

Penn State Prez Welcomes Nebraska Crossover Game

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State president Graham Spanier was pulling for Nebraska.

So he was pleased when the Big Ten announced Wednesday night that the expansion-revised football schedules would guarantee an annual game between the Nittany Lions and Cornhuskers starting in 2011.

Spanier, a big sports fan and the former chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, noted close competitions between the schools in sports beside football, including wrestling and women's volleyball.

"The rivalry in football has been especially noteworthy. I think a lot of people

were hoping that if there was one school we could add to the football schedule, it would be Nebraska," Spanier said Thursday in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

Spanier moved into his current job in Happy Valley in 1995. He supported bringing the Cornhuskers into the conference and kept in touch with the current chancellor, Harvey Perlman.

"And I thought it would be great if Penn State and Nebraska ended up being the crossover schools," Spanier said.

Expansion to 12 teams made led to the Big Ten splitting into two six-team divisions, starting in 2011. Nebraska and Penn State will be in different divisions,

but have been designated crossover rivals by the league.

Penn State and Nebraska last met in 2003, an 18-10 win for the Cornhuskers in Lincoln. Penn State leads the all-time series 7-6.

The new schedule has them next playing Nov. 12, 2011 at Beaver Stadium.

The new conference divisions for football placed Penn State in the same division with Illinois, Indiana, Purdue, Wisconsin and Ohio State, with Nebraska in the other division.

"We've played Ohio State every single year in the Big Ten. We're a border state ... it's turned out to be a natural rivalry,"

athletic director Tim Curley said Wednesday night.

Curley said Penn State didn't lobby to have Ohio State and Nebraska on the schedule regularly.

"The reactions have been almost uniformly positive There's a lot of excitement about the new big 12 divisional structure and the schedules for the next two years," Spanier said before clarifying.

"The 12 schools in the Big Ten. The new Big Ten with the 12 schools," Spanier said. "We're going to keep our name. That's our plan."

Spanier this week was also named

chairman of the 12-member BCS Presidential Oversight Committee — replacing Nebraska's Perlman.

The senior president in the group, Spanier said the committee's role involves governance, oversight, media contracts and policy matters. School presidents are comfortable with the current structure of the BCS and the new TV contract with ESPN, he said.

"There are a lot of sports writers and fans who I acknowledge would like something different, but when you look at all of the facts surrounding the BCS and how it works, it's a fantastic experience. It's just a fantastic operation for our universities," he said.

Sabathia Earns 19th Win As Yankees Sweep Athletics

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia pitched one-hit ball for eight innings to earn his major league-leading 19th win, fill-in Curtis Granderson homered twice and New York beat Oakland 5-0 on Thursday for a four-game sweep.

Sabathia (19-5) gave up Mark Ellis' clean single leading off the second. Jonathan Albaladejo completed the combined one-hitter in the ninth.

Granderson hit a solo homer and a two-run shot as a replacement for Nick Swisher, who left after one inning because of a stiff left knee. Jorge Posada also homered a day after an animated ejection, propelling the Yankees to their sixth straight victory.

Dallas Braden (9-10) left in the sixth inning with heat-related cramps. He allowed two hits and slowly walked off trailing 1-0. He was coming off a four-hit shutout at Texas.

RED SOX 6, ORIOLES 4; BALTIMORE (AP) — Adrian Beltre homered to spark a five-run second inning, and Boston salvaged a 500 road trip.

David Ortiz drove in two runs and J.D. Drew had three hits for the Red Sox, who moved within 6 1/2 games of idle Tampa Bay

in the AL wild-card race.

Boston dropped two of three on the road against the Rays, then lost in Baltimore on Tuesday before winning two straight.

After missing his last start with a sore back, Daisuke Matsuzaka (9-4) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings. Jonathan Papelbon worked the ninth for his 35th save.

Baltimore starter Brad Bergesen (6-10) gave up five runs, two earned, eight hits and a career-high five walks in 5 1-3 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

METS 4, BRAVES 2; ATLANTA (AP) — David Wright homered, Johan Santana won for the first time in four starts and New York snapped Atlanta's five-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory Thursday night.

The Mets, who had dropped three straight, broke a 13-game stretch in which they scored three runs or less against the NL East-leading Braves.

Tim Hudson (15-6) lost for the first time in nine starts after allowing eight hits and four runs — three earned — with one walk and four strikeouts in seven innings.

Santana (11-9) left after five innings, his shortest outing in 23 starts, throwing 65 pitches. The Mets announced that the left-hander had a strained pectoral muscle and was listed as day-to-day.

Santana allowed three hits, one run and one walk with three strikeouts to avoid losing four straight starts for the first time since May 18-June 3, 2004 with Minnesota.

The Mets took a 2-0 lead in the first off Hudson, who was 6-0 with a 1.43 ERA in his previous eight starts.

Gazelles Bounce Lynx 3-1



Yankton's Rachel Weinandt tries to outrun a Brandon Valley defender during their girls' soccer match Thursday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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Hartington Takes West Holt Inv.

ATKINSON, Neb. — Propelled by three golfers in the top 15, Hartington edged West Holt for the team title at the West Holt Girls' Invitational on Thursday in Atkinson, Neb.

Hartington carded a team score of 451, three strokes of West Holt. Valentine and Battle Creek tied for third at 457, followed in the top five by O'Neill (475) and Ainsworth (499).

Crofton's Molly Zavadi repeated as the individual champion, edging West Holt's Addie Abner 93-94 for first place.

For Hartington, Rebecca Fischer finished sixth at 101, Casey Steiner was 11th at 109 and Kayla Benson finished 15th at 116.

In other area finishes, Hartington Cedar Catholic's Joslyn Wiebelhaus was eighth at 105.

TEAM SCORES: Hartington 451, West Holt 454, Valentine 457, Battle Creek 457, O'Neill 475, Ainsworth 499, Hartington Cedar Catholic 512, Pierce 547, Elkhorn Valley 568
TOP 15: Molly Zavadi, Crofton 93; Addie Abner, West Holt 94; Claire Kozisek, Ainsworth 95; Alex Wierners, Battle Creek 98; Michelle Renning, Valentine 99; Rebecca Fischer, Hartington 101; Allison Depko, O'Neill 103; Joslyn Wiebelhaus, Hartington CC 105; Gina Dendinger, Crofton 107; Halli Thurlow, West Holt 109; Casey Steiner, Hartington 109; Ali Johnson, Pierce 111; Alex Bauer, Valentine 112; Janice Firnkral, Battle Creek 114; Kayla Benson, Hartington 116

No. 2 Buckeyes Get Off To Fast Start

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Terrelle Pryor tossed three touchdown passes, Brandon Saine rushed for 103 yards and two scores and No. 2 Ohio State rolled over error-prone Marshall 45-7 on Thursday night in a tuneup for a big date with Miami.

Pryor completed 17 of 25 passes for 247 yards and TDs covering 6 and 11 yards to DeVier Posey and 65 yards to Dane Sanzenbacher before 105,040 at Ohio Stadium.

The Buckeyes, who haven't lost a home opener since 1978, next play on Sept. 11 against No. 13 Miami, which coasted past Florida A&M 45-0.

It was a bleak debut for new Marshall coach Doc Holliday, who spent the last two seasons as an assistant at West Virginia. The Thundering Herd fumbled the opening kickoff and were down 14-0 before running their first play in Ohio State territory.

Ohio State's defense limited Marshall to 44 yards on the ground and 199 total. Brian Rolle picked off

Brian Anderson's pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown late in the second quarter.

Anderson, who completed 17 of 28 passes for 135 yards, was harassed most of the night. He had an interception and the Herd also lost two fumbles.

Meanwhile, the Buckeyes' offense amassed 529 yards.

The first play was a telling sign for the Thundering Herd.

Andre Booker returned the opening kickoff and was hit hard by Dorian Bell and Dominic Clarke. The ball came loose and Nate Oliver recovered at the Marshall 22 off Ohio State.

Four plays later, Posey was open by a mile in the left corner and Pryor hit him for a 4-yard score.

After a punt, the Buckeyes were right back in business.

Pryor hit Posey for a 5-yard gain before Saine raced 40 yards off left tackle, breaking two tackles on the way to the 4. He then took a pitch untouched around right end for another score.

Roethlisberger To Meet With Goodell, Hopes To Get Reduced Suspension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's first big gain of the season may occur weeks before he returns to the field.

His six-game suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy likely will be shortened to four games by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after the two meet in New York on Friday. The meeting will take place about 12 hours after the quarterback played two series in the Steelers' final preseason game, completing 4 of 6 passes for 39 yards against the Carolina Panthers in Pittsburgh.

The league plans to review Roethlisberger's behavior since he was accused of sexually assaulting a Georgia college student following a night of drinking in a Milledgeville, Ga., bar on March 5. Once it was determined six weeks later that Roethlisberger would not be

charged by Georgia authorities, Goodell suspended Roethlisberger for the start of the season and ordered him to undergo an extensive evaluation.

If Roethlisberger followed the league's guidelines and stayed out of trouble, Goodell said he would consider cutting the suspension to four games. While Roethlisberger is likely to contend that his conduct has been exemplary and the penalty should be cut even further, perhaps to three games, NFL officials have emphasized that Goodell's initial ruling specified a punishment of at least four games.

Steelers president Art Rooney II is expected to accompany Roethlisberger to the meeting. Goodell's ruling was made in consultation with Rooney and the Steelers, who were angered by the two-time Super Bowl quarterback's behavior and would have punished him if the league hadn't. Goodell's office has kept in fre-

quent contact with the Steelers' ownership and is expected to announce shortly after the meeting whether the suspension will be shortened.

Roethlisberger was encouraged last month when Goodell said he was going "above and beyond" what the league asked him. The quarterback spent considerable time during training camp interacting with fans, working at charitable and youth functions and appearing at children's hospitals.

"I'm very encouraged by what he's doing," Goodell said at Steelers training camp Aug. 5. "He hasn't just done what he's been told to do, I think he's worked hard to really try to improve and focus on himself and understand what he's been through and what he's going to do differently going forward. I think that's a very positive thing."

Asked what the league still needs to see, Goodell said, "He's

got to work through the program that's designed for him to help him. A lot of that is confidential, but he's done it and he's done it with enthusiasm. I think that's a good thing."

Steelers teammate Hines Ward said Goodell will quickly realize he's seeing a much different Roethlisberger from the one he did a few months ago. Roethlisberger has acknowledged getting caught up in the "Big Ben" persona of an entitled pro athlete who felt society owed him favors for being a sports celebrity.

"For many years, people didn't know what was really going on with Ben," Ward said. "He's opening up to guys, he's being more personal. I think he really understands the situation. He's definitely working on it. He knows you can't take football and all the things you've been blessed with for granted."

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Brookings ended up second with 53 total points, but one of the Bobcats' took top individual honors as Addison DeHaven finished first overall at 16:47. Sioux Falls Lincoln was third (62), followed by Yankton (149), Sioux Falls O'Gorman (157) and Aberdeen (211).

The Bucks had one runner finish in the top 10, Kipp Kinsley (10th) at 17:39, while Josh Lundgren was 20th (18:06). Logan Smith finished in 35th (18:55), Bryce Cowman 39th

(19:02), Logan Ulmer 45th (19:29) and Ryan Lammer 53th (20:23).

For the JV girls' race, Aberdeen Central finished in first with 32 points, while Huron took second with 42 points. Yankton finished third with 83 points followed by Sioux Falls O'Gorman (105) and Sioux Falls Washington (121).

The Gazelles' Whitney Larson and Annie Kruse respectively took first (16:54) and second (17:45) place. Sarah Hicks took 15th (18:56), Stephanie Kotalki 31st (21:14) and newcomer to the team Ariana Gallegos in 34th (21:53).

For the JV boys' race, Yankton won with 44 points and Sioux Falls Lincoln was second at

75 points. Sioux Falls O'Gorman took third with 89 points, followed by Brandon Valley (113), Washington (129) and Brookings (129).

The Bucks finished with three runners in the top 10, including Ryan Olsen in third at 14:59, Jacob Bie in fifth at 15:05 and Dusty Dvorak in sixth at 15:11.

Also for YHS, Evan Bergesen finished 14th (15:26), Justin Grode was 16th (15:33), Will Steward was 23rd (15:47), Andrew Struck took 26th (16:05), Morgan Hill was 36th (16:18), Austin Hill was 40th (16:20), Matt Strom was 61st (17:00), Matt Huber took 79th (18:07), Brooke Woehl was 87th (18:32) and Brody Woehl finished 96th (20:00).

Yankton will continue their season schedule next Saturday at the Augustana Meet of Champions in Sioux Falls.

YHS

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was just a scrappy defensive team. This year, they have a powerful offense to go with it," she said. "It should be a good match."

Brookings won the JV match 25-13, 25-21. For Yankton, Mindy Doering had seven kills and Fanta had eight digs.

The Bobcats also won the sophomore match 16-25, 25-23,

25-21. Kelsey Butler led Yankton with 11 kills and nine digs. Maria Binder added 18 assists and seven digs.

Brookings won the freshmen 'A' match 25-19, 22-25, 26-24. Hayley Bockholt led the Gazelles with six ace serves and five kills. Jessi Anderson had nine assists, Molly King had 10 digs and Tonia Montoya had seven digs for Yankton.

The Gazelles took the freshmen 'B' match 25-21, 27-25. Abby Schulte and Paige Kanaly each had four kills. Schulte posted eight digs and Kanaly added three ace serves in the win.

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