



# 2025 BIG TEN VOLLEYBALL WEEKLY RELEASE • AUGUST 27, 2025

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## 2025 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference Matches					All Matches					Top		Last
	W-L	PCT	H	A	Streak	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	25*	10	
(1) Nebraska	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	2-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	W2
(2) Penn State	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	2-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	W2
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	--
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	--
(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	--
(11) Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	--	0-1	.000	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	L1

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

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

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Friday, August 29

#15 Purdue vs. USF	11:30 a.m.
Illinois vs. South Dakota State (ESPN+)	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 (ESPN+)	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 (ESPN+)	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 (ESPN+)	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 (ESPN+)	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 (ESPN+)	8 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 2

Michigan vs. Eastern Michigan (B1G+)	7 p.m.
#18 UCLA at Pepperdine (ESPN+)	9 p.m.

All times Eastern (dates, times and TV subject to change)

\$ - 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 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 August 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.
- Friday's matchup between Nebraska and Pittsburgh recorded 771,000 viewers on FOX, making it the second most-viewed regular season women's college volleyball telecast in history. On Sunday, Penn State vs. Creighton drew 132,000 viewers on FS1, while Stanford vs. Nebraska totaled 573,000 viewers on ESPN.
- In front of a sold-out Pinnacle Bank Arena to begin the AVCA First Serve and Dani Busboom Kelly's tenure at Nebraska, the Huskers became the first Division I volleyball program to reach 1,500 all-time wins.
- Nebraska's Rebekah Allick and Laney Choboy and Penn State's Izzy Starck were named to the AVCA All-First Serve Team.
- Nebraska last beat two top-10 teams to begin the season in 2016 (#10 Florida (3-1) and #2 Texas (3-0)). Like 2025, Penn State started its 2008 campaign with a pair of top-25 wins (#12 Hawaii (3-0) and #6 UCLA (3-0)), a 38-0 season which culminated with a National Championship.
- 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 August 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 August 31 - September 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.
- Abbott and the Big Ten Conference are kicking off Season 2 of the We Give Blood drive. The competition begins on August 27, with fans receiving a custom Homefield school-specific t-shirt when they make a donation on that day (while supplies last). Every donation can help save up to three lives — and someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds.

## 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				OREGON	
22.	Georgia Tech	0-0	298				Zach Lawson (541) 346-5469 zlawson@uoregon.edu	
23.	Utah	0-0	282				PENN STATE	
24.	Dayton	0-0	225				Matt Jackson (814) 876-2710 mjj5328@psu.edu	
25.	TCU	0-0	182				PURDUE	
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<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			

2025 BIG TEN SCHOOLS IN THE AVCA TOP 25 POLL - BY WEEK																		
	ILL	IND	IOWA	MD	MICH	MSU	MINN	NEB	NU	ORE	OSU	PSU	PUR	RU	UCLA	USC	WASH	WIS
Preseason	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	1(40)	--	RV	--	2(21)	15	--	18	21	RV	8

BIG TEN COACHING RECORDS (as of Aug. 27, 2025)								
Coach, School	Year		Career		School		Big Ten	
	Overall	at School	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Chris Tamas, ILL	9th	9th	149-94	.613	149-94	.613	90-68	.574
Steve Aird, IND	11th	7th	150-188	.444	95-114	.455	66-154	.290
Jim Barnes, IOWA	29th	4th	483-412	.540	28-67	.295	8-52	.105
Adam Hughes, MD	8th	8th	102-109	.483	102-109	.483	45-95	.333
Erin Virtue, MICH	3rd	3rd	25-35	.417	25-35	.417	13-27	.250
Kristen Kelsay, MSU	1st	1st	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Keegan Cook, MINN	11th	3rd	236-81	.744	38-25	.603	25-15	.625
Dani Busboom Kelly, NEB	9th	1st	205-44	.823	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000
Tim Nollan, NU	10th	2nd	125-115	.521	5-23	.179	3-17	.150
Jen Flynn Oldenburg, OSU	6th	6th	90-54	.625	90-54	.625	61-38	.616
Trent Kersten, ORE	6th	1st	92-40	.697	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Katie Schumacher-Cawley, PSU	13th	4th	211-165	.561	86-19	.819	47-14	.770
Dave Shondell, PUR	23rd	23rd	485-233	.675	485-233	.675	276-172	.616
Caitlin Schweihofer, RU	11th	4th	111-212	.344	38-104	.268	11-89	.113
Alfee Reft, UCLA	3rd	3rd	32-27	.542	32-27	.542	8-12	.400
Brad Keller, USC	6th	6th	85-57	.599	85-57	.599	13-7	.650
Leslie Gabriel, WASH	3rd	3rd	35-27	.565	35-27	.565	9-11	.450
Kelly Sheffield, WIS	25th	13th	591-180	.767	318-68	.824	191-41	.823

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The Big Ten leads all conferences with eight NCAA volleyball national championships during the past 15 seasons, and at least one team in the NCAA title match 12 times in that span.

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

Player, Year, School	Kills
Mimi Colyer, Sr., WIS*	1,461
Taylor Landfair, Sr., NEB*	1,361
Candela Alonso-Corcelles, Sr., IND	984

**CAREER DIGS**

Player, Year, School	Digs
Gillian Grimes, Sr., PSU	1,222
Gala Trubint, Sr., USC	1,209

**CAREER BLOCKS**

Player, Year, School	Blocks
Carter Booth, Sr., WIS	472
Rebekah Allick, Sr., NEB	427

**CAREER ASSISTS**

Player, Year, School	Assists
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**CAREER SERVICE ACES**

Player, Year, School	Aces
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(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.