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# Hall of Fame nod another summit for McIntosh

**A**lthough 37-year-old Chris McIntosh has never stopped reaching for the stars — the impetus behind McIntosh's ascent of Mount Rainier, Mount Orizaba and Mount McKinley — he never saw himself as a star; someone who someday would be inducted into the University of Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.

But that day will arrive Friday for McIntosh, an All-American left offensive tackle that opened holes for Ron Dayne; a two-time captain on the 1998 and 1999 teams that won the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl; and a first-round selection of the Seattle Seahawks in the 2000 NFL Draft.

"It's surreal," McIntosh said, "just because it's something I could never have dreamed up as an 18-year-old freshman or a 22-year-old senior leaving (Wisconsin). It's one of those things you see happen but never really think about in the context of being able to do it yourself."

His narrative is worth revisiting in light of his Hall of Fame induction.

After he tore his ACL the third game of his senior year at Pewaukee High School — yes, the same school that would spawn the \$100 million defensive end J.J. Watt — there were more questions than answers about his future, especially after contracting a staph infection and

losing 40 pounds.

"The priority was saving my leg versus saving my playing career," McIntosh said. "Even as an 18-year-old who probably lacked the ability to see the larger picture, it got through my thick head that football might not actually come to fruition and I might not have a college career."

But he persevered. After redshirting as a true freshman in 1995, McIntosh took over as the starting left tackle on an O-line that featured fifth-year seniors Jamie Vanderveldt, Derek Engler, Manny Castro and Jerry Wunsch in 1996 — the same year that Dayne burst on to the scene by rushing for 2,109 yards.

"It was kind of baptism by fire," McIntosh said. "If I'm honest with myself, I didn't have a lot or any confidence in my ability to play left tackle at Wisconsin in the Big Ten with four other seniors. I know I didn't feel like I belonged there. It was just a really tough season and I took my lumps."

Once again, he persevered; a developing trend. The following season, McIntosh was the lone returning starter on the offensive line. "I was

the cagey veteran," he recalled, "which is kind of scary to know as a sophomore. But it forced me to take the next step in my development."

That entailed growing up in a hurry. "Prior to that I didn't want to be the guy who gave up the sack to lose the game; that's what motivated me, the fear of making mistakes," he said. "From that point on, I was motivated to compete ... I gained confidence ... and the game





slowed down for me.”

McIntosh had the ability to motivate others, too. After the Badgers got crushed by Georgia, 33-6, in the 1998 Outback Bowl — Mike Bobo completed 26 of 28 passes and Hines Ward set a bowl record with 12 catches — McIntosh decided it was time to get something off his chest and speak out.

“I didn’t come to Wisconsin to go to the Outback Bowl, I came here to go to the Rose Bowl,” he said, later conceding, “That’s a pretty lofty goal after getting our butts kicked by Georgia and that was completely out of my comfort zone to stand in front of my teammates and say something like that.”

But it was something that

McIntosh believed in. “I thought we could do it and I knew other guys thought we could as well,” he said. “We left that team meeting with 100 percent buy-in on that idea and every player agreed that was our goal (the Rose Bowl) and what we should work towards.”

Two Rose Bowl trips later, McIntosh was starting as a rookie in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks. But after injuring his neck, he was forced into early retirement. “It was the first time that I just couldn’t ‘tough’ through it,” he said. “I couldn’t just grit my teeth. That was frustrating.”

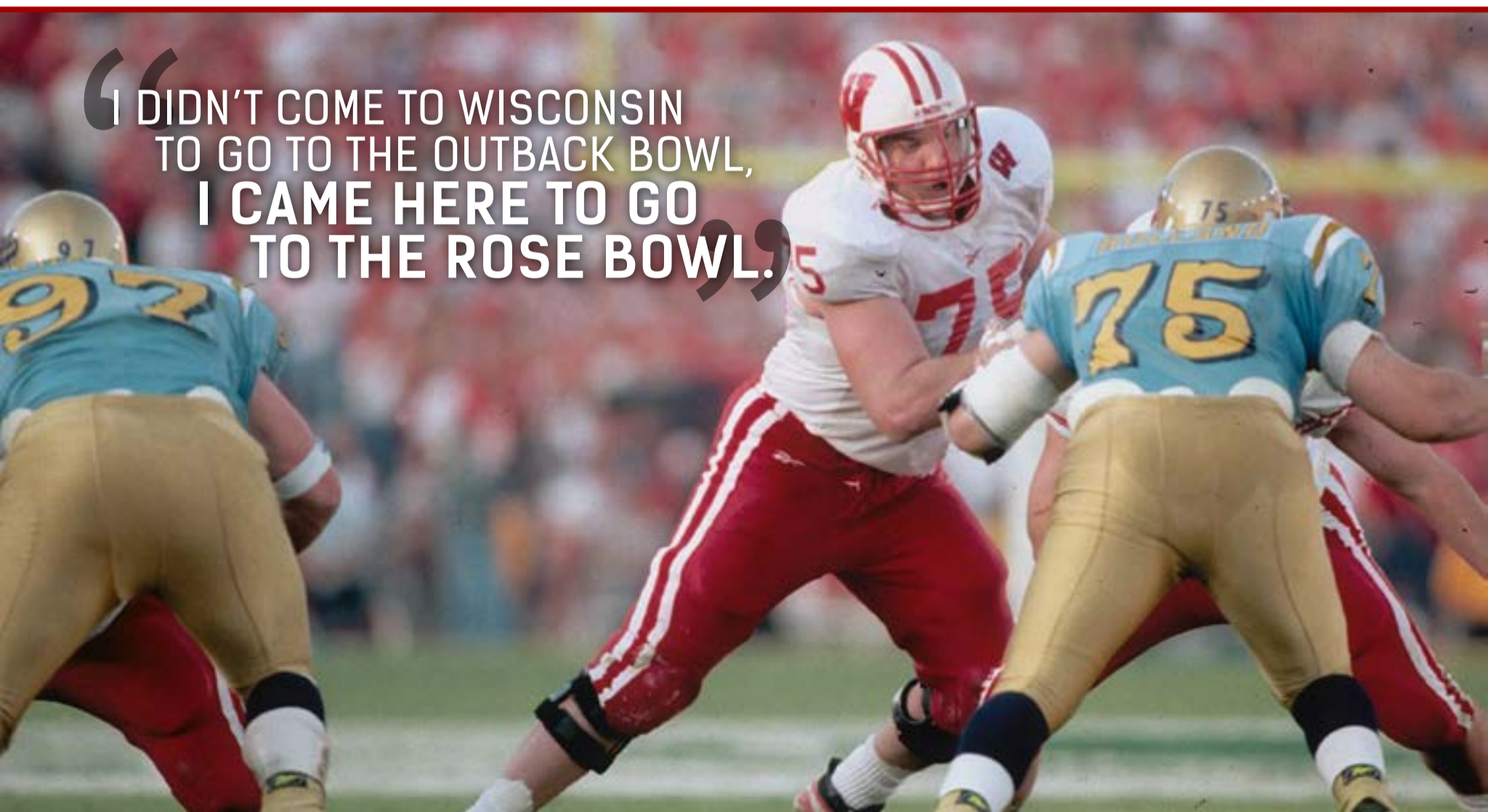
Since then, he has found an outlet for his competitiveness: mountain climbing. Mount Rain-

ier (14,417 feet) was his beginner’s “hill,” followed by Orizaba (18,491), the tallest mountain in Mexico, followed by McKinley (20,237), the highest peak in North America and one of the Seven Summits — the name given to the highest climbs on each of the seven continents.

“It was scary but rewarding at the same time,” he said of his Denali expedition. “It forced me to push through these limits that we all self-impose, which kind of took me back to my football days. I could hear Coach Alvie (Barry Alvarez) in my head yelling at me to push myself and compete.”

It’s a competitive streak that he shares with the other Hall of Fame inductees. ■

“I DIDN’T COME TO WISCONSIN TO GO TO THE OUTBACK BOWL, I CAME HERE TO GO TO THE ROSE BOWL.”





# Updates make opener even more exciting

**T**he home opener is always exciting. First of all, you love playing here. Camp Randall Stadium is one of the best venues in the country.

Plus, there's always so much energy and excitement around campus the first week of school. Everything is so fresh, so vibrant.

This will be the first time our young players will take the field at home in front of a full house, all those people in red. It's a special feeling running up that ramp.

I think our fans will notice a huge difference in the stadium with all of our game day enhancements. We've added 700 television screens and a lot of information will be disseminated.

The addition of a free Wi-Fi network will give people better access to the internet and our Badger Gameday app that will have rosters and maps of the stadium.

Most of our concession stands have been upgraded, along with an upgrade in the food. We'll have some portable concessions stands available as you come into the stadium.

As everyone knows, Camp Randall is an old stadium, nearly 100 years old. But we've tried to do as much as we possibly can milking every inch out of it.

I don't know if people realize that we've wrapped the back end of the stadium with two

floors of the academic center, a state-of-the-art facility that has few rivals anywhere in the country.

The Bud Selig Hall of Champions is now our entryway. A few years ago, it was a tunnel under the stadium with an old door going into the McClain Facility and it had a garbage can sitting in front of it. Now, we've got a glassed-in area, a Wall of Champions with different videos depicting our title teams, trophies, Heismans, rings and pictures of some of our outstanding student-athletes.

If you look up that corridor — with Lot 17 on one side and the stadium on the other — that's a really impressive area, whereas it used to be just a driveway, an alleyway.

On Friday night, we'll hold our UW Athletic Hall of Fame induction at Heritage Hall. We're moving inside for the first time and it will be a nice ceremony and a big deal for the inductees and their families.

We'll introduce our Hall of Famers at Saturday's game. Among them will be one of my guys, one of my former players, Chris McIntosh. Whenever I think of him, I think of leadership and toughness.

During his senior year of high school, he had an ACL injury and his mother called me and asked if his scholarship was still good. I reassured her that once we com-

mitted, we're committed.

Chris was one of our better captains. He was a tough guy. I remember him saying that he didn't come here to go the Outback Bowl, he came here to go to the Rose Bowl.

Here we had just gotten our butt beaten by Georgia in the Outback Bowl and he was talking about the Rose Bowl. That was impressive, especially coming from such a young player, a sophomore.

I like it when somebody has the grit and confidence to stand up and make a statement like that. But you've got to back it up. And those players did. The next two years, we were Rose Bowl champs.

Steve Bennett, a baseball All-American, will also be inducted Friday. Steve and his wife Marsha stepped forward and gave us the lead gift for the SAPC (Student-Athletic Performance Center). Steve grew up in Madison, his father played football at Wisconsin and his mom is still living here. I know he's very appreciative of the university and it will be nice to have him back on campus.

He's a very impressive guy and represents our former athletes extremely well. He left here and went out and had a very successful career and, in return, he was very generous in saying thank-you.

We can't thank him enough. ■

# WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A FRESHMAN TEAMMATE ABOUT STARTING OUT AT UW?



**DUJE DUKAN**

Senior • Men's Basketball

“My biggest advice would be to enjoy every minute because school flies by. Even if there is a class you don't enjoy, you'll learn a lot. In terms of basketball, be patient and work hard. Your opportunities will come, but enjoy the work.”



**MICHALA JOHNSON**

Senior • Women's Basketball

“I would tell them to learn how to manage their time with school and their sport. Both take a lot of time and energy. But, I would also tell them to have fun while doing it.”



**CAITLYN CLEM**

Redshirt Freshman • Women's Soccer

“I think it's important as a freshman to stay true to yourself. It's easy to want to fit in and get lost trying to fit in with the crowd. I think being confident and knowing that what you have to say and what you do is important. Speaking from an athletic point of view, he/she needs to keep in mind that they'll make an impact to the team in their own way.”



**MOLLY DONER**

Junior • Women's Hockey

“Work hard and enjoy the experience! By making it to a top program like Wisconsin you've already achieved a great accomplishment. Get out and experience everything UW and the city of Madison has to offer. Don't take anything for granted, it goes by too fast!”



DAVID STLUKA

# MOLLY HANSON

## WOMEN'S TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY

*After earning second-team All-America honors on the track last spring, junior Molly Hanson looks to continue her success this cross country season as the Badgers open up the 2014 season with the Badger Opener on Friday. Racing starts at 5 p.m. at the Zimmer Championship Course with the women's 4-kilometer race, followed by the men's 6K.*

### How do you think your first season went at Wisconsin?

"I would say they were both definitely a success. I made a lot of improvements after spending my freshman year at Marquette. I just really felt I connected with the team in new ways. In that way, team-wise, it was a major success. But then also individually, I had goals that I never thought that I was going to ever accomplish a year before that. I'm just really happy with how my first season went in Madison."

### Did you learn anything from competing in the NCAA outdoor track championships last year that will help you in cross country?

"I think it's definitely going to give me a new perspective on everything. I know what it's like to compete now at that level and lineup against girls with big names and who have accomplished some major things. I think it will definitely give me a step up going into the cross country season knowing I competed at a level like that."

**-SCROLL FOR MORE-**

### QUICK Q'S WITH MOLLY

**Favorite season?** Spring, because things are coming back to life, the Earth is rejuvenating, it smells good outside and school is ending.

**Favorite TV show?** Sitcoms, specifically *Seinfeld*

**Favorite pre-race meal?** Pasta with pesto sauce

**Favorite band?** Florence + the Machine and Bob Dylan

**Favorite class?** Media and Society

**Favorite thing you did this summer?** Visited my sister in Washington D.C. and went to Old Town Alexandria

**Favorite place on campus?** Lakeshore and Picnic Point area

SWIPE FOR MORE ○ ●





# PREPARED TO LEAD

Already known for the impacts he makes on opponents, junior safety Michael Caputo is making more of an impact as a leader of the Badgers' defense

BY MIKE LUCAS • [UWBADGERS.COM](http://UWBADGERS.COM)

**O**N THIRD-AND-11, LSU GOT THE MATCH-up it wanted in the Wisconsin secondary; it got Trey Quinn, a speedy freshman wide receiver, isolated on Michael Caputo, a run-stuffing junior safety.

Quinn had set the national record for career receiving yards — 6,566 over four seasons — while starring for Barbe High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. As a senior, he was a Parade All-American.

The 18-year-old Quinn was already somewhat of a folk legend in Louisiana. In the 2008 Little League World Series, he threw a no-hitter for South Lake Charles in an opening-round game.

Now, he was matched against Caputo, the “clean-up” hitter on the UW defense.

“I’ve been working on that all summer, working on that specifically,” Caputo said of his one-on-one pass coverage techniques. “I did a lot of preparation on their routes (leading up to the LSU game).”

He was also motivated during the offseason by what happened in last season’s Capital One

Bowl game against another SEC opponent, South Carolina.

Caputo had a chance to break up a deep pass, but he misjudged the ball. The pass was completed and it led to the Gamecocks’ final touchdown in a 34-24 victory over the Badgers.

Since then, Caputo said, “I did a lot of preparation on my skills and the things that I can do better, and it paid off in the end, it really did.”

LSU quarterback Anthony Jennings targeted Quinn but Caputo had blanket coverage — inside leverage — and almost intercepted the pass. He was credited with a pass breakup and the Tigers punted.

“I had a chance and I let it slip away, I should have had the interception,” Caputo lamented. “I didn’t make the play but I was definitely there and I definitely did better than I would have last year.”

Caputo made more plays than anyone else in Saturday’s season opener.

“Unbelievable game out of that young man,” praised UW head coach Gary Andersen.



One play in the third quarter stood out from the others. LSU again got the matchup it wanted: freshman phenom Leonard Fournette had the ball; Caputo had the edge, the edge of the defense.

“I knew it was coming, whether it was Fournette or one of them (Kenny Hilliard or Terrence Magee),” Caputo said of LSU’s off-tackle play. “It just happened to be him.”

On second-and-goal from the Wisconsin 5, Fournette was stopped for no gain by Caputo.

“I knew what they were going to do,” said Caputo, whose preparation and film study paid dividends again. “I was ready for it; I’ve prepared for it. That was a good moment.”

And it was followed by another good moment: Marcus Trotter and Chikwe Obasih combined to sack Jennings for a three-yard loss and the Tigers had to settle for a field goal.

“It’s about enjoying those moments whenever other guys make plays — rallying around them,” Caputo said. “It was third down and we made a stop and that’s the best feeling right there.”

But that feeling was short-lived. In the fourth quarter, Caputo felt compelled to rally his defensive teammates after LSU had scored to take its first lead of the game, 28-24.

An animated Caputo took charge on the Wisconsin sideline.

“I was just trying to keep everyone focused on the task and the goals of the game,” he explained later. “I wanted everyone to keep their heads up.

“LSU got up on us and I sensed the guys being down a little bit. So I called everybody up and tried to keep everyone’s adrenaline (going). The next drive, we came out and stopped them.”

One of Caputo’s former roommates, Marcus Trotter, was not surprised by the outburst.

“He’s very vocal,” said Trotter, who along with his twin brother, Michael, lived with Caputo last year. “If we’re down, he’ll get in people’s faces and try to fire them up or try to make us stay on course.”

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Caputo wasn’t always that way. He was anything but vocal when he first got to Wisconsin.

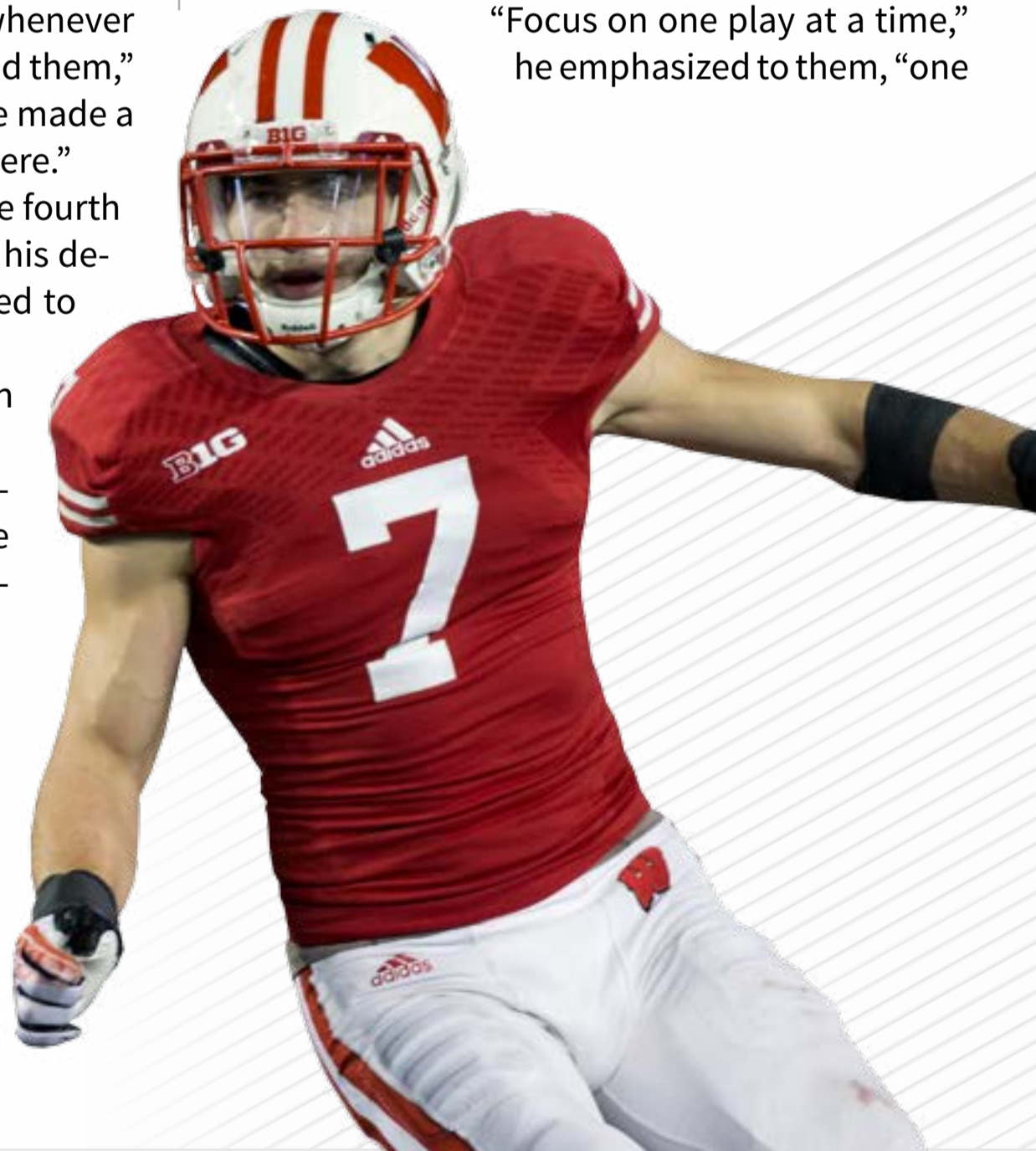
“It came with maturity, playing time, more care factor than anything,” he said.

There’s one thing that drives players like Caputo, the one thing that drove him Saturday night.

“I didn’t want us to lose,” he said. “I took it upon myself that I could have done a better job, I could have done a lot more things and I wanted these guys to feel the urgency that I did.”

So he was speaking from the heart, when he told his teammates, “We can hang in there with them. Don’t be down on yourself. Let all the stuff that happened in the past go.

“Focus on one play at a time,” he emphasized to them, “one





play at a time.”

Caputo took a similar approach with free safety Lubern Figaro, a true freshman.

“He’s a freshman, he’s going to be wild-eyed, and have that deer-in-the-headlights look sometimes,” he said. “But he’s been pretty good with that, pretty good with staying level-headed.”

Because of Figaro’s youth and inexperience, it was understandable that he would have some doubts. “In the aspect,” Caputo clarified, “of saying, ‘Man, I should have made that play.’”

“I told him, ‘No, man, you’re good, just forget about it, you’re doing well. Make the play next time. Learn from it. Just keep playing like you’re playing. You’re playing well.’”

“I had to keep telling him that and I know that he takes it to heart. I know I took it to heart when people came and told me those things (when Caputo was younger).”

Ethan Armstrong, Shelton Johnson, Chris Borland and Dez Southward all mentored Caputo. “All those guys told me things like that to keep my spirits up,” he said.

Whereas Caputo redshirted as a true freshman, Figaro started against LSU, a talent-rich program that has been ranked among the Top 25 in 118 of the last 120 games and for 82 straight weeks.

Could Caputo imagine being in Figaro’s position when he first arrived on campus?

“I was an outside linebacker-running back,” he said. “I couldn’t even backpedal then.”

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**P**ro Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath was born and raised in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. So was Michael Caputo, who ended up going to Blackhawk High School in Chipewa Township, a school that also produced University of Arizona basketball coach Sean Miller.

After his sophomore year, Caputo’s father moved the family to North Fayette — about 15 miles from Pittsburgh — and Caputo transferred from Blackhawk to West Allegheny High School, the alma mater of former UW linebacker and strength coach Ben Herbert.

“I lived about 35 minutes away from the school and I started driving down there every day in the summer at 6 a.m.,” he said. “I needed to do that, I needed to win over my teammates, I needed to go down there and work out with the kids in the summer program.”

Caputo admitted that it wasn’t easy leaving his old friends and making new ones. “It was difficult that way but I hung out with the football clique,” he said. “They kind of took me in. They were real accepting, real nice people.”

Rightly so, since they could probably envision Caputo having an immediate impact on their season. At the time, Caputo was in the midst of a growth spurt. “From the end of my sophomore year,” he said, “until that summer, some 15 weeks, I put on 20 to 25 pounds. I kind of bulked up a bit.”

As a high school junior, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Caputo started at tailback and safety/lineback-

er. Beyond leading the defense in tackles, he made a name for himself on offense by rushing for 2,611 yards and 34 touchdowns. He ran out of a pro offense, the spread and the Wildcat formation.

Caputo was the Wildcat quarterback.

He remembered throwing a handful of passes. He doesn't remember completing any.

"I did enjoy running back a lot," he said. "But I enjoyed being the hammer not the nail most of the time. So defense was kind of my thing. To be honest, I knew my career as a running back was not going to last as long as I hoped.

"But it didn't really matter. I told some of the college recruiters, mainly my dad told them, that it doesn't really matter where you put me as long as you put me somewhere because I'm going to do my best to try and succeed and do the best for the team."

In mid-May, 2010, Rivals.com reported that Caputo had 10 FBS scholarship offers from Boston College, Michigan State, NC State, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, West Virginia, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin. In August, he verbally committed to the Badgers.

Less than a month later, he dislocated his ankle in the first game of his senior season. Before getting injured, he had rushed for a couple more touchdowns and thrown a couple more incompletions against South Park High School.

To this day, he can't watch the animated sitcom South Park without thinking back to the injury that deprived him of his final season as a high school player. Although he was running again by game nine and he dressed for senior night, there was no way he would be cleared to play.

"I was pretty confident that they (the Badgers) wouldn't back off," he said. "I got some letters from Wisconsin saying, 'Get better, we're wishing the best for you.' And it kept a warm feeling in me. I just needed to get back from the ankle injury and I needed to get to college and start my career."

That career was put in jeopardy after Caputo had surgery on his neck to fuse two vertebrae.

He still remembers the date: Feb. 6, 2013. And he still remembers what he was told. "The doctor said, 'You were about three hits away from being paralyzed from the waist down,'" he recalled.

Caputo reacted like anyone would react.

"That was an eye-opener for me," he said.

How did it reach that point?

"I had the injury and I kept having the injury and I didn't say anything," he recounted.

In retrospect, he confided, "That was dumb on my part."

Before the Badgers faced Stanford in the 2013 Rose Bowl, Caputo got on the team bus for the trip to their practice site in California and wound up sitting next to one of the athletic trainers.





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Even though he didn't want to get his neck checked out until after the game, he thought he should say something.

"This neck thing is bothering me," he finally volunteered, "every time I take the slightest bit of contact around my shoulders and head area, my legs go numb and I can't really walk after that."

Besides that ... all is well ... besides the legs doing dead and being unable to move them.

"That was a big thing," said Caputo, realizing that it was much bigger than he thought.

So he was left with just one option.

"I got it checked out," he said.

Surgery was scheduled, meaning that he would miss all of spring practice, 12 weeks in all.

But that was the least of his concerns. There was the uncertainty of ever playing again.

"There was that," he said. "The doctor told me not a lot of guys come back from this, but it's

mainly because of the mental things. If you can get by the mental part about sticking your nose back in there (when tackling), you'll be good."

Did that mean Caputo would have to change the way he tackled?

"Absolutely," Caputo said. "And it's definitely a different method of tackling that I've taken upon myself to not lead with my head down. Tackle smart. I highly advise it for the safety of their lives (others who play). Football is only going to last so long. But I've got to live with my neck the rest of my life."

Marcus Trotter visited Caputo after the surgery.

"I remember seeing how sad he was," he said. "But you knew he had the determination to come back. You could just see it in his eyes that he was going to come back. I knew he would. He's a hard-nosed guy. He's kind of got that tough boy look and he is ... he is very tough,

**CAPUTO ON TOUGHNESS:**  
**"IT STARTS WITH PREPARATION AND BEING DISCIPLINED WITH YOURSELF, AND TREATING YOUR BODY RIGHT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO BE PREPARED TO PLAY THE GAME."**



very tough.”

How would Caputo define his toughness?

“It starts with preparation and being disciplined with yourself,” he said, “and treating your body right throughout the week to be prepared to play the game. And, then, when things go bad during the game, whether it’s physical or mental, it’s keeping your head on straight.

“There are different parts to toughness and grit. There’s a very strong physical aspect — being able to bang heads and make plays. There’s also a mental part — being able to do it every play and line up for the next play and being able to do it again, along with wanting to do it again.”

What about the “tough guys” who are pushing and shoving coming out of the pile?

“That’s not toughness,” Caputo said. “Toughness only occurs with discipline between the whistles. I’ve had times when I’m angry on the field. I’m angry some guy just beat me. He beat me, I’m angry. I didn’t make the play, I’m angry.

“But throwing someone down (to the turf) isn’t going to make anyone better. It’s going to get us a 15-yard penalty. That’s not toughness. That’s not very smart. That’s what that is.”

Caputo played as smart — and as tough — as anyone in the 2014 opener. He was officially credited with a game-high 15 tackles, three more than Marcus Trotter, who played the same way; smart and tough against the Tigers in Houston. “He leads by example,” Trotter said.

LSU secondary coach Corey Raymond tracked down Caputo on the field after the game. Raymond was a former Gary Andersen assistant at Utah State. “He has been a big fan,” Caputo said. “He told me to keep working hard; a words-of-encouragement kind of deal. It was short and sweet.”

But meaningful to Caputo.

“It’s good to hear,” he said. “It’s a good sign of respect.”

He has earned it. 



## Kangaroo Kicker a jumping off point for Revsine's book

Badgers' own Pat O'Dea sparked interest in research that led to 'The Opening Kickoff'

BY MIKE LUCAS ■ [UWBADGERS.COM](http://UWBADGERS.COM)

If you look under the heading of Longest Made Field Goals in Wisconsin football history, you will find these entries in the pre-modern era:

- **62** (drop kick) by Pat O'Dea vs. Northwestern, 11/24/1898
- **60** (drop kick) by Pat O'Dea vs. Minnesota, 11/18/1899
- **57** (drop kick) by Pat O'Dea vs. Chicago, 11/13/1897
- **57** (drop kick) by Pat O'Dea vs. Illinois, 11/11/1899
- **55** (drop kick) by Pat O'Dea vs. Minnesota, 10/30/1897

Now fast-forward to the Longest Punts in the pre-modern era:

- **110** by Pat O'Dea vs. Minnesota, 10/30/1897
- **100** by Pat O'Dea vs. Yale, 10/21/1899
- **85** by Pat O'Dea vs. Lake Forest, 10/10/1896

Now take a deep breath — like Big Ten Network's Dave Revsine did — to process everything.

Maybe it's the parenthetical "drop kick" that piques your curiosity.

Or maybe it's the outlandish distances — of the drop kicks and punts — that get your attention.

In any case, Revsine wanted to find out more.

"It was like an archeological dig," he said. "You just keep going and going and going."

Lions, tigers and bears have an allure for kids of all ages. Not Revsine. He was smitten by a kangaroo, the Kangaroo Kicker, oh yes, Wisconsin's very own Patrick John O'Dea, whose turn-of-the-20th-century magnetism was on par with Jim Thorpe, Red Grange and Johnny Manziel, oh my.

Revsine's impassioned exploration of the O'Dea mystique led to a four-year journey into the origins of college football and the end product is on must-read lists, especially for UW fans. With much detail and heart, Revsine has crafted "The Opening Kickoff: The Tumultuous Birth of a Football Nation."





**Author Dave Revsine**

In his preface, Revsine gets away with being an “I told you so.”

On today’s current college football landscape, he writes, “It is a period, we’ve been told, unprecedented in the history of the sport. But what if I told you that it DID have precedent?”

“In fact, what if I told you that the current problems in college football might actually be viewed as an improvement — that, in some regards, the college game was once far worse than it is today?”

As such, Revsine discovered that many of the game’s current concerns — greed and violence among them — first manifested themselves between 1890 and 1915.

He was quick to add, “The game’s problems, though, are only part of the college football narrative, as the modern-day challenges are accompanied by immense popularity.”

And many of those seeds of popularity, Revsine found, were initially sown during that 25-year window — between the late 19th century and early 20th century — of the pre-modern era.

“You’ll see a ton of positive things in the book,” he said. “It’s really about how the game has galvanized campuses. The reaction I get is, “Wow, I had no idea what was going on in that time period.”

Neither did Revsine — when he began researching O’Dea, the Australian-bred kicking legend.

“Dressed in running shoes and shorts, I was out for a walk,” said Revsine, constructing a metaphor for how he got here from there. “I saw people starting to run a marathon and I thought, ‘Well, I’m dressed properly, I might as well go and run with them’ without having prepared for it in any way.”

As far as using the O’Dea story as a mechanism to tell a much bigger story on the broader issues of the sport, he confided, “I had no idea what I was getting into and when I hit about mile 16 (a marathon is

26.2 miles) and I still didn’t have a publisher, I thought, ‘What have I done to myself?’”

Upon further review, he said, “It was incredibly time-consuming but I was fascinated by it.”

Moreover, he stressed, “I felt there was a story to share and I wanted to share it.”

Revsine’s personal storyline has a Madison chapter. He went to kindergarten at Shorewood Hills Elementary School. His father, Lawrence Revsine, who taught financial accounting at Northwestern, was a visiting professor for two semesters at the University of Wisconsin in the mid-1970s.

Dave Revsine, who was raised in Northbrook, Illinois, went on to graduate from Northwestern. (His sister went to UW). After a year studying in Ireland and a stint as a financial analyst in New York City, he had TV stopovers in Sherman, Texas, and the Quad Cities before spending 11 years at ESPN.

Since the launch of BTN in 2007, Revsine has been the lead studio host. During the football season, Gerry DiNardo and Howard Griffith serve as his co-hosts. All three were on campus last Friday to tape a preview show on the Badgers from Camp Randall Stadium.

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fascinated by it,” Revsine said. “I felt there was a story to share and I wanted to share it.”

The 45-year-old Revsine can be quite understated.

Except when it comes to Pat O’Dea, a College Football Hall of Famer.

“I started reading about him,” he said, “and I was just blown away by O’Dea.”

Here’s how he introduced the Kangaroo Kicker in the book:

“He didn’t necessarily look the part of a rugged football player,” Revsine wrote. “Though unusually tall for the time at nearly 6-2, he weighed just 170 pounds. He was strikingly handsome. His pleasant and expressive face was topped by a generous helping of seemingly never ruffled light brown hair that swooped dramatically across his forehead in a right-handed part.

“It was O’Dea’s legs that really stood out, though, described by one contemporary as ‘abnormally long and wonderfully developed.’ Those legs were his weapon of choice. In a short period of time, they had earned him remarkable fame. He drew headlines everywhere he went — the most celebrated kicker in the country ...

“In a time when field goals were worth five points, one more than touchdowns, and teams often punted on first down, kicker was the single most glamorous position on the field and the handsome, exotic and talented O’Dea was redefining the position. He was the best kicker in the West and fans in that part of the country believed he was superior to any player in football.”

O’Dea was far more than just a specialist, a kicker and punter.

“O’Dea was far and away the best athlete on the Wisconsin team,” wrote Revsine, noting that O’Dea had briefly held the world record in the 300-yard hurdles. “But due to the violent nature of the game, (UW head coach Phil) King was reticent to use him as a primary ball carrier, out of fear of losing his most valuable weapon.”

O’Dea was so beloved on campus that after a particularly rough game against the University

of Chicago — during which a player had been ejected for intentionally kicking O’Dea — the following Monday, he received a bouquet of roses from Dean Bryant of the law faculty addressing the “champion football kicker of the world.” Bryant wrote, “I honor the man who can take defeat like a man.”

Turns out that he was quite the ladies’ man, too.

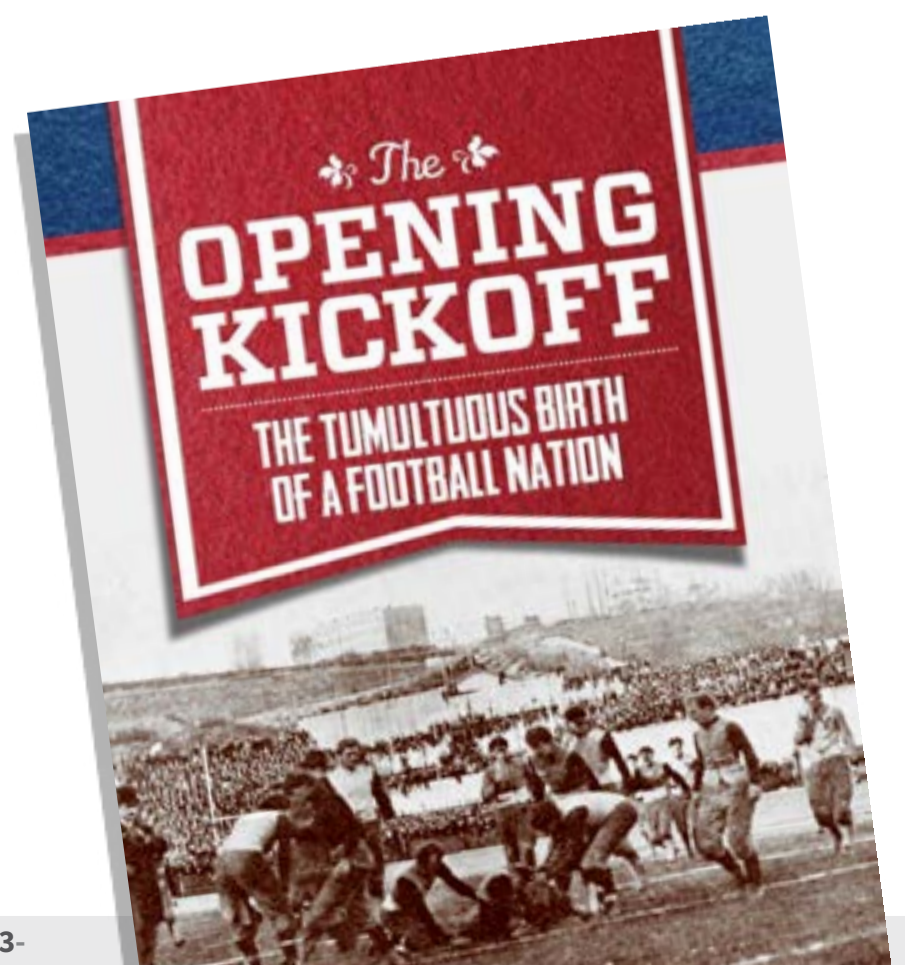
“After big games his mailbox was jammed with letters from flirtatious women,” Revsine wrote. “The Aussie did all he could to impress them. In the 1890s in Madison, nothing got a young coed’s attention more than renting a private carriage for a trip around the small city and O’Dea quickly developed a reputation as ‘one of the greatest hirers of carriages the town ever knew.’”

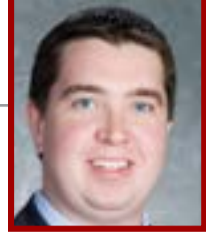
Once O’Dea had become a full-fledged celebrity, he got the royal treatment everywhere he went. Exceptions were made for O’Dea even within the football program. “While his teammates walked to practice,” Revsine wrote, “a particularly wealthy classmate sent his family’s phaeton, a kind of sporty carriage, to transport Pat to the team’s daily workout.”

O’Dea was one of a kind, at least as Pat O’Dea. He was also Charles J. Mitchell in a later life.

But I don’t want to give away the story.

Step in Revsine’s time machine and read for yourself. You won’t be disappointed. 📖





Free WiFi access and new concessions offerings are among the improvements at Camp Randall Stadium for 2014.

# Gameday gets even better at Camp Randall

## Badgers rolling out changes for home opener

It's often praised as one of the best in the nation, but a series of upgrades and changes at Camp Randall Stadium are aimed at making the gameday experience for Wisconsin football even better.

Fans will get their first look — and taste — of a number of improvements when they pass through the gates of the nearly 100-year-old stadium for Saturday's 11 a.m. home opener vs. Western Illinois. Here's a rundown of what awaits the crowd that comes out to see the Badgers take on the Leathernecks:

### Complimentary WiFi service

Fans attending Wisconsin football games will have access to Badger WiFi, Camp Randall's new complimentary wireless internet service. Fans can simply log on to the new Badger WiFi network on their mobile devices.

### Improved Distributed Antenna System

Improvements and upgrades have been made to the stadium's distributed antenna system (DAS) to help provide additional coverage and capacity for cell phone use.

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Aug. 30	vs. LSU	L, 28-24
Sept. 6	<b>Western Illinois</b>	11 a.m.
Sept. 20	<b>Bowling Green</b>	TBA
Sept. 27	<b>South Florida</b>	TBA
Oct. 4	at Northwestern	TBA
Oct. 11	<b>Illinois</b>	TBA
Oct. 25	<b>Maryland</b>	11 a.m.
Nov. 1	at Rutgers	11 a.m.
Nov. 8	at Purdue	TBA
Nov. 15	<b>Nebraska</b>	TBA
Nov. 22	at Iowa	TBA
Nov. 29	<b>Minnesota</b>	TBA

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## For Kelley, Hall of Fame is team honor

Guard is 24th men's basketball player enshrined

**T**he evening of March 22, 2014 was a historic moment for the Wisconsin basketball program. The Badgers would rally from a 12-point halftime deficit to beat Oregon in the NCAA tournament launching them on a course for the Final Four.

For former Badgers guard Mike Kelley, that evening turned out to be memorable for another reason.

At a pregame booster function at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, UW athletics director Barry Alvarez was addressing the collection of alumni and dignitaries and asked Kelley to join him up on stage.

"I didn't know if he was going to quiz me about the game that night or what," Kelley remembered. "Instead he said, 'well I guess you all will be the first to know that Mike Kelley will be in the Class of 2014 for the UW Athletics Hall of Fame.'

"I was shocked and humbled. It was a surreal moment, but it was pretty neat. I feel lucky."

It was fitting that former teammate Andy Kowske was in attendance that night, because in Kelley's eyes, his induction Friday into the UW Hall of Fame is less about his individual

### SCHEDULE

Home games in **bold**. All times CT.

Oct. 26	<b>Red/White Scrimmage</b>	1 p.m.
Nov. 5	<b>UW-Parkside</b> <i>(Exhibition)</i>	TBA
Nov. 14	<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	TBA
Nov. 16	<b>Chattanooga</b>	TBA
Nov. 19	<b>Green Bay</b>	TBA
Nov. 22	<b>Boise State</b>	TBA
<i>Battle 4 Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas:</i>		
Nov. 26	vs. UAB	6 p.m.
Nov. 27	vs. Florida or Georgetown	TBA
Nov. 28	vs. TBA	TBA

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## Sheffield finds room for improvement

Despite opening season 2-0, UW has ways to go

**N**ot many coaches would be unhappy about a 2-0 start, but Wisconsin head coach Kelly Sheffield wasn't exactly pleased with the way his team performed in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge last weekend in Minneapolis.

"I thought there was no question we were excited about playing," Sheffield explained. "I'm not sure we were dialed in on and locked in on competing."

After a 3-0 win over Louisville on Friday, in which the Badgers performed well on offense but not on defense, Wisconsin came out with a more balanced game on Saturday, downing Notre Dame 3-0.

Offensively, UW hit .323 as a team behind the play of senior Ellen Chapman, who recorded double-figure kills in both matches. But defensively, Wisconsin averaged only 12.67 digs and 1.67 blocks per set.

"Well, offensively I thought we were pretty good for a good portion of it (and) I thought we served really well," said Sheffield. "Our ball control was pretty good (but) I thought we were really poor defensively for what our standards are. We had a lot of blocking errors we've got to get fixed. And our reads in the

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### SCHEDULE (2-0)

Home events in **bold**. All times CT.

#### RECENTLY

*Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Minneapolis, MN:*

Aug. 29 vs. Louisville W, 3-0

Aug. 30 vs. Notre Dame W, 3-0

#### COMING UP

*Northern Colorado/Colorado St. Classic:*

Sept. 5 at N. Colorado 8 p.m.

Sept. 6 vs. Florida A&M 12:30 p.m.

at Colorado State 8 p.m.

*HotelRED Invitational:*

Sept. 12 **Miami** 7 p.m.

Sept. 13 **Missouri State** 12 p.m.

**Ball State** 7:30 p.m.

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## Reinprecht: from Hobey finalist to Hall

Former WCHA Player of the Year enshrined

**K**nown for his two-way versatility at the center position, Steve Reinprecht was a dominant force for the Badgers in the late 1990s.

The Edmonton, Alberta, native was the first UW player to post team-leading point totals for three straight years, which caught national attention during his senior campaign when he was named runner-up for the 2000 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given to the top NCAA hockey player.

In 37 games played in 1999-00, Reinprecht tallied 26 goals and 66 points to lead the nation and earn first-team All-America honors. He was also named WCHA Player of the Year and first-team all-conference that year. Reinprecht was previously awarded second-team recognition from the WCHA in 1998.

He finished his Badgers career with 72 goals and 162 points — good for 23rd all-time in Wisconsin history — and was a Spike Carlson Team MVP for three years.

Reinprecht captained Wisconsin as a junior and senior, leading his team to a MacNaughton Cup victory in 2000 as WCHA champions.

From Feb. 10 to March 18, 2000, the lefty shot recorded at

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### SCHEDULE

Home games in **bold**. All times CT.

*Kendall Hockey Classic, Anchorage, AK:*

Oct. 10 vs. Alaska 8 p.m.

Oct. 11 at Alaska-Anchorage 10 p.m.

Oct. 17 vs. N. Michigan 7 p.m.  
(Green Bay, Wis.)

Oct. 18 vs. N. Michigan 7 p.m.  
(Green Bay, Wis.)

Nov. 7 **North Dakota** TBA

Nov. 8 **North Dakota** TBA

Nov. 21 at Colo. College 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 22 at Denver TBA

Nov. 28 **Ferris State** TBA

Nov. 29 **Ferris State** TBA

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## Olympian Hoopman takes place in Hall

Gold medalist recognized as one of UW's best

One of the most accomplished athletes to come out of Wisconsin men's rowing, Beau Hoopman is the fourth figure in the Wisconsin Athletics Hall of Fame from the nine-time national championship program.

Becoming a member of the men's rowing team as a walk-on in 1999, Hoopman was around the program for its three most recent Ten Eyck Trophy titles (2000-02), awarded to the overall team points champion at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association national championships.

Wisconsin's captain in 2002 led the varsity eight to the Eastern Sprints conference championship that season, the first for the Badgers since the inaugural event in 1946. The team also won its fourth consecutive Ten Eyck Trophy that season, while his varsity eight placed second in the event at the national championships.

Winner of the 2000 Randall T. Jablonic Award as the most valuable member of the freshman rowing team after he helped UW capture its first title in the Eastern Sprints freshman eight, he later won the 2003 Norman R. Sonju Award, which goes to the oarsman who has made an outstanding contribution to the

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### SCHEDULE

Home events in **bold**.

Oct. 19 **Head of the Charles**  
*Boston, MA*

Oct. 26 **Head of the Iowa**  
*Iowa City, IA*

Oct. 26 **Princeton Chase**  
*Princeton, NJ*

Nov. 2 **Head of the Huron**  
*Ann Arbor, MI*

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Apr. 11 **at Syracuse**

Apr. 17 **Stanford Invitational**

Apr. 18 **Stanford Invitational**

Apr. 18 **Minnesota/MSOE**

May 2 **Boston University/  
MIT/Northeastern**

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## Zimpfer takes deserved spot in Hall of Fame

All-American becomes tennis' first inductee

In 1996, Melissa Zimpfer became the first All-American in Wisconsin women's tennis history. Eighteen years later she's knocking down another door, becoming the first women's tennis player to enter the UW Athletics Hall of Fame.

Zimpfer, who re-wrote the Badgers' record book from 1995-1997, will be inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 5, as one of seven former UW standouts in the Class of 2014.

"This is such a great honor," Zimpfer said after becoming just the third person associated with UW tennis to be inducted in the HOF, joining Arthur Nielsen, Sr. and John Powless. "It's very humbling to be in such company and one of those things where you pinch yourself and wonder, 'is this really happening?' It means so much to be recognized."

A three-time All-American (twice in singles, once in doubles), Zimpfer holds the UW single-season records for singles and doubles wins. With a career mark of 71-13, her .845 win percentage is also the highest mark in UW history.

In 1996, Zimpfer climbed as high as No. 3 in the national rankings and was named Big Ten Player of the Year. The following

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### SCHEDULE

Home matches in **bold**. All times CT.

- Sept. 9 **Milwaukee Tennis Classic**  
*Milwaukee, WI*
- Sept. 19 Gopher Invite  
*Minneapolis, MN*
- Sept. 27 All-American  
*Location TBD*
- Oct. 10 UGA Invite  
*Athens, GA*
- Oct. 17 ITA Regionals  
*Champaign, IL*

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- Jan. 24 **Drake University** 2 p.m.
- Feb. 1 **Eastern Mich.** 11 a.m.
- Feb. 7 **Bowling Green** 11 a.m.

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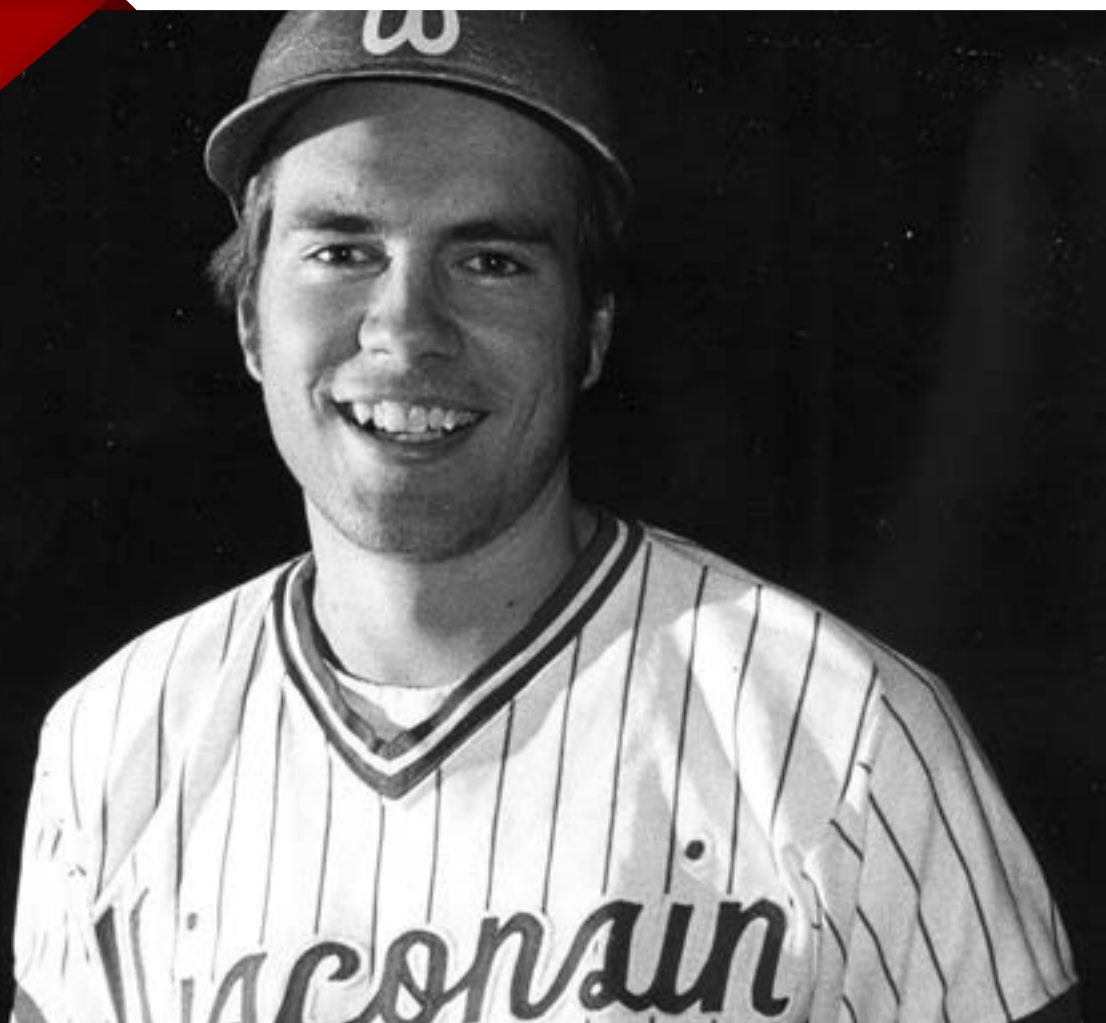
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## A call to the hall for Steve Bennett

UW record holder in hits, doubles and RBIs

**A**s a baseball player at Wisconsin, Steve Bennett made an immediate impact on the field. He led the Badgers in doubles and RBIs as a freshman and then earned All-America honors as a sophomore when he led the nation in doubles and ranked second in the Big Ten with a .458 batting average.

A Madison native who attended Madison West High School, Bennett grew up a Badger. His father, Steve, was a two-time letterwinner in football (1948, '49).

As a sophomore and junior, the younger Bennett was named a District 8 All-American by the American Association of College Baseball Coaches. He batted .357 as

a junior and led the Badgers in doubles and RBIs. Bennett served as team captain as a senior.

In addition to his All-America honors, Bennett was one of just five two-time All-Big Ten selections in UW baseball history and set school career records for hits, doubles and RBIs.

He graduated from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1976 and served as the chairman of the UW School of Business Dean's Advisory Board.

He is the 22nd baseball player inducted into the Wisconsin Athletics Hall of Fame. ■



## Youth movement already in effect for UW

Freshmen stepping in, contributing right away

**W**hen head coach John Trask said he felt strongly that he had one of the top-five recruiting classes in the country joining the Wisconsin men's soccer program in Madison this season, he meant it.

No cliché, no optimism, no coach speak was intended.

Nine of the 12 Badgers joining the program this season came in rated as four-star prospects by Top Drawer Soccer. That includes two Gatorade Player of the Year award winners and three players ranked among the country's top 150 recruits.

Fans in attendance at the McClimon Complex this past weekend began to understand what all the fuss was about, as newcomers played a key role in the opening weekend for Wisconsin.

Following a preseason in which four different freshmen scored goals for Wisconsin in three exhibition matches, it didn't take long for the freshmen to replace those unofficial scores with goals that count.

In all, three freshmen scored their first-career goals last weekend. Tom Barlow netted the first goal of the season for UW on Friday against San Francisco, then Mike Catalano and Mark Segbers each recorded their first collegiate scores against Xavi-

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### SCHEDULE (1-1-0)

Home games in **bold**. All times CT.

#### RECENTLY

Aug. 25	at Notre Dame <i>(Exhibition)</i>	L, 1-5
Aug. 29	<b>San Francisco</b>	L, 1-2
Aug. 31	<b>Xavier</b>	W, 4-0

#### COMING UP

Sept. 5	at George Mason	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Georgetown	Noon
Sept. 12	<b>Rutgers</b>	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	<b>St. John's</b>	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Maryland	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Marquette	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 4	<b>Michigan</b>	7 p.m.

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## Walls plays big role in early-season success

Senior on track to lead team in scoring again

**T**here's one message — one mindset — that the Wisconsin women's soccer team has chosen to live by this season. It's merely two words, it says all you need to know about the expectations, and you'll almost always find it on a band wrapped around the wrist of someone on the team.

“Play Big.”

The Badgers have done just that since the season kicked off, improving to 4-0 last weekend and matching the program's best start since 2004. It's just the fifth time a Wisconsin women's soccer team has begun its campaign with four-straight wins and the first occurrence under head coach Paula Wilkins.

Individually, you'd be hard-pressed to find performances any bigger than the play of Cara Walls so far this season.

The senior forward leads the team with five goals in four games and currently ranks in a number of categories among the best offensive performers, not only in the Big Ten Conference, but in the country.

Last weekend, the Wauwatosa native scored two goals not once, but twice, recording back-to-back games with a pair of scores. Her two goals against South Dakota State last Friday

### SCHEDULE (4-0)

Home games in **bold**. All times CT.

#### RECENTLY

Aug. 22	<b>Oregon</b>	W, 1-0
Aug. 24	<b>Tennessee</b>	W, 2-1 (OT)
Aug. 29	<b>S. Dakota St.</b>	W, 5-0
Aug. 31	<b>Northern Iowa</b>	W, 3-0

#### COMING UP

Sept. 5	at Washington	8 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Portland	Noon
Sept. 12	at Mich. St.	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Michigan	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	<b>Nebraska</b>	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Indiana	6 p.m.

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# Nuttycombe earns deserved call to Hall

Legendary coach to join father in Hall of Fame

One of the most legendary coaches in Wisconsin history, Ed Nuttycombe, who led the Badgers to their first NCAA track title, will be recognized by his coaching peers this December as he will be inducted into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Coaches Hall of Fame.

Nuttycombe took over the Wisconsin program in 1982 after the tragic death of head coach Dan McClimon. Over the next 30 years, he helped the Badgers win 26 Big Ten track and field titles — 13 indoors and 13 outdoors — for a total greater than each of the next three teams combined.

“You look at the number of titles he won during his career, it’s incredible,” Wisconsin Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Mick Byrne said. “Look at the success the program had. He is absolutely responsible for the Badgers’ success as he’s the guy that steered the ship. The program was great when he took it over, but his coaching and his philosophy helped take this program to the next level.”

Nuttycombe is the second from his family to be inducted into the USTFCCA Coaches Hall of Fame, joining his father, Charles.

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## SCHEDULE

Home meets in **bold**. All times CT.

Sept. 5	<b>Badger Opener</b>	5 p.m.
Sept. 20	Iowa Big Ten Preview	11 a.m.
Oct. 3	Notre Dame Invitational	5 p.m.
Oct. 17	<b>Wisconsin adidas Invitational</b>	11 a.m.
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championship	TBA
Nov. 8	<b>Wisconsin Open</b>	11 a.m.
Nov. 14	<b>NCAA Great Lakes Regional</b>	Noon
Nov. 22	NCAA Championship	11 a.m.

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# Jorgensen's journey takes her to the top

Former Badger crowned world's top triathlete

**F**ormer Wisconsin track and cross country standout Gwen Jorgensen rewrote the World Triathlon Series record books this season. The Waukesha native added the final chapter by winning the 2014 International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championship on Saturday in just her fourth year competing in the event.

Jorgensen, who began her career at UW as a swimmer, won her fifth straight World Triathlon Series (WTS) event by winning the Grand Final in Edmonton. In the six-year history of the WTS, Jorgensen is the only competitor to win five straight races.

"I don't think it's sunk in yet, that I'm world champion," Jorgensen told reporters after the race. "This race was interesting because going in I knew I only had to get top 16 to be world champion. I really wanted to win it on this day, and it's been the sole focus all year."

The first American man or woman to win a world championship since 2004, Jorgensen claimed the title with a score of 5,085 points, becoming the first competitor in WTS history to break the 5,000-point mark. In addition, Jorgensen also had a 1,098-point advantage over second-place finisher Sarah Groff.

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## BEVELL AT HIS BEST

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1993:** Darrell Bevell set the UW single-game record for touchdown passes by throwing for five scores against Nevada. The Badgers quarterback connected with four different receivers, including two TD strikes to J.C. Dawkins, in a 53-17 win over the Wolf Pack. Bevell finished with 263 yards.

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### CAN'T BEAT THE BLOCK

**SEPTEMBER 6, 1990:** Junior Arlisa Hagan set a Big Ten Conference individual match record with 17 blocks against Loyola Marymount. The 6-1 middle blocker from Louisville, Kentucky, had five block solos and 12 block assists to lead the Badgers to a 3-1 win.



### EIGHT IS GREAT

**SEPTEMBER 5, 1993:** The men's soccer team recorded an 8-0 win over California at the UW Soccer Classic. It was the third-largest margin of victory in UW history.



### TERRIFIC TURNOUT

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1995:** A record crowd of 4,532 watched the women's soccer team battle top-ranked North Carolina at the McClimon Complex. The Badgers lost 3-1 to the Tar Heels.