By The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Choosing to look toward the future rather than honor the past, Maryland joined the Big Ten on Monday, bolting from the Atlantic Coast Conference in a move driven by the school's budget woes.

Maryland was a charter member of the ACC, which was founded in 1953. Tradition and history, however, were not as important to school President Wallace D. Loh as the opportunity to be linked with the prosperous Big Ten.

"By being a member of the Big Ten Conference, we are able to ensure financially stability for Maryland athletics for decades to come," Loh said, speaking at a news conference with Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany and Athletic Director Kevin Anderson.

Loh and other school officials involved in the decision decided that the potential money to be made in the Big Ten was more significant than the $50 million exit fee and the tradition associated with belonging to the same conference for 59 years.

Maryland will become the southernmost member of the Big Ten member starting, in July 2014. Rutgers is expected follow suit by Tuesday, splitting from the Big East and making it an even 14 schools in the Big Ten.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami officials said that the university is making what it called an "unprecedented decision" to self-impose a postseason ban for the second straight year, ending any chance of the Hurricanes playing in either the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game or a bowl.

MINNEAPOLIS — John Gagliardi, the winningest coach in college football history, announced his retirement from Division III St. John's University in Minnesota.

The 86-year-old Gagliardi started coaching college players in 1949 and spent the past six decades at the private school in central Minnesota. He retires with a record of 489-138-11 (77.5 winning percentage) and surpassed Eddie Robinson for the career coaching victories record in 2003, piling up four national titles at St. John's along the way.

Gagliardi's decision comes after the Johnnies finished a rough season with a 5-5 record and went 3-5 in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

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Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel and Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o are the finalists for the Maxwell Award, which goes to the nation's top college football player.

Te'o is also a finalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award, given to the top defensive player in the country. South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney and Georgia linebacker Jarvis Jones are the other finalists.

Klein, Manziel and Ohio State's Braxton Miller are the finalists for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

The awards will be presented Dec. 6 in Orlando on ESPN.

EL PASO, Texas — UTEP coach Mike Price is retiring after a 31-year career notable for two Rose Bowl bids at Washington State and a drinking binge that cost him the Alabama job before he ever coached a game for the Crimson Tide.

PRO FOOTBALL

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Rob Gronkowski is recovering from surgery for a broken forearm that will sideline the New England Patriots tight end for the first time in his three NFL seasons.

A person familiar with the operation said the surgery was done but did not say which arm was injured or how much time Gronkowski was expected to miss. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there was no official announcement. The team could not confirm that Gronkowski had an operation, Patriots spokesman Stacey James said.

NEW YORK — Baltimore Ravens star safety Ed Reed was suspended for one game by the NFL for repeated hits to the head and neck area of defenseless players.

The 11-year veteran will miss Sunday's game against San Diego, which will cost him one game check of more than $400,000.

Reed was suspended for three violations of the player safety rules in the past three seasons. The latest came in Sunday night's 13-10 victory over Pittsburgh when he was penalized for unnecessary roughness in the third quarter for a hit to the head of receiver Emmanuel Sanders.

SOCCER

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham will play his final game for the Los Angeles Galaxy in the MLS Cup next month.

Beckham and the Galaxy announced the English midfielder's decision, a day after the defending MLS champions advanced to their second straight league final. Los Angeles faces Houston for the MLS title on Dec. 1.

The 37-year-old Beckham isn't retiring, but the superstar he gave no hint of his next move.

RIO DE JANEIRO — The trial of a former star goalkeeper charged with orchestrating the kidnapping and gruesome murder of an ex-girlfriend started Monday, with two lawyers abandoning the case and the victim's mother making a tearful plea for justice.

The case of Bruno Fernandes, known in Brazil as Bruno, has riveted the country and shocked the soccer world. Fernandes' accomplices allegedly held his former girlfriend, model Eliza Samudio, before killing her, quartering her and feeding her remains to dogs.

OLYMPICS

LONDON — Drug cheats will be kept out at least one Olympics under the World Anti-Doping Agency's proposal to increase the suspension for serious violations from two years to four years.

WADA plans to double the standard penalty in the next edition of its global anti-doping code, which will come up for approval next year and go into effect in 2015.

BASEBALL

MIAMI — The Miami Marlins finalized their big salary dumping trade that sends All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes to the Toronto Blue Jays with pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson, catcher John Buck and outfielder Emilio Bonifacio for seven relatively low-priced players.

Miami received infielders Yunel Escobar and Adeiny Hechavarria, pitchers Henderson Alvarez, Anthony DeSclafani and Justin Nicolino, catcher Jeff Mathis and outfielder Jake Marisnick under the deal, which was agreed to last week and completed Monday. The Marlins also are sending Toronto cash.

The trade was finalized after baseball Commissioner Bud Selig decided not to block it.

PRO BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers star point guard Kyrie Irving will miss at least one month with a broken finger.

The NBA's reigning rookie of the year fractured his left index finger on Saturday against Dallas.

NEW YORK — Memphis Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph was fined $25,000 by the NBA for confronting Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins following their ejections in a game last week.

PRO HOCKEY

NEW YORK — If the first bargaining session in eight days between the NHL and the players' association made any headway, neither side tipped its hand.

A large contingent of players got together with league leadership on Monday night and met for under two hours.

Not a whole lot was accomplished on the road to a new agreement that could get the hockey season going, but at least there was optimism that the sides would get together again — likely as soon as Tuesday.

The lockout entered its 65th day Monday and has already wiped out 327 games. More cancellations could be coming soon, but the NHL hasn't said when another such announcement might be coming.

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Former top-ranked doubles player Gisela Dulko of Argentina retired from tennis, finishing her career with four singles titles and 17 in doubles.

CYCLING

LONDON — Sprint specialist Mark Cavendish has become the latest member of Britain's cycling team to be involved in a bike crash after hitting the back of a car during a training run in Italy.

The 2011 world road race champion says on Twitter he sustained a bruised arm after a car in front slammed on the brakes, but he is "relatively ok."

Cavendish's accident came two weeks after Tour de France champion Bradley Wiggins and British Cycling head coach Shane Sutton were hospitalized after being knocked off their bikes.

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