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JOURNEY FROM
THE UPPER PENINSULA
TO THE END ZONE

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**GREAT AS
A GROUP**

Soccer team's
senior class
set stage for
turnaround

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**FIRST TIME'S
A CHARM**

Malachy Schrobilgen became the first UW freshman to win a Big Ten individual cross country title since Tim Hacker in 1981 when he crossed the line Sunday in 24:16.9 at the 2013 Big Ten Championship in West Lafayette, Ind. Schrobilgen swept the league's Athlete of the Year and Freshman of the Year awards.

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**BEST FOOT
FORWARD**

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Women's cross country got off to a great start Sunday at the 2013 Big Ten Championship last Sunday in West Lafayette, Ind., on the way to a tie for sixth place. UW now turns its attention to the 2013 NCAA Great Lakes Regional, which it will host at the Zimmer Championship Course on Nov. 15.

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'BOUT TO
GO DOWN

Fan choice determined the match order at the Badgers' annual Intra-squad Scrimmage, and the fans got it right when the final bout of the night was a great one. It took two tie-breaks before TJ Ruschell (right) was able to defeat Ryan Lubeck, 2-1, at 149 lbs. to clinch the Red team's 23-16 victory over the White squad.

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**PASSING
TIME**

Tessa Cichy was looking for a friendly face as she attempted an inbounds pass during the Badgers' exhibition matchup with Winona State last Sunday. The Kohl Center proved to be friendly confines, with UW scoring an 80-49 win over the Warriors.

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**WHITE-
WASHED**

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RB James White cleaned up in the second half of the Badgers' rivalry showdown with Iowa last Saturday at Kinnick Stadium, rushing for a pair of scores that put things out of reach for the Hawkeyes and left Wisconsin in possession of the Heartland Trophy once again with a 28-9 win.

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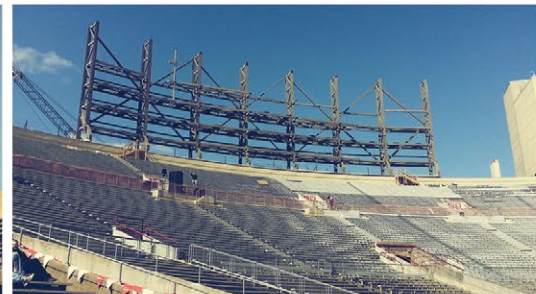
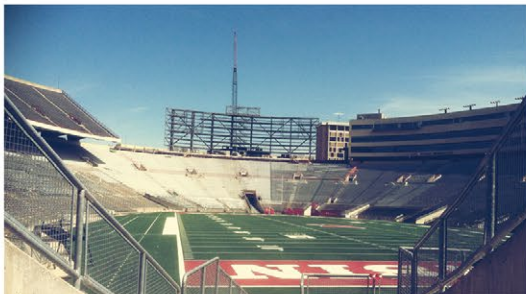
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30 ALWAYS ON TARGET

Whether hauling in passes at Camp Randall or bagging a buck in the woods, Jacob Pedersen generally gets what he's after. Five years ago, however, his standout career was far from a sure thing.



38 GAME CHANGERS

The value of Wisconsin's seniors goes far beyond the size of their class and to the heart of a turnaround that began because so many elected to stay the course.

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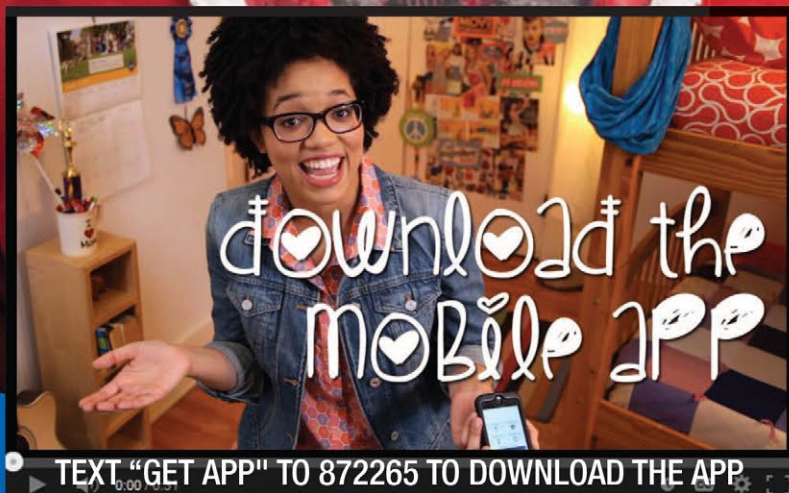
Fittingly, a new-look UW men's basketball team opens its season Friday in a new venue, as the Badgers take on St. John's in a non-conference clash at the Sanford Pentagon.



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Dukan looks to contribute any way he can

Wisconsin's Duje Dukan had a solid answer for a tough question made all the more difficult because he didn't play last season and this year has yet to start in earnest, or South Dakota.

When Dukan, a 6-foot-9, 220-pound redshirt junior from Deerfield, Ill., was quizzed on what role he might play, he said, "I think it's still in the figuring-out process — figuring out what it's going to be."

He was just being honest; the type of answer that you would expect to get from Dukan, who has appeared in only 21 career games; none last year after coming down with mononucleosis in August.

"I'm just trying to find a way that I can contribute any way possible," he said, "whether it's playing the 3 or whether it's playing the 4 and providing some versatility at both positions."

With an additional 15 pounds of muscle on his frame, he feels more comfortable "mixing it up a little bit" as a stretch-4 while also functioning as a "bigger-sized mismatch" at small forward.

At either spot on the floor, he feels like his experience can be a factor. "That might sound weird to say that," confided Dukan, 21, whose lack of playing experience has already been documented.

"But taking that redshirt year," he said, "there were a lot of things that I learned about myself — not only about the team — that I can definitely contribute with my game.

"In terms of my post-up game, I've learned to be more patient. I'm

a lot more confident going to the block or just shooting the ball. Defensively, I feel like I'm better than I was a year ago."

Once he regained his strength after his bout with mono, Dukan spent last season working on the scout team in practices and he came back this year "knowing I have to take my game to the next level."

Accepting that there are going to be some nights where the shots are not going down, and some nights where there aren't going to be any shots, he said, "You just have to find a way to contribute."

That might entail grabbing some rebounds on the offensive and defensive glass or locking down the man that you're guarding. "Basically," he said, "it's whatever I can do to help the team."

Redshirting last season made that all the more clear for Dukan from the standpoint of "just being able to watch the game from a different perspective" while he was inactive as a player.

He would also like to believe that he's better equipped physically to handle some things. It hasn't hurt that a long-time family friend, Erik Helland, has taken over as UW's strength coach.

Helland has been with the Chicago Bulls for the last 25 years. Dukan's father, Ivica, is the Director of International Scouting for the Bulls. "I've known Erik since I was 2 or 3," Duje said.

Another link between Helland and the Dukans has been former Chicago Bulls player Toni Kukoc, a Croatia native. Duje was born in

Split and he and his family return to Croatia every summer.

Even though he was raised in the United States, Dukan encountered a level of hazing, if not bullying. "You'd get called a foreigner," he said, "or they'd tell you, 'Go back to your country.'"

Limited or not, it was still impactful. "As time went on," he said, "sports were something that helped in breaking down barriers because you interacted with kids and developed friendships."

Dukan was among the UW players who recently went to a local elementary school and shared their experiences as a part of an anti-bullying campaign to bring greater awareness to the problem.

It was timely given the Miami Dolphins controversy arising between two offensive linemen, Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin. Sam Dekker brought it to the attention of his UW teammates.

"There's really no point in it," Dukan said. "You might think you're going to bring yourself up by bringing someone else down, but you're making it worse for yourself and everybody around you."

In a basketball context, Dukan is hoping to bring his game up knowing that it will help this team grow up, starting with Friday's season opener against St. John's in Sioux Falls, S.D.

"Can't wait, can't wait, it's going to be a lot of fun," said Dukan, who last played in the 2012 NCAA tournament. It has been a long wait, even if he still has some figuring out to do on his role.



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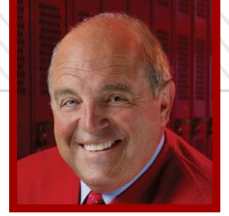


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Non-conference game offers opportunity

I'm not crazy about playing a non-conference game within our Big Ten schedule. But it gets so hard to schedule people these days. As an independent, BYU has open dates where others don't.

As we took a look at this season, Purdue's schedule was similar to ours and we agreed to play our Big Ten opener a week earlier than everybody else opened up conference play.

By agreeing to play Purdue the fourth week of the season, we needed another game. With our byes falling where they did, it just so happened that BYU had an opening in November.

As a conference, we were looking to getting better inventory during our non-conference season. We also wanted to upgrade our schedule and we thought BYU would be a good intersectional game.

I don't know if people realize how good of a team is coming in here Saturday.

I talked to Gary the other day about BYU's quarterback, Taysom Hill, and he said the offense is all about him and he can beat you in a lot of different ways. He ran for a million against Texas.

I'm telling you, a dual-threat quarterback can put a lot of pressure on a defense, especially when you have one who can run and throw and be as effective as he is with the maturity he has.

(Hill is a 23-year old sophomore who served a two-year LDS mission in Sydney, Australia.)

I have coached against option quarterbacks like Minnesota's Rick-

ie Foggie and Air Force's Dee Dowis, who could run the triple option and throw it around pretty good.

When I was at Notre Dame, I had to defend Tony Rice every day in practice. Tony couldn't throw, and we didn't throw it much. You didn't have to throw it much since his pitch was a like a pass.

I can remember playing against Indiana's Antwaan Randle El. You had to make him play in a handball court. I learned that from Lou Holtz. You couldn't let him get outside or you were in trouble.

Sometimes the best way to play defense is to stand on the sideline and watch when you have an offense that can eat up clock and get first down after first down. That can take the momentum away.

As we get into November, everybody anticipates that all of the undefeated teams at the top of the BCS standings are going to run the table. Everybody thinks everything is going to stay status quo.

But teams change. Just look at the difference in Northwestern from the week we played them; or the week before when they were unbeaten and holding a fourth-quarter lead against Ohio State.

With all of the injuries they've had, they're a different team.

I was impressed with the way we handled injuries at Iowa. You lose Abby (Jared Abbrederis) again, you lose other players during the game and you find a way. That's what good football teams do.

You lose an integral part of your defensive line — one of your rotation guys in Tyler Dippel — and you don't have your best defensive player in Chris Borland, but you still keep Iowa out of the end zone.

That's a pretty strong statement and coaching has a lot to do with it. If the coach is moping around and feeling sorry for himself rather than trying to find answers, you have no chance.

You have to teach your backups, "There are no excuses. Somebody has to step up and everyone else has to rally." I've been impressed with how Gary has handled this, and every other situation.

It's just good to be back home. I like the fact that we're ending up this year with three of the last four at Camp Randall. With BYU's no-huddle offense, we need a good, loud crowd here Saturday.





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They're not Big Ten, but BYU a big-time team

There are times when a non-conference football game in November can be a difficult sell. In recent years, the Badgers have had a couple. In 2006, Wisconsin closed its regular season against Buffalo. Two years later, Cal Poly came to town and very nearly ruined Senior Day.

Cal Poly was a very good FCS team that year, but it simply is not the type of opponent fans expect to see during the final month of the regular season.

Which brings us to this week's opponent. Forget that BYU does not play in the Big Ten, or any conference for that matter. The Cougars are very good, and this game is huge for both programs.

After losing two of its first three games, BYU has won five straight, including a convincing 37-20 victory against Boise State on Oct. 25. The Cougars had a bye last weekend, so they come to town rested.

They also will arrive in Madison with at least some hope of getting into the BCS picture.

Sound familiar?

In the case of BYU, it might appear to be long shot, but in this week's coaches poll, the Cougars are ranked 29th. While not in the BCS top 25, perhaps BYU is not far removed.

The Cougars certainly can help themselves down the stretch. Two weeks after facing the Badgers, ranked 24th in the BCS, BYU will play at 23rd-rated Notre Dame.

The Cougars already have

punched their ticket to the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl, but should they stay hot, who knows what could happen? Much like Wisconsin, BYU wants to keep winning and at least give the voters something to think about. Both have work to do to get into the top 14, but it never hurts to roll through November.

All the possible scenarios can be fun to talk or write about, but Saturday's game will feature two teams that are playing good football, and it will feature some of the nation's best players.

IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A TICKET, I HOPE YOU USE IT. THIS IS A NON-CONFERENCE GAME, BUT IT FIGURES TO BE BIG-BOY FOOTBALL WITH TWO BIG-TIME PROGRAMS.

Badgers fans know all about the home team's stars. You might not know as much about some of BYU's top players, but you will by this weekend.

Chris Borland says he expects to be good to go this Saturday, which means we will see a couple of the nation's premier linebackers. BYU's standout is Kyle Van Noy, an All-America candidate who has 26 career sacks, second best among active FBS players.

Offensively, the Cougars play fast. Very fast. They run nearly 90 plays

per game, and sophomore quarterback Taysom Hill appears to be improving by the week. After a choppy start, the dual-threat QB is rolling. In his last five games, Hill has completed 65 percent of his passes for 1,455 yards and 11 touchdowns.

It is worth noting that Hill also leads the team in rushing with 841 yards and eight touchdowns.

When Hill throws the ball, there is a good chance that Cody Hoffman will be the target. He has the BYU record with 31 career touchdown catches, and he is on the brink of breaking the school mark for receiving yards.

Fans in Big Ten country might not be familiar with BYU, but Badgers coach Gary Andersen knows the Cougars well. "They seem to follow me wherever I go, so here we go again," he said with a smile.

When asked to describe BYU, Andersen called it a "Tough, mature team. Blue collar. Hard workers. Tough guys."

Sounds a lot like Wisconsin. The style of offense might differ, but these teams could be very much alike in other areas.

Both Wisconsin and BYU are 6-2. Both are good teams with aspirations of being among the elite. It will make for an interesting, and most likely, highly-entertaining afternoon at Camp Randall Stadium.

If you are lucky enough to have a ticket, I hope you use it. This is a non-conference game, but it figures to be big-boy football with two big-time programs.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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MEN'S SOCCER

With their win over then No. 25-ranked Northwestern on Sunday, the Badgers shut out a top-25 foe **for the third time this season**. The victory also marked the 12th win of the season for the Badgers, the first time UW has reached the 12-win plateau since its national title season in 1995.

FOOTBALL

Wisconsin's defense has allowed opponents to enter the red zone just 21 times this season. More importantly, the Badgers have surrendered touchdowns on just eight of those red-zone trips, giving the UW defense a red-zone touchdown percentage of **38.1 percent that ranks No. 1 in the nation**.

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FRIDAY 11/8 • 6PM • BTN

STARTING IN NEUTRAL

[MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S]

Wisconsin tips off the 2013-14 season at a neutral site in Sioux Falls, S.D., against St. John's. Big Ten Network will broadcast Friday's game with Eric Collins and Stephen Bardo on the call. Tip time is 6 p.m. from the Sanford Pentagon.

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HAVE AT THE HUSKERS

[VOLLEYBALL VS. NEBRASKA]

The 15th-ranked Badgers open a four-match homestand, their final four home matches of the regular season, starting with No. 11 Nebraska on Friday night. Fans can watch all of the action live from inside the UW Field House on InsideBadgerSports.com.



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SATURDAY 11/9 • 2:30PM • ESPN

COUGARS COME CALLING

[FOOTBALL VS. BYU]

The No. 21-ranked Badgers return to Camp Randall Stadium for their first home game in 28 days on Saturday, when BYU comes to Madison for the first time since 1980. ESPN will broadcast the non-conference game with Bob Wischusen, Rod Gilmore and Quint Kessnich on the call. Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY 11/10 • 2PM • INSIDEBADGERSPORTS.COM

DEALING WITH DRAKE

[WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. DRAKE]

The Badgers tip off the season at the Kohl Center when the Bulldogs visit Madison on Sunday. Tip time is 2 p.m. and all of the action will stream live on InsideBadgerSports.com.



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TUESDAY 11/12 • 8PM • ESPN2

THE CHOMP IS HERE

[MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. FLORIDA]

Wisconsin opens its home season when it plays host to the No. 8-ranked Gators on Tuesday. It is the first time the Badgers will face a ranked opponent in their home opener since a win over No. 4 Kansas in 1968. Bob Wischusen and Dan Dakich will be on the call on ESPN2 at 8 p.m.

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If your team had a trophy game with another opponent, who would it be against and what would you play for?

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"It would be against **Minnesota**. Because I hate them. I don't know what we'd play for. Maybe a cup filled with water from the Mississippi River. Or maybe a shovel since badgers dig out gophers from the ground to eat them out on the prairie."



MACY OSWALD // SOPHOMORE // SOFTBALL

"I think if softball had a trophy game it should be against **Minnesota** because there is always grit and tension when we play the Gophers. Minnesota and Wisconsin are separated by the St. Croix River, which starting in the 1600s was used for fur trade and logging. Back then a prized good was a beaver pelt, so our trophy could be a beaver or a bear (to be more masculine) to represent the fur trade."



JOSH GASSER // JUNIOR // MEN'S BASKETBALL

"I think it would be fun to have a traveling trophy for our rivalry with **Marquette**. We play them every year and there is always such emotion in the state over those games that it would be natural. We'd have to play for something Wisconsin state-related like an old-fashioned glass jug of milk."



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VINCE BIEGEL

Redshirt freshman LB Vince Biegel has found a home as a pass-rushing linebacker in Wisconsin's new 3-4 scheme, having racked up two sacks on the season already to go along with seven special teams tackles, which ranks second on the team. A highly-touted recruit out of Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids, Biegel is trying to follow in the footsteps of his father, Rocky, who was a standout linebacker at BYU in the late 1980s, as well as his uncle, T.D., who played fullback for the Cougars.

Your father, grandfather and uncle all played college football. What have you been able to learn from them?

"From the start, football has always been a big part of my life. My dad always emphasized football and hard work from an early age. Football has always been there. My father playing at BYU has a lot to do with football being a being a big part of not only my life, but my brother's, as well."

What's it like having your brother, Hayden, playing with you at UW?

"It's a huge blessing. It's pretty rare for brothers to be able to be teammates at both the high school and college levels. I love having Hayden here. He is over quite a bit and we're always making dinner together and we're going to be roommates next year. I know our mom is happy to have us both in the same spot looking after one another."

You were recruited by BYU. Was it tough to turn down that offer?

"It was a very tough decision. It came down to BYU and Wisconsin and it was a tough decision because both programs are such great programs. Both have good players and good coaches. At the end of the day, though, I felt that Wisconsin was the best place for me and I think that this is where I am supposed to be. I have a lot of respect for BYU, though."

Is your dad going to feel conflicted at all this weekend?

"My dad played at BYU and that's his alma mater, but I think at the end of the day he's going to be rooting for his boys and for Wisconsin. I think he's going to be wearing red and white this weekend, at least I hope so."

What is it like being a pass-rusher in the Badgers' 3-4 defense?

"Coach (Dave) Aranda is a great defensive coordinator. He puts us in the best spots and we are fortunate to have him here, because he's a great coach. He knows how to utilize his players, and for me, that means being a pass-rusher. That's what I am comfortable doing, that's what I'm good at and that's what I'm going to keep doing for him. This weekend against BYU I know we are going to have a lot of pass rush opportunities, so I am looking forward to that."

Who are some of the veterans you've tried to learn from?

"Without a doubt Brendan Kelly. BK and I both play the same position and he's been around for six years, so he knows the ropes. From my freshman year to now, I've tried to learn from Brendan. We're always working after practice and hitting the weights later than everyone else. I've always been a fan of Brady Poppinga, as well. He played at BYU and for the Packers as a 3-4 linebacker. He's a guy that I still call to this day for advice. He's a good family guy and a good person, as well."

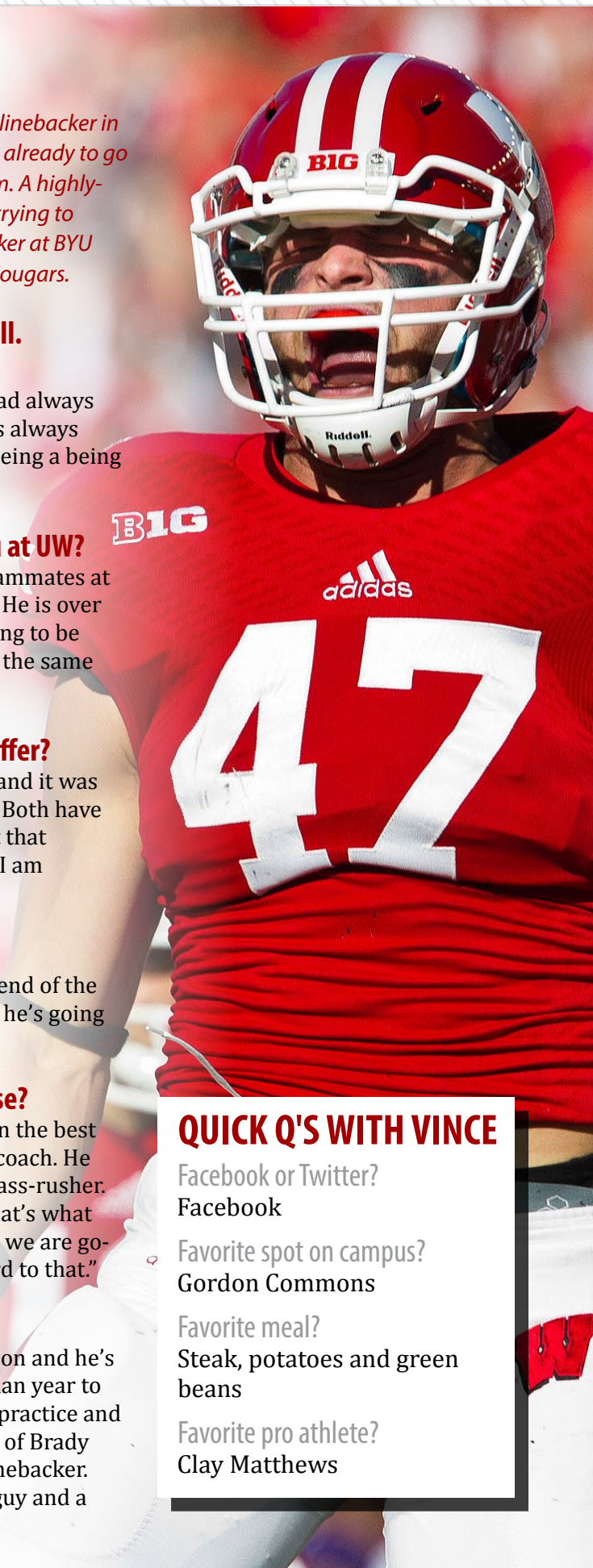
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QUITE A CATCH

Jacob Pedersen went largely unnoticed as a football player on Michigan's Upper Peninsula but found a home at Wisconsin, a home he nearly left before his career even began. Five years — and 17 touchdowns — later, Pedersen is glad he stayed. So are the Badgers.

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Wisconsin's Jacob Pedersen has always been able to strike a balance in his life by distinguishing between an 8-pointer and a 6-pointer; a bay pile and piling on; deer camp and Camp Randall.

At some point in the future when he gets his blog set up – he recently bought the domain name – Pedersen will be able to deliver his innermost thoughts on hunting and football.

But it will have to wait until he's no longer under the NCAA's compliance arm so he can freely talk about and promote different products that might appeal to the consumer, i.e. an outdoorsman.

Pedersen will share successful hunting techniques and "stories I've experienced in my life" that will likely go beyond the first time he sat in a deer stand (he was 4) or bagged his first deer (he was 12).

All of his UW teammates know him for what he is – a reliable pass-catcher, an unsung blocker, a hard

worker, a team leader and a proud "Yoopers" from Menominee in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

What a lot of them, especially the younger ones, may not know is that he was so homesick as a freshman at Wisconsin that he had to be talked out of quitting football and leaving school.

"I can remember," Pedersen said, "being in in my dorm room, talking to my mom on the phone and saying 'I miss home, I'm not playing up to my abilities, I don't like it here, come pick me up.'"

In retrospect, had he followed through on his intentions to return to Menominee, he said, "That would have been the biggest regret in my life. I don't know what I would be doing if I was back home."

By sticking it out, he knows that he will be getting a college degree to go along with three Big Ten championship rings. He also knows that there's so much more out there for him, this season and beyond.

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DAVID STLUKA

“He goes out and works hard every day,” Southward said of Pedersen. **“It’s something that can be said about our entire team. But when you have the talent he does, it really shows up big time.”**



“I am a Yooper and I take a lot of pride in it,” Pedersen said, defining a Yooper as “just kind of a down-home, home-grown country boy; somebody who’s going to work hard and earn a hard living.

“But at the same time, when you meet them, they’re going to be friendly and go out of their way to do nice things for you. Obviously they’re going to have the accent to go along with it.”

“With it” meaning living in the U.P.

On what is known as a Yooper dialect, he said, “My roommates always joke with me that when I go home and come back I definitely pick my accent back up.”

His mailing address has caused some confusion. At least, it did with tight end Brian Wozniak. “He thought I was living in a log cabin back in the woods and there was not another house in sight,” Pedersen said.

Menominee is the fourth largest city in the U.P. — 46 miles from Green Bay, 189 miles from Madison. The interstate bridge (I-41) connects Michigan to Wisconsin, Menominee to Marinette.

Combining the population bases — Menominee is about 9,000; Marinette is about 11,000 — Pedersen said, “We’re actually a pretty big community. We’re not a Madison or anything like that.

“It definitely has the smaller town feel.”

The annual M&M game between the Marinette Marines and the Menominee Maroons is the oldest football rivalry among public high schools in the country. It dates back to 1894.

As a sophomore, Pedersen played in the 100th

With Genyk (left) as its head coach, Eastern Michigan was one of the few programs to show interest in Pedersen out of high school.

year anniversary game — as a defensive end. He also played linebacker and safety on defense and tight end and running back/quarterback.

Despite his versatility, Pedersen didn’t draw many college recruiters. Northern Michigan, Michigan Tech and Minnesota-Duluth expressed interest. Eastern Michigan offered a scholarship.

On recruiting the Upper Peninsula, Wisconsin tight ends coach Jeff Genyk said, “It’s a challenge from a logistical standpoint. There are good players up there and good football.

“But if you have a limited time to recruit the state of Michigan, you can go to Southeast Michigan and hit 10 to 15 potential Division I players in two days.

“In the Upper Peninsula, it may take you two days to see two players.”

Genyk was the Eastern Michigan head coach who

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made the offer to Pedersen after seeing him in a summer camp. When Genyk was fired, Pedersen said, “The new staff didn’t call me back.”

Based on his evaluation of Pedersen, who then weighed around 200 pounds, Genyk said, “We saw him as a guy who could fill out his frame and become a very good tight end.”

UW assistants Joe Rudolph and Paul Chryst felt the same way about Pedersen after they saw film. How did they find out about him? “Heard about me through the grapevine,” Pedersen said.

Maybe they had. Wisconsin, after all, had enjoyed success recruiting in the Upper Peninsula.

Menominee’s Brett Pearson was a four-year letterwinner at tight end in the early ’80s and Marinette’s Jeff Messenger was an All-Big Ten cornerback in the early ’90s.

Pedersen has always been under the impression that some rival high school coaches, maybe from Homestead in Mequon, put in a good word for him, and he’s still grateful for the recommendation.

As a UW freshman, though, he couldn’t recommend anything about the experience. It got to a breaking point where he went up to head coach Bret Bielema’s office to tell him that he was leaving.

Pedersen had thought it all out – or so he thought.

“I thought, ‘OK, they’re not going to just let me quit, I need to have a reason,’” he said. “I tried to come up with the only possible thing that Wisconsin didn’t have a school for.”

Pedersen told Bielema that he wanted to be a mortician.

“In reality, I did kind of research being a mortician at one point,” he said. “I know a guy back home who owns a funeral home and I basically wanted to own my own business. Plus, I like science.”

It really didn’t go any further than that. Neither did Pedersen – he didn’t go any further than talking about quitting to Bielema, who convinced him



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to push through whatever he was feeling.

Paul and Ronda Pedersen were also instrumental in getting their son to finish what he started. His dad played football at Northern Michigan, got homesick and dropped out of school after one year.

“He kept saying, ‘Stick it out, it was the biggest regret of my life,’” said Jacob Pedersen, who heeded the advice of his parents, Bielema and Rudolph. “I owe them a lot for keeping me here.”

While redshirting as a freshman, he toiled on the scout team. Before the Ohio State game, he was quarterback Terrelle Pryor. Before the Minnesota game, he was wide receiver Eric Decker.

“I was also a Michigan running back,” he said, “and I think I was even an offensive tackle.”

But he kept his eyes on Wisconsin’s tight ends:



Garrett Graham, a senior, who was the second-leading receiver in 2009; and Lance Kendricks, a junior, and the team's fourth-leading receiver.

"I watched him a lot," Pedersen said of Kendricks, a second-round pick of the St. Louis Rams in 2011. "I had a pretty good relationship with Lance. He's not the most vocal guy; he leads by example.

"He was a hard worker. He was always doing things right. He'd always be at meetings on time; you'd never see him late. He'd have fun off the field, but he wouldn't get into trouble.

"I tried to emulate him as much as I could. Garrett and Lance were game-changers for us. Seeing them having success proves to me that if I work hard like those guys anything is possible."

Few work harder than Pedersen.

"He goes out and works hard every day," said UW safety Dez Southward. "It's something that can be said about our entire team. But when you have the talent he does, it really shows up big time.

"He wants the ball. But when the ball is not in his hands, he's still running routes as hard as he can. And he's blocking. If we didn't have him, we wouldn't be able to do a lot of things we do on offense.

"I'm proud of him just to see how far he has come. I came in his (recruiting) class. I remember we all looked at him and said, 'Who's this kid?' His body type doesn't jump out.

"But when he gets on the field, he flips a switch and it's impressive."

Nobody knows that better than quarterback Joel

Stave.

“Obviously, everyone knows the kind of player that he is in the pass game,” Stave said. “He runs good routes. He’s a mismatch on safeties. And he’s just a tough guy to cover.

“He’s also a great lead blocker in the run game. He’s great at opening up holes (for the tailbacks) and picking up the guys that he needs to pick up.

“It’s really important for a team to have those senior leaders who are not only good players on the field but the kind of guys off the field that you really want to follow.

“He’s someone who shows the younger guys the direction to take.”

Wisconsin’s first-year head coach, Gary Andersen, has seen that in the short time around him.

“Jacob does a great job of being unselfish,” Andersen said. “He doesn’t count his opportunities as far as ‘Oh, I’m not getting enough reps.’ But when he gets out there, the produces.”

To Genyk, he’s the player that he thought he could be when he recruited him to Eastern Michigan. He pointed to his work ethic, on and off the field, and his commitment to getting better.

There’s also his football IQ, or intelligence. Genyk gave him high marks “as far as his ability to under-

stand offensive and defensive schemes.”

Genyk has increased his plays to an average of about 60 per game while utilizing Pedersen as the Y-tight end on the line of scrimmage and the H-tight end in the backfield.

“I’ve really challenged him to be an exceptional blocker,” said Genyk, who has been charting “knockdowns” to bring some context to how effectively the tight ends are blocking.

“Anytime you get five or more knockdowns, it’s really a good game. He has gone three games in a row now with eight, seven and six knockdowns, which is exceptional for a tight end.”

What makes him even more special as a blocker, according to Genyk, is the power and the speed that Pedersen’s generates with his hand strikes.

“It’s almost like he’s a professional boxer or a jiu-jitsu master,” he said. “His hands are so fast and powerful when he hits a defender; he really knocks them off balance.

“He’s the best blocker I’ve ever coached as a tight end.”

It was not something that came easy to Pedersen, now carrying 240 pounds on his 6-3 frame.

“Blocking wasn’t a strength coming in,” he conceded. “I’m still not going to overpower a 290-pound

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D-end. But what I pride myself on doing is that I like to mix it up and get in their way.”

Particularly, he added, “When I’m able to seal and give the running backs a lane.”

Pedersen was a game-changer at Iowa with his clutch touchdown catch in the second quarter that pushed the Badgers into a 7-6 lead that they would not relinquish against the Hawkeyes.

Geny noted that Pedersen has worked diligently on improving his hand placement when the ball is in flight and “he just looks like he’s catching the ball a lot more confidently the last few games.”

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There’s nothing quite like a 6-pointer, unless it’s that first 8-pointer that he bagged at a bay pile – corn, apples and pumpkins to lure the deer – when he was hunting as a youngster with his dad in the U.P.

Blogging about his hunting prowess is one thing, an easy assignment. But what would he blog about his legacy as a college football player?

“I never really thought of a legacy for me, I just take it play by play,” he said. “If you work hard, if you believe in what you’re doing, if you put your mind to it, you can do anything.

“My whole life I was told that I would never make it to D-I.”


It’s true, he said, everybody has their doubters, everyone has their believers.

“Coming from a small town,” he went on, “there are a lot of people who believe in you and want you to be great and there are others who don’t want you to be successful.”

So, it is fair to say that Pedersen was driven to succeed? Driven to prove himself? Driven to fight his way out of any corner, back-to-the-wall or not? Driven to overcome the doubters?

“Oh, definitely, that’s a good word,” Pedersen agreed, driving home a point. “When people ask how I would describe myself, I always say, ‘I’m driven.’

“I always grew up with the motto: believe and you can achieve.”

It’s what he has been hunting all along. 



A soccer player in a green and white uniform is running on a field. The player is wearing a green jersey with white sleeves and the number 23. The background is a blurred stadium.

THE END OF A NEW BEGINNING

Wisconsin's 13 seniors are reaping the rewards of the decision many made four years ago to stay the course, a decision that helped plot the Badgers' course upward in the win column

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Most of the seniors have been recruited not once, but twice to the Wisconsin men's soccer program. They verbally committed to one coach, Todd Yeagley, and signed with another, John Trask.

"They fell in love with Todd Yeagley," said Trask, who was hired to replace Yeagley on Jan. 20, 2010 and had two weeks to secure those commitments before the National Letter of Intent signing date.

"More importantly," Trask said of those recruits,

"they fell in love with Wisconsin. As long as I wasn't a complete schmo or changed their scholarships, they would all stay committed to us."

After just one season as the UW head coach, Yeagley returned to his alma mater, Indiana, where his dad had coached for over three decades and won seven national championships. The Badgers turned to Trask, who hit the ground running.

"We went on a whirlwind tour," recalled Trask. "Flew to Pennsylvania; flew to Minnesota; went to Milwaukee; went to Chicago; all in six days to talk to every single kid and family."

Blake Succa was an all-state defender from Lewisberry, Pa.; Paul Yonga was Mr. Soccer from Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Max Jentsch was a celebrated goalkeeper from Hartland, Wis.

In the Chicago area, Nick Janus was an all-state midfielder from Lake Zurich; Chris Prince was a lethal goal-scorer from Naperville; Trevor Wheeler was an all-state midfielder from Arlington Heights.

Trask reached out to each of the committed players. There was an urgency to keep this class together, he said, because Wisconsin simply couldn't afford another void in the recruiting cycle.

Especially since Trask, an Indiana grad, was the third UW coach in three years; albeit a decorated coach who had a successful resume from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Major League Soccer background.

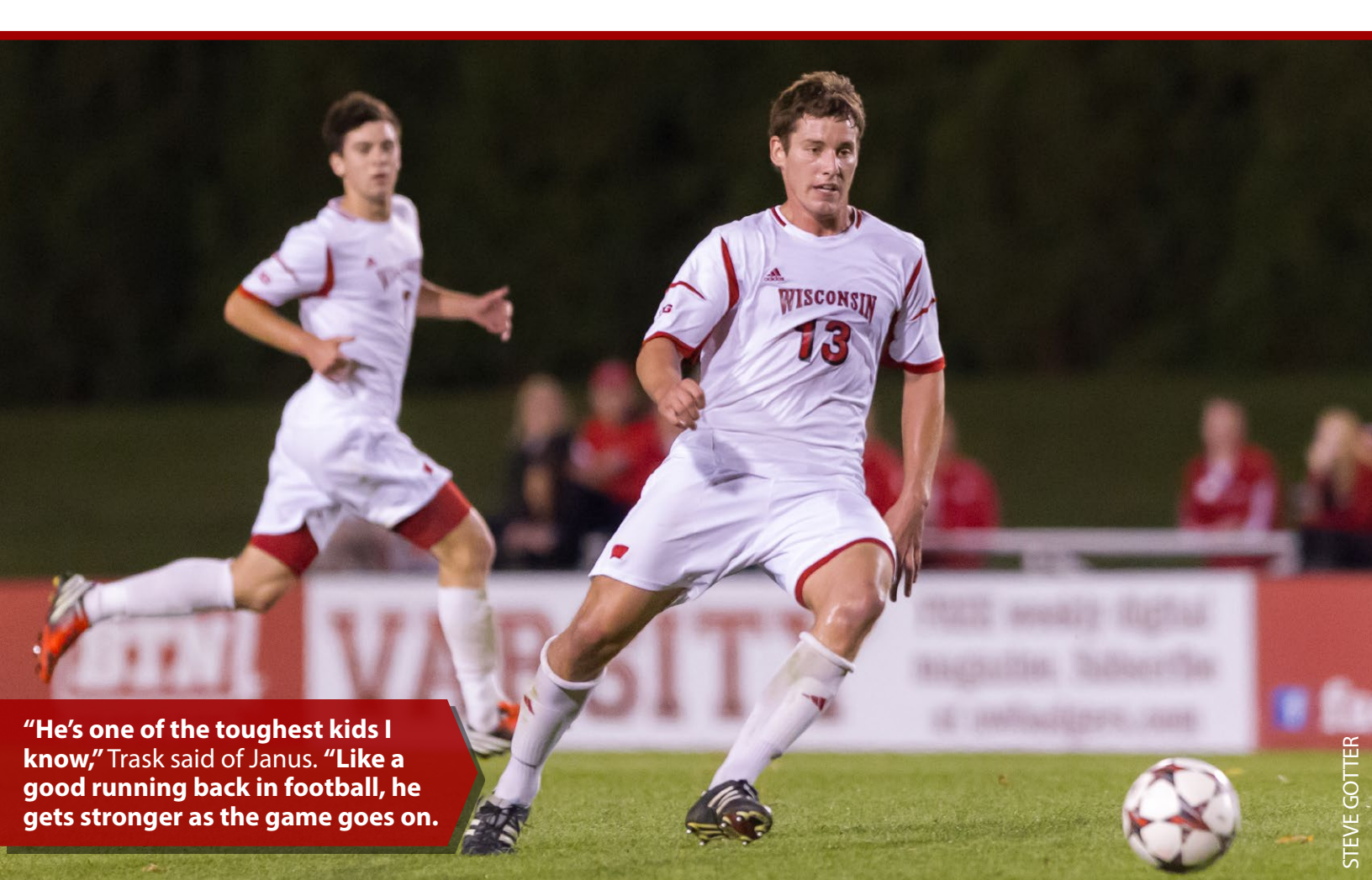
"I looked at it," Janus said of Trask's hiring, "as a blessing because I had heard so much about what he had done at UIC. Coach Yeagley is a great coach, too, a fantastic coach."

"But none of us really wavered as far as leaving Wisconsin. We weren't actually his (Trask's) recruiting class. But he made us his own. He believed in me and I believed in him."

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STEVE GOTTER

“He’s one of the toughest kids I know,” Trask said of Janus. “Like a good running back in football, he gets stronger as the game goes on.”

On Friday night, the UW seniors will be honored before the Badgers’ match with Ohio State. Not everyone in that original 2010 class is still around, but others have been added to bring the total to 13.

“It’s going to be very emotional,” Janus said. “At the same time, it’s a game we have to win, so we’re going to save the emotions for afterwards and go out and try to beat Ohio State.”

Wisconsin has a 12-match unbeaten streak at the McClimon Complex — dating back to October of 2012 — and it represents the longest home unbeaten streak in Division I men’s soccer.

“We talked about it as a team at the beginning of the season saying that we wanted to make our home a fortress,” said Janus. “So far, we’ve done that. We don’t want to lose in front of our home fans.”

Personifying the team’s mindset, he said in the next breath, “We just don’t want to lose, ever.”

Sizing up the large senior class, Janus confirmed that there has been strength in numbers.

“It has definitely been a positive,” he said. “We’ve gone through it all together. We’ve had terrible sea-

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sons and good seasons; we’ve gone through all of the spring seasons together.

“We’ve shared the burden and now we’re kind of reaping the benefits. We all strive to win. When you get 13 mature seniors who all have the same goal, it helps drive the team.”

He was quick to note that many talented underclassmen have been key contributors; such as juniors AJ Cochran and Jacob Brindle, sophomore Drew Connor and redshirt freshman Casey Beyers.

“There are some seniors not playing,” Janus said. “But they come out and work their butt off every

day at practice and it helps make everyone better. They're leaders as much as anyone else."

This season, the Badgers have 12 wins, the most since 1995, which coincides with the last time a Wisconsin men's soccer team made the NCAA tournament. UW won it all that season.

The long dry spell has only increased the hunger of the players to get back to the tournament.

"That was definitely one of our goals," Janus said. "Some of the seniors were talking about it the other day. We honestly don't feel like we've reached anywhere close to what our potential could be.

"We're just excited to see where this season could go."

Trask has been excited to see how far the seniors have come.

On when he felt they bought into what he was selling, he said, "I would like to think somewhere in that first year, even though we struggled because I eventually started putting them on the field.

"I started off playing the older players; I felt like I should. But these young players just beat them out

and it got to a point where I was starting eight freshmen (in 2010).

"We weren't necessarily successful. But we made the semifinals of the Big Tens. Somewhere there — in my mind — is where it changed, where they started to think, 'I'm happy this guy is our coach.'"

Trask has tried to take advantage of the versatility of his older players.

"Prince was brought in as a forward, he's now playing right midfield," he said. "Janus has played multiple positions, now he's a forward. Yonga came in as a center-defender, he's now right midfield.

"It has been interesting how many changed positions. It's also why we're a good team now."

On being a special team, a postseason team, Trask said, "They've got a chance to do something that for 18 years hasn't been done, which is to make it to the NCAA tournament."

It was one of the reasons, he believed, "All of them gravitated to (committing to the program). They were going to be a part of changing the culture of Wisconsin men's soccer."



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Trask has had a big hand in that turnaround, according to Janus. “He does an incredible amount of work behind the scenes,” he said. “He focuses on a ton of details besides the coaching.”

When the seniors were much younger, Trask admitted to coaching them hard. “I think they grew in strength knowing I was really tough on them,” he said. “They created a bond amongst themselves.”

No one has shown more toughness, Trask suggested, than Janus, the team’s point leader. Janus has four game-winning goals, which is tied for the most in the Big Ten.

“He’s one of the toughest kids I know,” Trask said. “Like a good running back in football, he gets stronger as the game goes on.”

“When it looks like he’s got nothing left in his tank in the 65th minute, his last 25 minutes of the game are usually his most dominant.”


“He seems to be able to reach deep as a person when the going gets tough. I think that’s what resonates with his teammates; it definitely resonates with us as coaches.”

Trask said that Janus has been playing with an injury, “But he just grits his teeth and doesn’t want to take a minute off from practice. He’s just toughing it out, day-in and day-out.”

With a 13-deep senior class, Trask is confronted with a logistical challenge to get them all some playing time Friday night as a means to showcase what each of them has meant to the program.

But he does not plan on fixing something that is not broken. Nor would they want him to.

Trask outlined a typical response, “Coach, if we don’t play a minute because we need to win 1-0 in the 90th minute and you think you need X, Y and Z instead of me, we’re all bought in.”

That has been true since Trask first showed up on their doorstep and introduced himself. 



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Badgers seek to slow down BYU's fast-paced offense

Cougars are one of the nation's quickest teams

The Badgers are no stranger to fast-paced offensive teams, having faced a number of them this season, but the speed at which BYU operates may present the Wisconsin defense with a whole new challenge on Saturday.

"They are fast," UW coach Gary Andersen said. "They get up and down the field."

But how fast is fast? Through eight games this season, the Cougars have run a play every 19.2 seconds and average 83 plays per game. By comparison, the average of the Badgers' eight opponents is 24.3

seconds per play.

Based on the average time of possession by UW's opponents this year, that 5.1-second difference means Wisconsin's defense would be on the field for an additional 16 plays.

However, it is not only BYU's speed, but its ability to change pace, that makes the Cougars' offense a unique challenge.

"It's not always pedal-to-the-metal every snap," Andersen said. "The key is to not get worn out."

Wisconsin's fastest-operating opponent so far was Northwestern, which snapped the ball every 20.4 seconds.

SCHEDULE (6-2, 4-1)

LAST WEEK

Nov. 2 at Iowa W, 28-9

COMING UP

Saturday	BYU	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Indiana	11 a.m.
Nov. 23	at Minnesota	TBA
Nov. 30	Penn State	TBA

For comparison's sake, Wisconsin's offense has run a play every 29.4 seconds on its way to ranking ninth nationally in time of possession at 33:24 per game. If the Badgers can control possession, it will certainly help limit the impact of BYU's tempo on the UW defense.

"We can dictate tempo and dictate pace (by doing) what we do on offense, and doing it well," Andersen said.

Andersen added that the Camp Randall crowd can have an effect. "It's powerful," he said. "I know they will do a lot to hamper BYU's opportunities to play as fast as they want because it gets loud."

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Lauren Carlini was named the Big Ten co-Freshman of the Week on Monday.

Badgers counting down as regular season ticks away

Eight matches remain, including four at home

For the first time this season, first-year head coach Kelly Sheffield said the four-letter word: NCAA. As in NCAA tournament.

"I think we put ourselves in a position to be a seeded team. I think that's a goal," said Sheffield of the Badgers' chances of hosting first- and second-round matches. "Can we put ourselves in position where we

can host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament?"

UW has a tough road ahead, as it plays some of the top teams in the Big Ten, including No. 11 Nebraska this weekend.

"We've got some tough opponents coming up here," Sheffield added. "But hopefully we can finish off in the right way so our fans can be treated to some postseason."

SCHEDULE (18-6, 7-5)

LAST FOUR

Oct. 23	#7 Minnesota	W, 3-1
Oct. 27	Illinois	L, 1-3
Nov. 1	at Indiana	W, 3-1
Nov. 2	at #16 Purdue	L, 2-3

COMING UP

Friday	#11 Nebraska	7 p.m.
Sunday	Iowa	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	#2 Penn State	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	Ohio State	1 p.m.

CARLINI HONORED

• Freshman Lauren Carlini was named the Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week after recording back-to-back career bests in assists on the weekend. The 6-foot-2 setter averaged 12.78 assists per set over two matches to lead the Big Ten on the week.

On Friday, Carlini put up a then-career high 53 assists in setting the Badgers to a 3-1 win at Indiana.

At Purdue, Carlini upped her career high for assists to 62. She recorded her team-leading 14th double-double on the season, adding 18 digs.

CHAPMAN COUNTING DOWN

• Junior Ellen Chapman is counting down to 1,000 career kills, needing 61 to become the 20th UW player to achieve that milestone.

The 6-4 outside hitter has tallied double-figure kills the last 10 matches and continues to lead the Badgers with 3.36 kills per set, which ranks ninth in the Big Ten. Her kill per set average is the best of her career, while she is also hitting a season-best .243.

She leads UW with double-figure kills in 21 matches this season.

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THIS WEEK		
Friday	vs. St. John's	6 p.m.
COMING UP		
Nov. 12	#8 Florida	8 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Green Bay	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	North Dakota	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	Bowling Green	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	Oral Roberts	7:30 p.m.

St. John's in South Dakota? How'd we get here?

Badgers opener is atypical, but makes sense

When the Badgers open the season Friday night, they will do so in atypical fashion, traveling to Sioux Falls, S.D., for a neutral-site contest with St. John's.

Wisconsin has not opened the season away from the Kohl Center since 2005 when they played in the Paradise Jam tournament in St. Thomas.

Further, UW hasn't opened against a team from one of the "Power 6" conferences since traveling to Tennessee to begin the 2000-01 season.

So how did we get here?

Two reasons — this game gives the Badgers a quality non-conference opponent on their schedule and UW gets to help out an old friend.

"This is a great RPI team,"

UW head coach Bo Ryan said of a St. John's team that played in the NIT last season. "They've got everybody back; they're very athletic. It's a team that's going to make some noise."

UW's opener will also mark a reunion of sorts.

Sanford Health CEO Kelby Krabbenhoft, father of former Badger Joe Krabbenhoft, was looking for two major programs to help with the grand opening of the brand-new Sanford Pentagon, which is the cornerstone of a \$19-million, 162-acre sports complex.

Ryan's connection with the Krabbenhoft family made the Badgers an ideal fit to participate in the first-ever regular-season game played on the building's Heritage Court, a 3,200-seat retro-styled fieldhouse.

"There are some really neat features at the Pentagon and I'm excited to see it," Ryan added. "Plus we get to help Kelby showcase their new arena. Everybody wins."

Well, not everybody gets to win. Either Wisconsin or St. John's will return home with a loss on their ledger, but the early-season experience and resume-building contest can only help in the long run.

"I'm sure that the opponents that we're playing non-conference will give us the test that we need," Ryan concluded. "And how we respond to them? We'll see."

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Junior transfer Michala Johnson led the Badgers with 24 points against Winona State.

Badgers open regular season with home game

Wisconsin hosts Drake Sunday at Kohl Center

Exhibitions are a good way for coaches to see how their team is progressing and what they need to work on. For coach Bobbie Kelsey, Sunday's 80-49 win over Division II Winona State was a pleasant surprise.

"We have a lot of depth and return a lot of scorers from last year," Kelsey said. "We have a lot of kids that are able to step in

and help and give us the depth that we need, but also give us a lot of scoring power out there."

After the 2012-13 season when the Badgers played with only nine athletes due to injuries, this season's depth is a welcome sight to Kelsey.

"We have an opportunity to showcase a lot of different lineups, a lot of different combinations."

SCHEDULE

LAST WEEK

Nov. 3 **Winona St. (Exh.)** W, 80-49

UP NEXT

Thursday **UW-Stevens Point** 7 p.m.
 Sunday **Drake** 2 p.m.
 Nov. 14 at Milwaukee 7 p.m.
 Nov. 17 **Northern Illinois** 2 p.m.

SEASON OPENING SUCCESS

- Head coach Bobbie Kelsey looks to improve to 3-0 in season openers as she is 2-0 in her first two seasons at UW. The Badgers defeated Milwaukee 74-56 last season and also downed the Panthers on the road 68-51 in 2011. In 38 years of play, Wisconsin is 22-16 all-time in season openers, including a 10-4 mark at home.

TOUGH SCHEDULE AHEAD

- The Badgers have a tough schedule in 2013-14 with seven non-conference games against 2013 postseason teams. In addition, eight Big Ten teams played in the NCAA or WNIT in 2013. The non-conference schedule features NCAA tournament participants Gonzaga and Green Bay, as well as a possible matchup against Vanderbilt at the Vanderbilt Thanksgiving Tournament.

WNIT participants were Marquette, Washington, Mercer and Elon.

Among Big Ten teams, Nebraska advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament in 2013 while Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Penn State and Purdue all lost in the second round of play.

The Big Ten also sent two teams to the WNIT in 2013, with Illinois advancing to the quarterfinals and Minnesota falling in the first round.

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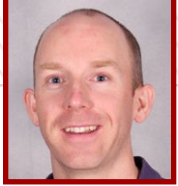
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Zengerle continues to rise

Numbers pile up for the senior forward

There is some irony in the way senior forward Mark Zengerle became the all-time leading scorer at Wisconsin, at least in the Mike Eaves coaching era (2002-present).

Zengerle reached the mark on a pretty goal that made the **NCAA's top-five plays of the week** and can be seen above. The irony comes because Zengerle has reached the milestone mainly on his ability to set up others to score goals.

Now with 124 career points, Zengerle ranks third among all college players in career scoring, trailing on only St. Lawrence senior forward Greg Carey and Notre Dame senior

forward T.J. Tynan. Zengerle has used his creative play and his 96 assists to get there.

Only 13 Badgers in program history have collected at least 100 assists, and nobody since Andrew Shier during the 1993-94 season has done it. Shier finished with 115 assists.

Zengerle's 96 career assists are the best in the country, 12 more than the next closest skater in Tynan.

Zengerle's 0.80 assists per game is also far and away the highest average among active college skaters who are at least sophomores. The next closest is Miami junior forward Austin Czarnik at 0.69 assists per game.

SCHEDULE (3-2-1, 0-0-0)

LAST WEEK

- Nov. 1 **Lake Superior State** T, 3-3*
- Nov. 2 **Lake Superior State** W, 8-1

COMING UP

- Nov. 15 at Miami (Ohio) 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15 at Miami (Ohio) 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29 at Minnesota 4 p.m.
- Nov. 30 at Minnesota 5 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Penn State 7 p.m.**



BIG HOCKEY STARS

Seniors **Tyler Barnes** and **Joe Faust** were named the Big Ten's first and third stars for their performances last weekend at Lake Superior State.

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SCHEDULE (8-2-0, 6-2-0)

LAST WEEK		
Nov. 2	No. 10 Ohio State	W, 4-1
Nov. 3	No. 10 Ohio State	W, 3-2
COMING UP		
Nov. 15	vs. Northeastern	8 p.m.
Nov. 16	vs. Boston University	6 p.m.

Badgers ready for bye before six-game road trip

No. 2 Wisconsin enters bye winners of six straight

After playing for five straight weekends, the No. 2 Badgers get a well-deserved weekend off this week as they prepare for a tough six-game road swing to end November.

Wisconsin enters the bye week with an 8-2-0 ledger, and went a perfect 8-0 at LaBahn Arena while outscoring opponents 34-7 at home. Wisconsin

also rose from a preseason rank of No. 7 in both polls to No. 2, trailing only Minnesota.

“The bye weekend definitely comes at a great time for us,” senior assistant captain Madison Packer said. “It is a solid break after a long stretch of hard games and gives us some time to rest our bodies and really prepare for the upcoming trips.”

The next stretch of games will be important for the Badgers, as UW hits the road next weekend for Vail, Colo., to take part in the Vail Tournament. The Badgers will face two non-conference foes in Northeastern and No. 9 Boston University. The games round out the non-conference part of UW’s schedule.

Following the trip to the Rocky Mountains, Wisconsin faces a top-five showdown on the road at No. 4 North Dakota, before concluding the month with a trip to Minnesota Duluth.

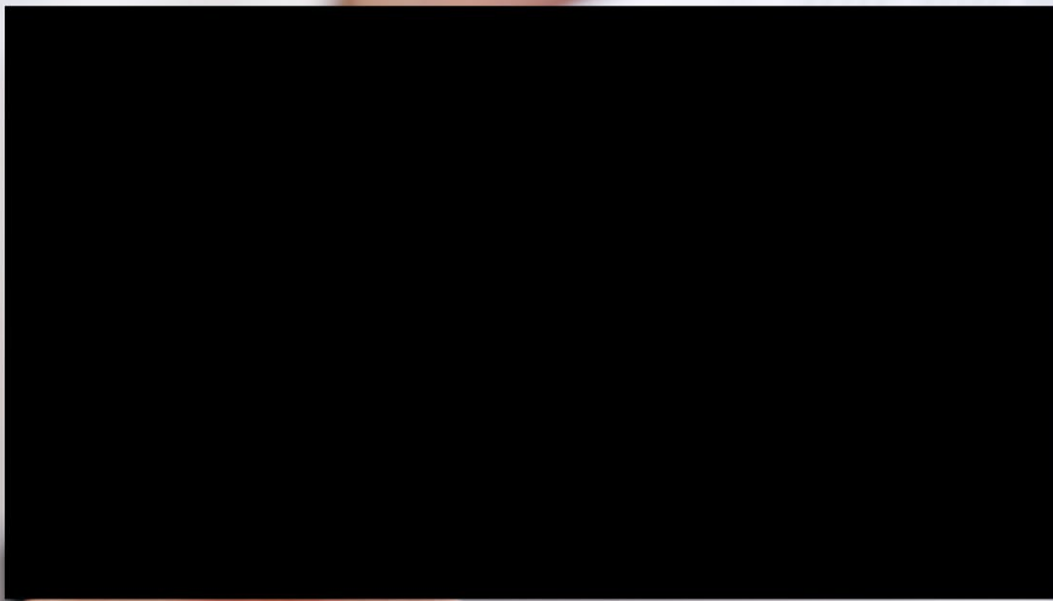
“Those are going to be three tough weekends that will mean a lot for us ranking wise, so it is good to get a break before we head into those weekends,” Packer said. “It is also nice to have some time to focus on classes and get ahead if we need to, as we will miss a few days with the travelling coming up.”

DUGGAN NAMED CAPTAIN OF TEAM USA

- Former Wisconsin standout Meghan Duggan has been named captain of the United States Women’s National Team and will serve as captain during the rest of USA Hockey’s Bring on the World Tour as the squad prepares for the 2014 Olympics. A silver-medalist under UW head coach Mark Johnson at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Duggan was UW’s captain during the 2010-11 season as Wisconsin captured its fourth NCAA title.

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SCHEDULE (12-3-2, 3-2-0)

THIS WEEK

Sunday at #25 Northwestern W, 1-0

Friday Ohio State 7 p.m.

COMING UP

Nov. 13-17 Big Ten Tournament TBA

Victory lap: UW thriving on senior leadership

Badgers close regular season on Friday



While the falling leaves of late October and early November signify the beginning of a period of hibernation and declining growth, the Wisconsin men's soccer team has continued to sprout success despite the changing seasons.

UW is unbeaten in eight of its last nine games, dating back to Oct. 2, including two

shutouts over top-25 ranked Big Ten opponents.

Much of the team's success this season can be accredited to senior leadership.

"Our younger players really look up to the older ones," UW head coach John Trask said. "It's great to see the older guys getting on the younger guys and watching how they respond. It shows how much

they all want to win."

Much of UW's leadership and success has stemmed from the back line, headed by senior captain Paul Yonga.

The Badgers' defense has only allowed more than two goals in a game twice this season, and only one of those matches resulted in a loss.

Wisconsin has been especially difficult to score on since senior Max Jentsch made his first start between the posts this season on Oct. 23 at Milwaukee. Jentsch has since started every match for the Badgers, posting two shutouts and a 0.72 goals against average.

A solid defensive core is complimented by a high-powered offense led by senior captains Chris Prince and Tomislav Zadro.

UW leads the Big Ten in points (105), goals (35), goals per game (2.06) and is tied for first in assists (35).

The combination of an almost impenetrable defense, dangerous offense and 13 seniors spells a recipe for a deep post-season run in the coming weeks.

Wisconsin wraps up its regular-season schedule on Friday at 7 p.m., as it welcomes Ohio State to the McClimon Complex for Senior Night. The Badgers look to extend the nation's longest home unbeaten streak to 13 matches.

The game will be broadcast on the Big Ten Network.

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SCHEDULE (10-7-2)

LAST TWO		
Nov. 2	Northwestern	W, 3-0
<i>Big Ten Tournament</i>		
Wed.	vs. #6 Penn State	L, 0-2
COMING UP		
Nov. 9	NCAA selection show	

Last dance: UW awaits its chance at tourney berth

NCAA tourney selection show set for Monday

Let the waiting game begin. Following its 2-0 loss to third-seeded Penn State in the opening round of the 2013 Big Ten Tournament on Wednesday, Wisconsin will now be forced to sit and watch as the rest of the country battles their way into this season's NCAA tournament.

Historically, the Badgers' tournament chances have

fared well in seasons in which they have earned 10 or more wins during the Paula Wilkins era.

In 2009, the team finished 10-6-6 overall, but had a 5-1-4 Big Ten performance, finishing third in the conference and going on to appear in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

UW also missed the Big Dance when hitting the 10-win

mark in 2011, finishing with seven losses overall and a 5-3-3 conference mark.

It has yet to be seen how far UW's tie at Michigan, which is ranked top 10 in the latest NCAA RPI, will go in terms of helping Wisconsin's chances make the field of 64, but it may be a deciding factor in whether or not the committee chooses to include the Cardinal and White.

Although this is not an unfamiliar seat for the Badgers to be in, it is an uncomfortable one at the moment.

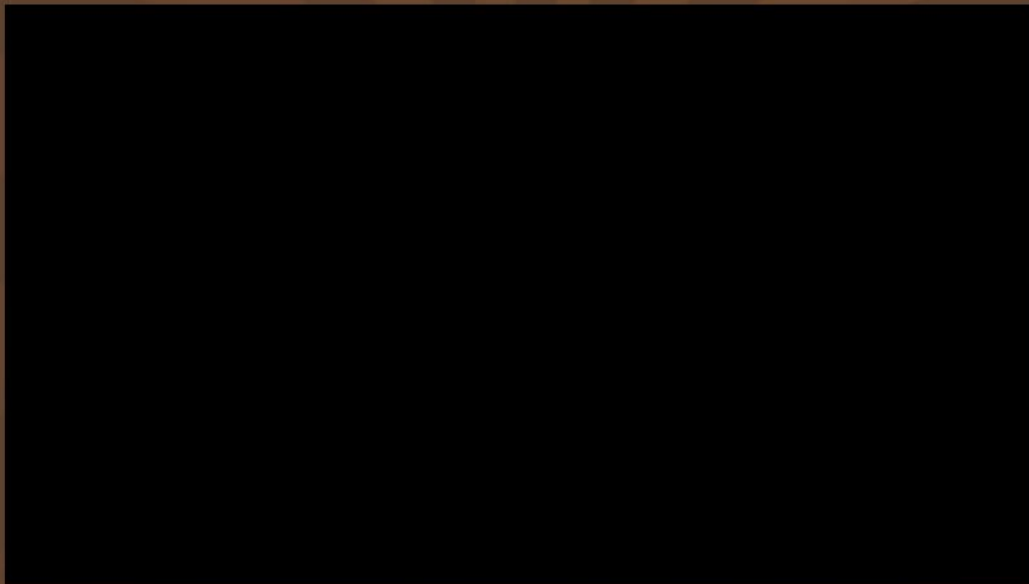
After dropping four of their last six matches, including two at home, UW has dropped dramatically in the national RPI rankings. With conference tournaments wrapping up this weekend, Wisconsin will await to hear its fate during Monday night's NCAA tournament selection show.

LAVELLE HEADLINES BIG TEN AWARDS

- Rose Lavelle became the first player in Badgers history to earn Big Ten Freshman of the Year accolades when the conference released its awards on Tuesday. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native was also named first-team All-Big Ten by the conference's coaches, while also being tabbed as a consensus Big Ten All-Freshman team selection.
- Sophomore Kinley McNicoll was named second-team All-Big Ten, while Kylie Schwarz joined Lavelle on the Big Ten's All-Freshman squad.

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SCHEDULE

COMING UP

Friday	vs. Cumberland at Chatanooga	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	Hokie Duals vs. North Carolina vs. Virginia vs. Old Dominion	8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon
Nov. 15	vs. UW-Parkside at UW-Whitewater	6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Badgers relying on youth at lower weight classes

Four of first five weight classes feature rookies

It is their first year, but not really. Wisconsin will put four freshmen on the mat in its first five weight classes, but fans should use that term loosely. Rookies, they are not.

Ryan Taylor (125 lbs.), No. 10 Jesse Thielke (141 lbs.), TJ Ruschell (149 lbs.) and No. 7 Isaac Jordan (157 lbs.) will get the action started for the Badgers, with No. 2 Tyler Graff

sandwiched in at 133 lbs.

Last year, Thielke built his wrestling resume at the senior world championships, posting a 2-1 record in Greco-Roman at the championship event, and Jordan finished his year with a 23-2 record and third-place finish at the Midland Championships. Taylor didn't compete last season and Ruschell posted a 15-2 record at

open tournaments.

"Jesse Thielke made the world team last year and wrestled at Midlands," UW head coach Barry Davis said of the freshman's experience level. "Isaac Jordan took third at Midlands, so they have a little more experience than the other two.

"I don't really think they are freshmen. They had a chance to redshirt, they have been through the program, they understand the system and they have been around a long time. They can't afford to look like redshirt freshmen. They have to come out hard, ready to go. They have to push the pace, wrestle their style and move forward."

WISCONSIN IN THE RANKINGS

- The Badgers are ranked No. 20 in this week's USA Today/NWCA/AWN Division I Coaches Poll, while five wrestlers earned individual rankings in InterMat College Rankings. No. 2 Tyler Graff holds the Badgers' top ranking at 133 lbs., while fellow senior Jackson Hein is ranked No. 12 at 184 lbs. 2013 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Connor Medbery is ranked No. 6 at heavyweight and freshmen Jesse Thielke and Isaac Jordan have earned No. 10 and No. 7 rankings at 141 lbs. and 157 lbs., respectively.



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MONTEE ON A MISSION

NOVEMBER 12, 2011: Montee Ball set the UW and Big Ten single-season touchdown record with his 27th TD of the season in a 42-13 win at Minnesota. Senior QB Russell Wilson threw four TD passes to bring his total to 25 and break the UW single-season record for TD passes. He finished the season with 33, the second-highest total in Big Ten history.

ALSO THIS WEEK

HOME REMODEL

NOVEMBER 7, 2000: UW Athletic Department officials announced plans for a \$99.7 million renovation to Camp Randall Stadium, to begin following the 2001 football season and be completed prior to the 2004 season.

RANKING RESPECT

NOVEMBER 7, 2004: The football team was ranked No. 4 nationally by the Associated Press after improving to 9-0. It was UW's highest national ranking since 2000.

TOURNEY TIME

NOVEMBER 13, 2009: The women's soccer team returned to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2005 and won a thrilling contest over Arizona State by emerging on penalty kicks, 4-3, following a 1-1 draw.

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