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# 'It's always a battle' when Iowa's involved

**A**s a true freshman, Michael Caputo was schooled on the facts of life in college football. He was also introduced to a different way of life, short of life and death, in Big Ten games. Caputo had plenty of senior mentors, from Kevin Zeitler and Bradie Ewing on offense to Patrick Butrym and Antonio Fenelus on defense. And they delivered the same message to the impressionable safety from Pennsylvania.

"All the older guys, every single one of them, made certain that I knew how important Big Ten play was," he said. "But you've got to experience it first before you truly understand how important it is and why guys take it so seriously. My freshman year, we opened with Nebraska. It wasn't

the game itself but the week of preparation that got my attention and allowed me to see how big the game was."

As a fifth-year senior, Caputo can share his experiences with the younger players. Heading into Saturday's conference opener against Iowa at Camp Randall, he will be sure to remind everyone of the same fundamental truths. "You can lose every non-conference game and it really won't matter in the long run," he said. "But it's conference play now and these games are almost like playoff games."

Quarterback Joel Stave, another fifth-year senior, might interject the obvious, "When you're playing for a Big Ten championship, you have to win Big Ten games to put yourself in position to win your side of the confer-

ence — to put yourself in position to go to that championship game. Everyone understands the sense of urgency you have to play with and the importance of conference games."

Although the practices leading up to the Iowa game will take on a different personality, cornerback Darius Hillary offered this disclaimer, "You never take any opponent lightly; we want to come out and practice hard every day but ..." But in the same breath, he conceded, "The intensity level might rise a little bit seeing how this is a trophy game (Heartland Trophy) and our first Big Ten game."

Hillary, also a fifth-year senior, could have added "Seeing how this is Iowa." If he had, Caputo would not have needed any translation.



DAVID STLUKA



“Every year we’ve played them,” Caputo said, “they’ve always come out and tried to smack you in the mouth straight-up. They came at you with the type of football that I like. That’s why I came to Wisconsin. It was a great fit and the Big Ten was a great fit.”

Iowa and Wisconsin have met only twice during Caputo’s career, dating to 2011. The Badgers have won both games at Kinnick Stadium. In fact, they’ve won three straight and four of the last five in Iowa City, while the Hawkeyes have won three of the last four in Madison, including a 20-10 win in 2009; the last time these old rivals played at Camp Randall Stadium.

How long ago was that? J.J. Watt was a sophomore defensive end and just making a name for himself. He had a career-high eight tackles, including four TFLs and a sack in the loss. Montee Ball was a freshman tailback and scored the first of his 83 career touchdowns, 77 rushing, both NCAA records. Ball’s first-quarter TD pushed the Badgers into a 10-0 lead that they squandered in the second half.

Stave has fonder memories of the 2010 game at Iowa. One week after upsetting No. 1 Ohio State in Madison, the Badgers rallied for a thrilling 31-30 victory behind quarterback Scott Tolzien, who completed 20 of 26 passes; Watt, who blocked an extra point and had a critical sack; Brad Nortman, who ran 17 yards

on a fake punt; and Ball, who scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:06 left.

Ball had not even played the week before against the Buckeyes.

“It was kind of Montee’s coming-out party,” said Stave, then a high school senior.

Iowa then dropped off the schedule for a couple of seasons before the rivalry was renewed in 2013. By then, Stave, Caputo and Hillary had moved into key contributing roles. Trailing 6-0

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late in a sluggish first half, Stave connected on a 44-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jacob Pedersen with only 1:49 remaining before intermission. The lead, and momentum, swung to Wisconsin.

“We hadn’t done anything offensively and then we hit that big play,” said Stave, who couldn’t remember the specific call in the huddle. “It was a different offense, different terminology. I just remember seeing the (Iowa) safety push to Jared’s side which was probably a good thing knowing how good Jared (Abbrerderis)

was. Ped made a great play on the ball and it was a good way to go into half.”

Midway through the third quarter, the Badgers were still clinging to their 7-6 lead when Drew Meyer’s 48-yard punt was downed on the Iowa 1. On the very next play, quarterback Jake Rudock was picked off by Hillary on the 20. “We were in Cover 3,” said Hillary. “I kind of baited the quarterback into throwing the deep ball because I sat on something short and ran back and fell under it.”

Following the turnover, Stave found Abbrerderis on a touchdown strike. That made it 14-6. Rudock was benched in favor of C.J. Beathard, who was a red-shirt freshman and extremely raw at that stage of his career. It showed in his passing numbers: 4-of-16 for 70 yards in the 28-9 loss. Rudock has since transferred to Michigan and the Badgers will face an entirely different Beathard on Saturday.

In a 62-16 mauling of North Texas, he completed his first 15 passes and finished 18-of-21 for 278 yards. Through four games, Beathard has completed 68 percent of his throws and leads the Big Ten in passing efficiency. Not only has he thrown for 962 yards and six touchdowns, but he has rushed for 151 and three scores. With his all-around skills, Beathard has brought some flair to the Iowa offense.

“He can lead,” Caputo said. “That’s one of the main things



you see out of him.”

Many believe that Beathard is an upgrade from Rudock. That elevates the challenge for the UW defense considering that Rudock passed for 311 yards and two touchdowns in last year’s game. Rudock’s effort still wasn’t enough to overcome Melvin Gordon, who ran for 200 bruising yards and two touchdowns. Tanner McEvoy also scored on

a 45-yard read option out of the Wildcat formation.

But the Badgers sealed their 26-24 win with a clutch run from an unlikely source, Stave. On a third-and-8 from the UW 38, Stave rolled out for a 12-yard gain. “If you get the first down, the game is over, so that’s all I was thinking,” said Stave, who was slightly shaken up on the play. “I tweaked my knee a little.

That’s what happens when you do kind of a jumping, spinning, whatever that was.”

Stave remembered attempting only 14 passes — completing 11 for 139 yards. Gordon was the leading receiver with four catches. Stave also remembered Gordon’s 88-yard run in the third quarter which put him over 2,000 for the season. And he remembered something else. “We were able to convert a lot of big third downs (7-of-13) to keep drives going,” said Stave. “That was huge for us.”

It could be huge again Saturday. Iowa leads the Big Ten in third down conversion percentage (.520) while Wisconsin is seventh (.440). During his Monday news conference, UW coach Paul Chryst talked about how “you’ve got to make plays” and “it comes down to execution more than anything” in those situations. He also acknowledged that “it was a big deal to play Iowa.” Practice should reflect that.

“Our practices have always been physical,” Stave said. “We’ve always practiced hard, we’ve always gotten after it. But I think our guys are going to have maybe a little more excitement, maybe a little more ... energy ... that might be a good word to use there. They’re a good team and everyone is aware of that. Every time we play Iowa, it’s always a battle.”

This year should be no exception. ■



DAVID STUKA



# Big Ten season brings new challenges

**B**efore the Big Ten opener, I always tried to get my assistant coaches to have a hop in their step to get the message across to the team that this week is different, this game is different — it means more.

Iowa is a lot like us. And this will be a much more physical game than we've played so far. They're physical on the O-line and the D-line. They're going to hit you. That's how we're built.

I've liked the improvement we showed through the non-conference games. I've always said that getting better from week to week is the aim of every coach, especially at this time of year.

Last week, I watched some tape on Hawai'i and I was concerned because they have some good players defensively; rugged guys. They were not going to be intimidated. You had to get movement with the offensive line and you had to cover them up. And our line really stepped up. That should give them confidence.

You'd love to have Corey Clement. He's one of the top five tailbacks in the country. It's a tough blow to lose him, but in football, you just move on, you keep moving forward. You don't have any other choice. You just hope that you can get Corey back for the stretch run.

When you lose one of your best players, someone who can give you big plays, you can't make mistakes. You can't have un-

forced penalties. You can't drop passes.

Offensively, you have to manufacture some things and try to get some explosive plays. We haven't had many big plays. But I'm confident in Paul Chryst. He's very creative and resourceful.

Defensively, we've continued to make plays. Our corners, Sojourn Shelton and Darius Hillary, have been playing well and Tanner McEvoy has solidified the secondary. I like how we've progressed.

Joe Schobert is a heck of a football player. He's always under control. He makes plays. With spread offenses, you've got to be able to tackle in the open field and he does that so well.

I think we have some really good young linebackers. With Chris Orr, I see a guy who has good instincts. That's the first thing you look for in a linebacker.

When I used to clinic high school coaches, I always used to say that, if I just took a job and I didn't know anything about my players, I would scrimmage to help make decisions on positions. I would take a look at guys all over the field and whoever had the most tackles — whoever was around the ball the most — I would move to linebacker.

Orr has a good sense for the ball and that's a good starting point. He's pretty physical. For him to play this well — this quickly — and to be involved as much as he is, that's pretty impressive.

I know our guys were high on another freshman linebacker, Alec Ingold. But he can help us right now at tailback and I think he slips into fullback next year when Derek Watt leaves.

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There has been a lot of discussion on targeting penalties after we had two players ejected in the Troy game. I thought it was the right thing to do when the officials overruled the call on McEvoy last Saturday after a replay review.

The bottom line is that you can't lead with your head. You have to hit with your shoulder. You can't put your head down and flush up; it has to go to the side.

You just have to be smarter with how you play and you have to be able to control yourself when you play. You can't get away with those big hits — those easy free hits — anymore.

I used to teach tackling with your chest. Your head wasn't involved. However you teach it, you have to get the head out of the play. You also have to teach yourself to pull off a hit.

I do like the direction that the game is going with all of this. It was something that was necessary. Those unprotected hits used to be celebrated with no concern for the safety of the player.

And with the way football is being attacked today — in many areas from many different angles — we have to protect players at all levels of the game. ■



# Heartland Trophy rivalry in good health

Last week the Badgers football team had its first home night game in three years. This week it will host Iowa for the first time in six seasons. Hard to believe, isn't it?

That also was the last time the Hawkeyes beat Wisconsin.

In a scheduling oddity, the two programs have had the last three meetings in Iowa City. All three went the Badgers' way, two in highly entertaining fashion. Last year Wisconsin held off an impressive second-half Iowa rally in route to a 26-24 victory. Melvin Gordon, one week removed from his ridiculous 408-yard rushing effort, added another 200 yards against the Hawks, as well as 64 receiving yards.

As special as Gordon was that day — and that season — one of the year's biggest runs came from Joel Stave. Yes, Joel Stave. His 12-yard run with less than two minutes to play secured the win and set the stage for the following week's West Division title game against Minnesota.

That was a fun day, but to this observer, one of the better games in recent memory happened five years ago at Kinnick Stadium. It also happens to be a game that I believe is underrated in the Badgers' run to the 2010 Big Ten title.

The previous week, the Badgers had beaten top-ranked Ohio State 31-18. It is a game no Wisconsin fan will forget. However, the very next week featured yet

another critical game at Iowa. Win, and the Badgers continue their march to a championship. Lose, and thoughts of a trip to the Rose Bowl would be severely damaged, if not completely shot.

In a thriller, the Badgers won 31-30. Trailing late in the game, UW executed a fake punt with Brad Nortman. Later, there was another huge fourth-down conversion when Scott Tolzien hooked up with Montee Ball. Then Ball, filling in for banged-up running backs John Clay and James White, had consecutive runs of 8 yards. That second rush scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown. A monster play in a monster game in that championship season.

"There's no doubt, and I think you talk to our players, that is how they felt," said UW head coach Paul Chryst, who then was Wisconsin's offensive coordinator.

After the circus atmosphere surrounding the Ohio State game, the coaches, especially on the offensive side, were very determined to move on quickly and lock into the next game.

"Each game you win makes the next game that much more important," said Chryst. "We didn't even watch the film that week because we knew that (the win against the Buckeyes) does nothing for you if you don't take care of the next game."

Remember the Badgers had lost the league opener at Michi-

gan State. The Badgers needed to keep winning, which they did. There was a three-way tie for the crown as Wisconsin, Michigan State and Ohio State had 7-1 conference records. UW got the nod for Pasadena because it was the highest-ranked of the three in the final BCS standings.

As for current events, while most of the attention will be directed at the East Division with the nation's top two ranked teams, there could be a very good show shaping up in the West. Iowa is playing well, especially QB C.J. Beathard, who has completed 68 percent of his passes for nearly 1,000 yards.

The Hawkeyes' defense has been stingy against the run. Also, in last week's romp of North Texas, the defense scored a pair of TDs on interception returns.

Then again, after dropping their opener to Alabama, the Badgers have reason to believe they are getting better. The defense has surrendered a total of three points in three weeks. Even without Corey Clement, the running game is showing positive signs.

So it sets up to be a good one. Through the first four games, there has been little in the way of late-game drama. Something tells me that might change Saturday.

After all, it is a rivalry game. Maybe that is how it is supposed to play out.

Be ready. Big Ten football is here. ■



# WHAT'S ONE THING YOU HAVE TO TAKE ON EVERY ROAD TRIP?



## CASEY BEYERS

Junior • Men's Soccer

“My teammate Carl Schneider and I bring Pokémon to play on Game Boy. When we're in the airport and we can't read or can't do homework, we just play Pokémon. We talk about what we've done, how we've gone about things, what Pokémon we've caught, which of us is leveling faster and how to beat certain gym leaders. I guess it just gives me and Carl something to do.”



## JENNY RYAN

Junior • Women's Hockey

“I always have to take my hippo Pillow Pet, whose name is Eddie. He was given to me by my best friend when I was in middle school and he is a really great companion to have on the road. Instead of a big, normal pillow I bring him and he's good to have.”



## BENJAMIN SKOGEN

Junior • Men's Golf

“I would say I definitely need to pack my headphones. I listen to a lot of music wherever I am, but especially on long car rides and long plane rides. It helps me stay focused on homework and block out distractions. I also just really enjoy listening to music.”



## KELSEY CARD

Senior • Women's Track & Field

“I have several things that I have to pack on trips, including my headphones I always have to have. But probably the most important item is a tie-dyed T-shirt from a high school meet that I always sleep in the night before competition.”



DAVID STILUKA

## SOPHIA SHAVER

*A native of Wayzata, Minnesota, freshman Sophia Shaver will make her Wisconsin debut this weekend as the No. 3 Badgers open their season in San Jose, California, with a non-conference series against Providence. No stranger to the big stage, Shaver joined fellow UW freshman Mikaela Gardner in leading the U.S. to gold at the 2015 IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championships. She also skated in a USA Hockey camp that featured former Badgers Brianna Decker, Hilary Knight and Alex Rigsby.*

### How did you end up playing hockey?

"I got involved with hockey because my sister, Crosby, played hockey. I used to dance and I kind of got bored of that, and then I went to one of her games and thought it was super interesting so I joined a little mite league when I was 6 or 7. Also, a lot of people that I knew were playing hockey around me. In the winter it's always fun to go out and play on the ponds with everyone in your neighborhood, so it's kind of just a community of hockey players. That's how I got involved."

### Being a Minnesota native, what drew you to Wisconsin?

"When I came here and visited, I had heard a lot about UW and how great it was. I came here on my visit and I just loved it. It's not too far away from home, but it's far enough. The facilities, coaches, teammates and everything is just fantastic."

### Will your international experience help you adjust to college?

"I think because of how fast the play was at the under-18s, it gave me a look forward of how it might be like here. At the

### ALL ABOUT SOPHIA

**Year:** Freshman  
**Position:** Forward  
**Height:** 5-10  
**Hometown:** Wayzata, Minn.  
**High School:** Wayzata

### QUICK Qs FOR SOPHIA

#### Favorite cereal?

"I like Kashi cereal."

#### Favorite hockey player?

"Hilary Knight."

#### Favorite movie?

"I don't have a favorite movie. I do like scary movies, though."

#### Dream job?

"I want to be a marketing manager."

#### TV show you never miss?

"*The Bachelor/Bachelorette.*"

#### Worst household chore?

"Taking out the garbage."

# THE NOT-SO-ODD COUPLE



DAVID STLUKA

THE ANCHORS OF WISCONSIN'S OFFENSIVE LINE HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN SIMPLY THEIR SIZE. TYLER MARZ AND DAN VOLTZ ARE PERFECTLY ALIGNED, BOTH IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY SEEK — THE CHANCE TO PLAY THE BADGERS' BRAND OF PHYSICAL FOOTBALL — AND WHAT THEY DON'T — THE SPOTLIGHT.



DAVID STLUKA

**T**yler Marz and Dan Voltz like who they are, and what they do. Not that you will find them pounding their chest or drawing attention to themselves. Not in their DNA. They're offensive linemen who toil in obscurity unless they mess up. So what's to like about what they do? Everything, they say.

"It's just the stigma we have," said Voltz, a redshirt junior center. "People think of O-linemen as just hardworking guys that don't look to be in the newspaper. Our practices aren't very fun and we do a lot of hard work. People will look at our position and ask, 'Why would you ever want to do that?'"

Sounds like a fair question.

"But that's something that we hang our hat on," Voltz said of the lack of understanding and recognition for their efforts. "What we do kind of sets the stage for if we're going to have a good day or not running the ball and passing the ball. We take pride in that."

"Dan is the one that snaps the ball — it starts with the O-line," echoed Marz, a fifth-year senior tackle. "If we're not clicking, things probably are not going to go well for the offense. We have five guys in our position group, which is the most of any position group on the field, so we have to be clicking."

They can't hide, either — on the field (if they've been assessed a penalty) or off the field (if they're socializing). "We all like to hang out together and move together," Marz said. "You'll always see four or five big guys walking around together and people can pick you out pretty easy."

They're definitely the BMOC, with an emphasis on the Big. And if there is anything to dislike about what they do, it's the weight that they carry, literally, a hazard of the position. "Trying to find clothes to fit is usually pretty tough," said the 6-7, 323-pound Marz. "But I like the lifestyle that I live."

So does Voltz, who confirmed big is better; size matters. "I came in at 265 and now I weigh 305 to 310," he said. "Putting your body in a different place than it naturally should be is tough for some guys. But it's probably the only time in my life that I will get to eat whatever I want, whenever I want."

Bon appetit. Remember, it's who they are, and what they do. Especially at Wisconsin.

"It's just like a lifestyle," Voltz said of the tradition. "More than any other position, everything you do encompasses that. It's the guys you play with, like Tyler ... blue collar guys that you want to hang out with and go to battle with every day. It's dirty work and not a lot of glory. But that's what we like."

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Last week, Voltz and Marz appeared on the Paul Chryst radio show. Most O-linemen would admit that they have faces made for radio. It's an "In-the-trenches" mentality. Voltz was wearing a T-shirt from his high school days in Barrington, Illinois. On the front, it proclaimed, "Barrington Men of Steel."

Beyond loyalty to his alma mater, the Barrington Broncos, a school in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, it was out of convenience and necessity that he wore the T-shirt in public. "Honestly," he said, "this comes on sometimes if you're not doing your laundry and this is all you've got."

Barrington's enrollment is a little over 3,000 — or larger than Marz's hometown. He's from Springfield, Minnesota, a small community of a little over 2,000 about an hour from Mankato and 120 miles from Minneapolis. Springfield is known as the birthplace of Gophers legend Bernie Bierman.

"Everyone kind of knows everyone back home," said Marz. "There are a lot of people who are interested (in Marz's career at Wisconsin). Some of them, of course, are Gopher fans. But they're still rooting for me here. It's been a fun experience seeing all the support from a small town."

Marz's 2011 recruiting class included Melvin Gordon, who had originally committed to Iowa, and Russell Wilson, a graduate transfer from NC State. Chryst was then the offensive coordinator, Joe Rudolph was the recruiting coordinator, and Bob Bostad was the offensive line coach.

"The first year was definitely tough," Marz said. "I was underweight, a little undersized (at 280). You're trying to put on a lot of weight, you're lifting hard in the weight room and then you're having these tough practices where you're a scout team guy for the No. 1 defense."

Confided Marz, "You definitely have some moments when you are questioning yourself."

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Voltz, an early enrollee in the spring of 2012, can relate to the self-analysis and doubt.

“Just being a young guy and going through spring ball, it was kind of a culture shock playing against guys that were bigger than me,” he said. “I remember one of my first reps was going against (nose guard) Beau Allen and he just drove me five yards into the backfield.”

Concluded Voltz, “After that, I was like, ‘Wow, this is going to be a long college career.’”

But he knew that he wasn’t alone.

“Everybody starts down there,” he said. “And then

you get stronger, you get bigger, you get more experienced and you learn the techniques. I’ve kind of evolved. But definitely the first time you play college football, it can kind of open your eyes and wow you a little bit.”

Marz couldn’t pinpoint an exact turning point for his career. “But once I started playing my sophomore year, it was uphill from there,” said Marz, who had 13 starts in 2013. “And it has been good ever since. But the first couple of years of putting on weight and muscle were pretty tough.”

Voltz vaguely remembered meeting Marz for the first time in a study hall.

“That was kind of the first time we started talking,” Voltz said. “He was a good guy. That’s why we’ve been friends for so long. We’re just similar guys, blue collar guys.

“We’re not about being flashy, or whatever. We like to work hard and have a good time and we’ve kind of connected ever since.”

When Voltz joined the program, Mike Markuson was the offensive line coach. But he was unceremoniously fired by head coach Bret Bielema after a disappointing early-season loss at Oregon State in 2012. Markuson was replaced by a second-year graduate assistant named Bart Miller.

By all accounts, everyone liked Miller, who brought some much-needed stability to the O-line. But after Bielema left for Arkansas, Miller was not retained when the Badgers hired Gary Andersen, whose offensive line coach at Utah State, T.J. Woods, accompanied him to Madison.

“It was kind of hard when you had the different coaching changes, it was just one after another, and you couldn’t really get any momentum going,” said Marz, who was delighted when Chryst returned to replace Andersen and brought along Rudolph to coordinate the offense and coach the offensive line.

“Coach Rudolph brings a very high energy to practices and meetings,” said Marz. “He even talks about life outside of that (football). I’ve really enjoyed the energy that he brings and it trickles down to us as players. I just respect him as a coach and a person.”

Voltz has the same impression of Rudolph. “He kind of brings a different light on to some coaching aspects, different from the coaches we’ve had in the past,” said Voltz. “He has been there and done that (as a UW starting guard). He has been on some very





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“So, he knows what it takes to get it done. When it’s really hard out there and you’re looking for something (to keep you going), you just look to Coach Rudolph and he has got something to kind of help you through it all.”

Marz and Voltz have each had their player mentors during their formative years at Wisconsin.

For Marz, it was tackle Rick Wagner, now a starter with the Baltimore Ravens. He also singled out Josh Oglesbly, Ryan Groy and Travis Frederick for the guidance that they provided. “The upperclassmen are always trying to help,” Marz said. “That’s the best part about the O-line here.”

For Voltz, it was Frederick, a first-round draft pick and a starter with the Dallas Cowboys. “From a center’s perspective, I really don’t have to explain why,” he said. “He’s just an incredible player and a really smart guy. He does everything the right way.”

As a center, you tend to lean on your guards. And Voltz credited last season’s starters, Kyle Costigan and Dallas Lewallen, for helping him grow. “Their

bodies might not have been in the best shape,” he said of the injuries that they both endured, “but they put it on the line every game.”

With the graduation losses of Costigan, Lewallen and All-America right tackle, Rob Havenstein, now a starter with the St. Louis Rams, the O-line landscape has changed for Marz and Voltz. Given the inexperience and injuries, and the absence of injured tailback Corey Clement, they’ve assumed different roles.

“It’s a new experience for me,” Voltz said. “I’ve always been the young guy on the offensive line having the older guys telling me what to do. But this year, it’s my turn to step into that role. It has been challenging for me — you have to focus on yourself first.

“But you also have other guys that are depending on you ... guys who have never played before. But each week, we’re getting better, we’re getting more comfortable with each other and the communication is coming along.”

That would be the operative word.



“Communication,” Marz repeated. “Coach Rudolph has really stressed that. When you’ve got some younger guys on the O-line, you really need to communicate and make things very clear. You can’t leave anything gray for them. You can’t assume. A lot of it is just getting reps at different looks.”

The more you do something, he indicated, the more comfortable you become.

“Especially with the young guys,” Voltz said. “The more reps, the better. The good thing is we’re still early in the season and we have a lot of practices left, a lot of games left. Each practice we’re getting better, each game we’re getting better. As an O-line, we’re getting more used to each other.”

It’s all part of the ongoing transition for the two returning starters. “Last year, we had a pretty tight group and we all had experience,” said Marz, who has 31 career starts. “No one really had to step up and lead, though Rob (Havenstein) obviously did a good job leading the whole team.

“As an offensive line this year, especially with three guys not having much experience, Dan and I have definitely had to step up and kind of mentor those guys, whether it’s watching film or with a lot of the verbiage that you don’t know as a young guy.

“It might seem obvious (on the surface) but you have to explain it to them. I think we’ve come a long way so far. We still have a lot of room to grow. Each week, we just need to keep getting better ... I’m excited for Taiwan (Deal) and

Dare (Ogunbowale) getting their reps.”

There was a caveat. “Obviously, we want to get Corey back,” he said.

Until then ... “Those guys run hard, too.” Marz added.

Deal ran for 147 yards and Ogunbowale for 87 in a 28-0 victory over Hawai’i.

“My message to the guys before the game was, ‘This is a statement game for us before going into Big

Ten play,’” said Voltz, who has 24 starts. “We’ve got Iowa and then Nebraska — two physical games — and we’ve got to come and prove to everybody that we’re going to put up a fight like that.”

It was most assuredly a confidence builder; a lead-by-example scenario.

“Last year guys like Costigan and LeWallen didn’t say a whole lot,” Voltz said. “But it was the way they practiced and the way they played — that was the leadership in itself. You don’t have to always say stuff. But it’s the way you play and the way that you present yourself that shows your true leadership.

“Each week, we’ve taken steps. The run game is improving and we’ve done a good job with the passing game since Day One in pass pro and with Joel (Stave) obviously playing really well. It’s exciting to see a balanced attack like that (against Hawaii) and it’s really going to help us.”

Voltz was not being a cheerleader, he was just laying out the facts. “That’s the best part about being an offensive lineman, you don’t have to be rah-rah,” said Marz.



**I’VE ALWAYS BEEN THE YOUNG GUY ON THE OFFENSIVE LINE HAVING THE OLDER GUYS TELLING ME WHAT TO DO. BUT THIS YEAR, IT’S MY TURN TO STEP INTO THAT ROLE.**



DAN SANGER



there's a penalty, you've got to go first-and-15 and you still have to get the first down, you persevere. You have adversity, you face it, you overcome it and that's always a good feeling."

Resiliency.

"You're going to get beat every now and then," Voltz said, "and you have to be able to completely forget about that play and move on to the next one because if you're thinking about it, the odds are that it's going to happen again. Having that short memory and moving on is just huge."

"Dan hit it on the head," said Marz. "Sometimes, I like to take a play that wasn't so good and use it as motivation. I had a tough game my sophomore year and was actually benched and I had to wait another month to play again. That was kind of a big turning point for me."

The message was that you can't take anything for granted, particularly in the Big Ten. Who will get the last word? For the first time since 2009, the Bad-

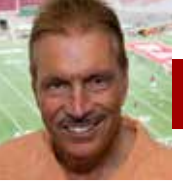
gers will welcome Iowa to Camp Randall Stadium in Saturday's league opener. The Hawkeyes also take great pride in developing offensive linemen.

"It's always a hard-nosed conference and those words that you were throwing out," said Marz, alluding to chemistry, perseverance and resiliency, "are what we're going to need. That's part of the reason I came here because I knew it was going to be a grinder conference with a lot of running and smash-mouth football. It's fun when you're doing that."

"Non-conference games are fun to work the kinks out and get some wins," Voltz said. "Big Ten play is when everything amps up. The practices are more intense. The games are more physical. Like Tyler said, that's why you come here — to play teams like Iowa and Nebraska and Minnesota in physical games where you're going to run the ball and it's going to be a bar fight. I'm looking forward to it."

It's who they are and what they do. 





DAVID STLUKA

## New look gets Badgers back to old ways

Runners Deal, Ogunbowale benefit from two-fullback formation vs. Hawai'i

Inverted Wishbone. Diamond. Full House. Call it what you want. But the formation — featuring fullbacks Derek Watt and Austin Ramesh in the backfield — accomplished what it was designed to. “I thought we got some mileage out of it,” said Wisconsin head coach Paul Chryst.

That’s like saying the UW defense has been pretty good lately. Another understatement.

On Saturday night, the Badgers used the 236-pound Watt and the 246-pound Ramesh as split-back blockers to help open up running holes for the tailback, whether it was Taiwan Deal or Dare Ogunbowale. Combined, they had 41 carries for 232 yards in a 28-0 skunking of Hawai'i.

The Green Bay Packers have had a lot of success with the Inverted Wishbone — adjusting it to fit their personnel. And it just seems perfectly suited for Wisconsin, a traditional college program that still takes pride in playing fullbacks in an offensive era of spread formations and multiple receivers.

“We like it — with me and Ramesh in the game — both fullbacks working hard,” said Watt, a fifth-year senior. “It gives us an opportunity to run some different plays out of it and I know it

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## Uncharted territory: Breaking the streak

Badgers look to end three-match losing streak as they open Big Ten home season

For the first time in Kelly Sheffield's three seasons as coach at Wisconsin, the Badgers have dropped three straight matches.

After wrapping up the non-conference season with a 3-2 loss to Arkansas, UW opened Big Ten play with a 3-0 loss at No. 1 Penn State on Sept. 23 before getting edged by No. 12 Ohio State last Sunday.

"The truth is we played against some pretty tough teams," Sheffield said. "Remember the end of *Animal House* when everybody is all over the place, and they're running and young Kevin Bacon says, 'All is well. Remain calm. All is well?'"

"Sometimes there is a little bit of that. I thought at the beginning of (the Ohio State match), they scored a couple of points and we're just running all over the place creating mayhem. We were able to calm down and get back in the fight, and it was a good match from there on out."

Despite the losing streak, Sheffield sees the improvement of his team.

"A show that I used to like when I was younger, remember *The A-Team*?" Sheffield asked. "I forget which one it was, but

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GREG ANDERSON

## Besse one to watch as practice begins

Junior assistant captain leads what should be improved group of forwards

Junior assistant captain Grant Besse headlines the Wisconsin men's hockey offense as official practices begin Saturday and the 2015-16 season approaches. The Big Ten coaches think the same thing, naming Besse one of the conference's players to watch.

Besse returns as the Badgers' top scorer and one of the Big Ten's most prolific offensive players after putting up 11 goals and 22 points as a sophomore in 2014-15.

On paper, Besse looks like part of a talented group of forwards that should include three scoring lines. With Besse, fellow junior forward Jedd Soleway and sophomores Cameron Hughes and Adam Rockwood, UW boasts a group that should be ready to take a step forward.

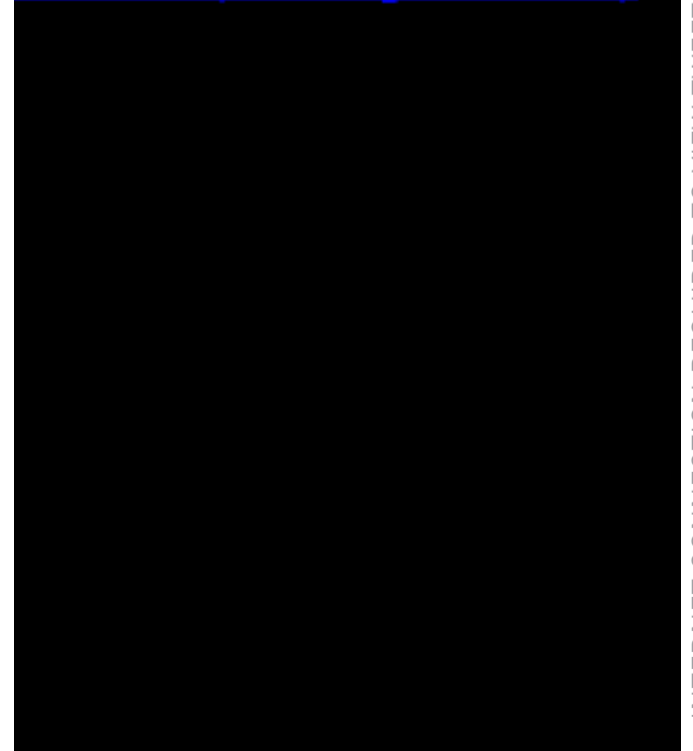
Add in top USHL scoring forwards Seamus Malone and Will Johnson, as well as the U.S. National Team Development Program's Luke Kunin, and suddenly there's some depth up front for the Badgers.

Look for Ryan Wagner and Matt Ustaski, and maybe even Jason Ford to step up their offensive games, as well.

From the blue line, senior captain Kevin Schulze, as well as Tim

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# INSIDE WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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## Growing game a goal on opening weekend

No.3 Wisconsin will face Providence and host a kids' clinic in San Jose

**F**all is here, hockey season has arrived ... and the Badgers are making their way to warmer weather?

Third-ranked Wisconsin is set to open its season by making its second-ever trip to California this weekend for a non-conference series with Providence in San Jose.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for Wisconsin senior Molly Doner, who played for the San Jose Jr. Sharks for two seasons. Doner, the daughter of former UW men's hockey player Lexi Doner, will face one of her former Sharks teammates in Providence captain Lexi Romanchuk, herself the daughter of a former Badger, Rod Romanchuk.

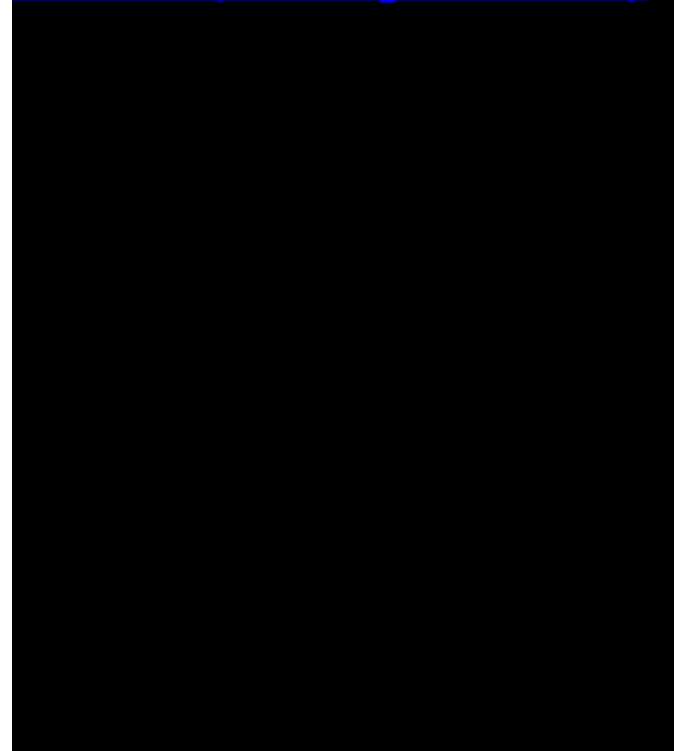
"It's really exciting," Doner said. "At the time I played with Lexi Romanchuk, neither of us knew where we were going to be playing college hockey, we all just knew that was the dream we had. I know it's really special for her to be able to go back home to her hometown and play in front of a lot of her family members.

"I'm very excited to see her and get the opportunity to play against her just like old times."

Wisconsin sophomore Annie Pankowski, the 2014-15 USCHO.com Rookie of the Year, is also familiar with the area. A native of

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DAVID STLUJKA

## 95ers reunited once again last weekend

UW hosted alumni, including members of its 1995 national championship team

The Wisconsin men's soccer program was pleased to welcome back a number of its alumni last weekend. Not only were they acknowledged on the field during Saturday's football game, but the team was also recognized at Sunday's soccer match.

While each of the alumni that returned have left a mark on the program in their own fashion, no one raised the profile of Wisconsin men's soccer higher than members of the 1995 national championship team.

A number of those 95ers returned to Madison to celebrate the 20-year reunion of that special season. The assembled group can be seen above in the group photo taken during halftime of UW's game against No. 11 Maryland.

Under the guidance of head coach Jim Launder, the Badgers put together a prolific era of success that included NCAA tournament appearances in 1991, 1993, 1994 and then again in 1995. That 1995 appearance proved to be a memorable one.

With eight seniors on the roster and four of its five scoring leaders back, those Badgers showed promise, but no one knew just how special the group would end up being. Led by team captains

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## Badgers finding their stride at right time

Riding three straight shutouts and improving offense, UW looks to sweep homestand

**W**ith the defense continuing to shore itself up and the offense showing signs of a growing presence, the Wisconsin women's soccer team appears to be coming into its own at the right time.

With back-to-back Big Ten home shutouts last weekend, the Badgers have strung together three straight clean sheets. If you take away UW's road loss at then-No. 4 Penn State, the Badgers' defense has allowed just three goals in its last nine games.

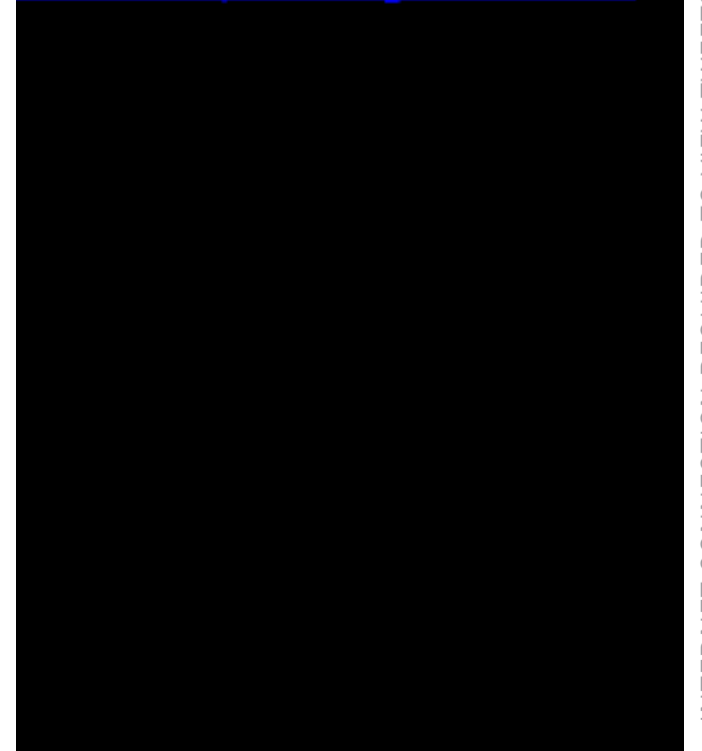
One of those aforementioned shutouts came in arguably the team's most complete game this season. Wisconsin posted a 3-0 win over Indiana at home last Friday in which the Badgers not only pitched a shutout, but Kinley McNicoll, McKenna Meuer and Steph Fabry each scored a goal.

"We've talked about different ways to score and I think right now we're building toward different ways of doing that," UW head coach Paula Wilkins said. "We're breaking lines, we're getting through and we're being able to slip in some more balls. But, we've always come back to set pieces."

Wisconsin scored twice on set pieces last weekend, both of which were flicked in off the head of Meuer. The senior midfielder

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## Badgers look to Louisville for NCAA preview

Wisconsin men and women set to defend Greater Louisville Classic titles from '14

**T**he Badgers start October in the same place where they hope to end November: Louisville, Kentucky.

Wisconsin gets an early look at the site of the 2015 NCAA Cross Country Championship with this weekend's Greater Louisville Classic. The men will compete in an 8-kilometer race at E.P Tom Sawyer State Park at 8:30 a.m. (CT), while the women's race will cover 5 kilometers at 9:15 a.m.

It marks the third race of the season for both teams, with UW sweeping the team titles at both the Badger Season Opener and the Iona Meet of Champions. Shaelyn Sorensen has won both races this year for the Wisconsin women, who enter the weekend ranked No. 11.

"The team has looked really good so far this year," senior Molly Hanson said. "It seems like everyone has been training very smart, and the team energy is fantastic right now. I feel that we're slowly gaining momentum so we'll be ready to roll in a month or so when we hit championship season.

The men, ranked No. 4 nationally and No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region, used a great group effort at the Iona Meet of Champions to win the team title. UW's top five runners finished third through

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## Chypyha crowned, moves to bigger stage

After winning the Gopher Invite title, Lauren Chypyha heads to ITA Championships

The courts at the Baseline Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota might be decorated in Gophers maroon and gold, but last weekend they belonged to the Cardinal and White. The Wisconsin women's tennis team boasted three of the four semifinalists in the top draw of the Gopher Invite, including singles champion Lauren Chypyha.

Chypyha, who is ranked 125th in the nation, defeated freshman and fellow teammate Kendal Kirsch in an all-Badger final. Kirsch ripped off four straight wins to advance to the championship match, but a 6-2, 6-2 decision put the first blemish on her collegiate career as she moved to an impressive 10-1.

Kirsch advanced to the title bout with a hotly-contested 7-6 (3), 6-4 win over teammate Maria Avgerinos in the semifinals. In addition, to the three A Flight standouts, sophomore Kelsey Grambeau placed fifth in the B Flight, along with junior Sydney Rider (seventh) and senior Lauren Burich (ninth). Competing in the C Flight, freshman Nathalie Joanlanne nabbed a fifth-place finish.

Overall, the Badgers went 26-8 in singles action and 10-8 in doubles.

"To have all three of our 'A' draw players reach the semis says

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- Oct. 3 ITA All-American Invite
- Oct. 9 Princeton Invite
- Oct. 22 ITA Regional Invite

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#### COMING UP

- Oct. 3 ITA All-American Invite
- Oct. 9 Beach Tennis Tournament
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