



# 2025 BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL WEEKLY RELEASE • AUGUST 20, 2025

Contact: Ashley Harding, Assistant Director, Communications • Office: 847-737-8646 ext. 240 • Cell: 781-484-6362 • E-mail: aharding@bigten.org • Twitter: @B1GVolleyball • Website: bigten.org

## 2025 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference Matches					All Matches					Top 25*	Last 10	Stk
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N			
Illinois	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Indiana	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Maryland	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Michigan	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Michigan State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(11) Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(1) Nebraska	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Northwestern	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Ohio State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(RV) Oregon	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(2) Penn State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(15) Purdue	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
Rutgers	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(18) UCLA	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(21) USC	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(RV) Washington	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--
(8) Wisconsin	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	--

(x) - AVCA Top 25 poll ranking (RV - receiving votes)

\* - Opponents ranked in AVCA poll (Top 25 only) at match time

## BIG TEN. BIG NEWS.

- 79 Big Ten volleyball matches will be televised nationally on Big Ten Network, FOX, FS1, NBC and Peacock for the 2025 season. Big Ten Network will broadcast at least 63 matches, featuring all 18 conference schools. NBC will broadcast two matches this fall: UCLA vs. USC on Saturday, October 11 at 3:30 p.m. ET, and Minnesota vs. Nebraska on Saturday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m. ET. Both matches will also be streamed live on Peacock.
- Seven Big Ten volleyball programs were among the AVCA/TARAFLEX Preseason Top 25, announced on Aug. 6: #1 Nebraska, #2 Penn State, #8 Wisconsin, #11 Minnesota, #15 Purdue, #18 UCLA and #21 USC. Oregon and Washington received votes in the poll. For the first time in conference history, the Big Ten had the top two teams in the preseason rankings.
- Minnesota, Penn State and Nebraska will participate in the 2025 AVCA First Serve on Aug. 22-25 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Neb., and the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, S.D. Nebraska will play Pittsburgh to begin the 2025 season on Friday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. ET on FOX. Penn State will begin its season on Saturday against Creighton at 5 p.m. ET in Lincoln. Nebraska finishes its opening weekend against Stanford on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. ET on ESPN and Penn State heads to Sioux Falls on Monday for a 6:30 p.m. ET first serve against Kansas on BTN. Minnesota and Texas A&M will complete the BTN doubleheader on Monday night in Sioux Falls. The field for this year's AVCA First Serve includes five participants that made the elite eight in 2024, including three semifinalists. Nine of the 10 teams were ranked in the top 20 of the final AVCA poll rankings. The tenth team is Vanderbilt who is in its first season of competition as it restarts its program for the first time in 45 years.
- The Big Ten welcomes three new head coaches to the conference, including Michigan State's Kristen Kelsay, Nebraska's Danj Busboom Kelly and Oregon's Trent Kersten. Kelsay and Busboom Kelly are two of five Big Ten head coaches to lead their alma mater.
- Wisconsin will begin the 2025 season with the Opening Spike Classic over Labor Day Weekend at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. The four-team invite will feature Creighton, Kansas, Texas and Wisconsin, all four teams who were ranked in the AVCA's preseason top 25.
- Illinois, Nebraska and Purdue will participate in the inaugural Broadway Block Party at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. on Aug. 31. The triple-header will begin with Nebraska vs. Kentucky, followed by Purdue vs. Tennessee and Illinois vs. Vanderbilt. All three matches will be available on the ESPN family of networks.
- The second annual State Farm Women's College Volleyball Showcase, heads to PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh on Aug. 31 - Sept. 1. Penn State will play Arizona State on Sunday and TCU on Monday.
- The Big Ten led the nation in attendance for the 17th consecutive season in 2024. The conference totaled 918,615 fans across 267 matches, which was over 440,000 more fans than the ACC who finished second in attendance rankings, and over 470,000 more fans than the SEC (3rd). The Big Ten averaged 3,215 fans per match, the only conference to surpass the 3,000 threshold.
- Five of the top 10 teams in average attendance were in the Big Ten. Including Nebraska (8,713) and Wisconsin (7,638) at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. Minnesota (5th - 4,917), Purdue (8th - 4,076) and Washington (10th - 3,640) were also among the top 10. Ten Big Ten schools were among the top 25.
- Seven All-Americans from 2024 return to fill Big Ten rosters in 2025. Nebraska returns Andi Jackson (First Team), Harper Murray (Second Team) and Bergen Reilly (Second Team). Penn State returns Freshman of the Year and Second Team honoree Izzy Starck and adds Florida transfer Kennedy Martin who was a First Team selection in 2024. Wisconsin returns Charlie Fuerbringer and adds Oregon transfer and Second Team selection Mimi Colyer.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Friday, August 22**  
#1 Nebraska vs. Pittsburgh (FOX)\* ..... 7 p.m.

**Saturday, August 23**  
#2 Penn State vs. Creighton (FS1)\* ..... 5 p.m.

**Sunday, August 24**  
#1 Nebraska vs. Stanford (ESPN)\* ..... 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 25**  
#2 Penn State vs. Kansas (BTN)^ ..... 6:30 p.m.  
#11 Minnesota vs. #9 Texas A&M (BTN)^ ..... 8:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 29**  
#15 Purdue vs. USF ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Illinois vs. South Dakota State ..... 2 p.m.  
Ohio State vs. VCU ..... 3 p.m.  
Rutgers vs. Marist ..... 4 p.m.  
Northwestern vs. New Mexico State ..... 5 p.m.  
Indiana at RV Miami (FL) (ACCNX) ..... 6 p.m.  
RV Oregon vs. South Dakota ..... 6 p.m.  
#1 Nebraska vs. Lipscomb (ESPN+) ..... 7 p.m.  
#11 Minnesota vs. Cal Poly (B1G+) ..... 7 p.m.  
#8 Wisconsin vs. #14 Kansas (BTN)& ..... 7 p.m.  
RV Washington at Northern Colorado ..... 8 p.m.  
Iowa at UNLV ..... 9:30 p.m.  
#21 USC vs. Denver (B1G+) ..... 10 p.m.

**Saturday, August 30**  
Indiana vs. VCU ..... 2 p.m.  
Northwestern vs. Eastern Washington ..... 2 p.m.  
Michigan vs. Wake Forest ..... 3 p.m.  
RV Oregon vs. Prairie View A&M ..... 4 p.m.  
Ohio State vs. RV Miami (FL) ..... 5 p.m.  
Maryland at Coastal Carolina ..... 6 p.m.  
Michigan State vs. Merrimack (B1G+) ..... 6 p.m.  
#11 Minnesota vs. Ball State (B1G+) ..... 6 p.m.  
Rutgers vs. Liberty ..... 6 p.m.  
Iowa vs. Utah Tech ..... 7 p.m.  
RV Washington at Colorado State ..... 8 p.m.

**Sunday, August 31**  
#1 Nebraska vs. Kentucky (ABC) ..... Noon  
Maryland vs. North Carolina ..... 1 p.m.  
Michigan at Cincinnati ..... 1 p.m.  
Rutgers at Buffalo ..... 1 p.m.  
RV Washington vs. Colgate ..... 1 p.m.  
Michigan State vs. Chicago State (B1G+) ..... 2 p.m.  
#8 Wisconsin vs. #5 Texas (BTN)& ..... 2 p.m.  
Northwestern at UC San Diego (ESPN+) ..... 3 p.m.  
#15 Purdue vs. RV Tennessee (ESPN2)% ..... 3 p.m.  
#11 Minnesota vs. St. Thomas (B1G+) ..... 4 p.m.  
RV Oregon at Montana State ..... 4 p.m.  
#21 USC vs. LMU (B1G+) ..... 4 p.m.  
Iowa vs. CSU Bakersfield ..... 5 p.m.  
#2 Penn State vs. Arizona State (FOX)\$ ..... 5 p.m.  
Illinois vs. Vanderbilt (SEC Network)% ..... 6 p.m.

**Monday, September 1**  
#2 Penn State vs. TCU (FOX)\$ ..... 5 p.m.  
#18 UCLA at Long Beach State ..... 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 2**  
Michigan vs. Eastern Michigan (B1G+) ..... 7 p.m.  
#18 UCLA at Pepperdine ..... 9 p.m.

All times Eastern (dates, times and TV subject to change)  
\* - AVCA First Serve Showcase (Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb.)  
^ - AVCA First Serve Showcase (Sanford Pentagon, Sioux Falls, S.D.)  
\$ - State Farm Women's College Volleyball Showcase (PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh, Pa.)  
% - Broadway Block Party (Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.)  
& - Opening Spike Classic (Kohl Center, Madison, Wis.)  
NOTES: Matches on ESPN networks may also be on the ESPN app ...  
rankings are from AVCA poll at match time (RV - receiving votes).

## BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.

The Big Ten Conference held its fourth annual Big Ten Volleyball Media Days on July 28-29 at Big Ten Network studios in Chicago and remains as the only collegiate conference to host an in-person preseason volleyball media event.

AVCA TOP 25 POLL				NCAA RPI RANKINGS			BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS	
Preseason Poll - Aug. 6, 2025				first report TBA				
Rk.	Team (1st-Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Rk.	Team	Record		
1.	NEBRASKA (40)	0-0	1490				ILLINOIS	
2.	PENN STATE (21)	0-0	1459				Jackson Janes 773-366-0931 janes6@illinois.edu	
3.	Pittsburgh	0-0	1338				INDIANA	
4.	Louisville	0-0	1240				Jared Rigdon (812) 856-0131 jmrigdon@iu.edu	
5.	Texas	0-0	1223				IOWA	
6.	Stanford	0-0	1200				John Leo (319) 335-9411 john-leo@uiowa.edu	
7.	Kentucky	0-0	1181				MARYLAND	
8.	WISCONSIN	0-0	1167				Jerry Rodriguez (908) 328-3852 jrodi16@umd.edu	
9.	Texas A&M	0-0	844				MICHIGAN	
10.	SMU	0-0	830				Conor Stemme (203) 291-9561 cstemme@umich.edu	
11.	MINNESOTA	0-0	811				MICHIGAN STATE	
12.	Creighton	0-0	778				Maggie Hudson (517) 355-2271 mhudson@ath.msu.edu	
13.	Arizona State	0-0	707				MINNESOTA	
14.	Kansas	0-0	626				E.J. Stevens (612) 624-1023 steve894@umn.edu	
15.	PURDUE	0-0	591				NEBRASKA	
16.	Florida	0-0	570				Nate Pohlen (402) 472-7778 npohlen@huskers.com	
17.	Missouri	0-0	541				NORTHWESTERN	
18.	UCLA	0-0	456				Shealyn Abbott (763) 269-2964 shealyn.abbott@northwestern.edu	
19.	BYU	0-0	362				OHIO STATE	
20.	Baylor	0-0	338				Maria Slovikovski (216) 925-3898 slovikovski.1@osu.edu	
21.	USC	0-0	319					
22.	Georgia Tech	0-0	298					
23.	Utah	0-0	282					
24.	Dayton	0-0	225					
25.	TCU	0-0	182					
<u>Others receiving votes/listed on two or more ballots:</u>								
Tennessee 126; OREGON 124; North Carolina 113;								
Marquette 94; Western Kentucky 40; Oklahoma 37; Miami								
(FL) 34; WASHINGTON 34; Florida State 33; Houston 26;								
Hawaii 20; San Diego 18; Arkansas 10; Rice 10; Arizona								
4; Northern Iowa 4								

**BIG TEN ACTIVE LEADERS****CAREER KILLS**

Player, Year, School	Kills
Mimi Colyer, Sr., WIS*	1,461
Taylor Landfair, Sr., NEB*	1,350
Candela Alonso-Corcelles, Sr., IND	984

**CAREER DIGS**

Player, Year, School	Digs
Gala Trubint, Sr., USC	1,209
Gillian Grimes, Sr., PSU	1,195

**CAREER BLOCKS**

Player, Year, School	Blocks
Carter Booth, Sr., WIS	472
Rebekah Allick, Sr., NEB	415

**CAREER ASSISTS**

Player, Year, School	Assists
----------------------	---------

**CAREER SERVICE ACES**

Player, Year, School	Aces
----------------------	------

(x) - indicates ranking on Big Ten career charts (top 25 only; must have played at least one full season in Big Ten to qualify for career ranking) // \* - includes stats from a previous school // Totals as of Aug. 20, according to NCAA active career leaders list ([ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org))

**2025****BIG TEN PRESEASON POLL/  
ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM****Big Ten Preseason Poll**

1. Nebraska
2. Penn State
3. Wisconsin
4. Minnesota
5. UCLA
6. USC
7. Purdue
8. Washington
9. Illinois
10. Michigan
11. Indiana
12. Oregon
13. Ohio State
14. Michigan State
15. Northwestern
16. Maryland
17. Iowa
18. Rutgers

**Preseason All-Big Ten Team**

Allison Jacobs, MICH, Gr., OH  
 Julia Hanson, MINN, Sr., OH  
 McKenna Wucherer, MINN, Sr., OH  
 Rebekah Allick, NEB, Sr., MB  
 ANDI JACKSON, NEB, Jr., MB  
 HARPER MURRAY, NEB, Jr., OH  
 BERGEN REILLY, NEB, Jr., S  
 Gillian Grimes, PSU, Sr., L  
 KENNEDY MARTIN, PSU, Jr., OPP  
 IZZY STARCK, PSU, So., S  
 Phekran Kong, UCLA, Gr., MB  
 Cheridyn Leverette, UCLA, Sr., OH  
 Maggie Li, UCLA, Jr., OH  
 Marianna Singletary, UCLA, RS-Jr., MB  
 Adonia Faumuina, USC, Jr., OH  
 Kierstyn Barton, WASH, Jr., OH  
 Julia Hunt, WASH, So., MB  
 Carter Booth, WIS, Sr., MB  
 Mimi Colyer, WIS, Sr., OH  
 Charlie Fuerbringer, WIS, So., S

**NOTES:** unanimous selections in ALL CAPS; additional student-athletes listed due to tie in voting; voted on by conference head coaches

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

No.	Team	Year
18	Penn State	1992*-93-96*-97*-98-99-2003-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-12-13-17*-24*
9	Wisconsin	1990-97*-2000-01-14-19-20-21-22
5	Nebraska	2011-16-17*-23-24*
4	Illinois	1986-87-88-92*
3	Minnesota	2002-15-18
3	Ohio State	1989-91-94
2	Michigan State	1995-96*
2	Northwestern	1983-84
2	Purdue	1982-85
1	Michigan	1981

\* - co-champion

NOTE: The Big Ten champion is determined by the final regular-season conference standings

**BIG LIFE. BIG STAGE. BIG TEN.**

The Big Ten Conference has led the nation in volleyball attendance each of the past 17 full seasons, as well as 20 times in the 26 seasons (1998-present) that the NCAA has tracked volleyball attendance.