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I'm back. To get y'all ready for the new school sports year, I've got a two-part wrap up of the last one. Today, we'll cover the fall and winter sports; next week I'll cover the spring sports and give you my thoughts on the current state of Cornell athletics.

Fall 2018

Football: The Elephant in the Room

Results: The Big Red finished seventh in the Ivy League with a 2-5 league record and a 3-7 overall record. The three total wins were the same as in 2017, while the two league wins were one fewer than the year before.

Analysis. For a while it looked like progress was being made. After six games, the Red were 3-3. In their tough non-conference schedule, the Big Red put up a good fight against always-tough Delaware and then blew out a previously-undefeated Sacred Heart team that was getting votes in the national FCS polls. The Big Red defeated Harvard (for the second-straight year) and won at Brown for the first time since 2002. The only Ivy loss was by just six points to defending champion Yale. Then the roof fell in, as it did in 2016, when the Red lost six of its last seven games, and 2017, when Cornell lost its last three games. This time the Red lost its last four games, starting with a 66-0 loss to Princeton, Cornell's worst defeat since the 19th century. The Red then lost relatively close games to Penn and Dartmouth before a season-ending last minute loss at Columbia that unnerved me so much I had to take a sabbatical from writing these reports. The Red kicked off to Columbia with 58 seconds to go and a four-point lead. About the only way Cornell could lose was if Columbia returned the kickoff for a touchdown. That was not an insignificant risk, mind you. The Lion's return man, Roussos, had already run a punt back 91 yards for a touchdown. The Cornell coaches called for a squib kick, apparently believing that would minimize the likelihood of a long return. It didn't work; the kick was poorly executed and Roussos was able to field it and, yes, run it back for the game winner.

After the season Andy Noel felt compelled to send an email to the "Cornell Football Family" trying to justify why Head Coach **David Archer '05** was not being fired. See <https://bigredalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/andy-noel-email-11-24-2018.pdf>. You can read it and draw your own conclusions. IMHO, enough is enough. Coach Archer and his staff should have been replaced at the end of last season. In the six-year Archer reign, the Red are 15-45 overall, and have won just eleven of 42 Ivy games. The game management has been abysmal; the late-season collapses every year intolerable and the promised improvement has not materialized.

Individual Honors.

- RB **Harold Coles '20**: Second Team All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy, Academic All-District.
- DB **David Jones '20**: Second Team All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy.
- OL **J. Edward Keating '19**: Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- OL **Henry Stillwell '19**: Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- LB **Reis Seggebruch '19**: Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- DB **Jelani Taylor '20**: Academic All-District

Volleyball: The Once and Future Ivy Big Dog

Results: Cornell had a 14-10 overall record and finished third in the Ivy League with a 9-5 record. The 14 overall wins were the most since 2006; the nine Ivy wins were the most since 2008. Four of the Big Red's five league losses were to first-place Yale and runner-up Princeton; against the rest of the league, the Red was 9-1.

Analysis. Cornell VB is most definitely on the upswing. The Red may not yet be as good as Yale or Princeton but the gap is closing. In 2015 Head Coach **Trudy Vande Berg** took over a program that had been run into the ground and resurrected it. The Big Red used to rule the Ivies, winning four straight titles from 1989-1992 and three-straight from 2004-2006. Is another run of Cornell Ivy domination in store again?

Individual Honors.

- **Jenna Phelps '20:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Samanta Arenas '20:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Jillienne Bennett '21:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Lily Barber '20:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- **Zoe Chamness '21:** Academic All-District and Academic All-Ivy.

Men's Soccer: More Good News

Results: Picked to finish next to last in the Ivy League, Cornell finished fourth with a 4-3 record. The Big Red were 11-6 overall. These were the most league wins and most total wins since the Red's Ivy championship 2012 season. Cornell was ranked as high as 17th in the country during the season and finished up with a 2-1 victory over Ivy runner-up Columbia. Two of the Ivy losses—to Yale and Dartmouth—were in overtime, and only league champion Princeton handled the Big Red pretty easily.

Analysis. Head Coach **John Smith** has worked wonders, both in recruiting and on the field, in his three years at the Big Red helm. In 2016, Cornell was 1-14-2 and winless in the Ivy League. The next year, the team added 6 more wins and improved its league record to 2-4-1. Last year, fielding a team overloaded with underclassmen, the Red made another giant leap. And everyone is back this year—the only senior on last year's team, **Ryan Bayne '19**, has a medical redshirt year and was able to delay his graduation to use that last year of eligibility on East Hill.

Individual Honors.

- **Charles Touche '21:** First Team All-Ivy, Third Team All-Northeast Region, Academic All-Ivy.
- **Emeka Eneli '22:** Second Team All-Ivy, Ivy League Rookie of the Year.
- **Tate Keir '22:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **John Scearce '20:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- **Bayne:** Academic All-Ivy.

Field Hockey and Women's Soccer: Tough Seasons on the Pitch

Results: Cornell's women's soccer team won its opening match and then concluded the season on a 14-match winless streak. The Red were 0-7 in Ivy League play; in fact, they last won an Ivy league match in 2016. The field hockey team was only a bit more successful. Playing without their long-time and effective head coach Donna Hornibrook, the Big Red stumbled to a 5-12 record and it took two overtimes and a shoot-out in the last game of the season for the Red to gain its only Ivy League win.

Analysis. “Right Back Where We Started From,” a hit sung by Maxine Nightingale in 1976, was featured in the soundtrack for the movie *Slapshot*, with Paul Newman, and is now a hockey fan favorite. It’s been used as a soundtrack for several teams’ promotional videos, including the Toronto Maple Leafs last year and the New York Rangers a few years back. It came to mind—but not in a good way—when I realized that women’s soccer had the same number of wins (1) and ties (1) as in 2012, when I started these reports. That fall, Cornell had a new coach with a history of winning, Patrick Farmer, and things looked to improve. And they did for a while—the high-water mark was reached in 2015, when the Big Red was 9-4-4. Since then, the Red had five wins and two ties in 2016, two wins and three ties in 2017 and then last year. Farmer is gone, replaced by **Dwight Hornibrook** in 2017. And we’re right back where we started from.

Field Hockey had a similarly awful season but one can hope that the similarity stops with last year. From 2005 to 2017, the Big Red compiled a 126-88 record and finished in the top half of the Ivy League every year but two. While last year, playing under an interim head coach, and facing some significant graduation losses, the Red had a season to forget, I would wait a bit before predicting a sustained downturn. Cornell will start this fall with a new coach, **Andy Smith**.

Women’s Soccer Individual Honors.

- **Abby Adams ’20:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Meghan Kennedy ’19:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy.

Field Hockey Individual Honors.

- **Maddy Conklin ’20** Second Team All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy.
- **Maddie Henry ’20:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy.

Cross-Country: One Diamond Amidst a Lot of Rough:

Results: At Ivy Heptagonals last October, the Big Red women finished seventh and the men eighth. The women did earn back some measure of respect two weeks later with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Northeast Regionals, beating out traditional powers Syracuse, Providence and Iona, as well as two Ivy teams that had bested the Red at Heps. The men got only slight redemption at regionals, finishing 14th and behind all Ivy League teams there except Yale.

Analysis. Unlike Track & Field, a sport in which Cornell has traditionally been strong, Cornell XC has generally not been at the top of the league. The exception was from 2011 to 2013, when the Big Red women earned two Heps titles and twice qualified for the NCAA finals, finishing 13th in the country in 2012. Since then, the Red has not been as successful, although last year’s seventh-place finish at Heps was only the second time in the 41-year history of the event that the Red did that poorly. For the women, at least, it isn’t (IMHO) so much that Cornell is getting worse as the rest of the Ivies are getting much better. At Northeast Regionals the three teams finishing ahead of Cornell were all Ivies—Columbia, Dartmouth and Yale—creating an unprecedented Ivy superfecta. Throw in Princeton’s second-place finish in the Mid-Atlantic Regional and one can see the depth of talent at the Ivy League schools.

That diamond in the rough was **Taylor Knibb ’20**. Taylor is a true student-athlete, not in the hypocritical way that the NCAA uses the term but in a very real sense. Perhaps I should write “STUDENT” in all caps and substitute “triathlete” for athlete, as Ms. Knibb is not only an exceptional student (a 4.0+ GPA as a Psych major in the Arts College) but also a world champion triathlete, as I’ve written about before in these pages. Her 2018 cross-country season started late because of triathlons, but Taylor came on strong, finishing seventh at Heps and then fifth at regionals, which qualified her as an individual for NCAA nationals. That also got her the NCAA Elite 90 award, presented to the athlete with the highest GPA at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships. Taylor was also one of 30 semifinalists for the AAU’s Sullivan Award, given the nation’s top amateur athlete.

Individual Honors.

- **Knibb:** First Team All-Ivy, First Team All-Northeast Region, Academic All-Ivy, First Team Academic All-American.

Sprint Football: Not Sprinting, Just Baby Steps

Results: Cornell finished 4-2 last fall. The Big Red lost to Penn and Army and won their other games. (A scheduled game with Franklin Pierce was cancelled after FPU was booted out of the league for using oversized players.)

Analysis. In prior posts I've expressed ambivalence about whether Cornell should even have a sprint football team. Assuming the program should be retained, the Red just need to get better. The Collegiate Sprint Football League is a two-caste society: the Brahmins (Army, Navy, Penn and Cornell); and the Untouchables (all the rest, a motley assortment, including a for-profit university and some small former women's colleges). Another Brahmin, Princeton, used to be in the CSFL but after losing 106 straight games, the Tigers packed it in three years ago.

Cornell usually beats the Untouchables but it's been almost seven years since the Big Red has defeated a Brahmin. While last year was no different, there was a little bit—a *very* little bit—of progress: after losing to Penn by 31 in 2017, the Red came within nine of the Quakers last year; and last year's loss to Army by a 51-0 score was a four-point improvement over 2017's 55-0 shellacking. So yes, baby steps indeed.

Individual Honors.

- First Team All-CSFL: WR **Brooks Panhans '19**, DL **Matthew Luebke '22**, OL **Jonathan Klobus '19**, RB **Will Griffen '20**, DB **Marcus Weeks '20**.
- Second Team All-CSFL: LB **Alfonso Nazzaro '19**, LB **Harold Green '19**, DB **Peter Sanchez '20**, DL **Amanze Udebiuwa '19**.
- Honorable Mention All-CSFL: QB **Connor Ostrander '19**, DL **Conrad McCarthy '19**, WR **Colton Kotecki '22**.
- **Panhans:** Academic All-Ivy.

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Women's Hockey: A Trip to the Frozen Four:

Results: Cornell finished with a 24-6-6 overall record, a 17-3-2 ECAC record, and a 7-2-1 record in Ivy League games. The Big Red won the ECAC title and finished second in the Ivy League. In the ECAC tournament, the Red won its quarterfinal series over RPI, two games to one, and defeated Princeton in double overtime in the ECAC semifinal before losing the final game to Clarkson. Cornell was invited to the NCAA tournament and defeated Northeastern, 3-2, on the road in overtime in the opening round to reach the women's Frozen Four for the first time since 2012. The Red's season ended with a 2-0 loss to Minnesota in the NCAA semifinals.

Analysis. Wisconsin and Minnesota were the best two teams in the country. For the Big Red, a reasonable goal would have been to be to get to the Frozen Four, stay in each game once they got there, and hope the puck bounced right. The Big Red did everything except get the bounces. Cornell stayed right with Minnesota in the national semifinal, trailing by just a goal until the Gophers got an empty netter in the final seconds. In short, no NCAA title but this was a very good season.

Individual Honors.

- **Jamie Bourbonnais '20:** USCHO First Team All-American, First Team All-ECAC, All-Ivy, First Team ECAC Best Defenseman.

- **Micah Zandee-Hart '20:** USCHO Third Team All-American, Third Team All-ECAC, Second Team All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy.
- **Kristin O'Neill '20:** Second Team All-ECAC, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Maddie Mills '21:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Marlene Boissonault '19:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Diana Buckley '19:** Ronald P. Lynch Senior Spirit Award.
- **Doug Derraugh '91:** ECAC Coach of the Year, Ivy League Coach of the Year.

Men's Hockey: One Win Short of a Frozen Four Trip

Results: The Big Red finished the year with 21-11-4 overall, 13-5-4 in the ECAC, and 7-2-1 in the Ivy League. The Red won the Ivy League title and tied for first place in the ECAC. In the ECAC tournament, Cornell won its quarterfinal series over Union, two games to one, and defeated Brown, 6-0, in the semifinal game before losing the final in overtime to Clarkson. In the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Big Red defeated Northeastern, 5-1. The Red's season ended one game short of the Frozen Four with a 4-0 loss to Providence College in the East Regional final.

Analysis. The season was disappointing because more was expected. With an All-American goalie and the entire defense returning, this looked to be the best Cornell team since the Frozen Four team of 2002-03. It was not to be. A season opening sweep at the hands of a very average Michigan State team set the tone, and injuries and losses that shouldn't have happened kept the Big Red from ever really catching fire. But if last year wasn't the dream season we all had hoped for, it was still pretty good. The Red shared its first ECAC title since 2010 and won its first NCAA tourney game since 2012. Coach **Mike Schafer '86** seems to be moving Cornell toward the quicker, less physical game that current rules require. So I, at least, have every expectation that this year, or in the very near future, the Big Red will return to the tippy top of the college hockey world.

Individual Honors.

- **Morgan Barron '21:** First Team All-ECAC, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Yanni Kaldis '20:** Second Team All-ECAC, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Cam Donaldson '21:** Third Team All-ECAC, Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- **Matt Galajda '21:** Third Team All-ECAC.
- **Matt Nuttle '19:** ECAC Best Defensive Defenseman, Academic All-Ivy.
- **Austin McGrath '21:** First Team All-Ivy.
- **Mitch Vanderlaan '19:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy, Ronald P. Lynch Senior Spirit Award.
- **Mike Schafer '86:** Ivy League Coach of the Year.

Women's Basketball: Overachievers Make Ivy Hoops Tournament

Results: Cornell finished with a 12-14 overall record. Its 6-8 Ivy League record put the Big Red in a three-way tie for fourth place; the tie-breaking formula gave the Red the final spot in the Ivy League Tournament after they won at Dartmouth on the last day of the season while Yale was losing to Princeton. Cornell's season ended a week later with a 21-point loss to Princeton in the opening round of the ILT.

Analysis. One has to be impressed with what Coach **Danya Smith** was been able to accomplish with this undersized and, IMHO, under-skilled team. They played better opponents tough all season long and fought back from a 1-5 start in Ivy play to make the ILT. With only one graduation, this year should be as good or better.

Individual Honors.

- **Laura Bagwell-Katalinich '20:** First Team All-Ivy.

Men's Basketball: Just Missed ILT

Results: Cornell finished with a 15-16 overall record, and a 7-7 Ivy League record, which put the Red in a three-way tie for fourth place. The Big Red lost the tie-breaker for the final Ivy League Tournament spot, but they did get an invitation to the CollegeInsider.com tournament, the Red's first post-season action since they earned three consecutive NCAA tourney bids from 2008 to 2010. Cornell lost their opening round game in overtime at Robert Morris to finish the season with a losing record. Along the way, **Matt Morgan '19** set Cornell career records for most points and most points per game, and the single-season record for most points.

Analysis. Even one of the best players in Cornell history could not produce a spot in the ILT or a winning season. The needed supporting cast, especially some players with size, was not there. **Jimmy Boenheim '21** has developed nicely (He ended the season with a career-high 31 point in the loss to Bobby Mo) but there were no inside players (I don't count Jimmy B, who despite his 6-8 size plays better away from the basket). Brian Earl is a good coach who needs more bigger and better players.

Individual Honors.

- **Morgan:** First Team All-Ivy, USBWA First Team All-District, NABC First Team All-District, Cornell Outstanding Senior Male Athlete.

Wrestling: Another Solid year for Cornell's Most Consistent Program

Results: Cornell won 13 of 16 dual meets, losing only to highly-ranked Missouri and Ohio State, as well as (ugh!) EIWA rival Lehigh. The Big Red were a perfect 5-0 in Ivy League meets, to win their 17th-straight Ivy title. The Red's Ivy winning streak now stands at 88. At EIWA championships, Cornell finished second, losing the title to Lehigh. This was the second year in a row the Red finished behind Lehigh, after a string of eleven consecutive EIWA titles going back to 2007. The Big Red were seventh at the NCAA championships, their twelfth-straight top-ten finish. **Yianni Diakomihalis '21** won the title at 141, the tenth time in those 12 years that the Red had an individual champion. In addition to Yianni, Cornell had three All-Americans. **Max Dean '21** was the runner-up at 184, after pulling off the upset of the meet by beating the top-ranked and undefeated Ohio State wrestler in the semi-finals; **Vito Arujau '22** was fourth at 125; and **Ben Honis '19** finished eighth at 197.

Analysis. Cornell finished in the top five at the NCAA championships every year from 2009 to 2013, including second-place finishes in 2010 and 2011. In the last four years, the Big Red has been seventh or eighth, not a big drop-off but a little one. And the Red were only one win away from another fifth-place finish.

Lehigh's resurgence has made EIWA more competitive. The Red did bounce back from their EIWA loss to the Mountain Hawks to easily best them two weeks later at the NAAs. And while there are indications that some of the Ivies are improving, there was no evidence this past winter that Cornell's title streak is in jeopardy.

BUT, there's a caveat. Right now there are hints that as many as four top Big Red wrestlers will take the coming year off to train for the possible spots on Team USA at the 2020 Olympics. We'll wait and see on that. Recruiting remains very strong and what could happen is that after a small downturn this coming year, Cornell could make a real run at a national title in 2021. Stay tuned.

Individual Honors.

- **Diakomihalis:** NCAA Champion, EIWA Champion, EIWA Wrestler of the Year, All-American, Ivy League Wrestler of the Year, First Team All-Ivy.

- **Dean:** NCAA Runner-up, EIWA Champion, All-American; First Team All-Ivy; Academic All-Ivy.
- **Arajau:** NCAA Champion, All-American, Ivy League Rookie of the Year, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Chas Tucker '20:** EIWA Champion, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Honis:** All-American, First Team All-Ivy.
- **Jeremy Sweany '19:** First Team All-Ivy.
- **Brandon Womack '20:** First Team All-Ivy.
- **Adam Santoro '21:** Second Team All-Ivy.
- **Andrew Berreyesa '22:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- **Jonathan Furnas '19:** Honorable Mention All-Ivy.
- **Rob Koll:** Ivy League co-Coach of the Year.

Fencing: A Nice Ending to a So-So Season

Results: Winter weather caused two meets to be canceled and the Big Red wound up with only 20 matches rather than the 25-30 they've had in recent years past. The Red women were 7-13, and their 1-5 record earned them a sixth-place finish at the seven-team Ivy championships (Dartmouth does not have a team). However, Cornell turned things around some in the post-season, qualifying three fencers (all first years) for the NCAA championships. And the points from those three put the Red in 14th place, their highest finish since fencing became an NCAA sport in 2000. (Oddly, team scoring at the NCAA championships combines men's and women's results. Cornell does not have a men's team; when just women's results are tallied, the Big Red was 10th, which matches its 2016 finish.) Two fencers, **Esther Bentolila '22** and **Megan Eno '22**, earned All-American honors.

Analysis. Cornell had a difficult schedule. Eleven of those 13 losses were to teams that finished ahead of Cornell at nationals—not just last year but almost every year. As for the 1-5 record and sixth-place Ivy finish, the Red has finished fifth or sixth every year but one since 1992. What was encouraging, perhaps, was the relatively strong performance at NAAs and the fact that it was accomplished by first years.

Individual Honors.

- **Esther Bentolila '22:** Second Team All-American (sabre)
- **Megan Eno '22:** All-Ivy First Team (epee), Silver Medalist at NCAA Northeast Regional, Honorable Mention All-American

Swimming & Diving: Two Teams that Aren't Getting Better

Results: The Cornell men had a 2-5 Ivy League record in head-to-head meets (4-5 overall) and finished seventh at the Ivy League Championships. The Big Red women were 1-6 in head-to-head Ivy meets and 3-6 overall. The Red defeated Penn during the regular season but finished behind the Quakers (and everyone else) at the Ivy League championships. Only one swimmer, **Helen Hsu '19**, won a medal; she finished third in the 100-yard backstroke and set a new school record.

Analysis. Even with All-American **Alex Evdokimov '18**, the Big Red men never finished higher than fifth in the Ivy regular season or championship meet; without Alex, the Red were a little worse. The Cornell women have been seventh or eighth at the Ivy Championships for nine straight years,. Without better facilities, these teams will remain at or near the bottom of the league.

Individual Honors.

- **Hsu:** Academic All-Ivy.

Squash: Two More Teams that Aren't Getting Better

Results: The Cornell men finished with a 6-12 record and were 13th in the country in the final standings. Against Ivy League opponents, the Big Red were 1-6. The women did a bit better: they were 8-10 overall (also 1-6 in Ivy play) and finished the season in ninth place in the country after defeating Dartmouth (avenging an earlier defeat) to win the Kurtz Cup, a competition among the teams ranked 9th through 16th at the end of the regular season. A bright spot was **Siva Subramaniam '22**, who was the runner-up in the top flite at the women's CSA individual nationals.

Analysis. Squash has an Edwardian aspect—an established order among the small number of competing elite schools that is rarely, if ever, modified. But the Cornell men have managed to climb a few rungs down the social ladder. After finishing between fifth and eighth and posting a winning record against Ivy League teams each year between 2009 and 2014, the Big Red have fallen on hard times. Since 2015, Cornell has finished no better than 11th in the country and had a losing record each year against the other Ivies. But at least 2019 was a small step up from 2018, when the Red went winless in the league and finished 16th in the country.

The Cornell women did not have quite the same level of success as the men in the first part of this decade but they haven't fallen quite so far either. After finishing sixth in the country for four-straight years, the Red fell to seventh in 2016 and 2017, eighth in 2018 and ninth last winter. It is what it is and is likely to stay that way.

Individual Honors.

- **Subramaniam:** CSA All-American.
- **Andy Muran '19:** Academic All-Ivy, CSA Skillman Award Finalist (1 of 3).

Gymnastics: As Best I Can Tell, Same Old, Same Old

Results: The women's college gymnastics scene is complicated. Since 1982, the NCAA has held a championship, which has been won every year by a school now in the SEC, Big 12 or Pac 12. But much maligned USA Gymnastics remains involved and holds its own individual and team championships "for Division I, II and III schools with less than seven-and-a-half full scholarships." During the season the Big Red compete against some schools that are eligible for the USAG championships and some that are not. The Red typically do not beat any non-USAG title-eligible schools and 2019 was no exception. Against its USAG peers, Cornell did better, posting, by my rough count, a 10-10 record against such schools. The Big Red finished second of four teams at the Ivy Classic, an event the Red last won in 2017. No Cornellians qualified as individuals for the NCAA regionals, but the team made it to the USAG championships, where its third-place semifinal finish left it short of the finals. The Big Red did qualify two individuals for the final, both on the balance beam, and **Kaitlin Green '19** won the event, her third USAG championship.

Analysis. It was a typical year for Cornell. 'Nuff said.

Individual Honors.

- **Green:** USAG First Team All-American.
- **Izzy Herczeg '21:** USAG First Team All-American.
- **Kelsy Kurfirst '19:** First Team CoSIDA Academic All-America (At-Large), ECAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (D-I Gymnastics).
- **Lyanda Dudley '19:** Academic All-Ivy, ECAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (D-I Gymnastics).

Coming Up

The Big Red start off their fall season with two women's soccer games on Labor Day weekend. Men's soccer and volleyball join the action the following weekend, and by mid-September every team except

varsity football will have seen action. If you're looking for something Big Red to watch and want to see some teams that should be pretty good, I recommend men's soccer's first two games, at Michigan and Michigan State, on September 6 and 8 respectively. These will be subscription-based BTN+, but you can get a monthly pass for all Big Ten schools for \$14.95 (which would let you watch both games) or a single school pass for \$9.95. Another viewing choice that same weekend would be the Cornell Invitational volleyball matches on ESPN+. The Red have a match on Friday, September 6 and two matches on Saturday, the 7th.

Final Note

I'm revising the format this year and will no longer attempt to produce a weekly report. I could not always get it done and suffered periods of burn-out. (Some Cornell on-field performances didn't help either.) So after my two-part recap of last year, the reports will be monthly, probably around mid-month. (I may also do some updates if something that I think y'all need to know about sooner rather than later comes up.) Here's a tentative schedule of what to expect going forward:

- September: Big Red fall sports preview; any developments and results YTD.
- October: Fall sports progress; men's and women's hockey previews.
- November: Fall sports progress; hockey results; winter sports previews.
- December: Fall sports final report; winter sports progress.
- January: Winter sports progress.
- February: Winter sports progress; men's lacrosse preview.
- March: Winter sports final report (pt. 1); more spring sports previews/results.
- April: Winter sports final report (pt. 2); spring sports progress.
- May: Spring sports progress.
- June: Spring sports final report.
- July: no report

Each report may be supplemented as appropriate with periodic alumni updates and other items of interest.

As always, **GO BIG RED!**