

The YHS sophomore football team resumes play on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at Sioux Falls Washington at 4:15 p.m.

Golf: Bucks Edge Mitchell

MITCHELL — The Yankton Bucks scored a five-stroke victory over Mitchell in a boys' golf dual at Mitchell's Lakeview Golf Course on Tuesday.

Led by medalist Jace Guthmiller's 76, Yankton posted a team score of 323. Ben Jensen shot 81, Logan Megard carded an 82, Mitch Schlingman shot 84 and Brandon Frick and Lane Sawatzke each shot 86 for the Bucks.

Mitchell was led by Karl Hellstrom's 81.

The host Kernels took a three-stroke victory in the JV standings, 359 to 362, led by medalist Max Haberman's 81.

The Bucks' second six was led by Mason Sundleaf's 84 and Brady Wiedmeier's 88. Zach Kosmatka and Eric Stratman each shot 95, and Jason Shindler and Chase Brummer each shot 96 for Yankton.

The Bucks continue their season-opening road trip Friday with a dual at Vermillion.

VARSIITY: Yankton 323, Mitchell 328

INDIVIDUAL: Jace Guthmiller, Yankton 76; Karl Hellstrom, Mitchell 78; Ben Jensen, Yankton 81; Logan Megard, Yankton 82; Jason Weich, Mitchell 82; Phoenix Sigmund, Mitchell 82; Mitch Schlingman, Yankton 84; Brandon Frick, Yankton 86; Lane Sawatzke, Yankton 86; Lakin Neugebauer, Mitchell 86; Jacob Rice, Mitchell 86; Austin Loes, Mitchell 88

JUNIOR VARSITY: Mitchell 359, Yankton 362

INDIVIDUAL: Max Haberman, Mitchell 81; Mason Sundleaf, Yankton 84; Brady Wiedmeier, Yankton 88; Trevor Renshaw, Mitchell 90; Reed Muehler, Yankton 83; Zach Kosmatka, Yankton 95; Eric Stratman, Yankton 95; Jamie Wold, Mitchell 95; Jason Shindler, Yankton 96; Chase Brummer, Yankton 96; Drew Kayser, Mitchell 98; Zach Moen, Mitchell 102

Harrisburg Inv.

HARRISBURG — Host Harrisburg had all four of its scoring golfers shoot 77 or better on the way to a team score of 303 and a victory in the Harrisburg Invitational boys' golf tournament, Tuesday at Spring Creek Golf Course.

Tea Area's Matt Drake shot 72, one stroke better than Dell Rapids' Colin Karst and Michael Schmidt, Harrisburg's Cade McLaughlin and Sioux Falls Christian's Jon Van't Hul. But the Tigers claimed three of the next four spots for top team honors.

Dell Rapids and Sioux Falls Christian each finished one stroke back, carding 304s.

TEAM SCORES: Harrisburg 303, Dell Rapids 304, Sioux Falls Christian 304, West Central 326, Tea Area 334, Elk Point-Jefferson 341, Vermillion 343, Parkston 347, Canton 351, Tri-Valley 375, Bon Homme 380, Wagoner 406



TRAVIS MESTER/MITCHELL DAILY REPUBLIC

Yankton's Jace Guthmiller watches his tee shot in the 14th hole at Lakeview Golf Course during a dual against Mitchell on Tuesday.