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Golden Gopher Sports News

January 2, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers host Indiana and Michigan State to begin the Big Ten home schedule

Hockey

- Minnesota returns to action by hosting Mercyhurst and Niagara this weekend

Gymnastics

- The Gophers begin the 2001 season with the annual Intrasquad Meet tonight, followed by the regular season opener against Ohio State on Saturday and the Sports Pavilion

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Sophomore Kim Prince earns her first career double-double in the loss to IUPUI, with 10 rebounds and a career-high 30 points

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Tuesday, January 2

GM hosts Intrasquad Meet 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 4

BB hosts Indiana 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

HC hosts Mercyhurst* 2:05 p.m.

GM hosts Ohio State 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 7

BB hosts Michigan State** 2 p.m.

HC hosts Niagara 1:05 p.m.

* contest will be broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

** contest will be broadcast on WDGY Radio, 630 AM

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The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.





2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 7-5

Big Ten: 0-1

November

18-19	Four Points Sheraton Classic	
18	Binghamton	W, 85-74
19	Providence	W, 88-60
25-26	Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)	
25	vs. Denver	L, 77-59
26	vs. Louisville	W, 68-64

December

1-2	Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)	
1	vs. St. Joseph's	L, 64-62
2	vs. Eastern Illinois	L, 73-72
4	Virginia Commonwealth	W, 72-57
8	at Ohio	W, 92-73
10	at St. Louis	W, 77-71
23	at Marist	W, 79-61
28	at Penn State *	L, 91-73
31	at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI)	L, 85-80

January

4	Indiana *	7 p.m.
7	Michigan State * R	2 p.m.
11	at Indiana * R	7:30 p.m.
18	at Wisconsin * (MSC) R	7 p.m.
21	Northwestern * (Fox) R	Noon
25	Purdue *	7 p.m.
28	Illinois * (MSC)	2 p.m.

February

1	at Michigan *	7 p.m.
4	at Illinois *	2 p.m.
8	at Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
11	Iowa * (Fox) R	Noon
15	Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
18	at Purdue *	2 p.m.
22	Wisconsin * (MSC) R	7 p.m.
25	at Michigan State *	2 p.m.

March

1-4	Big Ten Conference Tournament R (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
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Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM
MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota vs. Indiana — Jan. 4

Minnesota vs. Michigan State — Jan. 7

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Minnesota Hosts Indiana and Michigan State This Week

The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (7-5, 0-1 Big Ten) plays its first home game in a month when they host Indiana (11-2, 2-0) on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. The Gophers will then play Michigan State (6-6, 0-1) on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Home Sweet Home

The Golden Gophers are 3-0 on their home court in the Sports Pavilion in 2000-01. Unfortunately, Minnesota has played just three of its 12 games this season at home. The tide changes in the month of January as the Gophers are home for five of their seven games.

Sunday's Game on WDGY Radio

Sunday's game against Michigan State will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Tom Witcher and handling the color commentary duties is former Gopher volleyball standout Linda Shudlick. The broadcast is the first of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only two Golden Gophers have started each game of the season due to injury or illness. Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) and forward **Kadidja Andersson** (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.) have started the every game for the Gophers. A total of eight different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	23	Tanisha Gilbert	5-11	Fr.	15.0	7.9	2.6 (spg)
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.2	4.6	2.3
C	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	15.8	6.0	0.1
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	8.3	2.4	4.8
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	16.8	5.0	3.0

Newcomers Making a Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 74 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 56.3 of Minnesota's 75.6 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson) leads the Gophers in scoring averaging 15.8 points per game, while **Tanisha Gilbert** (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park) is third at 15.0 points a game.

Field Goal Percentage on the Rise

Field goal percentage is one of the most telling improvements of the 2000-01 Gophers. Minnesota has shot over 50 percent from the field in half (6-of-12) of their games, including four of its last five. It's unusual for a team to shoot this well from the field yet lose a game, but the Gophers have lost two games where they bettered 50 percent from the floor: versus St. Joseph's and Indiana-Purdue. Minnesota has placed a bigger emphasis on its inside game and the result is an improved field goal percentage of 48.8 percent over last year's 37.1.

Holding the Hot Hand

First-year forward **Tanisha Gilbert** has shot 71 percent from the floor (30-42) in her last four games, averaging 17.7 points per game during the stretch. **Gilbert**, shooting 56 percent from the floor this season, is one of four Gopher starters to post a field goal percentage of better than 50 percent. Junior center **Kim Prince** (Montgomery, Ala./Carver) leads the way with a 58.5 field goal percentage on the season.

Adding Her Name to an Elite List

Only a handful of players in Minnesota history have scored 30 or more points in a game. **Kim Prince's** 30-point outing against IUPUI was the 35th 30-plus scoring game in Gopher history. **Prince** is the eighth player to accomplish the feat and first since Angie Iverson in 1997-98.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Jan. 2)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	2	0	1.000	12	3	.800
Indiana	2	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Penn State	2	0	1.000	10	3	.769
4. Michigan	1	1	.500	8	4	.667
Wisconsin	1	1	.500	6	4	.600
Iowa	1	1	.500	6	6	.500
7. Minnesota	0	1	.000	7	5	.583
Michigan State	0	1	.000	6	6	.500
Illinois	0	1	.000	5	7	.417
Northwestern	0	1	.000	4	7	.363
11. Ohio State	0	2	.000	10	2	.833

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

- Thur., Jan. 4 Wisconsin at Michigan (7 p.m.)
 Indiana at Minnesota (7 p.m.)
 Northwestern at Penn State (7 p.m.)
 Iowa at Purdue (7 p.m.)
 Ohio State at Michigan State (8 p.m.)
 Illinois at Georgia (7:30 p.m.)
- Sun., Jan. 7 Penn State at Illinois (Noon)
 Michigan at Iowa (2 p.m.)
 Michigan State at Minnesota (2 p.m.)
 Ohio State at Northwestern (2 p.m.)
 Purdue at Indiana (7 p.m.)
 Wisconsin-Green Bay at Wisconsin (1:30 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

- Thur., Dec. 28 PENN STATE 91, Minnesota 73
 Indiana 65, OHIO STATE 58
 Michigan 68, ILLINOIS 67
 IOWA 95, Northwestern 61
 Purdue 70, WISCONSIN 58
- Sat., Dec. 30 Illinois 73, AUBURN 56
 Purdue 65, MICHIGAN 54
- Sun., Dec. 31 Penn State 66, OHIO STATE 63
 WISCONSIN 94, Iowa 91
 INDIANA 71, Michigan State 54
 IUPUI 85, Minnesota 80

A Positive Result

Thanks to a nine-assist performance against Penn State, sophomore point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** once again as a positive assist to turnover ratio. **Piroglu** has dished out a team-high 58 assists (4.8 apg.), and has committed 56 turnovers.

Readjusting the Balance

Bench scoring has been an important element in the Gophers' record with Minnesota owning a 6-3 record in the nine games that the Gopher bench has outscored the opponent's bench. In the Gophers' last two games, however, the bench was outscored by a hefty 50-12 margin, including a 35-8 differential against IUPUI.

Search for High-Scoring Loss Goes Back Eight Years

The Gophers scored 80 points against IUPUI, yet in an unusual occurrence scoring that many points, lost. The last time the Gophers

scored 80 or more points, but lost, in non-conference play was in the 1992-93 season when they dropped a 89-87 thriller to Marquette. It has happened since then just once, in a Big Ten game, a 91-84 loss to Northwestern in 1996-97.

Taking Turns as the Top Dog

Five Golden Gophers stepped into the limelight as the Minnesota's top scorer in games this season. In six of 12 games, the Gophers' top scorer has totaled over 20 points, led by a 30-point outburst by **Kim Prince** in the loss at IUPUI. **Tanisha Gilbert** has led the Gophers most often, six times.

Tate Serving Team Suspension

Junior guard/forward **Jackie Tate** (**Eufaula, Ala./Eufaula**) is not traveling with the team on the Penn State/IUPUI road trip and is serving a team suspension for violation of team rules.

How's This for a Last Time?

Minnesota's 92 points in the win over Ohio (Dec. 8) is the highest total the Gophers have scored in a game since Jan. 23, 1994, when Minnesota defeated Indiana, 93-74.

Prince Scores 30 in Defeat

Despite a career-high 30 points from **Kim Prince**, the Golden Gophers were unable to overcome 36 turnovers in losing an 85-80 decision to Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Prince, a sophomore center, was unstoppable in the post hitting 13 of 19 field goal attempts while collecting 10 rebounds for her first career double-double. She also added three blocks and two steals.

Minnesota's 36 turnovers diminished the Gophers' impressive 53 percent (31-59) shooting from the field and 46-29 advantage on the boards.

The Gophers scored the game's first 11 points and held the Jaguars scoreless for the game's first five minutes in what looked like a mismatch early on. Minnesota ran its lead to 31-15 on two **Kim Bell** (**Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn**) free throws with 8:31 left in the first half. IUPUI used the three-point field goal to fuel an 18-2 run that tied the score at 33 with 2:28 left in the half on a trey by Amy Frey. The Jaguars had six different players hit a jumper from behind the arc in the first half.

IUPUI increased its lead to as much as 15 points in the second half as the Jaguars shot 52 percent from the floor and stalled any Gopher comeback by hitting on 19 of 23 second-half free throw attempts.

Lindsay Whalen added 23 points in the losing effort. **Tanisha Gilbert** tallied a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds before she was forced to leave the game after being poked in the eye with 3:53 left to play.

The Gophers put together a late rally, closing to within 83-78 but IUPUI's Amber Holie sank two free throws with eight seconds left to seal the victory.

Gopher Hang Tough with Defending Champs

The Golden Gophers jumped on No. 10/11 Penn State, taking a 45-38 halftime lead, but the Lady Lions outscored Minnesota 53-28 in the second half to rally to victory in Big Ten women's basketball action on Dec. 28.

Minnesota used a 12-4 run in the final four minutes of the first half to open a seven-point lead at intermission. **Kim Prince** hit on 6-of-8 shots and **Lindsay Whalen**, 6-of-7, to each tally 14 points in the half and stun a Bryce Jordan Center crowd of 6,281.

The Lady Lions regrouped at halftime and scored five points to start the second half before the Gophers even attempted a field goal. The game remained close until Penn State flexed its muscle on the offensive boards to build a 12-0 run during a 3-minute span to take a 72-58 lead

with 7:27 to play. During the stretch, the Gophers went 0-for-6 from the field and committed three turnovers. Minnesota was unable to chip the deficit down to single digits the remainder of the game.

Penn State limited **Prince** to five second-half points and **Whalen** to three, while Lady Lion senior forward Maren Walseth took over the game, scoring 19 of her game-high 21 points in the second half. The Lady Lions finished with a 48-34 rebounding advantage and a telling 22-5 margin in second-chance points.

Prince and **Tanisha Gilbert** scored 19 points to pace the Gophers. **Whalen** finished with 17, while point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** dished out nine assists.

Gilbert Shares Co-Big Ten Player of the Week Honor

Tanisha Gilbert was named the co-Big Ten Women's Basketball Player of the Week, on Dec. 11. Gilbert, a first-year forward, shared the award with Penn State guard Lisa Shepherd.

Gilbert led the Golden Gophers to a 3-0 record that week with victories over Virginia Commonwealth, Ohio and St. Louis, improving Minnesota's record to 6-3 on the season. The 5-11 forward averaged 16.0 points per game during the week, including a career-high 20-percent performance versus St. Louis. She shot a blistering 70 percent from the field in the three games, making 19 of 27 field goal attempts. She also averaged 9.3 rebounds per game.

Gilbert also tallied the first points/rebounds double-double of her collegiate career, scoring 17 points and pulling down 11 rebounds against Virginia Commonwealth. She repeated the feat versus St. Louis with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Passing Around the Torch

Five different Gophers have earned all-tournament honors in Minnesota's three early-season tournaments. **Tanisha Gilbert** earned all-tourney acclaim at the Kansas Tournament, while teammate **Kim Prince** was honored at the Cancun Tournament. **Lindsay Whalen**, **Ozlem Piroglu** and **Kadidja Andersson** were all-tournament team honorees at the Gophers' Four Points Sheraton Classic. **Whalen** was also the tourney MVP.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 28-66 (6-43 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans**, **Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

A Look Ahead

Minnesota will play Indiana for the second time in a week, when the Gophers travel to Bloomington, Ind., on Jan. 11.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Alphabetical Roster

35	Kadidja Andersson	F	5-11	Fr.
54	Kim Bell	C	6-7	Jr.
23	Tanisha Gilbert	F/C	5-11	Fr.
22	Alana Glass	G	5-7	Sr.
3	Ebba Hemberg	G	5-6	Fr.
20	Leslie Hill	G/F	5-10	Fr.
43	Megan Kane	F	6-0	Fr.
52	Angel Leon	C	6-3	Fr.
21	Lindsay Lieser	G	5-10	So.
14	Trish McGhee	G	5-6	So.
24	Kim Nelson	G	5-11	Fr.
30	Brandy Pickens	C	6-2	Sr.
5	Ozlem Piroglu	G	5-6	So.
10	Kim Prince	C	6-1	So.
15	Jackie Tate	F	6-1	Jr.
13	Lindsay Whalen	G	5-8	Fr.

The Scouting Report on Indiana

Indiana is easily one of the biggest surprises in the Big Ten this season. First-year head coach Kathi Bennett inherited a team that posted a 10-18 record in 1999-2000 and has led the Hoosiers to an 11-2 record this season. The Hoosiers are off to a 2-0 start in the Big Ten with a win over previously unbeaten Ohio State and Michigan State. The Indiana attack centers around 6-5 junior Jill Chapman, who is the only Hoosier averaging in double figures a 14.2 points per game. Chapman is shooting an impressive 57 percent from the field and also leads the team in rebounding, pulling down 8.2 caroms a game.

Head coach Kathi Bennett is in her first season with the Hoosiers. Overall, Bennett owns a 235-105 record in 13 years of coaching.

The Series — Minnesota owns a slight 19-18 edge in the series with Indiana. The Gophers played the Hoosiers just once in 1999-2000, winning a 61-53 battle in Bloomington.

The Scouting Report on Michigan State

Michigan State owns a 6-6 overall record, 0-1 in the Big Ten after a loss to Indiana to open its conference season. The Spartans host Ohio State on Thursday prior to traveling to Minnesota to face the Gophers. Michigan State also has a new head coach on the sidelines, Joanne McCallie. McCallie's Spartans have lost three of their last four games but are now back to full strength after leading scorer, forward Becky Cummings, returned to action after missing four games with an injury. Cummings averages 11.6 points per game. Point guard Vnemina Reese adds 10.5 points and 4.0 assists per game.

Head coach Joanne McCallie is in her first season with the Spartans. She owns a 173-79 coaching record in nine seasons.

The Series — Michigan State leads the series with Minnesota by a 30-13 margin. The Gophers won the only meeting of the series last season, a 75-71 overtime win at home to end the regular season.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
SEASON BOX SCORE - as of 01/02/01
ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	{7-5}	{3-0}	{3-2}	{1-3}
CONFERENCE.....	{0-1}	{0-0}	{0-1}	{0-0}
NON-CONFERENCE.....	{7-4}	{3-0}	{3-1}	{1-3}

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS		FT-FTA	PCT	R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS - AVG
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SCORE BY HALVES (and OTs):	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	384	456	0	0	0	0	840
Minnesota	414	493	0	0	0	0	907

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	32	0	32
Minnesota	39	1	40

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 11-4-1
WCHA Record: 10-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	2:05 p.m.
7	Niagara	1:05 p.m.
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.
14	MSU, Mankato*	2:05 p.m.
19	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
20	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
26	at New Hampshire	6 p.m.
27	at New Hampshire	2 p.m.

February

2	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
3	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
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Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

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2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey

January 2, 2001

Saturday, Jan. 6, host Mercyhurst, 2:05 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7, host Niagara, 1:05 p.m.

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Golden Gophers Return From Long Layoff for Non-Conference Games

After being idle for nearly a month, Minnesota returns to action this week with a pair of home games, facing non-conference opponents Mercyhurst and Niagara.

The Gophers take on the Lady Lakers of Mercyhurst at 2:05 p.m. Saturday before facing the Purple Eagles of Niagara at 1:05 p.m. Sunday.

Recapping the First Half

Heading into the break with a pair of four-goal losses was not the way Minnesota planned on closing out 2000. However, a 10-1-1 record in WCHA play has the Gophers in first place and they are ranked second nationally with an 11-4-1 overall mark.

Frosh **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** has paced the Minnesota offense with 27. She has been named WCHA rookie of the week twice and has scored points in 13 of 16 games.

After getting off to a slow start, including a four-game absence from the Gopher lineup, senior **Nadine Muzerall (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy)** scored eight goals in a four-game stretch and has surpassed the 200-point mark for her career. Senior **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)** leads the team with 13 goals and is second on the team with 23 points while junior **Laura Slominski (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** has eight goals, including five on the power play, which ranks second nationally, and 20 points.

Senior **Courtney Kennedy (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham, Browne & Nichols)** is the team's mainstay on the blueline. She leads the team in plus/minus rating (+21) and has four goals and 15 points.

In goal, senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** has started 14 of 16 games, putting together a 9-4-1 record, including two shutouts, along with a 2.33 goals against average and a .912 save percentage. Her 8-0 win over Minnesota-Duluth, Nov. 11, was the 20th shutout of her career.

Mercyhurst Recently

After winning five straight games, the Lady Lakers have lost their last three, including 3-1 and 5-2 decisions at Princeton over the weekend.

Mercyhurst allowed the Tigers to score in just three of six periods but a three-goal second period Friday and a four-goal third period Sunday spelled defeat. Tiffany Ribble stopped all 12 shots she faced in Friday's loss after replacing Amber Natali in goal. She then recorded 24 saves Saturday as the Lakers held a 31-29 edge in shots on goal.

Niagara Recently

The Purple Eagles have been a team of streaks this season, opening with five wins before losing seven in a row. They are now 3-1-1 in their last five games after earning a 6-0 win at Colgate on Saturday behind Brooke Bradburn's second hat trick of the season.

Killewald Stops 2,000th Shot

When **Erica Killewald** stopped Dartmouth forward Carly Haggard's shot nine minutes into the first period, Dec. 9, at Dartmouth on the power play, she recorded the 2,000th save of her career.

In four seasons, **Killewald** has stopped 2,060 of 2,229 shots for a .924 save percentage and has posted a 1.86 goals against average along with a 63-19-8 record.

Petersen Remains Out

Frosh defense **Bethany Petersen (Bloomington, Minn./Bloomington Jefferson)** suffered a concussion early in the third period of the Gophers' 5-1 loss at Dartmouth, Dec. 9. She is still undergoing tests and is out indefinitely.

Closing on 100

Junior co-captain **Tracy Engstrom (Willmar, Minn./Willmar)** is closing in on the 100-point mark for her career. In 87 games, she has 39 goals and 53 assists for 92 points. She was named the

WCHA player of the week on Dec. 4 after scoring seven points in a pair of wins over Bemidji State, Dec. 1-2.

Senior **Ambria Thomas** is two assists shy of becoming the first player in school history with 100 in her career. Last year, she tied for the team lead with a career-high 37 and has added 10 more this season. **Thomas** leads the Gophers in goals (13) this season and is second on the team with 23 points. She earned WCHA player of the week honors on Oct. 16 after recording a hat trick in Minnesota's season-opening 4-1 win at St. Cloud State, Oct. 14.

New Faces in Old Places

Two new faces have joined the Minnesota coaching staff with the addition of **Wayne Farris** and **Brad Frost**.

Farris is serving as a volunteer goalie coach and was with the team during the month of December. He has worked with the Community Olympic Development Program and is a tri-chair of the organizing committee for the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championships.

Frost replaces Libby Witchger, who resigned in November, on the staff. A 1996 graduate of Bethel College, he was in his first season as an assistant at his alma mater after three years as an assistant girls' hockey coach at Eagan High School.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .815 with a record of 48-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 1,040, and set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

The Series

Minnesota is meeting both Mercyhurst and Niagara for the first time. Mercyhurst, a member of the Great Lakes Women's Hockey Association,

is in its second season of competition while Niagara, a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, is in its third season of competition.

On the Air

Saturday's game versus Mercyhurst is the first of three scheduled games this season to air on Midwest Sports Channel. Veteran play-by-play announcer Frank Mazzocco will call all of the action with former Gopher men's coach Doug Woog providing the color commentary.

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 152-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 93-21-8. She led the Gophers to the AWCHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

Behind the Lady Laker Bench

Mercyhurst coach Michael Sisti is in his second year behind the Lady Laker bench, during which time he has a record of 32-8-2. A 1990 graduate of Canisius and a member of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association's National Board of Directors Committee, he served as an assistant and associate head coach of the Mercyhurst men's program for six seasons.

Behind the Purple Eagle Bench

Niagara coach Margot Page is in her third season behind the Purple Eagle bench. A 1987 graduate of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, she has a 36-36-7 career record. Page served as an assistant coach for the Canadian Under-22 team this past summer and was a member of the Canadian National team that won World Championships in 1990, 1992 and 1994.

Next Up

The Gophers return to WCHA action next week when they host Minnesota State, Mankato on Jan. 13-14. Both games are slated for 2:05 p.m. faceoffs with the opener to be carried live on Midwest Sports Channel.

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Jan. 2, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	12	10- 1-1	21	63	24	16	11- 4-1	69	38
2. Wisconsin	12	8- 2-2	18	62	30	18	13- 3-2	88	43
3. Minn.-Duluth	12	7- 4-1	15	59	29	18	13- 4-1	90	38
4. Ohio State	12	4- 6-2	10	30	34	19	6-11-2	44	57
5. St. Cloud State	10	4- 5-1	9	34	37	17	8- 8-1	64	55
6. Bemidji State	10	3- 7-0	6	18	65	16	4-12-0	33	91
7. MSU, Mankato	12	0-11-1	1	7	54	16	1-14-1	11	65

Schedule and Results

Recent Scores

Saturday, Dec. 16
at Minn.-Duluth 4, Harvard 3*

Sunday, Dec. 17
at Minn.-Duluth 5, Harvard 2*

Saturday, Dec. 30
at St. Lawrence 4, Ohio State 2*

Sunday, Dec. 31
at Cornell 5, Ohio State 3*

This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Ohio State at Team USA, 10:30 am#

Friday, Jan. 5

Mercyhurst at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm*
Niagara at St. Cloud State, 5:05 pm*

Saturday, Jan. 6

Mercyhurst at Minnesota, 2:05 pm*
Niagara at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm*

Sunday, Jan. 7

Bemidji State at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm
Niagara at Minnesota, 1:05 pm*
Wisconsin vs Providence, 4 pm*
(at Lake Placid, N.Y.)
Northeastern at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm*

* non-conference game
exhibition game
all times Central

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Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 11-4-1 Conf: 10-1-1 Home: 6-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	-----SHOTS-----						-----PENALTIES-----				-----GOALS-----							
		G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	+/-	No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT
La Toya Clarke	16	9	18	27	63	.143	+10	1-2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ambria Thomas	16	13	10	23	76	.171	+12	4-8	4	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	2
Laura Slominski	16	8	12	20	65	.123	+11	3-6	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nadine Muzerall	12	12	7	19	84	.143	+5	10-26	8	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	1	0	2
Ronda Curtin	16	9	7	16	52	.173	+12	2-4	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	16	4	11	15	44	.091	+21	17-34	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	16	4	9	13	40	.100	+10	5-10	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	16	0	10	10	21	.000	+5	10-20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	15	1	6	7	12	.083	+13	3-6	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	16	3	2	5	18	.167	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	14	3	2	5	17	.176	+6	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gwen Anderson	13	0	3	3	7	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	16	1	1	2	13	.077	+1	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	9	1	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	16	1	0	1	15	.067	-5	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stefanie Snow	11	0	1	1	7	.000	+3	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	10	0	1	1	3	.000	+2	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Olson	15	0	1	1	13	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betsey Kukowski	12	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	16	69	111	180	589	.117	+116	85-176	83	2	0	19	1	11	1	5	7	0	6
Opponents.....	16	38	54	92	404	.094	-	87-174	87	0	0	12	1	4	0	4	9	1	0

Name	---GOAL AVERAGE---		--SAVES--		----RECORD----				-----GOALS-----					
	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG
Erica Killewald	14-14	823:25	32	2.33	.912	9	4	1	2	11	1	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	3-2	143:33	6	2.51	.850	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	16-16	968:48	38	2.35	.906	11	4	1	2	12	1	0	0	0
Opponents.....	16-16	968:48	69	4.27	.883	4	11	1	1	19	1	0	0	0

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	589	36.81	.117
Opponents	404	25.25	.094

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	19	70	.271
Opponents	12	71	.169

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	20	18	31	0	69
Opponents.....	11	16	10	1	38

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	158	191	234	6	589
Opponents.....	135	156	110	3	404

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FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	16	152	119	.561
Betsey Kukowski	12	2	2	.500
Kris Scholz	16	1	1	.500
La Toya Clarke	16	103	106	.493
Tracy Palinsky	16	22	24	.478
Kelsey Bills	16	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	16	56	69	.448
Ambria Thomas	16	24	30	.444
Nadine Muzerall	12	14	19	.424
Gwen Anderson	13	15	23	.395
Laura Slominski	16	23	36	.390
Jerilyn Glenn	14	2	6	.250
Total.....	16	461	491	.484
Opponents.....	16	491	461	.516

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	16	3	7	10	14	.214
Laura Slominski	16	5	4	9	12	.417
Courtney Kennedy	16	0	9	9	19	.000
Nadine Muzerall	12	4	2	6	23	.174
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Ambria Thomas	16	3	1	4	18	.167
Emily Buchholz	16	0	4	4	11	.000
Ronda Curtin	16	1	2	3	14	.071
Tracy Engstrom	16	1	1	2	15	.067
Melissa Coulombe	15	1	0	1	2	.500
Jerilyn Glenn	14	1	0	1	1	1.000
Kelly Olson	15	0	0	0	4	.000
Total.....	16	19	35	54	139	.137
Opponents.....	16	12	19	31	116	.103

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	19	70	.271	1	109:35	1:34	5:46	2.54
Opponents	12	71	.169	1	115:12	1:37	9:36	2.01

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Tracy Engstrom	16	1	0	1	2	.500
Melissa Coulombe	15	0	1	1	0	.000
Courtney Kennedy	16	0	0	0	1	.000
Nadine Muzerall	12	0	0	0	2	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Ambria Thomas	16	0	0	0	2	.000
Ronda Curtin	16	0	0	0	1	.000
Tracy Palinsky	16	0	0	0	1	.000
Laura Slominski	16	0	0	0	4	.000
La Toya Clarke	16	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	16	1	1	2	16	.063
Opponents.....	16	1	0	1	6	.167

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/Kll	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	59	71	.831	1	115:12	1:37	115:12	0.27
Opponents	51	70	.729	1	109:35	1:34	109:35	0.11

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TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	69-589	38-404
Shot pct.....	.117	.094
Goals/Game.....	4.3	2.4
Shots/Game.....	36.8	25.2
Assists.....	111	54
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	19-70	12-71
Conversion Percent.....	.271	.169
Shot Attempts.....	139	116
Shot Percent.....	.137	.103
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	1-16	1-6
Shot Percent.....	.062	.167
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	69	38
Power Play.....	19	12
Short-handed.....	1	1
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	5	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	85	87
Minutes.....	176	174
Penalties/Game.....	5.3	5.4
Pen minutes/Game.....	11.0	10.9
Minor.....	83	87
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	.484	.516
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	7277	3070
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	7/1040	9/341
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

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Golden Gopher Sports News

January 8, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers travel to Indiana on Thursday for their only game of the week

Hockey

- #2 Minnesota returns to WCHA action by hosting Minnesota State, Mankato in a two-game series

Gymnastics

- The 18th-ranked Gophers host fourth-ranked Utah at the Sports Pavilion

Track and Field

- Minnesota kicks off the 2001 indoor season by hosting the Northwest Open at the University Fieldhouse

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Frosh Lindsay Whalen ranks fourth in the Big Ten in scoring with an average of 16.9 points per game

Hockey

- #2 Minnesota defeats Mercyhurst 3-0 on Saturday, followed by a 4-2 win over Niagara

Gymnastics

- The #18 gymnastics team earns a win over #24 Ohio State with a team score of 194.275
- Frosh Annie Laatsch ties for first place on the balance beam and floor exercise and places second on the uneven bars against the Buckeyes

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, January 11

BB at Indiana* 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 13

HC hosts MSU, Mankato 2:05 p.m.

GM hosts Utah 7 p.m.

TF hosts Northwest Open 9 a.m.

Sunday, January 14

HC hosts MSU, Mankato 2:05 p.m.

* contest will be broadcast on WDGY Radio, 630 AM

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2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 13-4-1
WCHA Record: 10-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.
14	MSU, Mankato*	2:05 p.m.
19	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
20	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
26	at New Hampshire	6 p.m.
27	at New Hampshire	2 p.m.

February

2	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
3	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
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Golden Gophers Return To WCHA Action This Weekend

After four non-conference games, scheduled around a four-week break from competition, Minnesota returns to WCHA-Women's League play this weekend with a pair of games versus Minnesota State, Mankato. The two games, Jan. 13-14, are both scheduled for 2:05 p.m. starts.

Gophers Return From Break With Two Wins

Despite showing some rust from a four-week layoff, Minnesota opened 2001 with a 3-0 win over Mercyhurst on Saturday and 4-2 win over Niagara on Sunday.

The Gophers got off to a sluggish start Saturday, being outshot 7-1 in the opening period and entering the final 20 minutes in a scoreless tie. Frosh **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** broke the ice when she scored on a rebound at three minutes, 41 seconds of the final period. Frosh **Kelsey Bills (Carstairs, Alberta/Hugh Sutherland)** made it 2-0 with 8:45 to play after intercepting a pass at the top of the slot, and frosh **Melissa Coulombe (St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba/St. Pierre Collegiate)** scored on the power play two minutes later. Senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** made 16 saves for her third shutout of the season.

Sunday saw Minnesota trail by a goal twice but a pair of goals by senior **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)**, including a short-handed marker, led the Gophers to victory.

Thomas got the Gophers on the board with a power-play goal with 1:25 to play in the opening period after Niagara had gone up 1-0 on a power-play tally. The Purple Eagles regained the lead just 49 seconds into the second period but **Coulombe's** power-play goal at 13:09 tied the score again. **Clarke** got the game-winner 3:18 into the final period and **Thomas' short-handed goal** at 9:33 finished the scoring. **Killewald** stopped 21 shots to record the victory.

Mavericks Drop Games to Mercyhurst and Niagara

Before playing Minnesota, Mercyhurst and Niagara both posted wins over MSU, Mankato. The Lady Lakers downed the Mavericks 3-1 Friday before the Purple Eagles earned a 2-0 win Saturday.

MSU, Mankato jumped out to an early lead over Mercyhurst as sophomore **Tristin Stephenson** scored a power-play goal, but the Lady Lakers scored once in each period, converting two of four power-play opportunities to pick up the victory.

Saturday, sophomore **Katie Beauduy** turned in a 31-save effort but it wasn't enough to overcome Niagara's 33-11 advantage in shots on goal.

Rookie Rally

After 40 minutes of scoreless hockey Saturday, it was the Gopher rookies who rallied the team to victory. **La Toya Clarke** got Minnesota on the board and then it was the defense's turn as blueliners **Kelsey Bills** and **Melissa Coulombe** both scored their second goals of the season.

Coulombe Turns on the Power

Melissa Coulombe scored her first collegiate goal Dec. 9 in a 5-1 loss at Dartmouth in Minnesota's last series before the break. She returned to score a goal in each of the Gophers' games over the weekend, giving her three in four games.

During those four games, Minnesota has scored four power-play goals, with all three of **Coulombe's** goals coming on the power play.

Killewald Gets 20th Shutout, Second Point

Goalie **Erica Killewald** stopped 16 shots Saturday to earn her 20th career shutout. She recorded five during both her frosh and junior seasons and had seven as a sophomore. Saturday's blanking of Mercyhurst was her third shutout this season.

Killewald also earned an assist on **Ambria Thomas' short-handed goal** Sunday, the second assist of her career.

Closing on 100

Junior co-captain **Tracy Engstrom (Willmar, Minn./Willmar)** is closing in on the 100-point

mark for her career. In 89 games, she has 39 goals and 53 assists for 92 points. She was named the WCHA player of the week on Dec. 4 after scoring seven points in a pair of wins over Bemidji State, Dec. 1-2.

Ambria Thomas is two assists shy of becoming the first player in school history with 100 in her career. Last year, she tied for the team lead with a career-high 37 and has added 10 more this season. **Thomas** leads the Gophers with 15 goals this season and is second on the team with 25 points. She earned WCHA player of the week honors on Oct. 16 after recording a hat trick in Minnesota's season-opening 4-1 win at St. Cloud State, Oct. 14.

When Last We Met

Minnesota extended its winning streak over MSU, Mankato to 12 games with 2-1 and 6-1 wins in Mankato, Oct. 27-28, 2000.

In the series opener, Maverick rookie goalie Shari Vogt stopped 47 shots but her team was outshot 49-18 in the 2-1 loss. Sophomore **Ronda Curtin (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** opened the scoring in the first period and **Ambria Thomas** added a power-play goal in the third. **Tristin Stephenson** scored on the power play for MSU, Mankato with 6:58 to play in the game.

Vogt turned in another solid performance the following day, stopping 38 shots, but **La Toya Clarke** had two goals and two assists and frosh **Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South)** stopped 11 shots for her first collegiate win.

The All-Time Series

The Gophers have won all 12 meetings with the Mavericks, including five wins at **Mariucci Arena**. Minnesota has never trailed at any point in a game in the series and has outscored MSU, Mankato 89-10, including a 38-1 margin in the first period. In five games at home, the Gophers have outscored the Mavericks 33-5.

Home Sweet Home

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Jan. 8, 2001 Team	WCHA				Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF GA	GP	Record	GF GA	
1. Minnesota	12	10- 1-1	21	63 24	18	13- 4-1	76 40	
2. Wisconsin	12	8- 2-2	18	62 30	19	14- 3-2	90 44	
3. Minn.-Duluth	12	7- 4-1	15	59 29	19	14- 4-1	93 40	
4. Ohio State	12	4- 6-2	10	30 34	19	6-11-2	44 57	
5. St. Cloud State	11	4- 6-1	9	37 41	19	8-10-1	67 66	
6. Bemidji State	11	4- 7-0	8	22 68	17	5-12-0	37 94	
7. MSU, Mankato	12	0-11-1	1	7 54	18	1-16-1	12 70	

Schedule and Results

Recent Scores

Tuesday, Jan. 2
at Team USA 9, Ohio State 1#

Friday, Jan. 5
Mercyhurst 3, at MSU, Mankato 1*
Niagara 7, at St. Cloud State 0*

Saturday, Jan. 6
at Minnesota 3, Mercyhurst 0*
Niagara 2, MSU, Mankato 0*

Sunday, Jan. 7
Bemidji State 4, at St. Cloud State 3
at Minnesota 4, Niagara 2*
Wisconsin 2, Providence 1*
(at Lake Placid, N.Y.)
at Minn.-Duluth 3, Northeastern 2*

This Week

Monday, Jan. 8
Bemidji State at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm
Northeastern at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm*
Wisconsin at Team USA, 6 pm#

Friday, Jan. 12
Wisconsin at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm
Bemidji State at Ohio State, 6:05 pm

Saturday, Jan. 13
MSU, Mankato at Minnesota, 2:05 pm
Wisconsin at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm
Bemidji State at Ohio State, 3:05 pm

Sunday, Jan. 7
MSU, Mankato at Minnesota, 2:05 pm
Bemidji State at Findlay, 1 pm*

* non-conference game
exhibition game
all times Central

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .820 with a record of 50-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 940. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

On the Air

Saturday's game versus MSU, Mankato will be the second of three scheduled games this season to air on Midwest Sports Channel. Veteran play-by-play announcer Frank Mazzocco will call all of the action with former Gopher men's coach Doug Woog providing the color commentary.

Outside of Minnesota, MSC is carried by DirecTV and DISH Network. It can be found on channel 641 on DirecTV and channel 436 on DISH Network.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 154-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 95-21-8. She led the Gophers to the AWCHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-

Minnesota Statistics vs. MSU, Mankato

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	SOG	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
Gwen Anderson	7	0	4	4	10	+7	1- 2	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	2	0	0	0	1	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	11	0	6	6	7	+27	2- 4	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	11	0	6	6	9	+18	5- 10	0	0	0
La Toya Clarke	2	2	2	4	13	+3	0- 0	1	0	1
Melissa Coulombe	2	0	2	2	3	+2	0- 0	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	7	6	3	9	29	+13	1- 2	1	1	1
Tracy Engstrom	11	9	12	21	39	+26	2- 4	2	0	1
Jerilyn Glenn	2	0	0	0	5	+1	0- 0	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	12	4	15	19	28	+25	16- 43	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	8	0	1	1	0	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Betsy Kukowski	9	4	6	10	14	+11	0- 0	0	0	0
Megan Milbert	5	0	2	2	1	+3	0- 0	0	0	0
Nadine Muzerall	8	15	6	21	44	+16	3- 6	4	1	0
Kelly Olson	10	1	2	3	13	+16	1- 2	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	2	0	0	0	5	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	2	0	2	2	6	2	1- 2	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	1	0	0	0	0	0	1- 2	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	12	3	12	15	30	+15	4- 8	0	0	1
Laura Slominski	12	7	8	15	41	+15	1- 2	2	0	1
Stefanie Snow	2	0	1	1	2	+1	1- 2	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	7	2	1	3	10	+6	1- 2	0	0	0
Ambria Thomas	12	7	18	25	39	+29	2- 4	2	0	4
Minnesota	12	89	143	232	520	+327	56-123	16	4	12
MSU, Mankato	12	10	16	26	146	-331	59-132	4	0	0

Goalie	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg.	Saves	Pct.	Record	ShO
Erica Killewald	8- 6	410:09	6	0.88	72	.923	6- 0-0	2
Stephanie Johnson	1- 1	60:00	1	1.00	11	.917	1- 0-0	0
Minnesota	12-12	720:00	10	0.83	136	.932	12- 0-0	4
MSU, Mankato	12-12	720:00	89	7.42	431	.829	0-12-0	0

Shots on Goal	SOG	Avg.	Pct.
Minnesota	520	43.33	.171
MSU, Mankato	146	12.17	.068

Power Play	Goals	Opp.	Pct.
Minnesota	16	49	.327
MSU, Mankato	4	47	.085

Goals by Period	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota	38	30	21	0	89
MSU, Mankato	1	5	4	0	10

place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, Halldorson was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, Halldorson was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

Behind the Maverick Bench

Mercyhurst coach Michael Sisti is in his second year behind the Lady Laker bench, during which time he has a record of 32-8-2. A 1990 graduate of Canisius and a member of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association's National Board of Directors Committee, he served as an assistant and associate head coach of the Mercyhurst men's program for six season.

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at Mariucci Arena. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Skate With The Gophers Slated for Jan. 21

Skate with the Gophers has been slated for Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mariucci Arena.

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

January 2

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	10-0-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	13-4-1	87	2
3. St. Lawrence	9-3-2	77	4
4. Minnesota	11-4-1	72	3
5. Harvard	8-5-0	61	5
6. Brown	6-3-2	42	8
7. Wisconsin	13-3-2	40	6
8. Northeastern	10-2-0	37	7
9. Providence	11-2-2	20	9
10. New Hampshire	10-7-0	11	10

Others receiving votes: Ohio State 3.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

January 3

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (12)	10-0-1	120	1
2. Minnesota	11-4-1	104	2
3. Minnesota-Duluth	13-4-1	96	3
4. St. Lawrence	9-3-2	80	5
5. Harvard	8-5-0	68	4
6. Wisconsin	13-3-2	60	6
7. Brown	6-3-2	50	7
8. Northeastern	10-2-0	38	8
9. Providence	11-2-2	32	9
10. New Hampshire	10-7-0	12	10

Others receiving votes: None.

The event is open to children age 13 and under and parents. The cost of the event is \$6 and includes admission, soda, popcorn and face-painting.

Activities at the event include skating, autographs from Gopher players, meet and greet the coaching staff, a shootout contest, baby picture ID game and raffles and giveaways from Kool 108.

Next Up

The Gophers will play a pair of exhibition games Jan. 19-20 with the U.S.A. National Select Team. Both games are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. faceoffs at Mariucci Arena.

Minnesota Record

When Scoring first	7-1-0
When Opponent scores first	6-3-1
When Leading after 1st period	8-0-0
When Trailing after 1st period	1-1-1
When Tied after 1st period	4-3-0
When Leading after 2nd period	11-1-0
When Trailing after 2nd period	0-3-1
When Tied after 2nd period	2-0-0
In Overtime	0-1-1
When Outshooting opponent	12-1-0
When Outshot by opponent	1-3-1
When Shots are even	0-0-0
When Having 0-19 shots	1-1-0
When Having 20-29 shots	2-0-1
When Having 30-39 shots	4-3-0
When Having 40-49 shots	5-0-0
When Having 50+ shots	1-0-0
When Opponent has 0-19 shots	3-0-0
When Opponent has 20-29 shots	9-1-1
When Opponent has 30-39 shots	1-2-0
When Opponent has 40-49 shots	0-1-0
When Opponent has 50+ shots	0-0-0
In one-goal games	3-1-0
At Mariucci Arena	8-1-0
On the road	5-3-1
At neutral site	0-0-0
In October	5-1-0
In November	4-1-1
In December	2-2-0
In January	2-0-0
In February	0-0-0
In March	0-0-0
When Kelsey Bills scores a goal	2-0-0
When La Toya Clarke scores a goal	7-0-0
When Melissa Coulombe	2-1-0
When Ronda Curtin scores a goal	8-1-0
When Tracy Engstrom scores a goal	3-1-0
When Jeryllyn Glenn scores a goal	2-0-0
When Courtney Kennedy scores a goal	3-0-1
When Nadine Muzerall scores a goal	6-0-1
When Tracy Palinsky scores a goal	1-0-0
When Kris Scholz scores a goal	2-0-0
When Laura Slominski scores a goal	5-1-0
When Alyson Sundberg scores a goal	1-0-0
When Ambria Thomas scores a goal	7-1-1

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Overall: 13-4-1 Conf: 10-1-1 Home: 8-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	SHOTS					Pct	+/-	PENALTIES				GOALS							
		G	A	Pts	Shots				No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT
La Toya Clarke	18	11	19	30	68	.162	+12	1-2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ambria Thomas	18	15	10	25	81	.185	+13	5-10	5	0	0	4	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	0
Laura Slominski	18	8	15	23	70	.114	+14	3-6	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nadine Muzerall	14	12	7	19	89	.135	+5	12-30	10	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0
Ronda Curtin	18	9	9	18	58	.155	+14	2-4	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	18	4	13	17	52	.077	+23	18-36	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	18	4	9	13	45	.089	+10	5-10	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	18	0	11	11	22	.000	+6	10-20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	17	3	6	9	15	.200	+15	3-6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	18	3	2	5	21	.143	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	16	3	2	5	19	.158	+6	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	18	2	1	3	14	.143	+2	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gwen Anderson	15	0	3	3	7	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	10	1	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	18	1	0	1	19	.053	-5	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stefanie Snow	12	0	1	1	7	.000	+3	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	12	0	1	1	3	.000	+2	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	16	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Olson	17	0	1	1	15	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betsey Kukowski	14	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	18	76	121	197	644	.118	+130	91-188	89	2	0	22	2	13	1	6	8	0	6	0
Opponents.....	18	40	58	98	443	.090	-	95-190	95	0	0	13	1	4	0	4	10	1	0	0

Name	GP-GS	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD				GOALS				
		Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG
Erica Killewald	16-16	943:25	34	2.16	369	.916	11	4	1	3	12	1	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	3-2	143:33	6	2.51	34	.850	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	18-18	1088:48	40	2.20	403	.910	13	4	1	3	13	1	0	0	0
Opponents.....	18-18	1088:48	76	4.19	568	.882	4	13	1	1	22	2	0	0	0

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	644	35.78	.118
Opponents	443	24.61	.090

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	22	78	.282
Opponents	13	77	.169

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	21	19	36	0	76
Opponents.....	12	17	10	1	40

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	169	215	254	6	644
Opponents.....	153	165	122	3	443

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FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	18	171	135	.559
La Toya Clarke	18	111	108	.507
Betsey Kukowski	14	2	2	.500
Kris Scholz	18	1	1	.500
Tracy Palinsky	18	33	34	.493
Kelsey Bills	18	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	18	57	72	.442
Ambria Thomas	18	25	32	.439
Nadine Muzerall	14	30	40	.429
Gwen Anderson	15	15	23	.395
Laura Slominski	18	24	38	.387
Jerilyn Glenn	16	2	6	.250
Total.....	18	518	547	.486
Opponents.....	18	547	518	.514

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	18	3	8	11	15	.200
Laura Slominski	18	5	5	10	15	.333
Courtney Kennedy	18	0	10	10	23	.000
Nadine Muzerall	14	4	2	6	23	.174
Ambria Thomas	18	4	1	5	20	.200
Emily Buchholz	18	0	5	5	11	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Ronda Curtin	18	1	3	4	14	.071
Melissa Coulombe	17	3	0	3	4	.750
Tracy Engstrom	18	1	1	2	16	.062
Jerilyn Glenn	16	1	0	1	1	1.000
Kelly Olson	17	0	0	0	4	.000
Total.....	18	22	40	62	152	.145
Opponents.....	18	13	21	34	125	.104

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	22	78	.282	1	122:43	1:34	5:35	2.48
Opponents	13	77	.169	2	125:47	1:38	9:41	1.99

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Tracy Engstrom	18	1	0	1	2	.500
Ambria Thomas	18	1	0	1	3	.333
Erica Killewald	16	0	1	1	0	.000
Melissa Coulombe	17	0	1	1	0	.000
Laura Slominski	18	0	1	1	4	.000
Ronda Curtin	18	0	0	0	1	.000
Tracy Palinsky	18	0	0	0	1	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Emily Buchholz	18	0	0	0	1	.000
Nadine Muzerall	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Courtney Kennedy	18	0	0	0	1	.000
La Toya Clarke	18	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	18	2	3	5	18	.111
Opponents.....	18	1	0	1	7	.143

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/Kll	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	64	77	.831	2	125:47	1:38	62:54	0.29
Opponents	56	78	.718	1	122:43	1:34	122:43	0.12

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 All games

Overall: 13-4-1 Conf: 10-1-1 Home: 8-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	76-644	40-443
Shot pct.....	.118	.090
Goals/Game.....	4.2	2.2
Shots/Game.....	35.8	24.6
Assists.....	121	58
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	22-78	13-77
Conversion Percent.....	.282	.169
Shot Attempts.....	152	125
Shot Percent.....	.145	.104
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-18	1-7
Shot Percent.....	.111	.143
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	76	40
Power Play.....	22	13
Short-handed.....	2	1
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	6	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	91	95
Minutes.....	188	190
Penalties/Game.....	5.1	5.3
Pen minutes/Game.....	10.4	10.6
Minor.....	89	95
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	518-547	547-518
	.486	.514
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	8459	3070
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	9/940	9/341
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

2001 Schedule

January

6	#24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#4 Utah	7 p.m.
19	at Michigan w/Iowa	7 p.m.
27	Iowa	7 p.m.

February

2	at Stanford	7:30 p.m.
10	Best of Minnesota	7 p.m.
	(Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Winona State)	
16	at Iowa State w/Okla.	7 p.m.
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Avenue SE. All times are local to site.

Preseason Coaches Poll

1.	UCLA (22 first-place)	718
2.	Georgia (3)	674
3.	Michigan (1)	647
4.	Utah (3)	632
5.	Alabama	614
6.	Nebraska	553
7.	Stanford	495
8.	LSU	490
9.	Penn State	464
	Florida	464
11.	Arizona State	398
12.	Oregon State	386
13.	Denver	341
14.	West Virginia	301
15.	BYU	265
16.	Washington	246
17.	Iowa State	241
18.	Minnesota	240
19.	North Carolina State	155
20.	Arizona	142
21.	Oklahoma	134
22.	Iowa	98
23.	Maryland	94
24.	Ohio State	85
25.	Boise State	83



Gymnastics 2001

vs. #4 Utah

Saturday, Jan. 13 — 7 p.m. — Sports Pavilion

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Golden Gophers To Host #4 Utah

Minnesota hosts Utah on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. Utah, which finished second in the nation last year, is ranked No. 4 in the preseason coaches poll, while the Golden Gophers are ranked No. 18.

The Preseason Poll

Minnesota one of five Big Ten Conference schools listed in the preseason coaches poll. The Golden Gophers are listed at No. 18. Two-time defending conference champion Michigan leads the way with a No. 3 ranking. Penn State joins the Wolverines in the top 10, listed at No. 9. Other schools among the top 25 are Iowa (No. 22) and Ohio State (No. 24). Defending national champion UCLA is the top-ranked school, followed by Georgia and Michigan. The first regular-season poll will be released Jan. 15.

About the Golden Gophers

Minnesota opened the season with a 194.275-192.250 win over Big Ten Conference rival Ohio State on Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers recorded a three-way tie for first place on floor exercise, and a tie for first on balance beam. The Gophers outscored the Buckeyes on three of four events, as Ohio State edged the Gophers on bars, 48.400-48.300.

Beuckens Sidelined

Junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** had surgery Dec. 19 to remove a benign cyst and did not compete Saturday against Ohio State. She will be evaluated this week.

Kelley Misses All Around

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** hyperextended her left elbow during uneven bars warmups on Saturday against Ohio State and did not compete on bars. It is the first time in her 29-meet career she was not an all around competitor. She is expected to compete in the all around this weekend.

Laatsch Shines In First Competition

Newcomer **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** tied for first place on two events in her first collegiate competition. She tied for first place on floor exercise (9.85) and balance beam (9.80). Her 9.85 score on floor exercise ties the 10th-best score in team history. **Laatsch** also tied for second on uneven bars with a score of 9.750.

Gopher Floor Exercise Scores High

The Golden Gophers recorded the top five floor exercise scores Saturday against Ohio State, including a three-way tie for first place. Senior **Shanyn Lancaster (Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Lahser)**, junior **MaryAnne Kelley** and newcomer **Annie Laatsch** each scored a 9.85. **Lancaster** and **Laatsch** are now both listed at No. 10 in team history for floor exercise. **Kelley's** career high of 9.95 set last season tied the school record.

Other Minnesota scorers on Saturday were junior **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Buckeye)**, who placed fourth at 9.825, and newcomer **Alicia Opsahl (Forest Lake, Minn./Forest Lake)**, who placed fifth at 9.80.

The Golden Gophers recorded a team floor exercise score of 49.175. Last year, Minnesota topped that score only three times but set the school record with a 49.500 on March 18.

Beam Beginnings

Minnesota scored a 48.475 on beam against Ohio State, with four of the five counting scores at least 9.725. Last season, Minnesota scored 48.475 or higher five times in 14 meets.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Dixon Leads Again On Vault

Sophomore **Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** started the 2001 season where she left off in 2000. **Dixon** was Minnesota's highest scorer on vault against Ohio State, placing second with a 9.65. Last year, she recorded the team's top vault score in 12 of the team's 14 meets and recorded the top six vault scores of the season. She led the team with a 9.796 average in 2000.

The Newcomers

Minnesota's newcomers competed in 10 of the Gophers' 24 routines Saturday against Ohio State, and nine of their scores "counted" in the team total. **Annie Laatsch** and **Alicia Opsahl** performed on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** competed on vault and bars, while **Tara Schroeder (Rogers, Minn./Rogers)** competed on vault.

About Utah

Utah opened the season with a 196.375-190.85 win at home against Southern Utah on Friday. Utah scored at least 49.000 on bars, beam and floor, and a 48.500 on vault. Sophomore Theresa Kulikowski and junior Shannon Bowles each returned from injuries. Kulikowski, the 1999 NCAA all around and balance beam champion, won the bars (9.95) and tied for first on beam (9.90) after missing most of the 2000 season with an ACL injury. Bowles tied for the win on beam (9.90) and won the floor exercise (9.925) after missing the entire 2000 season with a neck injury.

Utah is the only team in the nation to qualify for all 19 NCAA Championships, winning nine. The team placed second a year ago.

Utah Connection

Golden Gopher co-head coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson coached at Utah with current Utah coach Greg Marsden prior to coaching at Minnesota. The Stephensons spent four years at Utah, with Jim Stephenson serving as the first assistant coach and Meg Stephenson serving as a consultant. During their four years, Utah won national titles in 1990 and 1992.

Last Year Against Utah

Minnesota faced Utah three times last season. The Golden Gophers lost a dual meet at No. 3 Utah on Jan. 21, Utah's 153rd consecutive home win and Utah head coach Greg Marsden's 700th career win. Minnesota scored a 46.975 on bars, the lowest score of the season on any event.

On Feb. 18, Minnesota faced No. 4 Utah in a quadrangular meet at Arizona State. The Golden Gophers placed third with a score of 195.150, ahead of Utah's 194.675. It was the first time ever that Minnesota defeated Utah.

No. 4 Utah competed in the Sports Pavilion at the NCAA Region 2 Championships on April 1. Utah won the meet and advanced to the NCAA Championships, finishing second in the nation.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 50-29-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 118-100-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Utah Coach Greg Marsden

Utah coach Greg Marsden is in his 26th season at Utah. He has won 10 national championships and has coached 201 All-Americans. He has been named the National Coach of the Year seven times.

Up Next

Minnesota hits the road for the first time in the 2001 season, traveling to Ann Arbor, Mich., to face Iowa and Michigan in a triangular meet Jan. 19. The Golden Gophers return home to host the Hawkeyes on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.



2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 7-7

Big Ten: 0-3

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18 Binghamton W, 85-74

19 Providence W, 88-60

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)

25 vs. Denver L, 77-59

26 vs. Louisville W, 68-64

December

1-2 Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)

1 vs. St. Joseph's L, 64-62

2 vs. Eastern Illinois L, 73-72

4 Virginia Commonwealth W, 72-57

8 at Ohio W, 92-73

10 at St. Louis W, 77-71

23 at Marist W, 79-61

28 at Penn State * L, 91-73

31 at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) L, 85-80

January

4 Indiana * L, 79-76

7 Michigan State * R L, 66-65

11 at Indiana * R 7:30 p.m.

18 at Wisconsin * (MSC) R 7 p.m.

21 Northwestern * (Fox) R Noon

25 Purdue * 7 p.m.

28 Illinois * (MSC) 2 p.m.

February

1 at Michigan * 7 p.m.

4 at Illinois * 2 p.m.

8 at Ohio State * R 7 p.m.

11 Iowa * (Fox) R Noon

15 Ohio State * R 7 p.m.

18 at Purdue * 2 p.m.

22 Wisconsin * (MSC) R 7 p.m.

25 at Michigan State * 2 p.m.

March

1-4 Big Ten Conference Tournament R
(Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Home games in bold at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM
MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota at Indiana— Thursday, Jan. 11
Bloomington, Ind.

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Minnesota Returns to the Road

The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (7-7, 0-3 Big Ten) travels to Bloomington, Ind. to face Indiana (12-3, 3-1) on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Central). The Gophers have a bye on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Don't Throw Away Those Scouting Reports

Minnesota will face Indiana for the second time in a week. On Thursday, Jan. 4, the Hoosiers defeated the Gophers by a score of 79-76 in the Sports Pavilion. The unusual occurrence of playing a team twice just a week apart happens three times in Minnesota's 2000-01 schedule. In addition to playing Indiana twice within a week, the Gophers will face Illinois on Sunday, Jan. 28 and again on Sunday, Feb. 4, and Ohio State on Thursday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 15.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3 p.m. practice.

Indiana Game on WDGY Radio

Thursday's game against Indiana will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Tom Witschen and handling the color commentary duties is sports information director Becky Bohm. The broadcast is the second of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers will practice on Tuesday from 12:30 - 3 p.m. before leaving for Indiana on Wednesday morning. Minnesota will practice on Wednesday from 7 - 9 p.m. at Assembly Hall in Bloomington. The Gophers return home on Friday morning but will not practice until Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Piroglu Out With Knee Sprain

Point guard Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) will be out of action for 2-4 weeks after suffering a strain to the medial collateral ligament of her right knee in practice on Jan. 3. Piroglu had started the first 12 games this season and averaged 8.3 points and 4.8 assists per game. Trish McGhee (Memphis, Tenn./Central) has taken over the starting point guard duties.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.) has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	23	Tanisha Gilbert	5-11	Fr.	15.1	7.4	2.7 (spg)
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.3	4.4	2.2
C	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	14.6	5.9	0.1
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	16.9	4.9	3.3
G	14	Trish McGhee	5-6	So.	3.6	1.5	1.1

McGhee Answers the Call at Point Guard

Sophomore Trish McGhee made the first start of her career in the Gophers' last outing against Michigan State. McGhee shared time at point guard with Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson) and contributed four points and an assist. In the first meeting versus Indiana, McGhee came off the bench to score a season-high 11 points. McGhee missed all but the first six games of her rookie season with the Gophers after tearing the ACL in her left knee.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Jan. 7)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	4	0	1.000	14	3	.824
2. Indiana	3	1	.750	12	3	.800
Penn State	3	1	.750	11	4	.733
4. Wisconsin	2	1	.667	7	5	.583
Michigan State	2	1	.667	8	6	.571
6. Iowa	2	2	.500	7	7	.500
7. Illinois	1	1	.500	6	8	.429
8. Ohio State	1	3	.250	11	3	.788
Michigan	1	3	.250	8	6	.571
9. Minnesota	0	3	.000	7	7	.500
Northwestern	0	3	.000	4	9	.308

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

- Tues., Jan. 9 Illinois at Northwestern (7 p.m.)
- Thur., Jan. 11 Penn State at Michigan (7 p.m.)
Illinois at Ohio State (7 p.m.)
Wisconsin at Michigan State (7 p.m.)
Minnesota at Indiana (7:30 p.m.)
- Sun., Jan. 14 Wisconsin at Iowa (Noon)
Ohio State at Michigan (2 p.m.)
Illinois at Michigan State (2 p.m.)
Indiana at Penn State (2 p.m.)
Northwestern at Purdue (2 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

- Thur., Jan. 4 Wisconsin 85, MICHIGAN 52
Indiana 79, MINNESOTA 76
PENN STATE 92, Northwestern 54
PURDUE 73, Iowa 58
MICHIGAN STATE 62, Ohio State 60
GEORGIA 100, Illinois 59
- Sun., Jan. 7 ILLINOIS 75, Penn State 71
IOWA 79, Michigan 58
Michigan State 66, MINNESOTA 65
Ohio State 66, NORTHWESTERN 65
Purdue 67, INDIANA 59
Wisconsin-Green Bay 82, WISCONSIN 80 (ot)

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 75 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 56.3 of Minnesota's 74.9 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 16.9 points per game, while **Tanisha Gilbert (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park)** is second at 15.1 points a game.

Field Goal Percentage a Key

Field goal percentage is one of the most telling improvements of the 2000-01 Gophers. Minnesota has shot over 50 percent from the field in 6-of-14 of their games, including four of its last seven. It's unusual for a team to shoot this well from the field yet lose a game, but the Gophers have lost two games where they bettered 50 percent from the floor: versus St. Joseph's and Indiana-Purdue. Minnesota has placed a bigger

emphasis on its inside game and the result is an improved field goal percentage of 47.8 percent over last year's 37.1.

Road Trip Terror

Sophomore center **Kim Prince (Montgomery, Ala./Carver)** has a decidedly better scoring average on the road than at home. **Prince** is the Gophers' leading scorer in road games at 17.1 points per game. Her average at home in games at the Sports Pavilion is 10.0 points a contest.

The Numbers Game With a 7-7 Record

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 7-7 overall record: free throw percentage and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their seven wins versus the numbers in their seven losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.1	69.6
Defensive Average	65.7	73.9
FG Percentage	48.6	47.1
3 FG Percentage	43.5	32.8
FT Percentage	72.1	59.5
Rebounding Margin	+8.0	-0.7
Turnovers	19.1	19.7

Crunch-Time Blues

Minnesota is 0-5 in games deciding by five or fewer points. The Gophers' loss to Michigan State in their last outing was the second one-point loss of the season.

Margin	Score	Opponent (Date)
1	73-72	Eastern Illinois (12/2)
1	66-65	Michigan State (1/7)
2	64-62	St. Joseph's (12/1)
3	79-76	Indiana (1/4)
5	85-80	Indiana-Purdue (12/31)

Trio of Gophers Among Big Ten's Top Scorers

Three Gophers are listed among the top 10 leading scorers in the Big Ten statistics. **Lindsay Whalen** is the top-ranked Gopher, fourth with a scoring average of 16.9 points per game. **Tanisha Gilbert** checks in at eighth with an average of 15.1 points per game, while **Kim Prince** is 10th at 14.6 points an outing. Minnesota and Penn State both have three players listed in the top 10 conference scorers. Iowa's Lindsey Meder leads the way with an 18.1 points per game average.

Bakery Not Open on Sunday

The Gophers turned over the ball just nine times in Sunday's loss to Michigan State, a season-low and the first time during the Littlejohn era that the Gophers posted a single-digit turnover performance. The nine turnovers is the lowest since Nov. 30, 1996, when the Gophers committed eight turnovers in a 68-66 victory over Wyoming.

Taking Turns as the Top Dog

Five Golden Gophers have stepped into the limelight as the Minnesota's top scorer in games this season. In seven of 14 games, the Gophers' top scorer has totaled over 20 points, led by a 30-point outburst by **Kim Prince** in the loss at IUPUI. **Tanisha Gilbert** has led the Gophers most often, seven times.

Tate Serving Team Suspension

Junior guard/forward **Jackie Tate (Eufaula, Ala./Eufaula)** is not traveling with the team and is serving a team suspension for violation of team rules.

Gophers Lose Nail-Biter to Michigan State

Two free throws by Michigan State's Donita Johnson with 15 seconds left to play turned out to be the difference in the Spartans pulling out a 66-65 victory over the Golden Gophers in Big Ten women's basketball action at the Sports Pavilion on Sunday.

Johnson's only free throws of the game gave Michigan State a four-point cushion. Minnesota closed to within one on a **Tanisha Gilbert** three-pointer with 0.6 of a second left on the clock.

The Spartans scored the first six points of the game and built a 10-point lead at 20-10 midway through the first half. Minnesota battled back with a 20-5 run to take a 33-28 lead at halftime.

Michigan State outscored the Gophers 12-6 in the first four minutes of the second half and recaptured the lead for good on a driving layup by Vnemina Reese with 12:27 left. The Gophers managed to close within two points three times, the final time on a **Lindsay Whalen** free throw with 53 seconds left to play.

The Gophers were unable to capitalize on a season-low nine turnovers, shooting just under 40 percent for the game. Michigan State shot 52 percent from the field and outrebounded the Gophers by a 36-29 margin.

Gilbert led the Gophers with 16 points, while **Whalen** added 14. Sophomore guard **Lindsay Lieser** (**New London, Minn./New London Spicer**) came off the bench to contribute 12 points on four three-pointers.

Gophers Drop Conference Home Opener to Hoosiers

The Golden Gophers lost their second game to open the Big Ten season, dropping a 79-76 decision to Indiana in the Sports Pavilion on Jan. 4.

Hoosier center Jill Chapman scored all 17 of her points in the second half to rally Indiana from a 34-32 halftime deficit. Chapman was held scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting from the field in the first half, but then came alive making 6-of-6 in the second half. The 6-5 junior, who was last week's Big Ten Player of the Week, also pulled down 10 rebounds for her third consecutive double-double.

Five of Chapman's points came during a 7-0 Hoosier run that gave Indiana its biggest lead at 63-54 with 6:19 remaining. During the stretch, Minnesota missed the front end of three one-and-one opportunities from the free throw line.

Minnesota fought back to get within two points at 67-65 on a pair of **Lindsay Whalen** free throws with 4:04 left. After an Indiana miss, the Gophers had a chance to tie the game but **Kim Prince** was whistled for travelling. The game was never a one-possession contest after that point. Indiana's Rachael Honegger iced the game with a pair of free throws with 6.6 seconds left.

Four Gophers finished in double figures scoring, led by **Whalen's** 21 points, including a 9-for-9 performance from the free throw line. **Tanisha Gilbert** added 15, while **Trish McGhee** chipped in 11 and **Prince** 10. The Gophers were playing without starting point guard **Ozlem Piroglu**, who suffered a sprained right knee in practice the day before the game.

Gilbert Shares Co-Big Ten Player of the Week Honor

Tanisha Gilbert was named the co-Big Ten Women's Basketball Player of the Week on Dec. 11. Gilbert, a first-year forward, shared the award with Penn State guard Lisa Shepherd.

Gilbert led the Golden Gophers to a 3-0 record that week with victories over Virginia Commonwealth, Ohio and St. Louis, improving Minnesota's record to 6-3 on the season. The 5-11 forward averaged 16.0 points per game during the week, including a career-high 20-point performance versus St. Louis. She shot a blistering 70 percent from the field in the three games, making 19 of 27 field goal attempts. She also averaged 9.3 rebounds per game.

Gilbert also tallied the first points/rebounds double-double of her collegiate career, scoring 17 points and pulling down 11 rebounds

against Virginia Commonwealth. She repeated the feat versus St. Louis with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Passing Around the Torch

Five different Gophers earned all-tournament honors in Minnesota's three early-season tournaments. **Tanisha Gilbert** earned all-tourney acclaim at the Kansas Tournament, while teammate **Kim Prince** was honored at the Cancun Tournament. **Lindsay Whalen, Ozlem Piroglu** and **Kadidja Andersson** were all-tournament team honorees at the Gophers' Four Points Sheraton Classic. **Whalen** was also the tourney MVP.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 28-68 (6-45 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans, Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Alphabetical Roster

35	Kadidja Andersson	F	5-11	Fr.
54	Kim Bell	C	6-7	Jr.
23	Tanisha Gilbert	F/C	5-11	Fr.
22	Alana Glass	G	5-7	Sr.
3	Ebba Hemberg	G	5-6	Fr.
20	Leslie Hill	G/F	5-10	Fr.
43	Megan Kane	F	6-0	Fr.
52	Angel Leon	C	6-3	Fr.
21	Lindsay Lieser	G	5-10	So.
14	Trish McGhee	G	5-6	So.
24	Kim Nelson	G	5-11	Fr.
30	Brandy Pickens	C	6-2	Sr.
5	Ozlem Piroglu	G	5-6	So.
10	Kim Prince	C	6-1	So.
15	Jackie Tate	F	6-1	Jr.
13	Lindsay Whalen	G	5-8	Fr.

The Scouting Report on Indiana

Indiana is 12-3 overall and in second place in the Big Ten with a 3-1 mark. The Hoosiers suffered their first conference loss in their last outing, dropping a 67-59 decision to Purdue on Sunday. Indiana, which like the Gophers finished the 1999-2000 season with a 10-18 record, hired a new coach in Kathi Bennett and she has her Hoosiers receiving votes in the AP poll the last six weeks. Junior 6-5 center Jill Chapman averages 13.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game to lead the Hoosiers in both categories. Chapman is tied with Wisconsin's Jessie Stomski for the most double-doubles on the season among Big Ten players with five.

Head coach Kathi Bennett is in her first season with the Hoosiers. Overall, Bennett owns a 236-106 record in 13 years of coaching.

The Series — Indiana tied the series at 19 with a 79-76 victory at Minneapolis on Jan. 4.

A Look Ahead

After Sunday's bye, Minnesota plays at Wisconsin on Jan. 18 and hosts Northwestern on Jan. 21.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
SEASON BOX SCORE - as of 01/08/01
ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	{7-7}	{3-2}	{3-2}	{1-3}
CONFERENCE.....	{0-3}	{0-2}	{0-1}	{0-0}
NON-CONFERENCE.....	{7-4}	{3-0}	{3-1}	{1-3}

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SCORE BY HALVES (and OTs):	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	444	541	0	0	0	0	985
Minnesota	481	567	0	0	0	0	1048

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	37	0	37
Minnesota	46	1	47



2001 Minnesota Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open	9 a.m.
20 Home Quad	11 a.m.
27 Minnesota Classic	11 a.m.

February

3 Minnesota Quadrangular	11 a.m.
9- at Iowa State Invitational	TBA
10 at Arkansas Invitational at Butler Invitational	TBA
17 Parents' Day Open	11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships, 25 West Lafayette, Ind.	TBA

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier	TBA
9- at NCAA Championships.	TBA
10 Fayetteville, Ark.	TBA
24- Spring Break Trip	TBA
31	

April

7 at Texas Relays	TBA
13-14 at SEA Relays	TBA
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays	TBA
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	TBA
21 at Long Beach State Invitational	TBA
27-28 at Drake Relays	TBA
at Penn Relays	TBA
28 at Macalester Invitational	TBA

May

4 Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships, 20 Bloomington, Ind.	TBA
30- at NCAA Championships, 31 Eugene, Ore.	TBA

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships.	TBA
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Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.

2001 Track and Field January 8, 2001



Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m.
host Northwest Open, Univ. of Minnesota Fieldhouse

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This Week

Minnesota opens the 2001 track and field season Saturday by hosting the Northwest Open. The unscored meet gets underway with the field events beginning at 9 a.m.

A Look at the Indoor Season

After finishing third, its best-ever finish, at the Big Ten Championships last year, Minnesota has reason to optimistic heading into the 2001 season.

In the sprints, the Gophers are led by senior captain **Shannaine Osbourne (Bronx, N.Y./Mount Vernon)** along with three-fourths of their school record-setting 4x400 relay squad in senior **Ali Gartner (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo)**, junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** and sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)**.

Last season, **Osbourne** moved into third on the school's all-time 60-meter dash list with a clocking of 7.74 while junior **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** tied for sixth in the 60 and ranks fifth in the 200. The trio of returning relay members all have performed best at the longer sprints. **Shuster** and **Marks** ranks sixth and 10th respectively on Minnesota's all-time 400 list and finished second and third at the Big Ten Championships in the 600. **Day**, **Marks** and **Shuster** also combined to help establish the top five outdoor 4x400 relay times in school history during the 2000 season.

The group should get a boost from a pair of highly-touted recruits in **Tahesia Harrigan (Tallahassee, Fla.)** and **Jessica Mittelstadt (Mankato, Minn./Mankato West)**.

In the jumps, both **Marks** and **Osbourne** found themselves ranked among the school's top 10 in the long. **Marks**, who placed sixth in the event at the Big Ten Championships, jumped 5.83 meters (19 feet, 1 1/2 inches) to rank fourth while **Osbourne** went 5.59m (18-4 1/4) during the season. Both **Harrigan** and **Mittelstadt** are accomplished jumpers who hope to help out there as well.

In the pole vault, school-record holder Christine Gulbrandsen has graduated but sophomore **Erika Findlay (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater)** made great strides in the event during her first collegiate season and the Gophers expect to have a contingent of six vaulters this season.

The distance group is anchored by senior captain **Elaine Eggleston (Roseville, Minn./Roseville)** and classmate **Corinne Nimitz (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)**. The duo led the cross country team to its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance in the fall.

Nimitz returns after qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the indoor 5,000 and outdoor 10,000. She set a school record of 16 minutes, 30.76 seconds in the 5,000 and was second in the Big Ten in the 10,000, qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the event for the second consecutive year.

Junior **Chrissy Eid (Richfield, Minn./Richfield)** finished eighth in the 10,000 at last year's Big Ten meet and ranks seventh in school history in the event. Junior **Jenny Moylan (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)** moved onto the school's top 10 list in the indoor 800 while sophomore **Tanna-Marie Simmons (St. Louis Park, Minn./St. Louis Park)** was fourth in the Big Ten in the outdoor 800 and ranks ninth on the school's all-time list. Sophomore **Anita Menden (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** has been a member of the last two NCAA-qualifying cross country teams and was eighth outdoors in the 1,500 at last year's Big Ten meet. A three-time NCAA cross country competitor, junior **Victoria Moses (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)** will be the Gophers' main competitor in the steeplechase, a new NCAA event for women this year. Running the event for the first time at the Mt. SAC Relays last season, she turned in the sixth-fastest time by a collegian during the 2000 calendar year.

The distance contingent is bolstered by frosh **Darja Vasiljeva (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No. 5)**, who earned All-Big Ten and all-region honors in cross country, and **Laine Misch (Dobbinton, Ontario/Chesley District)**, who competed at the NCAA meet in the fall.

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** returns after competing in four NCAA Championship events — discus, indoor/outdoor shot put and weight throw — last seasons. An All-American in both shot puts, she is the three-time defending outdoor champion and was 13th at the U.S. Olympic Trials in the event in July.

Traditionally a strength for Minnesota, the throws group will be bolstered during the indoor

season by the return of seniors **Nicole Chimko (Aldersyde, Alberta/Foothills Composite)** and **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)**. **Chimko**, a former All-American in the discus and javelin, will compete in the shot put while **Howard** will return to defend her Big Ten title in the weight throw. She set a meet and school record of 19.55m (64-1 3/4) to edge **Schmitt** out for the title last year.

Adding depth to the group will be seniors **Angie Hill (Poplar Bluff, Mo./Poplar Bluff)** and **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)**. Both scored points at the conference meet last year in the hammer throw with **Meyer** also scoring in the discus.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** enters his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. Last year he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships last season, placing third indoors and

second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

Minnesota will play host to a quadrangular meet next Saturday, Jan. 20, at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. That meet gets underway at 11 a.m.

2001 NCAA Qualifying Standards

(SEA LEVEL) Event	AUTOMATIC		PROVISIONAL	
	FAT	MT	FAT	MT
55 Meters	6.80@	-	6.94@	-
60 Meters	7.30@	-	7.44@	-
55-Meter Hurdles	7.64@	-	7.90@	-
60-Meter Hurdles	8.17@	-	8.43@	-
200 Meters (Under 200m/220 yds)*	23.90	-	24.45	-
(200m/220 yds)*	23.70	-	24.25	-
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	23.50	-	24.05	-
400 Meters (Under 200m/220 yds)*	53.80	53.5	55.30	55.0
(200m/220 yds)*	53.50	53.2	55.00	54.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	53.20	52.9	54.70	54.4
800 Meters (200m/220 yds or less)*	2:07.30	2:07.0	2:10.00	2:09.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	2:06.90	2:06.6	2:09.60	2:09.3
Mile# (200m/220 yds or less)*	4:44.00	4:43.7	4:49.00	4:48.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	4:43.40	4:43.1	4:48.40	4:48.1
3,000 Meters# (200m/220 yds or less)*	9:24.00	9:23.7	9:38.00	9:37.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	9:23.20	9:22.9	9:37.20	9:36.9
5,000 Meters# (200m/220 yds or less)*	16:20.00	16:19.7	16:50.00	16:49.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	16:18.45	16:18.2	16:48.45	16:48.2
1,600-Meter Relay (Under 200m/220 yds)*	3:39.00	3:38.7	3:45.00	3:44.7
(200m/220 yds)*	3:37.00	3:36.7	3:43.00	3:42.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	3:35.80	3:35.5	3:41.80	3:41.5
Mile Relay (Under 200m/220 yds)*	3:40.25	3:40.0	3:46.25	3:46.0
(200m/220 yds)*	3:38.25	3:38.0	3:44.25	3:44.0
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	3:37.05	3:36.8	3:43.05	3:42.8
Distance Medley Relay-Meters#				
(200m/220 yds or less)*	11:22.00	11:21.7	11:38.00	11:37.7
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	11:20.00	11:19.7	11:36.00	11:35.7
Distance Medley Relay-Yards#				
(200m/220 yds or less)*	11:26.20	11:25.9	11:42.20	11:41.9
(Banked or Over 200m/220 yds)*	11:24.20	11:23.9	11:40.20	11:39.9
	METRIC	IMPERICAL	METRIC	IMPERICAL
High Jump	1.86	6-1 1/4	1.77	5-9 3/4
Pole Vault	4.10	13-5 1/4	3.80	12-5 1/2
Long Jump	6.38	20-11 1/4	6.10	20-0
Triple Jump	13.15	44-5 1/2	12.55	41-2 1/4
Shot Put	16.10	52-10	14.90	48-10 3/4
20-Pound Weight	19.50	63-11 3/4	17.70	58-1

@ Qualifying times attained at altitude of 6,000 feet and above, add .04 seconds. Times attained at altitude of 3,000-5,999 feet, add .02 seconds.

*-Size of track. #-Altitude adjustment available.

Trackwire 25

This is the Trackwire 25 preseason ranking, for Jan. 2, 2001.

Team	Score
1. Texas	50
2. South Carolina	48
3. UCLA	39
4. Arkansas	28
5. Brigham Young	24
Colorado	24
7. Kansas State	22
8. Stanford	21
Clemson	21
Houston	21
11. Texas-El Paso	20
12. Ohio State	15
Mississippi	15
Arizona	15
15. Harvard	14
16. Nebraska	13
17. Georgetown	11
Northern Arizona	11
19. Appalachian State	10
Seton Hall	10
Arizona State	10
Southern Methodist	10
22. Louisiana State	9
Baylor	9
24. Auburn	8
Florida	8
Duke	8
Missouri	8

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Golden Gopher Sports News

January 16, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers travel to Wisconsin on Thursday before returning home for a matchup with Northwestern
- Both of this week's games will be televised live, the Wisconsin game will be carried live on Midwest Sports Channel, while the Northwestern game will air live on Fox Sports Chicago

Hockey

- Minnesota takes on the U.S. Select Team in exhibition in a two-game series

Gymnastics

- The 9th-ranked Gophers compete against Michigan and Iowa at Michigan

Swimming and Diving

- #18 Minnesota hosts Iowa in a dual meet

Track and Field

- The Gophers host the Minnesota Quad at the University Fieldhouse

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Point guard Ozlem Piroglu will return to the lineup against Wisconsin after missing three games due to a knee injury

Hockey

- Minnesota earns a series sweep of MSU, Mankato and extends its WCHA lead to seven points

Gymnastics

- Mary Anne Kelley scores a 39.200 in her first all around competition of the season, the sixth-best score in school history

Track and Field

- Senior Aubrey Schmitt provisionally qualifies for the NCAA Championships in the weight throw and the shot put

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, January 18

BB at Wisconsin (WDGY, MSC) 7 p.m.

Friday, January 19

HC hosts U.S. Select Team 7:05 p.m.

GM vs. Michigan, Iowa at Michigan 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 20

HC hosts U.S. Select Team 7:05 p.m.

SD hosts Iowa 1 p.m.

TF hosts Minnesota Quad 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 21

BB hosts Northwestern (WDGY, Fox) noon

(WDGY) - contest will be broadcast live on WDGY Radio, 630 AM

(MSC) - contest will be broadcast live on Midwest Sports Channel

(Fox) - contest will be broadcast live on Fox Sports-Chicago

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2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 7-8 Big Ten: 0-4

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18	Binghamton	W, 85-74
19	Providence	W, 88-60

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol
(Cancun, Mexico)

25	vs. Denver	L, 77-59
26	vs. Louisville	W, 68-64

December

1-2	Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)	
1	vs. St. Joseph's	L, 64-62
2	vs. Eastern Illinois	L, 73-72
4	Virginia Commonwealth at Ohio	W, 72-57 W, 92-73
8	at St. Louis	W, 77-71
23	at Marist	W, 79-61
28	at Penn State *	L, 91-73
31	at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI)	L, 85-80

January

4	Indiana *	L, 79-76
7	Michigan State *	L, 66-65
11	at Indiana *	L, 92-64
18	at Wisconsin * (MSC)	7 p.m.
21	Northwestern * (Fox)	Noon
25	Purdue *	7 p.m.
28	Illinois * (MSC)	2 p.m.

February

1	at Michigan *	7 p.m.
4	at Illinois *	2 p.m.
8	at Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
11	Iowa * (Fox) R	Noon
15	Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
18	at Purdue *	2 p.m.
22	Wisconsin * (MSC) R	7 p.m.
25	at Michigan State *	2 p.m.

March

1-4	Big Ten Conference Tournament R (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
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Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM
MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota at Wisconsin — Thursday, Jan. 18 — 7 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Northwestern — Sunday, Jan. 21 — Noon
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Minnesota Looks to Break Out of Slump

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (7-8, 0-4 Big Ten) looks to end its five-game losing skid when it travels to Wisconsin on Thursday for a 7 p.m. contest with the Badgers (8-6, 3-2). The Gophers will then host Northwestern (4-11, 0-5) on Sunday at noon.

Both Gopher Games Televised This Week

The Golden Gophers will have both their games this week televised. The Wisconsin game will be televised live on MSC with Craig Coshun calling the play-by-play and former Badger guard Kelley Paulus providing the color commentary. Fox Sports Chicago will televise the Gophers' game versus Northwestern on Sunday live as part of the Big Ten Conference TV package. Dave Eanet will call the play-by-play and Vera Jones the color commentary. Locally, the game will be aired on MSC.

Gophers Also Carried on WDGY Radio

Both Golden Gopher games this week will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Tom Witschen. Handling the color commentary duties on Thursday will be sports information director Becky Bohm and on Sunday, former Gopher volleyball standout Linda Shudlick. The broadcasts are part of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers leave for Wisconsin by charter air on Wednesday afternoon. Minnesota will practice on Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Kohl Center in Madison. The Gophers return to Minneapolis immediately following the game on Thursday and are scheduled for practice from 12:30 - 3 :15 p.m. on Friday and from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Gilbert Declared Academically Ineligible

First-year Gopher **Tanisha Gilbert (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park)** has been declared academically ineligible to compete in the second semester, school officials released on Tuesday. **Gilbert**, a 5-10 forward, started 13 of 15 games and is second on the team in scoring at 14.7 points per game. She also leads the team in rebounds and steals.

Gilbert was honored as the Co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 11 after leading the Gophers to three wins the previous week. She was named to the Kansas Tournament all-tournament team in early December.

Piroglu Returns to Action

Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.)** is expected to return to the Golden Gophers' starting lineup after missing three games with a strain to the medial collateral ligament of her right knee. She injured the knee during practice on Jan. 3 and missed a game with Michigan State and both games versus Indiana, all three of them losses for Minnesota. **Piroglu** started the first 12 games this season and is averaging 8.3 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward **Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.)** has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	14.5	5.9	0.1
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.1	4.3	2.2
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	0.8	1.6	0.5
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	8.3	2.4	4.8
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	16.4	4.5	3.2

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Jan. 15)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	5	0	1.000	15	3	.833
2. Illinois	4	1	.800	9	8	.529
3. Indiana	4	2	.667	13	4	.765
Penn State	4	2	.667	12	5	.706
5. Wisconsin	3	2	.600	8	6	.571
Iowa	3	2	.600	8	7	.533
7. Michigan State	2	3	.400	8	8	.500
8. Ohio State	2	4	.333	12	4	.750
Michigan	2	4	.333	9	7	.563
10. Minnesota	0	4	.000	7	8	.467
11. Northwestern	0	5	.000	4	11	.267

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

Tues., Jan. 16	Wisconsin at Wisconsin-Milwaukee (7 p.m.)
Wed., Jan. 17	Iowa at Ohio State (7 p.m.)
Thur., Jan. 18	Michigan at Northwestern (7 p.m.) Michigan State at Purdue (7 p.m.) Minnesota at Wisconsin (7 p.m.) - MSC
Sun., Jan. 21	Northwestern at Minnesota (Noon) - Fox/MS Purdue at Illinois (2 p.m.) Penn State at Iowa (2 p.m.) Michigan at Ohio State (2 p.m.) Indiana at Wisconsin (2 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Tues., Jan. 9	ILLINOIS 88, NORTHWESTERN 65
Thur., Jan. 11	MICHIGAN 71, Penn State 62 ILLINOIS 75, OHIO STATE 73 WISCONSIN 72, MICHIGAN STATE 56 INDIANA 92, MINNESOTA 64
Sun., Jan. 14	IOWA 74, WISCONSIN 68 OHIO STATE 76, MICHIGAN 68 ILLINOIS 72, MICHIGAN STATE 59 PENN STATE 89, INDIANA 68 PURDUE 94, NORTHWESTERN 37

With O.P. Out of the Lineup

Take away a team's starting point guard and a team often struggles. Such was the case with the Gophers with **Ozlem Piroglu** out of action. In the three games **Piroglu** missed, the Gophers were 0-3, but the record was not the only thing that suffered. The Gophers' offense dropped off to average 68.3 points per game compared to 75.6 before **Piroglu's** injury. Minnesota has shot just 41.9 percent from the field in **Piroglu's** absence. The Gopher defense has also been affected, allowing 79.0 points per game and nearly 50 percent shooting from the floor with **Piroglu** on the bench, compared to averaging 73.0 points a game and 39.2 percent shooting with the sophomore floor general on the court for the Gophers.

Life's a Different Story in the Big Ten

A statistic that was a bright spot in the Gophers' non-conference performances, field goal percentage, can now be looked at as a reason Minnesota is winless in its first four Big Ten games. The Gophers are

shooting just 43.6 percent from the floor against Big Ten defenses. Prior to the league schedule, the Gophers had shot over 50 percent as a team in six games.

The Streak Reaches a Dozen

First-year guard **Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson)** has scored in double figures in every game she has played in her young Gopher career. The streak stands at 12 since **Whalen** missed three early-season games with an illness. **Whalen**, who ranks fourth in the Big Ten with a 16.4 points per game average, has captured game scoring honors only three times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 75 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 55.6 of Minnesota's 74.1 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 16.4 points per game.

The Tale of the Tape

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 7-8 overall record: free throw percentage and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their seven wins versus the numbers in their eight losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.1	68.9
Defensive Average	65.7	76.1
FG Percentage	48.6	46.4
3 FG Percentage	43.5	31.9
FT Percentage	72.1	59.1
Rebounding Margin	+8.0	-1.7
Turnovers	19.1	20.1

Crunch-Time Blues

Minnesota is 0-5 in games decided by five or fewer points.

Margin	Score	Opponent (Date)
1	73-72	Eastern Illinois (12/2)
1	66-65	Michigan State (1/7)
2	64-62	St. Joseph's (12/1)
3	79-76	Indiana (1/4)
5	85-80	Indiana-Purdue (12/31)

Whalen Among Top Five Scorers in Big Ten

Lindsay Whalen is ranked fourth in the Big Ten with a scoring average of 16.4 points per game. **Kim Prince (Montgomery, Ala./Carver)** is 11th at 14.5 points an outing. Iowa's Lindsey Meder leads the way with an 18.5 points per game average.

Taking Turns as the Top Dog

Five Golden Gophers have stepped into the limelight as Minnesota's top scorer in games this season. In seven of 14 games, the Gophers' top scorer has totaled over 20 points, led by a 30-point outburst by **Kim Prince** in the loss at IUPUI. **Tanisha Gilbert** has led the Gophers most often, seven times.

Gophers Fall to Hot-Shooting Hoosiers

Indiana guard Heather Cassidy blitzed the Golden Gopher defense for a career-high 27 points, while her Hoosiers teamed to shoot over 57 percent from the field as Indiana drilled Minnesota, 92-64, in Big Ten women's basketball action in Bloomington on Thursday.

Lindsay Whalen scored the first basket of the game but it would turn out to be one of only two leads the Gophers would have in the

game. The other Minnesota advantage was when a **Trish McGhee (Memphis, Tenn./Central)** jumper made the score 16-14.

The game's momentum swung after **Lindsay Lieser (New London, Minn./New London-Spicer)** hit her only three-pointer of the game to tie the score at 23 with 9:33 left in the first half. The Hoosier hit 7-of-11 field goal attempts to finish the half with a 67 percent field goal percentage, while the Gophers turned over the ball 11 times during the same span. The result was a 45-35 Hoosier lead at intermission.

The Gophers' scoring drought continued into the second half as they managed just five points in the first five minutes helping Indiana built a lead of 62-40.

Kim Prince led the Gophers in scoring with 13 points. **Whalen** added 11 and **Tanisha Gilbert** 10. Cassidy captured game honors by hitting 9-of-13 from the field for 27 points, while also chipping in seven assists, four rebounds and three steals. Hoosier center Jill Chapman added 19 points.

Minnesota finished the game shooting 42 percent from the field and hit just 57 percent from the free throw line, making 17-of-30 from the line.

Passing Around the Torch

Five different Gophers earned all-tournament honors in Minnesota's three early-season tournaments. **Tanisha Gilbert** earned all-tourney acclaim at the Kansas Tournament, while teammate **Kim Prince** was honored at the Cancun Tournament. **Lindsay Whalen, Ozlem Piroglu** and **Kadidja Andersson** were all-tournament team honorees at the Gophers' Four Points Sheraton Classic. **Whalen** was also the tourney MVP.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 28-69 (6-46 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans, Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Alphabetical Roster

35	Kadidja Andersson	F	5-11	Fr.
54	Kim Bell	C	6-7	Jr.
22	Alana Glass	G	5-7	Sr.
3	Ebba Hemberg	G	5-6	Fr.
20	Leslie Hill	G/F	5-10	Fr.
43	Megan Kane	F	6-0	Fr.
52	Angel Leon	C	6-3	Fr.
21	Lindsay Lieser	G	5-10	So.
14	Trish McGhee	G	5-6	So.
24	Kim Nelson	G	5-11	Fr.
30	Brandy Pickens	C	6-2	Sr.
5	Ozlem Piroglu	G	5-6	So.
10	Kim Prince	C	6-1	So.
13	Lindsay Whalen	G	5-8	Fr.

The Scouting Report on Wisconsin

Wisconsin is 8-6 overall (3-2 Big Ten) with four losses to teams ranked in the top 25. The Badgers, however, have lost two of their last three games, including a 74-68 loss at Iowa in their last outing. Four Badgers own double-digit scoring averages, led by junior forward Jessie Stomski at 16.1 points per game. Forward LaTonya Sims adds 15.0 points per game, while guard Tamara Moore chips in 14.6 points per game and dishes out a team-leading 5.2 assists per game. The Badgers lead the Big Ten in field goal percentage, hitting 49.1 percent from the floor.

Head coach Jane Albright is in her seventh season with the Badgers and owns a record of 125-70. Overall, Albright has a 313-180 record in 17 years of coaching.

The Series — Wisconsin holds a 24-20 advantage in the series with the Gophers and has won the last seven meetings.

The Scouting Report on Northwestern

Northwestern is 4-11 overall and has lost its first five Big Ten games of the season. The Wildcats play host to Michigan on Thursday prior to traveling to face Minnesota on Sunday. Big Ten play has not been kind to the Wildcats, who own both the 11th-ranked offense and defense in the league. Northwestern has averaged 55.6 points per game in Big Ten game and was held to just 37 points in a loss at Purdue in its last outing. Defensively, the Wildcats have allowed teams to score over 90 points in three of five Big Ten games, with their defensive scoring average settling at a porous 87.0 points per game. The Wildcats are lead by guard Emily Butler, who averages 13.1 points and 4.5 assists per game.

Head coach June Olkowski is in her second season with the Wildcats and owns a record of 11-32. Overall, Olkowski owns a 159-170 record in 12 years of coaching.

The Series — Northwestern leads the series with Minnesota by a 29-11 margin. The teams split in action last season with the visiting team winning on the other's home court.

A Look Ahead

After the game at Wisconsin, Minnesota will begin a three-game homestand in which it will play host to Northwestern (Jan. 21), Purdue (Jan. 25) and Illinois (Jan. 28).

Minnesota Women's Basketball
SEASON BOX SCORE - as of 01/12/01
ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	{ 7-8 }	{ 3-2 }	{ 3-3 }	{ 1-3 }
CONFERENCE.....	{ 0-4 }	{ 0-2 }	{ 0-2 }	{ 0-0 }
NON-CONFERENCE.....	{ 7-4 }	{ 3-0 }	{ 3-1 }	{ 1-3 }

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS		FT-FTA	PCT	R E B O U N D S		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	- AVG
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Opponents	15	2977	370 900	.411	92 260	.354	237 332	.714	194 338	532 35.5	341	249 261	36 125	1069	71.3		
CONFERENCE ONLY...	4	800	116 245	.473	23 54	.426	73 102	.716	56 106	162 40.5	84	84 69	12 35	328	82.0		

SCORE BY HALVES (and OTs):	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	489	588	0	0	0	0	1077
Minnesota	516	596	0	0	0	0	1112

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	43	0	43
Minnesota	53	1	54

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 **Intrasquad**
 21 **North Dakota** W, 177-114
 27 **Alumni Meet**

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 **Minnesota Invitational**
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 **Iowa** 1 p.m.
 26-27 Quad Duals 6 p.m./Noon
 (Illinois, Minnesota and
 Purdue at Wisconsin)

February

- 2-3 **Minnesota Challenge**
Friday 6 p.m.
Saturday Noon/6 p.m.
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 25 **Gopher-It Invite** Noon

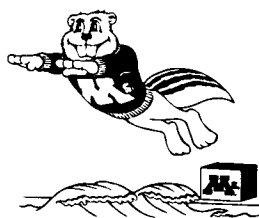
March

- 8-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Site TBA)
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-2001 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

Iowa — Saturday, 1 p.m.
 University Aquatic Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool

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The two-time defending Big Ten champion Minnesota women's swimming and diving team will try to extend its 2000-01 dual meet record to 4-0 by hosting Iowa on Saturday. The 18th-ranked Gophers won three dual meets during the fall, defeating North Dakota at the University Aquatic Center and winning road meets at Florida Atlantic and Iowa State. This is the first of three meets in preparation for the Big Ten meet Feb. 15-17 at Indiana University.

Gophers Currently 18th; New Poll Thursday

Minnesota is currently ranked 18th in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. The next poll will be released Thursday.

When Last We Met

Iowa and Minnesota were scheduled to meet during the 1999-2000 season, but the meet was cancelled due to problems with the Hawkeyes' pool. Two years ago, the Gophers defeated Iowa, 169.5-130.5, at the University Aquatic Center. **Jinny Smedstad (Cedar Falls, Iowa/John F. Kennedy)** won three events, the 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke and 400 individual medley. Former Gopher T.D. Rowe won both diving events for Minnesota.

Last Fall Meet: Minnesota Finishes 10th at Texas Invitational

Minnesota finished 10th at the 14-team Texas Invitational from Dec. 1-3 at the University of Texas. Eight of the nine teams that finished ahead of Minnesota were ranked in the top 14 teams in the last CSCAA poll, released Nov. 30. Unranked Rice finished 22 points ahead of Minnesota, and the Gophers finished ahead of 16th-ranked Arizona State and 22nd-ranked Nebraska.

Two Gophers Earn NCAA Consideration Times

Two Gopher swimmers earned NCAA consideration times at the Texas Invitational. Sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)** swam Minnesota's fastest time in the 200 freestyle since 1988 with a mark of 1:48.73, just .21 off of the school record set by Jodi Schirmers. She also had a consideration time in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:54.77. Junior **Jinny Smedstad** swam under the standard in the 500 free with a time of 4:52.16. She also posted a consideration time in the 400 IM with a mark of 4:22.94.

Divers Continue to Shine

The Golden Gopher divers continue to score points against top competition in major meets. Minnesota senior **Tracy LaVoi (St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech)**, named the Big Ten Diver of the Week on Nov. 21, finished seventh in 3-meter diving at the Texas Invitational. **LaVoi**, who last year scored the Gophers' first diving point at an NCAA meet since 1997, has Minnesota's top marks in 3-meter diving and platform diving this season. First-year diver **Shannon Jackson (Andover, Minn./Anoka)** scored a seventh-place finish in 1-meter diving at the Texas Invitational.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

The head coach of the women's swimming and diving team is in her 28th season with 17 new faces and the challenge of building a nucleus to compete for supremacy in the Big Ten. **Jean Freeman** is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28. Freeman needs three dual meet wins for 200 in her career, and will get her first opportunity next weekend at the Quad Duals in Madison, Wis.

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 15-4-1
WCHA Record: 10-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
20	U.S. Select Team#	7:05 p.m.
26	at New Hampshire	6 p.m.
27	at New Hampshire	2 p.m.

February

2	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
3	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
17	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23,	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	
25	Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey January 16, 2001

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, 7:05 p.m.
U.S. Select Team, Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Golden Gophers Host U.S. Select in a Pair of Exhibition Games

Minnesota takes a break from its regular-season schedule to take on the U.S. Select Team in a pair of exhibition games. The two-game series takes place Friday and Saturday at Mariucci Arena. Both games get underway at 7:05 p.m.

Skate With The Gophers Slated for Jan. 21

Skate with the Gophers has been slated for Sunday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mariucci Arena.

The event is open to children age 13 and under and parents. The cost of the event is \$6 and includes admission, soda, popcorn and face-painting.

Activities at the event include skating, autographs from Gopher players, meet and greet the coaching staff, a shootout contest, baby picture ID game and raffles and giveaways from Kool 108.

Gophers Shut Out Mavericks Twice, Extend WCHA Lead

Minnesota posted 4-0 and 3-0 wins over MSU, Mankato over the weekend and, coupled with a pair of losses by Wisconsin, extended its WCHA lead to seven points.

Saturday, senior **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)** scored a pair of third-period goals and senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** recorded her fourth shutout of the season as the Gophers defeated the Mavericks 4-0.

Minnesota didn't get on the board until two minutes, 14 seconds into the second period when junior **Laura Slominski (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** scored her ninth goal of the season. Senior co-captain **Kris Scholz (Hugo, Minnesota/Stillwater Area)** scored with just under seven minutes left in the period to give the Gophers a 2-0 lead after two periods.

Thomas then scored twice in the final period, her first coming just 56 seconds into the period with the second, a power-play goal, coming less than five minutes later. **Killewald** stopped 16 shots to earn her 21st career shutout.

It took Minnesota over 40 minutes to get on the scoreboard Sunday as **Thomas** scored on the team's 44th shot of the game just 40 seconds into the final period. Sophomore **Ronda Curtin (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** scored on the power-play at 7:08 and junior **Tracy Engstrom (Willmar, Minn./Willmar)** scored on a rebound with 7:11 left in the game. Frosh **Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South)** picked up the win by stopping nine shots.

About the U.S. Select Team

The U.S. Select Team won the Lake Placid Tournament, featuring Boston College, Providence and Wisconsin, Jan. 7-8. The team has won all seven meetings against NCAA opponents this season, allowing just two goals in the process.

Runners-up at the Three Nations Cup in Provo, Utah, in November, the U.S. posted 5-0 and 10-0 wins over St. Lawrence and Princeton, respectively, Dec. 15-16. At the Holiday Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y., Dec. 28-31, the U.S. defeated Dartmouth 5-0 in pool play and 6-1 for the tourney title.

The U.S. then defeated Ohio State 9-1, Feb. 2, and won the Lake Placid Tournament by downing Boston College 11-0 and Wisconsin 4-0.

Everyone Knows it Winny

This weekend's series marks the return of 2000 WCHA defensive player of the year Winny Brodt to **Mariucci Arena** as a member of the U.S. Select Team. A first-team All-WCHA selection and an ACHA all-tournament pick last season, Brodt was expected to be one of Minnesota's leaders this season before being selected to be a part of this year's U.S. Select Team.

A member of last year's National Team at the International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship, she will be honored prior to Friday's game.

Tommy Gun

Senior **Ambria Thomas** has scored five goals in her last three games, leading the team with

18 in 20 games. She needs just seven goals to match her career high of 25, which she scored last season.

Thomas is closing in on a pair of career milestones as well. She needs just two more assists to reach 100 for her career and is 20 points shy of 200 for her career.

Gopher Goalies Record Shutouts

For the first time in a two-game series, Minnesota had different goalies record shutouts. **Erica Killewald** stopped 16 shots Saturday to earn her fourth shutout of the season and the 21st of her career.

Stephanie Johnson followed with nine saves Sunday to record her first career shutout.

In four games since returning from break, the Gophers have allowed just two goals, posting three shutouts in their last four games, with a save percentage of .969.

Scholz Passes Century Mark, Keeps Rolling Along

Kris Scholz became the first player in school history to play in 100 consecutive games when she did so Saturday. She celebrated by collecting her fourth goal of the season.

During their first four seasons, the Gophers have played 126 games and **Scholz** has seen action in 125 of them. The only time she did not appear in a game was a 10-0 win over the Wisconsin Club team, Feb. 7, 1997. In her 125 career games, **Scholz** has 43 goals and 129 points.

Clarke Sets Record

During Minnesota's 61-shot barrage on MSU, Mankato in Sunday's 3-0 win, frosh **La Toya Clarke** (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary) set a school record with 14 shots on goal.

The previous mark of 12 was accomplished three times, twice by **Nadine Muzerall**, who last had 12 shots in a 9-1 win over Bemidji State this season, Dec. 1. **Jenny Schmidgall** also recorded 12 shots in a game, Dec. 19, 1998.

Muzerall Hits Dry Spell

Senior **Nadine Muzerall** is in the midst of the longest goal-scoring

drought of her career, having last scored in an 8-4 win over Bemidji State, Dec. 2, a span of six games. Her previous long of four games occurred Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 1999.

Despite having not scored in six games, she is still second on the team with 12 goals and has 21 points in 16 games this season.

Special Teams Play

Since returning from break, Minnesota has performed well on special teams, with a special teams net of plus-five. In their first four games of 2001, the Gophers are 5-for-13 on the power play while killing eight of their opponents' nine chances, adding a short-handed goal to their penalty-kill statistics. They have scored power-plays goals in 16 of 20 games this season, including their last four games.

Minnesota leads the WCHA in combined special teams play, succeeding on 55.8 percent (91 of 163) special teams opportunities. The Gophers are also tied for second nationally in net special teams (+12).

Balancing Act

Of nine players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **Ambria Thomas'** game-winning goal Sunday was her third, tying her for the team lead with **Nadine Muzerall, Ronda Curtin** and **La Toya Clarke**.

When Last We Met

Minnesota faced the U.S. Select Team for the first time in an exhi-

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings									
Jan. 16, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	14	12- 1-1	25	70	24	20	15- 4-1	83	40
2. Wisconsin	14	8- 3-2	18	66	39	21	14- 5-2	94	56
3. Minn.-Duluth	12	7- 4-1	15	59	29	20	15- 4-1	105	40
St. Cloud State	14	7- 6-1	15	54	49	22	11-10-1	84	74
5. Ohio State	14	6- 6-2	14	43	39	21	8-11-2	57	62
6. Bemidji State	14	4- 9-0	8	31	86	21	6-15-0	50	113
7. MSU, Mankato	14	0-13-1	1	7	61	20	1-18-1	12	77

Schedule and Results									
Recent Scores					This Week				
Monday, Jan. 8					Friday, Jan. 19				
St. Cloud State 5, Bemidji State 4					Minn.-Duluth at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm				
at Minn.-Duluth 12, Northeastern 0*					St. Cloud State at Bemidji State, 7:05 pm				
U.S. Select 4, Wisconsin 0#					U.S. Select at Minnesota, 7:05 pm#				
Friday, Jan. 12					Saturday, Jan. 20				
St. Cloud State 9, Wisconsin 4					Ohio State at Wisconsin, 1:05 pm				
at Ohio State 7, Bemidji State 4					St. Cloud State at Bemidji State, 7:05 pm				
					Minn.-Duluth at MSU, Mankato, 8:05 pm				
					U.S. Select at Minnesota, 7:05 pm#				
Saturday, Jan. 13					Sunday, Jan. 21				
at Minnesota 4, MSU, Mankato 0					Ohio State at Wisconsin, 1:05 pm				
at St. Cloud State 3, Wisconsin 0									
at Ohio State 6, Bemidji State 1									
Sunday, Jan. 14					* non-conference game				
at Minnesota 3, MSU, Mankato 0					# exhibition game				
Bemidji State 4, at Findlay 1*					all times Central				

Minnesota Statistics vs. Team USA										
Player	GP	G	A	Pts	SOG	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
Gwen Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	1	0	0	0	0	-3	1-2	0	0	0
La Toya Clarke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	1	0	0	0	2	-2	1-2	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	1	0	0	0	1	-4	0-0	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Betsy Kukowski	1	0	0	0	1	-3	0-0	0	0	0
Megan Milbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nadine Muzerall	1	0	0	0	3	-4	0-0	0	0	0
Kelly Olson	1	0	0	0	0	-4	0-0	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0-0	0	0	0
Laura Slominski	1	0	0	0	1	-3	0-0	0	0	0
Stefanie Snow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	1	0	0	0	0	-2	0-0	0	0	0
Ambria Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	-3	0-0	0	0	0
Minnesota	1	0	0	0	11	-35	2-4	0	0	0
Team USA	1	7	10	17	41	+35	1-2	0	0	1

Goalie	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg.	Saves	Pct.	Record	ShO
Erica Killewald	1-0	30:03	6	11.98	16	.727	0-0-0	0
Stephanie Johnson	0-0	0:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0
Minnesota	1-1	60:00	7	7.00	34	.829	0-1-0	0
Team USA	1-1	60:00	0	0.00	11	1.000	1-0-0	1

Shots on Goal	SOG	Avg.	Pct.
Minnesota	11	11.00	.000
Team USA	41	41.00	.171

Power Play	Goals	Opp.	Pct.
Minnesota	0	0	.000
Team USA	0	1	.000

Goals by Period	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0
Team USA	1	3	3	0	7

bition Jan. 7, 2000. In that game, the U.S. scored a 7-0 victory.

Crystal Nicholas held the national team at bay for the first 30 minutes, allowing just one goal on 18 shots, but the U.S. scored six goals in the game's final 30 minutes.

Katie King scored at 5:41 of the opening period and went on to score her team's first three goals. Karyn Bye added a goal and three assists.

The U.S. held a 41-11 advantage in shots on goal with Nicholas making 18 saves and Erica Killewald 16 for Minnesota. Erin Whitten stopped all 11 shots she faced for the U.S. to record the shutout.

The All-Time Series

The U.S. Select team won the two teams' only previous meeting, 7-0, Jan. 7, 2000, at Mariucci Arena.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .826 with a record of 52-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 920. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 156-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 97-21-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

January 15

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	12- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	15- 4-1	89	2
3. St. Lawrence	12- 3-3	76	3
4. Minnesota	15- 4-1	71	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	59	6
6. Brown	9- 3-3	55	7
7. Wisconsin	14- 5-2	33	8
8. Northeastern	11- 6-0	32	5
9. New Hampshire	13- 8-0	20	10
10. Providence	12- 5-2	11	9

Others receiving votes: St. Cloud 3, Princeton 1.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

January 16

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	12- 1-1	118	1
2. Minnesota	15- 4-1	104	2
3. Minnesota-Duluth	15- 4-1	100	3
4. St. Lawrence	12- 3-3	84	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	70	8
6. Brown	9- 3-3	64	7
7. Wisconsin	14- 5-2	43	6
8. Northeastern	11- 6-0	39	5
9. New Hampshire	13- 8-2	21	10
10. Providence	12- 5-2	15	9

Others receiving votes: Princeton 1, St. Cloud State 1.

Behind the U.S. Bench

Ben Smith was named the first full-time head coach of the U.S. Women's National and Olympic Teams on June 3, 1996. In 1998, he guided the U.S. to the gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Following the gold medal run, Smith was honored with the 1998 Titan/USA Hockey Distinguished Achievement Award and the USOC Coach of the Year Award. The team was honored with the Bob Johnson Award for excellence in international competition, the USOC Team of the Year Award and Lester Patrick Award for outstanding service to hockey in the United States.

His international coaching experience includes serving as an assistant for three straight U.S. National Junior Teams (1985-87) and twice serving on the Men's National Team staff (1987, 1990). He was also an assistant coach for the U.S. Olympic Team in 1988 and was the head coach of the 1998 U.S. Select Team.

A 1968 graduate of Harvard, Smith was an assistant coach at Massachusetts-Amherst before a five-year stint as an assistant coach Yale.

He then spent nine seasons as an assistant coach at Boston University before taking over as the head coach at Northeastern in 1991, posting a 70-92-18 record in five seasons while leading the Huskies to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1994.

Minnesota Record

When Scoring first.....	9-1-0
When Opponent scores first.....	6-3-1
When Leading after 1st period.....	8-0-0
When Trailing after 1st period.....	1-1-1
When Tied after 1st period.....	6-3-0
When Leading after 2nd period.....	12-1-0
When Trailing after 2nd period.....	0-3-1
When Tied after 2nd period.....	3-0-0
In Overtime.....	0-1-1
When Outshooting opponent.....	14-1-0
When Outshot by opponent.....	1-3-1
When Shots are even.....	0-0-0
When Having 0-19 shots.....	1-1-0
When Having 20-29 shots.....	2-0-1
When Having 30-39 shots.....	4-3-0
When Having 40-49 shots.....	6-0-0
When Having 50+ shots.....	2-0-0
When Opponent has 0-19 shots.....	5-0-0
When Opponent has 20-29 shots.....	9-1-1
When Opponent has 30-39 shots.....	1-2-0
When Opponent has 40-49 shots.....	0-1-0
When Opponent has 50+ shots.....	0-0-0
In one-goal games.....	3-1-0
At Mariucci Arena.....	10-1-0
On the road.....	5-3-1
At neutral site.....	0-0-0
In October.....	5-1-0
In November.....	4-1-1
In December.....	2-2-0
In January.....	4-0-0
In February.....	0-0-0
In March.....	0-0-0
When Kelsey Bills scores a goal.....	2-0-0
When La Toya Clarke scores a goal.....	7-0-0
When Melissa Coulombe.....	2-1-0
When Ronda Curtin scores a goal.....	9-1-0
When Tracy Engstrom scores a goal.....	4-1-0
When Jerilyn Glenn scores a goal.....	2-0-0
When Courtney Kennedy scores a goal.....	3-0-1
When Nadine Muzerall scores a goal.....	6-0-1
When Tracy Palinsky scores a goal.....	1-0-0
When Kris Scholz scores a goal.....	3-0-0
When Laura Slominski scores a goal.....	6-1-0
When Alyson Sundberg scores a goal.....	1-0-0
When Ambria Thomas scores a goal.....	9-1-1

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

The Gophers will be at New Hampshire to begin a stretch in which they play seven of eight games on the road.

Minnesota takes on the Wildcats at the Whittemore Center, Jan. 26-27. The series opener gets underway at 7 p.m. EST with game two facing off at 3 p.m.

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Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 15-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	-----SHOTS-----					-----PENALTIES-----					-----GOALS-----								
		G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	+/-	No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT	PN
La Toya Clarke	20	11	22	33	84	.131	+14	1-2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ambria Thomas	20	18	10	28	98	.184	+15	5-10	5	0	0	5	1	3	0	1	3	0	2	0
Laura Slominski	20	9	16	25	81	.111	+16	3-6	3	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Nadine Muzerall	16	12	9	21	100	.120	+7	12-30	10	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0
Ronda Curtin	20	10	10	20	69	.145	+16	2-4	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	20	4	15	19	59	.068	+25	19-38	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	20	5	11	16	51	.098	+12	5-10	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	20	0	11	11	26	.000	+9	10-20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	19	3	7	10	21	.143	+17	3-6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	20	4	2	6	26	.154	+3	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	17	3	2	5	19	.158	+7	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	20	2	1	3	17	.118	+2	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gwen Anderson	17	0	3	3	7	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stefanie Snow	14	0	2	2	9	.000	+4	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	12	1	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	20	1	0	1	23	.043	-4	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	13	0	1	1	3	.000	+2	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	17	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Olson	19	0	1	1	16	.000	+2	5-10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betsey Kukowski	15	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	20	83	134	217	748	.111	+155	94-194	92	2	0	24	2	15	1	6	10	0	6	0
Opponents.....	20	40	58	98	468	.085	-	100-200	100	0	0	13	1	4	0	4	10	1	0	0

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	---GOAL AVERAGE---			--SAVES--		-----RECORD-----				-----GOALS-----				
			GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG	
Stephanie Johnson	4-3	203:33	6	1.77	43	.878	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Erica Killewald	17-17	1003:25	34	2.03	385	.919	12	4	1	4	12	1	0	0	0	
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	20-20	1208:48	40	1.99	428	.915	15	4	1	5	13	1	0	0	0	
Opponents.....	20-20	1208:48	83	4.12	665	.889	4	15	1	1	24	2	0	0	0	

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	748	37.40	.111
Opponents	468	23.40	.085

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	24	83	.289
Opponents	13	80	.163

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	21	21	41	0	83
Opponents.....	12	17	10	1	40

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	203	247	292	6	748
Opponents.....	166	170	129	3	468

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FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	20	192	143	.573
La Toya Clarke	20	118	109	.520
Tracy Palinsky	20	45	43	.511
Betsey Kukowski	15	2	2	.500
Kris Scholz	20	1	1	.500
Kelsey Bills	20	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	20	71	88	.447
Ambria Thomas	20	25	32	.439
Nadine Muzerall	16	31	41	.431
Gwen Anderson	17	17	23	.425
Laura Slominski	20	24	38	.387
Jerilyn Glenn	17	2	6	.250
Total.....	20	575	582	.497
Opponents.....	20	582	575	.503

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	20	3	9	12	18	.167
Laura Slominski	20	5	6	11	17	.294
Courtney Kennedy	20	0	10	10	24	.000
Ambria Thomas	20	5	1	6	21	.238
Nadine Muzerall	16	4	2	6	24	.167
Ronda Curtin	20	2	3	5	15	.133
Emily Buchholz	20	0	5	5	12	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Melissa Coulombe	19	3	1	4	6	.500
Tracy Engstrom	20	1	2	3	17	.059
Jerilyn Glenn	17	1	0	1	1	1.000
Tracy Palinsky	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Kelly Olson	19	0	0	0	4	.000
Total.....	20	24	44	68	166	.145
Opponents.....	20	13	21	34	126	.103

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	24	83	.289	1	131:02	1:35	5:28	2.53
Opponents	13	80	.163	2	131:33	1:39	10:07	1.92

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Ambria Thomas	20	1	0	1	3	.333
Tracy Engstrom	20	1	0	1	2	.500
Melissa Coulombe	19	0	1	1	0	.000
Erica Killewald	17	0	1	1	0	.000
Laura Slominski	20	0	1	1	4	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Tracy Palinsky	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Emily Buchholz	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Ronda Curtin	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Nadine Muzerall	16	0	0	0	2	.000
Courtney Kennedy	20	0	0	0	1	.000
La Toya Clarke	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	20	2	3	5	18	.111
Opponents.....	20	1	0	1	7	.143

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/Kll	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	67	80	.837	2	131:33	1:39	65:47	0.27
Opponents	59	83	.711	1	131:02	1:35	131:02	0.11

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All games

Overall: 15-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	83-748	40-468
Shot pct.....	.111	.085
Goals/Game.....	4.2	2.0
Shots/Game.....	37.4	23.4
Assists.....	134	58
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	24-83	13-80
Conversion Percent.....	.289	.162
Shot Attempts.....	166	126
Shot Percent.....	.145	.103
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-18	1-7
Shot Percent.....	.111	.143
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	83	40
Power Play.....	24	13
Short-handed.....	2	1
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	6	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	94	100
Minutes.....	194	200
Penalties/Game.....	4.7	5.0
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.7	10.0
Minor.....	92	100
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	575-582 .497	582-575 .503
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	10125	3070
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	11/920	9/341
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open	unscored
20 Minnesota Open	11 a.m.
27 Minnesota Classic	11 a.m.

February

9- at Iowa State Invitational	TBA
10 at Arkansas Invitational at Butler Invitational	TBA
17 Parents' Day Open	11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
25 West Lafayette, Ind.	

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier	TBA
9- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
10 Fayetteville, Ark.	
24- Spring Break Trip	TBA
31	

April

7 at Texas Relays	TBA
13-14 at SEA Relays	TBA
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays	TBA
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	TBA
21 at Long Beach State Invitational	TBA
27-28 at Drake Relays	TBA
at Penn Relays	TBA
28 at Macalester Invitational	TBA

May

4 Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
20 Bloomington, Ind.	
30- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
31 Eugene, Ore.	

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships,	TBA
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field January 16, 2001

Saturday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.
Minnesota Open, Univ. of Minnesota Fieldhouse

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This Week

Minnesota continues its indoor season with the second of three consecutive home meets. The Gophers host the Minnesota Open, Saturday, Jan. 20, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Minnesota Fieldhouse.

The meet will feature the host Gophers along with North Dakota, North Dakota State, St. Cloud State and South Dakota State.

A Look Back

Minnesota opened the 2001 season by hosting the unscored Northwest Open on Saturday.

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** was Minnesota's lone event winner, claiming victories in both the shot put and weight throw, posting NCAA provisional qualifying marks in both events. She won the shot put with a throw of 15.84 meters (51 feet, 11 3/4 inches) and the weight throw with a throw of 18.28m (59-11 3/4).

In both events she beat out senior teammate **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)**. Also earning runner-up finishes at the meet for the Gophers were senior **Shannaine Osbourne (Bronx, N.Y./Mount Vernon)** in the 60-meter dash, junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** in the 600-meter run and frosh **Monica Stearns (Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek)** in her collegiate debut in the pole vault.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. Last year he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships last season, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top

25 teams in 11 of Wilson's 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers will host the third of four home meets this season next Saturday, Jan. 27, when the Minnesota Classic gets underway at 11 a.m. The meet will feature fifth-ranked Brigham Young, along with Drake, Iowa, Marquette, South Dakota and Texas-Arlington.

Trackwire 25

January 9, 2001

Team	Score	LW
1. Texas	50	1
2. South Carolina	48	2
3. UCLA	35	3
4. Arkansas	28	4
5. Brigham Young	24	55
Colorado	24	t5
7. Kansas State	22	7
Ohio State	22	t12
9. Stanford	21	t8
Clemson	21	t8
Houston	21	t8
12. Mississippi	15	t12
Arizona	15	t12
14. Harvard	14	15
15. Nebraska	13	16
16. Georgetown	11	t17
Northern Arizona	11	t17
18. Southern Methodist	10	t18
Appalachian State	10	t19
Seton Hall	10	t19
Arizona State	10	t19
22. Louisiana State	9	t22
Baylor	9	t22
24. Auburn	8	t24
Florida	8	t24
Duke	8	t24
Missouri	8	t24

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	2nd	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	5th	18.28m (59-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional

60-Meter Dash (AQ-7.30, PQ-7.44, SR-7.56)

7.73	Shannaine Osbourne (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
7.82	Amber Day, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
7.96	Shani Marks, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
8.09	Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.12	Jessica Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.29	Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.45	Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.46	Kristie Stiles, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.50	Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.64	Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.65	Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.68)

27.20	Elizabeth Woolford (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.40	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.43	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.65	Caese Martine (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.81	Kirsten Kosloske (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)**400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)****600-Meter Dash (SR-1:30.41)**

1:42.78	Jessica Mittelstad (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
1:40.01	Kristie Stiles (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:18.41	Jessica Shuster (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:19.79	Shani Marks (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:22.96	Alisa Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:28.37	Allyson DeVries (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:30.76	Nadine Conboy (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

1,000-Meter Run (SR-2:47.31)**1,500-Meter Run (SR-4:24.03)****Mile Run (AQ-4:44.00, PQ-4:49.00, SR-4:41.12)****3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)****5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)****60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)**

9.29	Elizabeth Woolford (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
9.30	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
9.58	Caese Martine (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
9.96	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.26)

4:03.56	Conboy, Day, Mittelstadt, Harrigan (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:12.61	Woolford, Zweifel, Stiles, Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:27.46	Kosloske, Martine, Stearns, Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Distance Medley Relay (AQ-11:22.00, PQ-11:38.00, SR-11:38.05)**High Jump (AQ-1.86, PQ-1.77, SR-1.77)****Long Jump (AQ-6.38, PQ-6.10, SR-6.08)****Pole Vault (AQ-4.10, PQ-3.80, SR-3.67)**

3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Erica Findlay (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)**Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)**

15.84 (51-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.36 (47- 1 1/2)	Beth Howard (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.19 (46- 6 3/4)	Nicole Chimko (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
12.21 (40- 0 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

18.28 (59-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
17.36 (56-11 1/2)	Beth Howard (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
15.27 (50- 1 1/4)	Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.73 (48- 4)	Angie Hill (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.54 (47- 8 1/2)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Pentathlon (SR-3,715)

2001 Schedule

January

6	#24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at Michigan w/Iowa	7 p.m.
27	Iowa	7 p.m.

February

2	at Stanford	7:30 p.m.
10	Best of Minnesota	7 p.m.
	(Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Winona State)	
16	at Iowa State w/Okla.	7 p.m.
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Avenue SE. All times are local to site.

GymInfo National Ranking

(Jan. 15 — By High Score)

1.	Utah	196.375
2.	UCLA	196.200
3.	Georgia	195.350
	Alabama	195.350
5.	Stanford	195.300
6.	Illinois State	195.125
7.	Florida	195.100
8.	Nebraska	194.950
9.	Minnesota	194.850
10.	Bowling Green	194.825
11.	Michigan	194.475
12.	Denver	194.175
13.	Oklahoma	194.025
14.	Western Michigan	193.850
15.	Ohio State	193.500
16.	Penn State	193.275
17.	Kentucky	193.000
18.	Washington	192.950
19.	Kent State	192.925
20.	Ball State	192.900
21.	Iowa	192.800
22.	Auburn	192.350
23.	New Hampshire	191.700
24.	California	191.650
25.	Rhode Island	191.625



Gymnastics 2001

at #11 Michigan with #21 Iowa
Friday, Jan. 19 — Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Golden Gophers On The Road

Minnesota is on the road for the first time in the 2001 season. The No. 9 Golden Gophers will compete in Ann Arbor, Mich., against No. 11 Michigan and No. 21 Iowa on Friday.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 9 in the Jan. 15 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on high score. The Golden Gophers have a team high of 194.850 set Saturday against Utah.

Minnesota is the highest-ranked Big Ten school in the first regular-season ranking. This weekend's opponents are both listed among the top 25 teams in the nation. Michigan is listed at No. 11 (194.475) and Iowa is at No. 21 (192.800). Other Big Ten schools in the rankings are Ohio State (No. 15, 193.500) and Penn State (No. 16, 193.275).

Last week's opponent, Utah, is now listed at the No. 1 spot with a season-high of 196.375.

About the Golden Gophers

Minnesota improved its team score in the second week of the season by nearly .6, scoring a 194.850 Saturday against No. 4 Utah at the Sports Pavilion. The mark was the Gophers' highest in a dual meet against Utah since 1997. Utah scored 195.625.

Beuckens Still Sidelined

Junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** had surgery Dec. 19 to remove a benign cyst and did not compete in the Golden Gophers' first two meets. She has returned to practice.

Kelley Returns To All Around

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** did not compete on bars in the Jan. 6 meet against Ohio State, the first time in her 29-meet career she was not an all around competitor. She returned to the all-around lineup Saturday against Utah and scored 39.200, the sixth-highest all-around score in team history. **Kelley** also holds the second-best mark in school history with a 39.375 set last season at the Big Ten Championships and third with a 39.325.

On Saturday, **Kelley** recorded her second straight 9.85 on floor exercise, tying for first place. She scored 9.825 on balance beam, 9.80 on bars and 9.725 on vault.

Laatsch Scores High On Uneven Bars

Newcomer **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** placed second on uneven bars with a 9.875, making Minnesota's top 10 performers list by tying for No. 10. It was her second consecutive second-place finish on bars.

Laatsch tied for first place on two events against Ohio State, her first collegiate competition. She tied for first place on floor exercise (9.85) and balance beam (9.80). Her 9.85 score on floor exercise ties the 10th-best score for an individual in team history.

Beam Beginnings

Minnesota scored a 48.475 on beam Jan. 6 against Ohio State and improved that score to a 48.625 against Utah, with four of the five counting scores at least 9.775. Last season, Minnesota scored higher than 48.625 only four times in 14 meets.

The Newcomers

Minnesota's newcomers have competed in 10 of the Gophers' 24 routines in each of the first two meets. Their scores have "counted" for 35.4 percent of the team total. **Annie Laatsch** and **Alicia Opsahl (Forest Lake, Minn./Forest Lake)** have competed on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise the first two meets. **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** has competed on vault, bars and beam, while **Tara Schroeder (Rogers, Minn./Rogers)** has competed twice on vault.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shany Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

About Michigan

Michigan is ranked No. 11 after a fourth-place finish at the Super Six Challenge on Jan. 6 and a win at home against Oregon State on Friday.

2000 Olympic team member Elise Ray is expected to make her collegiate debut Friday. Michigan returns five All-Americans. Senior tri-captain Bridget Knaeble, younger sister of former Golden Gopher Mindy Knaeble, is a second-team All-American on uneven bars. Shannon Mackenzie and Christine Michaud are returning first-team All-Americans.

Michigan and Minnesota have won the last 10 Big Ten titles and 12 of the last 13, with the Wolverines winning six straight before Minnesota ended the streak in 1998. Michigan regained the title in 1999 and recorded its second consecutive championship in 2000. The Golden Gophers won the Big Ten Championship in 1988, 1989, 1991 and 1998.

Michigan swept the Big Ten awards last season, as Sarah Cain was named Gymnast of the Year, Janessa Greico earned Freshman of the Year honors and Beverly Plocki earned her sixth Coach of the Year award.

About Iowa

Iowa is ranked No. 21 after a win at home against Southeast Missouri State and a first-place finish in a triangular at Michigan State on Saturday. The Hawkeyes' mark of 193.200 is the fifth-best in team history. Senior Giselle Boniforti won the uneven bars with a 9.875 and newcomer Alexis Maday was second at 9.85. First-year gymnast Stephanie Gran scored a 39.0 in the all around.

Last Year Against Michigan and Iowa

No. 13 Michigan won a dual meet against Minnesota, 195.175-193.200, Jan. 15, 2000, at the Sports Pavilion. The Wolverines won or tied for first on all four events.

Minnesota defeated Iowa twice in dual meets during the 2000 season. The Golden Gophers won 195.125-193.550 in Iowa City on Feb. 6 and defeated the Hawkeyes 193.450-191.400 Feb. 26 at the Sports Pavilion.

At the Big Ten Championships in University Park, Pa., Michigan won the meet, with the Golden Gophers third and Iowa seventh.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 50-30-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 118-101-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The Golden Gophers return home to host the Hawkeyes on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher Sports News

January 21, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers host No. 6 Purdue and Illinois
- Sunday's game against Illinois will be broadcast live on MSC

Hockey

- No. 2 Minnesota travels to New Hampshire for a two-game series

Gymnastics

- The 15th-ranked Gophers host No. 22 Iowa

Swimming and Diving

- No. 20 Minnesota heads to Wisconsin for the Quad Duals

Tennis

- The Gophers begin their spring season by playing Richmond in the Minnesota Court Classic

Track and Field

- The Gophers host the eight-team Minnesota Classic, featuring 11th-ranked BYU

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Minnesota tallies the first conference win of the season against Northwestern
- Frosh Lindsay Whalen leads the Big Ten in scoring with 18.0 points per game and set a career-high with 31 points in Sunday's win

Hockey

- Second-ranked Minnesota takes on No. 9 New Hampshire

Gymnastics

- Leigh Dixon places second on the vault against Michigan and Iowa with a score of 9.825

Swimming and Diving

- The Gophers break two meet records in the win over Iowa

Track and Field

- Frosh Tahesia Harrigan sets a school record in the 60 meter dash

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, January 25

BB hosts Purdue 7 p.m.

Friday, January 26

TN hosts **Richmond** 7 p.m.

HC at New Hampshire 6 p.m.

SD at Quad Duals (Madison, Wis.) 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 27

GM hosts **Iowa** 7 p.m.

TF hosts **Minnesota Classic** 11 a.m.

HC at New Hampshire 2 p.m.

SD at Quad Duals noon

Sunday, January 28

BB hosts Illinois (MSC) 2 p.m.

(MSC) - contest will be broadcast live on Midwest Sports Channel

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2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-9

Big Ten: 1-5

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18 Binghamton W, 85-74

19 Providence W, 88-60

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol
(Cancun, Mexico)

25 vs. Denver L, 77-59

26 vs. Louisville W, 68-64

December

1-2 Kansas Tournament
(Lawrence, Kan.)

1 vs. St. Joseph's L, 64-62

2 vs. Eastern Illinois L, 73-72

4 Virginia Commonwealth W, 72-57

8 at Ohio W, 92-73

10 at St. Louis W, 77-71

23 at Marist W, 79-61

28 at Penn State * L, 91-73

31 at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) L, 85-80

January

4 Indiana * L, 79-76

7 Michigan State * L, 66-65

11 at Indiana * L, 92-64

18 at Wisconsin * L, 90-67

21 Northwestern * W, 79-47

25 Purdue * 7 p.m.

28 Illinois * (MSC) 2 p.m.

February

1 at Michigan * 7 p.m.

4 at Illinois * 2 p.m.

8 at Ohio State * R 7 p.m.

11 Iowa * (Fox) R Noon

15 Ohio State * R 7 p.m.

18 at Purdue * 2 p.m.

22 Wisconsin * (MSC) R 7 p.m.

25 at Michigan State * 2 p.m.

March

1-4 Big Ten Conference Tournament R
(Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM

MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota vs. Purdue — Jan. 25 — 7 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Illinois — Jan. 28 — 2 p.m.

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Minnesota Faces Top Big Ten Teams at Home This Week

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-9, 1-5 Big Ten) faces home games this week against two of the top teams in the Big Ten Conference. Thursday, the Gophers welcome No. 6 Purdue (17-3, 7-0) to the Sports Pavilion. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Illinois (9-9, 4-2), currently third in the league standings, invades the Pavilion for a game with a 2 p.m. tip-off.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers will practice from 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for Thursday game with Purdue. Practice is scheduled for 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Friday and from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday for the Illinois contest on Sunday.

MSC Airls Game Live on Sunday

Midwest Sports Channel (MSC) will televise the Gophers' game versus Illinois live. Anthony LaPanta will call the play-by-play and Lea Olsen will handle the color commentary.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.) has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	13.9	5.9	0.1
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.6	4.2	2.1
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.3	2.7	0.6
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	8.6	2.4	5.4
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	18.0	4.4	3.4

Whalen Lights It Up for 31 Points Versus Northwestern

First-year guard Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson) scored a career high 31 points in leading the Gophers to a 79-47 victory over Northwestern in their last outing. Whalen hit a perfect 10-for-10 from the field in the second half to finish with a impressive 14-for-17 performance for the game.

Whalen is the second Gopher to score 30 or more points in a game this season. Kim Prince (Montgomery, Ala./Carver) tallied her career high of 30 points in the Gophers' game at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) on Dec. 31. Whalen becomes the ninth player to accomplish the feat. Those nine players have combined to score 30 or more points 36 times in Gopher history. Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-94) scored over 30 points 13 times during her career, including the school single-game record of 44 points.

Rookies have scored 30 or more points in a game just three times in Minnesota history:

33	Carol Ann Shudlick vs. Ohio State	1/17/91
31	Carol Ann Shudlick vs. Michigan	3/3/91
31	Lindsay Whalen vs. Northwestern	1/21/01

Tops in the Big Ten

Lindsay Whalen enters this week's action as the leading scorer in the Big Ten. Her 18.0 points per game average betters Penn State rookie Kelly Mazzante's average of 17.9 points a contest. Whalen is among elite company when we speak of Gophers who have topped the Big Ten in scoring. Only two Minnesota players, Laura Coenen in 1983 and Carol Ann Shudlick in 1993, led the Big Ten in scoring. Both Coenen and Shudlick earned All-American honors during their Gopher careers.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Jan. 21)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	7	0	1.000	17	3	.850
2. Wisconsin	5	2	.715	11	6	.647
3. Illinois	4	2	.667	9	9	.500
4. Indiana	4	3	.571	13	5	.722
Penn State	4	3	.571	12	6	.667
Iowa	4	3	.571	9	8	.521
7. Michigan	4	4	.500	11	7	.611
8. Ohio State	3	5	.375	13	5	.722
9. Michigan State	2	4	.333	8	8	.500
10. Minnesota	1	5	.167	8	9	.471
11. Northwestern	0	7	.000	4	13	.235

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

Thur., Jan. 25 Purdue at Minnesota (7 p.m.)
 Wisconsin at Illinois (7 p.m.)
 Penn State at Indiana (7:30 p.m.)
 Iowa at Northwestern (7 p.m.)
 Michigan at Michigan State (8 p.m.)

Sun., Jan. 28 Wisconsin at Purdue (7 p.m.)
 Illinois at Minnesota (2 p.m.)
 Ohio State at Indiana (1 p.m.)
 Michigan State at Penn State (2 p.m.)
 Northwestern at Michigan (2 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Tues., Jan. 16 Wisconsin 60, WIS.-MILWAUKEE 39

Wed., Jan. 17 OHIO STATE 79, Iowa 52

Thur., Jan. 18 Michigan 83, NORTHWESTERN 41
 PURDUE 57, Michigan State 34
 WISCONSIN 90, Minnesota 67

Sun., Jan. 21 MINNESOTA 79, Northwestern 47
 Purdue 72, ILLINOIS 64
 IOWA 79, Penn State 64
 Michigan 76, OHIO STATE 63
 WISCONSIN 69, Indiana 62

Ironic Twist of Fate

Minnesota shot 60.0 percent in Sunday's win over Northwestern, hitting 33-of-55 from the field. Ironically, the last time the Gophers shot 60 percent was also a 33-for-55 outing against Northwestern, 11 years ago on Feb. 2, 1990.

The Streak Reaches a Baker's Dozen

Lindsay Whalen has scored in double figures in every game she has played in her young Gopher career. The streak stands at 14 since Whalen missed three early-season games with an illness. Whalen has captured game scoring honors only five times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Piroglu Makes Strong Return from Injury

Point guard Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) made a strong return to the Gopher lineup last week after missing three games with a knee injury. Piroglu posted her second career double-double in her second game back, tallying 15 points and a career-high 11 assists in the win over Northwestern. She first returned to action in the Wisconsin game.

Piroglu has averaged 10.5 points and 9.0 assists per game in the two games since the injury. In 12 games before the injury she averaged 8.3 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Prince is Having a Breakout Season

Sophomore forward/center Kim Prince (Montgomery, Ala./Carver) is having a breakout season in her second season with the Gophers. Prince owns a scoring average that more than doubles her output of last season, checking in with an average of 13.9 points per game in 2000-01 compared to 5.8 points per game a year ago. Her overall game is much improved as she has bettered her field goal percentage from 47.6 percent to a team-leading 54.5 percent, her free throw percentage from 50.0 to 70.0 and her rebounds per game from 3.8 to 5.7.

The Floor General is Second in Assists

Sophomore Ozlem Piroglu serves as the Gophers' floor general from her point guard position. She leads the team with 76 assists (5.0 assists per game) and continues to maintain a positive assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.15 (76 assists to 66 turnovers). Her 5.4 assists per game ranks second in the Big Ten.

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program (regardless of class, ie., Fr., So.) are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 77 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 56.9 of Minnesota's 74.0 points per game average. Lindsay Whalen leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 18.0 points per game.

The Youthful Gophers Have an Eye on the Future

Minnesota has scored 1,258 points this season, 95.5 percent of which were scored by Gophers in their first or second years. Here is a breakdown by class and percentage for the Gophers in the scoring category this season:

Class	Points	Percentage
First-Years (Fr.)	696 points	55.4 percent
Sophomores	505 points	40.1 percent
Juniors	39 points	3.1 percent
Seniors	18 points	1.4 percent
Total	1,258 points	

The Tale of the Tape

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 8-9 overall record from a win/loss prospective: free throw percentage and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their eight wins versus the numbers in their nine losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.0	68.7
Defensive Average	63.4	79.7
FG Percentage	50.0	46.2
3 FG Percentage	42.0	31.2
FT Percentage	70.3	60.1
Rebounding Margin	+6.6	-3.6
Turnovers	18.9	20.3

Crunch-Time Blues

Minnesota is 0-5 in games decided by five or fewer points.

Margin	Score	Opponent (Date)
1	73-72	Eastern Illinois (12/2)
1	66-65	Michigan State (1/7)
2	64-62	St. Joseph's (12/1)
3	79-76	Indiana (1/4)
5	85-80	Indiana-Purdue (12/31)

January Has Been a Cold, Cold Month in Minnesota

Over the last five years, Minnesota has posted an ice-cold 5-35 record in the month of January.

January, 2001	1-4
January, 2000	1-8
January, 1999	2-7
January, 1998	1-7
January, 1997	0-9

Taking Turns as the Top Dog

Five Golden Gophers have stepped into the limelight as Minnesota's top scorer in games this season. In nine games, the Gophers' top scorer has totaled over 20 points, led by a 31-point outburst by **Lindsay Whalen** in the win over Northwestern.

Whalen Leads Gophers to First Big Ten Victory

Lindsay Whalen scored a career-high 31 points in leading Minnesota to its first Big Ten victory of the season in a 79-47 pounding of Northwestern at the Sports Pavilion on Sunday.

Whalen was nearly unstoppable on offense hitting 14 of 17 field goal attempts. Her 31-point performance ties for the 10th-best single-game scoring output in Gopher history. **Whalen** joins former Gopher great Carol Ann Shudlick as the only Gophers to score over 30 points in a game during their rookie seasons. In addition to her 31 points, **Whalen** dished out six assists and snagged five steals.

The Gophers made their first eight shots of the game to build an early 18-9 lead five minutes into the game. Minnesota built an 18-point lead at halftime and shot 63 percent in the second half to expand its lead to as big as 36 points. The Gophers finished with a season-high 60 percent field goal percentage as a team, converting 33 of 55 attempts. The Gophers starting lineup of **Whalen, Ozlem Piroglu, Kadidja Andersson, Kim Prince** and **Brandy Pickens** combined to shoot 73 percent, missing just 11 of 41 shots attempted.

Piroglu chipped in 15 points and added a career-high 11 assists to post her second career double-double. **Prince** was the third Gopher in double figures, scoring 13 points.

While the Gopher offense clicked on all cylinders, their defense pressured the Wildcats into shooting 29 percent from the field and committing 26 turnovers. Northwestern's 47 points is the season low for the Gopher defense.

Rebounding the Key in Loss to Wisconsin

Wisconsin used a 28-9 advantage in second-chance points to score a 90-67 victory over Minnesota in Big Ten Conference action at the Kohl Center in Madison on Thursday.

The Badgers, the tallest team in the Big Ten, used its height advantage to out-rebound the Golden Gophers by a 44-31 margin, with 21 of Wisconsin's boards coming on the offensive end.

The Gophers hung with the Badgers in the first half. Guard **Lindsay Whalen** scored 10 points in the first 10 minutes of the game to help forge a 21-21 tie. Wisconsin outscored Minnesota 21-9 in the remainder of the half to take a 42-30 lead at intermission and the Badgers never looked back.

Wisconsin expanded its lead to as much as 27 points in the second half behind the play of 6-5 sophomore center Nina Smith. Smith scored 11 of her 19 points in the second period and finished the game hitting on 7-of-11 from the floor.

Whalen finished with 24 points to lead all scorers. Forward **Kadidja Andersson** was the only other Gopher to score in double figures with 15 points. Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu**, who missed the Gophers' last three games with a knee injury, returned to the starting lineup and contributed six points and seven assists.

LaTonya Sims led the Badgers with 20 points. Jesse Stomski tallied a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Gilbert Declared Academically Ineligible

First-year Gopher **Tanisha Gilbert** (**Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park**) has been declared academically ineligible to compete in the second semester, school officials released on Tuesday. **Gilbert**, a 5-10 forward, started 13 of 15 games and is second on the team in scoring at 14.7 points per game. She also leads the team in rebounds and steals.

Gilbert was honored as the Co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 11 after leading the Gophers to three wins the previous week. She was named to the Kansas Tournament all-tournament team in early December.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 29-70 (7-47 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans, Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Alphabetical Roster

35	Kadidja Andersson	F	5-11	Fr.
54	Kim Bell	C	6-7	Jr.
22	Alana Glass	G	5-7	Sr.
3	Ebba Hemberg	G	5-6	Fr.
20	Leslie Hill	G/F	5-10	Fr.
43	Megan Kane	F	6-0	Fr.
52	Angel Leon	C	6-3	Fr.
21	Lindsay Lieser	G	5-10	So.
14	Trish McGhee	G	5-6	So.
24	Kim Nelson	G	5-11	Fr.
30	Brandy Pickens	C	6-2	Sr.
5	Ozlem Piroglu	G	5-6	So.
10	Kim Prince	C	6-1	So.
13	Lindsay Whalen	G	5-8	Fr.

The Scouting Report on Purdue

No. 6 Purdue is 17-3 overall and a perfect 7-0 in Big Ten play. The Boilermakers have won their conference games by an average winning margin of 19.1 points per game. The closest a league opponent has come to Purdue was eight points in wins at Indiana and Illinois. The Boilers' defense on the road in Big Ten play has been phenomenal, giving up just 43.0 points per game in three games. All-American guard/forward Katie Douglas is averaging 13.9 points per game, while All-Big Ten center Camille Cooper checks in at 13.3 points an outing.

Head coach Kristy Curry is in her second season with the Boilermakers and owns a record of 40-11.

The Series — Purdue leads the series by a 25-10 margin and has won the last nine games of the series.

The Scouting Report on Illinois

Illinois is 9-9 overall (4-2 in Big Ten) and plays host to Wisconsin on Thursday before traveling to Minnesota. All-Big Ten guard/forward Allison Curtain leads Illinois with a 13.3 points per game average. Iveta Marcauskaite comes off the bench to chip in 11.2 points per game.

Head coach Theresa Grentz is in her sixth season at Illinois and sports an 85-54 record.

The Series — Illinois leads the series by a 22-13 count, winning the last nine games of the series with Minnesota.

A Look Ahead

Minnesota will play its first three games of February on the road at Michigan (Feb. 1), Illinois (Feb. 4) and Ohio State (Feb. 8).

Minnesota Women's Basketball
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 22, 2001)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(8-9)	(4-2)	(3-4)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE	(1-5)	(1-2)	(0-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(7-4)	(3-0)	(3-1)	(1-3)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
13 Whalen, Lindsay.....	14-14	479 34.2	91-172	.529	8-28	.286	62-94	.660	16	45	61	4.4	29	0	47	62	2	24	252	18.0
10 Prince, Kim.....	17-13	447 26.3	91-167	.545	0-0	.000	54-78	.692	32	68	100	5.9	42	1	2	35	14	13	236	13.9
23 Gilbert, Tanisha.....	14-13	437 31.2	77-143	.538	1-7	.143	51-90	.567	36	61	97	6.9	42	1	21	44	5	34	206	14.7
35 Andersson, Kadidja..	17-17	457 26.9	54-131	.412	0-3	.000	21-34	.618	22	49	71	4.2	46	2	36	32	6	13	129	7.6
05 Piroglu, Ozlem.....	14-14	385 27.5	39-72	.542	11-21	.524	31-39	.795	8	26	34	2.4	39	3	76	66	2	15	120	8.6
21 Lieser, Lindsay.....	17-3	287 16.9	33-78	.423	29-68	.426	5-10	.500	4	23	27	1.6	14	0	12	18	1	3	100	5.9
43 Kane, Megan.....	17-1	237 13.9	20-49	.408	2-3	.667	30-42	.714	18	35	53	3.1	41	4	11	15	9	12	72	4.2
14 McGhee, Trish.....	13-1	160 12.3	16-52	.308	6-18	.333	11-16	.688	5	17	22	1.7	18	0	16	19	0	7	49	3.8
54 Bell, Kim.....	15-4	162 10.8	15-32	.469	0-0	.000	8-10	.800	7	17	24	1.6	36	2	9	16	16	2	38	2.5
20 Hill, Leslie.....	14-1	94 6.7	13-29	.448	2-6	.333	5-10	.500	5	16	21	1.5	6	0	4	9	1	0	33	2.4
30 Pickens, Brandy.....	12-4	147 12.2	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	12	20	32	2.7	19	1	7	6	0	5	16	1.3
03 Hemberg, Ebba.....	10-0	40 4.0	1-6	.167	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	1	3	4	0.4	5	0	2	2	0	0	4	0.4
22 Glass, Alana.....	2-0	6 3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
15 Tate, Jackie.....	4-0	45 11.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	8	9	2.2	6	0	3	3	1	3	1	0.2
24 Nelson, Kim.....	4-0	9 2.2	0-7	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
52 Leon, Angel.....	4-0	8 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									36	46	82	4.8	0		5					

Total.....	17	3400	457-952	.480	59-161	.366	285-437	.652	205	436	641	37.7	345	14	246	334	57	131	1258	74.0
Opponents.....	17	3400	427-1034	.413	100-292	.342	270-384	.703	236	385	621	36.5	384	-	283	311	41	145	1224	72.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1258	1224	11-18-00	BINGHAMTON	W	85-74	1011
Points per game.....	74.0	72.0	11-19-00	PROVIDENCE	W	88-60	718
Scoring margin.....	+2.0	-	11/25/00	vs Denver	L	59-77	267
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	457-952	427-1034	11-26-00	vs Louisville	W	68-64	156
Field goal pct.....	.480	.413	12/01/00	vs St. Joseph's	L	62-64	290
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	59-161	100-292	12/02/00	vs Eastern Illinois	L	72-73	220
3-point FG pct.....	.366	.342	12-4-00	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	W	72-57	613
3-pt FG made per game..	3.5	5.9	12/08/00	at Ohio	W	92-73	492
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	285-437	270-384	12/10/00	at Saint Louis	W	77-71	236
Free throw pct.....	.652	.703	12-23-00	at Marist	W	79-61	557
REBOUNDS.....	641	621	*12-28-00	at #10/11 Penn State	L	73-91	6281
Rebounds per game.....	37.7	36.5	12-31-00	at IUPUI	L	80-85	614
Rebounding margin.....	+1.2	-	*1-4-01	INDIANA	L	76-79	1107
ASSISTS.....	246	283	*1-7-01	MICHIGAN STATE	L	65-66	1917
Assists per game.....	14.5	16.6	*01-11-01	at Indiana	L	64-92	786
TURNOVERS.....	334	311	*01/18/01	at Wisconsin	L	67-90	6328
Turnovers per game.....	19.6	18.3	*1-21-01	NORTHWESTERN	W	79-47	1061
Turnover margin.....	-1.4	-	* denotes conference game				
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.7	0.9					
STEALS.....	131	145					
Steals per game.....	7.7	8.5					
BLOCKS.....	57	41					
Blocks per game.....	3.4	2.4					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	1	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	6427	16227					
Home games-Avg/Game....	6-1071	7-2185					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-233					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Minnesota.....	588	670	- 1258
Opponents.....	555	669	- 1224

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 15-4-1
WCHA Record: 10-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 1-10
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 3-4
26	at New Hampshire	6 p.m.
27	at New Hampshire	2 p.m.

February

2	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
3	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
17	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23, 25	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena
All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey January 22, 2001

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, 7 p.m./3 p.m. EST
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Golden Gophers on the Road for Non-Conference Series at New Hampshire

Second-ranked Minnesota plays its final non-conference series of the season when the Gophers travel east to face New Hampshire. The series opener is at 7 p.m. EST Friday with Saturday's matinee getting underway at 3 p.m.

Gophers Drop Pair to U.S. Select Team in Exhibition Series

Minnesota dropped a pair of exhibition games to the U.S. Select Team over the weekend. The Gophers were routed 10-1 Friday but nearly turned the tables Saturday, dropping a 4-3 decision.

The U.S. used a seven-goal second period Friday, scoring six times in a nine-minute span to take a 9-0 lead into the final period, a lead which they expanded just 24 seconds into the final period. Minnesota avoided the shutout when sophomore **Gwen Anderson (North St. Paul, Minn./North St. Paul)** scored an unassisted goal with 4:17 to play in the game.

The Gophers shocked the U.S. on Saturday, jumping out to a 2-0 lead and taking a 3-1 lead into the second period. Senior **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)** scored an unassisted goal just 2:38 into the game and then set up a power-play goal by frosh **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** barely two minutes later. After the U.S. scored at 13:34 to cut the lead in half, frosh **Tracy Palinsky (Port Elgin, Ontario/Notre Dame Secondary)** gave Minnesota its two-goal lead back two minutes later.

The U.S. tied the game with goals 1:27 apart late in the second period and the score remained that way until Krissy Wendell scored her second short-handed goal of the weekend with 3.6 seconds left in the game.

The Gophers were 59-11 Friday and 41-17 Saturday. Senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** turned aside 86 of 100 shots on the weekend, including 37 in Saturday's loss.

New Hampshire Lately

The ninth-ranked Wildcats split a pair of games at home over the weekend, defeating 10th-ranked Providence 6-2 Saturday before dropping a 2-1 decision to eighth-ranked Northeastern on Sunday.

Michelle Thornton scored a pair of goals Friday, including the game-winner, and added an assist as New Hampshire limited its guest to just 17 shots on goal. Saturday, the Wildcats were limited to 13 shots over the final 40 minutes as Northeastern held them scoreless over the game's final 42 minutes. Jen Huggon stopped 29 of 31 shots in the game and 44 of 48 for the weekend.

Anderson Gets First as a Gopher

When **Gwen Anderson** scored Minnesota's lone goal in Friday's loss, she registered her first goal in a Gopher uniform. The goal came when the U.S. turned the puck over in its own zone and **Anderson** walked in from the left side and beat goalie Ali Brewer on the short side.

U.S. Unaccustomed to Two-Goal Deficit

When the Gophers had the U.S. Select Team down by two goals, it was just the second time in 31 games that the U.S. found itself behind by two goals. The only other time this season they trailed by two goals was in a 2-0 loss to Team Canada at the Four Nations' Cup, Nov. 11, their only loss in 31 games.

In seven previous games against NCAA competition, the U.S. had given up just one goal prior to allowing four to Minnesota during the weekend series.

Tommy Gun

Ambria Thomas gave the Gophers a lift Saturday as she helped account for Minnesota's first two goals. She gave her team the lead less than three minutes into the game when she intercepted a pass in the inside the Minnesota blue line and skated the length of the ice before beating Sarah DeCosta.

The Gophers' second goal came when **Thomas** and **La Toya Clarke** worked a 2-on-1 out of the right corner while on the power-play. **Thomas**'s shot from the middle of the slot was saved by DeCosta but **Clarke**, sitting on the right side of the crease, tapped home the rebound.

Gophers Carry Shutout Streak Into New Hampshire Series

Minnesota brings a shutout streak to 159:11 into its series at New Hampshire this weekend. The last goal scored against the Gophers came at the 49-second mark of the second period in a 4-2 win over Niagara, Jan. 7.

Since that time, goalies **Erica Killewald** and frosh **Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South)** have combined to stop 36 shots, with each posting a shutout win over MSU, Mankato, Jan. 13-14, in the Gophers' most recent regular-season games.

Petersen Update

Frosh **Bethany Petersen (Bloomington, Minn./Bloomington Jefferson)** is still undergoing tests and has not been cleared to play by Minnesota doctors.

Petersen had 10 points in 14 games when she suffered a concussion in a 5-1 loss at Dartmouth, Dec. 9.

Special Teams Play

Since returning from break, Minnesota has performed well on special teams, with a special teams net of plus-five. In their first four games of 2001, the Gophers are 5-for-13 on the power play while killing eight of their opponents' nine chances, adding a short-handed goal to their penalty-kill statistics. They have scored power-plays goals in 16 of 20 games this season, including their last four games.

Minnesota is second in the WCHA in combined special teams play, succeeding on 55.8 percent (91 of 163) of its special teams opportunities. The Gophers are also tied for third nationally in net special teams (+12).

Balancing Act

Of nine players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **Ambria Thomas'** game-winning goal in Minnesota's Jan. 14 win over MSU, Mankato was her third, tying her for the team lead with **Nadine Muzerall**, **Ronda Curtin** and **La Toya Clarke**.

When Last We Met

Minnesota defeated New Hampshire for the first time in the teams' last meeting as the Gophers claimed 6-2 and 5-4 win at home, Jan. 29-30, 2000.

After **Carisa Zaban** scored at 3:06 of the second period in the series opener to cut the Minnesota lead to 2-1, senior **Nadine Muzerall (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy)** scored the Gophers' next four goals to lead her team to its first-ever wins over the Wildcats.

The Wildcats led on three different occasions in the series finale and never trailed until **Muzerall** capped off a Minnesota comeback with a power-play goal midway through the final period to give the Gophers their 10th consecutive victory.

Minnesota's special teams played a vital role during the series as Minnesota was 6-for-13 on the power play, getting four power-play goals from **Muzerall**, who also had both game-winning goals in the series, while killing eight of New Hampshire's 10 power plays.

The All-Time Series

New Hampshire leads the series 4-2-2, with the teams' only meeting at the Wildcats' Whittemore Center ending in a scoreless tie, Jan. 30, 1999.

Minnesota is 2-2-1 at **Mariucci Arena** versus New Hampshire and 0-2-0 in games at neutral sites.

Minnesota Statistics vs. New Hampshire

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	SOG	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
Gwen Anderson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	8	0	1	1	0	-1	2-5	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	8	0	0	0	5	-2	5-10	0	0	0
La Toya Clarke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	2	2	2	4	5	0	0-0	2	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	5	1	3	4	5	-2	2-4	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	5	0	4	4	9	-1	4-8	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	7	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Betsy Kukowski	6	0	1	1	6	-3	3-6	0	0	0
Megan Milbert	3	0	0	0	1	-1	1-2	0	0	0
Nadine Muzerall	8	8	4	12	32	0	10-20	5	0	2
Kelly Olson	7	0	1	1	5	-7	3-6	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	8	1	2	3	9	-6	0-0	0	1	0
Laura Slominski	5	2	3	5	9	+2	0-0	0	1	0
Stefanie Snow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ambria Thomas	8	2	4	6	28	+1	3-6	0	0	0
Minnesota	8	21	32	53	185	-38	44-88	8	2	2
New Hampshire	8	25	32	57	304	+36	42-95	5	2	4

Goalle	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg.	Saves	Pct.	Record	ShO
Erica Killewald	7-7	422:37	20	2.84	235	.922	1-3-2	1
Stephanie Johnson	0-0	0:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0
Minnesota	8-8	502:37	25	2.98	279	.918	2-4-2	1
New Hampshire	8-8	502:37	21	2.51	164	.886	4-2-2	1

Shots on Goal	SOG	Avg.	Pct.
Minnesota	185	23.13	.114
New Hampshire	304	38.00	.082

Power Play	Goals	Opp.	Pct.
Minnesota	8	36	.222
New Hampshire	5	38	.132

Goals by Period	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota	6	6	9	0	21
New Hampshire	8	10	6	1	25

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Jan. 16, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall				
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA	
1. Minnesota	14	12- 1-1	25	70	24	20	15- 4-1	83	40	
2. Wisconsin	16	9- 4-3	21	71	46	23	15- 5-3	99	60	
3. Minn.-Duluth	14	9- 4-1	19	74	29	22	17- 4-1	120	40	
4. St. Cloud State	16	8- 6-2	18	66	59	24	12-10-2	96	84	
5. Ohio State	16	6- 7-3	15	47	44	23	8-12-3	61	67	
6. Bemidji State	16	4-11-1	9	41	98	23	6-16-1	60	125	
7. MSU, Mankato	16	0-15-1	1	7	76	22	1-20-1	12	92	

Schedule and Results

Recent Scores

Friday, Jan. 19
Minn.-Duluth 8, at MSU, Mankato 0
St. Cloud State 8, at Bemidji State 67
U.S. Select 10, at Minnesota 1#

Saturday, Jan. 20
at Wisconsin 3, Ohio State 2 (ot)
St. Cloud State 4, at Bemidji State 4 (ot)
Minn.-Duluth 7, at MSU, Mankato 0
U.S. Select 4, at Minnesota 3#

Sunday, Jan. 21
Ohio State 2, at Wisconsin 2 (ot)

This Week

Thursday, Jan. 25
MSU, Mankato at Gustavus, 7:05 pm*

Friday, Jan. 26
Bemidji State at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm
Minnesota at New Hampshire, 6 pm*

Friday, Jan. 26
Bemidji State at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm
Minnesota at New Hampshire, 2 pm*

Sunday, Jan. 21
Ohio State at Findlay, 1 pm

* non-conference game
exhibition game
all times Central

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .826 with a record of 52-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 920. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season this past weekend, drawing 2,611 to Friday's game and another 2,036 to Saturday's game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 156-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 97-21-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

Behind the New Hampshire Bench

Karen Kay is in her ninth season guiding the Wildcats' program, sporting a career mark of 193-70-20.

A 1985 graduate of Providence, she served as the coach of the U.S. National Team, leading the team to silver-medal finishes at the World Championship in 1993 and the Pacific Rim Tournament in 1995.

At New Hampshire, she has recorded six consecutive 20-win seasons and needs seven

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

January 15

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	12- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	15- 4-1	89	2
3. St. Lawrence	12- 3-3	76	3
4. Minnesota	15- 4-1	71	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	59	6
6. Brown	9- 3-3	55	7
7. Wisconsin	14- 5-2	33	8
8. Northeastern	11- 6-0	32	5
9. New Hampshire	13- 8-0	20	10
10. Providence	12- 5-2	11	9

Others receiving votes: St. Cloud 3, Princeton 1.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

January 16

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	12- 1-1	118	1
2. Minnesota (2)	15- 4-1	104	2
3. Minnesota-Duluth	15- 4-1	100	3
4. St. Lawrence	12- 3-3	84	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	70	8
6. Brown	9- 3-3	64	7
7. Wisconsin	14- 5-2	43	6
8. Northeastern	11- 6-0	39	5
9. New Hampshire	13- 8-2	21	10
10. Providence	12- 5-2	15	9

Others receiving votes: Princeton 1, St. Cloud State 1.

more victories to reach 200 for her career.

Kay led the Wildcats to a 31-5-3 record during the 1997-98 season, earning the first-ever ACHA National Championship. She has also led her team to a pair of Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles, in 1996 and 1998.

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

The Gophers return to WCHA action when they travel north for a two-game series at Bemidji State, Feb. 2-3.

Both games at the John Glas Fieldhouse get underway at 7:05 p.m. CST.

Minnesota Record

When Scoring first.....	9-1-0
When Opponent scores first	6-3-1
When Leading after 1st period	8-0-0
When Trailing after 1st period	1-1-1
When Tied after 1st period	6-3-0
When Leading after 2nd period	12-1-0
When Trailing after 2nd period	0-3-1
When Tied after 2nd period	3-0-0
In Overtime	0-1-1
When Outshooting opponent	14-1-0
When Outshot by opponent	1-3-1
When Shots are even	0-0-0
When Having 0-19 shots	1-1-0
When Having 20-29 shots	2-0-1
When Having 30-39 shots	4-3-0
When Having 40-49 shots	6-0-0
When Having 50+ shots	2-0-0
When Opponent has 0-19 shots	5-0-0
When Opponent has 20-29 shots	9-1-1
When Opponent has 30-39 shots	1-2-0
When Opponent has 40-49 shots	0-1-0
When Opponent has 50+ shots	0-0-0
In one-goal games	3-1-0
At Mariucci Arena	10-1-0
On the road	5-3-1
At neutral site	0-0-0
In October	5-1-0
In November	4-1-1
In December	2-2-0
In January	4-0-0
In February	0-0-0
In March	0-0-0
When Kelsey Bills scores a goal	2-0-0
When La Toya Clarke scores a goal	7-0-0
When Melissa Coulombe	2-1-0
When Ronda Curtin scores a goal	9-1-0
When Tracy Engstrom scores a goal	4-1-0
When Jerilyn Glenn scores a goal	2-0-0
When Courtney Kennedy scores a goal	3-0-1
When Nadine Muzerall scores a goal	6-0-1
When Tracy Palinsky scores a goal	1-0-0
When Kris Scholz scores a goal	3-0-0
When Laura Slominski scores a goal	6-1-0
When Alyson Sundberg scores a goal	1-0-0
When Ambria Thomas scores a goal	9-1-1

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Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 15-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	SHOTS						PENALTIES				GOALS									
		G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	+/-	No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT	PN	
La Toya Clarke	20	11	22	33	84	.131	+14	1-2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Ambria Thomas	20	18	10	28	98	.184	+15	5-10	5	0	0	5	1	3	0	1	3	0	2	0	
Laura Slominski	20	9	16	25	81	.111	+16	3-6	3	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	
Nadine Muzerall	16	12	9	21	100	.120	+7	12-30	10	2	0	4	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	
Ronda Curtin	20	10	10	20	69	.145	+16	2-4	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	
Courtney Kennedy	20	4	15	19	59	.068	+25	19-38	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tracy Engstrom	20	5	11	16	51	.098	+12	5-10	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Emily Buchholz	20	0	11	11	26	.000	+9	10-20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Melissa Coulombe	19	3	7	10	21	.143	+17	3-6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kris Scholz	20	4	2	6	26	.154	+3	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Jerilyn Glenn	17	3	2	5	19	.158	+7	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Kelsey Bills	20	2	1	3	17	.118	+2	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Gwen Anderson	17	0	3	3	7	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stefanie Snow	14	0	2	2	9	.000	+4	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alyson Sundberg	12	1	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tracy Palinsky	20	1	0	1	23	.043	-4	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Angela Borek	13	0	1	1	3	.000	+2	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Erica Killewald	17	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kelly Olson	19	0	1	1	16	.000	+2	5-10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cecilia Retelle	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Betsey Kukowski	15	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	20	83	134	217	748	.111	+155	94-194	92	2	0	24	2	15	1	6	10	0	6	0	
Opponents.....	20	40	58	98	468	.085	-	100-200	100	0	0	13	1	4	0	4	10	1	0	0	

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD				GOALS				
			GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG	
Stephanie Johnson	4-3	203:33	6	1.77	43	.878	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Erica Killewald	17-17	1003:25	34	2.03	385	.919	12	4	1	4	12	1	0	0	0	
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	20-20	1208:48	40	1.99	428	.915	15	4	1	5	13	1	0	0	0	
Opponents.....	20-20	1208:48	83	4.12	665	.889	4	15	1	1	24	2	0	0	0	

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	748	37.40	.111
Opponents	468	23.40	.085

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	24	83	.289
Opponents	13	80	.163

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	21	21	41	0	83
Opponents.....	12	17	10	1	40

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	203	247	292	6	748
Opponents.....	166	170	129	3	468

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 Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
 All games

FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	20	192	143	.573
La Toya Clarke	20	118	109	.520
Tracy Palinsky	20	45	43	.511
Betsey Kukowski	15	2	2	.500
Kris Scholz	20	1	1	.500
Kelsey Bills	20	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	20	71	88	.447
Ambria Thomas	20	25	32	.439
Nadine Muzerall	16	31	41	.431
Gwen Anderson	17	17	23	.425
Laura Slominski	20	24	38	.387
Jerilyn Glenn	17	2	6	.250
Total.....	20	575	582	.497
Opponents.....	20	582	575	.503

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	20	3	9	12	18	.167
Laura Slominski	20	5	6	11	17	.294
Courtney Kennedy	20	0	10	10	24	.000
Ambria Thomas	20	5	1	6	21	.238
Nadine Muzerall	16	4	2	6	24	.167
Ronda Curtin	20	2	3	5	15	.133
Emily Buchholz	20	0	5	5	12	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Melissa Coulombe	19	3	1	4	6	.500
Tracy Engstrom	20	1	2	3	17	.059
Jerilyn Glenn	17	1	0	1	1	1.000
Tracy Palinsky	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Kelly Olson	19	0	0	0	4	.000
Total.....	20	24	44	68	166	.145
Opponents.....	20	13	21	34	126	.103

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	24	83	.289	1	131:02	1:35	5:28	2.53
Opponents	13	80	.163	2	131:33	1:39	10:07	1.92

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Ambria Thomas	20	1	0	1	3	.333
Tracy Engstrom	20	1	0	1	2	.500
Melissa Coulombe	19	0	1	1	0	.000
Erica Killewald	17	0	1	1	0	.000
Laura Slominski	20	0	1	1	4	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Tracy Palinsky	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Emily Buchholz	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Ronda Curtin	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Nadine Muzerall	16	0	0	0	2	.000
Courtney Kennedy	20	0	0	0	1	.000
La Toya Clarke	20	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	20	2	3	5	18	.111
Opponents.....	20	1	0	1	7	.143

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/K11	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	67	80	.837	2	131:33	1:39	65:47	0.27
Opponents	59	83	.711	1	131:02	1:35	131:02	0.11

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Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 15-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 5-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	83-748	40-468
Shot pct.....	.111	.085
Goals/Game.....	4.2	2.0
Shots/Game.....	37.4	23.4
Assists.....	134	58
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	24-83	13-80
Conversion Percent.....	.289	.162
Shot Attempts.....	166	126
Shot Percent.....	.145	.103
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-18	1-7
Shot Percent.....	.111	.143
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	83	40
Power Play.....	24	13
Short-handed.....	2	1
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	6	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	94	100
Minutes.....	194	200
Penalties/Game.....	4.7	5.0
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.7	10.0
Minor.....	92	100
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	575-582 .497	582-575 .503
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	10125	3070
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	11/920	9/341
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

2001 Schedule

January

6	#24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at Michigan w/Iowa	3rd
	193.675	
27	Iowa	7 p.m.

February

2	at Stanford	7:30 p.m.
10	Best of Minnesota	7 p.m.
	(Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Winona State)	
16	at Iowa State w/Okla.	7 p.m.
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships	
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships
	(Athens, Ga.)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Avenue SE. All times are local to site.

GymInfo National Ranking

(Jan. 22 — By High Score)

1.	UCLA	197.500
2.	Alabama	196.650
3.	Georgia	196.500
4.	Utah	196.375
5.	Michigan	196.200
6.	Illinois State	196.000
7.	Ohio State	195.575
8.	Florida	195.550
	Nebraska	195.559
10.	Stanford	195.300
	Oklahoma	195.300
12.	California	195.175
13.	Iowa State	195.075
14.	Oregon State	194.900
15.	Minnesota	194.850
16.	Penn State	194.825
	Bowling Green	194.825
18.	Illinois	194.650
19.	Utah State	194.450
20.	BYU	194.325
21.	Denver	194.175
22.	Iowa	194.100
23.	Western Michigan	193.850
24.	New Hampshire	193.800
25.	Arizona State	193.750



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#15 Minnesota vs. #22 Iowa
Saturday, January 27 — Sports Pavilion — 7 p.m.

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Golden Gophers Home Again

Minnesota returns home from a one-week road trip. The No. 15 Golden Gophers host No. 22 Iowa on Saturday. Minnesota will look to reverse last week's outcome, when Iowa finished ahead of the Golden Gophers in a triangular at Michigan.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 15 in the Jan. 22 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on high score. The Golden Gophers have a team high of 194.850 set Jan. 13 against Utah.

Minnesota was the highest-ranked Big Ten school in the first regular-season ranking. This week's opponent, Iowa, is ranked No. 22. Six Big Ten Conference teams are ranked this week. Michigan leads the way at No. 5, followed by Ohio State at No. 7. Other schools ranked are Penn State (No. 16) and Illinois (No. 18).

Defending NCAA champion UCLA is ranked No. 1 with a season-high of 197.500.

Kelley Ranked In Two Individual Lists

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** is listed among the top 25 individuals in two lists this week. She is tied for 23rd in the all around with a season-high of 39.200 set Jan. 13. She is also tied for No. 21 in the floor exercise with a season-high of 9.90 set Friday at Michigan.

About the Golden Gophers

No. 9-ranked Minnesota placed third in a triangular meet in Ann Arbor, Mich. on Friday, featuring three of the top 25 teams in the nation. Minnesota, then the top-ranked school in the Big Ten Conference, finished with a score of 193.675. No. 11 Michigan was first with a total of 196.2, while No. 21 Iowa finished second at 194.1.

The Golden Gophers scored a season-high 48.55 on vault, led by sophomore **Leigh Dixon's (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** season-high score of 9.825. But Minnesota had to count two falls on the balance beam and recorded a team score of 47.475 on that event, the lowest of the meet.

Dixon was Minnesota's highest finisher of the meet, placing second on the vault.

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley**, named the Big Ten gymnast of the week after winning the all around last week against Utah, tied for third place on the floor exercise with a total of 9.90. It was Minnesota's highest individual score on any event this season. She finished fourth in the all around with a total of 39.025.

Newcomer **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** tied for fourth place on the uneven bars with a season-high 9.825. She also led the Golden Gophers on the balance beam, tying for sixth at 9.725.

Minnesota's high score of the season was a 194.850 set Jan. 13 against Utah at the Sports Pavilion.

Beuckens To Return

Junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** had surgery Dec. 19 to remove a benign cyst and did not compete in the Golden Gophers' first two meets. She competed as an exhibition performer Friday at Michigan and is expected to compete on uneven bars and balance beam Saturday against Iowa.

Beam Beginnings

Minnesota scored a 48.475 on beam Jan. 6 against Ohio State and improved that score to a 48.625 against Utah, with four of the five counting scores at least 9.775. Last season, Minnesota scored higher than 48.625 only four times in 14 meets. But the Gophers had to count two falls on beam Friday at Michigan and scored a meet-low 47.475.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyl Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Dixon Leads On Vault

Sophomore **Leigh Dixon** started the 2001 season where she left off in 2000. **Dixon** was Minnesota's highest scorer on vault in Minnesota's first meet, placing second with a 9.65. She also led the team in the third meet of the season, placing second with a season-high 9.825, the 10th time in 17 career meets she has scored at least 9.80. Last year, she recorded the team's top vault score in 12 of the team's 14 meets and recorded the top six vault scores of the season. She led the team with a 9.796 average in 2000, including at least a 9.825 in the last seven meets and a career-high 9.90 in the final regular-season meet.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior gymnast **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten Conference Women's Gymnast of the Week for the second time in her career.

Kelley tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200. That total is the sixth-best in team history. Kelley also holds the second-best mark in school history with a 39.375 set last season at the Big Ten Championships.

After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. Kelley continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. Kelley hyperextended her left elbow during uneven bars warmups Jan. 6 and did not compete on bars. It was the first time in her 29-meet career she was not an all around competitor.

Kelley received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Iowa

Iowa is ranked No. 22, increasing its team total every meet to a season-high 194.100 last week. It was the team's highest score in second-year coach Mike Lorenzen's tenure. Four Hawkeyes competed in the all around, with newcomer Alexis Maday winning the title at 39.250, edging out Michigan's Elise Ray, a 2000 Olympic gymnast. First-year gymnast Stephanie Gran also scored high, with a 39.125 to place third.

Series Notes

Iowa's win over the Gophers on Friday was the first since Feb. 26, 1995, when the Gophers placed third in a triangular at Iowa. Oklahoma won the meet at 193.425, while Iowa was at 190.950 and Minnesota 190.800.

The Gophers had defeated the Hawkeyes 14 straight times, including Big Ten Championships.

Last Year Against Iowa

Minnesota defeated Iowa twice in dual meets during the 2000 season. The Golden Gophers won 195.125-193.550 in Iowa City on Feb. 6 and defeated the Hawkeyes 193.450-191.400 Feb. 26 at the Sports Pavilion.

At the 2000 Big Ten Championships in University Park, Pa., Michigan won the meet, with the Golden Gophers third and Iowa seventh.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 50-32-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 118-103-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The Golden Gophers are on the road on Friday, Feb. 2, at Stanford. Minnesota returns home to host the Best of Minnesota Meet, featuring Minnesota, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline and Winona State, on Saturday, Feb. 10.

2000-01 Schedule

September

15-17 at William & Mary Invitational
29-30 at UNLV Invitational

October

1 at UNLV Invitational
6-8 at Tennessee Invitational
at World Team Tennis National Collegiate Championship (at Stanford)

November

4-7 at ITA Midwest Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

January

26 **Minnesota Court Classic vs. Richmond** 7 p.m.

February

3 **Drake** 7 p.m.
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado 6 p.m.
11 at Colorado 1 p.m.
24 vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.
25 at Marquette 10 a.m.

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 **Michigan State** 2 or 7 p.m.
25 **Michigan** 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 **Northwestern** 2 or 7 p.m.
15 **Illinois** 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships (Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota Court Classic vs. Richmond
Friday, January 26 — 7 p.m.

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Golden Gophers To Begin Spring Season At Home

Minnesota will open its spring season with a single match on Friday. The Golden Gophers take on Richmond in the Minnesota Court Classic beginning at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota returns five letterwinners from last year's team that finished 18-7 overall and placed second in the Big Ten. The Golden Gophers have qualified for the NCAA Tournament four of the last five seasons. Minnesota will have to overcome the loss of two seniors to graduation: Nora Sauska, the school-record holder for career singles wins; and Kim Simonsen, the team's MVP a year ago.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
Allison Byron	So.	Worcester, Pa. (Methacton)
Kendra Christensen	So.	Beaver Dam, Wis. (Beaver Dam)
Michaela Havelková	So.	Liberec, Czech Republic (Gymnazium F.X. Saldy)
Jennifer Howard	Jr.	Thornhill, Ontario (Thornlea)
Alison Kayser	Jr.	Easton, Minn. (United South Central/St. Thomas)
Andrea Rose	Jr.	North Vancouver, British Columbia (Handsworth)
Gina Stauss	Jr.	East Grand Forks, Minn. (East Grand Forks)
Amy Thomas	So.	Orchard Park, N.Y. (Orchard Park)
Valerie Vladea	Fr.	Kitchener, Ontario (Burlington Central)
Tammy Wang	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)
Brandi Watts	Fr.	Monument, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)

Head Coach: Martin Novak

Assistant Coach: Sitinee Rangsithienchai

Fall 2000 Records

	Singles	Doubles
Michaela Havelkova	5-5	4-7
Jennifer Howard	3-7	3-4
Andrea Rose	1-8	4-3
Amy Thomas	3-6	4-7*
Valerie Vladea	1-1	0-0
Tammy Wang	2-5	1-4
Brandi Watts	3-7	1-6

* Thomas competed with Jeanne Buzcowska of Arizona at the William & Mary Invitational

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 115-106 record at Minnesota.

About The Opponent

Richmond lost three seniors to graduation and has five sophomores and three newcomers on its roster. The Spiders finished the 2000 campaign with an 11-10 overall record and last competed in the NCAA Tournament in 1998.

Up Next

Minnesota hosts Drake on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m.

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 **Intrasquad**
 21 **North Dakota** W, 177-114
 27 **Alumni Meet**

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 **Minnesota Invitational**
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 **Iowa** W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals 6 p.m./Noon
 (Illinois, Minnesota and
 Purdue at Wisconsin)

February

- 2-3 **Minnesota Challenge**
Friday 6 p.m.
Saturday Noon/6 p.m.
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 25 **Gopher-It Invite** Noon

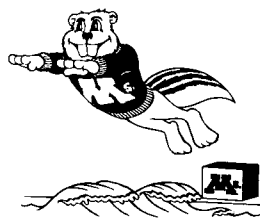
March

- 8-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Site TBA)
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

Quad Duals — Illinois, Purdue, Wisconsin
 Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Noon — Madison, Wis.

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The two-time defending Big Ten champion Minnesota women's swimming and diving team will compete in its final dual meets of the season at the Quad Duals in Madison, Wis. The 20th-ranked Gophers will face 13th-ranked Wisconsin, Purdue and Illinois. The Gophers defeated Iowa on Saturday, 186-114, in their only dual meet to date against a Big Ten foe. This is Minnesota's biggest meet prior to the Big Ten meet Feb. 15-17 at Indiana University.

Gophers Currently 20th

Minnesota is currently ranked 20th in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. Other Big Ten teams that are ranked include Wisconsin (13th), Michigan (14th), Penn State (15th), Indiana (19th) and Northwestern (23rd). Purdue is the first team mentioned among teams receiving votes outside of the top 25.

Minnesota Defeats Iowa, Extends Dual Meet Record to 4-0

The Gophers won 11 of 16 events to defeat Iowa, 186-114, last Saturday at the University Aquatic Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool. Senior **Katy Christoferson (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** won three individual events to pace the Minnesota victory. Christoferson won the 50 freestyle (24.27), the 100 butterfly (56.49) and the 200 individual medley (2:06.80). Sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)** won two events, the 200 freestyle (1:51.67) and the 500 freestyle (4:58.90). Senior **Tracy LaVoi (St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech)** won both diving events, the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard. The Gophers won both relays, the 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay.

Four Meet Records Fall

The Gophers and Hawkeyes combined to break four meet records this past weekend. Minnesota's 200 medley relay team of seniors **Emily Deppe (The Woodlands, Texas/The Peddie School)**, **Kim Harrod (Apple Valley, Minn./Burnsville)**, **Katy Christoferson** and **Meghan Sonstegard (Sioux Falls, S.D./Apple Valley)** lowered the meet record to 1:46.82. First-year swimmer **Megan Moore (Westmont, Ill./Rosary)** won the 200 backstroke in 2:03.59, while Iowa's Allison Lyle set meet records in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.76) and the 200 backstroke (2:03.59).

Two Gophers Earn NCAA Consideration Times

Two Gopher swimmers earned NCAA consideration times at the Texas Invitational. Sophomore **Dana Baum** swam Minnesota's fastest time in the 200 freestyle since 1988 with a mark of 1:48.73, just .21 off of the school record set by Jodi Schirmers. She also had a consideration time in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:54.77. Junior **Jenny Smedstad (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy)** swam under the standard in the 500 free with a time of 4:52.16. She also posted a consideration time in the 400 IM with a mark of 4:22.94.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

The head coach of the women's swimming and diving team is in her 28th season with 17 new faces and the challenge of building a nucleus to compete for supremacy in the Big Ten. **Jean Freeman** is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28. Freeman needs two dual meet wins for 200 in her career, as she sports a career dual meet record of 198-52-4 (.787).

University of Minnesota

2000-2001 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Overall: 16-9

Dual Record: 4-0

Big Ten: 1-0

Invitationals: 12-9

Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score	Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score
10/21/00	North Dakota	W	n/a	177-114	1/26-27/01	at Wisconsin		20th	
11/4/00	Florida Atlantic	W	16th	157-77	1/26-27/01	Purdue @ Wisconsin		20th	
11/11/00	Iowa State	W	16th	151-149	1/26-27/01	Illinois @ Wisconsin		20th	
11/17-19/00	Minnesota Invitational	1st/9	18th	944.5 pts.					
12/1-3/00	Texas Invitational	10th/14	18th	130 pts.					
1/8/01	Macalester	N/A	18th	No Scoring					
1/20/01	Iowa	W	20th	186-114					

Meets in **bold** at the University Aquatic Center Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 Times in (): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)
 Points in (): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)			200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)			200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)		
Meghan Sonstegard	12/1/00	23.95	Emily Deppe	12/3/00	2:03.34	Deppe, Harrod,	12/2/00	1:46.31
Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	24.06	Megan Moore	1/20/01	2:03.59	Bohlsen, Sonstegard		
Ann Cahoy	12/1/00	24.17	Dana Baum	12/3/00	2:04.08			
Sarah Bohlsen	10/21/00	24.49	Ann Cahoy	11/19/00	2:04.36	400y Medley Relay (3:39.05, 3:45.62, 3:41.27)		
Kim Harrod	12/1/00	24.51	Jinny Smedstad	12/3/00	2:05.37	Deppe, Pierce,	12/1/00	3:51.89
						Harrod, Smedstad		
100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)			100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)			200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)		
Meghan Sonstegard	12/3/00	51.41	Katy Christoferson	12/2/00	1:04.90	Christoferson, Smedstad,	12/1/00	1:36.84
Jinny Smedstad	12/3/00	52.05	Kim Harrod	12/2/00	1:05.47	Sonstegard, Baum		
Katy Christoferson	12/3/00	52.76	Elizabeth Pierce	11/18/00	1:05.75			
Dana Baum	10/21/00	52.85	Lauren Guzauskas	12/2/00	1:06.63	400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)		
Arianna Gardner	12/3/00	53.04	Melissa Schold	11/18/00	1:06.85	Smedstad, Sonstegard,	12/3/00	3:27.64
						Gardner, Baum		
200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.52)			200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)			800y Free Relay (7:14.15, 7:27.17, 7:18.49)		
Dana Baum	12/2/00	1:48.73	(B) Kim Harrod	12/3/00	2:19.23	Baum, Christoferson,	12/2/00	7:27.75
Jinny Smedstad	11/4/00	1:51.80	Elizabeth Pierce	1/20/01	2:19.42	Gardner, Smedstad		
Casey Nicholson	1/20/01	1:52.65	Katy Christoferson	10/21/00	2:21.26			
Katie Klamer	11/17/00	1:53.22	Carol Crouthamel	12/3/00	2:22.26			
Arianna Gardner	12/2/00	1:53.29	Lauren Guzauskas	12/3/00	2:25.42			
500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)			100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.24)			1 M Diving (6) (265, 295.12)		
Jinny Smedstad	12/1/00	4:52.16	(B) Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	56.27	Tracy LaVoi	1/20/01	260.475
Dana Baum	12/1/00	4:54.77	(B) Kim Harrod	12/1/00	56.77	Kim Bahmer	11/11/00	258.225
Arianna Gardner	12/1/00	4:58.43	Juleen Rodakowski	12/1/00	56.87	Shannon Jackson	1/20/01	257.25
Carol Crouthamel	12/1/00	4:59.50	Sarah Bohlsen	12/1/00	57.38	Holly Hanneman	1/20/01	253.20
Kristin Rygg	12/1/00	5:01.66	Karen Egerman	10/27/00	59.06	Rachelle Giese	10/21/00	232.60
			Anne Koller	1/20/01	59.06			
1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)			200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)			1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)		
Dana Baum	11/4/00	10:13.15	Juleen Rodakowski	12/3/00	2:05.30			
Kristin Rygg	11/4/00	10:18.28	Jinny Smedstad	10/21/00	2:07.32			
Carol Crouthamel	1/20/01	10:31.40	Karen Egerman	1/20/01	2:07.79			
Juleen Rodakowski	10/21/00	10:40.72	Katy Christoferson	11/19/00	2:07.91	3 M Diving (6) (270, 332.90)		
Lindsay Marko	11/4/00	10:47.58	Dana Baum	10/21/00	2:09.67	Tracy LaVoi	10/21/00	271.25 (A)
						Holly Hanneman	12/2/00	263.80
1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)			200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:02.03)			3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)		
Dana Baum	12/3/00	16:53.27	Jenna Stocker	1/20/01	2:03.97	Tracy LaVoi	11/18/00	457.40 (A)
Kristin Rygg	12/3/00	17:23.87	Emily Deppe	12/1/00	2:04.39	Rachelle Giese	11/18/00	369.50
Jinny Smedstad	11/19/00	17:34.08	Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	2:05.77			
Jenna Stocker	11/19/00	17:55.61	Ann Cahoy	12/1/00	2:07.17			
			Elizabeth Pierce	11/17/00	2:10.75			
100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)			400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:16.25)			Platform Diving (8) (325)		
Emily Deppe	12/2/00	57.69	Jinny Smedstad	12/2/00	4:22.94 (B)	Tracy LaVoi	11/19/00	360.30 (A)
Ann Cahoy	11/11/00	58.09	Katy Christoferson	12/2/00	4:25.07	Erin Prasse	11/19/00	311.40
Meghan Sonstegard	12/2/00	58.29	Carol Crouthamel	12/2/00	4:25.89	Holly Hanneman	11/19/00	295.25
Megan Moore	1/20/01	58.31	Emily Deppe	12/2/00	4:25.99			
Sara Rutkowski	10/21/00	58.84	Juleen Rodakowski	12/2/00	4:33.24			



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open	unscored
20 Minnesota Open	unscored
27 Minnesota Classic	11 a.m.

February

9- at Iowa State Invitational	TBA
10 at Arkansas Invitational at Butler Invitational	TBA
17 Parents' Day Open	11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships, 25 West Lafayette, Ind.	TBA

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier	TBA
9- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
10 Fayetteville, Ark.	
24- Spring Break Trip	TBA
31	

April

7 at Texas Relays	TBA
13-14 at SEA Relays	TBA
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays	TBA
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	TBA
21 at Long Beach State Invitational	TBA
27-28 at Drake Relays at Penn Relays	TBA
28 at Macalester Invitational	TBA

May

4 Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships, 20 Bloomington, Ind.	TBA
30- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
31 Eugene, Ore.	

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships,	TBA
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

January 22, 2001

Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.

Minnesota Classic, Univ. of Minnesota Fieldhouse

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This Week

Minnesota hosts the Minnesota Classic at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27. The meet, which will be scored, will feature six NCAA Division I schools, including the Gophers and 11th-ranked Brigham Young along with Drake, Iowa, Marquette and Texas-Arlington. North Dakota and South Dakota will also compete.

A Look Back

Minnesota's second weekend of the indoor season produced four individual winners and a victorious relay at the unscored Minnesota Open on Saturday.

The Gopher sprinters enjoyed a banner day, taking the top four spots in the 60-meter dash, led by frosh **Tahesia Harrigan (Tallahassee, Fla.)**, who led the group by setting a school record of 7.50 seconds in the finals after having broken the record in her heat at 7.55.

Sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)**, juniors **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** and **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** and senior **Ali Gartner (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo)** won the 4x400 in 3:48.45.

Minnesota took the middle distance events as **Shuster** won the 800 in 2:13.72 in her first competition at that distance indoors. Frosh **Darja Vasiljeva (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No. 5)** won the mile run in 4:57.23.

The Gophers' lone field event win came from senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)**, who won the shot put for the second straight week. Her throw of 15.80 meter (51 feet, 10 inches) was also an NCAA provisional qualifying effort.

The First Time's A Charm

Both **Tahesia Harrigan** and **Darja Vasiljeva** posted victories while making their track debuts at Minnesota on Saturday.

Harrigan did so in grand style, breaking former Gopher Chateau White's time of 7.56 in the 60 twice. She turned in a 7.55 clocking in the preliminaries, posting the fastest time in the four heats. She then broke the record with a 7.50 finish in the finals, easily beating out teammate **Amber Day**, who was second in 7.86.

Vasiljeva, who earned All-Big Ten and All-Midwest Region honors in cross country, won the mile competition in her first outing. Her time of 4:57.23 was just over three seconds faster than senior captain **Elaine Eggleston (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)**.

NCAA Qualifiers

Aubrey Schmitt bettered her NCAA provisional qualifying effort in the weight throw and senior **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)** made her first provisional toss of the season Saturday.

The duo finished 2-3 in the weight throw as **Schmitt**, who now ranks fourth nationally, made a throw of 18.67m (61-3) while **Howard**, the defending Big Ten Champion, had an effort of 18.15m (59-6 3/4) to rank seventh.

Schmitt also had an NCAA provisional qualifying effort of 15.80m (51-10) in the shot put, but it did not better her throw of a week earlier, which ranks third nationally this week.

Top 10 Lists

Five Minnesota athletes earned spots on the Minnesota top 10 lists over the weekend, led by **Tahesia Harrigan** setting a new school record in the 60-meter dash. She was joined by **Amber Day**, whose time of 57.53 in the 400 now ranks eighth; **Jessica Shuster**, whose 800 time of 2:13.72

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	7th	18.15m (59-6 3/4)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	3rd	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	4th	18.67m (61-3)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional

ranks fifth; the 4x400 relay team of Day, Shuster, Shani Marks and Ali Gartner, the second-fastest time in school history, 3:48.45; and sophomore Erika Findlay (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater) in the pole vault 3.52m (11-6 1/2) to rank second.

Who's The Boss?

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Next Up

The Gophers will have next week off before sending athletes to one of several competitions, Feb. 9. The meets on the Minnesota schedule for that day include the Iowa State Invitational in Ames, Iowa; the Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.; and the Butler Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind.

New Top 10 Members

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2. Chanteau White	7.56	1997
4. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73	1/13/01

Pole Vault

1. Christine Gulbrandsen	12- 0 1/2	3.67	2000
2. Erika Findlay	11- 6 1/2	3.52	1/20/01
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	1/13/01

400-Meter Dash

1. Yvette White	56.10	1999
8. Amber Day	57.53	1/20/01

Shot Put

1. Aubrey Schmitt	54- 4 3/4	16.58	1999
10. Beth Howard	47- 1 1/2	14.36	1/13/01

800-Meter Run

1. Monika Balint	2:08.56	1991
5. Jessica Shuster	2:13.72	1/20/01

Weight Throw

1. Beth Howard	64- 1 3/4	19.55	2000
5. Alean Frawley	47- 8 1/2	14.54	1/13/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Jessica Shuster, Neketa Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks	3:47.26	2000
2. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster	3:48.45	1/20/01

Trackwire 25

January 16, 2001

Team	Score	LW
1. Texas	50	1
2. South Carolina	48	2
3. UCLA	35	3
Arkansas	35	4
5. Kansas State	27	7
6. Colorado	24	t5
7. Houston	22	t9
8. Stanford	21	t9
Clemson	21	t9
Ohio State	21	t7
11. Brigham Young	20	t5
Texas-El Pas	20	NR
13. Arizona	15	t12
14. Harvard	14	14
15. Nebraska	13	15
16. Georgetown	11	t16
17. Appalachian State	10	t18
Seton Hall	10	t18
19. Louisiana State	9	t22
Florida	9	t24
Northern Arizona	9	t16
Baylor	9	t22
23. Auburn	8	t24
Arizona State	8	t18
Southern Methodist	8	t18
Duke	8	t24
Missouri	8	t24

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60-Meter Dash (AQ-7.30, PQ-7.44, SR-7.50)

7.50 Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Open-Finals, Jan. 20)
 7.73 Shannaine Osbourne (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
 7.81 Amber Day, Minnesota (Minnesota Open-Finals, Jan. 20)
 7.95 Shani Marks, Minnesota (Minnesota Open-Finals, Jan. 20)
 8.09 Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
 8.12 Jessica Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
 8.29 Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
 8.33 Kristie Stiles, Minnesota (Minnesota Open-Prelims, Jan. 20)
 8.42 Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Minnesota Open-Prelims, Jan. 20)
 8.45 Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
 8.64 Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
 8.64 Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Minnesota Open-Prelims, Jan. 20)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.68)

27.20 Elizabeth Woolford (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 28.18 Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 28.40 Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 28.43 Julie Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 28.50 Caese Martine (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)**400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)**

57.53 Amber Day (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 57.88 Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

600-Meter Dash (SR-1:30.41)

1:37.43 Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 1:38.44 Jenny Moylan (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 1:38.44 Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 1:39.26 Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 1:42.78 Jessica Mittelstad (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
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800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:13.72 Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 2:17.29 Shani Marks (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 2:18.97 Alisa Gartner (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
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 2:30.76 Nadine Conboy (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

1,000-Meter Run (SR-2:47.31)**1,500-Meter Run (SR-4:24.03)****Mile Run (AQ-4:44.00, PQ-4:49.00, SR-4:41.12)**

4:57.23 Darja Vasiljeva (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
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 5:27.94 Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 5:28.92 Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 5:30.45 Andrea Gaetz (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 5:34.52 Christine Harper (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)

10:41.18 Crystal Glennr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 10:42.70 Alison Mumbleaur (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 11:16.85 Krista Andersonr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

12:12.29 Brooke Derger (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)**60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)**

9.24 Elizabeth Woolfordr (Minnesota Open-Prelims, Jan. 20)
 9.30 Julie Antczak (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
 9.54 Caese Martiner (Minnesota Open-Finals, Jan. 20)
 9.96 Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.26)

3:48.45 Marks, Day, Gartner, Shusterr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
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3.35 (10-11 3/4) Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 3.52 (11- 6 1/2) Erica Findlayr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)**Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)**

15.84 (51-11 3/4) Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 14.36 (47- 1 1/2) Beth Howard (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 14.19 (46- 6 3/4) Nicole Chimko (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 12.21 (40- 0 3/4) Alecan Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 9.02 (29- 7 1/4) Saree Zweifelr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

18.67 (61- 3) Aubrey Schmitr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 18.15 (59- 6 3/4) Beth Howardr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 15.27 (50- 1 1/4) Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
 15.11 (49- 7) Angie Hillr (Minnesota Open, Jan. 20)
 14.54 (47- 8 1/2) Alecan Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Pentathlon (SR-3,715)



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2001 Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open	unscored
20 Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27 Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9- at Iowa State Invitational	TBA
10 Ames, Iowa	
17 Parents' Day Open	11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
25 West Lafayette, Ind.	

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier	TBA
9- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
10 Fayetteville, Ark.	
24- Spring Break Trip	TBA
31	

April

7 at Texas Relays	TBA
13-14 at SEA Relays	TBA
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays	TBA
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	TBA
21 at Long Beach State Invitational	TBA
27-28 at Drake Relays	TBA
at Penn Relays	TBA
28 at Macalester Invitational	TBA

May

4 Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
20 Bloomington, Ind.	
30- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
31 Eugene, Ore.	

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships,	TBA
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Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



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Off This Week

Next: Iowa State Invitational, Feb. 9-10

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This Week

Minnesota is off this week after hosting three consecutive meets to open the 2001 season.

A Look Back

Frosh sprinter **Tahesia Harrigan (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Developmental)** set a pair of school records and helped set a third in the 4x400 relay to lead Minnesota a second-place finish at the Minnesota Classic on Saturday.

Harrigan won her 60-meter preliminary heat in a school-record time of 7.44 seconds, only to lower that time to 7.35 in winning the finals. She also set a record of 24.47 in winning the 200. Her split time of 56.6 was the fastest of team's four members as she ran the third leg of the 4x400, combining with juniors **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** and **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)**, and sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** to post a time of 3:47.19.

On the track, Minnesota won the 60, 200, 400, 600 and 4x400. **Day** posted a career-best time of 56.91 to win the 400 and **Marks** also had a career-best of 1:32.20 in winning the 600.

The Gophers' lone field event win came in the weight throw where senior captain **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** also set a career best with a throw of 19.23 meters (63 feet, one and one-quarter inch).

Fabulous Frosh

Setting records has been the norm for **Tahesia Harrigan** this season. In each of her four 60-meter dashes, she has set a new school record. She also set schools records in her first collegiate competitions in the 200 and the 4x400-meter relay.

Harrigan ran times of 7.55 and 7.50 at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 20, in her first collegiate competition in the 60, breaking the record of 7.56 set by former Gopher Chanteau White in 1997. She then lowered that to 7.44 and 7.35 Saturday.

Her 200 time of 24.47 Saturday broke the six-year old school record of 24.68, set by Kim Heath in 1995.

NCAA Qualifiers

Not only did **Tahesia Harrigan** set a new school record in the 60, she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships, March 9-10, in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time of 7.35 ranks second nationally.

Aubrey Schmitt had a pair of NCAA provisional qualifying throws in the shot put and weight throw. Her effort of 15.27m (50-1 1/4) in the shot put was not a season-best. She ranks third nationally with a throw of 15.84m (51-11 3/4) on Jan. 13 at the Northwest Open. Her career-best throw of 19.23m (63-1 1/4) Saturday in the weight throw ranks fifth nationally.

Top 10 Lists

Twelve new additions to the top 10 list were made over the weekend with **Tahesia Harrigan** and **Amber Day** moving into new spots in two individual events along with the 4x400 relay.

Harrigan ranks first in school history in both the 60 and 200 while **Day** moved into fourth in the 60, with a time of 7.68, and the 400, with a time of 56.91.

Shani Marks, who already ranked third, remained third in the 600 while posting a career-best 1:32.20. Senior **Ali Gartner (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo)** did the same in the number nine position

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	2nd	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	12th	18.15m (59-6 3/4)	Minnesota Invite/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	3rd	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	5th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

with a time of 1:35.57.

Jessica Shuster and frosh Darja Vasiljeva (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No. 5) both added their names to lists, Shuster in the 800 and Vasiljeva in the mile. Shuster's time of 2:12.56 ranks fourth in the 800, while Vasiljeva ranks eighth with her time of 4:53.41 in the mile.

Day, Harrigan and Shuster were joined by Shani Marks in establishing a school-record time of 3:47.19 in the 4x400, and Marks added her name to the triple jump list, ranking sixth, with a jump of 11.63m (38-2).

Aubrey Schmitt maintained second place but improved her career-best weight throw to 19.23m (63-1 1/4), while senior Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch) moved into 10th on the shot put list with a throw of 14.49m (47-6 1/2).

Thus far in the 2001 season, 16 new top-10 times have been established.

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5. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73	1/13/01

200-Meter Dash

1. Tahesia Harrigan	24.47	1/27/01
2. Kim Heath	24.68	1995

400-Meter Dash

1. Yvette White	56.10	1999
4. Amber Day	56.91	1/27/01

600-Meter Run

1. Gretchen Otto	1:30.41	1989
3. Shani Marks	1:32.20	1/27/01
9. Ali Gartner	1:35.57	1/27/01

800-Meter Run

1. Monika Balint	2:08.56	1991
4. Jessica Shuster	2:12.56	1/27/01

Mile Run

1. Jody Eder	4:41.12	1984
8. Darja Vasiljeva	4:53.41	1/27/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:47.19	1/27/01
2. Jessica Shuster, Neketa Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks	3:47.26	2000
3. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster	3:48.45	1/20/01

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3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	1/13/01

Triple Jump

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6. Shani Marks	38- 2	11.63	1/27/01

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Next Up

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Trackwire 25

January 23, 2001

Team	Score	LW
1. Texas	51	1
2. South Carolina	49	2
3. UCLA	43	t3
4. Arkansas	41	t3
5. Kansas State	28	5
6. Colorado	24	6
7. Stanford	21	t8
Clemson	21	t8
Houston	21	7
Ohio State	21	t8
11. Texas-El Paso	20	t11
12. Brigham Young	20	t11
13. Southern Methodist	15	t23
14. Florida	14	t19
Arizona	14	13
Mississippi	14	NR
Harvard	14	14
18. Georgetown	11	16
19. Appalachian State	10	t17
20. Nebraska	9	15
Baylor	9	t19
22. Auburn	8	t23
Arizona State	8	t23
Missouri	8	t23
Northern Arizona	8	t19

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7.95	Shani Marks, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Finals, Jan. 20)
8.09	Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.12	Jessica Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.29	Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.33	Kristie Stiles, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.42	Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.45	Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.61	Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Prelims, Jan. 27)
8.64	Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.47)

24.47	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.24	Shannaine Osbourne (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.76	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
27.20	Elizabeth Woolford (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.01	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
28.40	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.43	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)**400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)**

56.91	Amber Day (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
57.88	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
59.35	Jessica Mittelstadt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
59.74	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

600-Meter Run (SR-1:30.41)

1:32.20	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:35.57	Ali Gartner (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:37.43	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:37.90	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:38.44	Jenny Moylan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:38.93	Rachel Schutz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:39.26	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:42.78	Jessica Mittelstadt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
1:48.79	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:12.56	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:17.29	Shani Marks (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
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2:25.21	Rachael Kuhn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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5:07.66	Anita Menden (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:11.29	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:18.40	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:21.85	Christine Harper (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:23.95	Erika Espeset (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)

10:30.83	Alison Mumbleau (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
10:41.18	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
11:12.21	Jill Field (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
11:16.85	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
12:12.29	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)

17:55.07	Victoria Moses (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18:46.18	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
21:02.89	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)

9.24	Elizabeth Woolford (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
9.30	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
9.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)
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4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.19)

3:47.19	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:48.45	Marks, Day, Gartner, Shuster (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3:57.53	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:58.87	Woolford, DeVries, Simmons, Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:03.35	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
4:03.56	Conboy, Day, Mittelstadt, Harrigan (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:08.50	Osbourne, Moylan, Stiles, Kosloske (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:12.61	Woolford, Zweifel, Stiles, Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
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3.52 (11- 6 1/2)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)

11.63 (38- 2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)

15.84 (51-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.49 (47- 6 1/2)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.19 (46- 6 3/4)	Nicole Chimko (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
12.21 (40- 0 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
9.29 (30- 5 3/4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

19.23 (63- 1 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18.15 (59- 6 3/4)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
15.86 (52- 0 1/2)	Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
15.73 (51- 7 1/4)	Angie Hill (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.54 (47- 8 1/2)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Pentathlon (SR-3,715)



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Golden Gopher Sports News

January 29, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers travel to Michigan and Illinois

Hockey

- No. 2 Minnesota returns to WCHA action with a two-game series at Bemidji State

Gymnastics

- No. 13 Minnesota competes at No. 7 Stanford

Swimming and Diving

- The Gophers host the two-day Minnesota Challenge, the final home meet of the season

Tennis

- The Gophers host Drake at the Northwest Athletic Club in Bloomington, Minn.

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Lindsay Lieser ties her own Sports Pavilion record by making seven three-pointers against Illinois

Hockey

- No. 2 Minnesota sweeps No. 9 New Hampshire in a two-game series

Gymnastics

- Jenny Alf sets a personal-best score of 9.90 in winning the balance beam against Iowa

Swimming and Diving

- Coach Jean Freeman captures her 200th career dual meet victory at the Quad Duals

Tennis

- Minnesota starts the spring season with a win over Richmond

Track and Field

- The Gophers win six events and break four school records at the Minnesota Classic

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, February 1

BB at Michigan 7 p.m.

Friday, February 2

SD hosts Minnesota Challenge 6 p.m.

HC at Bemidji State 7:05 p.m.

GM at Stanford 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

SD hosts Minnesota Challenge noon

TN hosts Drake 7 p.m.

HC at Bemidji State 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, February 4

BB at Illinois 2 p.m.

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2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-11 Big Ten: 1-7

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18	Binghamton	W, 85-74
19	Providence	W, 88-60
25-26	Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)	
25	vs. Denver	L, 77-59
26	vs. Louisville	W, 68-64

December

1-2	Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)	
1	vs. St. Joseph's	L, 64-62
2	vs. Eastern Illinois	L, 73-72
4	Virginia Commonwealth	W, 72-57
8	at Ohio	W, 92-73
10	at St. Louis	W, 77-71
23	at Marist	W, 79-61
28	at Penn State *	L, 91-73
31	at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI)	L, 85-80

January

4	Indiana *	L, 79-76
7	Michigan State *	L, 66-65
11	at Indiana *	L, 92-64
18	at Wisconsin *	L, 90-67
21	Northwestern *	W, 79-47
25	Purdue *	L, 86-61
28	Illinois *	L, 88-81

February

1	at Michigan *	7 p.m.
4	at Illinois *	2 p.m.
8	at Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
11	Iowa * (Fox) R	Noon
15	Ohio State * R	7 p.m.
18	at Purdue *	2 p.m.
22	Wisconsin * (MSC) R	7 p.m.
25	at Michigan State *	2 p.m.

March

1-4	Big Ten Conference Tournament R (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
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Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM

MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota at Michigan — Feb. 1 — 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Illinois — Feb. 4 — 2 p.m.

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Minnesota Embarks Three-Game Road Swing

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-11, 1-7 Big Ten) embarks on a three-game road swing with contests at Michigan on Thursday and Illinois on Sunday. The Golden Gophers are coming off an 88-81 loss to Illinois on Sunday. The Wolverines (13-7, 6-4) have won four straight, including a 74-59 win over Northwestern in their last outing. Illinois (10-10, 5-3) play at league-leading Purdue on Thursday prior to hosting the Gophers.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers will practice from 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday and from 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday before departing for Michigan on that afternoon. The team will return immediately following Thursday's game with practice scheduled for 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Friday. The Gophers will leave early Saturday morning for Illinois and return on Sunday night.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward **Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.)** has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	21	Lindsay Lieser	5-10	So.	6.5	1.7	0.7
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.8	4.1	2.1
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.1	2.9	0.5
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	9.1	2.8	5.8
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	18.2	4.1	3.4

Combinations, Combinations and More Combinations

The Gophers have started a whopping eight different starting lineup combinations in the 18 games they have played in the 2000-2001 season. Comparatively, Minnesota started four different lineups during the 1999-2000 season.

Rookies at the Top of Big Ten Leading Scorers

The top two leading scorers in the Big Ten are rookies, Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and **Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson)**. Mazzante, coming off a 28-point performance versus Michigan State, enters the week with the Big Ten scoring lead by averaging 18.3 points per game. **Whalen** scored 26 against Illinois on Sunday and checks in at 18.2 points per game. The rankings are reversed if just games in Big Ten play are included, where **Whalen** leads the way at 19.4 points per game and Mazzante is second at 19.1.

Whalen's Rookie Season Listed Among Some Gopher Greats

The future for the Gopher rookie **Lindsay Whalen** is a bright one if the 5-8 guard continues along the path of the Gopher greats before her. **Whalen** has scored 291 in the first 16 games of her career and already among the first-year scoring totals of several of the best players to ever don the maroon and gold. All-Americans Shudlick and Coenen completed stellar Minnesota careers as the only Gophers to score over 2,000 points, scoring 2,097 and 2,044 respectively.

First-year Gopher Scoring

1.	Linda Roberts (1977-78)	475 points	33 games	14.4 ppg.
2.	Laura Coenen (1981-82)	456 points	28 games	16.3 ppg.
3.	Laura Gardner (1978-79)	453 points	32 games	14.1 ppg.
4.	Molly Tadich (1983-84)	305 points	27 games	11.3 ppg.
5.	Lindsay Whalen (2000-01)	291 points	16 games	18.2 ppg.
6.	Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-91)	285 points	24 games	11.9 ppg.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Jan. 28)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	9	0	1.000	19	3	.864
2. Penn State	6	3	.667	14	6	.700
Wisconsin	6	3	.667	12	7	.632
4. Iowa	5	3	.625	10	8	.556
Illinois	5	3	.571	10	10	.500
6. Michigan	6	4	.600	13	7	.650
7. Indiana	5	4	.556	14	6	.700
8. Ohio State	3	6	.333	13	6	.684
9. Michigan State	2	6	.250	8	11	.421
10. Minnesota	1	7	.125	8	11	.421
11. Northwestern	0	9	.000	4	15	.211

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

- Thur., Feb. 1 Illinois at Purdue (7 p.m.)
Ohio State at Penn State (7 p.m.)
Northwestern at Wisconsin (7 p.m.)
Iowa at Michigan State (7 p.m.)
Minnesota at Michigan (7 p.m.)
- Sun., Feb. 4 Michigan at Purdue (1 p.m.)
Penn State at Northwestern (2 p.m.)
Michigan State at Wisconsin (1:30 p.m.)
Indiana at Iowa (2 p.m.)
Minnesota at Illinois (2 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

- Thur., Jan. 25 PURDUE 86, MINNESOTA 61
WISCONSIN 73, ILLINOIS 65
PENN STATE 79, INDIANA 70
IOWA 92, NORTHWESTERN 52
MICHIGAN 58, MICHIGAN STATE 49
- Sun., Jan. 28 PURDUE 75, Wisconsin 70 (ot)
Illinois 88, MINNESOTA 61
INDIANA 83, Ohio State 76
PENN STATE 97, Michigan State 49
MICHIGAN 74, Northwestern 59

Piroglu Nears the Century Mark

Point guard Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) is seven assists from hitting the triple-digit mark for the season. She enters the week with 93 assists in 16 games. Piroglu would become the 11th player to garner 100 or more assists in a season. Debbie Hunter set the Gopher standard by dishing out 174 assists in the 1983 season.

Don't Throw Away Those Scouting Reports, Part II

Minnesota will face Illinois for the second time in a week when the teams square off on Sunday. On Sunday, Jan. 28, Illinois defeated the Gophers by a score of 88-81 in the Sports Pavilion. The unusual occurrence of playing a team twice just a week apart happens three times in Minnesota's 2000-01 schedule. In addition to playing Illinois twice within a week, the Gophers played Indiana twice within a week earlier in January and will face Ohio State on Thursday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 15.

Dusting Off an Old Weapon

The Gophers used the three-point field goal as their main offensive

weapon during the 1999-2000 season. That weapon hasn't been utilized as much in the 2000-01 season, but against Illinois, the Gophers dusted off the heavy long-range artillery. Minnesota shot 25 three-point attempts, making 12. Both marks are season highs.

Long-Range Lieser Ties Pavilion Record

Sophomore Lindsay Lieser (New London, Minn./New London-Spicer) tied her own Sports Pavilion record by sinking seven three-point field goals against Illinois. Lieser, who finished with a season-high 21 points, hit 7-of-15 shots from behind the arc. In her career, Lieser has posted seven games in which she has netted five or more trifectas.

The Streak Reaches a Baker's Dozen

Lindsay Whalen has scored in double figures in every game she has played in her young Gopher career. The streak stands at 16 since Whalen missed three early-season games with an illness. Whalen has captured game scoring honors only six times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Piroglu Makes Strong Return from Injury

Point guard Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) has made a strong return to the Gopher lineup the past two weeks after missing three games with a knee injury. Piroglu has posted two double-doubles with 12 points and a career-high 12 assists versus Illinois and 15 points and 11 assists in the win over Northwestern. She first returned to action in the Wisconsin game on Jan. 18.

Piroglu has averaged 11.8 points and 8.8 assists per game in the four games since the injury. In 12 games before the injury she averaged 8.3 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Break-out Season in a Bit of a Slump

Sophomore forward/center Kim Prince (Montgomery, Ala./Carver) is having a break-out season in her second season with the Gophers. Prince owns a scoring average that more than doubles her output of last season, checking in with an average of 12.8 points per game in 2000-01 compared to 5.8 points per game a year ago. Prince, however, struggled in the month of January averaging 7.6 points per game and is coming off a season low of two points scored in just seven minutes played in the Gophers' last outing versus Illinois. The Gophers' rebounding leader averaging 5.6 rebounds per game, Prince was shutout of the rebounding column against Illinois.

The Floor General is Second in Assists

Sophomore Ozlem Piroglu serves as the Gophers' floor general from her point guard position. She leads the team with 93 assists (5.8 assists per game) and continues to maintain a positive assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.18 (93 assists to 79 turnovers). Her 5.81 assists per game ranks second in the Big Ten.

Trends of a "W" vs. a "L"

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 8-11 overall record from a win/loss prospective: free throw percentage and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their eight wins versus the numbers in their 11 losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.0	69.1
Defensive Average	63.4	81.0
FG Percentage	50.0	45.7
3 FG Percentage	42.0	35.9
FT Percentage	70.3	62.3
Rebounding Margin	+6.6	-3.2
Turnovers	18.9	20.2

The Cold Minnesota Winters

Over the last five years, Minnesota has posted an ice-cold 5-37 record in the month of January. February isn't much warmer at 4-23.

January, 2001	1-6	February, 2001	n/a
January, 2000	1-8	February, 2000	2-5
January, 1999	2-7	February, 1999	0-6
January, 1998	1-7	February, 1998	0-7
January, 1997	0-9	February, 1997	2-5

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program (regardless of class, i.e., Fr., So.) are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 78 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 57.4 of Minnesota's 73.7 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 18.2 points per game.

The Youthful Gophers Have an Eye on the Future

Minnesota has scored 1,400 points this season, 94.8 percent of which were scored by Gophers in their first or second years. Here is a breakdown by class and percentage for the Gophers in the scoring category this season:

First-Years (Fr.)	757 points	54.1 percent
Sophomores	571 points	40.7 percent
Juniors	54 points	3.9 percent
Seniors	<u>18 points</u>	1.3 percent
	1,400 points	

Taking Turns as the Top Dog

Five Golden Gophers have stepped into the limelight as Minnesota's top scorer in games this season. In 10 games, the Gophers' top scorer has totaled over 20 points, led by a 31-point outburst by **Lindsay Whalen** in the win over Northwestern.

No. 6 Purdue Defeats Gophers to Win 10th Straight

No 6-ranked Purdue used a 17-0 run late in the first half to build a comfortable lead and defeat Minnesota, 86-61, in Big Ten women's basketball action at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday.

The Gophers were not intimidated by Purdue's lofty rank as Minnesota, behind nine points from **Lindsay Whalen**, took a 17-15 lead. The Boilermakers changed the game by applying a full-court pressure that forced the Gophers into eight turnovers over nearly a seven-minute span and ignited the 17-0 run and resulted in a 32-15 Purdue lead. A three-pointer by **Ozlem Piroglu** and a hook shot by **Kim Bell** brought the Gophers back to within 11 points at 33-22 but it would be as close as Minnesota would get for the rest of the game.

Purdue shot 60 percent from the floor in the second half and made 10-of-12 free throws to maintain its double-digit lead, a lead that would balloon to as many as 28 points with 3:30 to play. **Trish McGhee** was a bright spot for the Gophers, scoring all nine of her points after the half.

Piroglu captured scoring honors for the Gophers, tallying 14 points with a 6-of-12 shooting performance from the field. She also added five assists. **Whalen**, the Big Ten leading scorer entering the game, was the only other Gopher to finish in double figures with 13.

Purdue, winners of 10 straight games, had five players score in double figures, led by All-Big Ten center Camille Cooper with 17. The Boilermaker also committed just seven turnovers in the game, compared to 22 for Minnesota.

Gophers Come Up Short in Second-half Comeback

Illinois fought off a second-half Minnesota comeback and held on to the win, 88-81, at the Sports Pavilion, Sunday.

Illinois shot 63 percent for the field in the first half to take a 53-43 lead at halftime. With five minutes left in the half, the Illinois lead

reached its largest margin of 16 points.

The Golden Gophers brought back their main weapon from a year ago, the three-point field goal, to make a game of it in the second half. Minnesota launched 25 treys in the game, making 12 of them in the game, including 7-of-16 in the second half.

Sophomore guard **Lindsay Lieser** tied her own Sports Pavilion record with seven three-point field goal to finish with 21 points. The game marked the seventh time in Lieser's career that she netted five or more trifectas in a game. Four of her threes came in the second half.

Consecutive three-pointers by **Lindsay Whalen** and **Lieser** capped a 14-7 Gopher run to start the second half and bring Minnesota back to within three at 60-57 with 13:11 to play. The teams traded baskets until Illinois used an 11-4 run to build a 10-point cushion at 80-70 with 1:38 remaining. Illinois hit 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch.

Whalen captured scoring honors with 26 points. Gopher point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** tallied a double-double with 12 points and a career-high 12 assists. **Kadidja Andersson** chipped in 11 points.

Illinois had five players in double figures scoring led by Allison Curtain's 19 points. Iveta Marcauskaite came off the bench to add 16.

Gilbert Declared Academically Ineligible

First-year Gopher **Tanisha Gilbert** (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park) has been declared academically ineligible to compete in the second semester, school officials released on Tuesday. **Gilbert**, a 5-10 forward, started 13 of 15 games and is second on the team in scoring at 14.7 points per game. She also leads the team in rebounds and steals.

Gilbert was honored as the Co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 11 after leading the Gophers to three wins the previous week. She was named to the Kansas Tournament all-tourney team in early December.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 29-72 (7-49 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans**, **Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

The Scouting Report on Michigan

Michigan has won its last four games to crawl back into the middle of the pack in the Big Ten at 13-7 overall and 6-4 in league play. Sophomore forward LeeAnn Bies tops the team in scoring at 12.8 points per game, an average that improves to 15.0 points per game against conference opposition.

Head coach Sue Guevara is in her fifth season at Michigan and sports a 87-48 record.

The Series — Michigan leads the series by a 20-17 count, winning the last three games of the series with Minnesota.

The Scouting Report on Illinois

Illinois is 10-10 overall (5-3 in Big Ten) heading into Thursday game at Purdue. All-Big Ten guard/forward Allison Curtain leads Illinois with a 13.4 points per game average. Iveta Marcauskaite comes off the bench to chip in 11.7 points per game.

Head coach Theresa Grentz is in her sixth season at Illinois and sports an 86-55 record.

The Series — Illinois leads the series by a 23-13 count, winning the last 10 games of the series with Minnesota.

A Look Ahead

Minnesota will play its third straight game on the road at Ohio State on Feb. 8.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 29, 2001)
All games

RECORD :	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(8-11)	(4-4)	(3-4)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE	(1-7)	(1-4)	(0-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(7-4)	(3-0)	(3-1)	(1-3)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		----REBOUNDS----				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def									Tot	Avg
13 Whalen, Lindsay.....	16-16	551 34.4	106-201	.527	12-35	.343	67-99	.677	19	46	65	4.1	35	0	54	69	2	26	291	18.2
10 Prince, Kim.....	19-14	470 24.7	93-176	.528	0-0	.000	57-81	.704	34	72	106	5.6	45	1	4	35	14	14	243	12.8
23 Gilbert, Tanisha.....	14-13	437 31.2	77-143	.538	1-7	.143	51-90	.567	36	61	97	6.9	42	1	21	44	5	34	206	14.7
35 Andersson, Kadidja..	19-19	514 27.1	60-146	.411	0-3	.000	28-42	.667	26	51	77	4.1	49	2	40	39	6	13	148	7.8
05 Piroglu, Ozlem.....	16-16	454 28.4	50-93	.538	15-28	.536	31-40	.775	11	34	45	2.8	47	3	93	79	2	17	146	9.1
21 Lieser, Lindsay.....	19-4	332 17.5	41-96	.427	37-86	.430	5-10	.500	6	27	33	1.7	15	0	13	22	1	3	124	6.5
43 Kane, Megan.....	19-1	268 14.1	21-52	.404	2-3	.667	30-42	.714	19	39	58	3.1	47	5	13	17	9	13	74	3.9
14 McGhee, Trish.....	14-1	175 12.5	19-62	.306	7-22	.318	13-19	.684	7	17	24	1.7	20	0	17	20	0	7	58	4.1
54 Bell, Kim.....	17-4	212 12.5	21-44	.477	0-0	.000	11-14	.786	9	26	35	2.1	41	2	9	19	18	2	53	3.1
20 Hill, Leslie.....	15-1	97 6.5	13-30	.433	2-6	.333	5-10	.500	6	16	22	1.5	6	0	4	9	1	1	33	2.2
30 Pickens, Brandy.....	14-6	170 12.1	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	13	28	41	2.9	25	1	7	7	0	5	16	1.1
03 Hemberg, Ebba.....	12-0	50 4.2	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	1	3	4	0.3	7	0	2	3	0	0	4	0.3
22 Glass, Alana.....	2-0	6 3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
15 Tate, Jackie.....	4-0	45 11.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	8	9	2.2	6	0	3	3	1	3	1	0.2
52 Leon, Angel.....	5-0	10 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0.2
24 Nelson, Kim.....	4-0	9 2.2	0-7	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									41	48	89	4.7	0		5					

Total.....	19	3800	509-1071	.475	76-198	.384	306-463	.661	231	478	709	37.3	388	15	280	373	59	138	1400	73.7
Opponents.....	19	3800	490-1156	.424	109-313	.348	309-438	.705	262	430	692	36.4	413	-	327	336	49	168	1398	73.6

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	
SCORING.....	1400	1398	11-18-00	BINGHAMTON	W	85-74	1011	
Points per game.....	73.7	73.6	11-19-00	PROVIDENCE	W	88-60	718	
Scoring margin.....	+0.1	-	11/25/00	vs Denver	L	59-77	267	
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	509-1071	490-1156	11-26-00	vs Louisville	W	68-64	156	
Field goal pct.....	.475	.424	12/01/00	vs St. Joseph's	L	62-64	290	
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	76-198	109-313	12/02/00	vs Eastern Illinois	L	72-73	220	
3-point FG pct.....	.384	.348	12-4-00	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	W	72-57	613	
3-pt FG made per game..	4.0	5.7	12/08/00	at Ohio	W	92-73	492	
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	306-463	309-438	12/10/00	at Saint Louis	W	77-71	236	
Free throw pct.....	.661	.705	12-23-00	at Marist	W	79-61	557	
REBOUNDS.....	709	692	*12-28-00	at #10/11 Penn State	L	73-91	6281	
Rebounds per game.....	37.3	36.4	12-31-00	at IUPUI	L	80-85	614	
Rebounding margin.....	+0.9	-	*1-4-01	INDIANA	L	76-79	1107	
ASSISTS.....	280	327	*1-7-01	MICHIGAN STATE	L	65-66	1917	
Assists per game.....	14.7	17.2	*01-11-01	at Indiana	L	64-92	786	
TURNOVERS.....	373	336	*01/18/01	at Wisconsin	L	67-90	6328	
Turnovers per game.....	19.6	17.7	*1-21-01	NORTHWESTERN	W	79-47	1061	
Turnover margin.....	-1.9	-	*1-25-01	#6 PURDUE	L	61-86	913	
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.8	1.0	*1-28-01	ILLINOIS	L	81-88	1024	
STEALS.....	138	168	* denotes conference game					
Steals per game.....	7.3	8.8						
BLOCKS.....	59	49						
Blocks per game.....	3.1	2.6						
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-						
Home win streak.....	0	-						
ATTENDANCE.....	8364	16227						
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-1046	7-2185						
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-233						

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Minnesota.....	653	747	- 1400
Opponents.....	645	753	- 1398

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 17-4-1
WCHA Record: 10-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 1-10
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 3-4
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
3	at Bemidji State*	7:05 p.m.
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
17	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	
25	Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey January 29, 2001

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 7:05 p.m.
at Bemidji State, John Glas Fieldhouse, Bemidji, Minn.

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Golden Gophers Return to WCHA Play With Series at Bemidji State

After two weeks of non-conference action, third-ranked Minnesota begins the stretch drive in WCHA play this weekend with a pair of games at Bemidji State. The series begins Friday at 7:05 p.m. with the finale scheduled for Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

Gophers Sweep New Hampshire to Extend Winning Streak to Six Games

Minnesota extended its winning streak to six games with 2-1 and 3-1 wins at ninth-ranked New Hampshire on Friday and Saturday.

The Gophers turned in stellar defensive efforts both days. Despite getting off to a slow start offensively Friday, Minnesota limited its host to just nine shots in the first two periods. After a scoreless opening 20 minutes, the Gophers got on the board when frosh **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** scored a power-play goal nine minutes, five seconds into the second period. Frosh **Tracy Palinsky (Port Elgin, Ontario/Notre Dame Secondary)** made it 2-0 with 2:43 to play in the game but a pair of late penalties allowed the Wildcats back in the game.

Kristen Thomas scored with 49 seconds to play as New Hampshire pulled its goalie for a 6-on-3 advantage. Skating 6-on-4 for the final 40 seconds, the Wildcats were unable to get the equalizer as senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** stopped 11 of 12 shots for the period and finished the game with 20 saves.

Saturday's game opened much as Friday's affair. Minnesota got on the board first when senior co-captain **Kris Scholz (Hugo, Minn./Stillwater Area)** scored 1:50 into the second period. **Clarke** added her second of the weekend at 11:14 of the period and senior **Nadine Muzerall (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy)** made it 3-0 with a power-play goal with 8:54 left in the game.

Penalties once again got the Gophers into trouble as Kira Misikowetz scored on the power-play with 41 seconds to play in the game. When Minnesota took another penalty as the goal was scored, the Gophers were forced to hold off another power play to earn the victory, with **Killewald** finishing the game with 28 saves.

Bemidji State Recently

The only conference games in the WCHA over the weekend were the Beavers' two games at home with Minnesota-Duluth. The second-ranked Bulldogs bested their hosts 9-2 and 6-1.

In the series opener Friday, UMD jumped out to a 2-0 lead but goals by Amber Fryklund and Amy Shepler had Bemidji State even after one period. A six-goal second-period by the Bulldogs broke the game open and the visitors cruised to victory, using a 59-20 shots on goal advantage.

Saturday, the teams were even again through one period as Fryklund's power-play goal gave her team an early lead. However, UMD broke open a 2-1 game with three goals early in the third period to claim the victory.

After Anik Cote stopped 50 shots Friday, Bre Dedrickson turned aside 57 Saturday as the Beavers were outshot 63-12 in the 6-1 loss.

She's a Killer

In five games during the month of January, **Erica Killewald** allowed just four goals, three of which came on the power play. During that time, she posted a 5-0-0 record with two shutouts, a goals against average of 0.80 and a .962 save percentage.

When the Gophers were not killing penalties, **Killewald** allowed just one goal on 82 shots in 285:25, for a 0.21 GAA and a .988 save percentage.

WCHA Player of the Week

For her efforts in Minnesota's two wins at New Hampshire, **Erica Killewald** received the WCHA's Player of the Week award.

Killewald helped extend the Gophers' consecutive shutout streak to a school-record 218:22 while making 49 saves in 2-1 and 3-1 victories over the Wildcats.

She saved her best for last in both games as she stopped 11 shots in the third period of Friday's win and 13 shots in the final 20 minutes of Saturday's victory.

Muzerall Breaks Goal-Scoring Drought

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, Nadine Muzerall scored the 124th goal of her career in the third period of Saturday's 3-1 win. The power-play goal was the 36th of her career and gives her 13 goals on the season, five of which have been power-play tallies.

With Saturday's victory, Minnesota is now 68-4-4 when Muzerall scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-15-4 when she plays and does not score a goal.

Chipping In

Minnesota got two key goals over the weekend from from unlikely sources in Tracy Palinsky and Kris Scholz, who had five goals on the season between them heading into the New Hampshire series.

Palinsky's rebound goal, finishing off a 2-on-1 break with Nadine Muzerall, was her second of the season and proved to be the game winner, the first of her career.

Scholz, who had four goals before Saturday, put Minnesota on the board first by taking a Tracy Engstrom (Willmar, Minn./Willmar) pass behind the net and to the left side, beating Wildcat goalie Jen Huggon with a wrist shot on the short side.

Gophers Set New Shutout Streak Record

By not allowing a goal for 59:11 Friday, Minnesota extended its shutout streak to 218:22 to set a new school record. The last goal scored against the Gophers prior to Friday's game came at the 49-second mark of the second period in a 4-2 win over Niagara, Jan. 7.

During that time, goalies Erica Killewald and frosh Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South) combined to stop 55 shots, with each posting a shutout during the team's Jan. 13-14 series with MSU, Mankato.

The previous school record for consecutive shutout minutes of

208:49 was set during a four-game stretch, Nov. 7-20, 1998.

Turning on the Power

Since returning from break, Minnesota has converted seven of 15 power-play opportunities (46.7%). The Gophers have scored in each of those six games and have scored at least one power-play goal in 19 of 22 games this season.

Overall, Minnesota is 26-for-87 on the power play, converting a national-best 29.9 percent of its opportunities. This weekend, they face a Bemidji State team that ranks last among NCAA Division I teams in penalty killing at 63.1 percent, allowing opponents 41 goals on 111 power-play chances.

Balancing Act

Of nine players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. La Toya Clarke's game-winning goal Saturday tied her for second in the WCHA with four. Nadine Muzerall, Ronda Curtin and Ambria Thomas have three each and four other players have contributed game-winners this season.

When Last We Met

Minnesota claimed 9-1 and 8-4 decisions from Bemidji State, Dec. 1-2, in Minneapolis.

Despite 10 power-play shots on goal, the Beavers were unable to score in five chances in the series opener and, after Kerri McEwen gave

Minnesota Statistics vs. Bemidji State

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	SOG	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
Gwen Anderson	6	0	1	1	2	-1	0-0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	2	1	0	1	4	+1	1-2	0	0	0
Angela Borek	6	1	2	3	9	+9	2-4	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	7	0	7	7	12	+17	1-2	0	0	0
La Toya Clarke	2	4	1	5	9	+6	0-0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	2	0	3	3	2	+6	0-0	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	6	3	8	11	35	+11	0-0	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	7	5	11	16	33	+19	3-6	1	1	1
Jerilyn Glenn	2	0	2	2	5	+2	0-0	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	6	1	7	8	16	+9	8-19	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Betsy Kukowski	6	0	1	1	8	+2	0-0	0	0	0
Megan Milbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nadine Muzerall	7	16	7	23	54	+18	0-0	4	2	2
Kelly Olson	6	1	3	4	18	+16	0-0	0	1	0
Tracy Palinsky	2	0	0	0	1	-1	0-0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	2	0	2	2	6	0	1-2	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	7	4	2	6	18	+3	1-2	1	0	0
Laura Slominski	7	8	9	17	35	+17	1-2	4	0	1
Stefanie Snow	1	0	0	0	1	+1	0-0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	5	0	0	0	4	-1	0-0	0	0	0
Ambria Thomas	6	6	9	15	36	+11	2-4	1	2	1
Minnesota	7	58	90	148	374	+177	30-63	12	6	7
Bemidji State	7	9	12	21	118	-183	38-76	0	0	0

Goalle	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg.	Saves	Pct.	Record	ShO
Erica Killewald	2-2	120:00	1	0.50	49	.980	2-0-0	1
Stephanie Johnson	1-1	60:00	4	4.00	16	.800	1-0-0	0
Minnesota	7-7	420:00	9	1.29	109	.924	7-0-0	2
Bemidji State	7-7	420:00	58	8.29	316	.845	0-7-0	0

Shots on Goal	SOG	Avg.	Pct.
Minnesota	374	53.43	.155
Bemidji State	118	16.86	.076

Power Play	Goals	Opp.	Pct.
Minnesota	12	30	.400
Bemidji State	0	22	.000

Goals by Period	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota	14	18	26	0	58
Bemidji State	1	6	2	0	9

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Jan. 29, 2001	WCHA				Overall				
Team	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	14	12-1-1	25	70	24	22	17-4-1	88	42
2. Minn.-Duluth	16	11-4-1	23	89	32	24	19-4-1	135	43
3. Wisconsin	16	9-4-3	21	71	46	23	15-5-3	99	60
4. St. Cloud State	16	8-6-2	18	66	59	24	12-10-2	96	84
5. Ohio State	16	6-7-3	15	47	44	24	9-12-3	66	71
6. Bemidji State	18	4-13-1	9	44	113	25	6-18-1	63	140
7. MSU, Mankato	16	0-15-1	1	7	76	23	1-21-1	14	95

Schedule and Results

Last Week	This Week
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Gustavus 3, MSU, Mankato 2 (ot)*	Friday, Feb. 2 MSU, Mankato at Ohio State, 6:05 pm Minnesota at Bemidji State, 7:05 pm Cornell at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm*
Friday, Jan. 26 at Minn.-Duluth 9, Bemidji State 2 Minnesota 2, at New Hampshire 1*	Saturday, Feb. 3 Minn.-Duluth at Wisconsin, 1:05 pm MSU, Mankato at Ohio State, 3:05 pm Minnesota at Bemidji State, 7:05 pm Cornell at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm*
Friday, Jan. 26 at Minn.-Duluth 6, Bemidji State 1 Minnesota 3, at New Hampshire 1*	Sunday, Jan. 21 Minn.-Duluth at Wisconsin, 1:05 pm MSU, Mankato at Findlay, 1:05 pm
Sunday, Jan. 21 Ohio State 5, at Findlay 4*	

* non-conference game
all times Central

her team an early lead, the Gophers scored nine unanswered goals, getting hat tricks from **Nadine Muzerall** and **La Toya Clarke**.

The series finale saw Minnesota lead 5-0 just 3:35 into the second period, getting goals from five different players, before Bemidji State chalked up four goals to cut the lead to 7-4 with 13:16 to play. From there, the Gophers outshot their guests 22-1 and cruised to a four-goal victory.

The All-Time Series

Minnesota has won all seven of its meetings with the Beavers, including three in Bemidji, where the Gophers have outscored Bemidji State 24-2.

Four of the seven games in the series have been decided by eight or more goals, including three Minnesota victories by 10-0 scores.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .826 with a record of 52-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 920. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season this past weekend, drawing 2,611 to Friday's game and another 2,036 to Saturday's game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 158-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 99-21-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

January 22

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	14- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	17- 4-1	87	2
3. St. Lawrence	13- 3-3	76	3
4. Minnesota	15- 4-1	74	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	60	5
6. Brown	10-3 -3	53	6
7. Wisconsin	15-5-3	34	7
8. Northeastern	12-7-0	34	8
9. New Hampshire	14-9-0	21	9
10 Providence	12-7-3	8	10

Others receiving votes: St. Cloud State 2, Maine 1.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

January 23

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	14- 1-1	118	10
2. Minnesota-Duluth	17- 4-1	102	3
3. Minnesota (2)	15- 4-1	98	2
4. St. Lawrence	13- 3-3	88	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	74	5
6. Brown	10- 3-3	60	6
7. Wisconsin	15- 5-3	46	7
8. Northeastern	12- 7-0	37	8
9. New Hampshire	14- 9-0	25	9
10. Providence	12- 7-3	9	10

Others receiving votes: St. Cloud State 2, Ohio State 1.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked **Laura Halldorson** to keep a biweekly diary for its website.

Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

Behind the Bemidji State Bench

Ruthann Cantile has guided the Bemidji State program since its 1998 inception. During that time she has posted a 23-56-3 record, including a 15-18-2 mark last season after a mark of 2-20-0 during the team's inaugural season.

Prior to taking the reigns at BSU, Cantile directed the Western Michigan club team for two seasons. In 1998, she led the Broncos to a 28-2-1 record and a national championship.

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23

Minnesota Record

When Scoring first	11-1-0
When Opponent scores first	6-3-1
When Leading after 1st period	8-0-0
When Trailing after 1st period	1-1-1
When Tied after 1st period	8-3-0
When Leading after 2nd period	14-1-0
When Trailing after 2nd period	0-3-1
When Tied after 2nd period	3-0-0
In Overtime	0-1-1
When Outshooting opponent	15-1-0
When Outshot by opponent	2-3-1
When Shots are even	0-0-0
When Having 0-19 shots	1-1-0
When Having 20-29 shots	4-0-1
When Having 30-39 shots	4-3-0
When Having 40-49 shots	6-0-0
When Having 50+ shots	2-0-0
When Opponent has 0-19 shots	5-0-0
When Opponent has 20-29 shots	11-1-1
When Opponent has 30-39 shots	1-2-0
When Opponent has 40-49 shots	0-1-0
When Opponent has 50+ shots	0-0-0
In one-goal games	4-1-0
At Mariucci Arena	10-1-0
On the road	7-3-1
At neutral site	0-0-0
In October	5-1-0
In November	4-1-1
In December	2-2-0
In January	6-0-0
In February	0-0-0
In March	0-0-0
When Kelsey Bills scores a goal	2-0-0
When La Toya Clarke scores a goal	9-0-0
When Melissa Coulombe	2-1-0
When Ronda Curtin scores a goal	9-1-0
When Tracy Engstrom scores a goal	4-1-0
When Jerilyn Glenn scores a goal	2-0-0
When Courtney Kennedy scores a goal	3-0-1
When Nadine Muzerall scores a goal	7-0-1
When Tracy Palinsky scores a goal	2-0-0
When Kris Scholz scores a goal	4-0-0
When Laura Slominski scores a goal	6-1-0
When Alyson Sundberg scores a goal	1-0-0
When Ambria Thomas scores a goal	9-1-1

and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

The Gophers will face St. Cloud State in a home-and-home series, Feb. 9-10.

The series opener is slated for a 7:05 p.m. faceoff at **Mariucci Arena** with game two at the Huskies' National Hockey Center beginning at 7:05 p.m.

Both games will be broadcast live by WDGY radio, 630 AM.

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 17-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 7-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	SHOTS					Pct	+/-	PENALTIES					GOALS							
		G	A	Pts	Shots				No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT	PN
La Toya Clarke	22	13	23	36	95	.137	+15	2-4	2	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	
Ambria Thomas	22	18	11	29	108	.167	+16	6-12	6	0	0	5	1	3	0	1	3	0	2	0	
Laura Slominski	22	9	17	26	85	.106	+17	4-8	4	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	
Nadine Muzerall	18	13	10	23	107	.121	+8	13-32	11	2	0	5	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	
Ronda Curtin	22	10	10	20	71	.141	+17	2-4	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	
Courtney Kennedy	22	4	16	20	64	.063	+27	21-42	21	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tracy Engstrom	22	5	12	17	54	.093	+13	6-12	6	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Emily Buchholz	22	0	12	12	27	.000	+11	10-20	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Melissa Coulombe	21	3	7	10	21	.143	+17	4-8	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kris Scholz	22	5	2	7	28	.179	+4	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Jerilyn Glenn	19	3	2	5	20	.150	+8	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Kelsey Bills	22	2	1	3	17	.118	+2	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Gwen Anderson	19	0	3	3	7	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tracy Palinsky	22	2	0	2	25	.080	-3	2-4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Stefanie Snow	16	0	2	2	9	.000	+5	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alyson Sundberg	13	1	0	1	4	.250	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Angela Borek	15	0	1	1	4	.000	+2	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Erica Killewald	19	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Kelly Olson	21	0	1	1	16	.000	+3	5-10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cecilia Retelle	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Betsey Kukowski	16	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEAM	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	22	88	141	229	797	.110	+170	102-210	100	2	0	26	2	17	1	6	12	0	6	0	
Opponents.....	22	42	60	102	519	.081	-	104-208	104	0	0	15	1	4	0	4	10	1	0	0	

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD				GOALS				
			GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG	
Stephanie Johnson	4-3	203:33	6	1.77	43	.878	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Erica Killewald	19-19	1123:25	36	1.92	434	.923	14	4	1	4	14	1	0	0	0	
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total.....	22-22	1328:48	42	1.90	477	.919	17	4	1	5	15	1	0	0	0	
Opponents.....	22-22	1328:48	88	3.97	709	.890	4	17	1	1	26	2	0	0	0	

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	797	36.23	.110
Opponents	519	23.59	.081

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	26	87	.299
Opponents	15	88	.170

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	21	24	43	0	88
Opponents.....	12	17	12	1	42

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	215	266	310	6	797
Opponents.....	175	185	156	3	519

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
 Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
 All games

FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	22	212	166	.561
La Toya Clarke	22	121	112	.519
Tracy Palinsky	22	45	43	.511
Betsey Kukowski	16	2	2	.500
Nadine Muzerall	18	49	57	.462
Kelsey Bills	22	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	22	83	104	.444
Ambria Thomas	22	25	33	.431
Gwen Anderson	19	17	23	.425
Laura Slominski	22	24	41	.369
Jerilyn Glenn	19	2	6	.250
Kris Scholz	22	1	3	.250
Total.....	22	628	646	.493
Opponents.....	22	646	628	.507

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	22	4	10	14	19	.211
Laura Slominski	22	5	6	11	17	.294
Courtney Kennedy	22	0	11	11	25	.000
Ambria Thomas	22	5	2	7	21	.238
Nadine Muzerall	18	5	2	7	25	.200
Ronda Curtin	22	2	3	5	15	.133
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Emily Buchholz	22	0	5	5	12	.000
Melissa Coulombe	21	3	1	4	6	.500
Tracy Engstrom	22	1	2	3	17	.059
Jerilyn Glenn	19	1	0	1	1	1.000
Kelly Olson	21	0	0	0	4	.000
Tracy Palinsky	22	0	0	0	1	.000
Angela Borek	15	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	22	26	47	73	170	.153
Opponents.....	22	15	23	38	140	.107

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	26	87	.299	1	134:05	1:32	5:09	2.54
Opponents	15	88	.170	2	139:45	1:35	9:19	2.00

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Tracy Engstrom	22	1	0	1	2	.500
Ambria Thomas	22	1	0	1	3	.333
Laura Slominski	22	0	1	1	4	.000
Melissa Coulombe	21	0	1	1	0	.000
Erica Killewald	19	0	1	1	0	.000
Emily Buchholz	22	0	0	0	1	.000
Tracy Palinsky	22	0	0	0	1	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Ronda Curtin	22	0	0	0	1	.000
Nadine Muzerall	18	0	0	0	2	.000
Courtney Kennedy	22	0	0	0	2	.000
La Toya Clarke	22	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	22	2	3	5	19	.105
Opponents.....	22	1	0	1	7	.143

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/Kll	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	73	88	.830	2	139:45	1:35	69:53	0.27
Opponents	61	87	.701	1	134:05	1:32	134:05	0.10

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 17-4-1 Conf: 12-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 7-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	88-797	42-519
Shot pct.....	.110	.081
Goals/Game.....	4.0	1.9
Shots/Game.....	36.2	23.6
Assists.....	141	60
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	26-87	15-88
Conversion Percent.....	.299	.170
Shot Attempts.....	170	140
Shot Percent.....	.153	.107
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-19	1-7
Shot Percent.....	.105	.143
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	88	42
Power Play.....	26	15
Short-handed.....	2	1
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	6	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	102	104
Minutes.....	210	208
Penalties/Game.....	4.6	4.7
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.5	9.5
Minor.....	100	104
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	628-646	646-628
	.493	.507
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	10125	4274
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	11/920	11/389
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

2001 Schedule

January

6	#24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	193.675	
27	#22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	at Stanford	7:30 p.m.
10	Best of Minnesota	7 p.m.
	(Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Winona State)	
16	at Iowa State w/Okla.	7 p.m.
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Avenue SE. All times are local to site.

GymInfo National Ranking

(Jan. 29 — By Season Average)

1.	UCLA	196.825
2.	Alabama	196.306
3.	Georgia	196.112
4.	Utah	196.025
5.	Nebraska	195.675
6.	Florida	195.387
7.	Stanford	195.342
8.	Michigan	195.281
9.	Oklahoma	194.894
10.	Illinois State	194.775
11.	LSU	194.442
12.	Washington	194.437
13.	Minnesota	194.406
14.	BYU	194.300
15.	Penn State	194.219
16.	Ohio State	194.169
17.	California	194.056
18.	Cal State-Sacramento	193.912
19.	Iowa State	193.842
20.	Oregon State	193.781
21.	North Carolina State	193.683
22.	Bowling Green	193.625
23.	West Virginia	193.625
24.	Denver	193.592
25.	Kentucky	193.467

Gymnastics 2001



#13 Minnesota at #7 Stanford
Friday, Feb. 2 — Palo Alto, Calif.

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Golden Gophers Travel To Stanford

Minnesota travels to Palo Alto, Calif., to take on Stanford in a dual meet on Friday, Feb. 2. Minnesota is listed No. 13 in the latest national rankings, while Stanford is No. 7.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 13 in the Jan. 29 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on season average.

Minnesota is one of four Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. Defending conference champion Michigan is the only school in the top 10, ranked eighth with an average of 195.281. Minnesota is No. 13 (194.406), Penn State is No. 15 (194.219) and Ohio State is No. 16 (194.169).

Defending NCAA champion UCLA is ranked No. 1 with a season average of 196.825.

Kelley Ranked In Two Individual Lists

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally in two lists this week. She is 17th in the all around with a season average of 39.108. **Kelley** is also tied for 19th on floor exercise with an average of 9.875.

Gopher Floor Exercise Ranked Seventh

Minnesota is ranked seventh for floor exercise, with an average of 49.081. The Gophers are also listed among the top 25 for balance beam (No. 18, 48.294), vault (No. 19, 48.469) and uneven bars (No. 25, 48.562).

The Last Meet

No. 15-ranked Minnesota defeated No. 22 Iowa, 194.825-193.125, Saturday at the Sports Pavilion, a week after Iowa defeated the Gophers in a triangular meet at Michigan. Minnesota trailed Iowa after the first three rotations, but the Gophers tied their season-high on floor exercise with a 49.175, while Iowa had to count two falls on balance beam and scored 47.225.

Alf Sets Beam Mark

Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** set a career high in winning the balance beam with a score of 9.90, the third-best beam score in team history. It is Minnesota's highest balance beam score this season and the team's highest since former Golden Gopher Mindy Knaeble set the school record with a 9.95 at the Big Ten Championships in 1997.

Kelley Wins All Around

MaryAnne Kelley won the all around against Iowa with a total of 39.100. She placed first on floor exercise with her second consecutive floor score of 9.90. She recorded her third straight 9.80 score on uneven bars and was Minnesota's highest finisher on the vault, placing second with a season-high 9.80. **Kelley** has won or tied for first place in the all around two times this season (first time was against Utah) and has won or tied for first on floor exercise in all three home meets this season.

Beuckens Returns

Junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** tied for second on the balance beam with a score of 9.80 in her first competition of the season. She also recorded a 9.70 on uneven bars and a 9.675 on vault. **Beuckens** competed on floor exercise as an exhibition performer and may compete on floor this weekend.

Beuckens had surgery Dec. 19 to remove a benign cyst and did not compete in the Golden Gophers' first two meets.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Floor Exercise Ties Season High

All six of Minnesota's scores on floor exercise were at least 9.775, leading to a team score of 49.125, which ties the season high first set Jan. 6. **MaryAnne Kelley** placed first with her second consecutive floor score of 9.90. **Jenny Alf** set a season high with a 9.875, just off her personal best of 9.90. Sophomore **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/The Buckeye School)** (9.825) and newcomer **Alicia Opsahl (Forest Lake, Minn./Forest Lake)** (9.80) each tied their high scores of the season. Junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** scored 9.775 in her first career floor exercise competition, and **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** equaled that mark.

Norman Makes First Appearance On Floor Exercise

Junior **Courtney Norman** made the first floor exercise appearance of her career Saturday against Iowa and recorded a 9.775.

On vault, **Norman** tied her career high with a 9.70. It was her second 9.70 of the season and the fifth of her career.

Other Team Scores

The Gophers set a season-high on vault with a total of 48.675 and just missed a season-high on balance beam with a 48.600. Minnesota had to count a fall on uneven bars and recorded a 48.375.

Mary Skokut Misses Meet

Newcomer **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** did not compete in Saturday's meet because of a sprained right ankle. She will be evaluated this week and may return to competition against Stanford. **Skokut** competed on vault, uneven bars and balance beam the first three meets for the Gophers.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17.

Kelley tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Stanford

Stanford is listed No. 7 in the latest rankings, with a season average of 195.342. The team holds the top spot for vaulting average, with a 49.025 mark. Stanford is also listed in the top five for uneven bars (fourth, 49.142) and balance beam (fifth, 48.833).

The Cardinal is coming off a win at the Fox Sports Northwest Challenge in Seattle, featuring Stanford, Washington and Seattle Pacific. The team set a season high with a score of 196.050.

Stanford swept the top six spots on vault, including a 9.90 from first-year gymnast Robin Phelps. She is tied for 14th in the national rankings with a 9.842 vault average. Newcomer Lindsay Wing won the all around with a total of 39.375 and the beam with a mark of 9.875.

Stanford coach Mark Cook is in his fourth season. During his tenure, Stanford won its first Pacific-10 team championship and made the school's first appearance at the NCAA Championships. He coached Stanford's first-ever national champion and seven All-Americans.

Series Notes

Minnesota and Stanford last competed on Feb. 25, 1994, in the Stanford Invitational. Stanford placed second at 189.650, while Minnesota finished third at 187.525. The two teams last met in a dual meet on Dec. 8, 1984, with the Gophers winning 175.85-168.25.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 51-32-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 119-103-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

Minnesota returns home to host the Best of Minnesota Meet, featuring Minnesota, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline and Winona State, on Saturday, Feb. 10.

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 Intrasquad
 21 North Dakota W, 177-114
 27 Alumni Meet

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 Minnesota Invitational
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 Iowa W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals
 Illinois W, 219.5-127.5
 Purdue W, 215-138
 Wisconsin L, 203-128

February

- 2-3 Minnesota Challenge
 Friday 6 p.m.
 Saturday Noon/6 p.m.
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 25 Gopher-It Invite Noon

March

- 8-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Indianapolis, Ind.)
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in bold are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

Minnesota Challenge

Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, Noon and 6 p.m.
 University Aquatic Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
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The two-time defending Big Ten champion Minnesota women's swimming and diving team concludes its regular-season schedule by hosting the Minnesota Challenge, a non-scoring meet featuring teams mostly from the Upper Midwest. The 20th-ranked Gophers finished 6-1 in the dual meet season, 3-1 against Big Ten teams. This is Minnesota's final meet prior to the Big Ten meet Feb. 15-17 at Indiana University.

Gophers Currently 20th In National Poll

Minnesota is currently ranked 20th in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. Other Big Ten teams that are ranked are Wisconsin (13th), Michigan (14th), Penn State (15th), Indiana (19th) and Northwestern (23rd). Purdue is the first team mentioned among teams receiving votes outside of the top 25.

Minnesota Defeats Illinois and Purdue, Freeman Wins 200th Dual Meet

Minnesota won two of three dual meets at the Quad Duals on Saturday in Madison, Wis. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue, 215-138, and Illinois, 219.5-127.5, but dropped their first dual meet of the season to No. 13 Wisconsin, 203-128. The two wins give Minnesota head coach **Jean Freeman** 200 career dual meet victories in her 28th year as the Golden Gopher head coach. Her overall record now stands at 200-53-4.

LaVoi Wins 1-Meter Diving to Lead Gopher Effort

Minnesota senior **Tracy LaVoi** (St. Cloud, Minn./St. Cloud Tech) was the Golden Gophers' lone overall winner at the Quad Duals, winning the 1-meter competition with 254.25 points. The Golden Gophers had eight-second place finishes, including two runnerup finishes in the relay events. Sophomore **Dana Baum** (Carson City, Nev./Carson) earned two individual seconds in the 500 free (4:57.16) and the 1000 free (10:11.85), the latter a season-best time for Minnesota in the event. Baum also swam on Minnesota's two second-place relays, the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay.

Two Gophers Earn NCAA Consideration Times

Two Gopher swimmers have earned NCAA consideration times in multiple events. **Dana Baum** swam Minnesota's fastest time in the 200 freestyle since 1988 with a mark of 1:48.73 at the Texas Invitational, just .21 off of the school record set by Jodi Schirmers. In the same meet, she had a consideration time in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:54.77. Junior **Jinny Smedstad** (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy) swam under the standard in the 500 free (4:52.16) and the 400 individual medley (4:22.94) at the Texas Invitational. She went under the consideration standard in the 200 freestyle (1:50.73) at the Quad Duals.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

The head coach of the women's swimming and diving team is in her 28th season with 17 new faces and the challenge of building a nucleus to compete for supremacy in the Big Ten. **Jean Freeman** is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2000. Freeman earned the 200th dual meet victory in her career Saturday, and now sports a career dual meet record of 200-53-4 (.786).

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 1-0 Big Ten: 0-0

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake 7 p.m.
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado 6 p.m.
11 at Colorado 1 p.m.
24 vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.
25 at Marquette 10 a.m.

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota hosts Drake
Saturday, Feb. 3 — 7 p.m.

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Golden Gophers Continue At Home

Minnesota continues its two-match homestand to start the season on Saturday, Feb. 3. The Golden Gophers host Drake at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Athletic Club in Bloomington.

Last Action

Minnesota opened its 2001 season with a win against Richmond, 5-2, in the Minnesota Court Classic, sponsored by American Airlines. The Golden Gophers opened the match by winning two of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point and take a 1-0 lead. The No. 1 doubles team of sophomore **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic)** and newcomer **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central)** defeated Jeannette Cluskey and Jodi Kenoyer, 8-3, while the No. 3 team of sophomore **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park)** and newcomer **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer)** swept Casey Cohen and Patty Devlin, 8-0.

The Gophers then won three singles matches to earn the victory. **Thomas** defeated Kenoyer, 6-1, 6-1, at the No. 2 position. Senior **Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island)** defeated Cohen at No. 4, 6-2, 6-0, and **Watts** defeated Devlin, 6-0, 6-3. Minnesota added a singles win from Vladea, who defeated Cluskey 6-2, 6-2.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota returns five letterwinners from last year's team that finished 18-7 overall and placed second in the Big Ten. The Golden Gophers have qualified for the NCAA Tournament four of the last five seasons. Minnesota will have to overcome the loss of two seniors to graduation: Nora Sauska, the school-record holder for career singles wins; and Kim Simonsen, the team's MVP a year ago.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 116-106 record at Minnesota.

About The Opponent

Drake will open its season this weekend, taking on Ball State at home on Friday before Saturday's match at Minnesota. Last season, the Bulldogs finished 16-6 after a loss to No. 7 Pepperdine in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the team's second straight tournament appearance after winning back-to-back Missouri Valley Conference team titles. Drake has won eight of the last 12 conference championships.

Up Next

Minnesota begins an eight-match road trip by taking on Tulsa and Colorado at Colorado, Feb. 10-11. The Golden Gophers will next be home March 23, when they host Michigan State.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Name	Singles			Doubles		
	Pos.	Spring	Overall	Pos.	Spring	Overall
Michaela Havelková	3	0-1	5-6	1	1-0	5-7
Jennifer Howard	5	0-1	4-7	—	—	—
Andrea Rose	—	—	—	2	0-1	4-4
Amy Thomas	2	1-0	4-6	3	1-0	5-7
Valerie Vladea	1	1-0	2-1	1	1-0	1-0
Tammy Wang	4	1-0	3-5	2	0-1	1-5
Brandi Watts	6	1-0	4-7	3	1-0	2-6



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Golden Gopher Sports News

February 5, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers travel to Ohio State before hosting Iowa

Hockey

- No. 2 Minnesota plays St. Cloud State at home on Friday before heading to St. Cloud for the series finale on Saturday

Gymnastics

- No. 11 Minnesota hosts Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline and Winona State in the Best of Minnesota meet

Softball

- Minnesota hosts the annual Metrodome Softball Classic, a four-day tournament featuring Louisville, Northern Iowa, Western Illinois and Wisconsin-Green Bay

Tennis

- The Gophers take on Tulsa and Colorado at Colorado

Track and Field

- The Gophers compete at the two-day Iowa State Classic

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Sophomore point guard Ozlem Piroglu is tied for sixth in the Gopher record books for assists in a season with 105

Hockey

- Laura Halldorson wins her 100th game as Minnesota's head coach

Gymnastics

- Junior MaryAnne Kelley breaks the school record in the all around with a score of 39.525
- The Gophers move up to No. 11 in the GymInfo National Ranking after scoring a season-high 195.775 at Stanford

Swimming and Diving

- Minnesota wins 17 of 19 events at the Minnesota Classic

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, February 8

SB hosts Metrodome Classic 11 a.m.
BB at Ohio State * 6 p.m.

Friday, February 9

HC hosts St. Cloud State * 7:05 p.m.
SB hosts Metrodome Classic 11 a.m.
TF at Iowa State Classic

Saturday, February 10

GM hosts Best of Minnesota 7 p.m.
SB hosts Metrodome Classic 11 a.m.
HC at St. Cloud State * 7:05 p.m.
TN vs. Tulsa at Colorado 6 p.m.
TF at Iowa State Classic

Sunday, February 11

BB hosts Iowa * noon
SB hosts Metrodome Classic 10 a.m.
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2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 19-4-1
WCHA Record: 14-1-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 1-10
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 3-4
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	7:05 p.m.
16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
17	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23, 25	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey

February 5, 2001

Fri., Feb. 9, host St. Cloud State, 7:05 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 10, at St. Cloud State, 7:05 p.m.

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Golden Gophers Meet Huskies in Home-and-Home Series

Minnesota faces St. Cloud State in a home-and-home series this weekend. The Gophers host game one, which gets underway at 7:05 p.m. Friday at **Mariucci Arena**. Game two is slated for a 7:05 p.m. start Saturday at the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud, Minn.

Gophers Take Two on the Road from Bemidji State

Minnesota swept its second consecutive road series and extended its winning streak to eight games with 6-1 and 8-5 victories at Bemidji State on Friday and Saturday.

The Gophers converted three of four power-play opportunities Friday and scored three goals in the third period to wrap up a 6-1 win. Seniors **Courtney Kennedy (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham, Browne & Nichols)** and **Nadine Muzerall (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy)** each had two goals and an assist in the victory. Both scored unassisted on breakaways late in the third period to help clinch the victory. Senior **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** stopped 21 shots to earn her 15th victory of the season.

Saturday's game saw 12 goals scored in the game's final 40 minutes, including a wild second period in which the two teams combined for eight goals.

The game's first goal came with just two minutes, 38 seconds to play in the first period when frosh **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** scored on the power play. It was Minnesota's lone first-period goal despite a 25-5 advantage in shots on goal. After Bemidji State tied the game at 2-2 early in the second period, **Clarke's** second goal of the game gave the Gophers the lead for good. Senior **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)** and junior co-captain **Tracy Engstrom (Willmar, Minn./Willmar)** also scored twice in the game while frosh **Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis South)** made 24 saves for her fourth win of the season.

St. Cloud State Recently

The Huskies split a non-conference series at home over the weekend with Cornell, winning 5-4 in overtime Friday before dropping a 5-4 decision Saturday.

In the midst of playing 12 of its final 17 games at home, St. Cloud State extended its unbeaten streak to six games Friday. **Ricki-Lee Doyle** scored her second goal and fourth point of the game 1:36 into overtime while the Big Red was skating short-handed after taking a penalty for too many players on the ice with just 10 seconds left in the third period. The line of **Doyle, Roxanne Stang** and **Fiona McLeod** accounted for all five goals, two of which were power-play goals.

Saturday's game also came down to a late goal as Cornell won the game with 3:25 remaining. The Huskies got goals from **Abby Cooper** and **Kobi Kawamoto** early in the third period to tie the game after trailing 4-2 through two periods.

Paying the Utility Bill

Fans can expect to see plenty of power in this weekend's series with the top two power plays in the country squaring off.

Minnesota, which converted five of 10 chances against Bemidji State over the weekend, leads the nation in power-play efficiency, converting 31 of 97 opportunities (32.0%). St. Cloud State was 4-for-6 in its series against Cornell and leads the nation with 35 power-play goals. **Ricki-Lee Doyle** is tied for the national lead with 10 power-play goals and has led the Huskies' power-play, which is 35-for-112 (31.2%).

Thomas, Halldorson Reach Career Milestones

Minnesota head coach **Laura Halldorson** and senior left wing **Ambria Thomas** both reached career milestones in Friday's 6-1 win.

For **Halldorson**, the victory was her 100th at Minnesota. In her four years with the Gophers, she has amassed a record of 101-21-8, for a winning percentage of .808.

Thomas became the first player in school history to record 100 career assists when she helped set up **Nadine Muzerall's** power-play goals to open the scoring. She tallied three goals and three assists for the weekend, giving her 102 assists and 195 points for her career.

She's a Killer

In six games since the start of the new year, **Erica Killewald** has allowed just five goals, three of which have been on the power play. During that time, she has posted a 6-0-0 record with two shutouts, a goals against average of 0.83 and a .961 save percentage.

Last week, after stopping 49 of 51 shots in 2-1 and 3-1 wins over New Hampshire, she was named the *U.S. College Hockey Online* national defensive player of the week.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, **Nadine Muzerall** has scored four goals and seven points in her last three games. She scored twice in Friday's victory, while adding an assist, and scored a goal and three points Saturday.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 70-4-4 when **Muzerall** scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-15-4 when she plays and does not score a goal.

Muzerall is one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award. The three finalists for the award will be named March 12, with the winner to be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Kennedy Steady on Blueline

Minnesota's **Courtney Kennedy** has been one of the team's steadiest performers this season, anchoring a defense corps that features four rookies.

Over the weekend, she scored two goals and six points to go with a plus/minus rating of plus-four. She was not on the ice for any of Bemidji State's six goals in the series.

For her efforts, **Kennedy** has been named the WCHA's player of the week. The weekly award is the second of her career. She previously won the award after registering a school-record five assists in a 7-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato, Nov. 23, 1999. Minnesota players have claimed six of the league's 14 player of the week awards this season with **Kennedy** being the first blueliner to earn the honor in 2000-01.

Kennedy is one of Minnesota's two nominees for the Patty Kazmaier Award and the only blueliner on the list of nominees.

Saturday's Wild Second Period Established School Record

The Gophers and Beavers combined for eights goals during the second period of Minnesota's 8-5 win Saturday, a school record for the victors.

The previous record of seven was set on three separate occasions, the last time being when the Gophers combined with Wisconsin for seven goals in an 11-3 Minnesota win, Feb. 26, 2000, at **Mariucci Arena**.

Turning on the Power

Since returning from break, Minnesota has converted 11 of 25 power-play opportunities (44.0%). The Gophers have scored in each of the eight games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 21 of 24 games this season.

Balancing Act

Of 10 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **La Toya Clarke** is tied for second in the WCHA with four. **Nadine Muzerall**, **Ronda Curtin** and **Ambria Thomas** have three each and four other players have contributed game-winners this season.

When Last We Met

Minnesota swept a home-and-home series from St. Cloud State by 4-1 and 5-4 scores to open the 2000-01 season, Oct. 14-15.

Minnesota Statistics vs. St. Cloud State

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	SOG	+/-	Pen-Min	PP	SH	GW
Gwen Anderson	6	0	0	0	5	+2	1- 2	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	2	0	0	0	2	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	7	0	1	1	3	+10	1- 2	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	8	0	5	5	23	+9	7- 14	0	0	0
La Toya Clarke	2	0	5	5	10	+2	0- 0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	2	0	0	0	2	+2	1- 2	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	6	6	5	11	31	+6	0- 0	5	0	1
Tracy Engstrom	8	8	5	13	19	+15	3- 6	1	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	2	0	0	0	2	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Courtney Kennedy	8	3	8	11	18	+24	9- 18	1	0	0
Erica Killewald	4	0	0	0	0	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Betsy Kukowski	7	1	3	4	8	+4	0- 0	0	0	0
Megan Milbert	4	3	1	4	7	+4	1- 2	0	0	0
Nadine Muzerall	8	8	10	18	43	+11	2- 4	2	0	2
Kelly Olson	8	1	2	3	14	+16	2- 4	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	2	0	0	0	1	0	1- 2	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	1	0	1	1	3	-1	1- 2	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0- 0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	8	3	10	13	11	+10	0- 0	0	0	1
Laura Slominski	8	6	9	15	21	+11	2- 4	4	0	0
Stefanie Snow	2	0	0	0	1	+1	1- 2	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	3	0	0	0	2	0	1- 2	0	0	0
Ambria Thomas	7	8	7	15	32	+13	1- 2	3	0	1
Minnesota	8	59	96	155	321	+184	47- 94	20	0	8
St. Cloud State	8	9	11	20	96	-184	54-108	7	0	0

Goalle	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg.	Saves	Pct.	Record	ShO
Erica Killewald	4- 4	240:00	6	1.50	58	.906	4-0-0	1
Stephanie Johnson	0- 0	0:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0
Minnesota	8- 8	480:00	9	1.13	87	.906	8-0-0	3
St. Cloud State	8- 8	480:00	59	7.38	262	.816	0-8-0	0

Shots on Goal	SOG	Avg.	Pct.
Minnesota	321	40.13	.184
St. Cloud State	96	12.00	.094

Power Play	Goals	Opp.	Pct.
Minnesota	20	45	.444
St. Cloud State	7	40	.175

Goals by Period	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota	28	16	15	0	59
St. Cloud State	3	4	2	0	9

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Feb 5, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	16	14- 1-1	29	84	30	24	19- 4-1	102	48
2. Minn.-Duluth	18	11- 4-3	25	94	37	26	19- 4-3	140	48
3. Wisconsin	18	9- 4-5	23	76	51	25	15- 5-5	104	65
4. Ohio State	18	8- 7-3	19	56	46	26	11-12-3	75	73
5. St. Cloud State	16	8- 6-2	18	66	59	26	13-11-2	107	93
6. Bemidji State	20	4-15-1	9	50	127	27	6-20-1	69	154
7. MSU, Mankato	18	0-17-1	1	9	85	26	1-24-1	17	106

Schedule and Results

Last Week	This Week
Friday, Feb. 2 at Ohio State 4, MSU, Mankato 1 Minnesota 6, at Bemidji State 1 at St. Cloud State 5, Cornell 4 (ot)*	Friday, Feb. 9 St. Cloud State at Minnesota, 7:05 pm Ohio State at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm Bemidji State at Wayne State, 1 pm* Findlay at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm*
Saturday, Feb. 3 Minn.-Duluth 3, at Wisconsin 3 (ot) at Ohio State 5, MSU, Mankato 1 Minnesota 8, at Bemidji State 5 Cornell 5, at St. Cloud State 4*	Saturday, Feb. 3 Minnesota at St. Cloud State, 7:05 pm Ohio State at Minn.-Duluth, 7:05 pm Bemidji State at Wayne State, 1 pm* Dartmouth at Wisconsin, 1:05 pm* Findlay at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm*
Sunday, Feb. 4 Minn.-Duluth 2, at Wisconsin 2 (ot) at Findlay 2, MSU, Mankato 1*	* non-conference game all times Central

Ambria Thomas recorded a hat trick and La Toya Clarke added three assists in her collegiate debut as the Gophers claimed a three-goal victory in St. Cloud.

Minnesota unveiled its 2000 ACHA National Championship banner prior to the series finale, which saw seven of the game's nine goals scored on the power play. The Gophers let a 3-1 slip away but sophomore Ronda Curtin (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) gave Minnesota the victory when she scored with 8:44 to play in the game.

The All-Time Series

Minnesota has won all eight of its meetings with St. Cloud State, owning a 5-0-0 record at home and a 3-0-0 record in St. Cloud, outscoring the Huskies 59-9 in the series, including a 45-5 margin in the five games played at Mariucci Arena.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, Mariucci Arena has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .826 with a record of 52-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 920. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season this past weekend, drawing 2,611 to Friday's game and another 2,036 to Saturday's game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach Laura Halldorson is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 160-96-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 101-21-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, Halldorson was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, Halldorson was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

January 26

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	16- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	19- 4-1	87	2
3. Minnesota	17- 4-1	77	4
4. St. Lawrence	14- 4-3	73	3
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	62	5
6. Brown	10- 3-3	51	6
7. Wisconsin	15- 5-3	36	7
8. New Hampshire	14-11-0	30	9
9. Northeastern	12- 8-1	16	7
10. Providence	13- 8-3	7	10

Others receiving votes: Ohio State 5, Mercyhurst 2, St. Cloud State 2, Niagara 1, Princeton 1.

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

January 27

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	16- 1-1	118	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth (2)	19- 4-1	102	2
3. Minnesota	17- 4-1	99	3
4. St. Lawrence	14- 4-3	89	4
5. Harvard	11- 6-0	70	5
6. Brown	10- 3-3	62	6
7. Wisconsin	15- 5-3	47	7
8. Northeastern	12- 8-1	31	8
9. New Hampshire	14-11-0	26	9
10. Providence	13- 8-3	14	10

Others receiving votes: Niagara 2.

and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked Laura Halldorson to keep a biweekly diary for its website.

Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

Behind the St. Cloud State Bench

Kerry Brodt Wethington is in her third season coaching the women's hockey program at her alma mater. During her tenure, the Huskies have posted a 32-42-7 record.

An All-American golfer at St. Cloud State, Wethington is a 1995 graduate of the school.

The NCAA Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23

Minnesota Record

When Scoring first	13-1-0
When Opponent scores first	6-3-1
When Leading after 1st period	10-0-0
When Trailing after 1st period	1-1-1
When Tied after 1st period	8-3-0
When Leading after 2nd period	16-1-0
When Trailing after 2nd period	0-3-1
When Tied after 2nd period	3-0-0
In Overtime	0-1-1
When Outshooting opponent	17-1-0
When Outshot by opponent	2-3-1
When Shots are even	0-0-0
When Having 0-19 shots	1-1-0
When Having 20-29 shots	4-0-1
When Having 30-39 shots	4-3-0
When Having 40-49 shots	7-0-0
When Having 50+ shots	3-0-0
When Opponent has 0-19 shots	5-0-0
When Opponent has 20-29 shots	13-1-1
When Opponent has 30-39 shots	1-2-0
When Opponent has 40-49 shots	0-1-0
When Opponent has 50+ shots	0-0-0
In one-goal games	4-1-0
At Mariucci Arena	10-1-0
On the road	9-3-1
At neutral site	0-0-0
In October	5-1-0
In November	4-1-1
In December	2-2-0
In January	6-0-0
In February	2-0-0
In March	0-0-0
When Kelsey Bills scores a goal	2-0-0
When La Toya Clarke scores a goal	10-0-0
When Melissa Coulombe	2-1-0
When Ronda Curtin scores a goal	9-1-0
When Tracy Engstrom scores a goal	5-1-0
When Jerilyn Glenn scores a goal	2-0-0
When Courtney Kennedy scores a goal	4-0-1
When Nadine Muzerall scores a goal	9-0-1
When Tracy Palinsky scores a goal	2-0-0
When Kris Scholz scores a goal	5-0-0
When Laura Slominski scores a goal	7-1-0
When Alyson Sundberg scores a goal	1-0-0
When Ambria Thomas scores a goal	11-1-1

and 25 at Mariucci Arena. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

The Gophers take to the road again next weekend for a pair of WCHA games against Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-17.

Both games are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. EST faceoffs at the OSU Arena.

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Overall: 18-4-1 Conf: 13-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 8-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

Name	GP	SHOTS						PENALTIES				GOALS								
		G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	+/-	No-Min	Min	Maj	Oth	PP	SH	GW	GTG	UA	FG	OT	HT	PN
La Toya Clarke	24	15	26	41	107	.140	+15	2-4	2	0	0	5	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	
Ambria Thomas	24	21	14	35	117	.179	+16	6-12	6	0	0	7	1	3	0	1	3	0	2	0
Nadine Muzerall	20	16	13	29	121	.132	+12	14-34	12	2	0	6	0	3	1	2	2	0	2	0
Laura Slominski	24	10	19	29	93	.108	+20	4-8	4	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Courtney Kennedy	24	6	20	26	76	.079	+31	23-46	23	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ronda Curtin	24	10	12	22	80	.125	+17	3-6	3	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0
Tracy Engstrom	24	7	12	19	63	.111	+16	6-12	6	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Buchholz	24	0	12	12	28	.000	+10	12-24	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melissa Coulombe	23	3	8	11	27	.111	+19	4-8	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	+5	7-14	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kris Scholz	24	6	2	8	31	.194	+5	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Jerilyn Glenn	21	3	2	5	20	.150	+8	1-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Bills	23	2	1	3	17	.118	+1	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gwen Anderson	21	0	3	3	8	.000	+2	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Palinsky	24	2	0	2	33	.061	-3	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angela Borek	16	0	2	2	5	.000	+6	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stefanie Snow	18	0	2	2	11	.000	+5	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyson Sundberg	15	1	0	1	6	.167	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erica Killewald	20	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Olson	23	0	1	1	17	.000	+3	6-12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Betsey Kukowski	17	0	0	0	3	.000	+1	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecilia Retelle	5	0	0	0	0	.000	+1	3-6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4-8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	24	102	160	262	895	.114	+190	113-232	111	2	0	31	2	19	1	10	14	0	6	0
Opponents.....	24	48	70	118	570	.084	-	115-230	115	0	0	16	2	4	0	4	10	1	0	0

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD			GOALS				
			GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	PP	SH	EN	PEN	SOG
Erica Killewald	20-20	1183:25	37	1.88	455	.925	15	4	1	4	14	1	0	0	0
Stephanie Johnson	5-4	263:33	11	2.50	67	.859	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
EMPTY NET	1-0	1:50	0	-	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	24-24	1448:48	48	1.99	522	.916	19	4	1	5	16	2	0	0	0
Opponents.....	24-24	1448:48	102	4.22	793	.886	4	19	1	1	31	2	0	0	0

SHOTS ON GOAL	Shots	Avg/G	Pct
Minnesota	895	37.29	.114
Opponents	570	23.75	.084

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct
Minnesota	31	97	.320
Opponents	16	98	.163

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	24	30	48	0	102
Opponents.....	13	20	14	1	48

SHOTS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	254	296	339	6	895
Opponents.....	185	204	178	3	570

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
 Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
 All games

FACEOFFS	GP	W	L	Pct
Ronda Curtin	24	226	193	.539
La Toya Clarke	24	132	117	.530
Betsey Kukowski	17	2	2	.500
Nadine Muzerall	20	63	64	.496
Tracy Palinsky	24	53	62	.461
Kelsey Bills	23	47	56	.456
Tracy Engstrom	24	105	126	.455
Ambria Thomas	24	25	35	.417
Kris Scholz	24	2	3	.400
Laura Slominski	24	27	45	.375
Gwen Anderson	21	18	32	.360
Jerilyn Glenn	21	2	6	.250
Total.....	24	702	741	.486
Opponents.....	24	741	702	.514

POWER PLAYS	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
La Toya Clarke	24	5	12	17	24	.208
Courtney Kennedy	24	1	13	14	33	.030
Ambria Thomas	24	7	4	11	24	.292
Laura Slominski	24	5	6	11	17	.294
Nadine Muzerall	20	6	3	9	28	.214
Ronda Curtin	24	2	4	6	18	.111
Bethany Petersen	14	0	5	5	6	.000
Emily Buchholz	24	0	5	5	12	.000
Melissa Coulombe	23	3	1	4	6	.500
Tracy Engstrom	24	1	2	3	17	.059
Jerilyn Glenn	21	1	0	1	1	1.000
Angela Borek	16	0	0	0	1	.000
Kelly Olson	23	0	0	0	4	.000
Tracy Palinsky	24	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	24	31	55	86	192	.161
Opponents.....	24	16	25	41	153	.105

POWER PLAYS	Goals	Chances	Pct	SHA	Time	Avg/Opp	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	31	97	.320	2	142:47	1:28	4:36	2.69
Opponents	16	98	.163	2	153:24	1:34	9:35	2.00

PENALTY KILL	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Pct
Tracy Engstrom	24	1	0	1	2	.500
Ambria Thomas	24	1	0	1	3	.333
Erica Killewald	20	0	1	1	0	.000
Melissa Coulombe	23	0	1	1	0	.000
Laura Slominski	24	0	1	1	4	.000
Emily Buchholz	24	0	0	0	1	.000
Tracy Palinsky	24	0	0	0	1	.000
Bethany Petersen	14	0	0	0	2	.000
Ronda Curtin	24	0	0	0	2	.000
Nadine Muzerall	20	0	0	0	2	.000
Courtney Kennedy	24	0	0	0	2	.000
La Toya Clarke	24	0	0	0	1	.000
Total.....	24	2	3	5	20	.100
Opponents.....	24	2	1	3	10	.200

PENALTY KILL	Kills	Chances	Pct	SHG	Time	Avg/Kll	Avg/Goal	Shot/2min
Minnesota	82	98	.837	2	153:24	1:34	76:42	0.26
Opponents	66	97	.680	2	142:47	1:28	71:24	0.14

2000-01 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
 Minnesota Overall Individual Statistics
 All games

Overall: 18-4-1 Conf: 13-1-1 Home: 10-1-0 Away: 8-3-1 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	102-895	48-570
Shot pct.....	.114	.084
Goals/Game.....	4.2	2.0
Shots/Game.....	37.3	23.8
Assists.....	160	70
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	31-97	16-98
Conversion Percent.....	.320	.163
Shot Attempts.....	192	153
Shot Percent.....	.161	.105
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-20	2-10
Shot Percent.....	.100	.200
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Total Goals.....	102	48
Power Play.....	31	16
Short-handed.....	2	2
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	10	4
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	113	115
Minutes.....	232	230
Penalties/Game.....	4.7	4.8
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.7	9.6
Minor.....	111	115
Major.....	2	0
10-minute Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Misconduct.....	0	0
Game Disqualification.....	0	0
FACEOFFS (W-L).....		
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	702-741	741-702
	.486	.514
ATTENDANCE.....		
Total.....	10125	4635
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	11/920	13/357
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	7 p.m.
	(Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Winona State)	
16	at Iowa State w/Okla.	7 p.m.
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the Sports Pavilion, 1923 University Avenue SE. All times are local to site.

GymInfo National Ranking

(Feb. 5 — By Season Average)

1.	UCLA	196.825
2.	Alabama	196.515
3.	Utah	196.025
4.	Georgia	195.990
5.	Stanford	195.862
6.	Nebraska	195.745
7.	Florida	195.555
8.	Michigan	195.210
9.	Oklahoma	194.775
10.	Penn State	194.750
11.	Minnesota	194.680
12.	LSU	194.506
13.	Ohio State	194.505
14.	Iowa State	194.462
15.	Arizona State	194.300
16.	Illinois State	194.245
17.	West Virginia	194.105
18.	BYU	194.067
19.	Oregon State	193.940
20.	Iowa	193.910
21.	Denver	193.900
22.	Illinois	193.881
23.	Kent State	193.831
24.	California	193.765
25.	Michigan State	193.531

Gymnastics 2001



#11 Minnesota hosts the Best of Minnesota Meet
Saturday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. — Sports Pavilion

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Golden Gophers Home For The Best Of Minnesota Meet

Minnesota returns from a season-high performance at Stanford to host the annual Best of Minnesota Meet on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. The meet features Minnesota, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline and Winona State.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 11 in the Feb. 5 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on season average.

Minnesota is one of six Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. Defending conference champion Michigan leads the way at No. 8, with a 195.210 average. Penn State and Minnesota join the Wolverines in the top 12, as the Nittany Lions are 10th at 194.750 and the Golden Gophers are 11th at 194.680. Other Big Ten schools listed are Ohio State (No. 13), Iowa (No. 20) and Illinois (No. 22).

Defending NCAA champion UCLA is ranked No. 1 with a season average of 196.825.

Kelley Ranked In Two Individual Lists

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally in two lists this week. She is 11th in the all around with a season average of 39.212. **Kelley** is also tied for 17th on floor exercise with an average of 9.880.

Gopher Floor Exercise Ranked Seventh

Minnesota is ranked seventh for floor exercise, with an average of 49.1. The Gophers are also listed among the top 25 for balance beam (No. 16, 48.365), vault (No. 17, 48.545) and uneven bars (No. 22, 48.670).

The Last Meet

On Friday, the No. 13 Golden Gophers scored a season-high 195.775 but placed second to seventh-ranked Stanford, which set a school record with a total of 197.425. The Gophers improved their season-best team score by nearly a point, as the previous best was 194.850 against Utah on Jan. 13. Minnesota set season highs on vault (48.850), uneven bars (49.100) and balance beam (48.650) and tied a season high on floor exercise (49.175).

Kelley Breaks All Around Record

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** broke the school all around record with a total of 39.525 Friday at Stanford. **Kelley** scored 9.875 on vault, uneven bars and balance beam, and added a 9.90 on floor exercise. She surpasses the previous record of 39.450 set last season by teammate **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)**. She finished second in the all around to Stanford's Lindsay Wing, who scored 39.625.

Kelley's vault score of 9.875 is a career high, improving from her mark of 9.825 last year at the NCAA Region 2 Championships. The 9.875 on balance beam ties her career high set twice last season. On floor exercise, **Kelley** scored her third straight 9.90, a season high. The 9.875 on uneven bars is another season high. She was Minnesota's highest finisher on vault (third), bars (tied for second) and floor (tied for second).

Kelley has won or tied for first place in the all around two times this season (against Utah and Iowa) and has won or tied for first on floor exercise in all three home meets this season.

Alf Repeats 9.90 On Beam

Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** recorded her second straight 9.90 score on the balance beam, tying her career high and the third-highest score in team history. She was Minnesota's highest finisher on the event, tying for third place. It is Minnesota's highest balance beam score this season and the team's highest since former Golden Gopher Cathy Keyser recorded a 9.925 on March 22, 1999.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyl Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Norman Records 9.90 On Floor

Junior **Courtney Norman** (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) tied the sixth-best floor exercise score in team history, recording a 9.90 in her second career floor appearance. She set a career high on vault with a 9.75.

Beuckens Is Back

Junior **Megan Beuckens** scored a 39.0 in her first all around competition of the season. She recorded a 9.725 in her first floor exercise competition this season and improved her three other scores from last week's marks. Her balance beam score of 9.825 is just off her career high of 9.850 set three times last season. She also scored 9.75 on uneven bars and 9.7 on vault.

Beam Sets Season High

Minnesota had to count a fall on balance beam but still recorded a season high on that event. The team's top three scores were at least 9.825, as **Jenny Alf** scored 9.90, **MaryAnne Kelley** scored 9.875 and **Megan Beuckens** recorded a 9.825.

Mary Skokut Returns

Newcomer **Mary Skokut** (Carmel, Ind./Carmel) recorded a career-high 9.85 on uneven bars after a one-week absence due to a sprained ankle.

Laatsch Consistent On Bars

Annie Laatsch is the only Minnesota gymnast to compete on uneven bars in all five meets this season. She averages 9.810, second on the team to **MaryAnne Kelley's** 9.819. **Laatsch** set a personal best of 9.875 against Utah, a Minnesota season-high that was tied by **Kelley** last week.

High-Scoring Floor Exercise

Minnesota's floor exercise lineup features four gymnasts averaging at least 9.80. Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** leads the way with a 9.88 average, including scores of 9.90 the last three meets. She is tied for 17th in the latest national rankings on floor exercise. Sophomore **Jenny Alf** is next, with a 9.825 average, including scores of at least 9.80 the last four meets. Junior **Catie Christensen** (Columbus, Ohio/**Thomas Worthington**) averages 9.805. Junior **Courtney Norman** has competed on floor the last two weeks, averaging 9.838, including a 9.90 last week.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17.

Kelley tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 51-33-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 119-104-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

Minnesota returns to the road to take on Oklahoma and Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, on Feb. 17.



2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-13

Big Ten: 1-9

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18 Binghamton **W, 85-74**

19 Providence **W, 88-60**

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)

25 vs. Denver **L, 77-59**

26 vs. Louisville **W, 68-64**

December

1-2 Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)

1 vs. St. Joseph's **L, 64-62**

2 vs. Eastern Illinois **L, 73-72**

4 Virginia Commonwealth **W, 72-57**

8 at Ohio **W, 92-73**

10 at St. Louis **W, 77-71**

23 at Marist **W, 79-61**

28 at Penn State * **L, 91-73**

31 at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) **L, 85-80**

January

4 Indiana * **L, 79-76**

7 Michigan State * **L, 66-65**

11 at Indiana * **L, 92-64**

18 at Wisconsin * **L, 90-67**

21 Northwestern * **W, 79-47**

25 Purdue * **L, 86-61**

28 Illinois * **L, 88-81**

February

1 at Michigan * **L, 69-51**

4 at Illinois * **L, 101-71**

8 at Ohio State * R **7 p.m.**

11 Iowa * (Fox) R **Noon**

15 Ohio State * R **7 p.m.**

18 at Purdue * **2 p.m.**

22 Wisconsin * (MSC) R **7 p.m.**

25 at Michigan State * **2 p.m.**

March

1-4 Big Ten Conference Tournament R
(Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM

MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota at Ohio State — Feb. 7 — 7 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Iowa — Feb. 11 — 12 noon

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Minnesota Travels to Ohio State Then Hosts Iowa This Week

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-13, 1-9 Big Ten) concludes a three-game road stretch with a game at Ohio State on Thursday, then return home on Sunday to play host to Iowa. The Gophers were defeated at Illinois, 101-71, in their last outing Sunday and have lost four straight. The Buckeyes (13-7, 3-7), losers of three consecutive games had a bye on Sunday and last played on Feb. 1 when they were defeated by Penn State by a score of 69-52. Iowa (12-8, 7-3), has won four straight, and is coming off a 83-56 victory over Indiana on Sunday.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers will practice from 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday and from 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday before departing for Ohio State on that afternoon. The team will return immediately following Thursday's game with practices scheduled for 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Friday and 9 - 11 on Saturday.

Fox Televises Sunday's Game Versus Iowa

Fox Sports Chicago will televise the Gophers' game versus Iowa on Sunday live as part of the Big Ten Conference TV package. Dave Eanet will call the play-by-play and Vera Jones the color commentary. Locally, the game will be aired on MSC.

Gophers Also Carried on WDGY Radio

Both Golden Gopher games this week will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Tom Witschen. Handling the color commentary duties on Thursday will be sports information director Becky Bohm and on Sunday, former Gopher volleyball standout Linda Shudlick. The broadcasts are part of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.) has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	12.3	5.8	0.3
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.8	4.2	1.9
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.3	2.8	0.4
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	9.1	2.8	5.8
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	17.7	4.1	3.2

Combinations, Combinations and More Combinations

The Gophers have started a whopping eight different starting lineup combinations in the 18 games they have played in the 2000-2001 season. Comparatively, Minnesota started four different lineups during the 1999-2000 season.

Rookies at the Top of Big Ten Leading Scorers

The top two leading scorers in the Big Ten are rookies, Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson). Mazzante, coming off a 23-point performance versus Northwestern, is the Big Ten's scoring leader, averaging 18.5 points per game. Whalen scored 16 against Illinois on Sunday and checks in at 17.7 points per game.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Feb. 4)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	11	0	1.000	21	3	.875
2. Penn State	8	3	.727	16	6	.727
Wisconsin	8	3	.727	14	7	.667
4. Iowa	7	3	.700	12	8	.600
5. Illinois	6	4	.600	11	11	.500
6. Michigan	7	5	.583	14	8	.636
7. Indiana	5	5	.500	14	7	.667
8. Ohio State	3	7	.300	13	7	.650
9. Michigan State	2	8	.200	8	13	.381
10. Minnesota	1	9	.100	8	13	.381
11. Northwestern	0	11	.000	4	17	.190

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

Thur., Feb. 8 Wisconsin at Indiana (6:30 p.m.)
 Purdue at Iowa (7 p.m.)
 Penn State at Michigan State (7 p.m.)
 Northwestern at Illinois (7 p.m.)
 Minnesota at Ohio State (7 p.m.)
 Michigan at Holy Cross (7 p.m.)

Sun., Feb. 11 Iowa at Minnesota (12 noon)
 Wisconsin at Northwestern (2 p.m.)
 Illinois at Michigan (2 p.m.)
 Indiana at Michigan State (2 p.m.)
 Purdue at Ohio State (7 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Thur., Feb. 1 PURDUE 83, Illinois 67
 PENN STATE 69, Ohio State 52
 WISCONSIN 70, Northwestern 35
 Iowa 71, MICHIGAN STATE 56
 MICHIGAN 69, Minnesota 51

Sun., Feb. 4 PURDUE 73, Michigan 64
 Penn State 65, NORTHWESTERN 62
 WISCONSIN 69, Michigan State 49
 IOWA 83, Indiana 58
 ILLINOIS 101, Minnesota 71

Whalen's Rookie Season Listed Among Some Gopher Greats

The future for the Gopher rookie **Lindsay Whalen** is a bright one if the 5-8 guard continues along the path of the Gopher greats before her. **Whalen** has scored 319 in the first 18 games of her career and already among the first-year scoring totals of several of the best players to ever don the maroon and gold. All-Americans **Shudlick** and **Coenen** completed stellar Minnesota careers as the only Gophers to score over 2,000 points, scoring 2,097 and 2,044 respectively.

First-year Gopher Scoring

1. Linda Roberts (1977-78)	475 points	33 games	14.4 ppg.
2. Laura Coenen (1981-82)	456 points	28 games	16.3 ppg.
3. Laura Gardner (1978-79)	453 points	32 games	14.1 ppg.
4. Lindsay Whalen (2000-01)	319 points	18 games	17.7 ppg.
5. Molly Tadich (1983-84)	305 points	27 games	11.3 ppg.
6. Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-91)	285 points	24 games	11.9 ppg.

Piroglu Passes Century Mark in Assists

Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) hit triple digits in assists for the season, after dishing out six assists in the Gophers' last game against Illinois on Sunday. **Piroglu's** 105 assists ranks in a tie for sixth on the Minnesota single-season assist list. She is the 11th Gopher to surpass 100 assists in a season.

1.	174	Debbie Hunter (1982-83)
2.	136	Lea Blackwell (1988-89)
3.	131	Erin Olson (1999-00)
4.	129	Debbie Hunter (1981-82)
5.	112	Holly Thompson (1989-90)
6.	105	Ozlem Piroglu (2000-01)
	105	Kiauna Burnes (1997-98)
8.	104	Nikki Coates (1992-93)
9.	103	Nikki Coates (1993-94)
10.	102	Debbie Hilmerson (1987-88)
11.	100	Holly Thompson (1990-91)

Lieser Living in the Lands of Threes

Sophomore **Lindsay Lieser** (New London, Minn./New London-Spicer) has hit three or more three-point field goals in each of the Gophers' last three games. **Lieser** tied her own Sports Pavilion record by sinking seven three-point field goals against Illinois on Jan. 28. **Lieser**, who finished with a season-high 21 points, hit 7-of-15 shots from behind the arc. She followed that performance by hitting three treys against Michigan (Feb. 1) and Illinois (Feb. 4). All told in her career, **Lieser** has posted seven games in which she has netted five or more trifectas.

The Streak Keeps Going

Lindsay Whalen has scored in double figures in every game she has played in her young Gopher career. The streak stands at 18 since **Whalen** missed three early-season games with an illness. **Whalen** has captured game scoring honors only eight times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Piroglu Makes Strong Return from Injury

Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) has made a strong return to the Gopher lineup in the past weeks after missing three games in early January with a knee injury. **Piroglu** has posted two double-doubles with 12 points and a career-high 12 assists versus Illinois and 15 points and 11 assists in the win over Northwestern. She first returned to action in the Wisconsin game on Jan. 18.

Piroglu has averaged 10.8 points and 7.8 assists per game in the five games since the injury. In 12 games before the injury she averaged 8.3 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Prince Glad to See Illinois Games Over

Sophomore forward/center **Kim Prince** (Montgomery, Ala./Carver) is more than happy to have the Illinois games on the schedule out of the way. Despite ranking second on the Gopher roster in scoring at 12.3 points per game, **Prince** was held to season lows of two (Jan. 28) and four (Feb. 4) points in the games versus Illinois.

The Floor General is Second in Assists

Sophomore **Ozlem Piroglu** serves as the Gophers' floor general from her point guard position. She leads the team with 105 assists (5.8 assists per game) and continues to maintain a positive assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.13 (105 assists to 93 turnovers). Her 5.83 assists per game ranks second in the Big Ten.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 05, 2001)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(8-13)	(4-4)	(3-6)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE	(1-9)	(1-4)	(0-5)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(7-4)	(3-0)	(3-1)	(1-3)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---			---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
13 Whalen, Lindsay.....	18-18	626 34.8	117-224	.522	12-37	.324	73-107	.682	24	49	73	4.1	40	0	57	82	2	30	319	17.7
10 Prince, Kim.....	21-16	529 25.2	99-190	.521	0-0	.000	61-86	.709	40	81	121	5.8	49	1	6	40	15	16	259	12.3
23 Gilbert, Tanisha....	14-13	437 31.2	77-143	.538	1-7	.143	51-90	.567	36	61	97	6.9	42	1	21	44	5	34	206	14.7
35 Andersson, Kadidja..	21-21	563 26.8	63-154	.409	0-4	.000	38-55	.691	27	62	89	4.2	56	2	40	42	6	14	164	7.8
05 Piroglu, Ozlem.....	18-18	518 28.8	56-107	.523	16-32	.500	36-46	.783	11	39	50	2.8	56	4	105	93	2	25	164	9.1
21 Lieser, Lindsay.....	20-4	356 17.8	44-108	.407	40-98	.408	5-10	.500	7	29	36	1.8	16	0	14	23	1	3	133	6.7
43 Kane, Megan.....	19-1	268 14.1	21-52	.404	2-3	.667	30-42	.714	19	39	58	3.1	47	5	13	17	9	13	74	3.9
14 McGhee, Trish.....	15-1	177 11.8	20-64	.312	8-24	.333	13-19	.684	7	17	24	1.6	20	0	17	20	0	7	61	4.1
54 Bell, Kim.....	19-4	258 13.6	23-49	.469	0-0	.000	13-16	.812	9	34	43	2.3	48	3	10	26	27	2	59	3.1
20 Hill, Leslie.....	17-1	122 7.2	18-43	.419	4-10	.400	5-10	.500	7	18	25	1.5	7	0	5	10	1	1	45	2.6
30 Pickens, Brandy.....	16-8	193 12.1	7-13	.538	0-0	.000	7-13	.538	16	29	45	2.8	26	1	7	8	0	5	21	1.3
21 Leiser, Lindsay.....	1-0	27 27.0	3-7	.429	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	0	3	0	0	9	9.0
03 Hemberg, Ebba.....	13-0	51 3.9	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	1	3	4	0.3	7	0	2	3	0	0	4	0.3
22 Glass, Alana.....	2-0	6 3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
15 Tate, Jackie.....	4-0	45 11.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	8	9	2.2	6	0	3	3	1	3	1	0.2
52 Leon, Angel.....	5-0	10 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0.2
24 Neilson, Kim.....	4-0	9 2.2	0-7	.000	0-5	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
03 Hemberg, Emma.....	1-0	5 5.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									42	54	96	4.6	0		5					
Total.....	21	4200	550-1173	.469	86-229	.376	336-502	.669	250	525	775	36.9	425	17	300	421	69	153	1522	72.5
Opponents.....	21	4200	553-1283	.431	123-340	.362	339-481	.705	288	476	764	36.4	442	-	368	364	53	192	1568	74.7

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	
SCORING.....	1522	1568	11-18-00	BINGHAMTON	W	85-74	1011	
Points per game.....	72.5	74.7	11-19-00	PROVIDENCE	W	88-60	718	
Scoring margin.....	-2.2	-	11/25/00	vs Denver	L	59-77	267	
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	550-1173	553-1283	11-26-00	vs Louisville	W	68-64	156	
Field goal pct.....	.469	.431	12/01/00	vs St. Joseph's	L	62-64	290	
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	86-229	123-340	12/02/00	vs Eastern Illinois	L	72-73	220	
3-point FG pct.....	.376	.362	12-4-00	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	W	72-57	613	
3-pt FG made per game..	4.1	5.9	12/08/00	at Ohio	W	92-73	492	
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	336-502	339-481	12/10/00	at Saint Louis	W	77-71	236	
Free throw pct.....	.669	.705	12-23-00	at Marist	W	79-61	557	
REBOUNDS.....	775	764	*12-28-00	at #10/11 Penn State	L	73-91	6281	
Rebounds per game.....	36.9	36.4	12-31-00	at IUPUI	L	80-85	614	
Rebounding margin.....	+0.5	-	*1-4-01	INDIANA	L	76-79	1107	
ASSISTS.....	300	368	*1-7-01	MICHIGAN STATE	L	65-66	1917	
Assists per game.....	14.3	17.5	*01-11-01	at Indiana	L	64-92	786	
TURNOVERS.....	421	364	*01/18/01	at Wisconsin	L	67-90	6328	
Turnovers per game.....	20.0	17.3	*1-21-01	NORTHWESTERN	W	79-47	1061	
Turnover margin.....	-2.7	-	*1-25-01	#6 PURDUE	L	61-86	913	
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.7	1.0	*1-28-01	ILLINOIS	L	81-88	1024	
STEALS.....	153	192	*2/1/01	at Michigan	L	51-69	1212	
Steals per game.....	7.3	9.1	*2/04/01	at Illinois	L	71-101	4359	
BLOCKS.....	69	53	* denotes conference game					
Blocks per game.....	3.3	2.5						
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-						
Home win streak.....	0	-						
ATTENDANCE.....	8364	21798						
Home games-Avg/Game....	8-1046	9-2318						
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-233						

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Minnesota.....	706	816	- 1522
Opponents.....	725	843	- 1568



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open	unscored
20 Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27 Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9- at Iowa State Classic	TBA
10 Ames, Iowa	
17 Parents' Day Open	11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
25 West Lafayette, Ind.	

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier	TBA
9- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
10 Fayetteville, Ark.	
24- Spring Break Trip	TBA
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April

7 at Texas Relays	TBA
13-14 at SEA Relays	TBA
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays	TBA
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	TBA
21 at Long Beach State Invitational	TBA
27-28 at Drake Relays	TBA
at Penn Relays	TBA
28 at Macalester Invitational	TBA

May

4 Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships,	TBA
20 Bloomington, Ind.	
30- at NCAA Championships,	TBA
31 Eugene, Ore.	

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships,	TBA
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Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field February 5, 2001

Feb. 9-10, at Iowa State Classic
Ames, Iowa

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This Week

Minnesota returns from an off week to compete in the Iowa State Track and Field Classic this weekend. The meet is a two-day event, scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

A Look Back

Frosh sprinter **Tahesia Harrigan (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Developmental)** set a pair of school records and helped set a third in the 4x400 relay to lead Minnesota a second-place finish at the Minnesota Classic last Saturday.

Harrigan won her 60-meter preliminary heat in a school-record time of 7.44 seconds, only to lower that time to 7.35 in winning the finals. She also set a record of 24.47 in winning the 200. Her split time of 56.6 was the fastest of team's four members as she ran the third leg of the 4x400, combining with juniors **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** and **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)**, and sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** to post a time of 3:47.19.

On the track, Minnesota won the 60, 200, 400, 600 and 4x400. **Day** posted a career-best time of 56.91 to win the 400 and **Marks** also had a career-best of 1:32.20 in winning the 600.

The Gophers' lone field event win came in the weight throw where senior captain **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** also set a career best with a throw of 19.23 meters (63 feet, one and one-quarter inch).

Fabulous Frosh

Setting records has been the norm for **Tahesia Harrigan** this season. In each of her four 60-meter dashes, she has set a new school record. She also set schools records in her first collegiate competitions in the 200 and the 4x400-meter relay.

Harrigan ran times of 7.55 and 7.50 at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 20, in her first collegiate competition in the 60, breaking the record of 7.56 set by former Gopher Chateau White in 1997. She then lowered that to 7.44 and 7.35 last Saturday.

Her 200 time of 24.47 last Saturday broke the six-year old school record of 24.68, set by Kim Heath in 1995.

NCAA Qualifiers

Not only did **Tahesia Harrigan** set a new school record in the 60, she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships, March 9-10, in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time of 7.35 still ranks second nationally.

Aubrey Schmitt had a pair of NCAA provisional qualifying throws in the shot put and weight throw. Her effort of 15.27m (50-1 1/4) in the shot put was not a season-best. She ranks fourth nationally with a throw of 15.84m (51-11 3/4) on Jan. 13 at the Northwest Open. Her career-best throw of 19.23m (63-1 1/4) Saturday in the weight throw ranks fifth nationally.

Top 10 Lists

Twelve new additions to the top 10 list were made last weekend with **Tahesia Harrigan** and **Amber Day** moving into new spots in two individual events along with the 4x400 relay.

Harrigan ranks first in school history in both the 60 and 200 while **Day** moved into fourth in the 60, with a time of 7.68, and the 400, with a time of 56.91.

Shani Marks, who already ranked third, remained third in the 600 while posting a career-best

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	2nd	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	14th	18.15m (59-6 3/4)	Minnesota Invite/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	4th	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	5th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

1:32.20. Senior **Ali Gartner** (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo) did the same in the number nine position with a time of 1:35.57.

Jessica Shuster and frosh **Darja Vasiljeva** (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No. 5) both added their names to lists, **Shuster** in the 800 and **Vasiljeva** in the mile. **Shuster's** time of 2:12.56 ranks fourth in the 800, while **Vasiljeva** ranks eighth with her time of 4:53.41 in the mile.

Day, Harrigan and **Shuster** were joined by **Shani Marks** in establishing a school-record time of 3:47.19 in the 4x400, and **Marks** added her name to the triple jump list, ranking sixth, with a jump of 11.63m (38-2).

Aubrey Schmitt maintained second place but improved her career-best weight throw to 19.23m (63-1 1/4), while senior **Beth Howard** (North Branch, Minn./North Branch) moved into 10th on the shot put list with a throw of 14.49m (47-6 1/2).

Thus far in the 2001 season, 16 new top-10 times have been established.

Moving On Up

Minnesota made its debut on the Trackwire 25 list in a tie for 17th last week. The poll is a compilation of results used to project scoring at the NCAA Championships and can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

60-Meter Dash			4x400-Meter Relay		
1. Tahesia Harrigan	7.35	1/27/01	1. Shani Marks, Amber Day,	3:47.19	1/27/01
2. Chanteau White	7.56	1997	Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster		2000
4. Amber Day	7.68	1/27/01	2. Jessica Shuster, Neketa	3:47.26	
5. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73	1/13/01	Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks		
			3. Shani Marks, Amber Day,	3:48.45	1/20/01
			Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster		
200-Meter Dash			Pole Vault		
1. Tahesia Harrigan	24.47	1/27/01	1. Christine Gulbrandsen	12- 0 1/2	3.67 2000
2. Kim Heath	24.68	1995	2. Erika Findlay	11- 6 1/2	3.52 1/20/01
			3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35 1/13/01
400-Meter Dash			Triple Jump		
1. Yvette White	56.10	1999	1. Christine Gulbrandsen	42-10 1/4	13.06 1999
4. Amber Day	56.91	1/27/01	6. Shani Marks	38- 2	11.63 1/27/01
600-Meter Run			Shot Put		
1. Gretchen Otto	1:30.41	1989	1. Aubrey Schmitt	54- 4 3/4	16.58 1999
3. Shani Marks	1:32.20	1/27/01	10. Beth Howard	47- 6 1/2	14.49 1/27/01
9. Ali Gartner	1:35.57	1/27/01			
800-Meter Run			Weight Throw		
1. Monika Balint	2:08.56	1991	1. Beth Howard	64- 1 3/4	19.55 2000
4. Jessica Shuster	2:12.56	1/27/01	2. Aubrey Schmitt	63- 1 1/4	19.23 1/27/01
			5. Alean Frawley	47- 8 1/2	14.54 1/13/01
Mile Run					
1. Jody Eder	4:41.12	1984			
8. Darja Vasiljeva	4:53.41	1/27/01			

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers host the Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17, at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse in the team's final indoor home meet of the season. The day's events get underway at 11 a.m.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. Last year he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Trackwire 25

January 30, 2001

Team	Score	LW
1. Arkansas	44	4
2. Texas	40	1
3. South Carolina	37	2
4. Kansas State	32	5
5. UCLA	30	3
6. Clemson	27	t7
7. Colorado	25	6
8. Stanford	21	t7
9. Texas-El Paso	20	11
10. Arizona	19	t14
11. Mississippi	18	t14
12. Houston	17	t7
13. Ohio State	15	t7
Florida	15	t14
15. Brigham Young	14	12
Harvard	14	t14
17. Southern Methodist	13	13
Pittsburgh	13	NR
Minnesota	13	NR
20. Wisconsin	12	NR
21. Georgia	11	NR
22. Appalachian State	10	19
23. Louisiana State	9	NR
North Carolina	9	NR
25. Auburn	8	t22
Georgetown	8	18
Illinois	8	NR
Missouri	8	t22

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60-Meter Dash (AQ-7.30, PQ-7.44, SR-7.35)

7.35	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.68	Amber Day, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.73	Shannaine Osbourne (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
7.95	Shani Marks, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Finals, Jan. 20)
8.09	Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.12	Jessica Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.29	Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.33	Kristie Stiles, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.42	Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.45	Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.61	Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Prelims, Jan. 27)
8.64	Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.47)

24.47	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.24	Shannaine Osbourne (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.76	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
27.20	Elizabeth Woolford (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.01	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
28.40	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.43	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)**400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)**

56.91	Amber Day (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
57.88	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
59.35	Jessica Mittelstadt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
59.74	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

600-Meter Run (SR-1:30.41)

1:32.20	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:35.57	Ali Gartner (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:37:43	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:37.90	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:38.44	Jenny Moylan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:38.93	Rachel Schutz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:39.26	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:42.78	Jessica Mittelstad (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
1:48.79	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:12.56	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:17.29	Shani Marks (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:18.32	Jennifer Moylan (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:18.97	Alisa Gartner (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:25.21	Rachael Kuhn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:28.37	Allyson DeVries (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:30.44	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:30.76	Nadine Conboy (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

1,000-Meter Run (SR-2:47.31)**1,500-Meter Run (SR-4:24.03)****Mile Run (AQ-4:44.00, PQ-4:49.00, SR-4:41.12)**

4:53.41	Darja Vasiljeva (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:00.31	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
5:07.66	Anita Menden (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:11.29	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:18:40	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:21.85	Christine Harper (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:23.95	Erika Espeset (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:25.09	Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:26.28	Andrea Gaetz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)

10:30.83	Alison Mumbleau (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
10:41.18	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
11:12.21	Jill Field (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
11:16.85	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
12:12.29	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)

17:55.07	Victoria Moses (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18:46.18	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
21:02.89	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)

9.24	Elizabeth Woolford (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
9.30	Julie Antczak (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
9.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)
9.79	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.19)

3:47.19	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:48.45	Marks, Day, Gartner, Shuster (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3:57.53	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:58.87	Woolford, DeVries, Simmons, Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:03.35	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
4:03.56	Conboy, Day, Mittelstadt, Harrigan (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:08.50	Osbourne, Moylan, Stiles, Kosloske (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:12.61	Woolford, Zweifel, Stiles, Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:22.17	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
4:27.46	Kosloske, Martine, Stearns, Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Distance Medley Relay (AQ-11:22.00, PQ-11:38.00, SR-11:38.05)**High Jump (AQ-1.86, PQ-1.77, SR-1.77)****Long Jump (AQ-6.38, PQ-6.10, SR-6.08)**

5.21 (17- 1 1/4)	Shannaine Osbourne (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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Pole Vault (AQ-4.10, PQ-3.80, SR-3.67)

3.52 (11- 6 1/2)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)

11.63 (38- 2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)

15.84 (51-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.49 (47- 6 1/2)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.19 (46- 6 3/4)	Nicole Chimko (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
12.21 (40- 0 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
9.29 (30- 5 3/4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

19.23 (63- 1 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18.15 (59- 6 3/4)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
15.86 (52- 0 1/2)	Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
15.73 (51- 7 1/4)	Angie Hill (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.54 (47- 8 1/2)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

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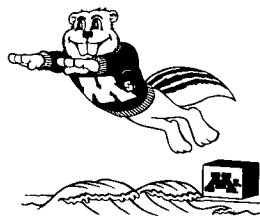
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 100 Breaststroke — 2. Katy Christoferson, 1:06.37
 200 Breaststroke — 2. Shauna Riggs, 2:28.75
 100 Butterfly — 1. Katie Klamer, 57.13
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 200 Medley Relay — 1. Minnesota (Klamer, Power, Harrod, Pogue), 1:50.30
 400 Medley Relay — 1. Minnesota (Harrod, Deppe, Baum, Crawford), 4:00.79
 200 Free Relay — 1. Minnesota (Rutkowski, Pierce, Guzauskas, Power), 1:39.25
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 1-Meter Diving — 1. Tracy LaVoi, 300.70 (school record for 6 dives)
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50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)

Jen Power	2/2/01	23.94
Meghan Sonstegard	12/1/00	23.95
Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	24.06
Ann Cahoy	12/1/00	24.17
Dana Baum	2/2/01	24.19

200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)

Emily Deppe	12/3/00	2:03.34
Megan Moore	1/20/01	2:03.59
Jinny Smedstad	2/3/01	2:03.64
Dana Baum	12/3/00	2:04.08
Ann Cahoy	11/19/00	2:04.36

200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)

Deppe, Harrod,	12/2/00	1:46.31
Bohlsen, Sonstegard		

100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)

Meghan Sonstegard	12/3/00	51.41
Jinny Smedstad	12/3/00	52.05
Jen Power	2/3/01	52.38
Katy Christoferson	12/3/00	52.76
Dana Baum	2/3/01	52.75

100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)

Katy Christoferson	12/2/00	1:04.90
Kim Harrod	12/2/00	1:05.47
Elizabeth Pierce	11/18/00	1:05.75
Lauren Guzauskas	12/2/00	1:06.63
Melissa Schold	11/18/00	1:06.85

400y Medley Relay (3:39.05, 3:45.62, 3:41.27)

Deppe, Pierce,	12/1/00	3:51.89
Harrod, Smedstad		

200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.52)

Dana Baum	12/2/00	1:48.73	(B)
Jinny Smedstad	11/4/00	1:50.73	(B)
Casey Nicholson	1/20/01	1:52.65	
Arianna Gardner	12/2/00	1:53.29	

200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)

Kim Harrod	12/3/00	2:19.23
Elizabeth Pierce	1/20/01	2:19.42
Katy Christoferson	10/21/00	2:21.26
Carol Crouthamel	12/3/00	2:22.26
Lauren Guzauskas	12/3/00	2:25.42

200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)

Christoferson, Smedstad,	12/1/00	1:36.84
Sonstegard, Baum		

400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)

Smedstad, Sonstegard,	12/3/00	3:27.64
Gardner, Baum		

800y Free Relay (7:14.15, 7:27.17, 7:18.49)

Baum, Christoferson,	12/2/00	7:27.75
Gardner, Smedstad		

500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)

Jinny Smedstad	12/1/00	4:52.16	(B)
Dana Baum	12/1/00	4:54.77	(B)
Arianna Gardner	12/1/00	4:58.43	
Carol Crouthamel	12/1/00	4:59.50	
Kristin Rygg	12/1/00	5:01.66	

100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.24)

Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	56.27
Kim Harrod	12/1/00	56.77
Juleen Rodakowski	12/1/00	56.87
Katie Klamer	2/3/01	57.13
Sarah Bohlsen	12/1/00	57.38

1 M Diving (6) (265, 300.70)

Tracy LaVoi	2/2/01	300.70	(A)
Kim Bahmer	2/2/01	294.90	(A)
Shannon Jackson	2/2/01	289.50	(A)
Erin Prasse	2/2/01	286.00	(A)
Rachelle Giese	2/2/01	280.65	(A)
Holly Hanneman	2/2/01	271.35	(A)

1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)

Dana Baum	1/26/01	10:11.85
Kristin Rygg	11/4/00	10:18.28
Carol Crouthamel	1/20/01	10:31.40
Juleen Rodakowski	10/21/00	10:40.72
Lindsay Marko	11/4/00	10:47.58

200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)

Juleen Rodakowski	12/3/00	2:05.30
Katie Klamer	2/3/01	2:06.31
Jinny Smedstad	10/21/00	2:07.32
Karen Egerman	1/20/01	2:07.79
Katy Christoferson	11/19/00	2:07.91

1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)

3 M Diving (6) (270, 332.90)

Tracy LaVoi	10/21/00	271.25	(A)
Holly Hanneman	12/2/00	263.80	
Kim Bahmer	1/20/01	255.825	
Shannon Jackson	11/11/00	253.50	
Rachelle Giese	10/21/00	234.70	

1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)

Dana Baum	12/3/00	16:53.27
Kristin Rygg	2/3/01	17:23.77
Katy Christoferson	2/3/01	17:30.42
Jinny Smedstad	11/19/00	17:34.08
Jenna Stocker	2/3/01	17:40.71

200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:02.03)

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Katy Christoferson	12/1/00	2:05.77
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3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)

Tracy LaVoi	2/3/01	507.10	(A)
Holly Hanneman	2/3/01	488.80	(A)
Kim Bahmer	2/3/01	486.25	(A)
Rachelle Giese	2/3/01	480.40	(A)
Shannon Jackson	2/3/01	471.25	(A)
Erin Prasse	2/3/01	444.75	(A)

100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)

Emily Deppe	12/2/00	57.69
Megan Moore	1/26/01	58.08
Ann Cahoy	11/11/00	58.09
Meghan Sonstegard	12/2/00	58.29
Sara Rutkowski	10/21/00	58.84

400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:16.25)

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Carol Crouthamel	12/2/00	4:25.89	
Emily Deppe	12/2/00	4:25.99	
Juleen Rodakowski	12/2/00	4:33.24	

Platform Diving (8) (325)

Tracy LaVoi	11/19/00	360.30	(A)
Erin Prasse	11/19/00	311.40	
Holly Hanneman	11/19/00	295.25	

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 1-0 Big Ten: 0-0

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado 6 p.m.
11 at Colorado 1 p.m.
24 vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.
25 at Marquette 10 a.m.

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

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Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Tulsa — Saturday, Feb. 10
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Golden Gophers Take First Road Trip

Minnesota competes on the road for the first time this season, facing Tulsa on Saturday and Colorado on Sunday. Both matches take place in Boulder, Colo.

Minnesota To Face Team That Ended Gophers' Season

On Saturday, Minnesota will face Tulsa, the team that defeated Minnesota in the first round of the NCAA Tournament a year ago. Tulsa defeated the Gophers, 5-3, May 13, 2000, in Tulsa, Okla.

This is the second consecutive year Minnesota plays such a match. Last season, the Golden Gophers played San Diego, which defeated Minnesota in the 1999 tournament in Los Angeles. Minnesota won the rematch, 7-2, in San Diego, on March 30, 2000.

Last Action

Minnesota's match against Drake, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3, was cancelled due to poor weather. The Golden Gophers opened the 2001 season with a win against Richmond, 5-2, Jan. 26 in the Minnesota Court Classic. The Golden Gophers opened the match by winning two of three doubles matches to earn the doubles point and take a 1-0 lead. The Gophers then won four of six singles matches to earn the victory.

About Tulsa

Tulsa is 3-0 this season after wins over New Mexico, Oral Roberts and Southwest Missouri State. Tulsa advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championships a year ago, where the Hurricane lost to No. 14 Northwestern, 5-0.

About Colorado

Colorado is 2-2 on the season after winning its last two games by identical 5-2 scores. The Buffaloes lost to Ohio State, 5-2, and were swept by Marquette, a team Minnesota will face Feb. 25.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. Novak earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. Novak has compiled a 116-106 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota has a week off before continuing an eight-match road trip. The Golden Gophers will next be in action in Milwaukee, Wis., facing Houston on Feb. 24 and Marquette on Feb. 25. Minnesota will next be home March 23, when the Gophers host Michigan State.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Name	Singles			Doubles		
	Pos.	Spring	Overall	Pos.	Spring	Overall
Michaela Havelková	3	0-1	5-6	1	1-0	5-7
Jennifer Howard	5	0-1	4-7	—	—	—
Andrea Rose	—	—	—	2	0-1	4-4
Amy Thomas	2	1-0	4-6	3	1-0	5-7
Valerie Vladea	1	1-0	2-1	1	1-0	1-0
Tammy Wang	4	1-0	3-5	2	0-1	1-5
Brandi Watts	6	1-0	4-7	3	1-0	2-6



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Golden Gopher Sports News

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The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers host Ohio State before traveling to Purdue

Hockey

- Minnesota heads to Ohio State for a two-game series

Gymnastics

- No. 10 Minnesota will compete against No. 17 Oklahoma and No. 9 Iowa State in a triangular meet at Iowa State

Softball

- The Gophers take on North Carolina in a doubleheader before playing in the three-day Triangle Classic

Swimming and Diving

- Minnesota competes in the Big Ten Championships at Indiana

Track and Field

- The Gophers host the Parents' Day Open

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Lindsay Lieser makes five three-pointers against Iowa, marking the eighth time in her career that she has scored five or more three-point field goals in a game

Hockey

- Nadine Muzerall tallies a hat trick in Friday's 7-1 victory over St. Cloud State

Gymnastics

- The Gophers record a season-high home score of 195.525 at the annual Best of Minnesota meet

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- The Gophers win the Metrodome Softball Classic title for the first time in the four-year history of the tournament

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Sunday, February 18

BB at Purdue 1 p.m.
SB at Triangle Classic (N. Carolina) TBA

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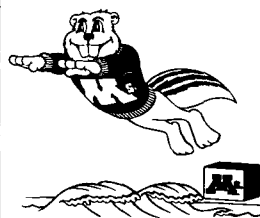
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Gophers to Watch

Laurie Nelson (1991-94), who was recently inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame, scored in all three diving events at the 1993 NCAA meet. For the first time since Nelson, Minnesota's best chance to win a Big Ten individual title meet might come from a diver. Senior **Tracy LaVoi (St. Cloud, Minn./Tech)** scored 28.5 points at the 2000 Big Ten meet, including a tie for second in 3-meter diving and eighth in 1-meter diving. She has won two Big Ten Diver of the Week awards this season.

Minnesota swimmers to watch include senior **Katy Christoferson**, junior **Jinny Smedstad (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy)** and sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)**. **Christoferson** is the only athlete on Minnesota's roster to own a Big Ten championship, winning the 400 individual medley in 1998 and 2000. **Smedstad** scored 47.5 points at the 2000 Big Ten meet, finishing third in the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley. **Baum** should make an impact in distance freestyle events after scoring 47.5 points in her first Big Ten meet last season.

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50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)	200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)	200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)
Jen Power 2/2/01 23.94	Emily Deppe 12/3/00 2:03.34	Deppe, Harrod, 12/2/00 1:46.31
Meghan Sonstegard 12/1/00 23.95	Megan Moore 1/20/01 2:03.59	Bohlsen, Sonstegard
Katy Christoferson 12/1/00 24.06	Jinny Smedstad 2/3/01 2:03.64	400y Medley Relay (3:39.05, 3:45.62, 3:41.27)
Ann Cahoy 12/1/00 24.17	Dana Baum 12/3/00 2:04.08	Deppe, Pierce, 12/1/00 3:51.89
Dana Baum 2/2/01 24.19	Ann Cahoy 11/19/00 2:04.36	Harrod, Smedstad
100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)	100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)	200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)
Meghan Sonstegard 12/3/00 51.41	Katy Christoferson 12/2/00 1:04.90	Christoferson, Smedstad, 12/1/00 1:36.84
Jinny Smedstad 12/3/00 52.05	Kim Harrod 12/2/00 1:05.47	Sonstegard, Baum
Jen Power 2/3/01 52.38	Elizabeth Pierce 11/18/00 1:05.75	400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)
Katy Christoferson 12/3/00 52.76	Lauren Guzauskas 12/2/00 1:06.63	Smedstad, Sonstegard, 12/3/00 3:27.64
Dana Baum 2/3/01 52.75	Melissa Schold 11/18/00 1:06.85	Gardner, Baum
200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.52)	200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)	800y Free Relay (7:14.15, 7:27.17, 7:18.49)
Dana Baum 12/2/00 1:48.73 (B)	Kim Harrod 12/3/00 2:19.23	Baum, Christoferson, 12/2/00 7:27.75
Jinny Smedstad 11/4/00 1:50.73 (B)	Elizabeth Pierce 1/20/01 2:19.42	Gardner, Smedstad
Casey Nicholson 1/20/01 1:52.65	Katy Christoferson 10/21/00 2:21.26	1 M Diving (6) (265, 300.70)
Arianna Gardner 12/2/00 1:53.29	Carol Crouthamel 12/3/00 2:22.26	Tracy LaVoi 2/2/01 300.70 (A)
	Lauren Guzauskas 12/3/00 2:25.42	Kim Bahmer 2/2/01 294.90 (A)
500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)	100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.24)	Shannon Jackson 2/2/01 289.50 (A)
Jinny Smedstad 12/1/00 4:52.16 (B)	Katy Christoferson 12/1/00 56.27	Erin Prasse 2/2/01 286.00 (A)
Dana Baum 12/1/00 4:54.77 (B)	Kim Harrod 12/1/00 56.77	Rachelle Giese 2/2/01 280.65 (A)
Arianna Gardner 12/1/00 4:58.43	Juleen Rodakowski 12/1/00 56.87	Holly Hanneman 2/2/01 271.35 (A)
Carol Crouthamel 12/1/00 4:59.50	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 57.13	1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)
Kristin Rygg 12/1/00 5:01.66	Sarah Bohlsen 12/1/00 57.38	Tracy LaVoi 10/21/00 271.25 (A)
1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)	200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)	Holly Hanneman 12/2/00 263.80
Dana Baum 1/26/01 10:11.85	Juleen Rodakowski 12/3/00 2:05.30	Kim Bahmer 1/20/01 255.825
Kristin Rygg 11/4/00 10:18.28	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 2:06.31	Shannon Jackson 11/11/00 253.50
Carol Crouthamel 1/20/01 10:31.40	Jinny Smedstad 10/21/00 2:07.32	Rachelle Giese 10/21/00 234.70
Juleen Rodakowski 10/21/00 10:40.72	Karen Egerman 1/20/01 2:07.79	3 M Diving (6) (270, 332.90)
Lindsay Marko 11/4/00 10:47.58	Katy Christoferson 11/19/00 2:07.91	Tracy LaVoi 10/21/00 271.25 (A)
1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)	200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:02.03)	Holly Hanneman 12/2/00 263.80
Dana Baum 12/3/00 16:53.27	Jenna Stocker 1/20/01 2:03.97	Kim Bahmer 1/20/01 255.825
Kristin Rygg 2/3/01 17:23.77	Emily Deppe 12/1/00 2:04.39	Shannon Jackson 11/11/00 253.50
Katy Christoferson 2/3/01 17:30.42	Katy Christoferson 12/1/00 2:05.77	Rachelle Giese 10/21/00 234.70
Jinny Smedstad 11/19/00 17:34.08	Jinny Smedstad 2/2/01 2:06:34	3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)
Jenna Stocker 2/3/01 17:40.71	Katie Klamer 2/2/01 2:06.93	Tracy LaVoi 2/3/01 507.10 (A)
100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)	400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:16.25)	Holly Hanneman 2/3/01 488.80 (A)
Emily Deppe 12/2/00 57.69	Jinny Smedstad 12/2/00 4:22.94 (B)	Kim Bahmer 2/3/01 486.25 (A)
Megan Moore 1/26/01 58.08	Katy Christoferson 12/2/00 4:25.07	Rachelle Giese 2/3/01 480.40 (A)
Ann Cahoy 11/11/00 58.09	Carol Crouthamel 12/2/00 4:25.89	Shannon Jackson 2/3/01 471.25 (A)
Meghan Sonstegard 12/2/00 58.29	Emily Deppe 12/2/00 4:25.99	Erin Prasse 2/3/01 444.75 (A)
Sara Rutkowski 10/21/00 58.84	Juleen Rodakowski 12/2/00 4:33.24	Platform Diving (8) (325)
		Tracy LaVoi 11/19/00 360.30 (A)
		Erin Prasse 11/19/00 311.40
		Holly Hanneman 11/19/00 295.25



2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-15 Big Ten: 1-11

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18 **Binghamton** W, 85-74
 19 **Providence** W, 88-60

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)

25 vs. Denver L, 77-59
 26 vs. Louisville W, 68-64

December

1-2 Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)

1 vs. St. Joseph's L, 64-62
 2 vs. Eastern Illinois L, 73-72
 4 **Virginia Commonwealth** W, 72-57
 8 at Ohio W, 92-73
 10 at St. Louis W, 77-71
 23 at Marist W, 79-61
 28 at Penn State * L, 91-73
 31 at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) L, 85-80

January

4 **Indiana *** L, 79-76
 7 **Michigan State *** L, 66-65
 11 at Indiana * L, 92-64
 18 at Wisconsin * L, 90-67
 21 **Northwestern *** W, 79-47
 25 **Purdue *** L, 86-61
 28 **Illinois *** L, 88-81

February

1 at Michigan * L, 69-51
 4 at Illinois * L, 101-71
 8 at Ohio State * L, 64-52
 11 **Iowa *** L, 82-71
 15 **Ohio State * R** 7 p.m.
 18 at Purdue * 2 p.m.
 22 **Wisconsin * (MSC) R** 7 p.m.
 25 at Michigan State * 2 p.m.

March

1-4 Big Ten Conference Tournament R
 (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM

MSC, Fox - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota vs. Ohio State — Feb. 15 — 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Purdue — Feb. 18 — 2 p.m.

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Minnesota Hosts Ohio State Before Road Game at Purdue

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-15, 1-11 Big Ten) plays host to Ohio State (14-8, 4-8) on Thursday then takes to the road to face Big Ten leader and seventh-ranked Purdue (22-4, 12-1) on Sunday. The Gophers are coming off a 82-71 loss to Iowa, their sixth consecutive defeat. Ohio State was edged by Purdue by a score of 74-71 on Feb. 11.

Don't Throw Away Those Scouting Reports, Part III

Minnesota will face Ohio State for the second time in a week when the teams square off on Sunday. On Thursday, Feb. 8, Ohio State defeated the Gophers by a score of 64-52 in Columbus. The unusual occurrence of playing a team twice just a week apart happens three times in Minnesota's 2000-01 schedule. In addition to Ohio State, the Gophers played Indiana and Illinois twice within a week earlier this season.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

This Week's Gopher Itinerary

The Gophers will practice from 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for Thursday game against Ohio State. Minnesota will practice at that same time on Friday and leave for Purdue on Saturday.

Gophers Also Carried on WDGY Radio

The Gopher game against Ohio State will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Chris Tubbs. Handling the color commentary duties is former Gopher volleyball standout Linda Shudlick. The broadcasts are part of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

Only Golden Gopher forward **Kadidja Andersson** (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.) has started each game of the season. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season. Heading into the Ohio State game Thursday, however, **Andersson** is not listed among the probable starters.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	21	Lindsay Lieser	5-10	So.	7.0	1.9	0.8
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	12.5	6.0	0.5
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.6	2.6	0.4
G	5	Ozlem Piroglu	5-6	So.	8.8	2.5	5.7
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	17.5	4.0	3.1

Combinations, Combinations and More Combinations

The Gophers have started a whopping nine different starting lineup combinations in the 23 games they have played in the 2000-2001 season and if the probable lineup above holds, that number would increase to 10. Comparatively, Minnesota started four different lineups during the 1999-2000 season.

Injury Unable to Keep Piroglu Out of the Lineup

Sophomore point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) suffered her second knee injury, this time to her left knee, in the opening minutes of the game at Ohio State on Feb. 8. **Piroglu** was expected to miss Sunday's game against Iowa but after watching the game's first eight minutes from the bench, the Gopher floor general entered the game and played the remaining 32 minutes without a break. **Piroglu** scored 11 points and dished out eight assists in the contest.

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Feb. 11)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue	12	1	.923	22	4	.846
2. Penn State	9	3	.750	17	6	.739
3. Iowa	9	3	.750	14	8	.636
4. Wisconsin	9	4	.692	15	8	.652
5. Michigan	8	5	.615	15	9	.625
6. Indiana	7	5	.583	16	7	.696
Illinois	7	5	.583	12	12	.500
8. Ohio State	4	8	.333	14	8	.636
9. Michigan State	2	10	.167	8	15	.348
10. Minnesota	1	11	.083	8	15	.348
11. Northwestern	0	13	.000	4	19	.174

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

Thur., Feb. 15 Indiana at Purdue (8 p.m.)
 Illinois at Penn State (7 p.m.)
 Iowa at Michigan (7 p.m.)
 Ohio State at Minnesota (7 p.m.)
 Michigan State at Northwestern (7 p.m.)

Sun., Feb. 18 Minnesota at Purdue (2 p.m.)
 Penn State at Wisconsin (4 p.m.)
 Michigan at Indiana (2 p.m.)
 Ohio State at Iowa (5 p.m.)
 Michigan State at Illinois (2 p.m.)

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Thur., Feb. 8 INDIANA 83, Wisconsin 79
 IOWA 96, Purdue 87
 Penn State 64, MICHIGAN STATE 58
 ILLINOIS 65, Northwestern 45
 OHIO STATE 64, Minnesota 52
 HOLY CROSS 62, Michigan 58

Sun., Feb. 11 Iowa 82, MINNESOTA 71
 Wisconsin 70, NORTHWESTERN 54
 MICHIGAN 74, Illinois 60
 Indiana 52, MICHIGAN STATE 50
 Purdue 74, OHIO STATE 71

Keeping the Trainers Busy

Gophers have lost a combined total of 17 games to injury or illness this season. Only three players (**Kadidja Andersson**, **Kim Prince** and **Lindsay Lieser**) have played in each of the 23 games this season.

Following is a list of the Gopher who have missed a game, the number of contests missed and the injury/illness that forced them out of action. All six of the players listed have started at least a game for the Gophers this season.

Brandy Pickens	4 games	lower leg
Ozlem Piroglu	3 games	knee
Lindsay Whalen	3 games	illness
Megan Kane	4 games	concussion
Kim Bell	2 games	illness, knee
Tanisha Gilbert	1 game	concussion

Coming Up Big When She Gets the Call

Sophomore **Lindsay Lieser** (New London, Minn./New London-Spicer) is expected to make her sixth start of the season Thursday against Ohio State. **Lieser** has averaged 12.6 points per game when she

has started, compared to 7.0 points a contest overall on the season. When she starts, **Lieser** also is shooting 50 percent from three-point range (19-38) and pulls down 3.6 rebounds per game.

Rookies at the Top of Big Ten Leading Scorers

Two of the top three leading scorers in the Big Ten are rookies, Penn State's **Kelly Mazzante** and **Lindsay Whalen** (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson). **Mazzante**, coming off a 15-point performance versus Michigan State on Feb. 8, is the Big Ten's scoring leader, averaging 18.3 points per game. **Whalen** scored 15 against Iowa on Sunday and checks in at third, averaging 17.5 points per game. Iowa junior **Lindsey Meder** ranks second at 17.8 points per game.

Whalen's Rookie Season Listed Among Some Gopher Greats

The future for the Gopher rookie **Lindsay Whalen** is a bright one if the 5-8 guard continues along the path of the Gopher greats before her.

Whalen has scored 349 in the first 20 games of her career and already among the first-year scoring totals of several of the best players to ever don the maroon and gold. All-Americans **Shudlick** and **Coenen** completed stellar Minnesota careers as the only Gophers to score over 2,000 points, scoring 2,097 and 2,044, respectively.

First-year Gopher Scoring

1. Linda Roberts (1977-78)	475 points	33 games	14.4 ppg.
2. Laura Coenen (1981-82)	456 points	28 games	16.3 ppg.
3. Laura Gardner (1978-79)	453 points	32 games	14.1 ppg.
4. Lindsay Whalen (2000-01)	349 points	20 games	17.5 ppg.
5. Molly Tadich (1983-84)	305 points	27 games	11.3 ppg.
6. Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-91)	285 points	24 games	11.9 ppg.

Piroglu Passes Century Mark in Assists

Point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** hit triple digits in assists for the season, after dishing out six assists in the Gophers' game against Illinois on Feb. 4.

Piroglu's 113 assists ranks fifth on the Minnesota single-season assist list. She was the 11th Gopher to surpass 100 assists in a season.

1. 174	Debbie Hunter (1982-83)
2. 136	Lea Blackwell (1988-89)
3. 131	Erin Olson (1999-00)
4. 129	Debbie Hunter (1981-82)
5. 113	Ozlem Piroglu (2000-01)
6. 112	Holly Thompson (1989-90)

The Streak Keeps Going

Lindsay Whalen has scored in double figures in every game she has played in her young Gopher career. The streak stands at 20 since **Whalen** missed three early-season games with an illness. **Whalen** has captured game scoring honors only eight times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

The Floor General is Third in Assists

Sophomore **Ozlem Piroglu** serves as the Gophers' floor general from her point guard position. She leads the team with 113 assists and maintains a positive assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.15 (113 assists to 98 turnovers). Her 5.65 assists per game ranks third in the Big Ten.

The Cold, Cold Minnesota Winters

Over the last five years, Minnesota has posted an ice-cold 5-37 record in the month of January. February isn't much warmer at 4-27. Combine the two months and the Gophers have won just 12.3 percent of their games.

January, 2001	1-6	February, 2001	0-4
January, 2000	1-8	February, 2000	2-5
January, 1999	2-7	February, 1999	0-6
January, 1998	1-7	February, 1998	0-7
January, 1997	0-9	February, 1997	2-5

Trying to Get Back on Track

Minnesota is currently mired in a six-game losing streak. The Gophers' longest losing streaks in Minnesota women's basketball history:

Dec. 31, 1995 - March 1, 1996	17 games
Jan. 16 - Feb. 27, 1998	12 games
Jan. 17 - Feb. 26, 1999	11 games
Dec. 28, 1996 - Jan. 31, 1997	10 games
Jan. 4 - Feb. 1, 1991	8 games
Jan. 19 - Feb. 16, 1990	8 games
Feb. 8 - March 3, 1991	7 games
Dec. 11, 1988 - Jan. 6, 1989	7 games
Jan. 2 - Jan. 25, 1987	7 games
Feb. 16 - March 8, 1986	7 games
Dec. 28, 2000 - Jan. 18, 2001	6 games
Jan. 25 - Feb. 11, 2001	6 games
Jan. 2 - 20, 2000	6 games
Feb. 23 - March 12 1992	6 games

Trends of a "W" vs. a "L"

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 8-15 overall record from a win/loss prospective: defensive average and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their eight wins versus the numbers in their 15 losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.0	67.0
Defensive Average	63.4	80.5
FG Percentage	50.0	44.9
3 FG Percentage	42.0	35.3
FT Percentage	70.3	65.0
Rebounding Margin	+6.6	-3.5
Turnovers	18.9	20.5

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program (regardless of class, i.e., Fr., So.) are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 79 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 56.8 of Minnesota's 71.5 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 17.5 points per game.

The Youthful Gophers Have an Eye on the Future

Minnesota has scored 1,645 points this season, 94.0 percent of which were scored by Gophers in their first or second years. Here is a breakdown by class and percentage for the Gophers in the scoring category this season:

First-Years (Fr.)	861 points	52.4 percent
Sophomores	685 points	41.6 percent
Juniors	68 points	4.1 percent
Seniors	<u>31 points</u>	1.9 percent
	1,645 points	

Gopher Rally Comes Up Short in Loss to Iowa

After trailing by as many as 21 points in the first half, the Golden Gophers rallied to give Iowa a battle in the second, half but the Hawkeyes hung on for an 82-71 victory in Big Ten action on Sunday.

Iowa was red-hot from the opening tip, hitting nine of its first 11 shots and riding the momentum to a 32-11 lead with 7:26 left in the first half. The Hawkeyes finished the half shooting 60 percent and took a 43-28 lead into intermission.

The tables were turned in the second half. Iowa cooled to 38 percent from the field, opening the door for the Gopher comeback. Minnesota took advantage of a six-minute Iowa scoring drought to mount a 9-0 run and pull to within 56-47 with 8:32 left to play. The

Gophers kept the pressure on the Hawkeyes and extended the run to 16-3. Two free throws by **Lindsay Whalen** at the 6:17 mark brought the Gophers to within three at 60-57.

The next two possessions proved key for the Hawkeyes. Iowa, still struggling to hit the outside jumper, attacked the Gopher defense in the paint and halted the Gopher rally with consecutive layups by Mary Berdo and Jennie Lillis.

Whalen answered with a layup of her own to make the score 64-59, but the Gophers would get no closer the rest of the way. Iowa hit 9-of-9 free throws down the stretch and an impressive 16-for-17 in the second half to ice the victory. Iowa also dominated the Gophers on the boards and posted a 23-9 advantage on the glass in the second half.

Iowa finished the game with a 42-19 rebounding margin. The Hawkeyes tallied nearly as many offensive rebounds (17) as the Gophers collected in total (19) for the game.

The entire Iowa starting lineup scored in double figures, led by Lindsey Meder with 17 points.

Lindsay Lieser hit five three-point field goals and scored 17 points to lead four Gophers scoring in double figures. **Whalen** chipped in 15 points while **Ozlem Piroglu** and **Kim Prince** added 11 and 10 points, respectively. **Piroglu** also dished out eight assists.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 29-76 (7-53 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans**, **Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

The Scouting Report on Ohio State

Ohio State owns a record of 14-8 overall and 4-8 in the Big Ten. The Buckeyes lost 2000 Big Ten Rookie of the Year LaToya Turner to a knee injury in January, but sophomore forward Courtney Coleman has stepped it up to lead the team averaging 14.1 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. Senior point guard Jaime Lewis leads the Big Ten in assists dishing out 8.2 assists per game.

Head coach Beth Burns is in her fourth season at Ohio State and sports a 35-35 record.

The Series — Ohio State leads the series by a 35-5 count, winning the last five games of the series with Minnesota, including a 64-52 contest on Feb. 8 in Columbus.

The Scouting Report on Purdue

No. 7 Purdue is 22-4 overall and 11-1 in Big Ten play. All-America guard/forward Katie Douglas and All-Big Ten center Camille Cooper share the team's scoring honor averaging 14.0 points per game. The Boilermakers play host to Indiana on Thursday prior to the clash against the Gophers on Sunday.

Head coach Kristy Curry is in her second season with the Boilermakers and owns a record of 45-12.

The Series — Purdue leads the series by a 26-10 margin and has won the last 10 games of the series, including an 86-61 victory Jan. 25 in Minneapolis.

A Look Ahead

Minnesota plays host to Wisconsin, Feb. 22, in the Gophers' final home game of the season.



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

- 13 Northwest Open unscored
20 Minnesota Invitational unscored
27 Minnesota Classic 2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

- 9- at Iowa State Classic unscored
10 Ames, Iowa
17 Parents' Day Open 11 a.m.
24- at Big Ten Championships,
25 West Lafayette, Ind.

March

- 2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier
9- at NCAA Championships,
10 Fayetteville, Ark.
24- Spring Break Trip
31

April

- 7 at Texas Relays
13-14 at SEA Relays
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
21 at Long Beach State Invitational
27-28 at Drake Relays
at Penn Relays
28 at Macalester Invitational

May

- 4 Minnesota Open 4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational 4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier 11 a.m.
18- at Big Ten Championships,
20 Bloomington, Ind.
30- at NCAA Championships,
31 Eugene, Ore.

June

- 1-2 at NCAA Championships,

Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

February 12, 2001

Parent's Day Open • Saturday, Feb. 10 • 11 a.m.
University Fieldhouse

SID Contact: (612) 624-3335

This Week

The Gophers host the Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17, at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse in the team's final indoor home meet of the season. The day's events get underway at 11 a.m.

A Look Back

Junior **Jessica Shuster** (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn) and newcomer **Tahesia Harrigan** (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Developmental) were each part of two school records in leading Minnesota at the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa.

Shuster set a Minnesota mark in the 400-meter dash in a time of 55.47 seconds to place third in the event. She broke the previous record of 56.10 set by former Golden Gopher **Yvette White** in 1999. **Harrigan** reset her own record in the 200-meter dash, recording a time of 24.41 seconds, surpassing her previous mark of 24.47 set two weeks ago. The winning time was 23.99 by Iowa State's **Ola Adetiba**.

Shuster anchored and **Harrigan** was the third leg of the 4x400-meter relay that shattered the Gopher record by nearly three seconds. **Shani Marks** (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley), **Amber Day** (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills), **Harrigan** and **Shuster** posted a time of 3:44.42 to place sixth, bettering the old school record of 3:47.26 by almost three seconds.

For the first time this season, **Harrigan** did not set a school record in the 60-meter dash. But she did set a new meet record in winning the event in an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 7.37 seconds.

Senior thrower **Aubrey Schmitt** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) won the weight throw with a toss of 60 feet, 8 1/2 inches. Senior **Beth Howard** (North Branch, Minn./North Branch) placed third at 59-11 1/4. **Schmitt** added a fifth-place finish in the shot put, tossing 50-feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Minnesota's distance medley relay team of **Laine Misch** (Dobbinton, Ontario/Chesley District), **Ali Gartner** (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo), **Tanna-Marie Simmons** (St. Louis Park, Minn./St. Louis Park) and **Crystal Glenn** (Yacolt, Wash./Battle Ground) placed sixth in 12:04.39.

Minnesota completed the two-day event with four NCAA provisional qualifying marks, three school records, two meet champions and one meet record holder.

Fabulous Frosh

Setting records has been the norm for **Tahesia Harrigan** this season. In her first four 60-meter dashes, she set a new school record. She also set schools records in her first collegiate competitions in the 200 and the 4x400-meter relay.

Harrigan ran times of 7.55 and 7.50 at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 20, in her first collegiate competition in the 60, breaking the record of 7.56 set by former Gopher Chateau White in 1997. She then lowered that to 7.44 and 7.35 Jan. 27.

Her 200 time of 24.47 Jan. 27 broke the six-year old school record of 24.68, set by **Kim Heath** in 1995. She lowered that to 24.47 Saturday. **Harrigan** was the third leg of the 4x400 relay team that set the school record Jan. 27 and re-set the mark Saturday.

NCAA Qualifiers

Not only has **Tahesia Harrigan** set a new school record in the 60, she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships, March 9-10, in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time of 7.35 set Jan. 27 still ranks second nationally.

Aubrey Schmitt had a pair of NCAA provisional qualifying throws in the shot put and weight throw. She ranks fifth nationally with a throw of 15.84m (51-11 3/4) on Jan. 13 at the Northwest

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	2nd	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	24th	18.15m (59-6 3/4)	Minnesota Invite/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	5th	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	7th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

Open. Her career-best throw of 19.23m (63-1 1/4) in the weight throw on Jan. 27 ranks seventh nationally.

Top 10 Lists

Nine top-10 marks were set over the weekend at the Iowa State Classic, including three school records.

Tahesia Harrigan reset her own mark in the 200 with a time of 24.41, while **Jessica Shuster** broke the school record in the 400 at 55.47. **Shani Marks** and **Amber Day** joined **Harrigan** and **Shuster** in setting a school record in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:44.42.

In addition to **Shuster**, two other top-10 marks were added to the 200 list. **Amber Day** has the third-best time at 56.47, while **Ali Gartner** ranks ninth at 57.54. **Gartner** was the third leg of the distance medley relay team that now ranks 10th all time. Other members of that team were **Laine Misch**, **Tanna-Marie Simmons** and **Crystal Glenn**.

Jenny Moylan recorded the sixth-fastest 800 time, at 2:14.30. **Darja Vasiljeva** ran the sixth-fastest 3000 time, 9:42.96.

In the throws, two top marks were recorded over the weekend. **Brenda Meyer** ranks third all-time in the weight throw at 16.68 (54-8 3/4), while **Nicole Chimko** recorded the 10th-best throw in the shot put at 14.62 (47-11 3/4).

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

60-Meter Dash		4x400-Meter Relay	
1. Tahesia Harrigan	7.35 1/27/01	1. Shani Marks, Amber Day,	3:44.42 2/10/01
2. <i>Chanteau White</i>	7.56 1997	Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	
4. Amber Day	7.68 1/27/01	2. Shani Marks, Amber Day,	3:47.19 1/27/01
5. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73 1/13/01	Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	
		3. <i>Jessica Shuster, Neketa Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks</i>	3:47.26 2000
200-Meter Dash		4. Shani Marks, Amber Day,	
1. Tahesia Harrigan	24.41 2/10/01	Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster	3:48.45 1/20/01
2. <i>Kim Heath</i>	24.68 1995		
400-Meter Dash		Distance Medley Relay	
1. Jessica Shuster	55.47 2/10/01	1. <i>Neutgens, Grove, Titcomb, Ramsay</i>	11:38.05 1994
2. <i>Yvette White</i>	56.10 1999		
3. Amber Day	56.91 2/10/01	10. Laine Misch, Ali Gartner,	12:04.39 2/10/01
9. Ali Gartner	57.54 2/10/01	Tanna-Marie Simmons, Crystal Glenn	
600-Meter Run		Pole Vault	
1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	1:30.41 1989	1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 1/2 3.67 2000
3. Shani Marks	1:32.20 1/27/01	2. Erika Findlay	11- 6 1/2 3.52 1/20/01
9. Ali Gartner	1:35.57 1/27/01	3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4 3.35 1/13/01
800-Meter Run		Triple Jump	
1. <i>Monika Balint</i>	2:08.56 1991	1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42-10 1/4 13.06 1999
4. Jessica Shuster	2:12.56 1/27/01	6. Shani Marks	38- 2 11.63 1/27/01
6. Jenny Moylan	2:14.30 2/10/01		
Mile Run		Shot Put	
1. <i>Jody Eder</i>	4:41.12 1984	1. <i>Aubrey Schmitt</i>	54- 4 3/4 16.58 1999
8. Darja Vasiljeva	4:53.41 1/27/01	10. Nicole Chimko	47-11 3/4 14.62 2/10/01
		Weight Throw	
		1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	64- 1 3/4 19.55 2000
		2. Aubrey Schmitt	63- 1 1/4 19.23 1/27/01
		3. Brenda Meyer	54- 8 3/4 16.68 2/10/01
		5. Alean Frawley	47- 8 1/2 14.54 1/13/01

Trackwire 25

Feb. 6, 2001

Team	Score	LW
1. South Carolina	43	3
2. Arkansas	39	1
3. Clemson	33	6
4. UCLA	32	5
Kansas State	32	4
6. Texas	28	2
7. Florida	26	t13
8. Colorado	23	7
9. Louisiana State	22	t23
10. Stanford	20	8
Appalachian State	20	22
12. UTEP	18	NR
Houston	18	12
Arizona	18	NR
15. Harvard	16	t15
16. Mississippi	15	11
17. Georgia	14	21
18. Southern Methodist	13	t17
19. Minnesota	11	t17
Wisconsin	11	20
21. Brigham Young	10	15
Illinois	10	t25
Ohio State	10	t13
North Carolina	10	t23
25. Rice	9	NR

Moving On Up

Minnesota made its debut on the Trackwire 25 list in a tie for 17th two weeks ago. After two weeks at that spot, the Gophers are now listed in a tie for 19th with Wisconsin at 11 points. The poll is a compilation of results used to project scoring at the NCAA Championships and can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. Last year he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

Minnesota competes at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 24-25 in West Lafayette, Ind. Last year, the Golden Gophers finished third, the team's best-ever finish at the indoor conference meet, and scored a school-record total of 80 points. The meet was held at the University Fieldhouse.

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

60-Meter Dash (AQ-7.30, PQ-7.44, SR-7.35)

7.35*	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.68	Amber Day, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.73	Shannaine Osbourne (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
7.95	Shani Marks, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Finals, Jan. 20)
8.09	Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.12	Jessica Mittelstadt, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.29	Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.33	Kristie Stiles, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.42	Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.45	Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.61	Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Prelims, Jan. 27)
8.64	Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.41)

24.41*	Tahesia Harrigan (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
25.48	Amber Day (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
25.54	Jessica Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.24	Shannaine Osbourne (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.25	Kristie Stiles (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.26	Ali Gartner (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.43	Elizabeth Woolford (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.66	Nadine Conboy (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.77	Allyson DeVries (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
27.29	Julie Antczak (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
28.01	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
28.40	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)**400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)**

55.47*	Jessica Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
56.47	Amber Day (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
57.54	Ali Gartner (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
57.88	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
58.21	Jessica Mittelstadt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
59.30	Nadine Conboy (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
1:00.21	Allyson DeVries (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
1:04.10	Kristie Stiles (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)

600-Meter Run (SR-1:30.41)

1:32.20	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:35.57	Ali Gartner (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:37.43	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:37.90	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:38.44	Jenny Moylan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:38.93	Rachel Schutz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
1:39.26	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:42.78	Jessica Mittelstadt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
1:48.79	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:12.56	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:14.30	Jenny Moylan (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:17.29	Shani Marks (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:17.43	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:18.97	Alisa Gartner (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:22.18	Laine Misch (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:25.21	Rachael Kuhn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:28.37	Allyson DeVries (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:30.44	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:30.76	Nadine Conboy (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

1,000-Meter Run (SR-2:47.31)**1,500-Meter Run (SR-4:24.03)****Mile Run (AQ-4:44.00, PQ-4:49.00, SR-4:41.12)**

4:53.41	Darja Vasiljeva (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:00.31	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
5:01.81	Anita Menden (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
5:11.29	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:18:40	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:21.85	Christine Harper (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:23.95	Erika Espeset (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:25.09	Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:26.28	Andrea Gaetz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)

9:42.96	Darja Vasiljeva (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
9:57.30	Elaine Eggleston (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
10:30.15	Allison Mumbleau (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
10:41.18	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
11:12.21	Jill Field (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
11:16.85	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
12:12.29	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)

17:55.07	Victoria Moses (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18:46.18	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
21:02.89	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)

9.24	Elizabeth Woolford (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
9.28	Julie Antczak (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
9.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)
9.79	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.19)

3:44.42*	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
3:47.19	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:48.45	Marks, Day, Gartner, Shuster (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3:53.47	(Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
3:57.53	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:58.87	Woolford, DeVries, Simmons, Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:03.35	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
4:03.56	Conboy, Day, Mittelstadt, Harrigan (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:08.50	Osbourne, Moylan, Stiles, Kosloske (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:12.61	Woolford, Zweifel, Stiles, Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:22.17	(Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
4:27.46	Kosloske, Martine, Stearns, Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Distance Medley Relay (AQ-11:22.00, PQ-11:38.00, SR-11:38.05)

12:04.39	Misch, Gartner, Simmons, Glenn (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
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High Jump (AQ-1.86, PQ-1.77, SR-1.77)**Long Jump (AQ-6.38, PQ-6.10, SR-6.08)**

5.58 (18- 3 3/4)	Shannaine Osbourne (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
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Pole Vault (AQ-4.10, PQ-3.80, SR-3.67)

3.52 (11- 6 1/2)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)

11.63 (38- 2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
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Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)

15.84 (51-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.62 (47-11 3/4)	Nicole Chimko (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
14.49 (47- 6 1/2)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
12.21 (40- 0 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
9.29 (30- 5 3/4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

19.23 (63- 1 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18.27 (59-11 3/4)	Beth Howard (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
15.86 (52- 0 1/2)	Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
15.73 (51- 7 1/4)	Angie Hill (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.54 (47- 8 1/2)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Pentathlon (SR-3,715)

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 20-5-1
WCHA Record: 15-2-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 2-3 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 1-5
10	Dartmouth	L, 0-4

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 1-10
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 3-4
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
17	at Ohio State*	7:05 p.m.
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena
All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



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Fri., Feb. 16, at Ohio State
Sat., Feb. 17, at Ohio State

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Golden Gophers On The Road For A Pair At Ohio State

The Gophers take to the road again next weekend for a pair of WCHA-Women's League games against Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-17.

Both games are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. EST faceoffs at the OSU Arena.

Gophers Split With St. Cloud State

Senior Nadine Muzerall's (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy) third hat trick of the season helped the Minnesota women's hockey team to a 7-1 victory over St. Cloud State at Mariucci Arena on Friday.

Minnesota jumped on the Huskies early, firing 17 shots in the first period to just three for St. Cloud State. Muzerall converted two of those shots to hand the Gophers a 2-0 lead. Muzerall completed the hat trick with a power play goal with 8:31 remaining in the third period off assists from LaToya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary) and Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley). Muzerall also added an assist in the victory. A total of 10 Gophers scored points in the game. St. Cloud State goaltender Laura Gieselmann collected 53 saves in net for the Huskies, while Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy) stopped 13 shots. Kobi Kawamoto scored St. Cloud State's lone goal early in the third period to prevent the shutout.

On Saturday, St. Cloud State withstood a furious third-period rally and captured a 7-6 victory over Minnesota at the National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. The win was the first Huskie victory over the Gophers in 10 tries. St. Cloud led 3-2 after the first period when Huskie junior defender/forward Fiona McLeod exploded for three consecutive goals for her second hat trick of the season to give St. Cloud State a seemingly comfortable lead 7-2 lead. A late second-period goal by Courtney Kennedy (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham Browne & Nichols) ignited a furious comeback attempt for the Gophers. Minnesota outshot the Huskies by a 21-3 margin in the third period. Thomas and Clarke netted goals to bring the Gophers to within 7-5. The Gophers pulled goalie Stephanie Johnson (Minneapolis, Minn./South) with 1:02 left to play and Kennedy scored to make it 7-6 with 31 seconds remaining, but St. Cloud held on for the victory.

Ohio State Recently

Ohio State is 11-14-3 overall, 8-9-3 and in fifth place in the WCHA. Last weekend, the Buckeyes dropped two games to third-ranked Minn.-Duluth, 7-6 in overtime on Friday and 7-5 on Saturday. Goalie April Stojak had 30 saves on Friday and a career-high 44 saves on Saturday. Newcomer Emma Laaksonen, the conference Rookie of the Week Jan. 28, had three goals and three assists over the weekend to bring her totals to 13 goals and 14 assists on the season. Ohio State boasts a young roster, with only one senior and one junior along with 11 sophomores and seven first-year players.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, Nadine Muzerall has scored eight goals and 13 points in her last five games. She scored her third hat trick of the season in Friday's victory, while adding an assist, and scored a goal and an assist Saturday.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 71-5-4 when Muzerall scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-15-4 when she plays and does not score a goal.

Muzerall is one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award. The three finalists for the award will be named March 12, with the winner to be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Kennedy Steady on Blue Line

Minnesota's Courtney Kennedy has been one of the team's steadiest performers this season, anchoring a defense corps that features three rookies.

Over the weekend, she scored two goals and six points to go with a plus/minus rating of plus-five. She is tied for third in scoring among WCHA defense with 32 points.

Kennedy was named the WCHA's player of the week Feb. 5 after Minnesota's two wins over Bemidji State, the second weekly award of her career. She scored two unassisted goals and added

four assists against Bemidji State. She previously won the award after registering a school-record five assists in a 7-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato, Nov. 23, 1999. Minnesota players have claimed six of the league's 15 player of the week awards this season, with **Kennedy** being the first blueliner to earn the honor in 2000-01.

Kennedy is one of Minnesota's two nominees for the Patty Kazmaier Award and the only blueliner on the list of nominees.

Turning on the Power

Since returning from break, Minnesota has converted 15 of 35 power-play opportunities (30.0%). The Gophers have scored in each of the 10 games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 23 of 26 games this season.

Balancing Act

Of 11 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **La Toya Clarke** and **Nadine Muzerall** are tied for second in the WCHA with four. **Ronda Curtin** and **Ambria Thomas** have three each and four other players have contributed game-winners this season.

When Last We Met

Minnesota and Ohio State split their series Oct. 21-22, with the Gophers winning the first game 6-2 and the Buckeyes taking the second 4-2. It was the Gophers' first WCHA loss of the season.

The All-Time Series

Minnesota won all four meetings between the two teams last season, the first year of competition between the teams, including 3-0 and 7-1 wins Nov. 12-13, 1999, in Columbus. The Gophers have outscored Ohio

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

February 12

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	19- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	21- 4-3	89	3
3. Minnesota	20- 5-1	75	2
4. Brown	14- 3-3	68	5
5. St. Lawrence	17- 5-3	63	6
6. Harvard	15- 7-0	54	4
7. Wisconsin	15- 6-5	41	7
8. New Hampshire	14-13-0	17	9
9. Providence	16- 9-3	13	10
Northeastern	13-10-1	13	8

Others receiving votes: Princeton 10, St. Cloud 6, Ohio State 1

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

February 4

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	18- 1-1	118	1
2. Minnesota (2)	19- 4-1	106	3
3. Minnesota-Duluth	19- 4-3	97	2
4. Harvard	13- 6-0	83	5
5. St. Lawrence	15- 5-3	74	4
6. Brown	12- 3-3	62	6
7. Wisconsin	15- 5-5	47	7
8. Northeastern	13- 8-1	33	8
9. New Hampshire	14-13-0	25	9
10. Providence	15- 8-3	11	10

Others receiving votes: Niagara 3, Ohio State 1

State 28-8 in six career meetings, with Minnesota leading the series 5-1.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .828 with a record of 53-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 938. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season when the Gophers hosted the U.S. Select team, drawing 2,611 to the first game and another 2,036 to the second game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 161-97-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota,

she is 101-21-8. She led the Gophers to the AWCHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked **Laura Halldorson** to keep a biweekly diary for its website. Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

The NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

Minnesota hosts its final home weekend series of the regular season. The Gophers will play Wisconsin Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25. Both games begin at 2:05 p.m. at Mariucci Arena.

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings

Feb 12, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	18	15- 2-1	31	97	38	26	20- 5-1	115	56
2. Minn.-Duluth	20	13- 4-3	29	108	48	28	21- 4-3	154	59
3. Wisconsin	18	9- 4-5	23	76	51	26	15- 6-5	107	70
4. St. Cloud State	18	9- 7-2	20	74	72	28	14-12-2	113	106
5. Ohio State	20	8- 9-3	19	67	60	28	11-14-3	86	87
6. Bemidji State	20	4-15-1	9	50	127	28	7-20-1	76	157
7. MSU, Mankato	18	0-17-1	1	9	85	28	2-24-2	22	109

Schedule and Results

Last Week

Friday, Feb. 9
at Minnesota 7, St. Cloud State 1
at Minn.-Duluth 7, Ohio State 6 (ot)
at MSU, Mankato 3, Findlay 1*

Saturday, Feb. 10

at St. Cloud State 7, Minnesota 6
Dartmouth 5, at Wisconsin 3*
Bemidji State 7, at Wayne State 3*
Findlay 2, at MSU, Mankato 2 (ot)*
at Minn.-Duluth 7, Ohio State 5

Monday, Feb. 12

at Wayne State 6, Bemidji State 3*

This Week

Friday, Feb. 16
Wisconsin at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm
Minnesota at Ohio State, 7:05 pm
Minn.-Duluth at St. Cloud State, 7:05 pm

Saturday, Feb. 17

Wisconsin at MSU, Mankato, 2:35 pm
Minn.-Duluth at St. Cloud State, 3:05 pm
Minnesota at Ohio State, 7:05 pm

* non-conference game
all times Central

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 12, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	(20- 5- 1)	(11- 1- 0)	{ 9- 4- 1}	{ 0- 0- 0}
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	(15- 2- 1)	{ 9- 1- 0}	{ 6- 1- 1}	{ 0- 0- 0}
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 3- 0)	{ 2- 0- 0}	{ 3- 3- 0}	{ 0- 0- 0}
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703					
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171					
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203					
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350					
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112					
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512					
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632					
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643					
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422					
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935					
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931					
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525					
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457					
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561					
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621					
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921					
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745					
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553					
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651					
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203					
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158					
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131					
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387					
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	7:05 pm							
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	7:05 pm							
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	2:05 pm							
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	2:05 pm							
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm							
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm							
Mar 08, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 09, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 10, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA							
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA							

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(20- 5- 1)	(11- 1- 0)	{ 9- 4- 1}	{ 0- 0- 0}
CONFERENCE.....	(15- 2- 1)	{ 9- 1- 0}	{ 6- 1- 1}	{ 0- 0- 0}
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 3- 0)	{ 2- 0- 0}	{ 3- 3- 0}	{ 0- 0- 0}

## INDIVIDUAL (by pts)	GP	SHOTS				Pct	PEN-- No-Min	GOALS	
		G	A	Pts	Shots			PP	SH
14 La Toya Clarke	26	17	29	46	124	.137	2-4	5	0
27 Ambria Thomas	26	23	17	40	130	.177	8-16	9	1
4 Nadine Muzerall	22	20	15	35	138	.145	16-38	7	0
21 Laura Slominski	26	11	22	33	101	.109	4-8	5	0
2 Courtney Kennedy	26	8	24	32	82	.098	24-48	1	0
29 Ronda Curtin	26	11	13	24	90	.122	3-6	2	0
24 Tracy Engstrom	26	8	14	22	71	.113	6-12	2	1
19 Melissa Coulombe	25	3	9	12	28	.107	4-8	3	0
18 Emily Buchholz	26	0	12	12	33	.000	13-26	0	0
14 0	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
25 Bethany Petersen	26	6	3	9	36	.167	3-6	0	0
10 Kris Scholz	23	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
3 Jerilyn Glenn	25	2	1	3	17	.118	4-8	0	0
15 Kelsey Bills	23	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
22 Gwen Anderson	20	0	3	3	12	.000	5-10	0	0
28 Stefanie Snow	26	2	0	2	40	.050	3-6	0	0
23 Tracy Palinsky	18	0	2	2	7	.000	1-2	0	0
6 Angela Borek	17	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
26 Alyson Sundberg	22	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
36 Erica Killewald	25	0	1	1	23	.000	6-12	0	0
8 Kelly Olson	17	0	0	0	3	.000	1-2	0	0
16 Betsey Kukowski	5	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
17 Cecilia Retelle	2	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
TM TEAM									
Total.....	26	115	181	296	1002	.115	121-248	35	2
Opponents.....	26	56	80	136	603	.093	127-254	17	3

## GOALTENDERS	GP	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		W	L	T	
		Time	GA	EN	Avg Save	Pct				
36 Erica Killewald	22	1272:03	44	0	2.08	477	.916	16	4	1
35 Stephanie Johnson	6	293:22	12	0	2.45	70	.854	4	1	0
TM EMPTY NET	2	2:52	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0
Total.....	26	1568:17	56	0	2.14	547	.907	20	5	1
Opponents.....	26	1568:17	115	0	4.40	887	.885	5	20	1

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	115-1002	56-603
Shot pct.....	.115	.093
Goals/Game.....	4.4	2.2
Shots/Game.....	38.5	23.2
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	35-107	17-104
Conversion Percent.....	.327	.163
Shot Attempts.....	214	160
Shot Percent.....	.164	.106
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-21	3-11
Shot Percent.....	.095	.273
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Power Play.....	35	17
Short-handed.....	2	3
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	11	7
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	121	127
Minutes.....	248	254
Penalties/Game.....	4.7	4.9
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.5	9.8
FACEOFFS (W-L).....	768-796	796-768

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	UM	OPP
Total.....	11256	5022
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	12/938	14/359
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	28	33	54	0	115
Opponents.....	17	23	15	1	56

SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	182	191	172	2	547
Opponents.....	256	297	328	6	887

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#10 at #9 Iowa State	7 p.m.
	with #17 Oklahoma	
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships	
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships
	(Athens, Ga.)

GymInfo National Ranking

(Feb. 12 — By Season Average)

1.	UCLA	196.811
2.	Alabama	196.608
3.	Utah	196.408
4.	Georgia	196.104
5.	Stanford	196.100
6.	Nebraska	195.962
7.	Florida	195.621
8.	Michigan	195.446
9.	Iowa State	194.865
10.	Minnesota	194.821
11.	Arizona State	194.785
12.	Penn State	194.779
13.	LSU	194.775
14.	Ohio State	194.679
15.	BYU	194.556
16.	West Virginia	194.521
17.	Oklahoma	194.412
18.	Denver	194.300
19.	Iowa	194.279
20.	Illinois State	194.245
21.	Oregon State	194.204
22.	Kent State	194.175
23.	Kentucky	193.990
24.	Michigan State	193.862
25.	George Washington	193.817



Gymnastics 2001

#10 Minnesota at #9 Iowa State with #17 Oklahoma
Friday, Feb. 16 • Ames, Iowa

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Golden Gophers On The Road Again

No. 10 Minnesota competes in Ames, Iowa, on Friday, taking on ninth-ranked Iowa State and 17th-ranked Oklahoma.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 10 in the Feb. 12 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on season average. It is the first time the Golden Gophers have been listed among the nation's top 10 teams since a ranking of No. 9 on Jan. 15, the first regular-season ranking.

Minnesota is one of six Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. Defending conference champion Michigan leads the way at No. 8, with a 195.446 average. Minnesota and Penn State join the Wolverines in the top 12, as the Gophers are 10th at 194.821 and the Nittany Lions are 12th at 194.779. Other Big Ten schools listed are Ohio State (No. 14), Iowa (No. 19) and Michigan State (No. 24).

Defending NCAA champion UCLA is ranked No. 1 with a season average of 196.811.

Kelley Leads The Big Ten Conference In All Around

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** (Barrington, Ill./Fremd) leads the Big Ten rankings in all around, with an average of 39.245. She is also tied for second on floor exercise at 9.883.

Kelley is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on both lists this week. She is 11th in the all around and tied for 15th on floor exercise.

Gopher Floor Exercise Ranked Seventh

Minnesota is ranked seventh for floor exercise, with an average of 49.112. The Gophers are also listed among the top 25 for balance beam (No. 13, 48.421), vault (No. 17, 48.612) and uneven bars (No. 20, 48.675).

The Last Meet

The Minnesota women's gymnastics team scored 195.525, the highest home score of the season, Saturday at the Best of Minnesota Meet at the Sports Pavilion. That mark is also the eighth-best in team history. Winona State scored 182.675, while Gustavus Adolphus recorded 179.9 and Hamline 177.8. The meet features the four collegiate gymnastics programs in the state of Minnesota.

Kelley Wins Three Events

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley**, who broke the Minnesota all around record last week at Stanford, placed first with a total of 39.375 in the Best of Minnesota Meet. She recorded her fourth straight floor exercise score of 9.90 and matched her career-best on balance beam with a 9.875. **Kelley** won the floor exercise for the fourth time this season, the all around for the third time and tied for first on balance beam for her first beam title this season.

Laatsch Records Fourth-Best Bars Mark

Newcomer **Annie Laatsch** (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville) won her second uneven bars title of the season, scoring a personal-best 9.90. That score ties the fourth-best in team history. **Laatsch** is the only Golden Gopher to compete on the bars every meet this season and leads the team with a 9.825 average.

Alf Shines On Beam

Sophomore **Jenny Alf** (Ripon, Wis./Ripon) tied **MaryAnne Kelley** for first on the balance beam at the Best of Minnesota Meet with a score of 9.875. The previous two weeks, she scored a career-high 9.90. That mark is the third-best in team history and the team's highest in two years. **Alf** has recorded at least 9.80 in four of the team's six meets this season. She has a 9.746 average.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Gophers Record Top-10 Vault Score

Minnesota tallied a 48.95 score on vault, the fifth-best in team history and a season-high. Three Golden Gophers recorded at least 9.8, with senior **Shanyn Lancaster (Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Lahser)** winning the event with a season-best 9.85. Junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** scored a career-best 9.8, and Kelley tied that score.

Beam Sets Season High

For the second straight week, the Golden Gophers scored a season-high on balance beam. **Jenny Alf** and **MaryAnne Kelley** each scored 9.875 to win the event and **Megan Beuckens** was third at 9.750.

High-Scoring Floor Exercise

Minnesota's floor exercise lineup features four gymnasts averaging at least 9.80. Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** leads the way with a 9.883 average, including scores of 9.90 the last three meets. She is tied for 15th in the latest national rankings on floor exercise.

Sophomore **Jenny Alf** is next, with a 9.829 average, including scores of at least 9.80 the last five meets. Junior **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Thomas Worthington)** averages 9.8. Junior **Courtney Norman** has competed on floor the last three weeks, averaging 9.833, including a 9.90 at Stanford.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17.

Kelley tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Iowa State

The Cyclones are ranked No. 9 in the nation with an average of 194.865. The team is also listed ninth on vault and 10th on balance beam. Iowa State is coming off a season-high score of 196.475 at Missouri. That score is also the third-best in team history.

Junior **Shelly Kringen** scored 9.925 on vault and 9.95 on floor exercise, leading to a 39.575 in the all around. Junior **Sissy Huey** scored 39.475 in the all around. She is ranked fifth on uneven bars with a 9.91 average and is the two-time defending Big 12 champion on uneven bars.

Last Year Against Iowa State

Iowa State won both meetings last season, defeating the Gophers 195.850-192.425 in Ames on Feb. 4 and edging the Gophers 196.225-196.125 in the Sports Pavilion in the final regular-season meet. In the second meet, **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** broke the school record in the all around with a total of 39.450, a total that has since been broken by **MaryAnne Kelley**.

About Oklahoma

Oklahoma is ranked No. 17 with an average of 194.412. The team has a season high of 196.225 but is coming off a season-low 192.6 last weekend at Florida. **Leah Mueller** has an average of 9.838 on vault, and **Patricia Aoki** matches that average on floor exercise.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and **Meg Stephenson** are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 54-33-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 122-104-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

Minnesota returns from a meet at Iowa State this weekend to host the Cyclones on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 6-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

10-13	Metrodome Softball Classic (6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)	
17	at North Carolina (2)	2 p.m.
18-20	Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)	
18	Temple	Noon
18	Ohio	2 p.m.
19	UNC-Wilmington	Noon
19	Bracket Play	4 or 6 p.m.
20	TBA (2 games)	TBA
28	at San Diego State (2)	1 p.m.

MARCH

2-4	Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)	
9-11	Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Omaha, Neb.)	
24-25	Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)	
27	at IUPUI (2)	4 p.m.
30	at Purdue (2)*	2 p.m.
31	at Indiana*	2 p.m.

APRIL

1	at Indiana*	1 p.m.
3	Concordia-St. Paul (2)	4 p.m.
6	at Northwestern (2)*	2 p.m.
7	at Iowa*	2 p.m.
8	at Iowa*	1 p.m.
11	Wis.-Green Bay (2)	4 p.m.
13	Michigan (2)*	2 p.m.
14	Michigan State*	6 p.m.
15	Michigan State*	1 p.m.
17	Northern Iowa (2)	3 p.m.
21	at Illinois*	2 p.m.
22	at Illinois*	1 p.m.
25	Drake (2)	4 p.m.
27	Penn State (2)*	2 p.m.
28	Ohio State*	6 p.m.
29	Ohio State*	1 p.m.

MAY

1	at Wis.-Green Bay (2)	1 p.m.
5	Wisconsin*	6 p.m.
6	Wisconsin*	1 p.m.
10-12	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
17-20	NCAA Regionals	TBA
23-28	NCAA Women's College World Series (Oklahoma City)	

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



at North Carolina (2), Thursday, 2 p.m. (EST)
at Triangle Classic, Friday-Sunday, all day
Raleigh, N.C.

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The University of Minnesota softball team continues its 2001 season by taking an eight-game, four-day road trip to North Carolina. The Golden Gophers (6-1) will take on North Carolina (5-1) in a non-conference doubleheader before opening play in the Triangle Classic in Raleigh, N.C. Minnesota won the Triangle Classic in 1998 and 1999. On Sunday, the Golden Gophers won the Metrodome Softball Classic for the first time in the four-year history of the tournament, defeating Louisville 6-3 in the championship game.

Triangle Classic Format

The Triangle Classic consists of 24 teams. The teams are split into six pools of four teams, and each pool will have round-robin competition. After pool play is completed, the teams with the top eight records will play in the Gold Bracket, the next eight teams will play in the Silver Bracket, and the final eight teams will play in the Bronze Bracket. Each bracket is single-elimination, but has a loser's bracket side to guarantee each team six games.

Triangle Classic Schedule (All Times EST)

Friday, Feb. 16	Temple (0-0) vs. Minnesota , Noon Ohio (0-0) vs. Minnesota , 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17	UNC-Wilmington (0-0) vs. Minnesota , Noon Bracket game, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18	Two Bracket Games, TBA

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 325-231-1 (.584). In the last five seasons, Minnesota is 214-107 (.667), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 27 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 85-49 (.634) as a co-head coach and 170-89 (.656) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Note
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.320	0	4	2-run double in final game
2B	Angel Braden	.550	5	12	Metrodome MVP
SS	Shelly Nichols	.125	4	1	First 2 hits in final game
3B	Allie Fisk	.316	4	2	All-Tournament at Metrodome
LF	Veronica Roberts	.263	1	4	3-run triple in final game
CF	Tammi Hays	.391	6	0	All-Tournament at Metrodome
RF	Morgan Holden	.286	1	0	.375 on-base percentage
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	No errors in 58 chances
DP	Angie Recknor	.304	2	2	All-Tournament at Metrodome
P	Piper Marten	.375	2	0	Scored winning run Sat. night
P	Jessica Green	1-1	1	1	Singled and walked in 2 plate app.

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Note
P	Piper Marten	6-0	1.22	36	All-Tournament at Metrodome
P	Angie Recknor	0-0	1.11	11	2 walks in 12.2 innings pitched
P	Jessica Green	0-1	0.00	2	2.1 innings in final game

Metrodome Review**Game 1 — Minnesota 10, Northern Iowa 1 (6 innings)**

Senior Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's) tied two school records with two home runs and seven runs batted in to lead Minnesota to a season-opening win. She also had four hits and 11 total bases, both career highs. First-year pitcher Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington) allowed one hit in six innings and struck out 10 batters in the win.

Game 2 — Minnesota 2, Wisconsin-Green Bay 1 (8 innings)

First-year infielder Hailee Nanchy (Ontario, Calif./Ontario Christian) drove in sophomore Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono) with a one-out single in the eighth inning to give Minnesota a 2-0 start. Nanchy and Fisk each had two hits to lead a seven-hit attack. Sophomore Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins) pitched seven innings without allowing an earned run, and Marten pitched a 1-2-3 eighth inning to record her second win.

Game 3 — Western Illinois 2, Minnesota 1

Melanie Dobson and Becky Sullivan limited the Gophers to three hits and handed Minnesota its first loss of the season. After falling behind 2-0, sophomore Shelly Nichols (Austin, Tex./Stephen F. Austin) drove in senior pinch-runner Amy Hafemeyer (Kenyon, Minn./Faribault) in the fifth inning to trim the margin to 2-1, but the Gophers could not equalize.

Game 4 — Minnesota 2, Louisville 0

The Gophers shut out the Cardinals and earned the top seed in bracket play, based on run differential. Marten earned her first collegiate shutout, allowing three hits and striking out 10 batters. Braden and junior Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) each had two hits. Braden scored the first run on a fourth-inning double by sophomore Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel) and drove in Hays in the fifth inning with the second run.

Game 5 — Minnesota 8, Western Illinois 3

Minnesota avenged its only loss in pool play with a solid win over the Westerwinds. Hays had three hits and a run scored, and Braden had two hits, including a three-run homer, to highlight a 10-hit attack. Marten won her fourth game, pitching a complete game and striking out eight batters.

Game 6 — Minnesota 3, Louisville 2

Minnesota rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat the Cardinals for the second time and advance to the championship game. First-year pitcher Jessica Green (San Diego, Calif./Serra) singled in her first Minnesota at bat, scoring Roberts to tie the game in the fourth inning. Braden drove in Marten with a fielder's choice in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Minnesota its second victory of the tournament in its final at bat.

Game 7 — Minnesota 6, Louisville 3 (Championship)

The Gophers completed their first Metrodome championship with its third win over Louisville. Minnesota erased a 1-0 deficit in the bottom of the first inning, as Roberts hit a three-run triple to give the Gophers a 3-1 lead. Louisville closed to within 4-3, but Nanchy doubled in two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning

to provide insurance. Braden was named the tournament MVP, hitting .550 (11-for-20) with three doubles, three home runs, 12 runs batted in, a .654 on-base percentage and a 1.150 slugging percentage. Fisk, Hays, Marten and Recknor were named to the all-tournament team with Braden.

Metrodome Tidbits

Minnesota's offense was explosive in the season's first weekend, compiling a .317 batting average, a .376 on-base percentage and a .444 slugging percentage. The Gophers are averaging 4.6 runs per game and 8.14 hits per game. In the circle, Minnesota allowed seven earned runs in the seven games and has a 1.02 team earned run average. Gopher pitchers are averaging 7.0 strikeouts per game. Minnesota averaged 1.0 errors per game in the field and has a team .965 fielding percentage.

North Carolina (5-1)

The Tar Heels began its season with a doubleheader split at No. 18 South Carolina by identical scores of 1-0. North Carolina extended its winning streak to five games by sweeping Elon (5-0, 9-1) and Appalachian State (10-0, 6-1). Pitcher Radara McHugh was 23-6 in 2000 and is 3-1 in her four decision to start 2001. **The Series** — Minnesota leads, 7-3. The Gophers were swept in a doubleheader Feb 17, 2000, by scores of 3-0 and 2-0.

Temple (0-0)

The Owls will play their first game of the season against Minnesota on Friday in Raleigh, N.C. Temple was 19-31 in the 2000 season, 8-6 in the Atlantic-10 Conference. The Owls return their top hitter in junior Katie Spencer (.292, 14 runs) and their top pitcher in sophomore Bari Lynn Pflueger (9-11, 2.48 ERA). **The Series** — Minnesota leads, 2-0.

Ohio (0-0)

The Bobcats will open their 2001 season with the Triangle Classic. Ohio was 18-28 last season, including a 10-11 record in the Mid-American Conference. The Bobcats return sophomore infielder Kelli Bankert (.361, 16 doubles, 24 RBI) and senior pitcher Kasey Dowd (8-14, 2.83 ERA). **The Series** — Minnesota leads, 3-0.

UNC-Wilmington (0-0)

The Seahawks are starting their 2001 season in the Raleigh tournament. UNC-Wilmington was 22-42 in the 2000 season, 8-12 in the Southern Conference. The Seahawk offense is led by senior outfielder Susanna Rabon (.315, 26 runs). UNC-Wilmington returns three pitchers, led by sophomore Christine Freaney (12-14, 2.13 ERA).

The Series — Minnesota leads, 1-0. The Gophers won the only previous game, 12-2 in five innings, in the 1999 Triangle Classic.

The Road Continues in Southern California

After a week off, the Gophers will travel to California for a doubleheader against San Diego State on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. (PST). Minnesota will participate in the Worth Invitational from March 2-4 in Fullerton, Calif. The Gophers will face San Jose State (March 2, Noon), California (March 2, 2 p.m.), Cal State Fullerton (March 3, Noon), Long Beach State (March 3, 6 p.m.), Oregon (March 4, 9 a.m.), and Pacific (March 4, 11 a.m.).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
 Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Feb 11, 2001)
 (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 6-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 6-1 Big Ten: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Jessica Green.....	1.000	2-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Angel Braden.....	.550	7-7	20	5	11	3	0	3	12	23	1.150	4	2	4	0	.654	0	0	0-0	5	13	1	.947
Tammi Hays.....	.391	7-7	23	6	9	0	0	0	0	9	.391	0	1	3	0	.417	0	2	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
Piper Marten.....	.375	5-4	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.375	0	0	0	0	.375	0	2	0-0	0	2	0	1.000
Hailee Nanchy.....	.320	7-7	25	0	8	2	0	0	4	10	.400	0	0	3	0	.320	0	0	0-0	45	0	1	.978
Allie Fisk.....	.316	7-7	19	4	6	0	0	0	2	6	.316	0	0	2	0	.316	0	4	0-1	10	9	1	.950
Angie Recknor.....	.304	7-7	23	2	7	1	0	0	2	8	.348	1	0	3	0	.333	0	1	0-0	1	4	0	1.000
Morgan Holden.....	.286	7-7	14	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	.286	2	0	5	0	.375	0	4	1-1	3	0	0	1.000
Veronica Roberts....	.263	7-7	19	1	5	2	1	0	4	9	.474	1	0	1	0	.300	0	2	0-1	10	0	1	.909
Christine Lindberg..	.167	5-2	6	1	1	0	0	1	3	4	.667	1	0	2	0	.286	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shelly Nichols.....	.125	7-7	16	4	2	1	0	0	1	3	.188	2	1	3	0	.263	0	2	0-0	8	16	3	.889
Anne Thul.....	.000	5-0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	7-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	54	4	0	1.000
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.000	6-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	5-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.317	7-7	180	32	57	9	1	4	30	80	.444	13	4	27	0	.376	0	17	3-5	144	48	7	.965
Opponents.....	.200	7-7	180	12	36	5	0	2	11	47	.261	25	1	49	1	.300	1	2	2-3	135	64	9	.957

LOB - Team (47), Opp (53). DPs turned - Team (1), Opp (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Jessica Green.....	0.00	0-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	6.2	5	2	0	7	2	0	0	0	26	.192	0	0	0	0	0
Angie Recknor.....	1.42	0-0	3	2	0	0/0	0	12.2	14	3	2	2	11	3	0	0	53	.264	1	0	0	1	0
Piper Marten.....	1.57	6-0	7	4	3	1/0	0	28.2	17	7	5	16	36	2	0	2	101	.168	3	1	0	0	2
Totals.....	1.31	6-1	7	7	3	1/0	0	48.0	36	12	7	25	49	5	0	2	180	.200	4	1	0	1	2
Opponents.....	5.00	1-6	7	7	2	0/0	1	45.0	57	32	25	13	27	9	1	4	180	.317	0	4	0	0	17

PB - Team (3), Smith 3. SBA/ATT - Smith (2-3), Marten (1-2), Recknor (1-1).

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 2-1 Big Ten: 0-0

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.
25 at Marquette 10 a.m.

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Idle This Week

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Golden Gophers Idle This Week

Minnesota is off this weekend. The Golden Gophers have a 2-1 record after splitting two matches in Colorado. The team will next compete Feb. 24-25, taking on Houston and Marquette in Milwaukee, Wis.

Last Action

The Gophers lost to Tulsa, 5-2, on Saturday but rebounded to defeat Colorado, 6-1, on Sunday. Both matches were played in Boulder, Colo. The No. 1 doubles team of newcomer **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central)** and sophomore **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X. Saldy)** won both their matches over the weekend, as did the No. 3 doubles team of newcomer **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer)** and sophomore **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park)**.

Against Tulsa

On Saturday, Minnesota won the doubles point but only one singles match, as **Brandi Watts** defeated Mariana Barrios at the No. 6 position, 7-5, 6-1. Tulsa defeated the Golden Gophers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year.

Against Colorado

On Sunday, Minnesota again won the doubles point but this time added five wins out of six singles matches. **Brandi Watts** was Minnesota's only singles player to win both singles matches over the weekend, as she defeated Miranda Evans, 6-1, 6-1. **Valerie Vladea** defeated Dominique Lemperle, 6-4, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. **Michaela Havelkova** defeated Lia Dimeo at No. 3, 7-6, 7-6. Minnesota also got singles wins from senior **Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island)** at No. 4 and junior **Jennifer Howard (Thornhill, Ontario/Thornlea)** at No. 5.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 117-107 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota continues an eight-match road trip in Milwaukee, Wis. The Golden Gophers will face Houston on Feb. 24 and Marquette on Feb. 25. Minnesota will next be home March 23, when the Gophers host Michigan State.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	2-1						1-1	2-1	.667			3-2	.600
Amy Thomas		1-2					3-6	1-2	.333			4-8	.333
Michaela Havelkova			1-2				5-5	1-2	.333			6-7	.462
Tammy Wang				2-1			2-5	2-1	.667			4-6	.400
Jennifer Howard					1-2		3-7	1-2	.333			4-9	.308
Brandi Watts						3-0	3-7	3-0	1.000			6-7	.462
Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.			
Havelkova/Vladea	3-0				3-0	1.000			3-0	1.000			
Rose/Wang		0-3			0-3	.000			0-3	.000			
Thomas/Watts			3-0	0-2	3-0	1.000			3-2	.600			



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher Sports News

February 19, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers host Wisconsin before traveling to Michigan State

Hockey

- No. 3 Minnesota takes on No. 7 Wisconsin at Mariucci Arena

Gymnastics

- No. 14 Minnesota hosts No. 10 Iowa State

Swimming and Diving

- No. 19 Minnesota hosts the Go-pher-It Invite

Track and Field

- The Gophers travel to Purdue for the Big Ten Indoor Championships

Golf

- Spring season begins at Midwest Classic in Dallas/Ft. Worth

Tennis

- The Gophers are on the road against Houston and Marquette

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- The Gophers lose in overtime to Ohio State, drop decision to Purdue

Hockey

- The Gophers split with Ohio State. Minnesota needs three points to claim WCHA-Women's League title

Gymnastics

- Jenny Alf wins balance beam at Iowa

Softball

- Minnesota ties for third in Triangle Classic, finishes seven game road trip 4-2-1

Track and Field

- Minnesota wins 16 of 20 events at Parents' Day Open

Swimming and Diving

- Katy Christoferson sets two school records and wins 200 IM at Big Ten Championships

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, February 22

BB hosts Wisconsin * 7 p.m.

Friday, February 23

GF at Midwest Classic (Dallas, Texas)

Saturday, February 24

GM hosts Iowa State 7 p.m.

HC hosts Wisconsin 2:05 p.m.

GF at Midwest Classic (Dallas, Texas)

TN vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.

TF at Big Ten Indoor Championships

Sunday, February 25

HC hosts Wisconsin 2:05 p.m.

SD Go-pher-It Invite 3 p.m.

GF at Midwest Classic (Northwestern)

TF at Big Ten Indoor Championships

TN at Marquette 10 a.m.

BB at Michigan State 2 p.m.

* Contest will be broadcast live on WDGY Radio, 630 AM

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2001 Schedule

January

13 Northwest Open unscored
 20 Minnesota Invitational unscored
 27 Minnesota Classic 2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9- at Iowa State Classic unscored
 10 Ames, Iowa
 17 Parents' Day Open unscored
 24- at Big Ten Championships,
 25 West Lafayette, Ind.

March

2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier
 9- at NCAA Championships,
 10 Fayetteville, Ark.
 24- Spring Break Trip
 31

April

7 at Texas Relays
 13-14 at SEA Relays
 20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays
 20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
 21 at Long Beach State Invitational
 27-28 at Drake Relays
 at Penn Relays
 28 at Macalester Invitational

May

4 Minnesota Open 4 p.m.
 5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational 4 p.m.
 12 Minnesota Qualifier 11 a.m.
 18- at Big Ten Championships,
 20 Bloomington, Ind.
 30- at NCAA Championships,
 31 Eugene, Ore.

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships,

Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field
February 19, 2001

2001 Big Ten Indoor Championships
 Saturday-Sunday, all day
 hosted by Purdue University

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This Week

Minnesota travels to West Lafayette, Ind., to participate in the 2001 Big Ten Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday and Sunday, hosted by Purdue University.

A Look Back

Junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn)** and senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** each won two events to lead the Golden Gophers at the unscored Parents' Day Open on Saturday at the University Fieldhouse. Minnesota won 16 of the 20 events.

Shuster won the 300-meter dash in 39.07 seconds, the second-fastest time in Minnesota history. She also won the 800, recording the third- fastest time in school history, 2:11.80. **Schmitt** won the shot put with a toss of 50 feet, 6 1/4 inches and the weight throw with a mark of 62-5 1/4.

Minnesota swept the top five spots in the 300 and recorded two other top-10 marks, as senior **Alisa Gartner (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo)** placed second in 40.47 (No. 4 all-time) and freshman **Jessica Mittelstadt (Mankato, Minn./West)** was third in 42.04 (No. 9 all-time).

The Gophers took the top four spots in the shot put and the top three in the weight throw. **Schmitt** won both events, senior **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)** was second in the weight throw and third in the shot put, senior **Nicole Chimko (Aldersyde, Alberta/Foothills Composite)** was second in the shot put, and senior **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)** was third in the weight throw.

Minnesota went 1-2-3 in the 1000, as junior **Jenny Moylan (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)** won in the sixth-fastest time in school history (2:56.50), junior **Crystal Glenn (Yacolt, Wash./Battle Ground)** was second in the eighth-fastest Minnesota mark (2:56.64) and sophomore **Anita Menden (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** was third (2:58.50).

Sophomore **Erika Findlay (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater)** just missed the school record in the pole vault, winning the event at 12-0 1/4. The record is 12-0 1/2 set last year by former Gopher **Christine Gulbrandsen**.

Fabulous Frosh

Setting records has been the norm for **Tahesia Harrigan (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Developmental)** this season. In her first four 60-meter dashes, she set a new school record. She also set schools records in her first collegiate competitions in the 200 and the 4x400-meter relay.

Harrigan ran times of 7.55 and 7.50 at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 20, in her first collegiate competition in the 60, breaking the record of 7.56 set by former Gopher **Chanteau White** in 1997. She then lowered that to 7.44 and 7.35 Jan. 27.

Her 200 time of 24.47 Jan. 27 broke the six-year old school record of 24.68, set by **Kim Heath** in 1995. She lowered that to 24.47 on Feb. 10. **Harrigan** was the third leg of the 4x400 relay team that set the school record Jan. 27 and re-set the mark Feb. 10.

NCAA Qualifiers

Not only has **Tahesia Harrigan** set a new school record in the 60, she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships, March 9-10, in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time of 7.35 set Jan. 27 still ranks second nationally.

Aubrey Schmitt had a pair of NCAA provisional qualifying throws in the shot put and weight throw. She ranks fifth nationally with a throw of 15.84m (51-11 3/4) on Jan. 13 at the Northwest Open. Her career-best throw of 19.23m (63-1 1/4) in the weight throw on Jan. 27 ranks seventh nationally.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	2nd	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	24th	18.15m (59-6 3/4)	Minnesota Invite/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 20	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	5th	15.84m (51-11 3/4)	Northwest Open/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 13	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	7th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

Big Ten Preview

After finishing third at the 2000 Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University Fieldhouse, the Gophers have even higher goals and expectations for the 2001 meet.

Tahesia Harrigan was not with the team for the 2000 meet, and has a chance to score major points in the sprints, jumps and relays. In the conference, she is ranked second in the 60 meters, sixth in the 200 meters and is tied for 11th in the long jump. She is also part of Minnesota's school-record 4x400 meter relay, which is listed third.

Minnesota also has some athletes ranked in the middle distances as well. **Jessica Shuster** is listed fourth in the 400 meters, **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** and **Ali Gartner** are 2-3 in the 600 meters and **Shuster** has the conference's fastest time this year in the 800 meters.

Darja Vasiljeva (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No. 5) is listed in two distance events. The junior is third in the mile run and fourth in the 3,000 meters.

In the throws, Minnesota's **Aubrey Schmitt** leads the pack in the shot put, with **Nicole Chimko** (6th) and **Brenda Meyer** (7th) also ranked in scoring positions. **Schmitt** (2nd) and **Howard** (4th) are also listed highly in the 20-lb. weight throw.

Trackwire 25

Feb. 6, 2001

Team	Score
1. South Carolina	43
Arkansas	43
3. Clemson	36
4. UCLA	32
5. Kansas State	29
6. Florida	27
7. Texas	24
Stanford	24
9. LSU	22
10. Appalachian State	20
Mississippi	20
12. SMU	19
13. UTEP	18
14. BYU	17
15. Harvard	16
16. Arizona	14
Ohio State	14
18. Wisconsin	13
Tulane	13
20. Houston	12
Georgia	12
22. North Carolina	11
Indiana	11
24. Georgetown	8
Montana	8
Minnesota	8
Illinois	8

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

60-Meter Dash				
1. Tahesia Harrigan	7.35	1/27/01		
2. <i>Chanteau White</i>	7.56	1997		
4. Amber Day	7.68	1/27/01		
5. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73	1/13/01		
200-Meter Dash				
1. Tahesia Harrigan	24.41	2/10/01		
2. <i>Kim Heath</i>	24.68	1995		
400-Meter Dash				
1. Jessica Shuster	55.47	2/10/01		
2. <i>Yvette White</i>	56.10	1999		
3. Amber Day	56.91	2/10/01		
9. Ali Gartner	57.54	2/10/01		
600-Meter Run				
1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	1:30.41	1989		
2. Shani Marks	1:31.67	2/17/01		
4. Ali Gartner	1:32.80	2/17/01		
9. Rachacl Schutz	1:35.57	2/17/01		
800-Meter Run				
1. <i>Monika Balint</i>	2:08.56	1991		
3. Jessica Shuster	2:11.80	2/17/01		
6. Jenny Moylan	2:14.30	2/10/01		
Mile Run				
1. <i>Jody Eder</i>	4:41.12	1984		
8. Darja Vasiljeva	4:53.41	1/27/01		
3,000 Meter Run				
1. <i>Lori Townsend</i>	9:28.43	1995		
6. Darja Vasiljeva	9:42.96	2/10/01		
4x400-Meter Relay				
1. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:44.42	2/10/01		
2. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:47.19	1/27/01		
3. <i>Jessica Shuster, Neketa Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks</i>	3:47.26	2000		
4. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster	3:48.45	1/20/01		
Distance Medley Relay				
1. <i>Neutgens, Grove, Titcomb, Ramsay</i>	11:38.05	1994		
10. Laine Misch, Ali Gartner, Tanna-Marie Simmons, Crystal Glenn	12:04.39	2/10/01		
Pole Vault				
1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 1/2	3.67	2000	
2. Erika Findlay	12- 0 1/4	3.66	2/17/01	
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	1/13/01	
Triple Jump				
1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42-10 1/4	13.06	1999	
5. Shani Marks	39-10 1/4	12.16	2/17/01	
Shot Put				
1. <i>Aubrey Schmitt</i>	54- 4 3/4	16.58	1999	
10. Nicole Chimko	47-11 3/4	14.62	2/10/01	
Weight Throw				
1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	64- 1 3/4	19.55	2000	
2. Aubrey Schmitt	63- 1 1/4	19.23	1/27/01	
3. Brenda Meyer	54- 8 3/4	16.68	2/10/01	

2000 Big Ten Championships Review

Minnesota finished with their highest-point total ever (80 points) at the conference meet and had a third-place finish and two individual event champions. Former Gopher Beth Howard won the weight throw on her final attempt with a heave of 64-1 3/4, setting a meet record. Former Gopher Christine Gulbrandsen defended her title in the triple jump and placed fourth in the pole vault. Aubrey Schmitt took two second places in the shot put and weight throw. Minnesota fared well in the 600 meters with Jessica Shuster and Shani Marks placing second and third, respectively. Shuster and Marks teamed with Neketa Sears and Ali Gartner to guide Minnesota to a fourth-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. Last year he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

Minnesota will send selected individuals to the Iowa State Qualifier on Mar. 2-3 in Ames, Iowa. The Golden Gophers will send their NCAA qualifiers to Fayetteville, Ark., for the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on Mar. 9-10.

60-Meter Dash (AQ-7.30, PQ-7.44, SR-7.35)

7.35*	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.68	Amber Day, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Finals, Jan. 27)
7.73	Shannaine Osbourne (Northwest Open-Finals, Jan. 13)
7.95	Shani Marks, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Finals, Jan. 20)
7.99	Jessica Mittelstadt (Parents' Day Open-Prelims, Feb. 17)
8.09	Jessica Shuster, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.23	Kristie Stiles (Parents' Day Open-Prelims, Feb. 17)
8.29	Nadine Conboy, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.42	Allyson DeVries, Minnesota (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
8.45	Alisa Gartner, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)
8.61	Kirsten Kosloske, Minnesota (Minnesota Classic-Prelims, Jan. 27)
8.64	Monica Stearns, Minnesota (Northwest Open-Prelims, Jan. 13)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.70, PQ-24.25, SR-24.41)

24.41*	Tahesia Harrigan (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
25.48	Amber Day (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
25.54	Jessica Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.24	Shannaine Osbourne (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
26.25	Kristie Stiles (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.26	Ali Gartner (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.43	Elizabeth Woolford (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.66	Nadine Conboy (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
26.77	Allyson DeVries (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
27.29	Julie Antczak (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
27.77	Kirsten Kosloske (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
28.40	Saree Zweifel (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
28.50	Caese Martine (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

300-Meter Dash (SR-38.84)

39.07	Jessica Shuster (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
40.47	Alisa Gartner (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
42.04	Jessica Mittelstadt (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
42.13	Rachael Schutz (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
42.18	Allyson DeVries (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
44.58	Caese Martine (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

400-Meter Dash (AQ-53.50, PQ-55.00, SR-56.10)

55.47*	Jessica Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
56.47	Amber Day (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
57.54	Ali Gartner (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
57.88	Tahesia Harrigan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
58.21	Jessica Mittelstadt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
59.30	Nadine Conboy (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
1:00.21	Allyson DeVries (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
1:01.08	Elizabeth Woolford (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:04.10	Kristie Stiles (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)

600-Meter Run (SR-1:30.41)

1:31.67	Shani Marks (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:32.80	Ali Gartner (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:35.57	Rachael Schutz (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:36.17	Allyson DeVries (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:36.87	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1:38.44	Jenny Moylan (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:39.26	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
1:42.78	Jessica Mittelstadt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
1:48.79	Kristie Stiles (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:07.30, PQ-2:10.00, SR-2:08.56)

2:11.80	Jessica Shuster (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
2:14.30	Jenny Moylan (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:17.29	Shani Marks (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:17.43	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:18.97	Alisa Gartner (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
2:22.18	Laine Misch (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
2:24.77	Rachael Kuhn (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
2:28.37	Allyson DeVries (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
2:30.44	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
2:30.76	Nadine Conboy (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

1,000-Meter Run (SR-2:47.31)

2:56.50	Jenny Moylan (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
2:56.64	Crystal Glenn (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
2:58.50	Anita Menden (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
3:01.21	Laine Misch (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

1,500-Meter Run (SR-4:24.03)

4:42.10	Victoria Moses (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
4:51.94	Kristine Hartmark (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
4:54.05	Lindsay Feder (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
4:59.52	Erika Espeset (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
5:12.06	Jill Field (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

Mile Run (AQ-4:44.00, PQ-4:49.00, SR-4:41.12)

4:53.41	Darja Vasiljeva (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:00.31	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
5:01.81	Anita Menden (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
5:11.29	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:18:40	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:21.85	Christine Harper (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:23.95	Erika Espeset (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:25.09	Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
5:26.28	Andrea Gaetz (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

3,000-Meter Run (AQ-9:24.00, PQ-9:38.00, SR-9:28.43)

9:42.96	Darja Vasiljeva (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
9:57.30	Elaine Eggleston (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
10:30.15	Allison Mumbleau (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
10:32.68	Crystal Harper (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
10:41.18	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
10:56.90	Krista Anderston (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
11:12.21	Jill Field (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
12:12.29	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:20.00, PQ-16:50.00, SR-16:30.76)

17:55.07	Victoria Moses (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18:29.23	Allison Mumbleau (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
18:46.18	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
21:02.89	Brooke Derge (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

60-Meter Hurdles (AQ-8.17, PQ-8.43, SR-8.72)

9.18	Julie Antczak (Parents' Day Open-Prelims, Feb. 17)
9.24	Elizabeth Woolford (Minnesota Invite-Prelims, Jan. 20)
9.25	Caese Martine (Parents' Day Open-Finals, Feb. 17)
9.79	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic—Prelims, Jan. 27)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:37.00, PQ-3:43.00, SR-3:47.19)

3:44.42*	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
3:47.19	Marks, Day, Harrigan, Shuster (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
3:48.45	Marks, Day, Gartner, Shuster (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
3:58.87	Woolford, DeVries, Simmons, Conboy (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:03.56	Conboy, Day, Mittelstadt, Harrigan (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:05.80	Simmons, Zweifel, Kosloske, Moylan (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
4:08.50	Osbourne, Moylan, Stiles, Kosloske (Minnesota Invite, Jan. 20)
4:12.61	Woolford, Zweifel, Stiles, Gartner (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
4:27.46	Kosloske, Martine, Stearns, Antczak (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

Distance Medley Relay (AQ-11:22.00, PQ-11:38.00, SR-11:38.05)

12:04.39	Misch, Gartner, Simmons, Glenn (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
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High Jump (AQ-1.86, PQ-1.77, SR-1.77)

1.60 (5-3)	Amanda Sullivan (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1.45 (4-9)	Nicole Terlouw (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1.40 (4-7)	Saree Zweifel (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
1.35 (4-5)	Julie Antczak (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

Long Jump (AQ-6.38, PQ-6.10, SR-6.08)

5.58 (18- 3 3/4)	Tahesia Harrigan (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
5.58 (18- 3 3/4)	Shannaine Osbourne (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
5.41 (17- 9)	Shani Marks (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
5.13 (16-10)	Saree Zweifel (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
4.87 (15-11 3/4)	Julie Antczak (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10, PQ-3.80, SR-3.67)

3.66 (12- 0 1/4)	Erica Findlay (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
3.18 (10- 5 1/4)	DaLee Wilkinson (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.15, PQ-12.55, SR-13.06)

12.16 (39-10 3/4)	Shani Marks (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
11.22 (36- 9 3/4)	Tahesia Harrigan (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
11.10 (36- 5)	Shannaine Osbourne (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
10.36 (34- 0)	Jessica Mittelstadt (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)

Shot Put (AQ-16.10, PQ-14.90, SR-16.58)

15.84 (51-11 3/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
14.62 (47-11 3/4)	Nicole Chimko (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
14.49 (47- 6 1/2)	Beth Howard (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
12.52 (41- 1)	Alean Frawley (Parents' Day Open, Feb. 17)
9.29 (30- 5 3/4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)

Weight Throw (AQ-19.50, PQ-17.70, SR-19.55)

19.23 (63- 1 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
18.27 (59-11 3/4)	Beth Howard (Iowa State Classic, Feb. 10)
15.86 (52- 0 1/2)	Brenda Meyer (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)
15.73 (51- 7 1/4)	Angie Hill (Minnesota Classic, Jan. 27)
14.54 (47- 8 1/2)	Alean Frawley (Northwest Open, Jan. 13)

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 21-6-1
WCHA Record: 16-3-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 3-2 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 5-1
10	Dartmouth	L, 4-0

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 10-1
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 4-3
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	L, 1-0
17	at Ohio State*	W, 5-2
24	Wisconsin*	2:05 p.m.
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	2:05 p.m.

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
8-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23, 25	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey February 19, 2001

Wisconsin

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2:05 p.m., Mariucci Arena
Sunday, Feb. 25, 2:05 p.m., Mariucci Arena

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Golden Gophers Return to Close Home Regular Season

The third-ranked Gophers return to Mariucci Arena for a pair of WCHA-Women's League games against Wisconsin on Saturday and Sunday. Both games are scheduled for 2:05 p.m. faceoffs. Minnesota is three points away from clinching the WCHA-Women's League regular-season title. The Gophers will recognize nine seniors before Sunday's game, the final scheduled game for Minnesota at Mariucci Arena. Sunday's game will be telecast by Midwest Sports Channel, with Frank Mazocco and Doug Woog calling the action.

Gophers Split With Ohio State, Maintains Two-Point Lead Over UMD

Ohio State goaltender April Stojak stopped all 16 shots she faced as the Buckeyes shut out Minnesota, 1-0. The 16 shots Minnesota put on goal tied a season low for the Gophers. The other 16-shot effort came against the Buckeyes on Oct. 22 at Mariucci Arena in a 4-2 Ohio State victory. It was the second time in the two-year history of the WCHA Women's League that Minnesota has been shut out and the second time in league history Minnesota has lost back-to-back games in league play.

The third-ranked Minnesota women's hockey team broke a 1-1 tie with two goals in 23 seconds late in the second period and went on to a 5-2 victory at the OSU Ice Arena. **Nadine Muzerall** (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy) had a hand in all five goals, scoring on three and assisting on two others. **Courtney Kennedy** (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham, Brown & Nichols) added a goal and two assists from the blue line. **Erica Killewald** (Troy, Mich./Troy) stopped 19 of 21 shots to record her 17th win of the season.

With 2:57 remaining in the second period, **Muzerall** took a pass from **Ronda Curtin** (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) in the low slot and scored her 21st goal of the season to give Minnesota a 2-1 lead. 23 seconds later, Kennedy blasted home her ninth goal of the season from the left point to increase the Gopher margin to 3-1.

Wisconsin Recently

Seventh-ranked Wisconsin is 17-6-5 overall, 11-4-5 and in third place in the WCHA. Last weekend, the Badgers swept two games at Minnesota State, Mankato, 5-1 on Friday and 5-0 on Saturday. Sophomore defense Kerry Weiland was named the WCHA Player of the Week. Weiland scored two goals and earned four assists in the two-game sweep of the Mavericks. Weiland has 11 goals, 27 assists, and 38 points this season placing her third in Badgers scoring and second among WCHA defensemen. The Badgers need four points to clinch third place in the WCHA Women's League and are mathematically alive to win the league title.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, **Nadine Muzerall** has scored 11 goals and 18 points in her last nine games. She scored her fourth hat trick of the season and 15th of her career in Saturday's victory.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 72-5-4 when **Muzerall** scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-16-4 when she plays and does not score a goal.

Muzerall is one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award. The three finalists for the award will be named March 12, with the winner to be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Kennedy Steady on Blueline

Minnesota's **Courtney Kennedy** has been one of the team's steadiest performers this season, anchoring a defense corps that features three rookies.

Over the weekend, she scored the game-winning goal Saturday night against Ohio State and three points to go with a plus/minus rating of plus-three. She is third in scoring among WCHA defense with 35 points.

Kennedy was named the WCHA's player of the week Feb. 5 after Minnesota's two wins over Bemidji State, the second weekly award of her career. She scored two unassisted goals and added four assists against Bemidji State. She previously won the award after registering a school-record five assists in a 7-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato, Nov. 23, 1999. Minnesota players have

claimed six of the league's 16 player of the week awards this season, with Kennedy being the first blueliner to earn the honor in 2000-01.

Kennedy is one of Minnesota's two nominees for the Patty Kazmaier Award and the only blueliner on the list of nominees.

Turning on the Power

Since returning from break, Minnesota has converted 17 of 44 power-play opportunities (38.6%). The Gophers have scored power-play goals in 11 of 12 games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 24 of 28 games this season.

Balancing Act

Of 11 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. La Toya Clarke and Nadine Muzerall are tied for second in the WCHA with four. Ronda Curtin and Ambria Thomas have three each and four other players have contributed game-winners this season.

When Last We Met

Minnesota took three of four points from Wisconsin from Nov. 24-25, with the Gophers winning the first game 5-2 and the two teams skating to a 4-4 tie in Madison, Wis. The tie is Minnesota's only deadlock of the season.

The All-Time Series

Minnesota won all four meetings between the two teams last season, the first year of competition between the teams, including 11-3 and 4-2 wins Feb. 26-27, 2000, at Mariucci Arena. The Gophers have outscored Ohio State 36-15 in six career meetings, with Minnesota leading the series 5-0-1.

2000-01 National Polls

U.S. College Hockey Online

February 12

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	19- 1-1	100	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	21- 4-3	89	3
3. Minnesota	20- 5-1	75	2
4. Brown	14- 3-3	68	5
5. St. Lawrence	17- 5-3	63	6
6. Harvard	15- 7-0	54	4
7. Wisconsin	15- 6-5	41	7
8. New Hampshire	14-13-0	17	9
9. Providence	16- 9-3	13	10
Northeastern	13-10-1	13	8

Others receiving votes: Princeton 10, St. Cloud 6, Ohio State 1

USA Today/American Hockey Magazine

February 13

Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Dartmouth (10)	19- 1-1	120	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	21- 4-3	108	3
3. Minnesota	20- 5-1	88	2
4. St. Lawrence	17- 5-3	86	5
5. Brown	14- 3-3	76	6
6. Harvard	15- 7-0	62	4
7. Wisconsin	15- 6-5	48	7
8. New Hampshire	14-13-0	28	9
9. Providence	16- 9-3	20	10
10. Northeastern	13-10-1	10	8

Others receiving votes: Princeton 8, St. Cloud State 3, Ohio State 2, Niagara 1.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, Mariucci Arena has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .828 with a record of 53-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 938. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season when the Gophers hosted the U.S. Select team, drawing 2,611 to the first game and another 2,036 to the second game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach Laura Halldorson is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 162-98-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 102-22-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national

title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, Halldorson was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, Halldorson was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked Laura Halldorson to keep a biweekly diary for its website. Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

The NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at Mariucci Arena. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

Minnesota completes the regular season with two games at Minnesota-Duluth on Friday-Saturday, Mar. 2-3. Both games begin at 7:05 p.m. at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center.

Western Collegiate Hockey Association Standings									
Feb 19, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	20	16- 3-1	33	102	41	28	21- 6-1	120	59
2. Minn.-Duluth	22	14- 5-3	31	120	57	30	22- 5-3	166	68
3. Wisconsin	20	11- 4-5	27	86	52	28	17- 6-5	117	71
4. St. Cloud State	20	10- 8-2	22	83	84	30	15-13-2	122	118
5. Ohio State	22	9-10-3	21	70	65	30	12-15-3	89	92
6. Bemidji State	20	4-15-1	9	50	127	28	7-20-1	76	157
7. MSU, Mankato	20	0-19-1	1	10	95	30	2-26-2	23	119

Schedule and Results	
Last Week	Last Week
Friday, Feb. 16	Friday, Feb. 23
Wisconsin 5, at MSU, Mankato 1	Ohio State at St. Cloud State, 4:05 p.m.
at Ohio State 1, Minnesota 0	MSU, Mankato at Bemidji State, 7:05 p.m.
Minn.-Duluth 7, at St. Cloud State 3	
Saturday, Feb. 17	Saturday, Feb. 24
Wisconsin 5, MSU, Mankato 0	Wisconsin at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
at St. Cloud State 6, Minn.-Duluth 5 (OT)	MSU, Mankato at Bemidji State, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota 5, at Ohio State 2	Ohio State at St. Cloud State, 4:05 p.m.
	Sunday, Feb. 25
	Wisconsin at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.

* non-conference game
all times Central

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 19, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL					
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	(21- 6- 1)	(11- 1- 0)	(10- 5- 1)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	(15- 3- 1)	(9- 1- 0)	(7- 2- 1)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 3- 0)	(2- 0- 0)	(3- 3- 0)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703										
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171										
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203	## INDIVIDUAL (by pts)	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	--PEN--	 GOALS 	
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350								No-Min	PP	SH
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112	14 La Toya Clarke	28	17	29	46	128	.133	2-4	5	0
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512	27 Ambria Thomas	28	24	18	42	136	.176	8-16	10	1
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632	4 Nadine Muzerall	24	23	17	40	143	.161	17-40	8	0
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643	2 Courtney Kennedy	28	9	26	35	91	.099	26-52	1	0
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422	21 Laura Slominski	28	11	22	33	110	.100	4-8	5	0
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935	29 Ronda Curtin	28	11	14	25	92	.120	3-6	2	0
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931	24 Tracy Engstrom	28	8	16	24	80	.100	6-12	2	1
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525	19 Melissa Coulombe	27	3	9	12	28	.107	5-10	3	0
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457	18 Emily Buchholz	28	0	12	12	36	.000	17-34	0	0
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561	25 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621	10 Kris Scholz	27	6	3	9	41	.146	3-6	0	0
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921	3 Jerilyn Glenn	24	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745	15 Kelsey Bills	27	2	1	3	17	.118	4-8	0	0
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553	22 Gwen Anderson	24	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651	28 Stefanie Snow	21	0	3	3	12	.000	6-12	0	0
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203	23 Tracy Palinsky	28	2	0	2	41	.049	3-6	0	0
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158	6 Angela Borek	20	0	2	2	7	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131	26 Alyson Sundberg	18	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387	36 Erica Killewald	24	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	L	0-1	264	8 Kelly Olson	27	0	1	1	24	.000	6-12	0	0
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	W	5-2	237	16 Betsey Kukowski	17	0	0	0	3	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	2:05 pm			17 Cecilia Retelle	5	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	2:05 pm			TM TEAM	3	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm			Total.....	28	120	189	309	1056	.114	130-266	37	2
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm			Opponents.....	28	59	86	145	645	.091	136-272	19	3
Mar 08, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA												
Mar 09, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA												
Mar 10, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA												
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA			## GOALTENDERS	GP	Time	GA	EN	Avg Save	Pct	W	L	T
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA			36 Erica Killewald	24	1391:27	47	0	2.03	.516	.917	17	5
					35 Stephanie Johnson	6	293:22	12	0	2.45	.70	.854	4	1
					TM EMPTY NET	3	3:28	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0
					Total.....	28	1688:17	59	0	2.10	.586	.909	21	6
					Opponents.....	28	1688:17	120	0	4.26	.936	.886	6	21
TEAM STATISTICS		UM		OPP										
SHOT STATISTICS					ATTENDANCE SUMMARY			UM		OPP				
Goals-Shot attempts.....	120-1056		59-645		Total.....			11256		5523				
Shot pct.....	.114		.091		Dates/Avg Per Date.....			12/938		16/345				
Goals/Game.....	4.3		2.1		Neutral Site #/Avg.....			0/0						
Shots/Game.....	37.7		23.0		GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total				
POWER PLAYS					Minnesota.....	29	35	56	0	- 120				
Goals-Power Plays.....	37-116		19-113		Opponents.....	17	25	16	1	- 59				
Conversion Percent.....	.319		.168		SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total				
Shot Attempts.....	227		168		Minnesota.....	195	202	187	2	- 586				
Shot Percent.....	.163		.113		Opponents.....	279	311	340	6	- 936				
SHORT-HANDED														
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-21		3-11											
Shot Percent.....	.095		.273											
GOAL BREAKDOWN														
Power Play.....	37		19											
Short-handed.....	2		3											
Empty net.....	0		0											
Penalty.....	0		0											
Unassisted.....	11		7											
Overtime.....	0		1											
PENALTIES														
Number.....	130		136											
Minutes.....	266		272											
Penalties/Game.....	4.6		4.9											
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.5		9.7											
FACEOFFS (W-L)	768-796		796-768											
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	.491		.509											

* denotes conference game



2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-17 Big Ten: 1-13

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18	Binghamton	W, 85-74
19	Providence	W, 88-60
25-26	Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)	
25	vs. Denver	L, 77-59
26	vs. Louisville	W, 68-64

December

1-2	Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)	
1	vs. St. Joseph's	L, 64-62
2	vs. Eastern Illinois	L, 73-72
4	Virginia Commonwealth	W, 72-57
8	at Ohio	W, 92-73
10	at St. Louis	W, 77-71
23	at Marist	W, 79-61
28	at Penn State *	L, 91-73
31	at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI)	L, 85-80

January

4	Indiana *	L, 79-76
7	Michigan State *	L, 66-65
11	at Indiana *	L, 92-64
18	at Wisconsin *	L, 90-67
21	Northwestern *	W, 79-47
25	Purdue *	L, 86-61
28	Illinois *	L, 88-81

February

1	at Michigan *	L, 69-51
4	at Illinois *	L, 101-71
8	at Ohio State *	L, 64-52
11	Iowa *	L, 82-71
15	Ohio State *	L, 72-65 (ot)
18	at Purdue *	L, 96-43
22	Wisconsin * (MSC) R	7 p.m.
25	at Michigan State *	2 p.m.

March

1-4	Big Ten Conference Tournament R (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
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Home games in **bold** at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM

MSC - TV broadcasts



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota vs. Wisconsin — Feb. 22 — 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Michigan State — Feb. 25 — 2 p.m.

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Minnesota Ends Regular Season Against Wisconsin and Michigan State

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-17, 1-13 Big Ten) plays host to Wisconsin on Thursday and travels to Michigan State on Sunday to close its regular-season schedule. The Gophers are looking to break out of an eight-game losing streak after a 96-43 loss to No. 7 and Big Ten champion Purdue. The Badgers (16-8, 10-4) are coming off an 86-75 win over Penn State. Michigan State (9-16, 3-11) was defeated by Illinois, 52-50, in its last outing.

Looking Ahead to the Big Ten Conference Tournament

All 11 teams will compete in the 2001 Big Ten Conference Women's Basketball Tournament in Grand Rapids, Mich. The top five teams will receive a bye, while the sixth through 11th seeds will begin play on Thursday, March 1. Heading into the final week of regular-season Big Ten action, the only certainty of the tournament is that Purdue will be the number-one seed and has earned a first-round bye. By virtue of the current conference standings, Ohio State, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern will play on Thursday, though the seeding is still up in the air. Penn State, Wisconsin or Iowa could earn a first-round bye with a win on Thursday. The loser of the Illinois/Indiana game will join the teams playing on Thursday.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesdays

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

MSC Airs Game Live on Thursday

Midwest Sports Channel (MSC) will televise the Gophers' game versus Wisconsin live. Anthony LaPanta will call the play-by-play.

Gophers Carried on WDGY Radio

The Gopher game against Wisconsin will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Chris Tubbs. Handling the color commentary duties is former Gopher volleyball standout Linda Shudlick. The broadcasts are part of eight Gopher games to be broadcast during the Big Ten regular season.

Senior Night Celebrated on Thursday

The Gophers will honor their two seniors prior to Thursday's game, center **Brandy Pickens (Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic)** and guard **Alana Glass (Pontiac, Mich./Roeper)**. Pickens has captained the Gopher team the last two seasons and has started 38 games in her career. Last season, she was voted the Gophers' most improved player. Glass made the varsity roster after spending her first three seasons as a team manager. She has played in three games this season.

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season and no single Gopher has started every game this season. Forward **Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.)** started the first 24 games of the season but that string was broken in last week's game against Ohio State.

The Probable Starters:

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg
F	21	Lindsay Lieser	5-10	So.	6.6	1.8	0.8
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	12.8	6.2	0.5
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.6	2.7	0.4
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	17.1	4.0	3.2
G	20	Leslie Hill	5-10	Fr.	3.2	1.8	0.4

Combinations, Combinations and More Combinations

The Gophers have started a whopping 11 different starting lineups. Comparatively, Minnesota started four different lineups during the 1999-2000 season.

Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Feb. 19)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue *	14	1	.933	24	4	.857
2. Penn State	10	4	.714	18	7	.728
Wisconsin	10	4	.714	16	8	.667
Iowa	10	4	.714	15	9	.625
5. Michigan	9	6	.600	16	10	.625
6. Indiana	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Illinois	8	6	.571	13	13	.500
8. Ohio State	5	9	.357	15	9	.625
9. Michigan State	3	11	.224	9	16	.360
10. Minnesota	1	13	.071	8	17	.320
11. Northwestern	0	14	.000	4	20	.167

* Big Ten champion

This Week in the Big Ten (times local to site)

Wed., Feb. 21 Northwestern at Ohio State, 7 p.m.
 Thur., Feb. 22 Purdue at Penn State, 7 p.m.
 Wisconsin at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Michigan State at Iowa, 7 p.m.
 Illinois at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun., Feb. 25 Michigan at Penn State, 2 p.m.
 Ohio State at Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.
 Iowa at Illinois, 12 noon
 Indiana at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
 Minnesota at Michigan State, 2 p.m.

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Thur., Feb. 15 PURDUE 87, Indiana 48
 PENN STATE 101, Illinois 80
 MICHIGAN 80, Iowa 78
 Ohio State 72, MINNESOTA 65 (ot)
 Michigan State 77, NORTHWESTERN 68
 Sun., Feb. 18 PURDUE 96, Minnesota 43
 WISCONSIN 86, Penn State 75
 INDIANA 73, Michigan 51
 IOWA 74, Ohio State 59
 ILLINOIS 52, Michigan State 50

Piroglu Lost for Remainder of Season with Knee Injury

Sophomore point guard Ozlem Piroglu (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) suffered her third knee injury of the season Feb. 15 versus Ohio State. This time she tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her right knee and is lost for the remainder of the season. Piroglu had twice previously suffered knee injuries, to her right knee in practice on Jan. 3, and her left knee, Feb. 8, at Ohio State. Neither of those injuries involved ligament damage. Piroglu collected 113 assists this season, the fifth-best single-season assist mark in Gopher history.

The Second Time Around Has Been Tough

Minnesota's final regular-season opponents (Wisconsin and Michigan State) are teams that the Gophers will be facing for the second time this season. Unfortunately for Minnesota, teams playing the Gophers for the second time in a season have upped their margin of victory by 18 points per game. When the Gophers play a team on the road in the second meeting of the season, the trend has been disastrous. Minnesota was edged by Indiana 79-76 at home, then later trounced by 28 points, 92-64, in the second meeting in Bloomington. Against Illinois, the Gophers

played tough in a 88-81 loss at home, then later were blown out by a score of 101-71 in Champaign. Minnesota lost 86-61 to Purdue at home, then was blown out 96-43 in West Lafayette. The only reversal to the trend was the Ohio State series. Ohio State won in Columbus, 64-52, then defeated the Gophers in the second meeting in Minneapolis, 72-65 in overtime. Wisconsin defeated Minnesota, 90-67, in the team's first meeting this season, Jan. 18, in Madison. Michigan State edged Minnesota, 66-65, in Minneapolis, on Jan. 7.

The Streak Snapped at Purdue

Lindsay Whalen had scored in double figures in every game she had played in her young Gopher career until Sunday, when she was held to nine points by a stingy Purdue defense. The streak was broken at 21 since Whalen missed three early-season games with an illness. Whalen has captured game scoring honors only eight times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Keeping the Trainers Busy

Gophers have lost a combined total of 19 games to injury or illness this season. Only three players (Kadidja Andersson, Kim Prince and Lindsay Lieser) have played in each of the 25 games this season. Following is a list of the Gopher who have missed a game, the number of contests missed and the injury/illness that forced them out of action. All six of the players listed have started at least a game for the Gophers this season.

Megan Kane	5 games	concussion
Brandy Pickens	4 games	lower leg
Ozlem Piroglu	4 games	knee
Lindsay Whalen	3 games	illness
Kim Bell	2 games	illness, knee
Tanisha Gilbert	1 game	concussion

Rookies Among the Top of Big Ten Leading Scorers

Two of the top three leading scorers in the Big Ten are rookies, Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and Minnesota's Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson). Mazzante has a solid lead in the Big Ten scoring race and is averaging 19.0 points per game. Whalen scored nine points against Purdue and checks in at third, averaging 17.1 points per game. Iowa junior Lindsey Meder ranks second, averaging 17.4 points per game.

Whalen's Rookie Season Listed Among Some Gopher Greats

The future for the Gopher rookie Lindsay Whalen is a bright one if the 5-8 guard continues along the path of the Gopher greats before her. Whalen has scored 368 in the first 21 games of her career and already among the first-year scoring totals of several of the best players to ever don the maroon and gold. All-Americans Shudlick and Coenen completed stellar Minnesota careers as the only Gophers to score over 2,000 points, scoring 2,097 and 2,044, respectively.

First-year Gopher Scoring

1. Linda Roberts (1977-78)	475 points	33 games	14.4 ppg.
2. Laura Coenen (1981-82)	456 points	28 games	16.3 ppg.
3. Laura Gardner (1978-79)	453 points	32 games	14.1 ppg.
4. Lindsay Whalen (2000-01)	377 points	22 games	17.1 ppg.
5. Molly Tadich (1983-84)	305 points	27 games	11.3 ppg.
6. Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-91)	285 points	24 games	11.9 ppg.

Trying to Get Back on Track

Minnesota is currently mired in an eight-game losing streak. The Gophers' longest losing streaks in Minnesota women's basketball history:

Dec. 31, 1995 - March 1, 1996	17 games
Jan. 16 - Feb. 27, 1998	12 games
Jan. 17 - Feb. 26, 1999	11 games
Dec. 28, 1996 - Jan. 31, 1997	10 games
Jan. 25 - Feb. 18, 2001	8 games
Jan. 4 - Feb. 1, 1991	8 games
Jan. 19 - Feb. 16, 1990	8 games
Feb. 8 - March 3, 1991	7 games
Dec. 11, 1988 - Jan. 6, 1989	7 games
Jan. 2 - Jan. 25, 1987	7 games
Feb. 16 - March 8, 1986	7 games
Dec. 28, 2000 - Jan. 18, 2001	6 games
Jan. 2 - 20, 2000	6 games
Feb. 23 - March 12 1992	6 games

The Cold, Cold Minnesota Winters

Over the last five years, Minnesota has posted an ice-cold 5-37 record in the month of January. February isn't much warmer at 4-29. Combine the two months and the Gophers have won just 12.0 percent of their games.

January, 2001	1-6	February, 2001	0-6
January, 2000	1-8	February, 2000	2-5
January, 1999	2-7	February, 1999	0-6
January, 1998	1-7	February, 1998	0-7
January, 1997	0-9	February, 1997	2-5

Trends of a "W" vs. a "L"

Two key team statistics stand out when comparing the numbers of the Gophers' 8-17 overall record from a win/loss prospective: defensive average and rebound margin. Following is a comparison of the Gophers' statistics in their eight wins versus the numbers in their 17 losses:

	Wins	Losses
Scoring Average	80.0	65.5
Defensive Average	63.4	80.9
FG Percentage	50.0	44.0
3 FG Percentage	42.0	33.9
FT Percentage	70.3	66.1
Rebounding Margin	+6.6	-2.6
Turnovers	18.9	20.9

Newcomers Continue to Make Big Impact

The 10 Gophers in their first season in the Minnesota program (regardless of class, ie., Fr., So.) are making a big impact on the success of the 2000-01 season. The newcomers have accounted for 80 percent of the Gophers' scoring punch, or 55.9 of Minnesota's 70.1 points per game average. **Lindsay Whalen** leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 17.1 points per game.

The Youthful Gophers Have an Eye on the Future

Minnesota has scored 1,753 points this season, 94.1 percent of which were scored by Gophers in their first or second years. Here is a breakdown by class and percentage for the Gophers in the scoring category this season:

First-Years (Fr.)	920 points	52.5 percent
Sophomores	730 points	41.6 percent
Juniors	70 points	4.0 percent
Seniors	<u>33 points</u>	1.9 percent
	1,753 points	

Purdue Wins Big Ten Title Outright with Win Over Gophers

Purdue captured the Big Ten Conference title outright with a 96-43 shelling of the Golden Gophers in Big Ten action at Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Ind., on Sunday.

Seventh-ranked Purdue received little resistance from the Gophers. The Boilermakers took a 6-0 lead before Minnesota even attempted a field goal attempt and went on to a 45-25 halftime lead.

Minnesota hit just four field goals in the entire second half of play as the Gophers finished with 43 points, two points below the Boilers' first-half score.

Kadidja Andersson came off the bench to lead the Gophers with 12 points. Kim Prince added 10. Gopher leading scorer **Lindsay Whalen** was held to nine points, the first time in her Gopher career that she has been held below double figures.

All-American Katie Douglas led five Boilermakers in double figures with 21 points.

Purdue shot 52 percent from the floor and hit 12-of-18 three pointers for 67 percent. Minnesota shot just 33 percent from the field and committed 24 turnovers.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 29-78 (7-55 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans**, **Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

The Scouting Report on Wisconsin

No. 25 Wisconsin is 16-8 overall and 10-4 in the Big Ten. The Badgers are one of three teams tied for second in the conference standings entering the week. Wisconsin has four players averaging in double figures. Forward Jesse Stomski leads the way scoring 16.0 points per game, while pulling down a team best 8.1 rebounds an outing. La Tonya Sims adds 14.3 points per game. Tamara Moore tops the Badgers in assists, averaging 5.5 per game and chips in 13.0 points a contest. Center Nina Smith is the fourth Badger in double figures at 12.0 points per game.

Head coach Jane Albright is in her seventh season with the Badgers and owns a record of 133-72. Overall, Albright has a 321-182 record in 17 years of coaching.

The Series — Wisconsin holds a 25-20 advantage in the series with the Gophers and has won the last eight meetings, including a 90-67 victory in Madison on Jan. 18.

The Scouting Report on Michigan State

Michigan State owns a record of 9-16 overall, 3-11 in Big Ten play. Since defeating the Gophers, 66-65, on Jan. 4, the Spartans have lost 10 of 11 games, with only a win over Northwestern to their credit. Forward Julie Pagel leads the way, averaging 11.2 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Vnemina Reese and Becky Cummings add double-figure averages of 10.8 and 10.3 points per game respectively.

Head coach Joanne McCallie is in her first season with the Spartans. She owns a 175-90 coaching record in nine seasons.

The Series — Michigan State leads the series with Minnesota by a 31-13 margin. The Spartans won the first meeting of the season, 66-65, in Minneapolis on Jan. 7.

A Look Ahead

Minnesota travels to the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament in Grand Rapids, Mich., March 1-4.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 19, 2001)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(8-17)	(4-6)	(3-8)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE	(1-13)	(1-6)	(0-7)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(7-4)	(3-0)	(3-1)	(1-3)

# Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL--- ---3-PTS---			---REBOUNDS---							PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
13 Whalen, Lindsay.....	22-22	781 35.5	136-277	.491	14-48	.292	91-129	.705	25	63	88	4.0	48	0	71	105	2	37	377	17.1
10 Prince, Kim.....	25-20	666 26.6	124-233	.532	0-0	.000	71-103	.689	51	103	154	6.2	58	1	13	52	15	20	319	12.8
23 Gilbert, Tanisha....	14-13	437 31.2	77-143	.538	1-7	.143	51-90	.567	36	61	97	6.9	42	1	21	44	5	34	206	14.7
35 Andersson, Kadidja..	25-23	656 26.2	72-178	.404	0-5	.000	43-62	.694	35	72	107	4.3	66	2	47	50	8	16	187	7.5
05 Piroglu, Ozlem.....	21-20	557 26.5	60-116	.517	17-35	.486	38-48	.792	11	39	50	2.4	59	4	113	101	2	25	175	8.3
21 Lieser, Lindsay.....	25-7	499 20.0	54-136	.397	50-123	.407	8-14	.571	11	34	45	1.8	25	0	19	29	2	7	166	6.6
43 Kane, Megan.....	20-1	289 14.4	23-55	.418	2-4	.500	30-42	.714	21	42	63	3.2	50	5	13	19	10	14	78	3.9
14 McGhee, Trish.....	18-1	208 11.6	23-73	.315	9-26	.346	15-22	.682	7	18	25	1.4	22	0	21	25	0	8	70	3.9
54 Bell, Kim.....	23-4	326 14.2	28-62	.452	0-0	.000	13-17	.765	11	46	57	2.5	65	5	14	29	30	2	69	3.0
20 Hill, Leslie.....	21-3	216 10.3	27-70	.386	6-16	.375	7-12	.583	9	28	37	1.8	15	0	9	22	2	3	67	3.2
30 Pickens, Brandy.....	20-11	251 12.6	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	11-17	.647	20	33	53	2.7	36	1	7	16	0	6	31	1.5
03 Hemberg, Ebba.....	15-0	57 3.8	1-8	.125	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	1	3	4	0.3	7	0	2	3	0	0	4	0.3
22 Glass, Alana.....	3-0	7 2.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
15 Tate, Jackie.....	4-0	45 11.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	1	8	9	2.2	6	0	3	3	1	3	1	0.2
52 Leon, Angel.....	5-0	10 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	0.2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0.2
24 Nelson, Kim.....	6-0	20 3.3	0-8	.000	0-6	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.8	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									55	63	118	4.7	0		6					

Total.....	25	5025	636-1383	.460	99-273	.363	382-564	.677	297	616	913	36.5	503	19	353	507	77	175	1753	70.1
Opponents.....	25	5025	658-1516	.434	149-408	.365	417-594	.702	347	559	906	36.2	510	-	444	420	68	239	1882	75.3

TEAM STATISTICS	MINN	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1753	1882	11-18-00	BINGHAMTON	W	85-74	1011
Points per game.....	70.1	75.3	11-19-00	PROVIDENCE	W	88-60	718
Scoring margin.....	-5.2	-	11/25/00	vs Denver	L	59-77	267
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	636-1383	658-1516	11-26-00	vs Louisville	W	68-64	156
Field goal pct.....	.460	.434	12/01/00	vs St. Joseph's	L	62-64	290
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	99-273	149-408	12/02/00	vs Eastern Illinois	L	72-73	220
3-point FG pct.....	.363	.365	12-4-00	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH	W	72-57	613
3-pt FG made per game..	4.0	6.0	12/08/00	at Ohio	W	92-73	492
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	382-564	417-594	12/10/00	at Saint Louis	W	77-71	236
Free throw pct.....	.677	.702	12-23-00	at Marist	W	79-61	557
REBOUNDS.....	913	906	*12-28-00	at #10/11 Penn State	L	73-91	6281
Rebounds per game.....	36.5	36.2	12-31-00	at IUPUI	L	80-85	614
Rebounding margin.....	+0.3	-	*1-4-01	INDIANA	L	76-79	1107
ASSISTS.....	353	444	*1-7-01	MICHIGAN STATE	L	65-66	1917
Assists per game.....	14.1	17.8	*01-11-01	at Indiana	L	64-92	786
TURNOVERS.....	507	420	*01/18/01	at Wisconsin	L	67-90	6328
Turnovers per game.....	20.3	16.8	*1-21-01	NORTHWESTERN	W	79-47	1061
Turnover margin.....	-3.5	-	*1-25-01	#6 PURDUE	L	61-86	913
Assist/turnover ratio..	0.7	1.1	*1-28-01	ILLINOIS	L	81-88	1024
STEALS.....	175	239	*2/1/01	at Michigan	L	51-69	1212
Steals per game.....	7.0	9.6	*2/04/01	at Illinois	L	71-101	4359
BLOCKS.....	77	68	*02-08-01	at Ohio State	L	52-64	6256
Blocks per game.....	3.1	2.7	*2-11-01	IOWA	L	71-82	1451
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*2-15-01	OHIO STATE	LOT	65-72	726
Home win streak.....	0	-	*2/18/01	at Purdue	L	43-96	12264
ATTENDANCE.....	10541	40318	* denotes conference game				
Home games-Avg/Game....	10-1054	11-3580					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-233					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	804	940	9	1753
Opponents.....	861	1005	16	1882

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#9 Iowa State	196.150
	#17 Oklahoma	195.375
	#10 Minnesota	195.025
24	Iowa State	7 p.m.

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

GymInfo National Ranking

(Feb. 19 — By Season Average)

1.	UCLA	197.006
2.	Alabama	196.736
3.	Utah	196.621
4.	Georgia	196.282
5.	Stanford	196.242
6.	Nebraska	195.962
7.	Michigan	195.700
8.	Florida	195.621
9.	BYU	195.225
10.	Iowa State	195.079
11.	Penn State	195.064
12.	LSU	195.058
13.	Arizona State	195.004
14.	Minnesota	194.850
15.	Ohio State	194.704
16.	Iowa	194.607
17.	West Virginia	194.554
18.	Oklahoma	194.550
19.	Oregon State	194.514
20.	Kent State	194.462
21.	Denver	194.433
22.	Illinois	194.245
23.	North Carolina State	194.175
24.	George Washington	194.156
25.	California	194.129

Gymnastics 2001



#14 Minnesota hosts #10 Iowa State
Saturday, Feb. 24 • 7 p.m. • Sports Pavilion

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Golden Gophers Take On Iowa State For Second Straight Week

No. 14 Minnesota hosts No. 10 Iowa State on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. The Gophers face the Cyclones for the second straight meet, as Minnesota competed at Iowa State on Friday. Iowa State scored 196.150 to Minnesota's 195.025.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 14 in the Feb. 12 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on season average. The Gophers moved down from the No. 10 spot last week despite posting a score higher than the team's previous average.

Minnesota is one of six Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. Defending conference champion Michigan leads the way at No. 7, with a 195.446 average, followed by Penn State at No. 11. Minnesota, Ohio State and Iowa are grouped together at spots 14-16, respectively. Illinois rejoins the top 25 with a No. 22 ranking. Michigan State is the only Big Ten school not ranked this week, although the Spartans were listed 24th last week.

Defending NCAA champion UCLA is ranked No. 1 and improved its season average to 197.006 after a score of 198.25, the highest score in the nation this season.

Kelley Ranks High In The Big Ten

Junior MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd) Kelley is listed among the top 10 in four of the five lists this week. She is second on floor exercise, fourth in the all around, eighth on uneven bars and 10th on vault.

Kelley is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on two lists this week. She is tied for 15th on floor exercise and listed 22nd in the all around.

Individuals In The Big Ten Rankings

Minnesota has three individuals ranked in the Big Ten's top 10 floor exercise list this week, led by MaryAnne Kelley at No. 2. Sophomore Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon) is ninth and junior Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) 10th.

The Gophers have two individuals on the uneven bars and balance beam top 10. Junior Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley) is third on beam and Alf is sixth. On uneven bars, Kelley is eighth and newcomer Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel) ninth.

Kelley is the only Minnesota gymnast ranked in the top 10 on vault (10th) and all around (fourth).

Gopher Floor Exercise Ranked Eighth

Minnesota is ranked eighth on floor exercise, with an average of 49.121. The Gophers are also listed among the top 25 for vault (No. 19, 48.607), uneven bars (No. 20, 48.764) and balance beam (No. 24, 48.357).

The Last Meet

No. 10 Minnesota scored 195.025 but placed third in a triangular in Ames, Iowa, on Friday. Ninth-ranked Iowa State won the meet with a total of 196.15, followed by No. 17 Oklahoma (195.375).

Alf Shines On Beam

Sophomore Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon) won the balance beam at Iowa State with her third 9.90 score in the last four weeks. It was her third beam title this season. The 9.90 score is the third-best in team history and the team's highest since 1999.

Alf has recorded at least 9.80 in five of the team's seven meets this season. She leads the team with a 9.768 average, including a fall on Jan. 19. Without the fall, her average is 9.854.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shayn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Mary Skokut Records 9.90 On Bars

Newcomer **Mary Skokut** was Minnesota's highest finisher on uneven bars at Iowa State, placing in a tie for sixth place with a career-high 9.90. That score ranks fourth in team history. **Skokut** averages 9.808 on bars, including three scores of at least 9.80.

Gophers Record Second-Best Bars Score

Minnesota tallied a 49.300 score on uneven bars, just off the school record of 49.350 set in 1999. In addition to **Mary Skokut's** 9.90, **MaryAnne Kelley** and senior **Megan Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** each scored 9.875, both season highs. Junior **Megan Beuckens** was just off her career high with a 9.85, while junior **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Thomas Worthington)** set a season high with a 9.8.

Floor Exercise Scores 49.175, Again

The Golden Gophers scored 49.175 on floor exercise for the fifth time in the team's seven meets this season. Minnesota has recorded that score the last four meets.

Minnesota's floor exercise lineup features three gymnasts averaging at least 9.80. Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** leads the way with a 9.886 average, including scores of 9.90 the last five meets. She is tied for 15th in the latest national rankings on floor exercise.

Sophomore **Jenny Alf** is next, with a 9.836 average, including scores of at least 9.80 the last six meets. Junior **Courtney Norman** has competed on floor the last four weeks, averaging 9.819, including a 9.90 at Stanford. Junior **Catie Christensen** recorded a 9.775 at Iowa State and just misses a 9.80 average, with a 9.796 mark.

Kelley Consistent On Floor Exercise

MaryAnne Kelley recorded her fifth straight 9.90 on floor exercise, finishing in a tie for third place at Iowa State. She is tied for first in school history on the floor exercise, with a 9.95 set last year.

Beam Blues

Minnesota had to count two falls on balance beam at Iowa State and scored 47.975. The Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall in all three road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first

place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Iowa State

The Cyclones are ranked No. 10 in the nation with an average of 195.079. The team is also listed ninth on vault and 11th on balance beam. Sissy Huey is ranked sixth on uneven bars and 21st in the all around. The Cyclones won their first Big 12 title last year and placed eighth in the nation. Head coach K.J. Kindler is in her first year as head coach after serving as an assistant the last eight seasons.

Last Year Against Iowa State

Iowa State won both meetings last season, defeating the Gophers 195.850-192.425 in Ames on Feb. 4 and edging the Gophers 196.225-196.125 in the Sports Pavilion in the final regular-season meet. In the second meet, **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** broke the school record in the all around with a total of 39.450, a total that has since been broken by **MaryAnne Kelley**.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 54-35-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 122-106-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

Minnesota is on the road again, competing at Boise State on Friday, March 2. The Gophers return to the Sports Pavilion for the team's final home meet of the season on March 10, when Minnesota faces Arizona.

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 2-1 Big Ten: 0-0

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston at Marquette 10 a.m.
25 at Marquette 10 a.m.

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Houston—Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.
Minnesota at Marquette—Sunday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.
Milwaukee, Wis.

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Golden Gophers in Milwaukee For Two Matches

Minnesota returns to competition after a week off to take on Houston and Marquette this weekend in Milwaukee, Wis. The Golden Gophers have a 2-1 record after splitting two matches in Colorado on Feb. 10-11.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota has played one match at home this season, winning 5-2 over Richmond. The team's match against Drake on Feb. 3 was cancelled due to weather. The Gophers split two matches in Colorado, falling to Tulsa, 5-2, and defeating Colorado, 6-1.

Newcomer **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer)** is undefeated during the spring season, sporting a 3-0 record in both singles and doubles.

About Houston

Houston is 1-2 this season with a win over Rice, but has suffered losses to Texas-Arlington and Central Florida, both by a score of 6-1. The Cougars have had to forfeit the No. 6 position in all three matches because of injuries. This will be the first meeting between the two schools.

About Marquette

Marquette is 3-5 on the season after a 5-2 win over Western Michigan last weekend. Marquette's two other wins have been against Wis.-Milwaukee, 7-0, and against Colorado, 5-2. The Golden Eagles' No. 1 singles player is senior Laura Garcia, who is ranked 39th in the nation. Minnesota leads the all-time series, 3-1. The last meeting between the two was in 1999, with Minnesota losing 5-4.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 117-107 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota continues an eight-match road trip, opening Big Ten Conference play at Ohio State on Friday, March 2, followed by a match at Penn State on Sunday, March 4. Minnesota will next be home March 23, when the Gophers host Michigan State.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	2-1						1-1	2-1	.667			3-2	.600
Amy Thomas		1-2					3-6	1-2	.333			4-8	.333
Michaela Havelkova			1-2				5-5	1-2	.333			6-7	.462
Tammy Wang				2-1			2-5	2-1	.667			4-6	.400
Jennifer Howard					1-2		3-7	1-2	.333			4-9	.308
Brandi Watts						3-0	3-7	3-0	1.000			6-7	.462
Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.			
Havelkova/Vladea		3-0			3-0	1.000						3-0	1.000
Rose/Wang			0-3		0-3	.000						0-3	.000
Thomas/Watts				3-0	0-2	3-0			1.000			3-2	.600

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 **Intrasquad**
 21 **North Dakota** W, 177-114
 27 **Alumni Meet**

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
17-19 Minnesota Invitational
1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
20 Iowa W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals
 Illinois W, 219.5-127.5
 Purdue W, 215-138
 Wisconsin L, 203-128

February

- 2-3 **Minnesota Challenge**
No Team Scores
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 6th of 11 teams/340.5 pts.
25 Gopher-It Invite 3 p.m.

March

- 8-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Indianapolis, Ind.)
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

Gopher-It Invite

Sunday, 3 p.m., University Aquatic Center

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The Minnesota women's swimming and diving team finished sixth at the 2001 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. The 19th-ranked Gophers kept alive a streak of finishing in the top six of the Big Ten in all 20 Big Ten official championships. Minnesota set three school records and **Katy Christoferson (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** automatically qualified for the NCAA meet.

Gophers Currently 19th In National Poll

Minnesota is currently ranked 19th in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. Other Big Ten teams that are ranked are Wisconsin (12th), Penn State (13th), Michigan (16th), Northwestern (18th) and Indiana (21st). Purdue is the first team mentioned among teams receiving votes outside of the top 25.

2001 Big Ten Championships Review

Katy Christoferson won Minnesota's lone individual championship. She was the top qualifier and the winner of the 200 individual medley in 2:00.22. It was the third Big Ten title for **Christoferson**, who won the 400 individual medley titles in 1998 and 2000. She set school records in the 200 IM and the 400 IM (4:15.12), where she finished second. Both times are school records, and both are automatic qualifiers for the NCAA meet next month in New York.

Sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)** broke Minnesota's oldest school record in the 200 freestyle. **Baum** finished fourth in a time of 1:48.15, breaking the record of Jodi Schirmers (1:48.52) set in 1988. Minnesota coach **Jean Freeman** expects **Baum** and **Jinny Smedstad (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy)** to qualify with their consideration times to the NCAA meet.

Gopher Scorers

Following is a list of every Minnesota scorer at the 2000 Big Ten Championships. An (A) next to the time denotes an NCAA automatic qualifying time, while a (B) next to the time denotes an NCAA consideration time.

First Place				Fifth Place		
Katy Christoferson	200 IM	2:00.22 (A)		Tracy LaVoi	3M Dive	470.90
Second Place				Sixth Place		
Katy Christoferson	400 IM	4:15.12 (A)		200 Free Relay		1:33.68
				Dana Baum	1650 Free	16:33.29 (B)
Third Place				Seventh Place		
Juleen Rodakowski	200 Fly	2:00.62		400 Medley Relay		3:47.59
Fourth Place				200 Medley Relay		1:44.68
Dana Baum	500 Free	4:47.87 (B)		Juleen Rodakowski	100 Fly	55.65 (B)
Jinny Smedstad	400 IM	4:18.60 (B)		Eighth Place		
Dana Baum	200 Free	1:48.15 (B)		Katy Christoferson	100 Fly	54.31 (A)
800 Free Relay		7:21.38 (B)				

Head Coach Jean Freeman

Jean Freeman is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2000. Freeman earned the 200th dual meet victory in her career Jan. 27 at Wisconsin against Purdue and Illinois, and now sports a career dual meet record of 200-53-4 (.786).

University of Minnesota

2000-2001 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Overall: 23-15 Dual Record: 6-1

Big Ten: 3-1

Invationals: 17-14

Minn.				Minn.					
Date	Meet	W/L	Rank	Score	Date	Meet	W/L	Rank	Score
10/21/00	North Dakota	W	n/a	177-114	1/26-27/01	at Wisconsin	L	20th	203-128
11/4/00	Florida Atlantic	W	16th	157-77	1/26-27/01	Purdue @ Wisconsin	W	20th	215-138
11/11/00	Iowa State	W	16th	151-149	1/26-27/01	Illinois @ Wisconsin	W	20th	219.5-127.5
11/17-19/00	Minnesota Invitational	1st/9	18th	944.5 pts.	2/2-3/01	Minnesota Challenge	-	19th	No Scoring
12/1-3/00	Texas Invitational	10th/14	18th	130 pts.	2/15-17/01	Big Ten Championships	6th/11	19th	340.5 pts.
1/8/01	Macalester	N/A	18th	No Scoring					
1/20/01	Iowa	W	20th	186-114					

Meets in **bold** at the University Aquatic Center Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 Times in (): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)
 Points in (): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)	200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)	200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)
Meghan Sonstegard 2/15/01 23.50	Jinny Smedstad 2/17/01 2:01.91	Cahoy, Harrod, 2/16/01 1:44.68
Jen Power 2/2/01 23.94	Megan Moore 2/17/01 2:02.60	Bohlsen, Sonstegard
Katy Christoferson 12/1/00 24.06	Ann Cahoy 2/17/01 2:02.67	400y Medley Relay (3:39.05, 3:45.62, 3:41.27)
Sarah Bohlsen 2/15/01 24.14	Emily Deppe 2/17/01 2:02.74	Deppe, Christoferson, 12/1/00 3:47.59
Ann Cahoy 12/1/00 24.17	Dana Baum 12/3/00 2:04.08	Harrod, Baum
100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)	100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)	200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)
Meghan Sonstegard 12/3/00 51.41	Kim Harrod 2/16/01 1:04.58	Christoferson, Harrod, 2/15/01 1:33.68
Jinny Smedstad 12/3/00 52.05	Katy Christoferson 12/2/00 1:04.90	Cahoy, Sonstegard
Jen Power 2/3/01 52.38	Elizabeth Pierce 2/16/01 1:04.98	400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)
Casey Nicholson 2/17/01 52.64	Lauren Guzauskas 2/16/01 1:05.33	Smedstad, Sonstegard, 12/3/00 3:27.64
Dana Baum 2/3/01 52.75	Melissa Schold 2/16/01 1:05.98	Gardner, Baum
200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.28)	200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)	800y Free Relay (7:14.15, 7:27.17, 7:18.49)
Dana Baum 2/16/01 1:48.15 (B)	Elizabeth Pierce 2/17/01 2:17.26 (B)	Christoferson, Smedstad, 2/16/01 7:21.38 (B)
Jinny Smedstad 11/4/00 1:50.73 (B)	Kim Harrod 12/3/00 2:19.23	Nicholson, Baum
Casey Nicholson 2/16/01 1:51.54	Carol Crouthamel 12/3/00 2:19.85	1 M Diving (6) (265, 300.70)
Arianna Gardner 2/16/01 1:52.17	Katy Christoferson 10/21/00 2:21.26	Tracy LaVoi 2/2/01 300.70 (A)
Amy Mickschl 2/16/01 1:53.96	Melissa Schold 2/17/01 2:23.76	Kim Bahmer 2/2/01 294.90 (A)
500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)	100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.24)	Shannon Jackson 2/2/01 289.50 (A)
Dana Baum 2/15/01 4:47.87 (B)	Katy Christoferson 2/16/01 54.31 (A)	Erin Prasse 2/2/01 286.00 (A)
Jinny Smedstad 2/15/01 4:51.95 (B)	Juleen Rodakowski 2/16/01 55.56 (B)	Rachelle Giese 2/2/01 280.65 (A)
Casey Nicholson 2/15/01 4:54.45 (B)	Sarah Bohlsen 2/16/01 56.21	Holly Hanneman 2/2/01 271.35 (A)
Arianna Gardner 12/1/00 4:58.43	Kim Harrod 2/16/01 56.38	1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)
Carol Crouthamel 12/1/00 4:59.50	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 57.13	3 M Diving (6) (270, 332.90)
1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)	200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)	Tracy LaVoi 10/21/00 271.25 (A)
Dana Baum 1/26/01 10:11.85	Juleen Rodakowski 2/17/01 2:00.62 (B)	Holly Hanneman 12/2/00 263.80
Kristin Rygg 11/4/00 10:18.28	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 2:06.31	Kim Bahmer 1/20/01 255.825
Carol Crouthamel 1/20/01 10:31.40	Jinny Smedstad 10/21/00 2:07.32	Shannon Jackson 11/11/00 253.50
Juleen Rodakowski 10/21/00 10:40.72	Karen Egerman 1/20/01 2:07.79	Rachelle Giese 10/21/00 234.70
Lindsay Marko 11/4/00 10:47.58	Katy Christoferson 11/19/00 2:07.91	3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)
1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)	200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:00.22)	Tracy LaVoi 2/3/01 507.10 (A)
Dana Baum 2/17/01 16:33.29 (B)	Katy Christoferson 2/15/01 2:00.22 (A)	Holly Hanneman 2/3/01 488.80 (A)
Kristin Rygg 2/17/01 17:03.03	Jenna Stocker 1/20/01 2:03.97	Kim Bahmer 2/3/01 486.25 (A)
Katy Christoferson 2/3/01 17:30.42	Emily Deppe 12/1/00 2:04.39	Rachelle Giese 2/3/01 480.40 (A)
Jinny Smedstad 11/19/00 17:34.08	Jinny Smedstad 2/2/01 2:06.34	Shannon Jackson 2/3/01 471.25 (A)
Jenna Stocker 2/3/01 17:40.71	Katie Klamer 2/2/01 2:06.93	Erin Prasse 2/3/01 444.75 (A)
100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)	400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:15.12)	Platform Diving (8) (325)
Megan Moore 2/16/01 57.29	Katy Christoferson 2/16/01 4:15.12 (A)	Tracy LaVoi 11/19/00 360.30 (A)
Meghan Sonstegard 2/16/01 57.30	Jinny Smedstad 2/16/01 4:18.60 (B)	Holly Hanneman 2/17/01 323.30
Ann Cahoy 2/16/01 57.32	Carol Crouthamel 2/16/01 4:24.30	Erin Prasse 11/19/00 311.40
Emily Deppe 12/2/00 57.69	Emily Deppe 2/16/01 4:24.59	
Jessica Crawford 2/16/01 58.55	Juleen Rodakowski 2/16/01 4:29.13	

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 10-3-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)

17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)

28 at San Diego State (2) 1 p.m.

MARCH

2-4 at Worth Invitational
(Fullerton, Calif.)
9-11 at Creighton Softball Spring
Classic (Omaha, Neb.)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
27 at IUPUI (2) 4 p.m.
30 at Purdue (2)* 2 p.m.
31 at Indiana* 2 p.m.

APRIL

1 at Indiana* 1 p.m.
3 Concordia-St. Paul (2) 4 p.m.
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 Wis.-Green Bay (2) 4 p.m.
13 Michigan (2)* 2 p.m.
14 Michigan State* 6 p.m.
15 Michigan State* 1 p.m.
17 Northern Iowa (2) 3 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 Drake (2) 4 p.m.
27 Penn State (2)* 2 p.m.
28 Ohio State* 6 p.m.
29 Ohio State* 1 p.m.

MAY

1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



NO GAMES THIS WEEK

Next Games: at San Diego State (2)
Feb. 28, 1 p.m. (PST), San Diego, Calif.

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The University of Minnesota softball team is 10-3-1 after the first two weeks of its 2001 season. The Golden Gophers won the Metrodome Softball Classic last weekend for the first time in the four-year history of the tournament, and tied for third in the 24-team Triangle Classic this weekend in Raleigh, N.C. Minnesota will not play this week and resume its schedule with an eight-game road trip to Southern California next week.

Road Trip Review

Game 8 — North Carolina 1, Minnesota 0

The Tar Heels scored an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning and made it stand up for the win. The Gophers outhit North Carolina, 8-1, but left nine runners on base.

Game 9 — Minnesota 1, North Carolina 1 (Called after 7 innings)

Minnesota took a 1-0 lead in the sixth inning when pinch-runner **Amy Hafemeyer (Kenyon, Minn./Fairbault)** scored on a Tar Heel error. North Carolina scored with two out in the seventh inning, and the game was called due to darkness.

Game 10 — Minnesota 11, Temple 2 (6 innings)

Jessica Green (San Diego, Calif./Serra) picked up her first win as a Gopher, pitching a complete-game five-hitter. **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** and **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** each had three hits to lead a 13-hit attack.

Game 11 — Minnesota 4, Ohio 2 (8 innings)

Braden hit a two-run home run in the top of the eighth inning to give the Gophers their second extra-inning win of the year. **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** won her seventh game of the season, limiting the Bobcats to four hits in eight innings.

Game 12 — Minnesota 10, UNC-Wilmington 7

The Gophers rallied from a 7-0 deficit, including five runs in the final inning, to defeat the Seahawks. **Braden** hit a grand slam, her fifth home run of the season, with one out in the seventh inning to complete the comeback.

Game 13 — Minnesota 6, East Carolina 1

Minnesota avenged a 7-1 loss to East Carolina in last year's Triangle Classic quarterfinals to win in this year's quarterfinal. The Gophers broke a scoreless tie with four runs in the fourth inning on two-run doubles by **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)** and **Shelly Nichols (Austin, Tex./Stephen F. Austin)**.

Game 14 — Virginia 2, Minnesota 1

The Cavaliers hit a two-run home run in the third inning and held on to eliminate the Gophers in the championship semifinals. **Hays** drove in **Nichols** for Minnesota's only run in the seventh inning. **Braden** was named to the all-tournament team.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 329-233-2 (.585). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 218-109-1 (.666), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 23 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 89-51-1 (.635) as a co-head coach and 174-91-1 (.656) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2000-01 Schedule

September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational (Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational (East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams
- 29-30 **Lady Northern Invitational**

October

- 1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends (Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic (Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic (Dallas, Texas)

March

- 27-29 Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Oahu, Hawaii)

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa)
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational (Columbus, Ohio)
- 27-29 **Big Ten Championship**

Home tournaments in bold are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the University of Minnesota



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Minnesota at the Midwest Classic
Feb. 23-25 — Dallas, Texas — Hyatt Bear Creek GC

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Gophers Open Spring Season at Midwest Classic

The Golden Gopher women's golf team plays the first of six spring tournaments, this weekend, travelling to Dallas, Texas, to compete in the Midwest Classic. The 54-hole tournament will be played on the par-72 Hyatt Bear Creek Golf Course. Last year, the Gophers placed ninth of 16 teams at the Classic.

Minnesota Ranked in Top 30 in Three Polls as Fall Season Ends

The Golden Gophers were ranked in three national polls as the fall season came to a close. On Nov. 1, Minnesota was ranked No. 22 in the Golfstat Head-to-Head Ranking, No. 24 in the MasterCard Collegiate Ranking and No. 29 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Collegiate Ranking.

Three Gophers Finish Fall in Top 20

Three Golden Gophers inscribed their names on the Minnesota top 20 list for the lowest scoring average during the fall season. Senior **Katie Bakken (Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park)** topped the Gophers with a 77.15 average in five tournaments this fall to rank 10th on the list. Sophomore **Karyn Stordahl (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)** ranks 11th with a fall average of 77.23. Senior **Jenny Bruun (Crookston, Minn./Central)** added her name at the 13th spot, averaging 77.31.

Gophers Chase Top Team Performances in the Fall

The Gophers recorded all-time Minnesota top-10 scores in three of their five tournaments. Minnesota's total of 903 at the Shootout at The Legends placed the Gophers only seventh of 15 teams at the event, yet ranked as the second-best 54-hole team score in Gopher history. The Gophers placed third at the Lady Northern Invitational with a score of 908, the fourth-best 54-hole team score. In the weather-shortened Mary Fossum Invitational, the Gophers won the title with a total of 296, which tied for sixth all time for one round.

2000-01 Gopher Women's Golf Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
Katie Bakken	Sr.	Brooklyn Center, Minn. (Champlin Park/California)
Jenny Bruun	Sr.	Crookston, Minn. (Central)
Cindy Cannon	Jr.	Big Lake, Minn. (Monticello)
Marilee Dahlman	Jr.	Marshalltown, Iowa (Marshalltown)
Kirstin Dooley	Jr.	Albany, Minn. (Albany)
Angela Kippley	R-Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn. (Tech)
Laura Krumenauer	Jr.	Onalaska, Wis. (Holmen)
Karen Quintelier	Fr.	Monrovia, Calif. (La Salle)
Julie Skavanger	Jr.	Osseo, Minn. (Champlin Park)
Megan Stier	Jr.	Belle Plaine, Minn. (Belle Plaine)
Karyn Stordahl	So.	Owatonna, Minn. (Owatonna)
Kirstin Whalen	So.	Elk River, Minn. (Elk River)
Arminda Yutuc	Jr.	La Crosse, Wis. (Central)

Head Coach: Melissa Arthur (Second Year)
Assistant Coach: Andi Schultz (First Year)

A Look Ahead

Minnesota's next competition is March 27-29 in the Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Oahu, Hawaii. The Gophers will spend their spring break training in Hawaii.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher Sports News

February 26, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Basketball

- The Gophers take on Indiana in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament, to be broadcast on WDGY Radio (630 AM) at 9:00 p.m.

Hockey

- No. 4 Minnesota travels to Minnesota-Duluth to take on the No. 2 Bulldogs

Gymnastics

- No. 16 Minnesota competes at Boise State

Softball

- Minnesota plays a doubleheader at San Diego State before playing in the three-day Worth Invitational, hosted by Cal State Fullerton

Track and Field

- The Gophers travel to the Iowa State Qualifier

Tennis

- The Gophers begin Big Ten action on the road with matches at Ohio State and Penn State

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- Kim Prince records her fourth career double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds against Michigan State

Hockey

- No. 4 Minnesota clinches the WCHA-Women's League title with two wins over No. 7 Wisconsin

Gymnastics

- The Gophers set a school record with a team score of 196.525

Tennis

- Minnesota defeats Houston and Marquette to improve to 4-1
- The Gophers have won the doubles point in every match this spring

Track and Field

- Minnesota takes fifth place at the Big Ten Championships, led by individual champions Aubrey Schmitt and Shan Marks

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Wednesday, February 28

SB at San Diego State (2) 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

BB at Big Ten Tournament (WDGY Radio) 5 p.m.

Friday, March 2

BB at Big Ten Tournament TBA

GM at Boise State 6 p.m.

HC at Minnesota-Duluth 7:05 p.m.

SB at Worth Invitational 10 a.m./noon

TN at Ohio State 1 p.m.

TF at Iowa State Qualifier

Saturday, March 3

BB at Big Ten Tournament TBA

HC at Minnesota-Duluth 7:05 p.m.

SB at Worth Invitational 10 a.m./4 p.m.

TF at Iowa State Qualifier

Sunday, March 4

BB at Big Ten Tournament TBA

SB at Worth Invitational 7/9 a.m.

TN at Penn State 9 a.m.

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2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

Overall: 8-19

Big Ten: 1-15

November

18-19 Four Points Sheraton Classic

18 Binghamton W, 85-74
 19 Providence W, 88-60

25-26 Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol (Cancun, Mexico)

25 vs. Denver L, 77-59
 26 vs. Louisville W, 68-64

December

1-2 Kansas Tournament (Lawrence, Kan.)

1 vs. St. Joseph's L, 64-62
 2 vs. Eastern Illinois L, 73-72
 4 Virginia Commonwealth W, 72-57
 8 at Ohio W, 92-73
 10 at St. Louis W, 77-71
 23 at Marist W, 79-61
 28 at Penn State * L, 91-73
 31 at Indiana-Purdue (IUPUI) L, 85-80

January

4 Indiana * L, 79-76
 7 Michigan State * L, 66-65
 11 at Indiana * L, 92-64
 18 at Wisconsin * L, 90-67
 21 Northwestern * W, 79-47
 25 Purdue * L, 86-61
 28 Illinois * L, 88-81

February

1 at Michigan * L, 69-51
 4 at Illinois * L, 101-71
 8 at Ohio State * L, 64-52
 11 Iowa * L, 82-71
 15 Ohio State * L, 72-65 (ot)
 18 at Purdue * L, 96-43
 22 Wisconsin * L, 86-43
 25 at Michigan State * L, 58-50

March

1-4 Big Ten Conference Tournament R
 (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
 vs. Indiana

Home games in bold at the Sports Pavilion

* Big Ten game

R - Radio broadcasts on WDGY 630 AM



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Basketball

Minnesota vs. Indiana — March 1 — 6 p.m.
 2001 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament

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Minnesota Faces Indiana in Big Ten Tournament

The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's basketball team (8-19, 1-15 Big Ten) earned the 10th seed in the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament field and will face Indiana in first-round action on Thursday at 6 p.m. (EST). The Hoosiers are the No. 7 seed with a 18-9 overall record, 9-7 in Big Ten play.

Gophers Available to Media on Tuesday

The weekly press gathering is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the season. Head coach Cheryl Littlejohn and Gopher players will be available for interviews at 3:30 p.m., following the 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. practice.

Gophers Carried on WDGY Radio

The Gophers' games at the Big Ten Tournament will be broadcast by WDGY Radio 630 AM. Providing the play-by-play is Chris Tubbs. Handling the color commentary duties is sports information director Becky Bohm. Thursday game versus Indiana will be broadcast on a tape-delayed basis, beginning at approximately 9 p.m.

Grand Rapids Hosts the Big Ten Tournament

The city of Grand Rapids, Mich., will play host to the 2001 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament, March 1-4, in Van Andel Arena.

The Big Ten Tournament Schedule

Following is the game schedule for the 2001 Big Ten Women's Basketball "Grand Tournament" set for March 1-4, in Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. All times are eastern.

Thursday, March 1

Game 1 #8 Ohio State vs. #9 Michigan State 4 p.m.
 Game 2 #7 Indiana vs. #10 Minnesota 6 p.m.
 Game 3 #6 Illinois vs. #11 Northwestern 8 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Game 4	#4 Penn State vs. #5 Michigan	12 Noon	Fox Sports Chicago
Game 5	Game 1 winner vs. #1 Purdue	2:30 p.m.	Fox Sports Chicago
Game 6	Game 2 winner vs. #2 Iowa	6 p.m.	Fox Sports Chicago
Game 7	Game 3 winner vs. #3 Wisconsin	8:30 p.m.	Fox Sports Chicago

Saturday, March 3

Game 8	Semifinal, Winner of Game 4/5	4 p.m.	Fox Sports Chicago
Game 9	Semifinal, Winner of Game 6/7	6:30 p.m.	Fox Sports Chicago

Sunday, March 4

Game 10	Championship, Winner of Game 8/9	8 p.m.	ESPN2
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The Big Ten Tournament Champions

Purdue is the three-time defending Big Ten Tournament champion. The Boilermakers are one of four teams to capture the crown in the seven-year history of the tournament. Purdue defeated Penn State, 71-63, to win the 2000 tournament title but the Lady Lion point guard Helen Darling was named the tournament most valuable player. Here's a list of the tournament champions and years they won:

School	Championships
Iowa	1997
Ohio State	1992
Purdue	1998, 1999, 2000
Penn State	1995, 1996

**Big Ten Conference Standings
(As of Feb. 25)**

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1. Purdue *	14	2	.875	24	5	.828
2. Penn State	11	4	.733	19	7	.731
Wisconsin	11	4	.733	17	8	.680
Iowa	11	4	.733	16	9	.640
5. Michigan	9	6	.600	16	10	.625
Illinois	9	6	.600	14	13	.519
7. Indiana	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
8. Ohio State	6	9	.400	16	9	.640
9. Michigan State	3	12	.200	9	17	.346
10. Minnesota	1	14	.067	8	18	.308
11. Northwestern	0	15	.000	4	21	.160

* Big Ten champion

Last Week in the Big Ten (home team in CAPS)

Wed., Feb. 21	OHIO STATE 61, Northwestern 41
Thur., Feb. 22	PENN STATE 75, Purdue 65
	Wisconsin 86, MINNESOTA 43
	IOWA 50, Michigan State 47
	Illinois 54, INDIANA 50
Sun., Feb. 25	Michigan at Penn State, 2 p.m.
	Ohio State at Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.
	Iowa at Illinois, 12 noon
	Indiana at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
	MICHIGAN STATE 58, Minnesota

Minnesota in the Big Ten Tournament

Minnesota and Indiana will meet in the Big Ten Tournament for the first time. The Gophers are 1-7 in Big Ten Tournament play, their only win coming over Wisconsin in 1997. Following is Minnesota's Big Ten Tournament history:

Year	Result	Round
1982	Ohio State 68, Minnesota 66	First Round
1995	(9) Iowa 57, (8) Minnesota 44	First Round
1996	(6) Ohio State 78, (11) Minnesota 64	First Round
1997	(11) Minnesota 80, (6) Wisconsin 75	First Round
	(3) Illinois 98, Minnesota 76	Quarterfinal
1998	(6) Wisconsin 65, (11) Minnesota 47	First Round
1999	(6) Michigan 74, (11) Minnesota 55	First Round
2000	(7) Wisconsin 56, (10) Minnesota 49	First Round

Minnesota's Probable Starting Lineup

The starting lineup listed below is expected to make their fourth straight start this that lineup. A total of 11 different players have been listed in the starting lineup this season and no single Gopher has started every game this season. Forward **Kadidja Andersson (Stockholm, Sweden/Brannkyrka Gym.)** started the first 24 games of the season but that string was broken in the Feb. 15 game against Ohio State.

Combinations, Combinations and More Combinations

The Gophers have started a whopping 11 different starting lineups. Comparatively, Minnesota started four different lineups during the 1999-2000 season.

2000-01 Minnesota Starting Lineup Records

(Gilbert, Andersson, Bell, Piroglu, Whalen)	2-1
(Kane, Andersson, Bell, Piroglu, Whalen)	1-0
(Gilbert, Andersson, Prince, Piroglu, Lieser)	1-2
(Gilbert, Andersson, Prince, Piroglu, Whalen)	3-2
(Andersson, Prince, Pickens, Whalen, Gilbert)	0-2

The Gopher Seniors

The Gophers were honored their two seniors prior to their final home game, Feb. 22, center **Brandy Pickens (Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic)** and guard **Alana Glass (Pontiac, Mich./Roepert)**. Pickens has captained the Gopher team the last two seasons and has started 40 games in her career. Last season, she was voted the Gophers' most improved player. Glass made the varsity roster after spending her first three seasons as a team manager. She has played in four games this season.

Rookies Among Big Ten Leading Scorers

Two of the top three leading scorers in the Big Ten are rookies, Penn State's Kelly Mazzante and Minnesota's **Lindsay Whalen (Hutchinson, Minn./Hutchinson)**. Mazzante has a solid lead in the Big Ten scoring race and is averaging 18.8 points per game. Whalen scored 12 points against Michigan State and checks in at third, averaging 16.8 points per game. Iowa junior Lindsey Meder ranks second, averaging 17.2 points per game.

The Streak Snapped at Purdue

Lindsay Whalen had scored in double figures in every game she had played in her young Gopher career until she was held to nine points by a stingy Purdue defense on Feb. 18. The streak stood at 21 since Whalen missed three early-season games with an illness. Whalen returned to high scoring ways by scoring in double figures in each of the Gophers' last two games, so the tally stands at 23-of-24 games. Whalen has captured game scoring honors only nine times despite being Minnesota's leading scorer on the season.

Golden Gopher Probable Starters —

Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	2000-01 Season			Career Big Ten Tournament Averages				
					ppg	rpg	apg	games	minutes	ppg	rpg	apg
F	21	Lindsay Lieser	5-10	So.	6.4	2.0	0.8	1	11.0	0.0	3.0	1.0
F	10	Kim Prince	6-1	So.	12.8	6.3	0.7	1	31.0	10.0	7.0	0.0
C	30	Brandy Pickens	6-2	Sr.	1.5	2.5	0.4	2	15.5	2.5	3.5	0.0
G	13	Lindsay Whalen	5-8	Fr.	16.8	4.0	3.2	-	-	-	-	-
G	20	Leslie Hill	5-10	Fr.	3.0	1.8	0.4	-	-	-	-	-
Off the Bench:												
Pos	#	Name	Ht.	Yr.	ppg	rpg	apg	games	minutes	ppg	rpg	apg
F	35	Kadidja Andersson	5-11	Fr.	7.2	4.1	1.8	-	-	-	-	-
C	54	Kim Bell	6-7	Jr.	3.1	2.6	*1.5	2	14.0	2.0	3.0	*2.0
F	43	Megan Kane	6-0	Fr.	4.0	3.2	0.8	-	-	-	-	-
G	14	Trish McGhee	5-6	So.	3.8	1.4	1.2	-	-	-	-	-

* Blocks per game

Whalen's Rookie Season Listed Among Some Gopher Greats

The future for the Gopher rookie **Lindsay Whalen** is a bright one if the 5-8 guard continues along the path of the Gopher greats before her. **Whalen** has scored 403 in the first 24 games of her career and already among the first-year scoring totals of several of the best players to ever don the maroon and gold. All-Americans **Shudlick** and **Coenen** completed stellar Minnesota careers as the only Gophers to score over 2,000 points, scoring 2,097 and 2,044, respectively.

First-year Gopher Scoring

1. Linda Roberts (1977-78)	475 points	33 games	14.4 ppg.
2. Laura Coenen (1981-82)	456 points	28 games	16.3 ppg.
3. Laura Gardner (1978-79)	453 points	32 games	14.1 ppg.
4. Lindsay Whalen (2000-01)	403 points	24 games	16.8 ppg.
5. Molly Tadich (1983-84)	305 points	27 games	11.3 ppg.
6. Carol Ann Shudlick (1990-91)	285 points	24 games	11.9 ppg.

Trying to Get Back on Track

Minnesota is currently mired in a 10-game losing streak. The Gophers' longest losing streaks in Minnesota history:

Dec. 31, 1995 - March 1, 1996	17 games
Jan. 16 - Feb. 27, 1998	12 games
Jan. 17 - Feb. 26, 1999	11 games
Jan. 25 - Feb. 25, 2001	10 games
Dec. 28, 1996 - Jan. 31, 1997	10 games

The Cold, Cold Minnesota Winters

Over the last five years, Minnesota has posted an ice-cold 5-37 record in the month of January. February is even colder at 4-31. The Gophers have played in March, during Big Ten tournament play, just twice, going 0-2. Combining the months of January, February and March, and the Gophers have won just 11.4 percent of their games over the last five years.

January, 2001	1-6	February, 2001	0-8
January, 2000	1-8	February, 2000	2-5
January, 1999	2-7	February, 1999	0-6
January, 1998	1-7	February, 1998	0-7
January, 1997	0-9	February, 1997	2-5

Piroglu Lost for Remainder of Season with Knee Injury

Sophomore point guard **Ozlem Piroglu** (Ankara, Turkey/Oxel Ari Liesi/Cankaya U.) suffered her third knee injury of the season Feb. 15 versus Ohio State. This time she tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her right knee and is lost for the remainder of the season. **Piroglu** had twice previously suffered knee injuries, to her right knee in practice on Jan. 3, and her left knee, Feb. 8, at Ohio State. Neither of those injuries involved ligament damage. **Piroglu** collected 113 assists this season, the fifth-best single-season assist mark in Gopher history.

On the Sidelines

Cheryl Littlejohn (Tennessee, '87) is in her fourth season with the Golden Gophers. **Littlejohn** took over the Minnesota women's basketball program in April 1997 after stints as an assistant at Alabama and North Carolina State. She owns a career coaching record of 29-80 (7-57 Big Ten) in three seasons at Minnesota.

Littlejohn is assisted by **Danny Evans**, **Marc Wilson** and **Melissa Young-Kruse**.

The Scouting Report on Indiana

Indiana is the No. 7 seed in the Big Ten field after an impressive turnaround season directed by first-year Hoosier coach **Kathi Bennett**. The Hoosiers were tied with Minnesota last year with a 10-18 record but have posted a 18-9 mark in 2000-01. Center **Jill Chapman** leads the team in scoring (14.9), rebounds (7.1), blocks (44) and field goal percentage

(55.4). Guard **Heather Cassidy**, who tops the team in assists with 108, also scores in double figures a 11.7 points per game.

Head coach **Kathi Bennett** is in her first season with the Hoosiers. Overall, **Bennett** owns a 242-115 record in 13 years of coaching.

The Series — Indiana owns a 20-19 edge in the series after sweeping both game from the Gophers this season.

Game One Versus Indiana — Jan. 4

The Golden Gophers lost its second game to open the Big Ten season, dropping a 79-76 decision to Indiana in the Sports Pavilion on Jan. 4.

Hoosier center **Jill Chapman** scored all 17 of her points in the second half to rally Indiana from a 34-32 halftime deficit. **Chapman** was held scoreless on 0-for-7 from the field in the first half, but then came alive making 6-of-6 in the second half. The 6-5 junior, who was last week's Big Ten Player of the Week, also pulled down 10 rebounds for her third consecutive double-double.

Five of **Chapman's** points came during a 7-0 Hoosier run that gave Indiana its biggest lead at 63-54 with 6:19 remaining. During the stretch, Minnesota missed the front ends of three one-and-one opportunities from the free throw line.

Minnesota fought back to get within two points at 67-65 on a pair of **Lindsay Whalen** free throws with 4:04 left. After an Indiana miss, the Gophers had a chance to tie the game but **Kim Prince** was whistled for travelling. The game was never a one-possession contest after that point. Indiana's **Rachael Honegger** iced the game with a pair of free throws with 6.6 seconds left.

Four Gophers finished in double figures scoring, led by **Whalen's** 21 points, including a 9-for-9 performance from the free throw line. **Tanisha Gilbert** added 15, while **Trish McGhee** chipped in 11 and **Prince** 10. The Gophers were playing without starting point guard **Ozlem Piroglu**, who suffered a sprained right knee in practice the day before the game.

Game Two Versus Indiana — Jan. 11

Indiana guard **Heather Cassidy** blitzed the Golden Gopher defense for a career-high 27 points, while her Hoosiers teamed to shoot over 57 percent from the field as Indiana drilled Minnesota, 92-64, in Bloomington on Jan. 11.

Lindsay Whalen scored the first basket of the game but it would turn out to be one of only two leads the Gophers would have in the game. The other Minnesota advantage was when a **Trish McGhee** (Memphis, Tenn./Central) jumper made the score 16-14.

The game's momentum swung after **Lindsay Lieser** hit her only three-pointer of the game to tie the score at 23 with 9:33 left in the first half. The Hoosier hit 7-of-11 field goal attempts to finish the half with a 67 percent field goal percentage, while the Gophers turned over the ball 11 times during the same span. The result was a 45-35 Hoosier lead at intermission.

The Gophers' scoring drought continued into the second half as they managed just five points in the first five minutes helping Indiana built a lead of 62-40.

Kim Prince led the Gophers in scoring with 13 points. **Whalen** added 11 and **Tanisha Gilbert** 10. **Cassidy** captured game honors by hitting 9-of-13 from the field for 27 points, while also chipping in seven assists, four rebounds and three steals. Hoosier center **Jill Chapman** added 19 points.

Minnesota finished the game shooting 42 percent from the field and hit just 57 percent from the free throw line, making 17-of-30 from the line.

Minnesota Women's Basketball
SEASON BOX SCORE - as of 02/26/01
ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(8-19)	(4-7)	(3-9)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-15)	(1-7)	(0-8)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(7-4)	(3-0)	(3-1)	(1-3)

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG		T O T A L		3-POINTERS		FT-PTA		PCT		R E B O U N D S		PF-FO	A	T O	B L K	S T	P T S - A V G							
				FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT					OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG													
13 Whalen, Lindsay	24	24	857	35.7	145	306	.474	15	52	.288	98	137	.715	27	69	96	4.0	53	0	77	110	2	41	403	16.8	
23 Gilbert, Tanisha	14	13	437	31.2	77	143	.538	1	7	.143	51	90	.567	36	61	97	6.9	42	1	21	44	5	34	206	14.7	
10 Prince, Kim	27	22	722	26.7	135	254	.531	0	0	.000	75	107	.701	59	111	170	6.3	60	1	18	56	16	20	345	12.8	
05 Piroglu, Ozlem	21	20	557	26.5	60	116	.517	17	35	.486	38	48	.792	11	39	50	2.4	59	4	113	101	2	25	175	8.3	
35 Andersson, Kadidja	27	23	708	26.2	75	190	.395	0	6	.000	45	65	.692	37	75	112	4.1	69	2	49	52	9	19	195	7.2	
21 Lieser, Lindsay	27	9	560	20.7	57	148	.385	51	132	.386	8	14	.571	12	41	53	2.0	29	0	21	32	2	9	173	6.4	
43 Kane, Megan	22	1	338	15.4	27	65	.415	3	8	.375	30	42	.714	24	46	70	3.2	54	5	17	22	14	15	87	4.0	
14 McGhee, Trish	19	1	219	11.5	23	77	.299	9	27	.333	17	24	.708	7	19	26	1.4	22	0	23	28	0	9	72	3.8	
54 Bell, Kim	25	4	365	14.6	32	74	.432	0	0	.000	14	19	.737	13	51	64	2.6	71	5	15	32	37	3	78	3.1	
20 Hill, Leslie	23	5	248	10.8	28	79	.354	6	17	.353	7	12	.583	11	31	42	1.8	17	0	9	24	2	3	69	3.0	
30 Pickens, Brandy	22	13	271	12.3	10	25	.400	0	0	.000	12	20	.600	20	36	56	2.5	38	1	8	21	1	6	32	1.5	
22 Glass, Alana	4	0	8	2.0	1	1	1.00	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5	
24 Nelson, Kim	8	0	22	2.8	1	9	.111	1	7	.143	0	0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	3	0	0	2	0	0	3	0.4	
03 Hemberg, Ebba	15	0	57	3.8	1	8	.125	0	2	.000	2	3	.667	1	3	4	0.3	7	0	2	3	0	0	4	0.3	
15 Tate, Jackie	4	0	45	11.3	0	3	.000	0	1	.000	1	3	.333	1	8	9	2.3	6	0	3	3	1	3	1	0.3	
52 Leon, Angel	6	0	11	1.8	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	1	0	1	0.2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0.2	
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														61	70	131					6					

Minnesota	27	5425	672	1499	.448	103	294	.350	399	586	.681	323	663	986	36.5	532	19	376	538	91	187	1846	68.4
Opponents	27	5425	712	1635	.435	168	450	.373	434	623	.697	370	615	985	36.5	538		486	442	88	256	2026	75.0

SCORE BY HALVES (and OTs):	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	934	1076	16	0	0	0	2026
Minnesota	842	995	9	0	0	0	1846

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	77	4	81
Minnesota	72	2	74

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 23-6-1
WCHA Record: 18-3-1

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 3-2 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 5-1
10	Dartmouth	L, 4-0

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 10-1
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 4-3
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	L, 1-0
17	at Ohio State*	W, 5-2
24	Wisconsin*	W, 6-2
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	W, 3-1

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
3	at Minn.-Duluth	7:05 p.m.
9-10	at WCHA Championship (Recreation Center, Rochester, Minn.)	
23	NCAA Championship (Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena
All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey

February 26, 2001

at Minnesota-Duluth

Friday, March 2, 7:05 p.m., DECC

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Golden Gophers, Bulldogs Renew Rivalry To End Regular Season

One of women's college hockey's most spirited rivalries renews this weekend as the fourth-ranked Golden Gophers (23-6-1, 18-3-1 WCHA Women's League) travel to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center for a pair of WCHA-Women's League games against second-ranked Minnesota-Duluth on Friday and Saturday. Both games are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. faceoffs. Minnesota clinched the WCHA-Women's League regular-season title Sunday with a win over Wisconsin.

WCHA Tournament Preview

The matchups have been set for the 2001 WCHA Women's League Tournament at the Recreation Center in Rochester, Minn. The only thing to be determined is who will have the final line change in the third game Thursday. Ohio State is currently the fourth seed, but St. Cloud State could overtake the Buckeyes with two wins against MSU, Mankato this weekend. The matchups:

Thursday, March 8

(2) Minnesota-Duluth vs. (7) Minnesota State, Mankato, 1 p.m.

(3) Wisconsin vs. (6) Bemidji State, 4 p.m.

(4) Ohio State vs. (5) St. Cloud State, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 9

Winners of first two games, 4 p.m.

Game 3 Winner vs (1) Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Third-place game, 4 p.m.

Championship game, 7 p.m.

Gophers Sweep Wisconsin to Win WCHA-Women's League Title

Minnesota clinched the outright WCHA-Women's League regular season title with a 3-1 win over seventh-ranked Wisconsin on Sunday at Mariucci Arena. The Gophers win their first WCHA-Women's League regular season title in the two-year history of the league, while the Badgers clinched third place in the final league standings.

The Gophers scored the first goal of the game on their first shift. **Nadine Muzerall** (Mississauga, Ontario/Kimball Union Academy) took the puck in the mid-slot from **Betsey Kukowski** (Apple Valley, Minn./Shattuck-St. Mary's) and scored 25 seconds into the game. The goal was Minnesota's fastest-ever to start a game. Minnesota increased the lead to 2-0 at the 7:17 mark of the first period on **Ambria Thomas** (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley) power-play goal. Thomas now has 198 career points, two shy of becoming the second-ever Gopher to score 200 points in a career. **Muzerall** concluded the scoring with a goal at the 5:07 mark of the third period. **Erica Killewald** (Troy, Mich./Troy) stopped 18 of 19 shots to record her 19th win of the season.

Saturday, Minnesota moved within one point of the outright title with a 6-2 win over Wisconsin. **Muzerall** scored two goals and **La Toya Clarke** (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary) had a goal and two assists to lead the Minnesota offense, while **Erica Killewald** stopped 22 of 24 shots to earn her 18th win of the season. The Gophers killed off all four Wisconsin power plays on Saturday, including 2:40 of power play time with a two-player disadvantage. After a scoreless first period, **Laura Slominski** (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville) lit the lamp for the Gophers on a 2-on-1 breakaway 4:07 into the second period to give Minnesota a 1-0 lead. Wisconsin tied the game three minutes later on a **Kendra Antony** goal, but **Ronda Curtin** (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) scored her 12th goal of the season with 3:36 remaining in the period to give Minnesota a 2-1 advantage after two periods.

Minnesota put the game away with two goals early in the third period. **Stefanie Snow** (Bedford, N.H./Cushing Academy) scored the first goal of her collegiate career at the 2:55 mark to increase the Minnesota advantage to 3-1, and **Muzerall** followed with the first of her two tallies 31 seconds later to make it 4-1. **Muzerall** scored on the power play, with 5:23 remaining, and after a Wisconsin goal by **Natascha Sherman**, **Clarke** finished the scoring at the 17:49 mark of the third period.

Minnesota-Duluth Recently

Second-ranked Minnesota-Duluth is 22-5-3 overall, 14-5-3 and in second place in the WCHA. Two weeks ago, the Bulldogs split two games at St. Cloud State, winning 7-3 in the opener and losing 6-5 in overtime in the second game. Minnesota-Duluth did not play last weekend. Hanne Sikio is second in WCHA scoring with 46 points in league games. Goalie Tuula Puputti is second in WCHA games with a 2.48 goals against average.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, **Nadine Muzerall** has scored 15 goals and 23 points in her last 11 games. She scored her fourth hat trick of the season and 15th of her career in the victory at Ohio State, and two goals in each of the two games against Wisconsin.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 74-5-4 when **Muzerall** scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-16-4 when she plays and does not score a goal.

Muzerall is one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award. The three finalists for the award will be named March 12, with the winner to be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Kennedy Steady on Blueline

Minnesota's **Courtney Kennedy** has been one of the team's steadiest performers this season, anchoring a defense corps that features three rookies.

Kennedy continues to lead the Gophers in plus/minus rating with a +41 rating. She leads the team with 18 power-play assists and is second on the team with 19 power-play points.

Kennedy was named the WCHA's player of the week Feb. 5 after Minnesota's two wins over Bemidji State, the second weekly award of her career. She scored two unassisted goals and added four assists against Bemidji State. She previously won the award after registering a school-record five assists in a 7-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato, Nov. 23, 1999. Minnesota players have claimed six of the league's 16 player of the week awards this season, with **Kennedy** being the first blueliner to earn the honor in 2000-01.

Kennedy is one of Minnesota's two nominees for the Patty Kazmaier Award and the only blueliner on the list of nominees.

Special Teams Are Special

Minnesota shut down the Wisconsin power play last weekend, shutting out the Badgers on six power-play opportunities. The Gophers have lowered their opponents' power-play efficiency to 16.0%. The Gophers have scored power-play goals in 13 of 14 games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 26 of 30 games this season. Minnesota's power-play is operating at 32.0% for the season.

Balancing Act

Of 11 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **La Toya Clarke**, **Nadine Muzerall** and **Ambria Thomas** are tied for second in the WCHA with four. **Ronda Curtin** has three and five other players have contributed game-winners this season.

When Last We Met

Minnesota won both games from Minnesota-Duluth by scores of 4-0 and 8-0 from Nov. 10-11 at Mariucci Arena. It was Minnesota's first sweep of the Bulldogs in a two game series.

The All-Time Series

Minnesota leads the all-time series, 4-3-1. Minnesota-Duluth won both games at Mariucci Arena last season, but Minnesota earned a win and a tie in the two games in Duluth. Minnesota-Duluth came back to win the final in the WCHA-Women's League Tournament, 2-0, but the Gophers defeated the Bulldogs, 3-2, in last season's ACHA semifinal.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .833 with a record of 55-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 976. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season when the Gophers hosted the U.S. Select team, drawing 2,611 to the first game and another 2,036 to the second game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 164-98-17. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 105-23-8. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked **Laura Halldorson** to keep a biweekly diary for its website. Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

The NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

Minnesota begins its postseason with the WCHA-Women's League Tournament, Mar. 9-10, in Rochester, Minn. The Gophers will play either St. Cloud State or Ohio State in a semifinal game on Friday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m.

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 26, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL					
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	(23- 6- 1)	(13- 1- 0)	(10- 5- 1)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	(18- 3- 1)	(11- 1- 0)	(7- 2- 1)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 3- 0)	(2- 0- 0)	(3- 3- 0)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703										
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171										
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203										
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350										
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112										
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512	14 La Toya Clarke	30	18	32	50	133	.135	2-4	5	0
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632	27 Ambria Thomas	30	25	21	46	140	.179	8-16	11	1
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643	4 Nadine Muzeralli	26	27	18	45	156	.173	17-40	9	0
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422	2 Courtney Kennedy	30	9	28	37	98	.092	27-54	1	0
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935	21 Laura Slominski	30	12	23	35	116	.103	4-8	5	0
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931	29 Ronda Curtin	30	12	16	28	99	.121	3-6	2	0
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525	24 Tracy Engstrom	30	8	18	26	82	.098	7-14	2	1
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457	19 Melissa Coulombe	29	3	10	13	30	.100	5-10	3	0
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561	18 Emily Buchholz	30	0	12	12	38	.000	20-40	0	0
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621	14 0 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921	10 Kris Scholz	29	6	3	9	43	.140	4-8	0	0
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745	3 Jerilyn Glenn	24	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553	28 Stefanie Snow	23	1	4	5	13	.077	6-12	0	0
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651	29 2 Kelsey Bills	29	2	1	3	17	.118	4-8	0	0
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203	22 Gwen Anderson	25	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158	23 Tracy Palinsky	30	2	0	2	44	.045	3-6	0	0
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131	6 Angela Borek	22	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387	8 Kelly Olson	29	0	2	2	24	.000	7-14	0	0
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	L	0-1	264	26 Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	W	5-2	237	19 0 Erica Killewald	26	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	6-2	1403	16 Betsey Kukowski	19	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	3-1	1005	5 0 Cecilia Retelle	5	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm			TM TEAM	3	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	7:05 pm			Total.....	30	129	207	336	1111	.116	137-280	39	2
Mar 08, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TRA			Opponents.....	30	62	90	152	688	.090	143-286	19	3
Mar 09, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TRA												
Mar 10, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TRA												
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TRA												
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TRA												
* denotes conference game														

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	129-1111	62-688
Shot pct.....	.116	.090
Goals/Game.....	4.3	2.1
Shots/Game.....	37.0	22.9
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	39-122	19-119
Conversion Percent.....	.320	.160
Shot Attempts.....	240	174
Shot Percent.....	.162	.109
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-21	3-11
Shot Percent.....	.095	.273
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Power Play.....	39	19
Short-handed.....	2	3
Empty net.....	0	0
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	11	7
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	137	143
Minutes.....	280	286
Penalties/Game.....	4.6	4.8
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.3	9.5
FACEOFFS (W-L).....	822-854	854-822
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	.490	.510

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	UM	OPP
Total.....	13664	5523
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	14/976	16/345
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	31	37	61	0	129
Opponents.....	18	26	17	1	62

SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	206	219	199	2	626
Opponents.....	296	329	351	6	982

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	194.850-195.625	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#9 Iowa State	196.150
	#17 Oklahoma	195.375
	#10 Minnesota	195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W
	196.525-196.150	

March

2	at Boise State	7 p.m.
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

GymInfo National Ranking

(Feb. 26 — By RQS)

1.	UCLA	197.120
2.	Alabama	196.860
3.	Utah	196.775
4.	Georgia	196.425
5.	Stanford	196.330
6.	Nebraska	196.165
7.	Michigan	196.150
8.	Iowa State	195.735
9.	Arizona State	195.700
10.	Florida	195.690
11.	Penn State	195.620
12.	Ohio State	195.435
13.	Oregon State	195.380
14.	Iowa	195.235
15.	California	195.005
16.	Minnesota	194.970
17.	West Virginia	194.955
18.	BYU	194.890
19.	Michigan State	194.785
20.	Oklahoma	194.655
21.	Illinois State	194.630
22.	Arizona	194.490
23.	Washington	194.440
24.	Denver	194.415
25.	Cal State-Fullerton	194.395



Gymnastics 2001

#16 Minnesota at Boise State
Friday, March 2 • Boise, Idaho

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Golden Gophers To Compete At Boise State

No. 16 Minnesota competes at unranked Boise State on Friday.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 16 in the Feb. 26 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on regional qualifying score. RQS is determined by taking the top three road scores and the next three best scores, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five scores. The Gophers moved down from the No. 14 spot last week despite posting a school-record 196.525 on Saturday.

Friday's opponent, Boise State, is not listed among this week's top 25. This will be the first unranked opponent Minnesota has faced this season, with the exception of the Best of Minnesota Meet.

Minnesota is one of six Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. The Gophers are listed fifth among conference teams, behind Michigan, Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa. Michigan State is back in the top 25 this week after a one-week absence. Illinois is the only Big Ten school not ranked this week, although Illinois was ranked No. 22 last week. Minnesota's season average of 195.059 is higher than both Ohio State (195.0) and Iowa (194.834).

North Central Region Rankings

1.	Utah	196.775
2.	Iowa State	195.735
3.	Iowa	195.235
4.	Minnesota	194.970
5.	BYU	194.890
6.	Denver	194.415
7.	Utah State	194.100
8.	Southern Utah	191.560

Big Ten Rankings

1.	Michigan	196.150
2.	Penn State	195.620
3.	Ohio State	195.435
4.	Iowa	195.235
5.	Minnesota	194.970
6.	Michigan State	194.785
7.	Illinois	193.365

Kelley Ranks High In The Big Ten

Junior MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd) is listed fourth in the Big Ten on floor exercise with an RQS of 9.9 and fifth in the all around with an RQS of 39.16. Kelley is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on both lists this week. She is 11th on floor exercise and listed 13th in the all around.

Gopher Floor Exercise Ranked Eighth

Minnesota is ranked eighth on floor exercise, with an RQS of 49.130. The Gophers are also listed among the top 25 for vault (No. 15, 48.720) and uneven bars (No. 18, 48.935). Minnesota's balance beam RQS is 48.285.

The Last Meet: Gophers Break School Record

Minnesota set a school record and defeated Iowa State, 196.525-196.150, Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers outscored the Cyclones on all four events. Minnesota's team total surpassed the previous mark of 196.350 set at the Big Ten Championships in 1997.

Mary Skokut, Annie Laatsch Lead Gophers To School Record On Uneven Bars

Minnesota set a school record on uneven bars against Iowa State, recording 49.4 to surpass the previous high of 49.35 set in 1999. Newcomers Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville) and Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel) each recorded 9.925, the second-highest score in team history. Junior MaryAnne Kelley tied her season high with a 9.875, while junior Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Thomas Worthington) scored 9.85 and junior Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley) scored 9.825.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Gophers Post Two Other Top-10 Team Scores

Minnesota set season-highs on both vault (48.975) and balance beam (49.0). The vault score is the fifth-best in team history, while the balance beam mark ranks fourth all-time.

Kelley Wins All Around

MaryAnne Kelley won the all around with a total of 39.425. She set a season high of 9.925 on floor exercise to tie for first place, just off her career high and school record of 9.95 set last season, after recording five consecutive 9.90 scores on floor exercise. Kelley also scored 9.85 on balance beam and 9.775 on vault against Iowa State.

Kelley has won four all around titles and five floor exercise titles this season.

Norman Sets Career-High Vault Mark

Junior Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall) shattered her previous career high on vault with a score of 9.875, surpassing her previous mark of 9.8 set the last two meets. She placed second, with MaryAnne Kelley and sophomore Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School) right behind at 9.8.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior MaryAnne Kelley was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. Kelley continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. Kelley received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Boise State

The Broncos are unranked this week and have an RQS of 193.265. Boise State recorded a season-high 195.45 at home on Feb. 17. Annie Kaus is ranked 15th on uneven bars and Tiffany Weston is ranked 19th on floor exercise.

Last Year Against Boise State

Minnesota faced Boise State at the Sports Pavilion on March 4, 2000, with the Gophers winning 194.450-193.350. Minnesota and Boise State competed in a tournament in 1989 in the only other meeting between the two teams.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 55-35-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 123-106-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. Meg Stephenson is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The Gophers return to the Sports Pavilion for the team's final home meet of the season on Saturday, March 10, when Minnesota faces Arizona.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 10-3-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 **Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 **Triangle Classic**
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
28 at San Diego State (2) 1 p.m.

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invitational
(Fullerton, Calif.)
2 San Jose State Noon
2 California 2 p.m.
3 Cal State Fullerton Noon
3 Long Beach State 6 p.m.
4 Oregon 9 a.m.
4 Pacific 11 a.m.
9-11 at Creighton Softball Spring
Classic (Omaha, Neb.)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
27 at IUPUI (2) 4 p.m.
30 at Purdue (2)* 2 p.m.
31 at Indiana* 2 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* 1 p.m.
3 **Concordia-St. Paul (2)** 4 p.m.
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 **Wis.-Green Bay (2)** 4 p.m.
13 **Michigan (2)*** 2 p.m.
14 **Michigan State*** 6 p.m.
15 **Michigan State*** 1 p.m.
17 **Northern Iowa (2)** 3 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 **Drake (2)** 4 p.m.
27 **Penn State (2)*** 2 p.m.
28 **Ohio State*** 6 p.m.
29 **Ohio State*** 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 **Big Ten Tournament** TBA
17-20 **NCAA Regionals** TBA
23-28 **NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)**

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage
Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise
indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



at San Diego State (2), Feb. 28, 1 p.m.
at Worth Invitational, March 2-4
hosted by Cal State Fullerton

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The University of Minnesota softball team resumes its 2001 schedule this week with an eight-game road trip to Southern California. The Gophers will play a non-conference doubleheader Wednesday at San Diego State (6-7), and six games at the Worth Invitational beginning Friday in Fullerton, Calif. Three of the Gophers' opponents are nationally ranked and those games will be Minnesota's first against nationally ranked teams this season. Minnesota was 10-3-1 in the month of February, winning the Metrodome Softball Classic and tying for third in the 24-team Triangle Classic.

Worth Invitational Preview

The Gophers will play six games in the Worth Invitational, hosted by Cal State Fullerton. The tournament standings will be determined on best record, as there is no championship bracket. Minnesota's schedule (all times PST):

Friday, March 2

Minnesota vs. San Jose State (5-8), Noon
Minnesota vs. (5) California (11-0), 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Minnesota vs. (11) Cal State Fullerton (14-5), Noon
Minnesota vs. Long Beach State (4-10), 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 4

Minnesota vs. (21) Oregon (15-8), 9 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Pacific (7-4), 11 a.m.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 329-233-2 (.585). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 218-109-1 (.666), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 23 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Stander** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 89-51-1 (.635) as a co-head coach and 174-91-1 (.656) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Note
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.349	1	6	2nd on team with 19 total bases
2B	Angel Braden	.425	11	21	.549 OBP, .925 SLUG%
SS	Shelly Nichols	.289	9	4	Hit .409 in North Carolina
3B	Allie Fisk	.263	6	3	Leads team with 10 SAC
LF	Veronica Roberts	.256	3	5	3-run triple in Metrodome final
CF	Tammi Hays	.362	12	1	Leads team in runs
RF	Morgan Holden	.375	4	3	Has 3 doubles among 9 hits
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	No errors in 96 chances
DP	Angie Recknor	.222	3	6	All-Tournament at Metrodome
P	Piper Marten	.316	2	1	.350 on-base percentage
P	Jessica Green	2-7	2	3	Both hits have driven in runs

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Note
P	Piper Marten	9-1	0.98	67	.157 opponent batting average
P	Angie Recknor	0-1	1.31	18	5 walks in 21.1 innings pitched
P	Jessica Green	1-1	0.86	7	Won first game vs. Temple

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior **Angel Braden** (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's) leads Minnesota with a .425 batting average, a .549 on-base percentage, a .925 slugging percentage, five doubles, five home runs and 21 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high in a season in home runs and is eight RBI shy of her 2000 total of 29 runs batted in. **Braden** is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth on the Gophers' all-time list with 91 runs batted in.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten** (Farmington, N.M./Farmington) has been the winning pitcher in nine of Minnesota's 10 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (13), innings pitched (57), strikeouts (67) and opponent batting average (.157). She is averaging 8.23 strikeouts per 7 innings.

The sixth inning has been the magic inning for Minnesota this season, outscoring the opposition by a count of 20-0 in the frame. In the first four innings, Minnesota holds a slim 28-24 advantage, but, in large part to the sixth-inning heroics, the Golden Gophers have a commanding 37-4 edge after the fourth inning. Some comparisons to the 2000 season:

	2000	2001
Batting Average	.250	.301
Runs/Game	3.3	4.6
Hits/Game	6.6	7.9
Opp. Batting Average	.261	.202
Opp. Runs/Game	2.7	2.0
Earned Run Average	1.96	1.04
Fielding Percentage	.959	.951

San Diego State (6-7)

The Aztecs lost three games at the NFCA Leadoff Classic to South Carolina (1-0), Oklahoma (8-2), and Arizona State (2-1). San Diego State has played five games against Midwest teams, splitting two games with Illinois-Chicago, defeating Ohio State (6-2) and Michigan (6-5), and losing to Northwestern (2-1). Eight of the Aztecs' 13 games have been decided by one run, and San Diego State has a 4-4 record in those games.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 6-3.

San Jose State (5-8)

The Spartans were rained out last weekend, and are 3-8 against Division I opponents. San Jose State has wins over Cal Poly, Sacramento State and Santa Clara, and losses to UCLA, Cal State Northridge (twice), Cal Poly, Stanford (twice), Sacramento State and Santa Clara. The Spartans are hitting .224 as a team and have a 2.02 team earned run average.

The Series — First Meeting.

California (11-0)

The Golden Bears have been perfect to begin the season, including four wins at the NFCA Leadoff Classic last weekend in Columbus, Ga. California has three wins over nationally ranked opponents, defeating Nebraska twice and Louisiana State. The Golden Bears have outscored their opposition, 54-12, compiled a .294 batting average, and have committed just four errors in 11 games.

The Series — California leads, 5-2.

Cal State Fullerton (14-5)

The Titans split four games last weekend at a tournament in Austin, Texas. Cal State Fullerton defeated No. 22 Texas twice, dropped a 2-1, nine-inning decision to Wisconsin and a 4-0 game to No. 1 UCLA. Three of the Titans' five losses have come at the hands of the top-ranked Bruins. Cal State Fullerton has a .308 team batting average, averages 5.9 runs per game, and a 2.30 team earned run average.

The Series — Cal State Fullerton leads, 14-1.

Long Beach State (4-10)

The 49ers have been on the fringe of the national top 25, but are on a six-game losing streak. Three of the six losses in the streak are to Big Ten teams, losing decisions to Ohio State (4-1), Michigan (4-0) and Northwestern (6-0). During the six-game losing streak, the 49ers have scored two runs and averaged less than five hits per game.

The Series — Long Beach State leads, 7-2.

Oregon (15-8)

The Ducks were 5-1 at the Troy Cox Invitational last weekend in Las Cruces, N.M., and have won eight of their last nine games. Oregon has two wins over Wisconsin, its only games against Big Ten competition. The Ducks will play a doubleheader at UC Riverside before competing at the Worth Invitational.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 4-2.

Pacific (7-4)

The Tigers have won four of their last five games and, like Long Beach State, are on the fringe of the national rankings. Three of Pacific's four losses are to Pac-10 powers Stanford (twice) and Arizona. Included in the Tigers' seven wins are two victories over Tennessee and one over Oklahoma State. In the three games against Pac-10 competition, the Tigers have been outscored, 15-0. In the other eight games, Pacific owns a 38-18.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 4-3.

The Road Continues in Nebraska

The Gophers will travel to Omaha, Nebr., for the Creighton Softball Spring Classic from March 9-11. The Gophers will face Buffalo (March 9, 9 a.m.), No. 15 Nebraska (March 9, 11:15 a.m.), Missouri-Kansas City (March 10, 3:45 p.m.), Creighton (March 10, 6 p.m.), and Drake (March 11, 11:15 a.m.).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Feb 24, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 10-3-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-1-1 Neutral: 10-2 Big Ten: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Angel Braden.....	.425	14-14	40	11	17	5	0	5	21	37	.925	8	3	12	0	.549	0	1	0-0	18	26	3	.936
Morgan Holden.....	.375	11-10	24	4	9	3	0	0	3	12	.500	2	1	6	0	.444	0	4	1-1	4	0	0	1.000
Tammi Hays.....	.362	14-14	47	12	17	0	0	0	1	17	.362	4	1	9	1	.423	0	3	2-3	12	0	0	1.000
Hailee Nanchy.....	.349	14-14	43	1	15	4	0	0	6	19	.442	4	4	7	0	.451	0	0	2-2	92	6	2	.980
Piper Marten.....	.316	10-9	19	2	6	0	0	0	1	6	.316	1	0	1	0	.350	0	3	0-0	1	8	0	1.000
Shelly Nichols.....	.289	14-14	38	9	11	4	0	0	4	15	.395	4	1	7	0	.372	0	2	1-1	16	29	7	.865
Jessica Green.....	.286	4-1	7	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.286	1	0	1	0	.375	0	0	0-0	0	5	0	1.000
Allie Fisk.....	.263	14-14	38	6	10	0	0	0	3	10	.263	1	0	5	0	.282	0	10	3-4	19	19	6	.864
Veronica Roberts....	.256	14-14	39	3	10	2	1	0	5	14	.359	1	0	4	0	.275	0	7	1-2	17	0	1	.944
Christine Lindberg..	.250	8-4	12	2	3	0	0	1	4	6	.500	2	0	4	0	.357	0	1	0-0	10	0	0	1.000
Angie Recknor.....	.222	14-14	45	3	10	2	0	0	6	12	.267	3	1	5	0	.280	1	1	0-0	3	7	1	.909
Anne Thul.....	.000	7-0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.000	12-3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.167	0	3	3-3	2	2	0	1.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	14-13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	90	6	0	1.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	5-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	10-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.301	14-14	366	65	110	20	1	6	58	150	.410	33	11	64	1	.375	1	35	15-18	284	108	20	.951
Opponents.....	.202	14-14	356	28	72	11	0	4	23	95	.267	32	6	92	3	.278	1	10	5-7	282	135	17	.961

LOB - Team (100), Opp (94). DPs turned - Team (3), Opp (3). Picked off - Rustad 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Meagan Hautala.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.667	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Green.....	0.86	1-1	5	3	1	0/0	0	16.1	17	10	2	8	7	0	0	0	68	.250	0	1	0	0	2
Piper Marten.....	0.98	9-1	13	7	6	1/0	0	57.0	31	12	8	19	67	7	0	3	198	.157	3	4	0	0	6
Angie Recknor.....	1.31	0-1	5	4	0	0/0	0	21.1	22	5	4	5	18	4	0	1	87	.253	1	1	0	1	2
Totals.....	1.04	10-3	14	14	7	1/0	0	94.2	72	28	14	32	92	11	0	4	356	.202	4	6	0	1	10
Opponents.....	3.87	3-10	14	14	6	1/0	1	94.0	110	65	52	33	64	20	1	6	366	.301	0	11	0	1	35

PB - Team (5), Smith 4, Lindberg 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Smith (5-7), Marten (2-4), Recknor (2-2), Green (1-1).

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 4-1 Big Ten: 0-0

January

26 **Minnesota Court Classic vs. Richmond** W, 5-2

February

3 **Drake** Cancelled
 10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
 11 at Colorado W, 6-1
 24 vs. Houston at Marquette W, 5-2
 25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State 2 p.m.
 4 at Penn State 10 a.m.
 10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
 11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
 23 **Michigan State** 2 or 7 p.m.
 25 **Michigan** 10 a.m.
 30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
 8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
 13 **Northwestern** 2 or 7 p.m.
 15 **Illinois** 10 a.m.
 20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
 21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
 26-29 at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
 17-25 at NCAA Championships (Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota at Ohio State — Friday, March 2
 Minnesota at Penn State — Sunday, March 4

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Golden Gophers Begin Big Ten Play

Minnesota begins Big Ten Conference play this weekend, competing at Ohio State on Friday and at Penn State on Sunday.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota won two matches over the weekend, defeating Houston 5-2 on Saturday and Marquette 6-1 on Sunday. Both matches were played in Milwaukee, Wis. The Golden Gophers improve to 4-1 on the season.

Sophomore **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park)** won both of her singles matches, sweeping Houston's Kailey Meisinger, 6-0, 6-0, and adding a win over Marquette's Genevieve Charron, 6-2, 6-4. **Thomas** also won both doubles matches with doubles partner **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer)**.

The Golden Gophers won the doubles point in both matches, winning all three doubles matches on Saturday and two of three on Sunday. On Saturday, Houston defaulted three singles matches due to injury.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are ranked No. 43 in the latest national ranking, released Feb. 21. Minnesota is one of nine Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 11, followed by Ohio State at No. 22 and Illinois at No. 26. Rounding out the conference teams: Minnesota (43), Indiana (47), Iowa (48), Michigan (tied, 56), Purdue (71) and Penn State (72).

About The Opponents

No. 22 Ohio State has a 7-3 record and won two matches over the weekend. Penn State has won six consecutive matches after losing its first two matches of the season. Minnesota leads the all-time series against both teams, with a 23-6 record against Ohio State and an 8-1 mark against Penn State.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 119-107 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota ends its eight-match road trip, taking a break from Big Ten Conference play in Maryland. The Gophers take on Syracuse on March 10 and Maryland on March 11. Minnesota will next be home March 16, when the Gophers host Drake in a match rescheduled from Feb. 3.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	2-3						1-1	2-3	.667			3-4	.429
Amy Thomas		3-2					3-6	3-2	.333			6-8	.429
Michaela Havelkova			2-3				5-5	2-3	.333			7-8	.467
Tammy Wang				3-1			2-5	3-1	.667			5-6	.455
Jennifer Howard					2-2		3-7	2-2	.333			5-9	.357
Brandi Watts						4-0	3-7	4-0	1.000			7-7	.500
Totals	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-1	2-2	4-0	18-39	16-11	.593			34-50	.425

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	5-0				5-0	1.000			5-0	1.000
Rose/Wang		1-4			1-4	.000			1-4	.200
Thomas/Watts			5-0	0-2	5-0	1.000			5-2	.714
Totals	5-0	1-4	5-0	8-15	11-4	.733			19-19	.500



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2001 Schedule

January

- 13 Northwest Open unscored
20 Minnesota Invitational unscored
27 Minnesota Classic 2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

- 9-10 at Iowa State Classic unscored
(Ames, Iowa)
17 Parents' Day Open unscored
24-25 at Big Ten Championships 5th of 11
(West Lafayette, Ind.) 82 points

March

- 2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier
9-10 at NCAA Championships
(Fayetteville, Ark.)
24-31 Spring Break Trip

April

- 7 at Texas Relays
13-14 at SEA Relays
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
21 at Long Beach State Invitational
27-28 at Drake Relays
at Penn Relays
28 at Macalester Invitational

May

- 4 Minnesota Open 4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational 4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier 11 a.m.
18-20 at Big Ten Championships
(Bloomington, Ind.)
30-31 at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)

June

- 1-2 at NCAA Championships

Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

Iowa State Qualifier
Friday-Saturday, March 2-3
Ames, Iowa

SID Contact: (612) 624-3335

This Week

Minnesota will send selected individuals to the Iowa State Qualifier on Mar. 2-3 in Ames, Iowa. The Golden Gophers currently have three athletes provisionally qualified in four events for the 2001 NCAA meet, but all three athletes would likely qualify if the season ended today. Minnesota is undecided as to the number of competitors that will make the trip to Iowa State.

A Look Back

The Minnesota women's track and field team set a school record by scoring 82 points at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships, but finished fifth in the meet at West Lafayette, Ind. The Gophers surpassed their previous record of 80 points set in last year's meet in Minneapolis.

Host Purdue won the meet with 108 points, followed by Ohio State (97), Indiana (89.5), Michigan (89) and Minnesota. The Gophers were closer to second-place Ohio State than the sixth-place tie formed by Penn State and Wisconsin (61 points each).

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** won the shot put Saturday with a heave of 52-8 1/4 inches, accounting for 10 of the Gophers' 19 first-day points. **Schmitt** improves upon her second-place finish from the 2000 meet.

Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley) won Minnesota's second individual title of the meet, winning the 600 meters in 1:31.99. Teammate **Alisa Gartner (Buffalo, Minn./Buffalo)** finished third in the event in 1:32.89. The Gophers' 4x400-meter relay team finished second, Minnesota's highest finish ever in the event. **Marks** also finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 41-9 3/4.

The Gophers scored 14 points in the weight throw, as **Aubrey Schmitt (61-8 1/2)** and **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)** (61-3 1/2) finished second and third, respectively, in the event.

The Gopher distance medley relay of **Crystal Glenn (Yacolt, Wash./Battle Ground)**, **Gartner, Tanna-Marie Simmons (St. Louis Park, Minn./St. Louis Park)** and **Anita Menden (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** finished fourth, **Howard** finished sixth in the shot put and **Shannaine Osborne (Bronx, N.Y./Mount Vernon)** finished eighth in the long jump.

Big Ten Results

1. Purdue	108	6. Penn State	61
2. Ohio State	97	Wisconsin	61
3. Indiana	89.50	8. Illinois	45
4. Michigan	89	9. Michigan State	42.50
5. Minnesota	82	10. Iowa	26

NCAA Qualifiers

Not only has **Tahesia Harrigan** set a new school record in the 60, she also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships, March 9-10, in Fayetteville, Ark. Her time of 7.35 set Jan. 27 ranks tenth nationally.

Aubrey Schmitt had a pair of NCAA provisional qualifying throws in the shot put and weight throw. She ranks fifth nationally with a throw of 16.06m (52-5 1/4) on Feb. 24 at the Big Ten Championships in West Lafayette, Indiana. Her career-best throw of 19.23m (63-1 1/4) in the weight throw on Jan. 27 ranks seventh nationally.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	t10th	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	16th	18.68m (61-3 1/2)	Big Ten Championships/West Lafayette, IN/Feb. 25	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	t5th	16.06m (52-5 1/4)	Big Ten Championships/West Lafayette, IN/Feb. 24	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	7th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers will send their NCAA qualifiers to Fayetteville, Ark., for the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 9-10.

Trackwire 25

Feb. 20, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	43
South Carolina	43
3. Arkansas	36
4. Clemson	31
5. Kansas State	29
6. Florida	27
7. LSU	24
8. Texas	23
9. BYU	21
10. Appalachian State	20
11. UTEP	18
Mississippi	18
13. Stanford	16
Harvard	16
15. Arizona	14
16. Georgetown	13
Wisconsin	13
Ohio State	13
Tulane	13
20. Georgia	12
21. North Carolina	11
Miami	11
SMU	11
Indiana	11
25. Arizona State	10

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

60-Meter Dash			4x400-Meter Relay		
1. Tahesia Harrigan	7.35	1/27/01	1. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:44.42	2/10/01
2. Chanteau White	7.56	1997	2. Crystal Glenn, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:44.50	2/25/01
4. Amber Day	7.68	1/27/01	3. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Tahesia Harrigan, Jessica Shuster	3:47.19	1/27/01
5. Shannaine Osbourne	7.73	1/13/01	4. Jessica Shuster, Neketa Sears, Ali Gartner, Shani Marks	3:47.26	2000
200-Meter Dash			5. Shani Marks, Amber Day, Ali Gartner, Jessica Shuster		
1. Tahesia Harrigan	24.41	2/10/01			
2. Kim Heath	24.68	1995			
400-Meter Dash			Distance Medley Relay		
1. Jessica Shuster	55.47	2/10/01	1. Neutgens, Grove, Titcomb, Ramsay	11:38.05	1994
2. Yvette White	56.10	1999			
3. Amber Day	56.47	2/10/01			
9. Ali Gartner	57.54	2/10/01	5. Crystal Glenn, Ali Gartner, Tanna-Marie Simmons, Anita Menden	11:50.53	2001
600-Meter Run			Pole Vault		
1. Gretchen Otto	1:30.41	1989	1. Christine Gulbrandsen	12- 0 1/2	3.67
2. Shani Marks	1:31.67	2/17/01	2. Erika Findlay	12- 0 1/4	3.66
4. Ali Gartner	1:32.80	2/17/01	3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35
9. Rachael Schutz	1:35.57	2/17/01	Triple Jump		
800-Meter Run			1. Christine Gulbrandsen		
1. Monika Balint	2:08.56	1991	2. Shani Marks	42-10 1/4	13.06
2. Jessica Shuster	2:11.14	2/25/01	7. Tahesia Harrigan	37- 6 1/2	11.44
5. Jenny Moylan	2:12.68	2/25/01	10. Shannine Osbourne	36- 5	11.10
Mile Run			Shot Put		
1. Jody Eder	4:41.12	1984	1. Aubrey Schmitt	54- 4 3/4	16.58
8. Darja Vasiljeva	4:53.41	1/27/01	8. Beth Howard	48- 3 1/4	14.71
3,000 Meter Run			Weight Throw		
1. Lori Townsend	9:28.43	1995	1. Beth Howard	64- 1 3/4	19.55
6. Darja Vasiljeva	9:42.96	2/10/01	2. Aubrey Schmitt	63- 1 1/4	19.23
			3. Brenda Meyer	54- 8 3/4	16.68
			5. Alean Frawley	47- 8 1/2	14.54



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2000-01 Schedule

September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational (Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational (East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams
- 29-30 **Lady Northern Invitational**

October

- 1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends (Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic (Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic (Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

- 13-14 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational (Winter Park, Fla.)
- 27-29 Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Oahu, Hawaii)

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa)
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational (Columbus, Ohio)
- 27-29 **Big Ten Championship**

Home tournaments in bold are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the
University of Minnesota



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Idle This Week

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Gophers Off For Two Weeks Before Next Competition

The Minnesota women's golf team has two weeks off before the Golden Gophers tee it up again, March 13-14, at the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Winter Park, Fla.

Gophers Place 12th at Midwest Classic

The Gophers opened their spring season with a 12th-place finish at the Midwest Classic in Dallas. Minnesota cut eight strokes of its team total each day to finish with at 954. Oklahoma State captured the title with a total of 906.

Senior **Jenny Bruun (Crookston, Minn./Central)** shot a 3-over par 75 in the tournament final round to bring her 54-hole score to 236 and tie for 30th place to lead all Gophers.

Midwest Classic — Hyatt Bear Creek Golf Course, Dallas, Texas

Feb. 23-25 — Par 72 — 5,839 Yards

Final Team Standings

1.	Oklahoma State	295	308	303	906	+42
2.	Ohio State	302	309	303	914	+50
3.	Oklahoma	299	309	316	924	+60
4.	Baylor	308	317	301	926	+62
5.	Missouri	306	309	312	927	+63
6.	Texas A&M	318	315	297	930	+66
7.	Purdue	311	319	305	935	+71
8.	Kent State	312	317	309	938	+74
9.	Northwestern	315	312	312	939	+75
10.	Michigan	316	318	309	943	+79
11.	Nebraska	318	319	315	952	+88
12.	Minnesota	326	318	310	954	+90
13.	Arkansas-Little Rock	326	318	313	957	+93
14.	Arkansas State	323	330	314	967	+103
15.	Southern Methodist	324	32	0327	971	+107
16.	Wisconsin	336	322	320	978	+144
17.	SW Missouri State	333	339	337	1009	+145
18.	Iowa	334	359	344	1037	+173

Top Individual Finishes

1.	Mollie Fankhauser (Ohio State)	73-74-70=217	+1
2.	Amelia Moses (Missouri)	71-74-76=221	+5
3.	Mira Bendevis (Texas A&M)	75-77-70=222	+6
4.	Maria Boden (Oklahoma State)	71-77-75=223	+7
5.	Melanie Hagewood (Baylor)	75-79-71=225	+9
	Linda Wessberg (Oklahoma State)	75-75-75=225	+9

Minnesota Competitors

T-30	Jenny Bruun	82-79-75=236
T-43	Katie Bakken	83-79-77=239
T-47	Cindy Cannon	79-82-79=240
T-52	Karyn Stordahl	82-81-79=242
T-56	Megan Stier	83-79-81=243

A Look Ahead

Minnesota's next competition is March 13-14 at the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Winter Park, Fla.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA Golden Gopher Sports News

March 5, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Hockey

- Top-seeded Minnesota will play Ohio State or St. Cloud State in the WCHA-Women's League Tournament semifinal

Golf

- The Gophers travel to the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational

Gymnastics

- #15 Minnesota hosts #20 Arizona in the final home meet of the year

Softball

- Minnesota will participate in the three-day Creighton Spring Classic

Swimming and Diving

- The Gopher diving squad will compete at the NCAA Diving Zones

Track and Field

- Minnesota will send three competitors to the NCAA Indoor Championships at the University of Arkansas

Tennis

- The Gophers take on Syracuse and Maryland at Maryland

Golden Gopher Highlights

Basketball

- First-year player Lindsay Whalen is an honorable mention All-Big Ten pick as voted by the conference media

Hockey

- Minnesota finishes the regular season in first place among WCHA teams with a 23-7-2 overall record and a 18-4-2 mark in league play

Gymnastics

- Jenny Alf scores a career-high 9.925 on the balance beam, moving her up to #8 in the national rankings for the event

Softball

- Minnesota defeats #22 Oregon at the Easton Classic

Swimming and Diving

- Katy Christoferson and Dana Baum qualify for NCAA Championships

Track and Field

- The 4x400 meter relay team of Jessica Shuster, Amber Day, Shani Marks and Ali Gartner sets a school record at the Iowa State Qualifier

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Friday, March 9

HC at WCHA Tournament (Rochester, MN) 7 p.m.
SB at Creighton Spring Classic (Omaha, NE)

9/11:15 a.m.

SD at NCAA Diving Zones (Bloomington, IN) 11 a.m.

TF at NCAA Indoor Champ. (Fayetteville, AR)

Saturday, March 10

GM hosts Arizona 7 p.m.

HC at WCHA Tournament 4 or 7 p.m.

SB at Creighton Spring Classic 3:45/6 p.m.

SD at NCAA Diving Zones 11 a.m.

TF at NCAA Indoor Championships

TN vs. Syracuse at Maryland 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 11

SB at Creighton Spring Classic 11:15 a.m.

TN at Maryland 10 a.m.

Monday, March 12

GF at Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational (Winter Park, FL)

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2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 23-7-2
WCHA Record: 18-4-2

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 3-2 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 5-1
10	Dartmouth	L, 4-0

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 10-1
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 4-3
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	L, 1-0
17	at Ohio State*	W, 5-2
24	Wisconsin*	W, 6-2
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	W, 3-1

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	T, 2-2
3	at Minn.-Duluth	L, 3-1
9	Ohio St./St. Cloud St.	7 p.m.
10	3rd Place/Championship	4 p.m.
23,	NCAA Championship (Mariucci	
25	Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

S—WCHA Tournament (Rochester, Minn.)

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest

Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey

March 5, 2001

WCHA-Women's League Tournament
Ohio State or St. Cloud State • Friday, March 9
7 p.m. • Recreation Center • Rochester, Minn.

SID Contact: (612) 624-3335

Golden Gophers Travel to Rochester for League Tournament

The second-ranked Minnesota women's hockey team (23-7-2, 18-4-2 WCHA Women's League) travel to the Recreation Center in Rochester, Minn., for the second-annual WCHA-Women's League Tournament. The Golden Gophers, owners of the top seed as the champions of the WCHA-Women's League regular season title, will have a bye in the first round of the tournament and will play in the semifinal round Friday at 7 p.m. against the winner of the Ohio State-St. Cloud State game, which will be played Thursday night.

2001 WCHA-Women's League Tournament Preview

The WCHA-Women's League Tournament invites all seven teams to participate in a single-elimination championship bracket with a third-place game. The teams will gather in Rochester for a banquet on Wednesday night to announce the league awards for the season, including the naming of the All-WCHA team for this season, before play begins Thursday. The tournament schedule:

Thursday, March 8

(2) Minnesota-Duluth vs. (7) Minnesota State, Mankato, 1 p.m.

(3) Wisconsin vs. (6) Bemidji State, 4 p.m.

(4) St. Cloud State vs. (5) Ohio State, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 9

Winners of first two games, 4 p.m.

Game 3 Winner vs. (1) Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Third-place game, 4 p.m.

Championship game, 7 p.m.

2000 WCHA-Women's League Tournament Review

Minnesota-Duluth won the inaugural WCHA-Women's League Tournament at the Bloomington Ice Gardens in Bloomington, Minn., with a 2-0 victory over Minnesota in the championship game. Tuula Puputti stopped all 31 shots she faced to stop the Golden Gophers' 21-game unbeaten streak. Second-seeded Minnesota advanced to the final with a 10-0 win over Minnesota State, Mankato in the quarterfinals and a 5-0 shutout of Wisconsin in the semifinals.

Minnesota Earns One Point in Final Series at Minnesota-Duluth

Minnesota-Duluth earned three of four points in the final WCHA-Women's League series of the regular season, tying Minnesota, 2-2, on Friday and defeating the Gophers, 3-1, on Saturday at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Minnesota, which clinched the outright WCHA-Women's League regular season title Feb. 26 against Wisconsin, owns a 2-1-1 advantage in the season series against the Bulldogs. The Golden Gophers defeated the Bulldogs by four points for the league championship.

In the opener, Minn.-Duluth's Joanne Eustace began the scoring at 3:05 off assists from Maria Rooth and Laurie Alexander. Minnesota's **La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary)** answered on a power play at the 9:50 mark with assists from **Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley)** and **Courtney Kennedy (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham Browne & Nichols)**. UMD scored its final goal of the game with 7:48 remaining in the first period when Sanna Peura scored with a two-player advantage off assists from Hanne Sikio and Brittany Ralph. Minnesota first-year player **Kelsey Bills (Carstairs, Alberta/Hugh Sutherland)** scored her third career goal to tie the game at 2-2 at the 16:02 mark of the second period to end the game's scoring. Senior goalie **Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy)** held the Bulldogs scoreless for the final 52:48 and made 39 saves.

In the second game, **Kennedy** scored 11:30 into the game off assists from **Bills** and senior **Kris Scholz (Hugo, Minn./Stillwater)**. UMD scored its first goal just 23 seconds into the second period, when Joanne Eustace scored off an assist from Maria Rooth. The Bulldogs got the game-winning goal just over two minutes later and added a power-play goal at the 5:04 mark, giving Minnesota-Duluth three goals in 4:41. Tuula Puputti stopped 42 of 43 shots for the Bulldogs.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, **Nadine Muzerall** (Mississauga, Ont./Kimball Union Academy) has scored 15 goals and 23 points in her last 13 games. She scored her fourth hat trick of the season and 15th of her career in the victory at Ohio State, and two goals in each of the two games against Wisconsin. The four goals against Wisconsin earned **Muzerall** national player of the week honors from United State College Hockey Online.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 74-5-4 when **Muzerall** scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-17-5 when she plays and does not score a goal. **Muzerall** is fifth in the country and leads all Gophers with 27 goals this season.

Muzerall is one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award. The three finalists for the award will be named March 12, with the winner to be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Kennedy Steady on Blueline

Minnesota's **Courtney Kennedy** has been one of the team's steadiest performers this season, anchoring a defense corps that features three rookies.

Kennedy continues to lead the Gophers in plus/minus rating with a +42 rating. She leads the team with 19 power-play assists and is second on the team with 20 power-play points.

Kennedy was named the WCHA's player of the week Feb. 5 after Minnesota's two wins over Bemidji State, the second weekly award of her career. She scored two unassisted goals and added four assists against Bemidji State. She previously won the award after registering a school-record five assists in a 7-1 over Minnesota State, Mankato, Nov. 23, 1999. Minnesota players have claimed six of the league's 16 player of the week awards this season, with **Kennedy** being the first blueliner to earn the honor in 2000-01.

Kennedy is one of Minnesota's two nominees for the Patty Kazmaier Award and the only blueliner on the list of nominees.

Special Teams Are Special

The Gophers have scored power-play goals in 14 of 16 games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 27 of 32 games this season. Minnesota's power-play is operating at 30.3 percent for the season and is the only team in the country with a power play operating over 30 percent. Minnesota's penalty kill is working at 83.5 percent, which is 10th nationally but first among WCHA-Women's League teams.

Balancing Act

Of 11 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, four are Golden Gophers. **La Toya Clarke**, **Nadine Muzerall** and **Ambria Thomas** are tied for second in the WCHA with four. **Ronda Curtin** has three and five other players have contributed game-winners this season.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .833 with a record of 55-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 976. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season when the Gophers hosted the U.S. Select team, drawing 2,611 to the first game and another 2,036 to the second game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 164-99-18. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 105-24-9. She led the Gophers to the AWCHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked **Laura Halldorson** to keep a biweekly diary for its website. Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

The NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

Minnesota will wait to hear its fate concerning the inaugural NCAA Women's Frozen Four. The announcement by the NCAA Committee will be made on Sunday, March 18. The semifinals will be played Friday, March 23, at 4 and 7:30 p.m. The third-place and championship games will be played Sunday, March 25, at 1 and 5 p.m.

WCHA-Women's League Standings (Final)

March 5, 2001 Team	WCHA					Overall			
	GP	Record	Pts	GF	GA	GP	Record	GF	GA
1. Minnesota	24	18-4-2	38	114	49	32	23-7-2	132	67
2. Minn.-Duluth	24	15-5-4	34	125	60	32	23-5-4	171	71
3. Wisconsin	24	13-6-5	31	100	64	32	19-8-5	131	83
4. St. Cloud State	24	12-10-2	26	92	94	34	17-15-2	131	128
5. Ohio State	24	11-10-3	25	76	65	34	16-15-3	110	93
6. Bemidji State	24	6-17-1	13	62	142	33	9-23-1	91	178
7. MSU, Mankato	24	0-23-1	1	18	113	34	2-30-2	31	137

Last Week's Results

Friday, March 2
at Minn.-Duluth 2, Minnesota 2
at Wisconsin 4, Bemidji State 2
St. Cloud State 4, at MSU, Mankato 2
at Ohio State 8, Wayne State 0*

Saturday, March 3
at Minn.-Duluth 3, Minnesota 1
St. Cloud State 5, at MSU, Mankato 2
at Wisconsin 7, Bemidji State 1
at Ohio State 7, Wayne State 1*
* non-conference game

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 05, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	(23- 7- 2)	(13- 1- 0)	(10- 6- 2)	(0- 0- 0)
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	(18- 4- 2)	(11- 1- 0)	(7- 3- 2)	(0- 0- 0)
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 3- 0)	(2- 0- 0)	(3- 3- 0)	(0- 0- 0)
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703					
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171					
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203					
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350					
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112					
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512					
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632					
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643					
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422					
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935					
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931					
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525					
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457					
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561					
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621					
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921					
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745					
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553					
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651					
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203					
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158					
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131					
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387					
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	L	0-1	264					
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	W	5-2	237					
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	6-2	1403					
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	3-1	1005					
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	T OT	2-2	1377					
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	L	1-3	1625					
Mar 08, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 09, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 10, 2001	at WCHA Championship	TBA							
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA							
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA							

# INDIVIDUAL (by pts)		GP	G	A	Pts	Shots	Pct	No-Min	PP	SH
14	La Toya Clarke	32	19	32	51	146	.130	2-4		6
27	Ambria Thomas	32	25	22	47	150	.167	10-20		11
4	Nadine Muzerall	28	27	18	45	166	.163	18-42		9
2	Courtney Kennedy	32	10	29	39	117	.085	33-74		1
21	Laura Slominski	32	12	23	35	119	.101	4-8		5
29	Ronda Curtin	32	12	16	28	105	.114	3-6		2
24	Tracy Engstrom	32	8	18	26	82	.098	7-14		2
19	Melissa Coulombe	31	3	10	13	30	.100	5-10		3
18	Emily Buchholz	32	0	12	12	40	.000	20-40		0
10	Kris Scholz	31	6	4	10	45	.133	4-8		0
25	Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14		0
15	Kelsey Bills	31	3	2	5	21	.143	4-8		0
3	Jerilyn Glenn	24	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2		1
25	Stefanie Snow	25	1	4	5	13	.077	7-14		0
22	Gwen Anderson	25	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6		0
8	Kelly Olson	31	0	3	3	24	.000	8-16		0
23	Tracy Palinsky	32	2	0	2	47	.043	3-6		0
6	Angela Borek	23	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2		0
26	Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0		0
36	Erica Killewald	28	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0		0
16	Betsey Kukowski	19	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2		0
5	Cecilia Retelle	5	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6		0
	TM TEAM	4	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8		0
	Total.....	32	132	212	344	1183	.112	148-310		40
	Opponents.....	32	67	99	166	762	.088	155-310		21

# GOALTENDERS		GP	Time	GA	EN	Avg Save	Pct	W	L	T
36	Erica Killewald	28	1634:41	55	0	2.02	.919	19	6	2
35	Stephanie Johnson	6	293:22	12	0	2.45	.854	4	1	0
	TM EMPTY NET	4	5:14	0	0	0.00	.000	0	0	0
	Total.....	32	1933:17	67	0	2.08	.912	23	7	2
	Opponents.....	32	1933:17	132	0	4.10	.888	7	23	2

TEAM STATISTICS		UM	OPP
SHOTS	Goals-Shot attempts.....	132-1183	67-762
	Shot pct.....	.112	.088
	Goals/Game.....	4.1	2.1
	Shots/Game.....	37.0	23.8
POWER PLAYS	Goals-Power Plays.....	40-132	21-127
	Conversion Percent.....	.303	.165
	Shot Attempts.....	265	195
	Shot Percent.....	.151	.108
SHORT-HANDED	Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-22	3-11
	Shot Percent.....	.091	.273
GOAL BREAKDOWN	Power Play.....	40	21
	Short-handed.....	2	3
	Empty net.....	0	0
	Penalty.....	0	0
	Unassisted.....	11	7
	Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES	Number.....	148	155
	Minutes.....	310	310
	Penalties/Game.....	4.6	4.8
	Pen minutes/Game.....	9.7	9.7
FACEOFFS (W-L)	878-930	930-878	
Faceoff W-L Pct.....	.486	.514	

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY		UM	OPP
Total.....		13664	8525
Dates/Avg Per Date.....		14/976	18/474
Neutral Site #/Avg.....		0/0	

GOALS BY PERIOD		1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....		33	38	61	0	132
Opponents.....		20	29	17	1	67

SAVES BY PERIOD		1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....		227	242	220	6	695
Opponents.....		309	356	380	6	1051

* denotes conference game

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	195.625-194.850	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#9 Iowa State	196.150
	#17 Oklahoma	195.375
	#10 Minnesota	195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W
	196.525-196.150	

March

2	#16 at Boise State	L
	197.050-196.050	
10	Arizona	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships	
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships
	(Athens, Ga.)

GymInfo National Ranking

(March 5 — By RQS)

1.	UCLA	197.083
2.	Alabama	197.025
3.	Utah	196.980
4.	Stanford	196.680
5.	Nebraska	196.585
6.	Georgia	196.570
7.	Arizona State	196.375
8.	Michigan	196.150
9.	Florida	195.965
10.	Iowa	195.830
11.	Iowa State	195.755
12.	Penn State	195.750
13.	Ohio State	195.590
14.	Oregon State	195.475
15.	Minnesota	195.445
16.	Kent State	195.250
17.	West Virginia	195.220
18.	LSU	195.135
19.	California	195.130
20.	Arizona	194.945
21.	BYU	194.890
22.	Oklahoma	194.865
23.	Michigan State	194.785
24.	Washington	194.670
25.	Illinois State	194.630

Women's Gymnastics 2001



#15 Minnesota hosts #20 Arizona

Saturday, March 10 • Sports Pavilion • 7 p.m.

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Golden Gophers Host Final Home Meet Of The Season

No. 15 Minnesota hosts No. 20 Arizona on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion. This is the final home meet of the season for the Golden Gophers.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 15 in the March 5 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on regional qualifying score. RQS is determined by taking the top three road scores and the next three best scores, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five scores. The Gophers moved up one spot this week after posting a season-high road score of 196.050 on Friday.

Saturday's opponent, Arizona, is ranked No. 20 this week. The Golden Gophers have faced top-25 teams in seven of the team's nine meets this season.

Minnesota is one of six Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. The Gophers are listed fifth among conference teams, behind Michigan, Iowa, Penn State and Ohio State. Michigan State rounds out the conference teams. Illinois is the only Big Ten school not ranked this week, although Illinois has been ranked during the season.

North Central Region Rankings

1.	Utah	196.980
2.	Iowa	195.830
3.	Iowa State	195.775
4.	Minnesota	195.445
5.	BYU	194.890
6.	Denver	194.535
7.	Utah State	194.100
8.	Southern Utah	192.395

Big Ten Rankings

1.	Michigan	196.150
2.	Iowa	195.830
3.	Penn State	195.750
4.	Ohio State	195.590
5.	Minnesota	195.445
6.	Michigan State	194.785
7.	Illinois	193.950

Aif Moves Into Balance Beam Rankings

Sophomore **Jenny Aif** (Ripon, Wis./Ripon) is tied for eighth place on balance beam in this week's national rankings, her first national ranking of the season. She has an RQS of 9.885 this week, which ranks second in the Big Ten. With scores of 9.9, 9.9 and 9.925 the last three road meets, respectively, her score of 9.25 at Michigan on Jan. 19 was dropped. **Aif's** next three highest scores are 9.9 (1/27 vs. Iowa), 9.875 (2/10 vs. Best of Minnesota) and 9.85 (2/24 vs. Iowa State).

Kelley Ranks High In The Big Ten

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** (Barrington, Ill./Fremd) is listed fourth in the Big Ten on floor exercise with an RQS of 9.905 and in the all around with an RQS of 39.245. **Kelley** is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on both lists this week. She is tied for 11th in the all around and listed 18th on floor exercise.

The Last Meet: Gophers Record Season-High Road Score

Jenny Aif scored a career-high 9.925 on balance beam and tied her career high on floor exercise with a 9.9 to lead No. 16 Minnesota to a season-high road score of 196.05 Friday at Boise State. The unranked Broncos scored a school-record 197.05.

Aif Sets Second-Highest Beam Mark

Jenny Aif's beam score of 9.925 at Boise State is the second-highest in team history. Former Golden Gopher **Mindy Knaeble** set the school record of 9.95 in 1997. **Aif** has recorded four scores of at least 9.90 in nine meets this season.

Aif also tied her career high with a 9.90 on floor exercise. She has the team's second-highest floor average, 9.844.

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shany Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

Gophers Record Three 49.0 Scores

Minnesota scored at least 49.0 on three of four events for the first time this season. Minnesota scored season highs for vault (49.0) and floor exercise (49.4) and added a 49.175 on uneven bars. The floor exercise score is the second-highest in Minnesota history, while the vault score is the fourth-highest in team history.

Floor Exercise

The floor exercise has traditionally been Minnesota's strongest event, and this year is no exception. The team has scored higher on floor exercise than the other three events seven of the team's nine meets.

The Gophers set a season-high 49.4 on floor exercise. Junior **MaryAnne Kelley**, then ranked 11th in the nation on floor exercise, scored her second straight 9.925 to place second. **Jenny Alf** and junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** each scored 9.9 to tie for third place. Junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** scored 9.85, and newcomer **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** scored 9.825 to round out the scoring.

Beam Blues

At Boise State, Minnesota had to count a fall on balance beam and scored 48.475. The Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall on beam in all four road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Arizona

The Wildcats are ranked No. 20 in the nation after a school-record total of 196.9 Friday against Arizona State. The team also set an Arizona record for floor exercise with a mark of 49.475. Junior **Randi Liljenquist**, a 2001 second-team All-American in the all around, is ranked ninth in the nation in the all around.

Last Year Against Arizona

Minnesota faced Arizona twice during the 2000 season. The Golden Gophers placed first and Arizona placed third in a triangular at Denver on Jan. 30. On Feb. 20, Minnesota defeated Arizona in a dual meet in Tucson, Ariz.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 55-36-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 123-107-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

Minnesota competes in its final meet of the regular season at Auburn on March 17. The Big Ten Championships will be held March 24 in Ann Arbor, Mich.



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24-31	Spring Break Trip	

April

7	at Texas Relays
13-14	at SEA Relays
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
21	at Long Beach State Invitational
27-28	at Drake Relays at Penn Relays
28	at Macalester Invitational

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships
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Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at NCAA Championships
Friday-Saturday, March 9-10
Fayetteville, Arkansas

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This Week

Minnesota will send their NCAA qualifiers to the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Arkansas on March 9 and 10.

NCAA Qualifiers

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)**, a three-time Big Ten indoor shot put champion, will compete in both shot put and weight throw at this weekend's NCAA Championships. Senior **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)** joins her in the weight throw. Newcomer **Tahesia Harrigan (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Developmental)** will make her first national championship appearance, competing in the 60-meter dash.

Schmitt ranks first in school and Big Ten history in the indoor shot put with a toss of 54 feet, 4 3/4 inches. **Howard** holds the school record in the weight throw with a mark of 64-1 3/4. **Harrigan** set the school's 60 record four times during this season, with a personal-best 7.35 seconds.

Minnesota Recently: Last Chance Meets

The Gophers had another record-breaking meet at the Iowa State Qualifier on Saturday in Ames, Iowa. Minnesota's 4x400 relay team of **Jessica Shuster, Amber Day, Shani Marks** and **Ali Gartner** broke the school record by nearly two seconds with a time of 3:42.55.

Marked as the last chance meet before this weekend's NCAA Championships, the Gophers placed fourth and fifth in the distance medley relay. The team of **Shuster, Gartner, Jenny Moylan** and **Darja Vasiljeva** finished with a time of 11:46.11, placing them second on the Minnesota all-time top 10 list. The team of **Crystal Glenn, Day, Tanna-Marie Simmons** and **Anita Menden** had a time of 11:54.73, which places them ninth on the school's all-time performance list.

Sophomore **Shani Marks** and senior **Beth Howard** competed at the Nebraska Last Chance meet in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday. **Howard** threw a season best and won the weight throw (62-10 3/4) to place her 15th in the nation and qualify for the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Arkansas. **Marks** won the triple jump with a leap of 40-2 but failed to improve her season high of 41-9 3/4, which she jumped at the Big Ten Championships on February 25. **Marks** finished the year 24th in the nation in the triple jump.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers prepare for the 2001 Outdoor Track and Field season, which starts April 7 at the Texas Relays.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Tahesia Harrigan	60m Dash	15th	7.35	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional
Beth Howard	Weight Throw	15th	19.17m (62-10 3/4)	Nebraska Last Chance/Lincoln, Neb./Mar. 3	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	9th	16.06m (52-5 1/4)	Big Ten Championships/West Lafayette, Ind./Feb. 24	Provisional
Aubrey Schmitt	Weight Throw	13th	19.23m (63-1 1/4)	Minnesota Classic/Minneapolis, Minn./Jan. 27	Provisional

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 **Intrasquad**
 21 **North Dakota** W, 177-114
 27 **Alumni Meet**

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 **Minnesota Invitational**
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 **Iowa** W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals
 Illinois W, 219.5-127.5
 Purdue W, 215-138
 Wisconsin L, 203-128

February

- 2-3 **Minnesota Challenge**
 No Team Scores
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 6th of 11 teams/340.5 pts.
 25 **Gopher-It Invite**
 No Team Scores

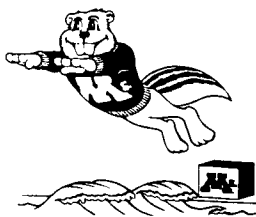
March

- 9-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

NCAA Zone Diving

Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m., Bloomington, Ind.

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The Minnesota women's swimming and diving team has qualified two swimmers for the NCAA meet March 15-17 at Long Island, N.Y. The 19th-ranked Gophers will send senior **Katy Christoferson** (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville) and sophomore **Dana Baum** (Carson City, Nev./Carson) to the national championships. Gopher divers will attempt to qualify for the national meet this weekend at Indiana University.

Gophers Currently 19th In National Poll

Minnesota is currently ranked 19th in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. Other Big Ten teams that are ranked are Wisconsin (12th), Penn State (13th), Michigan (16th), Northwestern (18th) and Indiana (21st).

Christoferson, Baum Qualify for NCAA Meet

Katy Christoferson, a three-time Big Ten champion and Minnesota's school-record holder in both individual medley events, is seeded 10th in both the 200 and 400 IM events. She finished eighth in the 400 IM at the 2000 NCAA meet and earned All-American status.

Christoferson is seeded 11th in the 100 butterfly.

Dana Baum has qualified for her first NCAA meet, and is seeded 23rd in the 200 freestyle, 23rd in the 500 free and 24th in the 1650 free. She has finished in the top eight in the Big Ten in all three distance freestyle events in both of her years at Minnesota.

Junior **Jinny Smedstad** (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy) barely missed making the NCAA field, and is the third overall alternate.

2001 NCAA Zone Diving Preview

Senior **Tracy LaVoi** (St. Cloud, Minn./Tech) is Minnesota's most experienced diver and is the Gophers' best chance to advance to the NCAA meet next week in New York. **LaVoi** finished third in 3-meter diving at the 2000 NCAA Zone Diving meet at the University Aquatic Center to qualify for the 2000 NCAA meet, where she finished 16th in 1-meter diving to score the Gophers' first point in diving at the national meet since 1997. Sophomore **Kim Bahmer** (Shakopee, Minn./Shakopee) finished second in 1-meter diving and third in 3-meter diving at the 2000 NCAA Division II meet for Drury University.

2001 Big Ten Championships Review

Minnesota finished sixth at the 2001 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, hosted by Indiana University from Feb. 15-17. **Katy Christoferson** won Minnesota's lone individual championship at the meet. She was the top qualifier and the winner of the 200 individual medley in 2:00.22. It was the third Big Ten title for **Christoferson**, who won the 400 individual medley titles in 1998 and 2000. She set school records in the 200 IM and the 400 IM (4:15.12), where she finished second. Both times are school records, and her 100 fly time of 54.31 was 07 of a second away from a third school record. Sophomore **Dana Baum** broke Minnesota's oldest school record, the 200 freestyle. **Baum** finished fourth in a time of 1:48.15, breaking the record of Jodi Schirmers (1:48.52) set in 1988.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

Jean Freeman is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2000. Freeman earned the 200th dual meet victory in her career Jan. 27 at Wisconsin against Purdue and Illinois, and now sports a career dual meet record of 200-53-4 (.786).

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 12-7-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
28 at San Diego State (2) 1 p.m.

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6 of 10 teams)
9-11 at Creighton Softball Spring
Classic (Omaha, Neb.)
9 Buffalo 9 a.m.
9 Nebraska 11:15 a.m.
10 Mo.-Kansas City 3:45 p.m.
10 at Creighton 6 p.m.
11 Drake 11:15 a.m.
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
27 at IUPUI (2) 4 p.m.
30 at Purdue (2)* 2 p.m.
31 at Indiana* 2 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* 1 p.m.
3 **Concordia-St. Paul (2)** 4 p.m.
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 **Wis.-Green Bay (2)** 4 p.m.
13 **Michigan (2)*** 2 p.m.
14 **Michigan State*** 6 p.m.
15 **Michigan State*** 1 p.m.
17 **Northern Iowa (2)** 3 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 **Drake (2)** 4 p.m.
27 **Penn State (2)*** 2 p.m.
28 **Ohio State*** 6 p.m.
29 **Ohio State*** 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in bold at Jane Sage
Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise
indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



at Creighton Softball Spring Classic
(Buffalo, Creighton, Drake, UMKC, Nebraska)
March 9-11, Omaha, Neb.

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The University of Minnesota softball team continues its 2001 schedule this week by traveling to Omaha, Neb., to participate in the Creighton Softball Spring Classic. The Gophers will play Buffalo, 17th-ranked Nebraska, Missouri-Kansas City, Creighton and Drake in the round-robin tournament. Buffalo and Missouri-Kansas City are regional opponents for the Gophers, who are 3-1 against Midwest Region opponents this season. Minnesota was 1-2 against nationally ranked teams at the Worth Invitational and 2-4 overall for the weekend. Minnesota (12-7-1) has lost its seven games this season by a combined total of 10 runs, and no game by more than two runs.

Creighton Softball Spring Classic Preview

The Gophers will play five games in the Creighton Softball Spring Classic, hosted by Creighton University. The six teams will play a round-robin schedule, with the best record winning the tournament. Minnesota's schedule:

Friday, March 9

Minnesota vs. Buffalo (2-7), 9 a.m.
Minnesota vs. (17) Nebraska (10-9), 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, March 10

Minnesota vs. Missouri-Kansas City (0-4), 3:45 p.m.
Minnesota at Creighton (4-6), 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Minnesota vs. Drake (3-7), 11:15 a.m.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 331-237-2 (.582). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 220-113-1 (.660), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 21 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standering** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 91-55-1 (.622) as a co-head coach and 176-95-1 (.649) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Note
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.267	1	7	2nd on team with 7 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.351	11	24	.471 OBP, .702 Slugging %
SS	Shelly Nichols	.250	10	5	2nd on team with 7 walks
3B	Allie Fisk	.291	7	4	Leads team with 13 SAC
LF	Veronica Roberts	.218	3	5	3-run triple in Metrodome final
CF	Tammi Hays	.333	15	2	Leads team with 15 runs, 22 hits
RF	Morgan Holden	.375	4	3	Did not play at Fullerton
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	.979 fielding percentage
DP	Angie Recknor	.230	3	6	All-Tournament at Metrodome
P	Piper Marten	.276	2	1	.300 on-base percentage
P	Jessica Green	.182	2	3	Two hits have driven in three runs

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Note
P	Piper Marten	10-4	0.82	89	.161 opponent batting average
P	Angie Recknor	1-2	1.55	26	Earned first win vs. San Jose St.
P	Jessica Green	1-1	0.67	13	Allowed 2 ER in 21 innings

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior **Angel Braden** (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's) leads Minnesota with a .351 batting average, a .471 on-base percentage, a .702 slugging percentage, five doubles, five home runs and 24 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high for home runs in a season and is five RBI shy of her 2000 total of 29 runs batted in.

Braden is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth on the Gophers' all-time list with 94 runs batted in.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten** (Farmington, N.M./Farmington) has been the winning pitcher in 10 of Minnesota's 12 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (18), innings pitched (85), strikeouts (89) and opponent batting average (.161). She is averaging 7.33 strikeouts per 7 innings.

Sophomore **Allie Fisk** (Orono, Minn./Orono) was Minnesota's top hitter for average in Southern California with a .353 mark and led the Gophers with six hits. **Marten** allowed six runs (two earned) in 28 innings and had a 0.50 ERA with starts against three nationally ranked teams. Minnesota stole six bases and did not allow a stolen base over the six-game road trip.

Worth Invitational Review

Game 15 — Minnesota 2, San Jose State 0

Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins) pitched five scoreless innings to record her first win of the season, while **Piper Marten** tossed the final two innings for her first save as a Gopher. **Hailee Nanchy** (Ontario, Calif./Ontario Christian) drove in **Allie Fisk** with Minnesota's first run in the first inning, and pinch-runner **Shannon Brophy** (Crystal, Minn./Cooper) scored the Gophers' other run in the sixth inning on a Spartan error. **Fisk** had three hits and **Recknor** had two hits to lead a nine-hit attack.

Game 16 — California 1, Minnesota 0 (9 innings)

The fourth-ranked Golden Bears and Golden Gophers needed two international tie-breakers before California survived to win its 14th consecutive game of the season without a loss. The Bears scored their run with two out in the ninth inning on a wild pitch. Minnesota moved its runner to third base in both the eighth and ninth innings but failed to score. **Marten** suffered her second loss in 11 decisions despite not yielding an earned run in nine innings. **Fisk**, **Tammi Hays** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) and **Shelly Nichols** (Austin, Tex./Stephen F. Austin) had Minnesota's only hits of the game.

Game 17 — Cal State Fullerton 2, Minnesota 0

Titan sophomore **Jodie Cox** struck out four batters as she retired all 21 Gophers she faced. 10th-ranked Cal State Fullerton scored both of its runs in the fourth inning without the benefit of a base hit, using a walk, fielder's choice, two sacrifices and a Gopher error to manufacture two runs. **Marten** limited the Titans to one hit and one walk in six innings and struck out six batters, but took the loss.

Game 18 — Long Beach State 3, Minnesota 1

Long Beach State scored two unearned runs in the first inning and a run in the fourth inning to build a 3-0 lead. **Nichols** hit her first home run of the season with one out and the bases empty in the seventh inning to provide the only run of the day for Minnesota. **Recknor** pitched the first 3 1/3 innings and took her second loss of the season.

Game 19 — Minnesota 3, Oregon 1

The Gophers earned their first victory this season over a nationally ranked team with a win over the 22nd-ranked Ducks. **Angel Braden** drove in **Hays** in the first inning to give Minnesota a 1-0 lead. The Gophers extended their lead to 3-0 in the fifth inning

with a run-scoring single by **Hays** and an Oregon error. The Ducks countered with a fifth-inning run, but failed to put the tying run on base in the final three innings. **Marten** pitched a complete-game six-hitter to earn her 10th win of the season.

Game 20 — Pacific 5, Minnesota 3

Minnesota never led in its final game in the tournament. The Gophers scored in the third inning on a single by **Fisk**, scoring **Amy Hafemeyer** (Kenyon, Minn./Fairbault), to cut Pacific's lead to 2-1. The Tigers scored three fifth-inning runs to increase the margin to 5-1, but a two-run single by **Braden** in the bottom half of the frame sliced the lead to 5-3. The Gophers could not get the tying run past first base for the remainder of the game. **Marten** started and pitched into the third inning, suffering her fourth loss of the season.

About Buffalo (2-7)

The Bulls have lost their last three games and are 0-3 in one-run games. Buffalo has lost two games against Illinois by scores of 6-0 and 6-2, and have dropped a 6-0 game to Northern Iowa, a team Minnesota defeated 10-1 in the Metrodome Softball Classic. The Bulls average nearly four runs per game.

The Series — First Meeting.

About Nebraska (10-9)

The 17th-ranked Cornhuskers have played one of the nation's most difficult schedules, as eight of their nine losses are to nationally ranked teams. Nebraska and Minnesota have played two common opponents. Both schools have defeated Oregon and lost to California, with Nebraska winning two games against the Ducks and losing two one-run decisions to the Golden Bears.

The Series — Nebraska leads, 11-6.

About Missouri-Kansas City (0-4)

The Kangaroos lost their first four games of the season to Texas and Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, Texas. Missouri-Kansas City is led by first-year head coach **Carla Marchetti**, who spent last season at Texas Tech.

The Series — First Meeting.

About Creighton (4-6)

The Blue Jays have wins over Tulsa (2), Western Michigan and Indiana State in the 2001 season. Creighton has taken three losses to nationally ranked Oklahoma (2) and Arizona. The Blue Jays will play Cal State Northridge and Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. on Tuesday before beginning play Friday at home.

The Series — Creighton leads, 11-7.

About Drake (3-7)

The Bulldogs have wins over Georgia Tech, Connecticut and Southern Utah in the 2001 season. Among common opponents, Drake dropped a 1-0 decision to Northern Iowa, a team Minnesota defeated 10-1 in the Metrodome Softball Classic. The Gophers will host Drake in a non-conference doubleheader April 25 at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 7-4.

Up Next

Minnesota will have a 12-day break after its game against Drake. The Gophers begin their 10-game spring break road-trip to Indiana with the Boilermaker Invitational on March 24-25 in West Lafayette, Ind. The trip concludes with Big Ten road games at Purdue (March 29) and Indiana (March 30, April 1).

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Omaha, Neb.)		
March 9	9 a.m.	Buffalo
	11:15 a.m.	Nebraska
March 10	3:45 p.m.	Missouri-Kansas City
	6 p.m.	at Creighton
March 11	11:15 a.m.	Drake

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	9 a.m.	Loyola (Ill.)
	1 p.m.	Toledo
March 25	9 a.m.	Butler
	1/3 p.m.	TBA

March 27 4 p.m. at IUPUI
at IUPUI

March 30	2 p.m.	at Purdue
		at Purdue
March 31	2 p.m.	at Indiana
April 1	1 p.m.	at Indiana
April 3	4 p.m.	Concordia-St. Paul
		Concordia-St. Paul
April 6	2 p.m.	at Northwestern
		at Northwestern
April 7	2 p.m.	at Iowa
April 8	1 p.m.	at Iowa
April 11	4 p.m.	Wis.-Green Bay
		Wis.-Green Bay
April 13	2 p.m.	Michigan
		Michigan
April 14	6 p.m.	Michigan State
April 15	1 p.m.	Michigan State
April 17	3 p.m.	Northern Iowa
		Northern Iowa
April 21	2 p.m.	at Illinois
April 22	1 p.m.	at Illinois
April 25	4 p.m.	Drake
		Drake
April 27	2 p.m.	Penn State
		Penn State
April 28	6 p.m.	Ohio State
April 29	1 p.m.	Ohio State
May 1	1 p.m.	at Wis.-Green Bay
		at Wis.-Green Bay
May 5	6 p.m.	Wisconsin
May 6	1 p.m.	Wisconsin

Home games **in bold** are played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.
All times **LOCAL TO SITE.**

Overall:	12-7-1	Big Ten:	0-0
Home:	0-0	Home:	0-0
Away:	0-2-1	Away:	0-0
Neutral:	12-5		

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Mar 05, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 12-7-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-2-1 Neutral: 12-5 Big Ten: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Morgan Holden.....	.375	11-10	24	4	9	3	0	0	3	12	.500	2	1	6	0	.444	0	4	1-1	4	0	0	1.000
Angel Braden.....	.351	20-20	57	11	20	5	0	5	24	40	.702	10	3	16	0	.471	0	1	0-0	33	37	3	.959
Tammi Hays.....	.333	20-20	66	15	22	1	0	0	2	23	.348	6	1	14	1	.397	0	4	4-5	17	0	1	.944
Allie Fisk.....	.291	20-20	55	7	16	0	0	0	4	16	.291	1	0	6	0	.304	0	13	4-5	23	32	8	.873
Piper Marten.....	.276	15-13	29	2	8	0	0	0	1	8	.276	1	0	2	0	.300	0	5	1-1	2	13	0	1.000
Hailee Nanchy.....	.267	20-20	60	1	16	4	0	0	7	20	.333	4	4	8	0	.353	0	2	2-2	137	11	2	.987
Shelly Nichols.....	.250	20-20	52	10	13	4	0	1	5	20	.385	7	1	9	0	.350	0	2	1-1	25	39	9	.877
Angie Recknor.....	.230	20-20	61	3	14	3	0	0	6	17	.279	3	1	7	0	.273	1	1	0-0	3	11	1	.933
Veronica Roberts....	.218	20-20	55	3	12	2	1	0	5	16	.291	1	0	6	0	.232	0	8	1-3	22	0	1	.957
Jessica Green.....	.182	7-1	11	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.182	1	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	8	0	1.000
Christine Lindberg..	.176	11-6	17	2	3	0	0	1	4	6	.353	2	0	4	0	.263	0	1	0-0	10	0	0	1.000
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.150	18-9	20	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	.150	2	0	3	0	.227	0	4	4-5	6	2	0	1.000
Anne Thul.....	.000	9-0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	20-19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	131	7	3	.979
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	6-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	14-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3-4	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.266	20-20	518	74	138	22	1	7	65	183	.353	41	11	85	1	.333	1	45	21-27	413	160	28	.953
Opponents.....	.199	20-20	507	40	101	16	0	4	32	129	.254	49	12	128	4	.284	2	19	5-8	414	210	22	.966

LOB - Team (131), Opp (139). DPs turned - Team (4), Opp (3). Picked off - Rustad 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Meagan Hautala.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.667	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Green.....	0.67	1-1	7	3	1	0/0	0	21.0	22	11	2	10	13	2	0	0	87	.253	0	2	0	0	2
Piper Marten.....	0.82	10-4	18	11	9	1/1	1	85.0	47	18	10	27	89	9	0	3	292	.161	4	8	0	1	14
Angie Recknor.....	1.55	1-2	8	6	0	0/1	0	31.2	30	10	7	12	26	5	0	1	125	.240	5	2	0	1	3
Totals.....	0.97	12-7	20	20	10	2/1	1	137.2	101	40	19	49	128	16	0	4	507	.199	9	12	0	2	19
Opponents.....	2.94	7-12	20	20	12	3/0	1	138.0	138	74	58	41	85	22	1	7	518	.266	3	11	0	1	45

PB - Team (7), Smith 6, Lindberg 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - Smith (5-8), Marten (2-4), Recknor (2-3), Green (1-1).

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 4-3 Big Ten: 0-2

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston at Marquette W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State L, 7-0
4 at Penn State L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland 11 a.m.
11 at Maryland 11 a.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Syracuse — Saturday, March 10
Minnesota at Maryland — Sunday, March 11
College Park, Md.

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Golden Gophers End Long Road Trip

Minnesota finishes an eight-match road trip this weekend in College Park, Md. On Saturday, the Golden Gophers will face Syracuse, followed by a Sunday match against Maryland.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota began Big Ten play last weekend and lost its first two matches, to Penn State and Ohio State, by identical 7-0 scores. Minnesota's No. 1 doubles team of newcomer **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central)** and sophomore **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X. Saldy)** won Sunday for Minnesota's only win of the weekend.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are ranked No. 43 in the latest national ranking, released Feb. 28. Minnesota is one of 10 Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 11, followed by Ohio State at No. 21 and Illinois at No. 25. Rounding out the conference teams: Iowa (42), Minnesota (43), Indiana (44), Michigan (58), Penn State (71), Wisconsin (tied, 75) and Purdue (tied, 75).

About The Opponents

Syracuse is 4-3 and has not competed since Feb. 24. Minnesota is 3-0 all-time against the Orangewomen, including a 6-1 win at Syracuse in 1999. Maryland is 3-4 and has lost to two Big Ten teams, Indiana and Ohio State. Maryland will play American on Monday, then hosts Syracuse on Friday.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 119-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota returns home March 16, when the Gophers host Drake in a match rescheduled from Feb. 3.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	2-5						1-1	2-5	.667	0-2	.000	3-6	.333
Amy Thomas		3-4					3-6	3-4	.333	0-2	.000	6-10	.375
Michaela Havelkova			2-5				5-5	2-5	.333	0-2	.000	7-10	.411
Tammy Wang				3-3			2-5	3-3	.667	0-2	.000	5-8	.385
Jennifer Howard					2-4		3-7	2-4	.333	0-2	.000	5-11	.313
Brandi Watts						4-2	3-7	4-2	1.000	0-2	.000	7-9	.438
Totals	2-5	3-4	2-5	3-3	2-4	4-2	18-39	16-23	.410	0-12	.000	34-62	.354

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	6-1				6-1	1.000	1-1	.500	6-1	.857
Howard/Wang		0-2			0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-2	.000
Thomas/Watts			5-2	0-2	5-2	1.000	0-2	.000	5-2	.714
Totals	6-1	1-6	5-2	8-15	12-9	.571	1-5	.167	20-24	.455



2000-01 Schedule

September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams
- 29-30 Lady Northern Invitational**

October

- 1 Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

- 12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
- 27-29 Rainbow Wahine Invitational
(Oahu, Hawaii)

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
- 27-29 Big Ten Championship**

Home tournaments in **bold** are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



**2001 Big Ten Women's Golf
Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the
University of Minnesota**



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Minnesota at Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
March 12-13, Winter Park, Fla.

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Gophers Travel to Florida for Invitational

The Minnesota women's golf team will leave the snow and cold of Minnesota and travel south to compete in the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Winter Park, Fla., next Monday-Tuesday, March 12-13. It is the second spring tournament for the Golden Gophers.

The 26th Annual Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational will be contested on the par 72, 6,031-yard course at the Tuscawilla Country Club. The teams will play 18 holes each day. Minnesota is joined in the tournament field by eight other schools: Appalachian State, Arkansas State, Florida International, Illinois State, Kent, North Carolina State, Northern Illinois and Wofford. Florida Southern, Indiana, Michigan State, Northern Iowa, Stetson and host Rollins College will have individuals competing.

The Gophers will put the same lineup on the course as in Minnesota's first spring tournament, the Midwest Classic: seniors **Katie Bakken (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park)** and **Jenny Bruun (Crookston, Minn./Central)**, juniors **Cindy Cannon (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)** and **Megan Stier (Belle Plain, Minn./Belle Plain)** and sophomore **Karyn Stordahl (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)**.

Gophers Place 12th at Midwest Classic

The Gophers opened their spring season with a 12th-place finish at the Midwest Classic in Dallas, Feb. 23-25. Minnesota cut eight strokes of its team total each day to finish with at 954. Oklahoma State captured the title with a total of 906.

Senior **Jenny Bruun** shot a 3-over par 75 in the tournament's final round to bring her 54-hole score to 236 and tie for 30th place to lead all Gophers.

The Last Time on the Course — Gopher Finishes at the Midwest Classic

T-30	Jenny Bruun	82-79-75=236
T-43	Katie Bakken	83-79-77=239
T-47	Cindy Cannon	79-82-79=240
T-52	Karyn Stordahl	82-81-79=242
T-56	Megan Stier	83-79-81=243

A Look Ahead

Minnesota will travel to Oahu, Hawaii, to train during spring break and play in the Rainbow Wahine Invitational, March 27-29.

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	6	16	1242	77.63	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	6	16	1241	77.56	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	5	16	1263	78.94	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	3	7	565	80.71	78 (M. Fossum)	T-34th (M. Fossum)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	6	16	1255	78.44	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	6	16	1246	77.88	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	1	3	254	84.67	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75	226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational		80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73	230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78	225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81	242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77	239	t43

Laura Krumenauer

did not compete

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational		78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79	240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79	247	*t80

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75	227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational		70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73	231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80	228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88	249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75	236	t30

Julie Skavanger

did not compete

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78	234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational		72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75	230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77	229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83	247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81	243	t56

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79	242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational		75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73	224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76	232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79	250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79	240	t47

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76	228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational		79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78	234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77	229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77	234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79	242	t52

Marilee Dahlman

did not compete

Kristin Dooley

did not compete

Angela Kippley

did not compete

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79	254	t70
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Armindia Yutuc

did not compete

* Competed as an individual

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher Sports News

March 12, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

- Gymnastics**
- No. 13 Minnesota travels to Auburn for the final dual meet of the season
- Swimming and Diving**
- Katy Christoferson and Dana Baum compete at the NCAA Championships
- Tennis**
- The Gophers host Drake at the Northwest Athletic Club

Golden Gopher Highlights

- Hockey**
- Senior Courtney Kennedy is named Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award finalist, WCHA Player of the Year and WCHA Defensive Player of the Year
 - Coach Laura Halldorson is named Co-WCHA Coach of the Year
- Gymnastics**
- Minnesota scores a school-record 196.850 against Arizona, and moves up to No. 13 in the national rankings
 - Junior Courtney Norman scores a career-high 9.90 on the vault, the top Gopher vault score this season
- Softball**
- Gophers win last three games in the Creighton Softball Spring Classic to improve to 15-9-1 on the season
- Track and Field**
- Aubrey Schmitt places 13th in the shot put and 16th in the weight throw while teammate Beth Howard places 13th in the weight throw at the NCAA Indoor Championships

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

- Tuesday, March 13**
GF at Peggy Kirk Bell Inv. (Winter Park, FL)
- Thursday, March 15**
SD at NCAA Championships (Long Island, NY) 11 a.m./7 p.m.
- Friday, March 16**
TN hosts Drake 7 p.m.
SD at NCAA Championships 11 a.m./7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 17**
GM at Auburn (Auburn, AL) 7 p.m.
SD at NCAA Championships 11 a.m./7 p.m.

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2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 **Intrasquad**
 21 **North Dakota** W, 177-114
 27 **Alumni Meet**

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 **Minnesota Invitational**
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 **Iowa** W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals
 Illinois W, 219.5-127.5
 Purdue W, 215-138
 Wisconsin L, 203-128

February

- 2-3 **Minnesota Challenge**
 No Team Scores
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 6th of 11 teams/340.5 pts.
 25 **Gopher-It Invite**
 No Team Scores

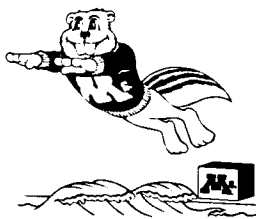
March

- 9-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 No Team Scores
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Swimming prelims 11 a.m.
 Diving prelims 1 p.m.
 Finals 7 p.m.
 27-31 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Senior Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

2001 NCAA Championships
 Thursday-Saturday, Long Island, N.Y.

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The Minnesota women's swimming and diving team has qualified two swimmers for the NCAA meet March 15-17 at Long Island, N.Y. The 22nd-ranked Gophers will send senior **Katy Christoferson (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** and sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)** to the national championships. No Gopher divers qualified for the national meet at the NCAA Zone meet at Indiana University.

Gophers Currently Tied for 22nd In National Poll

Minnesota is currently ranked in a tie for 22nd in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) poll. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as 16th this season, and have appeared in every poll. Other Big Ten teams that are ranked are Michigan (12th), Penn State (14th), Wisconsin (15th), Indiana (16th) and Northwestern (20th).

Christoferson, Baum Qualify for NCAA Meet

Katy Christoferson, a three-time Big Ten champion and Minnesota's school-record holder in both individual medley events, is seeded 10th in both the 200 and 400 IM events. She finished eighth in the 400 IM at the 2000 NCAA meet and earned All-American status. **Christoferson** is seeded 11th in the 100 butterfly.

Christoferson is competing in her fourth NCAA meet. As a first-year swimmer in 1998, she earned honorable mention All-America honors as a member of Minnesota's 800 free relay team that placed 15th. In her sophomore season, she earned three more All-America honorable mentions as a member of Minnesota's 200, 400 and 800 free relay teams. In addition to her All-America award in the 400 IM at the 2000 NCAA meet, **Christoferson** earned three more All-America honorable mentions as a member of Minnesota's 200 medley relay, the 400 and 800 free relays.

Dana Baum has qualified for her first NCAA meet, and is seeded 23rd in the 200 freestyle, 23rd in the 500 free and 24th in the 1650 free. She has finished in the top eight in the Big Ten in all three distance freestyle events in both of her years at Minnesota.

Junior **Jinny Smedstad (Cedar Rapids, Iowa/John F. Kennedy)** barely missed making the NCAA field, and is the third overall alternate.

2001 NCAA Zone Diving Review

Senior **Tracy LaVoi (St. Cloud, Minn./Tech)** was Minnesota's most successful diver at the 2001 NCAA Zone Diving meet in Bloomington, Ind. **LaVoi** finished eighth in 3-meter diving, ninth in 1-meter diving and 11th in platform diving, the Gophers' highest finish in each of the three events, but failed to place high enough to qualify for the NCAA meet. Sophomore **Kim Bahmer (Shakopee, Minn./Shakopee)** finished 11th in 1-meter diving, sophomore **Holly Hanneman (Mequon, Wis./Luther Prep)** took 12th in platform diving and first-year diver **Shannon Jackson (Andover, Minn./Anoka)** was 17th in 3-meter diving.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

Jean Freeman is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2000. Freeman earned the 200th dual meet victory in her career Jan. 27 at Wisconsin against Purdue and Illinois, and now sports a career dual meet record of 200-53-4 (.786).

University of Minnesota

2000-2001 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Overall: 23-15 Dual Record: 6-1

Big Ten: 3-1

Invitationals: 17-14

Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score	Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score
10/21/00	North Dakota	W	n/a	177-114	1/26-27/01	at Wisconsin	L	20th	203-128
11/4/00	Florida Atlantic	W	16th	157-77	1/26-27/01	Purdue @ Wisconsin	W	20th	215-138
11/11/00	Iowa State	W	16th	151-149	1/26-27/01	Illinois @ Wisconsin	W	20th	219.5-127.5
11/17-19/00	Minnesota Invitational	1st/9	18th	944.5 pts.	2/2-3/01	Minnesota Challenge	-	19th	No Scoring
12/1-3/00	Texas Invitational	10th/14	18th	130 pts.	2/15-17/01	Big Ten Championships	6th/11	19th	340.5 pts.
1/8/01	Macalester	N/A	18th	No Scoring	2/25/01	Go-pher-it Invitational	N/A	19th	No Scoring
1/20/01	Iowa	W	20th	186-114	3/9-10	NCAA Zone Diving	-	22nd	No Scoring
					3/15-17	NCAA Championships		22nd	

Meets in **bold** at the University Aquatic Center Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool

Times in (): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)

Points in (): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)	200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)	200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)
Meghan Sonstegard 2/15/01 23.50	Jinny Smedstad 2/17/01 2:01.91	Cahoy, Harrod, 2/16/01 1:44.68
Katy Christoferson 2/15/01 23.65 (split)	Megan Moore 2/17/01 2:02.60	Bohlsen, Sonstegard
Jen Power 2/2/01 23.94	Ann Cahoy 2/17/01 2:02.67	
Kim Harrod 2/15/01 24.01	Emily Deppe 2/17/01 2:02.74	400y Medley Relay (3:39.05, 3:45.62, 3:41.27)
Sarah Bohlsen 2/15/01 24.14	Dana Baum 12/3/00 2:04.08	Deppe, Christoferson, 12/1/00 3:47.59
		Harrod, Baum
100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)	100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)	200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)
Katy Christoferson 2/17/01 50.68 (split)	Kim Harrod 2/16/01 1:04.58	Christoferson, Harrod, 2/15/01 1:33.68
Meghan Sonstegard 12/3/00 51.41	Katy Christoferson 12/2/00 1:04.90	Cahoy, Sonstegard
Jinny Smedstad 12/3/00 52.05	Elizabeth Pierce 2/16/01 1:04.98	
Jen Power 2/3/01 52.38	Lauren Guzauskas 2/16/01 1:05.33	400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)
Casey Nicholson 2/17/01 52.64	Melissa Schold 2/16/01 1:05.98	Smedstad, Sonstegard, 12/3/00 3:27.64
		Gardner, Baum
200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.15)	200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)	800y Free Relay (7:14.15, 7:27.17, 7:18.49)
Dana Baum 2/16/01 1:48.15 (B)	Elizabeth Pierce 2/17/01 2:17.26 (B)	Christoferson, Smedstad, 2/16/01 7:21.38 (B)
Jinny Smedstad 11/4/00 1:50.73 (B)	Kim Harrod 12/3/00 2:19.23	Nicholson, Baum
Casey Nicholson 2/16/01 1:51.54	Carol Crouthamel 12/3/00 2:19.85	
Katy Christoferson 2/16/01 1:51.68 (split)	Katy Christoferson 10/21/00 2:21.26	1 M Diving (6) (265, 300.70)
Arianna Gardner 2/16/01 1:52.17	Melissa Schold 2/17/01 2:23.76	Tracy LaVoi 2/2/01 300.70 (A)
		Kim Bahmer 2/2/01 294.90 (A)
500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)	100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.24)	Shannon Jackson 2/2/01 289.50 (A)
Dana Baum 2/15/01 4:47.87 (B)	Katy Christoferson 2/16/01 54.31 (A)	Erin Prasse 2/2/01 286.00 (A)
Jinny Smedstad 2/15/01 4:51.95 (B)	Juleen Rodakowski 2/16/01 55.56 (B)	Rachelle Giese 2/2/01 280.65 (A)
Casey Nicholson 2/15/01 4:54.45 (B)	Sarah Bohlsen 2/16/01 56.21	Holly Hanneman 2/2/01 271.35 (A)
Arianna Gardner 12/1/00 4:58.43	Kim Harrod 2/16/01 56.38	
Carol Crouthamel 12/1/00 4:59.50	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 57.13	1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)
		Juleen Rodakowski 2/17/01 2:00.62 (B)
1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)	200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 2:06.31
Dana Baum 2/17/01 10:03.27 (split)	Juleen Rodakowski 2/17/01 2:00.62 (B)	Jinny Smedstad 10/21/00 2:07.32
Kristin Rygg 2/17/01 10:18.28 (split)	Katie Klamer 2/3/01 2:06.31	Karen Egerman 1/20/01 2:07.79
Carol Crouthamel 1/20/01 10:31.40	Jinny Smedstad 10/21/00 2:07.32	Katy Christoferson 11/19/00 2:07.91
Juleen Rodakowski 10/21/00 10:40.72	Karen Egerman 1/20/01 2:07.79	
Lindsay Marko 11/4/00 10:47.58	Katy Christoferson 11/19/00 2:07.91	3 M Diving (6) (270, 332.90)
		Tracy LaVoi 10/21/00 271.25 (A)
1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)	200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:00.22)	Holly Hanneman 12/2/00 263.80
Dana Baum 2/17/01 16:33.29 (B)	Katy Christoferson 2/15/01 2:00.22 (A)	Kim Bahmer 1/20/01 255.825
Kristin Rygg 2/17/01 17:03.03	Emily Deppe 12/1/00 2:04.39	Shannon Jackson 11/11/00 253.50
Katy Christoferson 2/3/01 17:30.42	Jinny Smedstad 2/2/01 2:06.34	Rachelle Giese 10/21/00 234.70
Jinny Smedstad 11/19/00 17:34.08	Katie Klamer 2/2/01 2:06.93	
Jenna Stocker 2/3/01 17:40.71		3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)
		Tracy LaVoi 2/3/01 507.10 (A)
100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)	400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:15.12)	Holly Hanneman 2/3/01 488.80 (A)
Megan Moore 2/16/01 57.29	Katy Christoferson 2/16/01 4:15.12 (A)	Kim Bahmer 2/3/01 486.25 (A)
Meghan Sonstegard 2/16/01 57.30	Jinny Smedstad 2/16/01 4:18.60 (B)	Rachelle Giese 2/3/01 480.40 (A)
Ann Cahoy 2/16/01 57.32	Carol Crouthamel 2/16/01 4:24.30	Shannon Jackson 2/3/01 471.25 (A)
Emily Deppe 12/2/00 57.69	Emily Deppe 2/16/01 4:24.59	Erin Prasse 2/3/01 444.75 (A)
Jessica Crawford 2/16/01 58.55	Juleen Rodakowski 2/16/01 4:29.13	
		Platform Diving (8) (325)
		Tracy LaVoi 11/19/00 360.30 (A)
		Holly Hanneman 2/17/01 323.30
		Erin Prasse 11/19/00 311.40

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 6-3 Big Ten: 0-2

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston at Marquette W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State L, 7-0
4 at Penn State L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake 7 p.m.
23 Michigan State 2 or 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Drake—Friday, March 16
Northwest Athletic Club, Bloomington, Minn.

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Up Next For The Golden Gophers

Minnesota's match against Drake was originally set for Feb. 3, but due to bad weather conditions, the match has been rescheduled for this weekend. The Golden Gophers host the Bulldogs on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Athletic Club in Bloomington.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota finished its eight-match road trip over the weekend with two wins over Syracuse and Maryland. Minnesota shut out Syracuse 7-0, winning all six singles matches and winning two of the three doubles to get the doubles point. Against Maryland, the Gophers won four of the six singles matches, including the No. 1 and No. 2 positions. They also captured the doubles point by winning two of the three matches.

On the doubles side, newcomer Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central) and sophomore Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X. Saldy) won both matches at the No. 1 spot to improve their record to 8-1. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y., Orchard Park) and newcomer Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo., Lewis-Palmer) also won both their matches and improved to 7-2.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are ranked No. 62 in the latest national ranking, released March 7. Minnesota is one of 10 Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 11, followed by Ohio State at No. 21 and Illinois at No. 24. Rounding out the conference teams: Iowa (41), Indiana (43), Michigan (58), Penn State (59), Minnesota (62), Purdue (67), and Wisconsin (tied, 75).

About Drake

The Bulldogs compete in the Missouri Valley Conference and are 5-5 overall. They are coming off a split this past weekend, beating Northwest Missouri State 7-0, and losing to DePaul 6-1. Minnesota leads the all-time series with Drake, 19-1.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. Novak earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. Novak has compiled a 121-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota is at home for the next two matches. The first of the two is on Friday, March 23 against Michigan State; the second is on Sunday, March 25 against Michigan.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	4-5						1-1	4-5	.444	0-2	.000	5-6	.833
Amy Thomas		5-4					3-6	5-4	.556	0-2	.000	8-10	.444
Michaela Havelkova			3-6				5-5	3-6	.333	0-2	.000	8-11	.421
Tammy Wang				5-3			2-4	5-3	.625	0-2	.000	7-7	.500
Jennifer Howard					3-5		3-7	3-5	.375	0-2	.000	6-12	.333
Brandi Watts						6-2	3-7	6-2	.750	0-2	.000	9-9	.500
Totals	4-5	5-4	3-6	5-3	3-5	6-2	18-39	26-25	.510	0-2	.000	44-64	.407

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	8-1				8-1	.889	1-1	.500	8-1	.889
Howard/Wang		0-4		0-2	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-6	.000
Thomas/Watts			7-2	0-2	7-2	.778	1-1	.500	7-4	.637
Totals	8-1	1-8	7-2	8-15	16-11	.595	2-4	.333	24-24	.500

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	195.625-194.850	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#9 Iowa State	196.150
	#17 Oklahoma	195.375
	#10 Minnesota	195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W
	196.525-196.150	

March

2	#16 at Boise State	L
	197.050-196.050	
10	#15 vs. Arizona	W
	196.850-194.675	
17	at Auburn	7 p.m.
24	at Big Ten Championships	
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals
19-21	at NCAA Championships
	(Athens, Ga.)

GymInfo National Ranking

(March 12 — By RQS)

1.	UCLA	197.465
2.	Utah	197.040
3.	Alabama	197.025
4.	Stanford	196.825
5.	Georgia	196.775
6.	Michigan	196.590
7.	Nebraska	196.585
8.	Arizona State	196.490
9.	Iowa State	196.035
10.	Florida	195.965
11.	Penn State	195.860
12.	Iowa	195.830
13.	Minnesota	195.780
14.	Kent State	195.705
15.	Oregon State	195.705
16.	West Virginia	195.660
17.	Ohio State	195.590
18.	BYU	195.460
19.	LSU	195.340
20.	Oklahoma	195.255
21.	Washington	195.235
22.	Arizona	195.190
23.	California	195.130
24.	Michigan State	195.045
25.	Illinois State	194.515

Women's Gymnastics 2001



#13 Minnesota at Auburn
Saturday, March 17 • Auburn, Ala.

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Golden Gophers On The Road For Final Dual Meet Of The Season

No. 13 Minnesota hits the road for the final meet of the regular season. The Golden Gophers will compete at unranked Auburn on Saturday, March 10, at 6 p.m. CST.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 13 in the March 12 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on regional qualifying score. RQS is determined by taking the top three road scores and the next three best scores, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five scores. The Gophers moved up two spots this week after posting a school-record score of 196.850 on Saturday.

Saturday's opponent, Auburn, is not ranked among the nation's top 25 teams this week. The Tigers have an RQS of 194.410. The Golden Gophers have faced top-25 teams in eight of the team's 10 meets this season.

Minnesota is one of five Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. The Gophers are listed fourth among conference teams, behind Michigan (No. 6), Penn State (No. 11) and Iowa (No. 12). Ohio State rounds out the conference teams at No. 17. Michigan State and Illinois are the only Big Ten schools not ranked this week, although both teams were ranked among the top 25 teams earlier in the season.

North Central Region Rankings

1.	Utah	197.040
2.	Iowa State	196.035
3.	Iowa	195.830
4.	Minnesota	195.780
5.	BYU	195.460
6.	Denver	194.880
7.	Utah State	194.300
8.	Southern Utah	192.880

Big Ten Rankings

1.	Michigan	196.590
2.	Penn State	195.860
3.	Iowa	195.830
4.	Minnesota	195.780
5.	Ohio State	195.590
6.	Michigan State	195.045
7.	Illinois	194.155

Alf Among Top 10 In Balance Beam Rankings

Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** is ninth on the balance beam in this week's national rankings. She has an RQS of 9.890 this week, her second week in the national rankings, and ranks second in the Big Ten. With scores of 9.9, 9.9 and 9.925 the last three road meets, respectively, her next three highest scores are 9.9 (Jan. 27 vs. Iowa), 9.875 (Feb. 10 vs. Best of Minnesota) and 9.875 (March 10 vs. Arizona).

Kelley Ranks High In The Big Ten

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** is tied for second in the Big Ten on floor exercise with an RQS of 9.910 and listed fifth in the all around with an RQS of 39.295. **Kelley** is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on both lists this week. She is 12th in the all around and tied for 14th on floor exercise.

The Last Meet: Gophers Reset School Record

In the final home meet of the season, No. 15 Minnesota set a school record and defeated No. 20 Arizona, 196.850-194.675, Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers outscored the Wildcats on all four events. Minnesota broke the school record of 196.525 that was set against Iowa State on Feb. 24 at the Sports Pavilion.

Saturday's meet marked the first time in school history that Minnesota scored at least 49.0 on all four events. The Golden Gophers have recorded at least 196.000 seven times in school history.

Vault Is Also A Record

The Gophers set a team record on vault, recording 49.175 to top the previous score of 49.125 set at Missouri on March 9, 1997, the team's oldest event record. Junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** recorded a career high on the vault with a score of 9.90 on a vault with

2001 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Roster

Name	Year	Height	Major	Hometown (High School/Club)
Jenny Alf	So.	5-2	Kinesiology	Ripon, Wis. (Ripon/Oshkosh Gymnastics Center)
Megan Beuckens	Jr.	5-4	Bus./Pre-Dent.	Brandon, S.D. (Brandon Valley/All American Gymnastics)
Catie Christensen	Jr.	4-10	Kines./Pre-P.T.	Columbus, Ohio (Thomas Worthington/Buckeye)
Leigh Dixon	So.	5-3	Biology	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (The Bishop's School/S. Calif. Elite Gym.)
Carrie Hortsch	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Criminal Justice	Apple Valley, Minn. (Eastview/TAGS)
MaryAnne Kelley	Jr.	5-4	Fam. Soc. Sci.	Barrington, Ill. (Fremd/All American Academy)
Annie Laatsch	Fr.	5-8	Broad. Journ.	Lakeville, Minn. (Burnsville/Twin City Twisters)
Shanyn Lancaster	Sr.	5-3	Finance/Pre-Med.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Lahser/Oakland Gymnastics)
Courtney Norman	Jr.	5-2	Architecture	Minneapolis, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)
Alicia Opsahl	Fr.	5-4 1/2	Undecided	Forest Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake/Twin City Twisters)
Tara Schroeder	Fr.	5-3 1/2	Undecided	Rogers, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Mary Skokut	Fr.	5-4	Undecided	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Megan Skokut	Sr.	5-3	Biology	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel/Indy School of Gymnastics)
Kelly Watson	So.	5-0	Kinesiology	Brampton, Ontario (Brampton Centennial/Gym. Mississauga)

Co-Head Coaches: Jim and Meg Stephenson

Assistant Coach: Doug Day

a starting value of 10.0 to win the event. **Norman's** score marks the highest vault performance this year for the Gophers and places her in a tie for second on Minnesota's all-time performance list.

In her last home meet as a Golden Gopher, senior **Shanyn Lancaster (Bloomfield, Mich./Lahser)** tied her season-high with a 9.85. First-year gymnast **Tara Schroeder (Rogers, Minn./Maple Grove)** scored a career-high 9.8 on the vault, while sophomore **Leigh Dixon** set a season high with a 9.8. **MaryAnne Kelley** scored 9.825.

Kelley Wins Three Titles

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** won her fifth all around title of the season, scoring 39.450. **Kelley** scored her third straight 9.925 on floor exercise, a season high, to win that event for the sixth time this season. She also scored 9.875 on bars to tie for her first uneven bars title of the season and 9.825 on both vault and balance beam.

Kelley has won or tied for first on eight individual events this season, in addition to the five all around titles, in 10 meets. She has eight of the top 11 all around scores in school history.

With 9.925 scores on floor exercise the last two weeks, preceded by five straight 9.90 scores, **Kelley** averages 9.898 on floor exercise. (Her RQS is 9.910). **Kelley** has improved her season averages from 9.707 her first season to 9.793 last year and 9.898 this season.

Laatsch Records Minnesota's Fifth 9.90 On Floor

The floor exercise has traditionally been Minnesota's strongest event, and this year is no exception. The team has scored higher on floor exercise than the other three events in eight of the team's 10 meets.

Newcomer **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** recorded a career high floor exercise with a 9.90, becoming Minnesota's fifth gymnast this season to record at least 9.90. She joins **MaryAnne Kelley** (five times), **Jenny Alf** (March 2), **Megan Beuckens** (March 2) and **Courtney Norman** (Feb. 2).

Beam Sets Season High

Minnesota set a season-high on beam with a score of 49.025. **Annie Laatsch** set a career high on beam with a 9.825. Frosh **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** also tied her career best on beam, scoring 9.825. **Alf** won her fifth beam title of the season, scoring 9.875. **MaryAnne Kelley**, **Skokut** and **Laatsch** tied for second.

Minnesota did not have to count a fall on beam. However, the Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall on beam in all four road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

About Auburn

The unranked Tigers have an RQS of 194.410. The team set a season-high 195.700 Feb. 16 at home, and scored at least 194.25 the three following meets. Auburn is ranked 24th in the nation on floor exercise with an RQS of 49.090.

Minnesota hosted Auburn in the opening meet last season, with the Golden Gophers defeating the Tigers, 194.800-192.450.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 56-36-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 124-107-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The Big Ten Championships will be held March 24 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 23-9-2
WCHA Record: 18-4-2

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 3-2 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 5-1
10	Dartmouth	L, 4-0

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 10-1
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 4-3
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	L, 1-0
17	at Ohio State*	W, 5-2
24	Wisconsin*	W, 6-2
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	W, 3-1

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	T, 2-2
3	at Minn.-Duluth	L, 3-1
9	Ohio State§	L, 4-0
10	Wisconsin§	L, 4-3
23	NCAA Championship (Mariucci)	
25	Arena, Minneapolis, Minn.)	

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

§—WCHA Tournament (Rochester, Minn.)

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest

Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey

March 12, 2001

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NCAA Women's Frozen Four • March 23 & 25

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Golden Gophers Wait For NCAA Women's Frozen Four Selection

The third-ranked Minnesota women's hockey team (23-9-2, 18-4-2 WCHA Women's League) will wait for the NCAA committee to determine the participants in the NCAA Women's Frozen Four. The decision will be announced in a webcast Sunday, March 18, at 7 p.m. Central time at www.ncaachampionships.com. The Golden Gophers, owners of the top seed in the WCHA-Women's League as regular-season champions, lost twice at the WCHA Tournament in Rochester, Minn., last weekend.

Kennedy Named Kazmaier Finalist, WCHA-Women's League Player of the Year

Senior Courtney Kennedy (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham Browne & Nichols) was named one of three finalists for the Patty Kazmaier Award, which signifies the top player in women's college hockey. The award will be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis. The two other finalists are Harvard forwards Jennifer Botterill and Tammy Shewchuk.

Kennedy was named the WCHA-Women's League Player of the Year at the conference tournament banquet in Rochester, Minn., on Wednesday. She was one of four University of Minnesota players to capture all-conference honors.

Kennedy also tabbed Defensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Gophers to the WCHA regular-season title and a conference-low 2.19 goals against average. Kennedy continues to lead the Gophers in plus/minus rating with a +39 rating. She leads the team with 19 power-play assists and is second on the team with 20 power-play points. She led all defense in the league in scoring with 41 points on 10 goals and 31 assists. Kennedy was a second-team All-WCHA selection last season.

Other WCHA-Women's League Awards

Senior goalie Erica Killewald (Troy, Mich./Troy) joined Courtney Kennedy as a All-WCHA Women's League First Team honoree. Killewald, the MVP of the AWCHA National Championship a year ago, led the conference during the regular-season in goals against average at 2.12 and save percentage at .914, allowing 62 goals and collecting 657 saves.

Senior Ambria Thomas (Fairbanks, Alaska/West Valley) repeated as a second-team All-WCHA pick at forward. Thomas ranked second among Gophers with 49 points on 25 goals and 24 assists. She ranked third in the WCHA with 11 power-play goals.

First-year La Toya Clarke (Pickering, Ontario/Dunbarton Secondary) capped an outstanding rookie season with second-team All-WCHA accord. The Gophers' leading scorer ranked fifth in the conference with 53 points on 21 goals and 32 assists. She ranked third in scoring among first-year players, and fourth in overall assists and power-play points.

Minnesota head coach Laura Halldorson shares Coach of the Year honors with St. Cloud State's Kerry Wethington. Halldorson led the Gophers to the regular-season crown with an 18-4-2 conference mark, 23-7-2 overall.

Minnesota Loses Twice at WCHA-Women's League Tournament

Ohio State goalie April Stojak stopped 28 Minnesota shots in leading the Buckeyes to a 4-0 upset victory over the Golden Gophers in the WCHA-Women's League Tournament semifinals on Friday. The Gophers outshot the Buckeyes by a 28-18 margin but were able to fire just one shot on a solid penalty kill squad during four power play opportunities. Ohio State, 13-1-0 when leading after one period, tallied the game's first goal at the 15:58 mark of the first period on a shot by Katie Frohreich, who gathered a pass from Melissa Pirie in the corner and pushed the puck at toward the goal. Despite a bad angle, the puck somehow eluded Gopher goalie Erica Killewald and found the back of the net to give the Buckeyes a 1-0 lead. Ohio State increased its lead in the second period on a goal from Jeanne Chapple, off assists from Shana Frost and Emily Hudak. Minnesota turned up the pressure offensively in the third period, firing 17 shots on goal. Ohio State iced the victory with two third-period goals, both scored by Corinne Rosen.

An even-strength goal by Stephanie Millar at the 8:35 mark of the third period was the difference as Wisconsin pulled out a 4-3 comeback victory over Minnesota in the third-place game on Saturday. The Badgers' win was the first over the Golden Gophers in 10 meetings. The

Gophers owned the lead and the momentum, heading into the third period with a 3-2 lead. Before the loss, Minnesota was 20-1-0 when leading after the first two periods. The Badgers tied the score on an unassisted goal by Nicole Uliasz, 5:51 into the period. Millar scored the gamewinner nearly three minutes later off assists from Meghan Hunter and Sis Paulsen. Minnesota had a golden opportunity to tie the score at the 7:22 mark of the third period, when **La Toya Clarke** broke away from the Wisconsin defense for a one-on-one duel with Badger goalie Jackie MacMillan. **Clarke** darted to the right and fired, but MacMillan dove and made the save. Minnesota outshot Wisconsin by a 36-22 margin. MacMillan collected 33 saves in net for Wisconsin, while **Erica Killewald** stopped 18 shots for Minnesota.

Muzerall Back on Track

After going a career-long seven games without a goal, **Nadine Muzerall (Mississauga, Ont./Kimball Union Academy)** has scored 16 goals and 24 points in her last 15 games. She scored her fourth hat trick of the season and 15th of her career in the victory at Ohio State on Feb. 16, and two goals in each of the two games against Wisconsin on Feb. 24-25. The four goals against Wisconsin earned **Muzerall** national player of the week honors from United States College Hockey Online.

During its four-year history, Minnesota is 74-6-4 when **Muzerall** scores a goal. The Gophers are 21-18-5 when she plays and does not score a goal. **Muzerall** is fifth in the country and leads all Gophers with 28 goals this season. **Muzerall** was one of 10 nominees for this year's Patty Kazmaier Award.

Special Teams Are Special

The Gophers have scored power-play goals in 15 of 18 games they have played in 2001 and have scored at least one power-play goal in 28 of 34 games this season. Minnesota's power-play is operating at 30.2 percent for the season, the only team in the country with a power play operating over 30 percent. Minnesota's penalty kill is working at 83.0 percent, which is 10th nationally but first among WCHA-Women's League teams.

Balancing Act

Of 12 players with three or more game-winning goals in the WCHA, five are Golden Gophers. **La Toya Clarke**, **Nadine Muzerall** and **Ambria Thomas** are tied for second in the WCHA with four. **Ronda Curtin** and **Courtney Kennedy** has three and four other players have contributed game-winners this season.

Home Sweet Home

In its eighth year of existence, **Mariucci Arena** has gained a reputation as one of the finest college hockey venues in the country.

The 9,700-seat arena is in its fourth season as the home of Gopher Women's Hockey. During that time, Minnesota has posted a winning percentage of .833 with a record of 55-9-5.

Minnesota has led the nation in attendance in each of the last three seasons, and currently leads with an average of 976. Minnesota set a women's college hockey record when 6,854 people attended the Gophers' inaugural game, Nov. 2, 1997.

Minnesota recorded the two largest women's collegiate crowds of the season when the Gophers hosted the U.S. Select team, drawing 2,611 to the first game and another 2,036 to the second game. As exhibition contests, neither game counts in the team's official attendance figures for the season.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** is in her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 164-101-18. In her fourth season at Minnesota, she is 105-26-9. She led the Gophers to the ACHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

The Halldorson Diary

For the second year, CNN/SI has asked **Laura Halldorson** to keep a biweekly diary for its website. Her diary entries can be found on the web at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/womens/> and by clicking on the "college hockey" link in the Diaries section under Features.

The NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be held March 23 and 25 at **Mariucci Arena**. The Women's Frozen Four will see the top team in the East Region and the top team in the West Region receive automatic berths in the championship with two at-large berths awarded. The teams and pairings will be announced by the NCAA on March 18.

Next Up

Minnesota will wait to hear its fate concerning the inaugural NCAA Women's Frozen Four. The announcement by the NCAA Committee will be made on Sunday, March 18. The semifinals will be played Friday, March 23, at 4 and 7:30 p.m. The third-place and championship games will be played Sunday, March 25, at 1 and 5 p.m.

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 12, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL					
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	{23- 9- 2}	{13- 1- 0}	{10- 6- 2}	{ 0- 2- 0}					
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	{18- 4- 2}	{11- 1- 0}	{ 7- 3- 2}	{ 0- 0- 0}					
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	{ 5- 5- 0}	{ 2- 0- 0}	{ 3- 3- 0}	{ 0- 2- 0}					
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703										
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171										
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203										
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350										
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112	14 La Toya Clarke	34	21	32	53	157	.134	4-8	8	0
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512	27 Ambria Thomas	34	25	24	49	157	.159	11-22	11	1
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632	4 Nadine Muzerall	30	28	18	46	179	.156	19-44	9	0
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643	2 Courtney Kennedy	34	10	31	41	124	.081	33-74	1	0
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422	21 Laura Slominski	34	12	23	35	124	.097	4-8	5	0
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935	29 Ronda Curtin	34	12	17	29	110	.109	3-6	2	0
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931	24 Tracy Engstrom	34	8	18	26	85	.094	9-18	2	1
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525	19 Melissa Coulombe	33	3	10	13	33	.091	5-10	3	0
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457	18 Emily Buchholz	34	0	12	12	42	.000	20-40	0	0
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561	10 Kris Scholz	33	6	4	10	47	.128	4-8	0	0
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621	25 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921	15 Kelsey Bills	33	3	2	5	21	.143	5-10	0	0
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745	3 Jerilyn Glenn	26	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553	28 Stefanie Snow	27	1	4	5	14	.071	7-14	0	0
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651	22 Gwen Anderson	26	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203	8 Kelly Olson	33	0	3	3	26	.000	9-18	0	0
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158	23 Tracy Palinsky	34	2	0	2	50	.040	3-6	0	0
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131	6 Angela Borek	25	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387	26 Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	L	0-1	264	36 Erica Killewald	30	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	W	5-2	237	16 Betsy Kukowski	21	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	6-2	1403	17 Cecilia Retelle	6	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	3-1	1005	TM TEAM	6	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	T OT	2-2	1377	Total.....	34	135	217	352	1247	.108	156-326	42	2
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	L	1-3	1625	Opponents.....	34	75	110	185	802	.094	162-324	23	3
Mar 09, 2001	vs Ohio State	L	0-4	401										
Mar 10, 2001	vs Wisconsin	L	3-4	423										
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA												
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA												

* denotes conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	135-1247	75-802
Shot pct.....	.108	.094
Goals/Game.....	4.0	2.2
Shots/Game.....	36.7	23.6
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	42-139	23-135
Conversion Percent.....	.302	.170
Shot Attempts.....	270	206
Shot Percent.....	.156	.112
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-23	3-12
Shot Percent.....	.087	.250
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Power Play.....	42	23
Short-handed.....	2	3
Empty net.....	0	1
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	11	9
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	156	162
Minutes.....	326	324
Penalties/Game.....	4.6	4.8
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.6	9.5
FACEOFFS (W-L).....	953-996	996-953

# INDIVIDUAL (by pts)	GP	SHOTS				Pct	--PEN--	GOALS	
		G	A	Pts	Shots			PP	SH
14 La Toya Clarke	34	21	32	53	157	.134	4-8	8	0
27 Ambria Thomas	34	25	24	49	157	.159	11-22	11	1
4 Nadine Muzerall	30	28	18	46	179	.156	19-44	9	0
2 Courtney Kennedy	34	10	31	41	124	.081	33-74	1	0
21 Laura Slominski	34	12	23	35	124	.097	4-8	5	0
29 Ronda Curtin	34	12	17	29	110	.109	3-6	2	0
24 Tracy Engstrom	34	8	18	26	85	.094	9-18	2	1
19 Melissa Coulombe	33	3	10	13	33	.091	5-10	3	0
18 Emily Buchholz	34	0	12	12	42	.000	20-40	0	0
10 Kris Scholz	33	6	4	10	47	.128	4-8	0	0
25 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
15 Kelsey Bills	33	3	2	5	21	.143	5-10	0	0
3 Jerilyn Glenn	26	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
28 Stefanie Snow	27	1	4	5	14	.071	7-14	0	0
22 Gwen Anderson	26	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
8 Kelly Olson	33	0	3	3	26	.000	9-18	0	0
23 Tracy Palinsky	34	2	0	2	50	.040	3-6	0	0
6 Angela Borek	25	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2	0	0
26 Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
36 Erica Killewald	30	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
16 Betsy Kukowski	21	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2	0	0
17 Cecilia Retelle	6	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
TM TEAM	6	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
Total.....	34	135	217	352	1247	.108	156-326	42	2
Opponents.....	34	75	110	185	802	.094	162-324	23	3

# GOALTENDERS	GP	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		
		Time	GA	EN	Avg Save	Pct	W L T
36 Erica Killewald	30	1752:53	62	0	2.12	657	.914 19 8 2
35 Stephanie Johnson	6	293:22	12	0	2.45	70	.854 4 1 0
TM EMPTY NET	6	7:02	0	1	0.00	0	1.000 0 0 0
Total.....	34	2053:17	74	1	2.19	727	.908 23 9 2
Opponents.....	34	2053:17	135	0	3.94	1112	.892 9 23 2

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	UM	OPP
Total.....	13664	8525
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	14/976	18/474
Neutral Site #/Ava.....	2/412	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	34	40	61	0	135
Opponents.....	21	32	21	1	75

SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	234	259	228	6	727
Opponents.....	326	372	408	6	1112

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 15-9-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 **Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 **Triangle Classic** (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6 of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
24 Loyola (Ill.) 9 a.m.
24 Toledo 1 p.m.
25 Butler 9 a.m.
25 TBA 1/3 p.m.
27 at IUPUI (2) 4 p.m.
30 at Purdue (2)* 2 p.m.
31 at Indiana* 2 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* 1 p.m.
3 **Concordia-St. Paul (2)** 4 p.m.
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 **Wis.-Green Bay (2)** 4 p.m.
13 **Michigan (2)*** 2 p.m.
14 **Michigan State*** 6 p.m.
15 **Michigan State*** 1 p.m.
17 **Northern Iowa (2)** 3 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 **Drake (2)** 4 p.m.
27 **Penn State (2)*** 2 p.m.
28 **Ohio State*** 6 p.m.
29 **Ohio State*** 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



OFF THIS WEEK

Next Games: **Boilermaker Invitational**
March 24-25, West Lafayette, Ind.

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The University of Minnesota softball team has finished 40 percent of its season and will take this week off to prepare for its final non-conference tournament and the Big Ten season. The Gophers are 15-9-1 after 25 games this season, compared to 13-12 after 25 games in the 2000 season. Minnesota is 5-1 against teams in its own region, which bodes well for the remainder of the season, as 30 of its 36 remaining games are against regional opponents. Minnesota will next play March 24-25 at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Note
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.227	1	7	T-3rd among Gophers with 7 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.348	12	27	Needs 3 RBI for 100 in career
SS	Shelly Nichols	.235	10	7	3rd on team in runs, walks, TB
3B	Allie Fisk	.299	8	4	Leads team with 18 sacrifices
LF	Veronica Roberts	.246	6	5	T-4th among Gophers with 17 hits
CF	Tammi Hays	.338	19	2	Leads team with 19 runs, 27 hits
RF	Morgan Holden	.375	4	3	DNP in last 11 games
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Thrown out 40% of runners
DP	Angie Recknor	.221	3	8	All-Tournament at Metrodome
P	Piper Marten	.278	2	2	.297 on-base percentage
P	Jessica Green	.154	2	3	Two hits have driven in three runs

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Note
P	Piper Marten	11-5	0.92	113	.157 opponent batting average
P	Angie Recknor	2-3	1.49	36	Second 10 SO game vs. Buffalo
P	Jessica Green	2-1	0.50	19	Allowed 2 ER in 28 innings

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often has been the bellwether for the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 12 of the 25 games it has played and has an 11-0-1 record when it does score first, including a 9-0 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 4-9 when the opposition scores first, but have lost their last seven games in that situation. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 15-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 0-8-1 when they score one run or fewer, including five shutouts. The numbers are not quite as significant from a defensive point of view. The Gophers are 9-2-1 when allowing one run or fewer, including three shutouts. Minnesota is 6-7 when allowing two runs or more, but the Gophers have lost their last six games in that situation.

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior infielder **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** leads Minnesota with a .348 batting average, a .477 on-base percentage, a .696 slugging percentage, seven doubles, five home runs and 27 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high for home runs in a season and is two RBI shy of her 2000 total of 29 runs batted in. **Braden** is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth on the Gophers' all-time list with 97 runs batted in.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 11 of Minnesota's 15 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (22), innings pitched

(106), strikeouts (113) and opponent batting average (.157). She is averaging 7.46 strikeouts per 7 innings.

Junior outfielder **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** leads Minnesota in hits (27), runs (19), stolen bases (7) and is second on the team with a .411 on-base percentage. She had five hits at the Creighton Tournament, matching teammate **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** for the team lead, and hit .357 for the weekend.

Sophomore **Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono)** was moved to the leadoff spot for Saturday's three games and had a very successful weekend. **Fisk** hit .333 (4-for-12) and led Minnesota with five sacrifices. She has quadrupled her hit total of last year and has 20 hits, which is third among Gophers.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 334-239-2 (.583). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 223-115-1 (.659), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 18 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 94-57-1 (.622) as a co-head coach and 179-97-1 (.648) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Worth Invitational Review

Game 21 — Nebraska 3, Minnesota 0

Nebraska's Leigh Suhr provided the only offense of the game with a three-run home run with two outs in the top half of the sixth inning. **Piper Marten** went the distance in the circle for Minnesota and took the loss, falling to 10-5 for the season.

Tammi Hays, Shelly Nichols (Austin, Tex./Stephen F. Austin) and **Veronica Roberts** accounted for the three Minnesota hits.

Game 22 — Creighton 3, Minnesota 0

Creighton scored two runs in the first inning and another run in the third inning to account for the game's scoring. The Bluejays took advantage of three Minnesota errors to score two unearned runs. Gopher starter **Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins)**

did not retire a batter in the first inning and took her third loss of the season in four decisions. **Allie Fisk** was Minnesota's lone baserunner of the game with a first-inning single.

Game 23 — Minnesota 8, Buffalo 1

The Gophers scored in five of the seven innings to defeat the Bulls. Minnesota scored three times in the fourth inning to take a 5-1 lead on a run-scoring single by **Anne Thul (St. Francis, Minn./St. Francis)**, a sacrifice fly by **Angel Braden** and a run-scoring single from **Nichols**. **Thul** and **Hays** each had three hits, and **Thul** scored three runs for Minnesota. **Recknor** pitched the first six innings and tied her career high with 10 strikeouts in earning her second win of the season.

Game 24 — Minnesota 3, Drake 1

Minnesota scored three runs in the first three innings and held on to defeat the Bulldogs. The Gophers strung together three singles in the second inning for their first run, with **Marten** driving in **Roberts**. Minnesota added two runs in the third inning on a run-scoring double by **Braden** and a Drake error. **Marten** pitched a complete-game four-hitter for her 11th win of the season, and added two hits offensively.

Game 25 — Minnesota 3, Missouri-Kansas City 1

The Golden Gophers scored three runs in the first two innings against Missouri-Kansas City and held on to win their third game of the day. **Recknor** drove in the game's first run in the first inning on a groundout and **Braden** scored on a wild pitch to give Minnesota a 2-0 lead. **Sarah Rustad (Kerkhoven, Minn./Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg)** scored the game's final run in the second inning on a wild pitch. **Jessica Green (San Diego, Calif./Serra)** limited the Kangaroos to two hits in five innings to pick up her second win of the season, while **Marten** finished the shutout for her second save.

Up Next

The Gophers begin their 10-game spring break road-trip to Indiana with the Boilermaker Invitational on March 24-25 in West Lafayette, Ind. The trip concludes with Big Ten road games at Purdue (March 29) and Indiana (March 30, April 1).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Mar 12, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 15-9-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-2-1 Neutral: 15-7 Big Ten: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Morgan Holden.....	.375	11-10	24	4	9	3	0	0	3	12	.500	2	1	6	0	.444	0	4	1-1	4	0	0	1.000
Angel Braden.....	.348	25-25	69	12	24	7	1	5	27	48	.696	14	4	16	0	.477	1	1	0-0	41	44	3	.966
Tammi Hays.....	.338	25-25	80	19	27	1	0	0	3	28	.350	8	2	19	1	.411	0	5	7-8	20	0	1	.952
Allie Fisk.....	.299	25-25	67	8	20	0	0	0	4	20	.299	1	1	6	0	.319	0	18	6-9	28	37	10	.867
Piper Marten.....	.278	18-16	36	2	10	0	0	0	2	10	.278	1	0	2	0	.297	0	6	2-2	2	19	0	1.000
Veronica Roberts....	.246	25-25	69	6	17	3	1	0	5	22	.319	3	0	8	0	.278	0	8	3-5	25	0	1	.962
Shelly Nichols.....	.235	25-25	68	10	16	4	1	1	7	25	.368	7	1	12	0	.316	0	3	1-1	32	47	11	.878
Hailee Nanchy.....	.227	25-25	75	1	17	4	0	0	7	21	.280	5	4	10	0	.310	0	2	2-2	168	13	2	.989
Angie Recknor.....	.221	23-23	68	3	15	3	0	0	8	18	.265	4	1	9	0	.270	1	2	0-0	3	12	1	.938
Christine Lindberg..	.182	14-8	22	2	4	0	0	1	5	7	.318	2	0	4	0	.250	0	2	0-0	20	0	1	.952
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.179	23-14	28	6	5	0	0	0	0	5	.179	2	0	6	0	.233	0	6	5-6	9	2	1	.917
Anne Thul.....	.176	13-2	17	5	3	1	0	0	1	4	.235	0	0	3	0	.176	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
Jessica Green.....	.154	8-2	13	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.154	2	0	2	0	.267	0	0	0-0	0	10	0	1.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	25-22	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	163	10	3	.983
Kelley Palkovich....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	9-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	17-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5-6	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.264	25-25	640	88	169	26	3	7	76	222	.347	52	14	105	1	.332	2	57	33-41	515	194	34	.954
Opponents.....	.189	25-25	625	48	118	18	0	6	37	154	.246	63	12	168	4	.275	2	24	6-10	519	264	25	.969

LOB - Team (161), Opp (166). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (3). Picked off - Rustad 1, Thul 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Meagan Hautala.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.667	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Green.....	0.50	2-1	10	4	1	0/1	0	28.0	25	11	2	13	19	3	0	0	112	.223	1	2	0	0	2
Piper Marten.....	0.92	11-5	22	13	11	1/2	2	106.0	57	23	14	35	113	10	0	5	363	.157	4	8	0	1	16
Angie Recknor.....	1.49	2-3	10	8	0	0/1	0	37.2	34	13	8	15	36	5	0	1	147	.231	5	2	0	1	6
Totals.....	0.98	15-9	25	25	12	3/2	2	171.2	118	48	24	63	168	18	0	6	625	.189	10	12	0	2	24
Opponents.....	2.87	9-15	25	25	16	5/0	1	173.0	169	88	71	52	105	26	3	7	640	.264	7	14	0	2	57

PB - Team (8), Smith 6, Lindberg 2, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - Smith (6-10), Marten (3-6), Recknor (2-3), Green (1-1).



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Golden Gopher Sports News

March 19, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Gymnastics

- No. 15 Minnesota travels to the 2001 Big Ten Championships

Rowing

- The Gophers travel to Iowa for their first spring competition

Softball

- Minnesota starts an 11-game road trip in Indiana

Tennis

- The Gophers host Michigan State and Michigan

Track and Field

- The Gophers open the 2001 outdoor season at UC Irvine

2001 NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four

The University of Minnesota hosts the NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four this weekend at Mariucci Arena. Tickets are available by calling 612-624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

Friday, March 23

- #1 Dartmouth vs. #4 St. Lawrence, 4 p.m.
- #2 Minnesota-Duluth vs. #3 Harvard, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

- Third-place Game, 1 p.m.
- Championship Game, 5 p.m.



Golden Gopher Highlights

Gymnastics

- Megan Beuckens scores a career-high 9.90 on the balance beam
- Courtney Norman ties for first place on the vault and floor exercise

Swimming and Diving

- Senior Katy Christoferson breaks the Minnesota record in the 100 butterfly at the NCAA Championships

Tennis

- Minnesota defeats Drake 6-1

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Friday, March 23

HC - NCAA Women's Frozen Four 4/7:30 p.m.
TN hosts Michigan State 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

GM at Big Ten Championships 5 p.m.
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)
SB at Boilermaker Invitational 8 a.m./Noon
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
TF at UC Irvine (Irvine, Calif.)

Sunday, March 25

HC - NCAA Women's Frozen Four 1/5 p.m.
TN hosts Michigan 10 a.m.
RW at Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa) 10 a.m.
SB at Boilermaker Inv. 8 a.m./Noon or 2 p.m.

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2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W	194.275-192.250
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L	195.625-194.850
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd		
	#11 Michigan		196.200
	#21 Iowa		194.100
	#9 Minnesota		193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W	194.825-193.125

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L	197.425-195.775
10	Best of Minnesota	1st	195.525
	#11 Minnesota		182.675
	Winona State		179.900
	Gustavus Adolphus		177.800
16	#9 Iowa State		196.150
	#17 Oklahoma		195.375
	#10 Minnesota		195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W	196.525-196.150

March

2	#16 at Boise State	L	197.050-196.050
10	#15 vs. Arizona	W	196.850-194.675
17	at Auburn	W	194.850-192.525
24	at Big Ten Championships (Ann Arbor, Mich.)		

April

7	at NCAA Regionals		
19-21	at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)		

GymInfo National Ranking

(March 19 — By RQS)

1.	UCLA	197.465
2.	Georgia	197.395
3.	Alabama	197.195
4.	Nebraska	197.175
5.	Utah	197.110
6.	Stanford	196.825
7.	Michigan	196.795
8.	Arizona State	196.490
9.	Iowa State	196.420
10.	Penn State	196.205
11.	Florida	196.160
12.	BYU	195.975
13.	Oregon State	195.875
14.	Iowa	195.830
15.	Minnesota	195.780
16.	Washington	195.770
17.	Ohio State	195.735
18.	Kent State	195.705
19.	West Virginia	195.660
20.	Oklahoma	195.440
21.	LSU	195.340
22.	Illinois State	195.270
23.	Denver	195.210
24.	Arizona	195.190
25.	California	195.130



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#15 Minnesota at Big Ten Championships
Saturday, March 24 • 5 p.m. CST
Crisler Arena • Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Golden Gophers Travel To Big Ten Championships

No. 15 Minnesota travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., for the Big Ten Conference Championships, which will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. CST. The University of Michigan will broadcast the meet's scores live on the Wolverines' website at <http://www.mgoblue.com/gameday>.

The National Ranking

Minnesota is ranked No. 15 in the March 19 edition of the GymInfo national ranking, based on regional qualifying score. RQS is determined by taking the top three road scores and the next three best scores, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five scores. Although the team's RQS remained the same as last week, the Gophers moved down two spots.

Minnesota is one of five Big Ten Conference schools listed among the nation's top 25 teams. The Gophers are listed fourth among conference teams, behind Michigan (No. 7), Penn State (No. 10) and Iowa (No. 14). Ohio State rounds out the conference teams at No. 17. Michigan State and Illinois are the only Big Ten schools not ranked this week, although both teams were ranked among the top 25 teams earlier in the season.

North Central Region Rankings

1.	Utah	197.110
2.	Iowa State	196.420
3.	BYU	195.975
4.	Iowa	195.830
5.	Minnesota	195.780
6.	Denver	195.210
7.	Utah State	194.390
8.	Southern Utah	193.990

Big Ten Rankings

1.	Michigan	196.795
2.	Penn State	196.205
3.	Iowa	195.830
4.	Minnesota	195.780
5.	Ohio State	195.735
6.	Michigan State	195.085
7.	Illinois	194.255

Kelley, Alf in Individual Rankings

Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** is ninth on the balance beam in this week's national rankings. She has an RQS of 9.890 this week, her third week in the national rankings, and ranks third in the Big Ten. With scores of 9.925, 9.9 and 9.9 on the road, her next three highest scores are 9.9 (Jan. 27 vs. Iowa), 9.875 (Feb. 10 vs. Best of Minnesota) and 9.875 (March 10 vs. Arizona).

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** is tied for third in the Big Ten on floor exercise with an RQS of 9.910 and listed fifth in the all around with an RQS of 39.295. **Kelley** is listed among the top 25 individuals nationally on both lists this week. She is 17th in the all around and tied for 19th on floor exercise.

Big Ten Rankings

Four Minnesota gymnasts are listed among the top 10 on the Big Ten event lists. **MaryAnne Kelley** is tied for third on floor exercise and listed fifth in the all around. **Jenny Alf** is third on balance beam. Newcomer **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** is eighth on uneven bars with an RQS of 9.875, and junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** is seventh on vault with an RQS of 9.840.

Laatsch Injured, Out For Big Ten Championships

First-year gymnast **Annie Laatsch (Lakeville, Minn./Burnsville)** has an avulsion fracture in her right ankle, suffered during Saturday's warmups at Auburn, and will not compete at the Big Ten Championships. **Laatsch** competes for Minnesota on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. She averages 9.780 on bars, including a career-high 9.925 on Feb. 24. On floor exercise, **Laatsch** averages 9.788, including a 9.90 on March 10. She scored a 9.825 on beam that same meet.

Big Ten Championship Notes

Michigan has won the last two Big Ten team titles and eight of the last nine. The Wolverines also won the first official championship in 1982. Ohio State won five consecutive titles from 1983-87, while the Gophers have won four titles (1988, 1989, 1991, 1998) and Illinois won in 1990.

Michigan gymnasts won or tied for first on four of five events last year, although Sarah Cain, who won three of those titles (vault, floor, all around), graduated in 2000. Michigan sophomores Camela Singer and Tara Tagliarino and Iowa senior Giselle Boniforti tied for first on bars last year. Penn State's Nikki Smith, who won the balance beam last year with the first 10.0 on beam in Big Ten Championship history, graduated in 2000.

Minnesota's Big Ten History

Minnesota has won four titles in team history. The Gophers won back-to-back titles in 1988 and 1989 and also won the team championship in 1991 and 1998. The Gophers set a school record of 196.350, a record that would stand until this season, at the conference meet in 1997 at the Sports Pavilion, finishing second to Michigan's then-conference meet record of 197.150. Minnesota has finished either first or second in eight of the 18 conference championships.

The Golden Gophers have four returning All-Big Ten selections: junior **Megan Beuckens** (balance beam, 1999; floor exercise, 1999, 2000), junior **Catie Christensen** (uneven bars, 1999), sophomore **Leigh Dixon** (vault, 2000) and junior **MaryAnne Kelley** (all around, 2000).

Minnesota gymnasts have won or tied for 20 individual event titles and five all around titles since the first official Big Ten Championships were held in 1982. Minnesota's last individual title was in 1998, the year the Golden Gophers last won the team championship, when former Golden Gopher Cathy Keyser won the balance beam.

Minnesota's Last Meet

The Golden Gophers defeated Auburn, 194.850-192.525, in the final meet of the regular season Saturday in Auburn, Ala.

Beuckens Sets Career High, Wins Two Titles

Junior **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** won the all around and balance beam to lead the Golden Gophers on Saturday.

Beuckens won the balance beam with a career-high score of 9.90, the fourth-highest beam score in Minnesota history. Her previous career high was 9.85, set three times. **Beuckens** also won her first all around title of the season, scoring a season-high 39.15.

Norman Wins Two Titles

Junior **Courtney Norman (Minneapolis, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)** tied for first on two events Saturday. She won her second consecutive vault title with a 9.875 score, and won her first career floor exercise title with a score of 9.85.

Norman set a career high on vault March 10 with a 9.90. That mark is the team's highest vault score this season and ties the second-best in school history. **Norman** has recorded at least 9.80 the last six meets, averaging 9.85 during that span. Prior to this year, her career high was 9.70.

Norman has scored 9.85 on floor exercise the last three weeks. In her first year competing on floor exercise for Minnesota, she averages 9.828 on the event, including a personal-best 9.90 in her second career floor competition.

Other Team Notes

Minnesota scored below 49.0 points on all four events for only the second time in the team's 11 meets this season. The previous week, Minnesota scored at least 49.0 on all four events for the first time in school history. The Golden Gophers scored 48.9 on floor exercise Saturday, their highest event total of the meet. Minnesota had to count a fall on both uneven bars and balance beam.

Beam Blues

Minnesota counted a fall on balance beam and scored 48.725 on that event at Auburn. The Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall on beam in all four road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 57-36-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 125-107-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The NCAA North Central Region Championships will be held April 7 in Salt Lake City.

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 7-3 Big Ten: 0-2

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston at Marquette W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State L, 7-0
4 at Penn State L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse at Maryland W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State 7 p.m.
25 Michigan 10 a.m.
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regional Championships
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Michigan State—Friday, March 23
Minnesota vs. Michigan—Sunday, March 25
Northwest Athletic Club, Bloomington, Minn.

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Up Next For The Golden Gophers

Minnesota (7-3 overall, 0-2 Big Ten) will be hosting its first Big Ten matches of the season this weekend. The Golden Gophers host Michigan State on Friday at 7 p.m. and Michigan on Sunday at 10 a.m. Both matches will be played at the Northwest Athletic Club in Bloomington. Friday's match will be played in conjunction with the men's tennis team, which will be hosting Penn State. The men's match will start at 6 p.m. and the women's match will start at 7 p.m.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota hosted Drake on Friday, improving its all-time series record against Drake to 20-1 by defeating the Bulldogs 6-1. Minnesota notched the doubles point by winning the No. 1 and No. 3 positions. The No. 1 team of first-year Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario, Burlington Central) and sophomore Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic, Gymnazium F.X. Saldy) improved its record to 9-1. Minnesota also won five of six singles matches.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are tied for 60th in the latest national ranking, released March 14. Minnesota is one of 10 Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way in a tie at No. 8, followed by Ohio State at No. 21 and Illinois at No. 23. Rounding out the conference teams: Iowa (40), Indiana (41), Penn State (59), Minnesota (tied, 60), Michigan (62), Purdue (68), and Wisconsin (tied, 75).

About The Opponents

Michigan State not played since March 8 and is currently 6-7 overall, 0-2 in the Big Ten. Michigan is currently 4-6 overall, 0-2 in the Big Ten. In their last match, the Wolverines snapped a six-match losing streak by defeating Western Michigan 6-1 Wednesday at home.

Minnesota holds an 18-8 advantage all-time against Michigan State, while the Gophers and Wolverines have a 13-13 all-time record. The Golden Gophers have defeated both Michigan schools in each of the last two seasons.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. Novak earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. Novak has compiled a 121-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota travels to South Florida on March 30. The Golden Gophers will host their final home matches of the season April 13 and 15 against Northwestern and Illinois, respectively.

2000-01 Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	5-5						1-1	5-5	.500	0-2	.000	6-6	.500
Amy Thomas		5-5					3-6	5-5	.500	0-2	.000	8-11	.421
Michaela Havelkova			4-6				5-5	4-6	.400	0-2	.000	9-11	.450
Tammy Wang				6-3			2-4	6-3	.667	0-2	.000	8-7	.533
Jennifer Howard					4-5		3-7	4-5	.444	0-2	.000	7-12	.368
Brandi Watts						7-2	3-7	7-2	.778	0-2	.000	10-9	.526
Totals	5-5	5-5	4-6	6-3	4-5	7-2	18-39	31-26	.544	0-2	.000	48-56	.462

Doubles By Team

	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	9-1				9-1	.900	1-1	.500	9-1	.900
Howard/Wang		0-5		0-2	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	0-7	.000
Thomas/Watts			8-2	0-2	8-2	.800	1-1	.500	8-4	.667
Totals	9-1	0-5	8-2	0-4	17-8	.680	2-3	.400	17-12	.586

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 15-9-1 Big Ten: 0-0

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 **Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 **Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)**
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
24 Loyola (Ill.) 9 a.m.
24 Toledo 1 p.m.
25 Butler 9 a.m.
25 TBA 1/3 p.m.
27 at IUPUI (2) 4 p.m.
30 at Purdue (2)* 2 p.m.
31 at Indiana* 2 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* 1 p.m.
3 **Concordia-St. Paul (2)** 4 p.m.
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 **Wis.-Green Bay (2)** 4 p.m.
13 **Michigan (2)*** 2 p.m.
14 **Michigan State*** 6 p.m.
15 **Michigan State*** 1 p.m.
17 **Northern Iowa (2)** 3 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 **Drake (2)** 4 p.m.
27 **Penn State (2)*** 2 p.m.
28 **Ohio State*** 6 p.m.
29 **Ohio State*** 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



Boilermaker Invitational, March 24-25, West Lafayette, Ind.
IUPUI (2), March 27, 4 p.m., Indianapolis, Ind.
Purdue (2), March 30, 2 p.m., West Lafayette, Ind.
Indiana (1-1), Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2-1 p.m., Bloomington, Ind.

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The University of Minnesota softball embarks on its spring break road trip, which consists of 10 games in nine days. The trip will conclude with the opening weekend of Big Ten play, with Minnesota playing at Purdue and at Indiana. The Gophers are 15-9-1 after 25 games this season, compared to 13-12 after 25 games in the 2000 season. Minnesota is 5-1 against teams in its own region, which bodes well for the remainder of the season, as 30 of its 36 remaining regular-season games are against regional opponents.

Boilermaker Invitational Preview

The Gophers will play four games in the Boilermaker Invitational, hosted by Purdue University. The six teams will play three games, with the top two teams playing for the championship Sunday afternoon. All six teams in the tournament are regional opponents, but Minnesota will not see Michigan and Purdue unless it is in the bracket game. Minnesota's schedule (All times EST):

Friday, March 9

Minnesota vs. Loyola (Ill.) (4-9), 9 a.m.
Minnesota vs. Toledo (10-5), 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Minnesota vs. Butler, 9 a.m.
Bracket Game, 1/3 p.m.

Big Ten Preview

The end of Minnesota's spring break trip is the beginning of the 2001 Big Ten season. This will be the first time in conference history that every member of the Big Ten Conference will compete for the conference title, as Illinois joins the fray this season. Iowa is the defending Big Ten champion and has the best non-conference record of the Big Ten teams to date. The 13th-ranked Hawkeyes recorded the conference's biggest win to date Sunday, defeating No. 3 California, 1-0 in eight innings. Other Big Ten teams that were nationally ranked in the March 14 edition of the USA Today/NFCA poll are No. 21 Michigan and No. 22 Wisconsin. Purdue also received votes in the poll. The Big Ten regular season is a pure round-robin, as each team will play two games against every other team. The regular-season leader is named the Big Ten champion and will host the 2001 Big Ten Tournament from May 10-12. The top six teams in the conference qualify for the tournament, with the winner claiming the Big Ten's automatic berth into the 2001 NCAA Tournament. The 48-team field for the 2001 NCAA Tournament will be named May 13.

Team	Big Ten	Overall	Pct.	March 30 (DH)	March 31-April 1
Iowa	0-0	18-6	.750	at Ohio State	at Penn State
Purdue	0-0	18-8-1	.685	Minnesota	Wisconsin
Illinois	0-0	21-11	.656	Michigan State	Michigan
Ohio State	0-0	15-8	.652	Iowa	Northwestern
Penn State	0-0	13-7	.650	Northwestern	Iowa
Wisconsin	0-0	15-9	.625	at Indiana	at Purdue
Minnesota	0-0	15-9-1	.620	at Purdue	at Indiana
Michigan	0-0	9-9	.500	OFF	at Illinois
Northwestern	0-0	6-7	.462	at Penn State	at Ohio State
Indiana	0-0	9-15	.375	Wisconsin	Minnesota
Michigan State	0-0	6-18	.250	at Illinois	OFF

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.227	1	7
2B	Angel Braden	.348	12	27
SS	Shelly Nichols	.235	10	7
3B	Allie Fisk	.299	8	4
LF	Veronica Roberts	.246	6	5
CF	Tammi Hays	.338	19	2
RF	Morgan Holden	.375	4	3
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0
DP	Angie Recknor	.221	3	8
P	Piper Marten	.278	2	2
P	Jessica Green	.154	2	3

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO
P	Piper Marten	11-5	0.92	113
P	Angie Recknor	2-3	1.49	36
P	Jessica Green	2-1	0.50	19

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often has been the bellwether for the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 12 of the 25 games it has played and has an 11-0-1 record when it does score first, including a 9-0 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 4-9 when the opposition scores first, but have lost their last seven games in that situation. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 15-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 0-8-1 when they score one run or fewer, including five shutouts. The numbers are not quite as significant from a defensive point of view. The Gophers are 9-2-1 when allowing one run or fewer, including three shutouts. Minnesota is 6-7 when allowing two runs or more, but the Gophers have lost their last six games in that situation.

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior infielder **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** leads Minnesota with a .348 batting average, a .477 on-base percentage, a .696 slugging percentage, seven doubles, five home runs and 27 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high for home runs in a season and is two RBI shy of her 2000 total of 29 runs batted in. **Braden** is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth on the Gophers' all-time list with 97 runs batted in.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 11 of Minnesota's 15 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (22), innings pitched (106), strikeouts (113) and opponent batting average (.157). She is averaging 7.46 strikeouts per 7 innings.

Junior outfielder **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** leads Minnesota in hits (27), runs (19), and stolen bases (7), and is second on the team with a .411 on-base percentage. She had five hits at the Creighton Tournament, matching teammate **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** for the team lead, and hit .357 for the weekend.

Sophomore **Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono)** was moved to the leadoff spot for Saturday's three games and had a very

successful weekend. **Fisk** hit .333 (4-for-12) and led Minnesota with five sacrifices. She has quadrupled her hit total of last year and has 20 hits, which is third among Gophers.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 334-239-2 (.583). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 223-115-1 (.659), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 18 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 94-57-1 (.622) as a co-head coach and 179-97-1 (.648) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

About Loyola-Chicago (4-9)

The Ramblers have lost their last three games and have been outscored 58-29 this season. Opponents are hitting .294 against Loyola-Chicago. Against Big Ten opposition, the Ramblers dropped a 3-0 decision to Purdue in their opening game this season.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 2-0.

About Toledo (10-5)

Toledo won its final six games of the Rebel Games Tournament after dropping games to Youngstown State, St. Francis (N.Y.) and IUPUI. The Rockets will play Cleveland State in a doubleheader Tuesday at home before travelling to West Lafayette, Ind.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 4-2.

About IUPUI (12-11)

The Jaguars went 2-3 at the Buckeye Invitational last weekend, losing to Ohio State and splitting two games with Buffalo and Cleveland State. IUPUI will open Mid-Continent play with four games at Southern Utah before its games with the Gophers.

The Series — First Meeting.

About Purdue (18-8-1)

The Boilermakers were 4-2 at the Capital Classic in Sacramento, Calif., losing to California and New Mexico. Purdue was the final qualifier in the six-team Big Ten Tournament last season.

The Boilermakers will host Valparaiso on Wednesday.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 12-7.

About Indiana (9-15)

The Hoosiers were 1-2 at the Missouri Tournament in Columbia, Mo., defeating Pittsburgh and losing twice to Missouri. Indiana will play Evansville, Indiana State, Ball State and Louisville before opening Big Ten play against the Badgers and Gophers.

The Series — Indiana leads, 37-31.

Up Next

The Gophers will attempt to open their home season at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium before heading back to the road to continue their Big Ten season. Minnesota will host Concordia-St. Paul in a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m. before travelling to Northwestern (April 6 (DH), 2 p.m.) and Iowa (April 7, 2 p.m.; April 8, 1 p.m.).



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

- 13 Northwest Open unscored
20 Minnesota Invitational unscored
27 Minnesota Classic 2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

- 9-10 at Iowa State Classic unscored
 (Ames, Iowa)
17 Parents' Day Open unscored
24-25 at Big Ten Championships 5th of 11
 (West Lafayette, Ind.) 82 points

March

- 2-3 at Iowa State Qualifier unscored
9-10 at NCAA Championships
 (Fayetteville, Ark.)
24 UC Irvine Invitational
31 Carleton Invitational

April

- 7 at Texas Relays
13-14 at Drake Relays
20-22 at Mt. SAC Relays
20 at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
21 at Long Beach State Invitational
27-28 at Drake Relays
28 at Macalester Invitational

May

- 4 Minnesota Open 4 p.m.
5 at Iowa Twilight Invitational 4 p.m.
12 Minnesota Qualifier 11 a.m.
18-20 at Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
30-31 at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)

June

- 1-2 at NCAA Championships

Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at UC Irvine Invitational
Saturday, March 24
Irvine, California

SID Contact: (612) 624-3335

This Week

Minnesota will start its 2001 Outdoor Track and Field season at the UCI Spring Break Invitational in Irvine, California on Saturday, March 24.

Indoor Review

The 2001 Indoor Track and Field season renovated Minnesota's record books, with four new school records and 39 entries on the school's top performers list. The Gophers broke school records in the 60, 200 and 400 meters and the 4x400 relay. Minnesota posted five 4x400 relay top performances, as well as three top 10 scores in the 60, 300, 400, 600, pole vault, triple jump, weight throw and distance medley relay.

The Gophers scored a school-record 82 points at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., placing them fifth in the competition. Sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apply Valley)** won the 600 with a time of 1:31.99, while senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** won the shot put competition, marking her third Big Ten shot put crown.

Leading the Gophers this season was newcomer **Tahesia Harrigan (Tortola, Virgin Islands/FAMU Development)** who broke school records in the 60 and 200. **Harrigan** posted the seventh spot on the school's top 10 performers list in the triple jump and is tied for 10th in the long jump. She was also part of three recording breaking 4x400 relay teams. **Harrigan** qualified for NCAA Indoor Championships in the 60 but was unable to compete due to injury.

Junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Min./Minneapolis Washburn)** finished the indoor season with a school record in the 400-meter dash and was part of every 4x400 record set this season. **Shuster** also marked the second place spot in the 300 on the school's top ten performance list.

NCAA Championships

In the last indoor seasons of their careers, seniors **Aubrey Schmitt** and **Beth Howard (North Branch, Minn./North Branch)** were the two competitors for the Gophers at the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. **Schmitt**, competing in the shot put and weight throw, finished 13th and 16th, consecutively. **Howard** finished 13th in the weight throw.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets. He also lead his 2001 track and field indoor team to a fifth place finish and a Big Ten total point school-record of 82.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers will compete at the Carleton Invitational on Saturday, March 31 at Northfield, Minn.

2001 Outdoor Track and Field Events

Track Events: 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, 800-meter, 1,500-meter, 3,000-meter, 5,000-meter, 10,000-meter, 100-meter hurdles, 400-meter hurdles, 3,000 meter steeplechase, 4x100-meter relay, 4x400-meter relay, Mile-relay, Heptathlon

Field Events: High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Discus, Hammer Throw, Javelin, Shot Put

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
- 14 at Lemon Head Regatta —
novice only
(Bloomington, Ind.)
Novice 8+ – 2nd
Novice 4+ – 4th
- 21-22 at Head of the Charles
(Boston, Mass.)
Club 8+ – 6th
- 29 at Head of the Iowa
(Iowa City, Iowa)
Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
Open 4+ – 12th
Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
(Portland, Ore.)
Open 8+ – 4th

February

- 10 at Ergometer Races
(Madison, Wis.)

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 31 at Texas
(Austin, Texas)

April

- 14 **vs. Creighton** 10 a.m.
(Lake Phalen)
- 21 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
(Madison, Wis.)
- 28 at Big Ten Championships
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)

May

- 12-13 at Central Region Champ.
(Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Home events in **bold**
Schedule is subject to change



Rowing 2000-01

at Iowa 2001 Rowing Regatta
Sunday, March 25
Iowa City, Iowa

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This Week

The Gophers travel to Iowa to compete in the Iowa 2001 Rowing Regatta in Iowa City on Sunday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

Golden Gophers Begin Spring Season

The Minnesota Rowing team will begin its spring season this week at the Iowa Invitational in Iowa City on the Coralville Lake Reservoir. Minnesota will be competing against Iowa and Wisconsin in six races. The Gophers are sending two varsity eights, one novice eight and one novice four.

The spring season, different from the fall season, consists of 2000-meter (about 1 1/4 miles) sprints that take about 6-8 minutes, depending on the team. While fall races compete on rivers, are dependent on time and are 5,000-meter races, spring races are usually held on lakes and are finish line wins.

Fall Review

The Golden Gophers won both the Open 8+ and the Open 4+ at the Head of the Mississippi Regatta, Minnesota's debut as a varsity rowing program. Minnesota competed at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, placing sixth in the Club 8+ race. The Golden Gophers also competed at the Head of the Iowa and the Portland Regatta of Champions during the fall season.

The novice team also got off to a good start, placing second in the Novice 8+ and fourth in the Novice 4+ at the Lemon Head Regatta in Bloomington, Ind.

Six student-athletes competed in all four varsity competitions during the fall season: **Beth Hornby, Amber Riopel, Angela Hedin, Erin Streff, Nina Palmer** and coxswain **Libby Sharrow**.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis is in her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women's team to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Her squad finished fifth at the first NCAA Rowing Championships in 1997, while her varsity eight placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1994. Davis spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach from 1983-91 before being promoted and serving as the head women's rowing coach from 1991-93. Davis led the Cardinal to a second-place varsity eight finish at the Pacific Coast Championships in 1992 and a fourth-place showing in 1993. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981 and sixth in 1980.

Up Next

Minnesota competes at Austin, Texas, on the Colorado River, on Saturday, March 31. The Gophers will have their only home race of the season on April 14 versus Creighton.



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2000-01 Schedule

September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams

29-30 Lady Northern Invitational

October

- 1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

- 12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams
- 27-29 Rainbow Wahine Invitational
(Oahu, Hawaii)

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
- 27-29 **Big Ten Championship**

Home tournaments in **bold** are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



**2001 Big Ten Women's Golf
Championship**
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the
University of Minnesota



**2000-01 Minnesota
Women's Golf**

Minnesota at 16th Annual Dr. Donnis Thompson Inv.
March 27-29, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Gophers Travel to Hawaii for Spring Break Tournament

The Minnesota women's golf team travels to Hawaii to play in the 16th Annual Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational on March 27-29. The 54-hole tournament will be played on the par-72, 6,075-yard Olomana Golf Links. The teams will play 18 holes each day. Competing teams are Arizona, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Texas-El Paso, Okaka Gakuin (Japan), Cincinnati, Weber State, Colorado, Colorado State, Brigham Young, Texas Christian, Louisiana State, Minnesota, Wichita State, Montana State and host Hawaii.

Since Minnesota is on spring break, the Golden Gophers will stay in Hawaii to train until March 31.

Seven Gophers will make the trip to Hawaii: seniors **Katie Bakken (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park)** and **Jenny Bruun (Crookston, Minn./Central)**, juniors **Cindy Cannon (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)** and **Megan Stier (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)**, sophomores **Karyn Stordahl (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)** and **Kirsten Whalen (Elk River, Minn./Elk River)** and first-year **Karen Quintelier (Morovia, Calif./La Salle)**.

Gophers Place Eighth in Weather-Shortened Invitational

The Gophers finished in eighth place in the Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational at Tuscawilla Country Club in Winter Springs, Fla., on March 13. The event's second round was cancelled due to rain, so the final standings include just 18 holes. The Golden Gophers tallied a team score of 324, while Michigan State won with a total of 306.

Cindy Cannon led the Gophers with a 7-over-par 79 on the 6,031-yard course, good for a tie for 17th place. Kent's Martha Gillen and Michigan State's Stacy Snider shared medalist honors with rounds of even-par 72.

The Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational

Tuscawilla C.C. — Winter Springs, Fla. — Par: 72; Yardage: 6,031 yards

Finish	Team	Score
1.	Michigan State	306 +18
2.	Indiana	307 +19
3.	Kent	310 +22
	Arkansas State	310 +22
	Fla. International	310 +22
6.	Florida Southern	321 +33
7.	Rollins	322 +34
8.	Minnesota	324 +36
9.	Northern Illinois	328 +40
10.	North Carolina State	335 +47
11.	Stetson	337 +49
12.	Northern Iowa	339 +51
13.	Illinois State	350 +62
14.	Wofford	353 +65
15.	Appalachian State	354 +66

Top Three Individuals

1.	Martina Gillen (Kent)	72
	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	72
3.	Natalie Tucker (Indiana)	73

Minnesota Golfers

t17	Cindy Cannon	79
t28	Katie Bakken	81
t33	Jenny Bruun	82
t33	Karyn Stordahl	82
t59	Megan Stier	86

A Look Ahead

Minnesota will travel to Bloomington, Ind., to play in the Indiana Invitational on April 7-8.

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	7	17	1323	77.82	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	7	17	1	77:56	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	6	17	1342	78.94	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	3	7	565	80.71	78 (M. Fossum)	T-34th (M. Fossum)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	7	17	1341	78.88	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	7	17	1328	78.12	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	1	3	254	84.67	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28

Laura Krumenauer

did not compete

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33

Julie Skavanger

did not compete

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33

Marilee Dahlman

did not compete

Kristin Dooley

did not compete

Angela Kippley

did not compete

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
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Arminda Yutuc

did not compete

* Competed as an individual

2000-01 Season Schedule and Results

Overall Record: 23-9-2
WCHA Record: 18-4-2

October

14	at St. Cloud State*	W, 4-1
15	St. Cloud State*	W, 5-4
21	Ohio State*	W, 6-2
22	Ohio State*	L, 2-4
27	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 2-1
28	at MSU, Mankato*	W, 6-1

November

4	at Brown	L, 3-2 (ot)
6	at Harvard	W, 3-2
10	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 4-0
11	Minn.-Duluth* (WDGY)	W, 8-0
24	at Wisconsin*	W, 5-2
25	at Wisconsin*	T, 4-4 (ot)

December

1	Bemidji State*	W, 9-1
2	Bemidji State*	W, 8-4
9	Dartmouth	L, 5-1
10	Dartmouth	L, 4-0

January

6	Mercyhurst (MSC)	W, 3-0
7	Niagara	W, 4-2
13	MSU, Mankato* (MSC)	W, 4-0
14	MSU, Mankato*	W, 3-0
19	U.S. Select Team#	L, 10-1
20	U.S. Select Team#	L, 4-3
26	at New Hampshire	W, 2-1
27	at New Hampshire	W, 3-1

February

2	at Bemidji State*	W, 6-1
3	at Bemidji State*	W, 8-5
9	St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	W, 7-1
10	at St. Cloud State* (WDGY)	L, 7-6
16	at Ohio State*	L, 1-0
17	at Ohio State*	W, 5-2
24	Wisconsin*	W, 6-2
25	Wisconsin* (MSC)	W, 3-1

March

2	at Minn.-Duluth	T, 2-2
3	at Minn.-Duluth	L, 3-1
9	Ohio State\$	L, 4-0
10	Wisconsin\$	L, 4-3

Home games in bold at Mariucci Arena

All times central

*—WCHA-Women's League

#—Exhibition Game

\$—WCHA Tournament (Rochester, Minn.)

(MSC)—Game broadcast on Midwest Sports Channel

(WDGY)—Game broadcast on 630 AM-WDGY



2000-01 Gopher Women's Hockey March 19, 2001

SEASON COMPLETE

2001 WCHA-Women's League Regular Season Champions

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Golden Gophers Miss NCAA Women's Frozen Four, Season Complete

The fifth-ranked Minnesota women's hockey team (23-9-2, 18-4-2 WCHA Women's League) did not receive a berth to the NCAA Women's Frozen Four and its 2000-2001 season is complete. The Golden Gophers earned the WCHA-Women's League regular season title, but finished fifth in the computer rankings at the close of the season.

University to Host Inaugural NCAA Women's Frozen Four

No. 1-ranked Dartmouth, Minnesota-Duluth, Harvard and St. Lawrence have earned bids to the 2001 NCAA Inaugural Women's Frozen Four, held at Mariucci Arena. Dartmouth (26-3-1) received the tournament's top seed and will face the No. 4 seed, St. Lawrence (23-7-3), on Friday at 4 p.m. The second semifinal will feature No. 2 seed Minnesota-Duluth (26-5-4) versus No. 3 seed Harvard (23-9-0) at 7:30 p.m. The losers will play in the third-place game Sunday at 1 p.m., while the winners will play for the first NCAA Championship at 5 p.m.

Kennedy Named WCHA-Women's League Player of the Year, Kazmaier Finalist

Senior **Courtney Kennedy** (Woburn, Mass./Buckingham Browne & Nichols) was named the WCHA Women's League Player of the Year at the conference tournament banquet in Rochester, Minn. **Kennedy** was one of four University of Minnesota players to capture all-conference honors.

Kennedy also tabbed Defensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Gophers to the WCHA regular-season title and a conference-low 2.19 goals against average. **Kennedy** led the Gophers in plus/minus rating with a +39 rating. She led the team with 19 power-play assists and was second on the team with 20 power-play points. She led all defense in the league in scoring with 41 points on 10 goals and 31 assists. **Kennedy** was a second-team All-WCHA selection last season.

Kennedy was also named one of three finalists for the Patty Kazmaier Award, which signifies the top player in women's college hockey. The award will be announced at the Patty Kazmaier Award Banquet, March 24, at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis.

Other WCHA-Women's League Awards

Senior goalie **Erica Killewald** (Troy, Mich./Troy) joined **Kennedy** as a All-WCHA Women's League First Team honoree. Killewald, the MVP on the AWCHA National Championship a year ago, led the conference in goals against average at 2.12 and save percentage at .914, allowing 62 goals and collecting 657 saves.

Senior **Ambria Thomas** (Fairbanks, Alaska) repeated as a second-team All-WCHA pick at forward. **Thomas** finished second on the Gophers with 49 points on 25 goals and 24 assists. She ranked third in the WCHA with 11 power play goals.

First-year **La Toya Clarke** capped an outstanding rookie season with second-team All-WCHA accord. The Gophers' leading scorer ranked fifth in the conference with 53 points on 21 goals and 32 assists. She ranked third in freshmen scoring, and fourth in assists and power play points.

Minnesota head coach **Laura Halldorson** shared Coach of the Year honors with St. Cloud State's **Kerry Wethington**. Halldorson led the Gophers to the WCHA regular-season crown with an 18-4-2 conference mark, 23-9-2 overall.

She's The Boss

Head coach **Laura Halldorson** completed her 11th season as a head coach, with a career record of 164-101-18. After four seasons at Minnesota, she is 105-26-9. She led the Gophers to the AWCHA National Championship in each of her first three years, with fourth- and third-place finishes preceding Minnesota's 2000 national title.

A 1985 graduate of Princeton, **Halldorson** was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and led the Tigers to the Ivy title each year. She was also a member of four national club champions with the Minnesota Checkers and was part of the 1987 U.S. National Women's Team.

A past president of the American Women's Hockey Coaches Association, **Halldorson** was the AHCA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and was named the Minneapolis/University Rotary Club Citizen of the Year last year.

The head coach at Colby College for seven years, she amassed a record of 59-75-9 while guiding the White Mules. In 1996, she was named the ECAC Women's Co-Coach the New England Hockey Writers' Coach of the Year.

2000-2001 GOPHER WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Minnesota Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 12, 2001)
All games

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL					
*Oct 14, 2000	at St. Cloud State	W	4-1	187	ALL GAMES.....	(23- 9- 2)	(13- 1- 0)	(10- 6- 2)	(0- 2- 0)					
*Oct 15, 2000	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	5-4	807	CONFERENCE.....	(18- 4- 2)	(11- 1- 0)	(7- 3- 2)	(0- 0- 0)					
*Oct 21, 2000	OHIO STATE	W	6-2	757	NON-CONFERENCE.....	(5- 5- 0)	(2- 0- 0)	(3- 3- 0)	(0- 2- 0)					
*Oct 22, 2000	OHIO STATE	L	2-4	703										
*Oct 27, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	2-1	171										
*Oct 28, 2000	at MSU, Mankato	W	6-1	203										
Nov 04, 2000	at Brown	LOT	2-3	350										
Nov 06, 2000	at Harvard	W	3-2	112	14 La Toya Clarke	34	21	32	53	157	.134	4-8	8	0
*Nov 10, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	4-0	1512	27 Ambria Thomas	34	25	24	49	157	.159	11-22	11	1
*Nov 11, 2000	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	W	8-0	1632	4 Nadine Muzerall	30	28	18	46	179	.156	19-44	9	0
*Nov 24, 2000	at Wisconsin	W	5-2	643	2 Courtney Kennedy	34	10	31	41	124	.081	33-74	1	0
*Nov 25, 2000	at Wisconsin	T OT	4-4	422	21 Laura Slominski	34	12	23	35	124	.097	4-8	5	0
*Dec 01, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	9-1	935	29 Ronda Curtin	34	12	17	29	110	.109	3-6	2	0
*Dec 02, 2000	BEMIDJI STATE	W	8-4	931	24 Tracy Engstrom	34	8	18	26	85	.094	9-18	2	1
Dec 09, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	1-5	525	19 Melissa Coulombe	33	3	10	13	33	.091	5-10	3	0
Dec 10, 2000	at Dartmouth	L	0-4	457	18 Emily Buchholz	34	0	12	12	42	.000	20-40	0	0
Jan 06, 2001	MERCYHURST	W	3-0	561	10 Kris Scholz	33	6	4	10	47	.128	4-8	0	0
Jan 07, 2001	NIAGARA	W	4-2	621	25 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
*Jan 13, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	4-0	921	15 Kelsey Bills	33	3	2	5	21	.143	5-10	0	0
*Jan 14, 2001	MSU, MANKATO	W	3-0	745	3 Jerilyn Glenn	26	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
Jan 26, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	2-1	553	28 Stefanie Snow	27	1	4	5	14	.071	7-14	0	0
Jan 27, 2001	at New Hampshire	W	3-1	651	22 Gwen Anderson	26	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 02, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	6-1	203	8 Kelly Olson	33	0	3	3	26	.000	9-18	0	0
*Feb 03, 2001	at Bemidji State	W	8-5	158	23 Tracy Palinsky	34	2	0	2	50	.040	3-6	0	0
*Feb 09, 2001	ST. CLOUD STATE	W	7-1	1131	6 Angela Borek	25	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 10, 2001	at St. Cloud State	L	6-7	387	26 Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
*Feb 16, 2001	at Ohio State	L	0-1	264	36 Erica Killewald	30	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
*Feb 17, 2001	at Ohio State	W	5-2	237	16 Betsey Kukowski	21	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2	0	0
*Feb 24, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	6-2	1403	17 Cecilia Retelle	6	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
*Feb 25, 2001	WISCONSIN	W	3-1	1005	TM TEAM	6	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
*Mar 02, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	T OT	2-2	1377	Total.....	34	135	217	352	1247	.108	156-326	42	2
*Mar 03, 2001	at Minnesota-Duluth	L	1-3	1625	Opponents.....	34	75	110	185	802	.094	162-324	23	3
Mar 09, 2001	vs Ohio State	L	0-4	401										
Mar 10, 2001	vs Wisconsin	L	3-4	423										
Mar 23, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA												
Mar 25, 2001	NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP	TBA												

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	135-1247	75-802
Shot pct.....	.108	.094
Goals/Game.....	4.0	2.2
Shots/Game.....	36.7	23.6
POWER PLAYS.....		
Goals-Power Plays.....	42-139	23-135
Conversion Percent.....	.302	.170
Shot Attempts.....	270	206
Shot Percent.....	.156	.112
SHORT-HANDED.....		
Goals-Shot attempts.....	2-23	3-12
Shot Percent.....	.087	.250
GOAL BREAKDOWN.....		
Power Play.....	42	23
Short-handed.....	2	3
Empty net.....	0	1
Penalty.....	0	0
Unassisted.....	11	9
Overtime.....	0	1
PENALTIES.....		
Number.....	156	162
Minutes.....	326	324
Penalties/Game.....	4.6	4.8
Pen minutes/Game.....	9.6	9.5
FACEDOFFS (W-L).....	953-996	996-953

# INDIVIDUAL (by pts)	GP	SHOTS				Pct	--PEN-- No-Min	GOALS	
		G	A	Pts	Shots			PP	SH
14 La Toya Clarke	34	21	32	53	157	.134	4-8	8	0
27 Ambria Thomas	34	25	24	49	157	.159	11-22	11	1
4 Nadine Muzerall	30	28	18	46	179	.156	19-44	9	0
2 Courtney Kennedy	34	10	31	41	124	.081	33-74	1	0
21 Laura Slominski	34	12	23	35	124	.097	4-8	5	0
29 Ronda Curtin	34	12	17	29	110	.109	3-6	2	0
24 Tracy Engstrom	34	8	18	26	85	.094	9-18	2	1
19 Melissa Coulombe	33	3	10	13	33	.091	5-10	3	0
18 Emily Buchholz	34	0	12	12	42	.000	20-40	0	0
10 Kris Scholz	33	6	4	10	47	.128	4-8	0	0
25 Bethany Petersen	14	0	10	10	32	.000	7-14	0	0
15 Kelsey Bills	33	3	2	5	21	.143	5-10	0	0
3 Jerilyn Glenn	26	3	2	5	20	.150	1-2	1	0
28 Stefanie Snow	27	1	4	5	14	.071	7-14	0	0
22 Gwen Anderson	26	0	3	3	9	.000	3-6	0	0
8 Kelly Olson	33	0	3	3	26	.000	9-18	0	0
23 Tracy Palinsky	34	2	0	2	50	.040	3-6	0	0
6 Angela Borek	25	0	2	2	8	.000	1-2	0	0
26 Alyson Sundberg	19	1	0	1	6	.167	0-0	0	0
36 Erica Killewald	30	0	1	1	0	.000	0-0	0	0
16 Betsey Kukowski	21	0	1	1	3	.000	1-2	0	0
17 Cecilia Retelle	6	0	0	0	0	.000	3-6	0	0
TM TEAM	6	0	0	0	0	.000	4-8	0	0
Total.....	34	135	217	352	1247	.108	156-326	42	2
Opponents.....	34	75	110	185	802	.094	162-324	23	3

# GOALTENDERS	GP	---GOAL AVERAGE---			-SAVES-		
		Time	GA	EN	Avg Save	Pct	W L T
36 Erica Killewald	30	1752:53	62	0	2.12	657	.914 19 8 2
35 Stephanie Johnson	6	293:22	12	0	2.45	70	.854 4 1 0
TM EMPTY NET	6	7:02	0	1	0.00	0	.000 0 0 0
Total.....	34	2053:17	74	1	2.19	727	.908 23 9 2
Opponents.....	34	2053:17	135	0	3.94	1112	.892 9 23 2

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	UM	OPP
Total.....	13664	8525
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	14/976	18/474
Neutral Site #/Ava.....	2/412	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	34	40	61	0	135
Opponents.....	21	32	21	1	75

SAVES BY PERIOD	1	2	3	OT	Total
Minnesota.....	234	259	228	6	727
Opponents.....	326	372	408	6	1112

2000-01 Minnesota Schedule

October

- 14 Intrasquad
 21 North Dakota W, 177-114
 27 Alumni Meet

November

- 4 Florida Atlantic
 (Boca Raton, Fla.) W, 157-77
 11 Iowa State
 (Ames, Iowa) W, 151-149
 17-19 Minnesota Invitational
 1st of 9 teams/944.5 pts.

December

- 1-3 Texas Invitational
 (Austin, Texas)
 10th of 14 teams/130 pts.

January

- 8 Macalester No Team Scoring
 20 Iowa W, 186-114
 26-27 Quad Duals
 Illinois W, 219.5-127.5
 Purdue W, 215-138
 Wisconsin L, 203-128

February

- 2-3 Minnesota Challenge
 No Team Scores
 15-17 Big Ten Championships
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 6th of 11 teams/340.5 pts.
 25 Gopher-It Invite
 No Team Scores

March

- 9-10 NCAA Diving Zones
 (Bloomington, Ind.)
 No Team Scores
 15-17 NCAA Championships
 (Long Island, N.Y.)
 Tied-45th place/1 point
 27-31 USA Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)

April

- 1-2 USA Nationals
 (Austin, Texas)
 6-8 U.S. Diving Zones
 (Beaverton, Ore.)
 17-22 U.S. Diving Nationals
 (Site TBA)

Home meets in **bold** are held at the University Aquatics Center/Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 All times Central



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Swimming and Diving

SEASON COMPLETE

6th Place in Big Ten/Tied-45th Place in NCAA

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The Minnesota women's swimming and diving team scored one point and tied for 45th place at the NCAA meet in Long Island, N.Y. **Katy Christoferson (Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville)** broke a school record and earned a honorable mention All-America award, and sophomore **Dana Baum (Carson City, Nev./Carson)** improved upon her seed in two of three events she competed.

Christoferson Scores, Sets School Record At NCAA Meet

Katy Christoferson finished 16th in the 200 individual medley at the first day of the 2001 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships at the Nassau Aquatic Center. She earned the Gophers' lone point in the three-day meet. **Christoferson** qualified 14th in the morning trials in a time of 2:01.46 and finished 16th in the finals with a time of 2:03.33. **Christoferson** earned her second-ever top-16 national finish, giving her honorable mention All-America status. She is a three-time individual Big Ten champion and Minnesota's school-record holder in the 200 and 400 individual medley events.

Christoferson finished her collegiate career by placing 19th in the 400 individual medley (4:19:05) and 29th in the 100 butterfly (55.75). In a final time trial, she swam the 100 butterfly in 54.13, breaking the Minnesota school record of 54.24 set by Tanya Schuh in 1996. **Christoferson** will be Minnesota's lone competitor at the USA National meet, which begins March 27 in Austin, Texas.

Baum Improves Seeds In Two of Three Events At NCAA Meet

Dana Baum participated in three events in her first NCAA meet, finishing 19th in the 500 freestyle Thursday in a time of 4:48.52, 23rd in the 200 freestyle Friday in a time of 1:48.85, and 19th in the 1650 freestyle Saturday with a time of 16:35.07. She improved upon her seeds in the 500 freestyle (23rd) and 1650 freestyle (24th), and matched her seed in the 200 freestyle.

Baum has finished in the top eight in the Big Ten in all three distance freestyle events in both of her years at Minnesota. She is the school-record holder in the 200 freestyle (1:48.15), is second on the Minnesota all-time list in the 500 freestyle (4:47.87) with the school's fastest time in the event since 1997, and is fifth in the 1650 freestyle (16:33.29) with the Gophers' best time since 1996.

Head Coach Jean Freeman

Jean Freeman is a four-time winner of the Big Ten Coach of the Year honor and the 1999 winner of the National Collegiate and Scholastic Swimming Trophy, the first female winner in the award's 41-year history. She was inducted into the Minnesota Women's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 28, 2000. Freeman earned the 200th dual meet victory in her career Jan. 27 at Wisconsin against Purdue and Illinois, and now sports a career dual meet record of 200-53-4 (.786).

University of Minnesota

2000-2001 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Overall: 23-15 Dual Record: 6-1

Big Ten: 3-1

Invitationals: 17-14

Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score	Date	Meet	W/L	Minn. Rank	Score
10/21/00	North Dakota	W	n/a	177-114	1/26-27/01	at Wisconsin	L	20th	203-128
11/4/00	Florida Atlantic	W	16th	157-77	1/26-27/01	Purdue @ Wisconsin	W	20th	215-138
11/11/00	Iowa State	W	16th	151-149	1/26-27/01	Illinois @ Wisconsin	W	20th	219.5-127.5
11/17-19/00	Minnesota Invitational	1st/9	18th	944.5 pts.	2/2-3/01	Minnesota Challenge	-	19th	No Scoring
12/1-3/00	Texas Invitational	10th/14	18th	130 pts.	2/15-17/01	Big Ten Championships	6th/11	19th	340.5 pts.
1/8/01	Macalester	N/A	18th	No Scoring	2/25/01	Go-pher-it Invitational	N/A	19th	No Scoring
1/20/01	Iowa	W	20th	186-114	3/9-10	NCAA Zone Diving	-	22nd	No Scoring
					3/15-17	NCAA Championships	T45th	22nd	1 point

Meets in **bold** at the University Aquatic Center Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool
 Times in (): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)
 Points in (): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record); (split): Leadoff Relay Split

50y Free (22.77, 23.45, 22.97)

Meghan Sonstegard	2/15/01	23.50
Katy Christoferson	2/15/01	23.65 (split)
Jen Power	2/2/01	23.94
Kim Harrod	2/15/01	24.01
Sarah Bohlsen	2/15/01	24.14

200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.60)

Jinny Smedstad	2/17/01	2:01.91
Megan Moore	2/17/01	2:02.60
Ann Cahoy	2/17/01	2:02.67
Emily Deppe	2/17/01	2:02.74
Dana Baum	12/3/00	2:04.08

200y Medley Relay (1:40.85, 1:43.87, 1:41.58)

Cahoy, Harrod,	2/16/01	1:44.68
Bohlsen, Sonstegard		

100y Free (49.39, 50.87, 50.04)

Katy Christoferson	2/17/01	50.68 (split)
Meghan Sonstegard	12/3/00	51.41
Jinny Smedstad	12/3/00	52.05
Jen Power	2/3/01	52.38
Casey Nicholson	2/17/01	52.64

100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:00.32)

Kim Harrod	2/16/01	1:04.58
Katy Christoferson	12/2/00	1:04.90
Elizabeth Pierce	2/16/01	1:04.98
Lauren Guzauskas	2/16/01	1:05.33
Melissa Schold	2/16/01	1:05.98

200y Free Relay (1:30.76, 1:33.48, 1:32.09)

Christoferson, Harrod,	2/15/01	1:33.68
Cahoy, Sonstegard		

200y Free (1:47.58, 1:50.80, 1:48.15)

Dana Baum	2/16/01	1:48.15 (B)
Jinny Smedstad	11/4/00	1:50.73 (B)
Casey Nicholson	2/16/01	1:51.54
Katy Christoferson	2/16/01	1:51.68 (split)
Arianna Gardner	2/16/01	1:52.17

200y Breaststroke (2:13.74, 2:17.75, 2:11.60)

Elizabeth Pierce	2/17/01	2:17.26 (B)
Kim Harrod	12/3/00	2:19.23
Carol Crouthamel	12/3/00	2:19.85
Katy Christoferson	10/21/00	2:21.26
Melissa Schold	2/17/01	2:23.76

400y Free Relay (3:18.87, 3:24.83, 3:20.28)

Smedstad, Sonstegard,	12/3/00	3:27.64
Gardner, Baum		

500y Free (4:46.31, 4:54.89, 4:46.95)

Dana Baum	2/15/01	4:47.87 (B)
Jinny Smedstad	2/15/01	4:51.95 (B)
Casey Nicholson	2/15/01	4:54.45 (B)
Arianna Gardner	12/1/00	4:58.43
Carol Crouthamel	12/1/00	4:59.50

100y Butterfly (54.48, 56.11, 54.13)

Katy Christoferson	3/17/01	54.13 (A)
Juleen Rodakowski	2/16/01	55.56 (B)
Sarah Bohlsen	2/16/01	56.21
Kim Harrod	2/16/01	56.38
Katie Klamer	2/3/01	57.13

1 M Diving (6) (265, 300.70)

Tracy LaVoi	2/2/01	300.70 (A)
Kim Bahmer	2/2/01	294.90 (A)
Shannon Jackson	2/2/01	289.50 (A)
Erin Prasse	2/2/01	286.00 (A)
Rachelle Giese	2/2/01	280.65 (A)
Holly Hanneman	2/2/01	271.35 (A)

1000y Free (non-NCAA event, 9:49.68)

Dana Baum	2/17/01	10:03.27 (split)
Kristin Rygg	2/17/01	10:18.28 (split)
Carol Crouthamel	1/20/01	10:31.40
Juleen Rodakowski	10/21/00	10:40.72
Lindsay Marko	11/4/00	10:47.58

200y Butterfly (1:59.35, 2:02.93, 1:59.34)

Juleen Rodakowski	2/17/01	2:00.62 (B)
Katie Klamer	2/3/01	2:06.31
Jinny Smedstad	10/21/00	2:07.32
Karen Egerman	1/20/01	2:07.79
Katy Christoferson	11/19/00	2:07.91

1 M Diving (10) (375, 448.15)

Tracy LaVoi	10/21/00	271.25 (A)
Holly Hanneman	12/2/00	263.80
Kim Bahmer	1/20/01	255.825
Shannon Jackson	11/11/00	253.50
Rachelle Giese	10/21/00	234.70

1650y Free (16:20.68, 16:50.10, 16:14.67)

Dana Baum	2/17/01	16:33.29 (B)
Kristin Rygg	2/17/01	17:03.03
Katy Christoferson	2/3/01	17:30.42
Jinny Smedstad	11/19/00	17:34.08
Jenna Stocker	2/3/01	17:40.71

200y IM (2:00.31, 2:03.91, 2:00.22)

Katy Christoferson	2/15/01	2:00.22 (A)
Emily Deppe	12/1/00	2:04.39
Jinny Smedstad	2/2/01	2:06.34
Katie Klamer	2/2/01	2:06.93

3 M Diving (11) (425, 572.75)

Tracy LaVoi	2/3/01	507.10 (A)
Holly Hanneman	2/3/01	488.80 (A)
Kim Bahmer	2/3/01	486.25 (A)
Rachelle Giese	2/3/01	480.40 (A)
Shannon Jackson	2/3/01	471.25 (A)
Erin Prasse	2/3/01	444.75 (A)

100y Backstroke (54.87, 56.51, 54.21)

Megan Moore	2/16/01	57.29
Meghan Sonstegard	2/16/01	57.30
Ann Cahoy	2/16/01	57.32
Emily Deppe	12/2/00	57.69
Jessica Crawford	2/16/01	58.55

400y IM (4:16.38, 4:24.07, 4:15.12)

Katy Christoferson	2/16/01	4:15.12 (A)
Jinny Smedstad	2/16/01	4:18.60 (B)
Carol Crouthamel	2/16/01	4:24.30
Emily Deppe	2/16/01	4:24.59
Juleen Rodakowski	2/16/01	4:29.13

Platform Diving (8) (325)

Tracy LaVoi	11/19/00	360.30 (A)
Holly Hanneman	2/17/01	323.30
Erin Prasse	11/19/00	311.40



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Golden Gopher Sports News

March 26, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- Minnesota competes at the Rainbow Wahine Invitational, hosted by the University of Hawaii

Softball

- Minnesota plays non-conference doubleheaders at IUPUI and Indiana State before playing Purdue and Indiana to kick off the Big Ten season

Tennis

- The Gophers travel to South Florida

Track and Field

- The Gophers will compete at the Carleton Invitational on Saturday

Golden Gopher Highlights

Gymnastics

- Minnesota takes third place at the Big Ten Championships
- Six Gopher gymnasts earned All-Big Ten honors in seven events, tying the school record for the most All-Big Ten honors in a season
- Minnesota earns a bid to NCAA Regional Championships, and will compete at Alabama on April 7

Rowing

- The race at Iowa was cancelled due to cold weather

Tennis

- Minnesota swept Michigan State 7-0 and defeated Michigan 5-2

Track and Field

- Minnesota's throwers won first place in the hammer throw, shot put and discus at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Tuesday, March 27

GF at Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Honolulu, HI)
SB at IUPUI (2 games) (Indianapolis, IN) 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

GF at Rainbow Wahine Invitational
SB at Indiana State (2 games) 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

GF at Rainbow Wahine Invitational

Friday, March 30

SB at Purdue (2 games) (West Lafayette, IN) 1 p.m.
TN at South Florida

Saturday, March 31

SB at Indiana (Bloomington, IN) 1 p.m.
TF at Carleton Invitational (Northfield, MN)

Sunday, April 1

SB at Indiana 12 p.m.

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The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 9-3 Big Ten: 2-2

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State* W, 7-0
25 Michigan* W, 5-2
30 at South Florida 2 p.m.

April

7 at Indiana* 10 a.m.
8 at Purdue* 11 a.m.
13 Northwestern* 2 or 7 p.m.
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26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
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(Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
@ at Marquette
at Maryland

No team scores during fall competi-
tion.

Home matches in **bold** are played at
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All times are local to site and subject
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Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota at South Florida

Friday, March 30

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Up Next For The Golden Gophers

Minnesota (9-3 overall, 2-2 Big Ten) travels to Tampa, Fla., to compete against South Florida on Friday. The match is Minnesota's last non-conference meeting of the season. Minnesota is on a five-game winning streak since dropping the first two matches of the Big Ten season the first weekend in March.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota earned two Big Ten victories at home over the weekend, sweeping Michigan State, 7-0, on Friday, then defeating Michigan, 5-2, on Sunday. With the wins, the Golden Gophers move into a tie for fifth place in the Big Ten standings. Northwestern (5-0) and Ohio State (3-0) are the only two undefeated conference teams.

Minnesota won the doubles point in both matches. The Golden Gophers have earned the doubles point in 10 of the team's 12 matches this season.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are ranked 55th in the latest national ranking, released March 21, moving up five spots from the previous ranking. Minnesota is one of eight Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 12, followed by Illinois at No. 28, Iowa at No. 36 and Indiana at No. 37. Rounding out the conference teams: Ohio State (40), Penn State (50), Minnesota (55) and Michigan (60).

About The Opponent

South Florida has a 3-11 record and is on a six-match losing streak heading into a match Tuesday against Florida Atlantic. Minnesota has an 0-3 record against South Florida all-time, with the last match a 9-0 loss at South Florida in 1998.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. Novak earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. Novak has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

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Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	7-5						1-1	7-5	.583	2-2	.500	8-6	.571
Amy Thomas		7-5					3-6	7-5	.583	2-2	.500	10-11	.476
Michaela Havelkova			5-7				5-5	5-7	.417	1-3	.250	10-12	.833
Tammy Wang				8-3			2-4	8-3	.727	2-2	.500	10-7	.588
Jennifer Howard					5-6		3-7	5-6	.455	1-3	.250	8-13	.381
Brandi Watts						9-2	3-7	9-2	.818	2-2	.500	12-9	.571
Totals	7-5	7-5	5-7	8-3	5-6	9-2	18-39	41-28	.594	10-14	.417	58-58	.500

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	11-1				11-1	.917	3-1	.750	11-1	.917
Howard/Wang		1-6		0-2	1-6	.149	1-2	.333	1-8	.111
Thomas/Watts			9-3	0-2	9-3	.750	2-2	.500	9-5	.643
Totals	11-1	2-10	9-3	8-15	22-14	.611	6-6	.500	30-29	.508



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts
31	at Carleton Invitational	

April

7	at Texas Relays	
13-14	at Drake Relays	
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	
27-28	at Drake Relays	
28	at Macalester Invitational	

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships	
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2001 Track and Field

at Carleton Invitational
Saturday, March 31
Northfield, Minnesota

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This Week

Minnesota travels to Northfield, Minn., for the Carleton Invitational on Saturday, March 31.

Review: UC Irvine

The Golden Gophers started their 2001 outdoor track and field season at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational in Irvine, Calif. Minnesota placed 12 records on the school's top performers list, scoring 291.5 points at the meet to place second out of six teams.

Minnesota junior **Victoria Moses (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)**, senior **Elaine Eggleston (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** and junior **Crystal Glenn (Yacolt, Wash./Battle Ground)** placed one, two and three in the 3,000 steeplechase, an event that was added this year.

Sophomore **Shani Marks (Apply Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** won the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:02.03, placing her seventh on the top performers list. **Marks**, along with junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)**, junior **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** and first-year student **Jessica Mittelstadt (Mankato, Minn./Mankato West)**, won the 4x400 relay, running 3:44.66. **Shuster**, also, won the 800, running a time of 2:10.59, a fifth-place spot on the top performers list. In addition, **Day** set a personal record in the 200 with a time of 24.83, good enough to place her eighth on the school's top performers list.

In the field, Minnesota throwers dominated the competition. Senior **Angie Hill (Poplar Bluff, Mo./Poplar Bluff)** placed first in the hammer throw with a career high throw of 178-01. Senior shot put expert, **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)**, won the competition, throwing 49-8 1/4. Senior **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)** captured first place in the discus, tossing 156-0.

Steeplechase Expertise

Junior **Victoria Moses** and senior **Elaine Eggleston** both provisionally qualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase this past weekend at UC Irvine's Spring Break Invitational, running 10:54.12 and 10:59.96, respectively. The 3,000 steeplechase, a first time NCAA outdoor track and field event for women, has a provisional qualifying time of 11:10.00 and an automatic qualifying time of 10:20.00.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers travel to Texas for the Texas Relays on Saturday, April 7.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	4th	10:54.12	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
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15.	Washington	195.960
16.	Minnesota	195.925
17.	West Virginia	195.900
18.	LSU	195.800
19.	Oklahoma	195.765
20.	Kent State	195.740
21.	Ohio State	195.735
22.	Maryland	195.495
23.	Arizona	195.415
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Six Minnesota gymnasts earned a total of seven All-Big Ten honors, tying the school record for most in a single year first set in 1989, when Minnesota won its first conference title.

All-Big Ten

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** earned her second consecutive conference award in the all around, placing third with a total of 39.125. She also earned her first honor on floor exercise, scoring 9.925 to tie for fourth place.

Sophomore **Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** earned her second straight vault honor, placing sixth with a score of 9.90. **Courtney Norman** tied for third place on vault with a school-record 9.925 to earn her first conference award.

Junior **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Thomas Worthington)** won her second career All-Big Ten award for uneven bars, tying her career high with a 9.90, after earning the honor in 1999. Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** and newcomer **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** tied for fourth place on balance beam with scores of 9.85 to earn all-conference acclaim. **Skokut's** beam score is a career high.

Norman Ties School Record

Courtney Norman's career-high 9.925 on vault tied former Golden Gopher Kim Sveum's four-year-old record. **Norman** has recorded at least 9.80 the last six meets, averaging 9.861 during that span. Her season average is 9.785. Prior to this year, her career high was 9.70.

Norman scored 9.825 on floor exercise at the Big Ten meet. In her first year competing on floor exercise for Minnesota, she averages 9.828 on the event, including a personal-best 9.90 in her second career floor competition.

She won the last two regular-season vault titles, in addition to her first career floor exercise title in the last meet.

Vault Is Also A Team Record

Courtney Norman led Minnesota to a school-record 49.225 on the vault. That mark surpasses the total of 49.175 set two weeks ago against Arizona. **Leigh Dixon** tied her career high with a score of 9.90. Newcomer **Tara Schroeder (Rogers, Minn./Maple Grove)** tied her career high with a 9.80, and juniors **Megan Beuckens** and **MaryAnne Kelley** tied that score.

Other Events

The Golden Gophers started the meet on uneven bars, scoring 49.125. Minnesota had to count a fall on balance beam and scored 48.2 on the event. The Golden Gophers rebounded with a 49.2 total on floor exercise.

Big Ten Championships

Ann Arbor, Michigan

1. Michigan	197.150	All Around	
2. Penn State	196.425	3. Kelley	39.125
3. Minnesota	195.750	9. Beuckens	38.775
4. Ohio State	195.425		
5. Iowa	195.400		
6. Michigan State	193.975		
7. Illinois	193.375		

Vault

T3. Courtney Norman	9.925
6. Leigh Dixon	9.900
T18. Megan Beuckens	9.800
T18. MaryAnne Kelley	9.800
T18. Tara Schroeder	9.800
T24. Shanyn Lancaster	9.775

Balance Beam

T4. Jenny Alf	9.850
T4. Mary Skokut	9.850
T27. MaryAnne Kelley	9.600
29. Megan Skokut	9.575
T32. Megan Beuckens	9.325
T32. Alicia Opsahl	9.325

Uneven Bars

T4. Catie Christensen	9.900
T14. Mary Skokut	9.825
T19. Megan Beuckens	9.800
T19. MaryAnne Kelley	9.800
T19. Megan Skokut	9.800
T23. Alicia Opsahl	9.775

Floor Exercise

T4. MaryAnne Kelley	9.925
T15. Megan Beuckens	9.850
T18. Jenny Alf	9.825
T18. Courtney Norman	9.825
T25. Tara Schroeder	9.775
38. Alicia Opsahl	9.700

Beam Blues

Minnesota counted a fall on balance beam at the Big Ten Championships and scored 48.2 on that event. The Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall on beam in all five road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 61-38-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 129-109-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

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Women's Athletics
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Golden Gopher Sports News

April 2, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- Minnesota competes at the Indiana Women's Golf Invitational

Gymnastics

- Minnesota competes at the NCAA Region Championships

Softball

- Minnesota continues the Big Ten schedule with games at Northwestern and Iowa

Tennis

- The Gophers travel to Indiana and Purdue

Track and Field

- The Gophers will compete at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- Minnesota places ninth at the Dr. Thompson Rainbow Tournament, led by junior Megan Stier's 21st place individual finish

Softball

- The Gophers sweep IUPUI and Indiana State in non-conference doubleheaders
- Minnesota splits its first four Big Ten games, going 1-1 against Purdue and 1-1 against Indiana

Tennis

- Minnesota defeated South Florida 5-2, putting the team on a six-match winning streak

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, April 5

TF at Texas Relays (Austin, TX)

Friday, April 6

SB at Northwestern (2 games) 2 p.m.

(Evanston, IL)

TF at Texas Relays

Saturday, April 7

GY at NCAA Regional Championships 6 p.m.

(Tuscaloosa, AL)

GF at Indiana Women's Invitational 8:30 a.m.

(Bloomington, IN)

SB at Iowa (Iowa City, IA) 2 p.m.

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Big Ten Recap

The Golden Gophers earned their second straight third-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, hosted by Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Wolverines won their third straight team title, scoring 197.150, while Penn State was second (196.425) and Minnesota third (195.750).

Six Minnesota gymnasts earned a total of seven All-Big Ten honors, tying the school record for most in a single year first set in 1989, when Minnesota won its first conference title.

All-Big Ten

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** earned her second consecutive conference award in the all around, placing third with a total of 39.125. She also earned her first honor on floor exercise, scoring 9.925 to tie for fourth place.

Sophomore **Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** earned her second straight vault honor, placing sixth with a score of 9.90. **Courtney Norman** tied for third place on vault with a school-record 9.925 to earn her first conference award.

Junior **Catie Christensen (Columbus, Ohio/Thomas Worthington)** won her second career All-Big Ten award for uneven bars, tying her career high with a 9.90, after earning the honor in 1999. Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** and newcomer **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** tied for fourth place on balance beam with scores of 9.85 to earn all-conference acclaim. **Skokut's** beam score is a career high.

Norman Ties School Record

Courtney Norman's career-high 9.925 on vault tied former Golden Gopher **Kim Sveum's** four-year-old record. **Norman** has recorded at least 9.80 the last six meets, averaging 9.861 during that span. Her season average is 9.785. Prior to this year, her career high was 9.70.

Norman scored 9.825 on floor exercise at the Big Ten meet. In her first year competing on floor exercise for Minnesota, she averages 9.828 on the event, including a personal-best 9.90 in her second career floor competition.

She won the last two regular-season vault titles, in addition to her first career floor exercise title in the last meet.

Vault Is Also A Team Record

Courtney Norman led Minnesota to a school-record 49.225 on the vault. That mark surpasses the total of 49.175 set two weeks ago against Arizona. **Leigh Dixon** tied her career high with a score of 9.90. Newcomer **Tara Schroeder (Rogers, Minn./Maple Grove)** tied her career high with a 9.80, and juniors **Megan Beuckens** and **MaryAnne Kelley** tied that score.

Other Events

The Golden Gophers started the meet on uneven bars, scoring 49.125. Minnesota had to count a fall on balance beam and scored 48.2 on the event. The Golden Gophers rebounded with a 49.2 total on floor exercise.

Big Ten Championships Ann Arbor, Michigan

1. Michigan	197.150	All Around	
2. Penn State	196.425	3. Kelley	39.125
3. Minnesota	195.750	9. Beuckens	38.775
4. Ohio State	195.425		
5. Iowa	195.400		
6. Michigan State	193.975		
7. Illinois	193.375		

Vault

T3. Courtney Norman	9.925
6. Leigh Dixon	9.900
T18. Megan Beuckens	9.800
T18. MaryAnne Kelley	9.800
T18. Tara Schroeder	9.800
T24. Shanyn Lancaster	9.775

Balance Beam

T4. Jenny Alf	9.850
T4. Mary Skokut	9.850
T27. MaryAnne Kelley	9.600
29. Megan Skokut	9.575
T32. Megan Beuckens	9.325
T32. Alicia Opsahl	9.325

Beam Blues

Minnesota counted a fall on balance beam at the Big Ten Championships and scored 48.2 on that event. The Golden Gophers have had to count at least one fall on beam in all five road meets this season.

Kelley Named Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** was named the Big Ten women's gymnast of the week for the second time in her career on Jan. 17. She tied for first place in the all around Jan. 13 against No. 4 Utah with a total of 39.200, then the sixth-best in team history. After missing the bars competition in Minnesota's first meet of the season, she recorded a 9.80 against Utah. **Kelley** continued to post strong numbers throughout the meet, scoring a 9.85 on the floor exercise for the second straight week and scoring a 9.825 on the balance beam. **Kelley** received the conference weekly honor last season after winning the all around at Iowa with a 39.175 on Feb. 6.

Minnesota Co-Head Coaches Jim and Meg Stephenson

Jim and Meg Stephenson are in their fourth season as co-head coaches at the University of Minnesota. The duo earned 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Gophers to their first conference title since 1991. The pair has a 61-38-1 record as co-head coaches.

Jim Stephenson is in his ninth season as head coach of the Golden Gophers. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 1995. Stephenson has a career record of 129-109-1, including a record of 73-83 in his first five years at Minnesota. **Meg Stephenson** is in her fourth season as a co-head coach after five seasons as an assistant coach.

Up Next

The NCAA Championships will be held April 19-21 in Athens, Ga.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 23-11-1 Big Ten: 2-2

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 **Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 **Triangle Classic** (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
(2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
6 at Northwestern (2)* 2 p.m.
7 at Iowa* 2 p.m.
8 at Iowa* 1 p.m.
11 **Wis.-Green Bay (2)** 4 p.m.
13 **Michigan (2)*** 2 p.m.
14 **Michigan State*** 6 p.m.
15 **Michigan State*** 1 p.m.
17 **Northern Iowa (2)** 3 p.m.
18 **Concordia-St. Paul (2)** 4 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 **Drake (2)** 4 p.m.
27 **Penn State (2)*** 2 p.m.
28 **Ohio State*** 6 p.m.
29 **Ohio State*** 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 **Wisconsin*** 6 p.m.
6 **Wisconsin*** 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



Northwestern (2), April 6, 2 p.m., Evanston, Ill.
Iowa (1-1), April 7-8, 2-1 p.m., Iowa City, Iowa

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The University of Minnesota softball will play its second consecutive Big Ten weekend away from home with a trip to Northwestern and Iowa. The Gophers opened Big Ten play by splitting two series at Purdue and at Indiana. After this weekend, Minnesota will play 18 of its final 22 games at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, including 10 of its last 12 Big Ten games. The Gophers are 23-11-1 after 35 games this season, compared to 22-13 after 35 games in the 2000 season.

Schedule Changes

Minnesota added a doubleheader on its spring break trip to make up for games lost in San Diego and West Lafayette, Ind. The Gophers played Indiana State in a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday, March 28, and swept the Sycamores by scores of 6-1 and 2-1. Minnesota has also postponed its home doubleheader with Concordia-St. Paul. The two games, originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m., will now be played Wednesday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

Big Ten Update

The first weekend of the Big Ten season saw two unexpected things. All 20 scheduled games were played, which considering the harsh winter in the Upper Midwest, is a minor miracle. The balance of play was also unexpected, as all nine teams that played four games won at least one game and lost at least one game. On the national scene, Iowa was ranked 12th, Wisconsin was ranked 23rd, and Michigan was receiving votes in the last NFCA/USA Today poll. The next poll will be released Wednesday.

Team	Big Ten	Overall	Pct.	April 6 (DH)	April 7-8
Michigan	2-0	14-11-1	.558	Purdue	Indiana
Iowa	3-1	24-7	.774	Wisconsin	Minnesota
Wisconsin	3-1	20-13	.606	at Iowa	at Northwestern
Purdue	2-2	25-10-1	.708	at Michigan	at Michigan St.
Ohio State	2-2	25-11	.694	Illinois	OFF
Illinois	2-2	30-14	.682	at Ohio State	at Penn State
Minnesota	2-2	23-11-1	.671	at Northwestern	at Iowa
Northwestern	2-2	9-13	.409	Minnesota	Wisconsin
Penn State	1-3	19-13	.594	OFF	Illinois
Indiana	1-3	11-22	.333	at Michigan St.	at Michigan
Michigan State	0-2	10-24	.294	Indiana	Purdue

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.265	3	14	.333 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.387	14	30	DNP
SS	Shelly Nichols	.281	15	17	.222 BA, 3 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.295	15	6	.143 BA, 2 runs
LF	Veronica Roberts	.242	9	8	.125 BA, 3 RBI
CF	Tammi Hays	.358	27	3	.615 BA, 3 runs
RF	Morgan Holden	.343	4	5	.333 BA, 2 RBI
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
P	Angie Recknor	.198	4	8	.200 BA, 1 run
P	Piper Marten	.265	2	2	.143 BA

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	15-7	0.85	157	1-2, 0.95 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	6-3	1.40	60	1-0, 3.50 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often continues to be a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 17 of the 35 games it has played and has an 16-0-1 record when it does score first, including a 12-0 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 7-11 when the opposition scores first. Minnesota has rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 23-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 0-10-1 when they score one run or fewer, including seven shutouts. Minnesota has not scored in its last four losses.

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior infielder **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** leads Minnesota with a .387 batting average, a .500 on-base percentage, a .700 slugging percentage, eight doubles, five home runs and 30 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high for home runs in a season and has a new career high in RBI. **Braden** is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth Gopher in history to accumulate 100 RBI in a career. She did not play in the last six games due to a sprained left ankle, but is expected back for this weekend's games.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 15 of Minnesota's 23 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (30), innings pitched (139 2/3), strikeouts (157) and opponent batting average (.155). She is fourth on Minnesota's single-season list and needs seven strikeouts to move into third place.

Junior outfielder **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** leads Minnesota in hits (38), runs (27), and stolen bases (12), and is second on the team with a .433 on-base percentage. She led Minnesota in the four Big Ten games over the weekend with a .615 batting average, eight hits, three runs and three stolen bases.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 342-241-2 (.586). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 231-117-1 (.663), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 10 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 102-59-1 (.633) as a co-head coach and 187-99-1 (.653) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Weekend Review

Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins) pitched six scoreless innings to lead Minnesota to a 5-0 victory over Purdue in the second half of a Big Ten doubleheader Friday in West Lafayette, Ind. In the opener, Purdue had two five-run innings and defeated the Gophers 10-0 in five innings.

Purdue broke open the first game with five runs in the third inning. With two on and two out, a dropped fly ball allowed the first run to score. Boilermaker first base Heidi Foster followed with a three-run home run to right-center field, and Sara Hall hit a solo home run to left field to complete the five-run outburst. Katie Crabtree hit a two-run double to left-center in the fourth inning to increase the Purdue lead to 7-0, and Jesse Jones singled home

Crabtree to make it 8-0. Foster hit her second home run of the day and fourth of the season to complete the scoring.

In the nightcap, Minnesota scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning. **Shelly Nichols (Austin, Texas/Stephen F. Austin)** hit a ground ball to third base, and the throw home hit Hays in the back of the helmet, allowing **Hays** to score and **Fisk** to reach third base. **Hailee Nanchy (Ontario, Calif./Ontario Christian)** singled to left field to plate **Fisk** with the second run. In the sixth inning, Minnesota used a Nanchy single, three Boilermaker errors and a two-run double by **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)** to score three runs. **Recknor** allowed six hits and no walks while striking out three to win her sixth game of the season.

Indiana junior Alison Cooke scattered eight hits and sophomore Stormy Hanson hit a two-run homer as Indiana defeated Minnesota, 2-0, Saturday in Bloomington, Ind. The Gophers outit the Hoosiers, 8-6, but left eight runners on base. **Hays** had three hits and **Holden** had two hits to lead the Minnesota offense. **Piper Marten** allowed the home run to Hanson and suffered the loss, dropping to 14-7 for the season. Hanson hit her home run with one out in the fourth inning off of the left-field foul pole.

The Minnesota softball team rallied from a 5-0 deficit to defeat Indiana, 6-5, on Sunday and earn a split in the two-game series. Indiana sent ten batters to the plate in the first inning, scoring five runs on seven singles and four Minnesota errors. The Gophers scored two runs in the third inning on a two-out, two-run single by **Nichols**, scoring **Hays** and **Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono)**. Minnesota completed the comeback with four runs in the fifth inning. With two out and the bases loaded, **Nanchy** singled to left, scoring **Anne Thul (St. Francis, Minn./St. Francis)** and **Hays**. **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** followed with a two-run triple to the right-field corner, scoring **Fisk** and **Nanchy**. The Hoosiers put a runner on in the final inning, but **Nichols** made a diving catch of a pop fly in short left field to end the game. **Marten** came into the game with two out in the first inning and did not allow a run or a hit in the final 6 1/3 innings and won her 15th game of the season.

About Northwestern (9-13, 2-2)

The Wildcats had a wild first weekend of play in the Big Ten Conference. Friday, the Wildcats won a pair of one-run games at Penn State, 8-7 and 4-3. Northwestern lost a pair of one-run heartbreakers at Ohio State, losing a 4-3 game on Saturday after holding a 3-0 lead, and dropping a 3-2, eight-inning decision on Sunday.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 37-31. The Wildcats won both games last season at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium by scores of 4-1 and 5-0.

About Iowa (24-7, 3-1)

The 12th-ranked Hawkeyes won three of four games in their first Big Ten weekend, but needed extra innings in the final game to claim their third victory. Iowa opened the 2001 Big Ten season with a 4-2, 2-0 sweep of Ohio State last Friday in Columbus. The Hawkeyes were shut out by Penn State, 3-0, on Saturday. Iowa needed 10 innings to defeat the Nittany Lions, 4-3, on Sunday.

The Series — Iowa leads, 37-35. The Hawkeyes won both games against Minnesota last season at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium in their final at bat. Iowa won the opener, 6-3 (8), and scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to complete the sweep, 3-2.

Up Next

The Gophers will attempt to open their home season at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium next week. Minnesota will host Wisconsin-Green Bay in a non-conference doubleheader Wednesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. before hosting Michigan (April 13 (DH), 2 p.m.) and Michigan State (April 14, 2 p.m.; April 15, 1 p.m.).



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays
13-14	at Drake Invitational
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
21	at Long Beach State Invitational
27-28	at Drake Relays
28	at Macalester Invitational

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at Texas Relays
Thursday-Saturday, April 5-7
Austin, Texas

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This Week

Minnesota travels to Austin, Texas to compete in the Texas Relays on April 5-7.

Shuster Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Golden Gopher sprinter **Jessica Shuster** (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn) was named the Big Ten Conference Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, on Tuesday, March 27 for the first time in her career. **Shuster**, a junior, helped the Minnesota women's track and field team to a second-place finish at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational on March 24. She won the 800-meter run with a personal-best clocking of 2 minutes, 10.59 seconds, a time that ranks as the sixth-fastest in school history. **Shuster** also ran a leg of the winning 4x400-meter relay that posted the fifth-fastest time in Minnesota history at 3:44.66.

Steeplechase Expertise

Junior **Victoria Moses** and senior **Elaine Eggleston** both provisionally qualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the UC Irvine's Spring Break Invitational, running 10:54.12 and 10:59.96, respectively. The 3,000 steeplechase, a first time NCAA outdoor track and field event for women, has a provisional qualifying time of 11:10.00 and an automatic qualifying time of 10:20.00.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers are on the road at Des Moines, Iowa for the Drake Invitational on Saturday, April 14.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	4th	10:54.12	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	10th	10:59.96	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2000-01 Schedule

September

11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams

23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams

29-30 Lady Northern Invitational

October

**1 Lady Northern Invitational
3rd of 16 teams**

9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams

23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams

27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)

14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)

21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)

27-29 Big Ten Championship

Home tournaments in **bold** are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



**2001 Big Ten Women's Golf
Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the
University of Minnesota**



**2000-01 Minnesota
Women's Golf**

Minnesota at Indiana Women's Golf Invitational
April 7-8, Bloomington, Ind.

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Gophers Travel to Indiana for First of Four April Tournaments

The Minnesota women's golf team will compete in the Indiana Women's Golf Invitational, Saturday-Sunday, at the Indiana University Golf Course in Bloomington, Ind. The invitational is the Golden Gophers' first of four events in April, a month that culminates with Minnesota hosting the Big Ten Conference Championship on April 27-29.

The Indiana Women's Golf Invitational will be contested over 54 holes, with 36 played on Saturday and 18 on Sunday. Play will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start on both days. The course will play at 6,700 yards and a par of 72.

Six other Big Ten schools will join Minnesota and host Indiana in the 15-team field: Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State and Wisconsin. Non-conference teams competing are Illinois State, Kansas, Kent, Missouri, Notre Dame, Ohio and Southern Illinois.

Gophers Place Ninth in Hawaii Tournament

Minnesota added six strokes to its team score from the first two rounds, yet picked up one place in the team standings to finish ninth in the Dr. Thompson Rainbow Tournament at the Olomana Golf Links in Waimanalo, Hawaii, last week. The Golden Gophers posted team scores of 309 in both the first two rounds and 315 in the third round to tally 933 for the 54-hole tournament. Oklahoma State won the team title with 895.

Junior **Megan Stier (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)** was the top Gopher individual finisher, tying for 21st place with rounds of 77, 73 and 80 to tally 230. Her 1-over par 73 in the tournament's second round was the lowest round for the Gophers in the tournament. Arizona's Natalie Gulbis captured medalist honors with an even-par 216 with rounds of 71, 71 and 74.

The Dr. Thompson Rainbow Tournament

Olomana Golf Links — Waimanalo, Hawaii — March 27-29, 2001
Par: 72; Yardage: 6,075 yards

Finish	Team	Score	
1.	Oklahoma State	303-298-294	895
2.	Arizona	300-294-304	898
3.	Louisiana State	304-301-295	900
4.	Oklahoma	304-300-306	910
5.	Texas Christian	302-310-299	911
6.	Oregon State	299-307-313	919
	Brigham Young	304-307-308	919
8.	Colorado State	305-312-313	930
9.	Minnesota	309-309-315	933
10.	Colorado	305-311-322	938
11.	Weber State	314-321-319	954
12.	Texas-El Paso	322-320-320	962
13.	Hawaii	324-326-315	965
14.	Wichita State	327-319-327	973
15.	Wyoming	327-334-327	988
16.	Cincinnati	329-339-321	989
17.	Montana State	336-327-337	1000
18.	Osaka Gakuin (Japan)	333-350-341	1024

Top Three Individuals

1.	Natalie Gulbis (Arizona)	71-71-74	216
2.	Christi Camo (Okla. State)	71-71-75	217
3.	Katy Harris (LSU)	73-73-72	218

Minnesota Golfers

T21	Megan Stier	77-73-80	230
T31	Cindy Cannon	77-79-78	234
T37	Jenny Bruun	77-80-79	236
T43	Karyn Stordahl	78-78-81	237
T49	Katie Bakken	82-79-78	239

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 10-3 Big Ten: 2-2

January

26 **Minnesota Court Classic vs. Richmond** W, 5-2

February

3 **Drake** Cancelled
 10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
 11 at Colorado W, 6-1
 24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
 25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
 4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
 10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
 11 at Maryland W, 5-2
 16 **Drake** W, 6-1
 23 **Michigan State*** W, 7-0
 25 **Michigan*** W, 5-2
 30 at South Florida W, 5-2

April

7 at Indiana* 10 a.m.
 8 at Purdue* 11 a.m.
 13 **Northwestern*** 2 or 7 p.m.
 15 **Illinois*** 10 a.m.
 20 at Wisconsin* 3 p.m.
 21 at Iowa* 11 a.m.
 26-29 at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
 17-25 at NCAA Championships (Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
 @ at Marquette
 # at Maryland

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota at Indiana—Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Minnesota at Purdue—Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m.

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Up Next For The Golden Gophers

Minnesota (10-3 overall, 2-2 Big Ten) is on the road this weekend for the first two of six straight conference matches. The Gophers take on Indiana April 7, followed by a match at Purdue April 8.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota continued its win streak by claiming its sixth win against South Florida in Tampa, Fla., this past weekend. The Gophers defeated the Bulls 5-2 by winning two of the three doubles matches to earn the doubles point and four of the six singles matches.

At the No. 1 singles spot, first-year **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario, Burlington Central)** defeated Jennifer Sinclair 6-2, 6-4 to improve her record to 8-5. At No. 3, sophomore **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic, Gymnazium F.X.Saldy)** lost the first set but came back to defeat Natalie Schwartz 2-6, 6-2, 6-2. Senior **Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb., Grand Island)** earned a win at the No. 4 position by defeating Ashlee Callahan in straight sets 6-0, 6-2. Finally, first-year **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo., Lewis-Palmer)** also won in two straight over Claudia Nieto 6-2, 6-2.

On the doubles side, the Gophers won at the No. 2 position with **Wang and Jennifer Howard (Thornhill, Ontario, Thornlea)** beating Sinclair and Jamie Larson 8-5. **Thomas and Watts** earned an 8-3 victory over Talia Romero and Callahan and improved their record to 10-3 for the season.

About The Opponents

Indiana is 11-6 overall, 2-2 Big Ten and is ranked No. 38 in the latest national poll. The Hoosiers are coming off a four-match winning streak after defeating Purdue 6-1 last weekend. The Gophers have a deceiving 3-22 all-time record against Indiana, but all three wins have been in the past three years.

Purdue is 3-11 overall, 0-4 in the Big Ten and is ranked 70th in the latest national poll. The Boilermakers have a 20-5 commanding lead in the all-time series against the Gophers. However, Minnesota has defeated Purdue the past four years.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota will host its final home matches of the season April 13 and 15 against Northwestern and Illinois, respectively.

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	8-5						1-1	8-5	.615	2-2	.500	9-6	.600
Amy Thomas		7-6					3-6	7-6	.538	2-2	.500	10-12	.455
Michaela Havelkova			6-7				5-5	6-7	.462	1-3	.250	11-12	.478
Tammy Wang				9-3			2-4	9-3	.750	2-2	.500	11-7	.611
Jennifer Howard					5-7		3-7	5-7	.417	1-3	.250	8-14	.364
Brandi Watts						10-2	3-7	10-2	.833	2-2	.500	13-9	.591
Totals	8-5	7-6	6-7	9-3	5-7	10-2	18-39	45-30	.600	10-14	.417	62-60	.508

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	11-2				11-2	.846	3-1	.750	11-2	.846
Howard/Wang		2-6		0-2	2-6	.250	1-2	.333	2-8	.200
Thomas/Watts			10-3	0-2	10-3	.769	2-2	.500	10-5	.667
Totals	11-2	2-10	10-3	0-4	23-11	.676	6-5	.545	23-15	.605



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Golden Gopher Sports News

April 10, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- Minnesota competes at the Hawkeye Invitational

Rowing

- Minnesota is scheduled to host its first race, and will compete against Creighton if conditions allow

Softball

- Minnesota hosts a nonconference doubleheader against Wisconsin-Green Bay before taking on Big Ten rivals Michigan and Michigan State

Tennis

- The Gophers host Northwestern and Illinois *

Track and Field

- The Gophers will compete at the Drake Invitational

* The tennis matches will be held at the Northwest Athletic Club in Bloomington, Minn. if played indoors, and at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul if played outdoors. For match location and time, visit www.gophersports.com, or call the Diet Coke Gopher Sports Hotline at 612-624-7828.

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- Senior Katie Bakken leads the Gophers at the Indiana Women's Invitational by placing 20th

Softball

- The Gophers lose two close games to 12th-ranked Iowa

Tennis

- Minnesota has won seven of its last eight matches, bringing the season's record to 11-4

Track and Field

- Junior Victoria Moses provisionally qualifies for the NCAA Championships in the 3,000 meter steeplechase

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Wednesday, April 11

SB hosts Wisconsin-Green Bay (2) 4 p.m.

Friday, April 13

SB hosts Michigan (2) 2 p.m.

TN hosts Northwestern * 2 or 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

GF at Hawkeye Invitational 9 a.m.

RW hosts Creighton

SB hosts Michigan State 6 p.m.

TF at Drake Invitational

Sunday, April 15

GF at Hawkeye Invitational 8:30 a.m.

SB hosts Michigan State 1 p.m.

TN hosts Illinois * 10 a.m.

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2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 23-15-1 Big Ten: 2-6

FEBRUARY

10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)

MARCH

2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
(2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
6 at Northwestern* L, 5-0; L, 2-1
7 at Iowa* L, 2-1
8 at Iowa* L, 2-0 (8)
11 Wis.-Green Bay (2) 4 p.m.
13 Michigan (2)* 2 p.m.
14 Michigan State* 6 p.m.
15 Michigan State* 1 p.m.
17 Northern Iowa (2) 3 p.m.
18 Concordia-St. Paul (2) 4 p.m.
21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
25 Drake (2) 4 p.m.
27 Penn State (2)* 2 p.m.
28 Ohio State* 6 p.m.
29 Ohio State* 1 p.m.

MAY

1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in bold at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



Wis.-Green Bay (2), April 11, 4 p.m.
Michigan (2), April 13, 2 p.m.
Michigan State (1-1), April 14-15, 6-1 p.m.
All games at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium
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The University of Minnesota softball team returns home to the friendly confines of Jane Sage Cowles Stadium for a 10-game homestand. The Gophers will play Wisconsin-Green Bay in a non-conference doubleheader Wednesday, Michigan in a Big Ten doubleheader Friday, and single games against Michigan State on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Minnesota dropped two games each to Northwestern and Iowa last weekend to fall to 23-15-1, 2-6 in the Big Ten. The Gophers will play 10 of their final 12 Big Ten games and 18 of their final 22 overall games at home.

Schedule Changes

Minnesota added a doubleheader on its spring break trip to make up for games lost in San Diego and West Lafayette, Ind. The Gophers played Indiana State in a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday, March 28, and swept the Sycamores by scores of 6-1 and 2-1. Minnesota has also postponed its home doubleheader with Concordia-St. Paul. The two games, originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m., will now be played Wednesday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

Big Ten Update

Michigan and Iowa have separated themselves from the Big Ten pack after two weekends of play. The Wolverines and Hawkeyes lead third-place Wisconsin by two games. Minnesota and Wisconsin are the only two teams that have not seen their home field in conference play. With the top six teams making the Big Ten tournament, Minnesota is two games out of a spot for post-season play.

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	April 13 (DH)	April 14-15
Michigan	6-0	1.000	20-11-1	at Minnesota	at Wisconsin
Iowa	7-1	.875	30-7	OFF	at Illinois
Wisconsin	5-3	.625	23-15	Michigan State	Michigan
Northwestern	4-4	.500	13-15	at Illinois	OFF
Ohio State	3-3	.500	26-12	at Indiana	at Purdue
Penn State	3-3	.500	21-15	at Purdue	at Indiana
Purdue	3-5	.375	26-13-1	Penn State	Ohio State
Illinois	3-5	.375	33-17	Northwestern	Wisconsin
Michigan State	2-4	.333	15-26	at Wisconsin	at Minnesota
Minnesota	2-6	.250	23-15-1	Michigan	Michigan State
Indiana	2-6	.250	12-25	Ohio State	Penn State

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.259	3	14	.333 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.360	14	30	DNP
(or)	Anne Thul	.255	6	2	.333 BA, 1 run
SS	Shelly Nichols	.271	16	17	.200 BA, 3 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.274	15	6	.111 BA, 2 runs
LF	Veronica Roberts	.231	10	8	.143 BA, 2 RBI
CF	Tammi Hays	.342	27	3	.417 BA, 3 runs
RF	Morgan Holden	.273	4	5	.167 BA, 2 RBI
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
P	Angie Recknor	.213	4	8	.308 BA, 1 run
P	Piper Marten	.245	2	2	.091 BA
Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	15-8	1.03	167	1-3, 2.01 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	6-6	1.37	60	1-3, 1.99 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often continues to be a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 18 of the 39 games it has played and has an 16-1-1 record when it does score first, including a 12-0 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 7-14 when the opposition scores first. Minnesota has rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 23-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 0-14-1 when they score one run or fewer, including nine shutouts. Minnesota has not scored in its last six of its last eight losses.

Minnesota Individual Notes

Senior infielder **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** leads Minnesota with a .360 batting average, a .477 on-base percentage, a .651 slugging percentage, eight doubles, five home runs and 30 runs batted in. She has already matched her career high for home runs in a season and has a new career high in RBI. **Braden** is now fourth on Minnesota's all-time list with 14 home runs and is fifth Gopher in history to accumulate 100 RBI in a career. She has missed seven of the last 10 games due to a sprained left ankle, and is questionable for this weekend's games.

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 15 of Minnesota's 23 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (34), innings pitched (149 1/3), strikeouts (167) and opponent batting average (.165). She is third on Minnesota's single-season list, passing Steph Klaviter's 1999 total of 163 strikeouts.

Junior outfielder **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** leads Minnesota in hits (40), runs (27), and stolen bases (12), and is second on the team with a .417 on-base percentage. Hays leads Minnesota in Big Ten play with a .417 batting average, 10 hits, three stolen bases and three runs scored.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 342-245-2 (.582). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 231-121-1 (.656), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is 10 wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 102-63-1 (.617) as a co-head coach and 187-103-1 (.644) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Weekend Review

The Minnesota softball team dropped a pair of games to Northwestern by scores of 5-0 and 2-1 on Friday. In the opener, Northwestern used three home runs and solid pitching by Brie Brown to defeat the Gophers. **Piper Marten** retired the first 13 batters she faced before three Northwestern home runs in the next two innings gave the Wildcats the victory. Northwestern took a 1-0 lead in the nightcap when Robin Pettinger homered in the top of the fifth inning. Minnesota tied the game in the bottom of the fifth inning. **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** singled, and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Roberts stole third base on the front half of a double steal and scored on a

Northwestern throwing error. The Wildcats won the game in the top half of the seventh inning on a sacrifice fly by catcher J.C. Kira. **Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins)** took the loss, allowing both runs (one earned) in 5 1/3 innings.

The 12th-ranked Iowa softball team won two close games against the Gophers over the weekend, defeating Minnesota 2-1 on Saturday and 2-0 in eight innings on Sunday. In Saturday's games, Minnesota took a 1-0 lead in the second inning. **Shelly Nichols (Austin, Texas/Stephen F. Austin)** led off the inning with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice by **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)**. **Nichols** moved to third on a sacrifice by **Christine Lindberg (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Barrington)** and scored on a wild pitch by Iowa pitcher Kristi Hanks. Iowa took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning with two runs. Hawkeye second baseman Christina Schmalz doubled home the first run, and a two-out single by shortstop Kristin Johnson scored Amber Morrow from second base. In Sunday's game, Iowa had runners on in each of the first seven innings, but **Recknor** and **Marten** combined to leave 11 Hawkeyes on base in the first seven innings. Minnesota had the winning run at third base with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, but failed to score. The Hawkeyes used three Minnesota errors and two hits to score their two unearned runs off of Recknor in the eighth inning.

About Wisconsin-Green Bay (13-12, 1-3 MCC)

Wisconsin-Green Bay won its first Midwestern Collegiate Conference road game in two years Sunday, defeating Illinois-Chicago, 2-1. The Phoenix also broke a 23-game losing streak against the Flames with the win. UWGB lost two games at Loyola-Chicago by scores of 7-2 and 10-0 last Saturday. Minnesota defeated the Ramblers, 4-3, on March 24.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 5-1. The Gophers defeated the Phoenix, 2-1 in eight innings, at the Metrodome Softball Classic on Feb. 8, 2001.

About Michigan (21-11-1, 6-0 Big Ten)

Michigan has won its last nine games and is the only undefeated team left in the Big Ten. The Wolverines have Big Ten series sweeps over Illinois, Purdue and Indiana. Michigan has a .367 batting average during its winning streak and has outscored opponents 53-12. The Wolverines will host Central Michigan in two games Wednesday before travelling to the Twin Cities.

The Series — Michigan leads, 51-21. The Wolverines swept the Gophers, 1-0 and 4-1, on April 9, 2000, at Ann Arbor, Mich. Michigan has not visited Minnesota since 1998.

About Michigan State (15-26, 2-4 Big Ten)

The Spartans were swept at Illinois and have split series with Indiana and Purdue in conference play. Michigan State is 11-9 in its last 20 games after a 4-17 start. The Spartans will visit Eastern Michigan for a single game Wednesday before travelling to Wisconsin on Friday and Minnesota on Saturday.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 42-34. Michigan State won a 12-11 slugfest as the snow fell in East Lansing, Mich., on April 7, 2000. The second game was cancelled due to the bad weather.

Up Next

The Gophers will complete their 10-game homestand at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium with non-conference doubleheaders against Northern Iowa on Tuesday, April 17, at 3 p.m. and Concordia (St. Paul) on Wednesday, April 18, at 4 p.m. Minnesota will travel to Illinois for its first-ever games against the school on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Apr 10, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 23-15-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 6-8-1 Neutral: 17-7 Big Ten: 2-6

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Angel Braden.....	.360	32-32	86	14	31	8	1	5	30	56	.651	16	4	18	0	.477	1	2	0-0	45	51	3	.970
Tammi Hays.....	.342	39-38	117	27	40	1	0	0	3	41	.350	13	2	24	2	.417	0	8	12-15	29	0	2	.935
Allie Fisk.....	.274	39-39	106	15	29	1	1	0	6	32	.302	5	2	12	0	.319	0	21	7-10	45	68	12	.904
Morgan Holden.....	.273	21-17	44	4	12	5	0	0	5	17	.386	2	1	12	0	.319	0	8	2-2	7	0	2	.778
Shelly Nichols.....	.271	39-39	107	16	29	7	2	4	17	52	.486	11	2	18	0	.350	0	6	3-3	57	68	17	.880
Hailee Nanchy.....	.259	39-39	112	3	29	6	1	0	14	37	.330	9	4	15	0	.336	0	3	2-2	259	17	3	.989
Anne Thul.....	.255	25-13	47	6	12	1	0	0	2	13	.277	0	0	7	0	.255	0	1	1-2	21	14	3	.921
Piper Marten.....	.245	27-23	53	2	13	0	0	0	2	13	.245	2	0	3	0	.273	0	8	2-2	4	28	0	1.000
Veronica Roberts....	.231	39-39	108	10	25	3	3	0	8	34	.315	4	0	10	0	.259	0	15	5-8	35	0	3	.921
Angie Recknor.....	.213	33-33	94	4	20	3	0	0	8	23	.245	6	1	12	0	.265	1	3	0-0	4	25	3	.906
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.171	33-21	41	8	7	0	0	0	1	7	.171	3	0	8	0	.227	0	9	6-7	15	2	1	.944
Christine Lindberg..	.167	27-16	48	5	8	2	1	1	6	15	.313	4	0	12	0	.231	0	4	1-1	23	0	1	.958
Jessica Green.....	.118	12-2	17	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.118	2	0	4	0	.211	0	1	0-0	0	11	0	1.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	4-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	17-1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	39-35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	246	24	5	.982
Kelley Palkovich....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	27-0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7-8	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.261	39-39	985	128	257	37	9	10	106	342	.347	78	16	158	2	.325	2	89	48-60	791	308	55	.952
Opponents.....	.205	39-39	971	82	199	23	2	15	65	271	.279	87	17	253	4	.281	3	34	20-32	799	413	49	.961

LOB - Team (246), Opp (242). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (7). IBB - Team (0), Opp (2). Picked off - Thul 2, Rustad 1, Fisk 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Piper Marten.....	1.03	15-8	34	19	13	3/3	3	149.1	85	35	22	47	167	12	1	11	515	.165	6	11	0	1	19
Jessica Green.....	1.09	2-1	14	4	1	0/1	0	32.0	32	16	5	17	20	3	0	1	131	.244	2	2	0	0	2
Angie Recknor.....	1.37	6-6	19	16	2	0/2	0	81.2	75	27	16	23	65	7	1	2	315	.238	6	4	0	2	13
Meagan Hautala.....	31.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	7	4	3	0	1	1	0	1	10	.700	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	1.22	23-15	39	39	16	6/3	3	263.2	199	82	46	87	253	23	2	15	971	.205	14	17	0	3	34
Opponents.....	2.55	15-23	39	39	22	9/2	1	266.1	257	128	97	78	158	37	9	10	985	.261	13	16	1	2	89

PB - Team (10), Smith 8, Lindberg 2, Opp (10). SBA/ATT - Smith (18-30), Marten (8-17), Recknor (8-10), Green (3-4), Lindberg (2-2), Hautala (1-1).

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)		
March 9	L, 3-0	Nebraska
	L, 3-0	Creighton
March 10	W, 8-1	Buffalo
	W, 3-1	Drake
	W, 3-0	Missouri-Kansas City

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	W, 4-3	Loyola (Ill.)
	W, 9-0 (6)	Toledo

March 27 W, 3-1 at IUPUI
W, 3-0 at IUPUI

March 28 W, 6-1 at Indiana State
W, 2-1 at Indiana State

March 30 L, 10-0 (5) at Purdue
W, 5-0 at Purdue

March 31 L, 2-0 at Indiana
April 1 W, 6-5 at Indiana

April 6 L, 5-0 at Northwestern
L, 2-1 at Northwestern

April 7 L, 2-1 at Iowa
April 8 L, 2-0 (8) at Iowa

April 11 4 p.m. Wis.-Green Bay
Wis.-Green Bay

April 13 2 p.m. Michigan
Michigan

April 14 6 p.m. Michigan State
April 15 1 p.m. Michigan State

April 17 3 p.m. Northern Iowa
Northern Iowa

April 18 4 p.m. Concordia-St. Paul
Concordia-St. Paul

April 21 2 p.m. at Illinois
April 22 1 p.m. at Illinois

April 25 4 p.m. Drake
Drake

April 27 2 p.m. Penn State
Penn State

April 28 6 p.m. Ohio State
April 29 1 p.m. Ohio State

May 1 1 p.m. at Wis.-Green Bay
at Wis.-Green Bay

May 5 6 p.m. Wisconsin
May 6 1 p.m. Wisconsin

Home games in bold are played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.
All times LOCAL TO SITE.

Overall:	23-15-1	Big Ten:	2-6
Home:	0-0	Home:	0-0
Away:	6-8-1	Away:	2-6
Neutral:	17-7		
vs. Top 25:	1-5		

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 11-4 Big Ten: 3-3

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State* W, 7-0
25 Michigan* W, 5-2
30 at South Florida W, 5-2

April

7 at Indiana* L, 6-1
8 at Purdue* W, 4-3
13 Northwestern* 2 or 7 p.m.
15 Illinois* 10 a.m.
20 at Wisconsin* 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa* 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
@ at Marquette
at Maryland

No team scores during fall competi-
tion.

Home matches in **bold** are played at
the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th
Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject
to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota vs. Northwestern—Friday, April 13, 2 or 7 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Illinois—Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.
98th Street Athletic Club, Bloomington, MN
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Up Next For The Golden Gophers

Minnesota (11-4 overall, 3-3 Big Ten) plays host to its final matches of the season. The Gophers take on Northwestern on Friday, followed by Illinois on Sunday.

About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota went 1-1 on the weekend after losing at Indiana 6-1 and then defeating Purdue 4-3. Against Indiana, **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y., Orchard Park)** was Minnesota's lone scorer after winning her singles match over Amanda Field 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 2 spot.

Against Purdue, Minnesota won the doubles point after **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario, Burlington Central)** and **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic, Gymnazium F.X. Saldy)** defeated Missy Wright and Melissa Woods 9-8 at the No. 1 spot. Also, the No. 3 pair of **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo., Lewis-Palmer)** and **Thomas** defeated Erika Quebe and Gretchen Haynor 9-7. On the singles side, **Vladea, Havelkova,** and **Wang** all won their matches at the No. 1, No. 3, and No. 4 positions, respectively.

About The Opponents

Northwestern is 15-4 overall and 6-0 in the Big Ten. The Wildcats lead the conference and are coming off a 7-0 win over No. 28 Iowa last Sunday. Against Northwestern, the Gophers are 4-22 all-time.

Illinois is 11-6 overall and 5-1 in the Big Ten. Illinois is also coming off a win against Iowa this past Saturday. The Gophers are looking to even their all-time record against the Illini this weekend. Currently, the series stands at 14-15 with Illinois leading.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are currently No. 66 in the latest national ranking, released April 4. Minnesota is one of seven Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 10, followed by Ohio State at No. 27 and Iowa at No. 28. Rounding out the conference teams: Illinois (36), Indiana (41), Penn State (56), Minnesota (66).

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

Minnesota finishes out its regular season play on the road. On April 20, Minnesota travels to Wisconsin to take on the Big Ten rival. On April 21, Minnesota ends at Iowa, that being a conference match also.

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	9-6						1-1	9-6	.600	3-3	.500	10-7	.588
Amy Thomas		8-7					3-6	8-7	.533	3-3	.500	11-13	.458
Michaela Havelkova			7-8				5-5	7-8	.467	2-4	.333	12-13	.480
Tammy Wang				10-4			2-4	10-4	.714	3-3	.500	12-8	.600
Jennifer Howard					5-9		3-7	5-9	.357	1-5	.167	8-16	.333
Brandi Watts						10-4	3-7	10-4	.714	2-4	.333	13-11	.542
Totals	9-6	8-7	7-8	10-4	5-9	10-4	18-38	49-38	.563	14-22	.389	66-68	.493
Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.			
Havelkova/Vladea	12-3				12-3	.800	4-2	.667	12-3	.800			
Howard/Wang		3-7		0-2	3-7	.300	2-3	.400	3-9	.250			
Thomas/Watts			11-4	0-2	11-4	.733	2-4	.500	11-6	.647			
Totals	12-3	4-11	11-4	0-4	26-14	.650	8-9	.471	26-18	.591			



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September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams
- 29-30 **Lady Northern Invitational**

October

- 1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

- 12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams
- 27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
8th of 15 teams
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
- 27-29 **Big Ten Championship**

Home tournaments in **bold** are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the University of Minnesota



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Minnesota at Hawkeye Invitational
April 14-15, Iowa City, Iowa

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Gophers Travel to Iowa for Hawkeye Invitational

The Minnesota women's golf team travels to Iowa City, Iowa, this weekend, to compete in the 2001 Hawkeye Invitational. The 54-hole tournament will be contested on the Finkbine Golf Course and played at a par of 73 and a yardage of 6,000 yards. The teams will play 36 holes on Saturday, followed by 18 holes on Sunday. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Three other Big Ten schools will join Minnesota and host Iowa in the 12-team field: Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Non-conference teams competing are Arkansas-Little Rock; Eastern Michigan; Iowa State; Kansas; Minnesota State, Mankato; Northern Iowa and Quincy

Gophers Place Ninth in Hawaii Tournament

Minnesota carded its best round in the final round of the Indiana Invitational but was only able to move up to eighth place in the team standings. The Golden Gophers posted a team score of 313 on Sunday, nine strokes better than their second round total, to finish with a team score of 963. Michigan State outdistanced its nearest competitor by 11 strokes to win the team crown with a score of 922.

Senior **Katie Bakken (Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park)** was the only Gopher to finish in the top 20 individuals, placing 20th with a total of 238 with rounds of 83, 77 and 78. Junior **Cindy Cannon (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)** recorded the Gophers' lowest round, a 1-over par 75 in the final round, to jump from a tie for 44th place to finish in a tie for 29th at 241.

Michigan State's Emily Bastel captured medalist honors with a 1-over par 223.

The Indiana Invitational

Indiana Women's Golf Invitational
Indiana University Golf Course, Bloomington, Ind.
Par 74 - 6,134 Yards

Finish	Team	Score	
1.	Michigan State	314-313-295	922
2.	Kent State	312-317-304	933
3.	Northwestern	317-318-304	939
4.	Ohio State	316-312-312	940
5.	Indiana	309-319-315	943
6.	Michigan	322-321-315	958
7.	Missouri	327-318-317	962
8.	Minnesota	328-322-313	963
9.	Wisconsin	329-319-316	964
10.	Kansas	335-328-319	982
11.	Ohio	330-328-327	985
12.	S. Illinois	338-332-318	988
13.	Notre Dame	339-337-317	993
14.	Iowa	345-327-329	1,001
15.	Illinois State	352-344-328	1,024

Top Three Individuals

1.	Emily Bastel (Mich. St.)	74-73-76	223
2.	Martina Gillen (Kent)	77-73-75	225
3.	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	77-78-71	226.

Minnesota Golfers

20	Katie Bakken	83-77-78	238
t29	Cindy Cannon	81-85-75	241
t29	Karyn Stordahl	85-77-79	241
t36	Jenny Bruun	79-83-82	244
t68	Megan Stier	90-86-81	257

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tourn.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	9	23	1,800	78.26	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	9	23	1,803	78.39	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	9	23	1,817	79.00	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	4	10	806	80.60	77 (Rainbow)	T-34th (M. Fossum)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	9	23	1,828	79.48	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	9	23	1,806	78.52	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80—80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78—239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78—238	20

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79—236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82—244	t36

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78—234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75—241	t29

Marilee Dahlman — has not competed

Kristin Dooley — has not competed

Angela Kippley — has not competed

Laura Krumenauer — has not competed

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77—241	*t52

Julie Skavanger — has not competed

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80—230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81—257	t68

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81—237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79—241	t29

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84—252	81

Arminda Yutuc — has not competed

* Competed as an individual



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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	
27-28	at Drake Relays	
28	at Macalester Invitational	

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2 at NCAA Championships

Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at Drake Jim Duncan Invitational
Saturday, April 14
Des Moines, Iowa

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This Week

Minnesota travels to Des Moines, Iowa to compete in the Jim Duncan Invitational.

Review: Texas Relays

At the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas on April 5-7, junior **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** ran a personal best of 1:01.75 in the 400-meter hurdles to place 21st in the competition. Marks' run raises her from the seventh spot to the sixth spot on the school's top performers list. She also placed eighth with a personal best leap of 40-0 3/4 in the triple jump. The jump placed Marks fourth on the school's all-time performers list.

On the final day of competition, junior **Victoria Moses (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)** finished fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:07.41. Moses' run was the highest finish of any member of the Minnesota women's track and field team at the Texas Relays. Senior **Corinne Nimtzt (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** finished eighth in the 5,000 running a time of 17:24.41.

Senior **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)** led the throwers at the meet with a sixth-place finish in the discus with a throw of 155-5. Meyer also finished 16th in the hammer throw competition, just two spots ahead of senior **Angela Hill (Poplar Bluff, Mo./Poplar Bluff)**.

The Minnesota women's 4x400-meter relay team consisting of junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)**, junior **Jessica Mittelstadt (Mankato, Minn./Mankato West)**, **Marks** and junior **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** ran a time of 3:44.56, placing them 11th in the meet and fourth on the school's all-time performers list. The 4x800 relay team consisting of **Shuster**, sophomore **Tanna-Marie Simmons (St. Louis Park, Minn./ St. Louis Park)**, sophomore **Anita Menden (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** and junior **Jenny Moylan (New Brighton, Minn./New Brighton)** placed 8th with a time of 9:04.56, placing them tenth on the school's top performers list.

Review: Hamline

First year student **Rachael Schultz (Hatings, Minn./Hastings)** won the 200 and 400 at the Hamline University Invitational on Saturday, April 7. Schultz ran 26.83 seconds and 59.28 seconds in the events, respectively.

Gopher throwers dominated the meet grabbing first in the shot, discus and hammer throw. New-comer **Alean Frawely (Spring Lake Park, Minn./Spring Lake Park)** won the hammer throw with a throw of 128-11 and the shot with a mark of 44-9 3/4. Sophomore Heidi Crabtree captured the discus title with a toss of 133-5.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	23rd	10:54.12	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	30th	10:59.96	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	18th	15.14 (49-8 1/4)	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	14.90

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Shuster Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Golden Gopher sprinter **Jessica Shuster** (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn) was named the Big Ten Conference Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, March 27 for the first time in her career. **Shuster**, a junior, helped the Minnesota women's track and field team to a second-place finish at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational on March 24. She won the 800-meter run with a personal-best clocking of 2 minutes, 10.59 seconds, a time that ranks as the sixth-fastest in school history. Shuster also ran a leg of the winning 4x400-meter relay that posted the fifth-fastest time in Minnesota history at 3:44.66.

Steeplechase Expertise

Junior **Victoria Moses** and senior **Elaine Eggleston** (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) both provisionally qualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the UC Irvine's Spring Break Invitational, running 10:54.12 and 10:59.96, respectively. The 3,000 steeplechase, a first time NCAA outdoor track and field event for women, has a provisional qualifying time of 11:10.00 and an automatic qualifying time of 10:20.00.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Golden Gophers are on the road in Southern California. They'll compete at the Pamona Invitational on Friday, April 20, at the Long Beach Invitational on Saturday, April 21 and the Mt. SAC Relays on Friday-Sunday, April 20-22

Trackwire 25

April 2, 2001

Team	Score
1. USC	78
2. UCLA	75
3. BYU	44
4. South Carolina	37
5. LSU	36
6. Arizona	35
7. Clemson	29
Arkansas	29
9. Texas	24
10. Colorado	23
11. Florida	22
12. Harvard	21
13. Georgia	19
14. SMU	18
15. Nebraska	16
16. California	15
Kansas State	15
18. UTEP	14
Rice	14
20. Missouri	13
Illinois	13
22. Oregon	12
23. Colorado State	11
24. Ohio State	10
Auburn	10
Idaho	10
Mississippi State	10
Alabama	10

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:10.59	3/24/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
6. Shani Marks	1:01.75	4/5/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

Pole Vault

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
2. Erika Findlay	11- 7 3/4	3.55	3/24/01
3. Monica Stearns	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01
Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Victoria Moses	10:54.12	3/24/01
2. Elaine Eggleston	10:59.96	3/24/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
3. Angie Hill	178- 1	54.28	3/24/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
5. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
6. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01



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Golden Gopher Sports News

April 16, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- Minnesota competes at the Lady Buckeye Invitational at Ohio State

Gymnasts

- Junior MaryAnne Kelley will represent the Gophers at the NCAA Championships, hosted by Georgia

Rowing

- Minnesota competes at the Midwest Rowing Championship

Softball

- Minnesota hosts nonconference doubleheaders against Northern Iowa and Concordia-St. Paul before travelling to Illinois

Tennis

- The Gophers take on Wisconsin and Iowa on the road

Track and Field

- The Gophers travel to California for the Mt. SAC Relays, the Pomona Invitational and the Long Beach Invitational

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- Megan Stier leads the Gophers at the Hawkeye Invitational by placing 20th individually

Softball

- The Gophers break their seven-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over Michigan State

Track and Field

- Erika Findlay ties the school record in the pole vault at the Jim Duncan Invitational
- Aubrey Schmitt and Amy Netland take first and second place, respectively, in the discus at Drake's Jim Duncan Invitational

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Tuesday, April 17

SB hosts Northern Iowa (2) 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

SB hosts Concordia-St. Paul (2) 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

GM at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

Friday, April 20

GM at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

TF at Mt. SAC Relays and Pomona Invitational

TN at Wisconsin 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

GF at Lady Buckeye Invitational (Columbus, Ohio)

GM at NCAA Championships (Athens, Ga.)

RW at Midwest Rowing Championships all day
(Madison, Wis.)

SB at Illinois 2 p.m.

TF at Mt. SAC Relays and Long Beach Invitational

TN at Iowa 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

GF at Lady Buckeye Invitational

SB at Illinois 1 p.m.

TF at Mt. SAC Relays

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2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 24-18-1 Big Ten: 3-9

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic (6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)**
 17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
 18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.) (4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
 28 at San Diego State Rained Out

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.) (2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
 9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.) (3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
 24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.) (2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
 27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
 28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
 30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
 31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
 6 at Northwestern* L, 5-0; L, 2-1
 7 at Iowa* L, 2-1
 8 at Iowa* L, 2-0 (8)
 11 Wis.-Green Bay Rained Out
 13 Michigan* L, 1-0; L, 2-1
 14 Michigan State* L, 1-0
 15 Michigan State* W, 3-1
 17 Northern Iowa (2) 3 p.m.
 18 Concordia-St. Paul (2) 4 p.m.
 21 at Illinois* 2 p.m.
 22 at Illinois* 1 p.m.
 25 Drake (2) 4 p.m.
 27 Penn State (2)* 2 p.m.
 28 Ohio State* 6 p.m.
 29 Ohio State* 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
 5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
 6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
 10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
 17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
 23-28 NCAA Women's College World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

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2001 Minnesota Softball



Northern Iowa (2), April 17, 3 p.m.
 Concordia (St. Paul) (2), April 18, 4 p.m.
 at Illinois (1-1), April 21-22, 2-1 p.m., Champaign, Ill.
All home games at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium

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The University of Minnesota softball team will play two non-conference doubleheaders at home this week before playing its final two Big Ten games away from home. The Gophers will play Northern Iowa on Tuesday and Concordia (St. Paul) on Wednesday before heading to Illinois for single games Saturday and Sunday. Minnesota (24-18-1, 3-9 Big Ten) dropped two games to Michigan and split with Michigan State to open its home season at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium. The Gophers will play six of their final eight Big Ten games and 12 of their final 16 overall games at home.

Schedule Changes

Minnesota added a doubleheader on its spring break trip to make up for games lost in San Diego and West Lafayette, Ind. The Gophers played Indiana State in a non-conference doubleheader on Wednesday, March 28, and swept the Sycamores by scores of 6-1 and 2-1. Minnesota has also postponed its home doubleheader with Concordia-St. Paul. The two games, originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m., will now be played Wednesday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

Big Ten Update

Michigan extended its lead in the Big Ten race to three games over Iowa and Ohio State. If the season ended today, the six teams at .500 or above would qualify for the Big Ten Tournament. Newcomer Illinois is in fourth place after a four-game sweep of Northwestern and Iowa in Champaign last weekend. Minnesota is three games behind sixth-place Penn State for the final tournament berth.

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	April 20 (DH)	April 21-22
Michigan	10-0	1.000	27-11-1	at Penn State	at Ohio State
Iowa	7-3	.700	30-9	Purdue	Indiana
Ohio State	7-3	.700	30-12	Michigan State	Michigan
Illinois	7-5	.583	39-17	Wisconsin	Minnesota
Wisconsin	6-6	.500	24-18	at Illinois	OFF
Penn State	5-5	.500	25-17	Michigan	Michigan State
Northwestern	4-6	.400	13-17	Indiana	Purdue
Michigan State	4-6	.400	17-29	at Ohio State	at Penn State
Purdue	4-8	.333	27-18-1	at Iowa	at Northwestern
Minnesota	3-9	.250	24-18-1	OFF	at Illinois
Indiana	3-9	.250	13-28	at Northwestern	at Iowa

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.246	3	14	.207 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.323	14	31	.053 BA, 1 RBI
SS	Shelly Nichols	.267	16	18	.212 BA, 4 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.272	17	6	.154 BA, 4 runs
LF	Veronica Roberts	.208	10	8	.091 BA, 2 RBI
CF	Tammi Hays	.328	28	3	.343 BA, 4 runs
RF	Morgan Holden	.273	4	6	.207 BA, 3 RBI
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
DP	Anne Thul	.255	7	2	.320 BA, 2 runs
P	Angie Recknor	.204	4	8	.227 BA, 1 run
P	Piper Marten	.267	2	3	.222 BA, 1 RBI
Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	15-10	1.03	183	1-5, 1.66 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	7-7	1.18	73	2-4, 1.29 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often continues to be a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 19 of the 43 games it has played and has an 16-2-1 record when it does score first, including a 12-1 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 8-16 when the opposition scores first. Minnesota has rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 24-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 0-17-1 when they score one run or fewer, including 11 shutouts.

Minnesota Individual Notes

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 15 of Minnesota's 24 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (38), innings pitched (163), strikeouts (183) and opponent batting average (.169). **Marten** is third on Minnesota's single-season list, just three shy of second place.

Minnesota Single-Season Strikeout Leaders

1. Angie Recknor	227	2000
2. Jennifer Johnson	186	1996
3. Piper Marten	183	2001

Sophomore pitcher **Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins)** has been Minnesota's leading pitcher in Big Ten games. She has two of Minnesota three wins and has a 1.29 earned run average in 38 innings pitched. For her career, **Recknor** is 32-33 with a 1.68 ERA and 300 strikeouts in 428 innings.

Minnesota Career Strikeout Leaders

1. Jennifer Johnson	528	1993-97
2. Steph Klaviter	413	1996-99
3. Angie Recknor	300	2000-C

Junior outfielder **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** leads Minnesota in hits (42), runs (28), and stolen bases (13), and is second on the team with a .399 on-base percentage. Hays leads Minnesota in Big Ten play with a .343 batting average, 12 hits, four stolen bases and is tied for the team lead with four runs scored.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 343-248-2 (.580). In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 232-124-1 (.651), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is nine wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 103-66-1 (.609) as a co-head coach and 188-106-1 (.639) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Weekend Review

Michigan defeated Minnesota by scores of 1-0 and 2-1 in a Big Ten doubleheader Friday at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium. The Wolverines scored the only run of the opening game in the third inning on a Minnesota throwing error. Michigan pitcher Marissa Young threw a three-hitter, outdueling Minnesota's **Angie Recknor**, who pitched the first six innings, allowing five hits and an unearned run. Minnesota broke a 20-inning scoreless streak with a run in the top of the first inning of the second game. With one out, **Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono)** walked and stole second. Fisk advanced to third on a

Michigan throwing error and scored on a single by **Shelly Nichols (Austin, Texas/Stephen F. Austin)**. Michigan tied the game in the bottom of the frame and won the game with a run in the third inning. Minnesota moved the tying run to third base with two out in the fifth inning, but failed to score in its final serious threat.

Michigan State made a run in the top of the first inning stand up to defeat Minnesota, 1-0, on Saturday night at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium. With two out in the opening inning, Spartan center fielder Shealee Dunavan scored the game's only run on a single by Tiffany Wallace. Minnesota's best chance to score was in the fifth inning, but the Gophers left the bases loaded. Minnesota left seven runners on base in the game. Sunday, Minnesota rallied from a 1-0 deficit with three runs in the final two innings to defeat Michigan State, 3-1. Minnesota fell behind 1-0 in the fifth inning after allowing an unearned run. The Gophers scored two runs in the sixth inning to take a 2-1 lead. **Tammi Hays** led off the inning with a single and stole second. **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** followed with a single to left-center to score Hays and tie the score, 1-1. **Anne Thul (St. Francis, Minn./St. Francis)** sacrificed pinch-runner **Meagan Hautala (Greendale, Wis./Greendale)** to second base and reached on a Michigan State fielding error. After a fielder's choice, **Thul** advanced to third on a sacrifice by **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** and scored on a single by **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)**. The Gophers added an insurance run in the seventh inning. **Fisk** singled and moved to third base with one out on a Michigan State error. With two out, **Piper Marten** singled up the middle to score **Fisk**. Michigan State loaded the bases with two out in the bottom of the seventh, but Holden's running catch deep in the right-field corner saved the game for Minnesota.

About Northern Iowa (19-24, 8-9 Missouri Valley)

The Panthers lost three one-run games to Wichita State last weekend to fall to 8-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference standings. Northern Iowa is 0-3 against Big Ten teams, including a 10-1 loss to Minnesota earlier this season at the Metrodome Softball Classic. Northern Iowa's last wins came in a doubleheader sweep of Bradley on April 10.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 21-7. The Gophers have won the four games over the past two years by a combined score of 28-4.

About Concordia (St. Paul) (10-7, 0-0 Northern Sun)

The Golden Bears will open Northern Sun play at home against Winona State on Tuesday before playing the Gophers on Wednesday. Concordia (St. Paul) lost a doubleheader against UW-Stout last Tuesday in its last games.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 12-1. The Gophers swept the Golden Bears by scores of 4-0 and 5-0 last season.

About Illinois (39-17, 7-5 Big Ten)

Illinois is in great shape to qualify for the Big Ten Tournament in its first year of conference play. Illinois swept Northwestern and Iowa in four games by a combined score of 16-4, including two shutouts of the 12th-ranked Hawkeyes, to improve to 7-5 in league play and claim sole possession of fourth place in the Big Ten standings. Illinois will play Wisconsin and Minnesota this weekend and travel to Purdue and Indiana next weekend to conclude conference play.

The Series — **First Meeting.**

Up Next

The Gophers return home for a six-game homestand at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium next week. Minnesota hosts a non-conference doubleheader against Drake on Wednesday, April 25, at 4 p.m., and a Big Ten doubleheader against Penn State on Friday, April 27, at 2 p.m. Minnesota will host Ohio State for single games on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, at 1 p.m.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)		
March 9	L, 3-0	Nebraska
	L, 3-0	Creighton
March 10	W, 8-1	Buffalo
	W, 3-1	Drake
	W, 3-0	Missouri-Kansas City

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	W, 4-3	Loyola (Ill.)
	W, 9-0 (6)	Toledo

March 27 W, 3-1 at IUPUI
W, 3-0 at IUPUI

March 28 W, 6-1 at Indiana State
W, 2-1 at Indiana State

March 30 L, 10-0 (5) at Purdue
W, 5-0 at Purdue

March 31 L, 2-0 at Indiana
April 1 W, 6-5 at Indiana

April 6 L, 5-0 at Northwestern
L, 2-1 at Northwestern

April 7 L, 2-1 at Iowa
April 8 L, 2-0 (8) at Iowa

April 11 **Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay**
Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay

April 13 L, 1-0 Michigan
L, 2-1 Michigan

April 14 L, 1-0 Michigan State
April 15 W, 3-1 Michigan State

April 17 3 p.m. Northern Iowa
Northern Iowa

April 18 4 p.m. Concordia-St. Paul
Concordia-St. Paul

April 21 2 p.m. at Illinois
April 22 1 p.m. at Illinois

April 25 4 p.m. Drake
Drake

April 27 2 p.m. Penn State
Penn State

April 28 6 p.m. Ohio State
April 29 1 p.m. Ohio State

May 1 1 p.m. at Wis.-Green Bay
at Wis.-Green Bay

May 5 6 p.m. Wisconsin
May 6 1 p.m. Wisconsin

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Overall:	24-18-1	Big Ten:	3-9
Home:	1-3	Home:	1-3
Away:	6-8-1	Away:	2-6
Neutral:	17-7		
vs. Top 25:	1-5		

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W	194.275-192.250
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L	195.625-194.850
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd		
	#11 Michigan		196.200
	#21 Iowa		194.100
	#9 Minnesota		193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W	194.825-193.125

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L	197.425-195.775
10	Best of Minnesota	1st	
	#11 Minnesota		195.525
	Winona State		182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus		179.900
	Hamline		177.800
16	#9 Iowa State		196.150
	#17 Oklahoma		195.375
	#10 Minnesota		195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W	196.525-196.150

March

2	#16 at Boise State	L	197.050-196.050
10	#15 vs. Arizona	W	196.850-194.675
17	#13 at Auburn	W	194.850-192.525
24	at Big Ten Championships 3rd		
	#15 Minnesota		195.750
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)		

April

7	at NCAA Regionals	3rd	
	#16 Minnesota		195.800
19-21	at NCAA Championships		
	(Athens, Ga.)		

GymInfo National Ranking

(April 9 — By Regional Score)

1.	Alabama	198.000
2.	Georgia	197.775
3.	UCLA	197.775
4.	Michigan	197.225
5.	Stanford	196.725
6.	Florida	196.650
7.	Louisiana State	196.300
8.	Nebraska	196.200
9.	Arizona State	195.950
10.	Maryland	195.850
11.	Minnesota	195.800
12.	Oklahoma	195.225
13.	Kentucky	195.150
14.	Ohio State	194.925
15.	Arizona	194.825
16.	Penn State	194.775
17.	George Washington	194.675
18.	Washington	194.450
19.	New Hampshire	194.225
20.	Oregon State	194.075
21.	Utah	194.075
22.	Denver	193.900
23.	Iowa	193.775
24.	North Carolina State	193.500
25.	Iowa State	193.375



Women's Gymnastics 2001

#16 Minnesota at NCAA Championships
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MaryAnne Kelley Set to Compete in All Around at NCAA Championships

The University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team will be represented by junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** in the all around competition of the NCAA Championships, Thursday-Saturday, in Athens, Ga. **Kelley** will compete in the evening session on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Stogeman Coliseum. The championship is being hosted by the University of Georgia.

The NCAA Championship

Twelve teams, the top two from each of the regional championships, will compete on Thursday for the right to advance to the Super Six competition on Friday. The 12 teams are split into two sessions on Thursday. The top three teams from each session will earn passage to the Super Six. The national team champion will be crowned on Friday. The top four competitors on each apparatus, including all ties, will advance to Saturday's finals on the individual events. The all around champion will be determined on Thursday.

Kelley's Trip to the NCAAs

MaryAnne Kelley earned her way to the NCAA Championships by placing fourth at the NCAA Central Regional Championship with a score of 39.125 in the all around. In addition to the teams qualified for the NCAA Championships, the top 12 all arounders, the top two from each regional who were not part of qualifying teams, advanced to the national meet. **Kelley** and Ohio State's Lindsey Vagedes are the individual all around gymnasts heading to the NCAAs from the Central Regional.

More on MaryAnne

MaryAnne Kelley is the second Golden Gopher gymnast to qualify individually for the NCAA Championships since 1990. Last year, **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** competed in the all around at the national meet and placed 25th.

Kelley was honored as the 2001 NCAA North Central Region Gymnast of the Year. She led the Gophers to a pair of third-place finishes at the Big Ten and NCAA Central Regional and earlier in the season, to the top two team scores in Minnesota history (196.850 vs. Arizona/196.525 vs. Iowa State). **Kelley** earned All-Big Ten honors in both the floor exercise and the all-around.

When it comes to the best all around performers in Minnesota history, **Kelley** is in a class by herself. She owns eight of the top 12 best all around scores in Gopher history, including the record of 39.525 set in a meet at Stanford on Feb. 2. She owns a share of the school record in floor exercise with a 9.95 and ranks second on bars, fifth on beam and sixth on vault.

Regional Championship Review

Minnesota ended its season with a third-place finish at the NCAA Central Region Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on April 7. The Golden Gophers, making their sixth consecutive appearance at regionals, posted a score of 195.800 trailing regional champion Alabama (198.000) and runner-up Arizona State (195.950). Alabama and Arizona State advanced to the NCAA Championships.

As expected, the battle for the second spot for the national meet came down to Minnesota and Arizona State. The Gophers bettered the Sun Devils on just one apparatus, vault, where Minnesota outscored Arizona State, 48.650-48.500. The teams both scored 49.100 on the uneven bars, but Arizona State outscored Minnesota on both the balance beam (49.200-48.975) and floor exercise (49.150-49.075).

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** paced the Gophers with fourth-place showings in the all around with a score of 39.125 and the floor exercise with a 9.90. Alabama's Jeana Rice won the all around with a 39.650, winning the floor with a 9.975 and placing in the top three in the other three events.

First-year gymnast **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** topped the Gophers on the bars, placing in a tie for fifth with a score of 9.90. Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** and junior **Megan Beuckens** tied for sixth on the beam with scores of 9.850, while sophomore **Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** was the Gophers' leader on vault tying for ninth place with a score of 9.80.

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 11-6 Big Ten: 3-5

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State* W, 7-0
25 Michigan* W, 5-2
30 at South Florida W, 5-2

April

7 at Indiana* L, 6-1
8 at Purdue* W, 4-3
13 Northwestern* L, 6-1
15 Illinois* L, 6-1
20 at Wisconsin* 3 p.m.
21 at Iowa* 11 a.m.
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
@ at Marquette
at Maryland

No team scores during fall competition.

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Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Minnesota at Wisconsin—Friday, April 20, 3 p.m.

Minnesota at Iowa—Saturday, April 21, 1 p.m.

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About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota's record dropped to 11-6 after losing both matches over the weekend. The Gophers fell 6-1 on Friday at the hands of No. 10 Northwestern and again lost 6-1 on Sunday to No. 29 Illinois. After the losses, the Gophers are now 3-5 in the Big Ten.

Against Northwestern, Minnesota's **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park)** won her singles match at the No. 2 spot and scored the only point for Minnesota. Thomas defeated Lia Jackson and improved her record to 12-13 for the season. In doubles play, Northwestern won all three matches to win the point.

Against Illinois, Minnesota's No. 1 doubles pair of **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central)** and **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X. Saldy)** cruised past Simone Kung and Michelle Webb by a score of 8-1. However, Illinois won the doubles point by winning at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions.

In singles, the lone Minnesota point in the match came from senior captain **Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island)** who defeated Tiffany Eklov in straight sets.

About The Opponents

Wisconsin has lost its past three matches to conference foes Indiana, Illinois and Northwestern. The Badgers were ranked in the national polls earlier this season but have since dropped out. In Big Ten play, they hold a 2-6 record. Last year, the Gophers swept the Badgers 7-0 in Minnesota.

Iowa is coming off two wins this past weekend, defeating Michigan State and Michigan. The Hawkeyes are 10-8 overall and 4-4 in the Big Ten. The Gophers hold a commanding lead over Iowa with a 30-12 all-time record.

The National Ranking

The Golden Gophers are currently No. 66 in the latest national ranking, released April 11. Minnesota is one of seven Big Ten Conference teams listed among the nation's top 75 teams. Northwestern leads the way at No. 10, followed by Ohio State at No. 27 and Illinois at No. 29. Rounding out the conference teams: Iowa (33), Indiana (44), Penn State (58), Minnesota (66).

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

Up Next

The Big Ten Championships begin on April 26 and run through the 29th at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	9-8						1-1	9-8	.529	3-5	.375	10-9	.526
Amy Thomas		9-8					3-6	9-8	.529	4-4	.500	12-14	.462
Michaela Havelkova			7-10				5-5	7-10	.412	2-6	.250	12-15	.444
Tammy Wang				11-5			2-4	11-5	.688	4-4	.500	13-9	.591
Jennifer Howard					5-10		3-7	5-10	.333	1-6	.167	8-17	.320
Brandi Watts					0-1	10-4	3-7	10-5	.667	2-5	.286	13-12	.520
Andrea Rose						0-1	1-8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-9	.100
Totals	9-8	9-8	7-10	11-5	5-11	10-5	18-38	51-47	.520	16-31	.340	69-85	.448

Doubles By Team	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	13-4				13-4	.765	5-3	.625	13-4	.765
Howard/Wang		3-9		0-2	3-9	.250	2-5	.286	3-11	.214
Thomas/Watts			11-6	0-2	11-6	.647	2-6	.250	11-8	.579
Totals	13-4	4-13	11-6	0-4	27-19	.587	9-14	.391	27-23	.540

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tourn.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	310	310	324	-	944	8th of 12	Megan Stier	312.23

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	10	26	2,037	78.35	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	10	26	2,044	78.62	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	10	26	2,051	78.88	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	5	13	1,042	80.15	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	10	26	2,061	79.27	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	10	26	2,052	78.92	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80—80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78—239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78—238	20
Hawkeye Invitational	78-72-84—237	t28

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79—236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82—244	t36
Hawkeye Invitational	79-79-83—241	t37

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78—234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-79—234	22

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77—241	*t52
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-80—236	*t26

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80—230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81—257	t68
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-78—233	t20

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81—237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	78-82-86—246	48

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84—252	81

* Competed as an individual



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11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams

23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams

29-30 Lady Northern Invitational

October

**1 Lady Northern Invitational
3rd of 16 teams**

9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams

23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams

27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
8th of 15 teams

14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
8th of 12 teams

21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)

27-29 Big Ten Championship

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**2001 Big Ten Women's Golf
Championship
April 27-29, 2001
Les Bolstad Golf Course
Hosted by the
University of Minnesota**



**2000-01 Minnesota
Women's Golf**

Minnesota at Lady Buckeye Invitational
April 21-22, Columbus, Ohio

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Gophers Travel Lady Buckeye in Final Tuneup for Big Ten Tournament

The Minnesota women's golf team travels to Columbus, Ohio, Saturday-Sunday, to compete in the Lady Buckeye Invitational. The meet is the Golden Gophers' final tuneup for the Big Ten Conference Championships, April 27-29, hosted by Minnesota. The 54-hole Lady Buckeye Invitational will be contested on the University Scarlet Course at a par of 72 and a yardage of 6,037 yards.

Five other Big Ten schools will join Minnesota and host Ohio State in the 16-team field: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan State, Northwestern and Wisconsin. Non-conference teams competing are Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Furman, Kent State, Ohio, Stetson, Toledo, William & Mary and Xavier.

Gophers Place Eighth at Hawkeye Invitational

The Golden Gopher women's golf team struggled in the final round of the Hawkeye Invitational and finished eighth in the 12-team field. Michigan easily outdistanced the field, bettering second-place Indiana by 17 strokes, to capture the team title.

Minnesota shot rounds of 310 in both the first and second rounds, but tallied a 324 in the final round to finish at 944.

Junior **Megan Stier (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)** was the top Gopher individual finisher, placing in a tie for 20th with a total of 233 after rounds of 77, 78 and 78. Junior **Cindy Cannon (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)** finished in 22nd place with rounds of 77, 78 and 79 for 234.

There was a four-way tie for medalist honors with Kim Benedict of Michigan winning on a second-hole playoff. Benedict, Michigan's Le Anna Wicks, Eastern Michigan's Kelly Pickett and Illinois State's Noel Jacobusse tied at 4-over par 223.

The Hawkeye Invitational

Finkbine Golf Course — Iowa City, Iowa
Par 73 — 6,000 Yards

Finish	Team	Score	
1.	Michigan	299-302-301	902
2.	Indiana	297-311-311	919
3.	Iowa	305-303-312	920
	Iowa State	308-307-305	920
5.	Eastern Michigan	309-300-323	932
6.	Ark.-Little Rock	320-300-319	939
7.	Wisconsin	318-310-324	941
8.	Minnesota	310-310-324	944
9.	Kansas	316-313-319	948
10.	Northern Iowa	317-319-314	950
11.	Quincy	346-358-351	1055
12.	MSU Mankato	357-351-370	1078

Top Four Individuals

1.	Kim Benedict (Michigan)	72-74-76	223
2.	Le Anna Wicks (Michigan)	76-74-73	223
	Kelly Pickett (E. Michigan)	72-71-80	223
	Noel Jacobusse (Iowa State)	76-72-75	223

Minnesota Golfers

t20	Megan Stier	77-78-78	233
22	Cindy Cannon	77-78-79	234
t26	Karen Quintelier	77-79-80	236 *Individual
t28	Katie Bakken	78-75-84	237
t37	Jenny Bruun	79-79-83	241
48	Karyn Stordahl	78-82-86	246



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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	
27-28	at Drake Relays	
28	at Macalester Invitational	

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at Mt. SAC Relays, Pomona-Pitzer Invitational
& Long Beach State Invitational
Friday-Sunday, April 20-22
Southern California

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This Week

Minnesota travels to Southern California to compete at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational on Friday, April 20, at the Long Beach State Invitational on Saturday, April 21 and the Mt. SAC Relays on Friday-Sunday, April 20-22.

Review: Jim Duncan Invitational

Sophomore **Erika Findlay (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater)** tied the school's pole vaulting record and took first place with a vault of 12-feet and 3/4-inch (3.68m) at the Jim Duncan Invitational in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday, April 14. **Findlay** tied **Christine Gulbrandsen's** vault from the 2000 outdoor season. Newcomer **Monica Stearns (Wadena, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek)** captured second in the event with a career high vault of 10-11 3/4 (3.35m). The vault places her third on the school's top ten performers list.

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** and first year student **Amy Netland (Bagley, Minn./Bagley)** went one-two in the discus, throwing 162-9 (49.60m) and 145-4 (44.30m), respectively. Sophomore **Heidi Crabtree (New Richland, Minn./New Richland)** claimed fourth place in the event with a throw of 137-5 (41.90m).

In the 400-meter dash newcomer **Rachael Schutz (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** placed second with a personal best run of 58.88 seconds. First year student **Jessica Mittelstadt (Mankato, Minn./Mankato West)** placed third in the event with a time of 59.41 seconds. **Mittelstadt** also ran a personal best in the 200 with a time of 25.80 seconds.

Shuster Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Golden Gopher sprinter **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn)** was named the Big Ten Conference Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, March 27 for the first time in her career. **Shuster**, a junior, helped the Minnesota women's track and field team to a second-place finish at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational on March 24. She won the 800-meter run with a personal-best clocking of 2 minutes, 10.59 seconds, a time that ranks as the sixth-fastest in school history. **Shuster** also ran a leg of the winning 4x400-meter relay that posted the fifth-fastest time in Minnesota history at 3:44.66.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers travel to Des Moines, Iowa to compete in the Drake Relays on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	23rd	10:54.12	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	30th	10:59.96	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	18th	15.14 (49-8 1/4)	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	14.90

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Trackwire 25

April 10, 2001

Team	Score
1. USC	75
2. UCLA	65
3. South Carolina	42
Arizona	42
BYU	42
6. LSU	34
7. Texas	32
8. Clemson	29
9. Arkansas	27
10. Colorado	22
11. Harvard	21
12. California	17
Georgia	17
14. Rice	16
15. Illinois	15
Idaho	15
17. UTEP	14
Florida	14
Georgetown	14
SMU	14
Auburn	14
22. Missouri	13
Oregon	13
Kansas State	13
25. Nebraska	12

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at
<http://trackwire.rivals.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:10.59	3/24/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
6. Shani Marks	1:01.75	4/5/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

Pole Vault

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
Erika Findlay	12- 0 3/4	3.68	4/14/01
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	4/14/01
4. Dalec Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Victoria Moses	10:54.12	3/24/01
2. Elaine Eggleston	10:59.96	3/24/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
3. Angie Hill	178- 1	54.28	3/24/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears,</i>	3:43.16	2000
<i>Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>		
5. Jessica Shuster, Jessica	3:44.64	4/5/01
Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day		
6. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks,	3:44.66	3/24/01
Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day		

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
- 14 at Lemon Head Regatta
 Novice 8+ – 2nd
 Novice 4+ – 4th
- 21-22 at Head of the Charles
 Club 8+ – 6th
- 29 at Head of the Iowa
 Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
 Open 4+ – 12th
 Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
 Open 8+ – 4th

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational cancelled
 31 scrimmage at Texas

April

- 14 vs. Creighton cancelled
 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
 (Madison, Wis.)
- 28 at Big Ten Championships
 (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

May

- 12-13 at Central Region Champ.
 (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Home events in bold
 Schedule is subject to change

US Rowing/CRCA Poll

Women's Division I Varsity Eights
 April 11, 2001

Team (1st-Place Votes)	Points
1. Brown (17)	450
2. Southern California (6)	434
3. Washington	405
4. Princeton	404
5. Michigan	350
6. Harvard	347
7. Syracuse	313
8. Virginia	280
9. Ohio State	277
10. Cal-Berkeley	257
11. Iowa	209
12. Yale	195
13. Boston Univ.	175
14. Rutgers	168
15. Clemson	135
16. Notre Dame	100
17. Wisconsin	93
18. Texas	58
19. Michigan State	51
20. Washington State	26
Pennsylvania	26

Rowing 2000-01



at Midwest Rowing Championships
 Saturday, April 21
 Madison, Wis.

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This Week

The Gophers travel to Madison, Wis., for the Midwest Rowing Championships. Minnesota will be sending four boats to race this weekend. The first and second varsity eight boats will compete, as well as the first and second novice eights. The schedule for Minnesota's races will be as follows:

Boat	Prelims	Finals
1st Novice 8+	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
1st Varsity 8+	10:48 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
2nd Novice 8+	no prelim	12:36 p.m.
2nd Varsity 8+	no prelim	3:48 p.m.

About the Midwest Rowing Championship

The University of Wisconsin has been the site of the Midwest Rowing Championship for the past 28 years. The Wisconsin women have won the first varsity eight race in all but two years since the championship began in 1973.

The course on Lake Wingra is 1,850 meters long, starting at Wingra Park and finishing at Vilas Park.

This year's championship features 28 teams, including five teams that are currently ranked in the top 20 nationally. Big Ten competitors are No. 11 Iowa, No. 17 Wisconsin, No. 19 Michigan State, Minnesota, and Northwestern.

Slow Start to Spring Season

The Gophers will be competing in their first official race of the spring season this weekend. Races have been cancelled twice this spring due to frozen lakes. The Iowa Invitational, scheduled for March 25, was the first cancellation. Last weekend, the race scheduled between Minnesota and Creighton on Lake Phalen in St. Paul was also cancelled.

Fall Season Review

The Golden Gophers won both the Open 8+ and the Open 4+ at the Head of the Mississippi Regatta, Minnesota's debut as a varsity rowing program. Minnesota competed at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, placing sixth in the Club 8+ race. The Golden Gophers also competed at the Head of the Iowa and the Portland Regatta of Champions during the fall season.

Six student-athletes competed in all four varsity competitions during the fall season: **Beth Hornby (Winnipeg, Man./Kelvin)**, **Amber Riopel (Rhineland, Wis./Rhineland)**, **Angela Hedin (Papillion, Neb./Papillion)**, **Erin Streff (Canby, Minn./Canby)**, **Nina Palmer (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** and coxswain **Libby Sharrow (Bloomington, Minn./Kennedy)**.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis is in her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Davis also spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach before being promoted to the head coaching position. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981. Davis is assisted by Kerry O'Keefe and Maggie Romens.

Up Next

Minnesota competes at the Big Ten Championships, hosted by Michigan on April 28, 2001.



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Golden Gopher Sports News

April 23, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- Minnesota hosts the Big Ten Championship at the Les Bolstad Golf Course near the St. Paul campus

Rowing

- Minnesota competes at the Big Ten Championship at Michigan

Softball

- The softball team hosts six games this week; the Gophers take on Drake in a non-conference doubleheader before facing Big Ten opponents Penn State and Ohio State

Tennis

- The Gophers travel to Ohio State for the Big Ten tournament

Track and Field

- The Gophers head to Drake for the annual Drake Relays
- Minnesota will also send a contingent to the Macalester Invitational

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- Jenny Bruun leads the Gopher squad at the Lady Buckeye Invitational with an 18th-place individual finish

Gymnastics

- Junior MaryAnne Kelley earns honorable mention All-America honors on the vault at the NCAA Championships

Softball

- The Gophers win six of the last seven games, including a 1-0 nine-inning win over Illinois on Sunday

Tennis

- Frosh Brandi Watts wins twice over the weekend, earning victories in the matches against Wisconsin and Iowa

Track and Field

- Two Gopher seniors provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships, Corinne Nimtz in the 10,000 meter run and Aubrey Schmitt in the discus

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Wednesday, April 25

SB hosts Drake (2) 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 26

TN at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State) TBA

Friday, April 27

GF hosts Big Ten Championships 8 a.m.

SB hosts Penn State (2) 2 p.m.

TN at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State) TBA

TF at Drake Relays 8 a.m.

Saturday, April 28

GF hosts Big Ten Championships 9 a.m.

SB hosts Ohio State 6 p.m.

RW at Big Ten Championships (Michigan) TBA

TN at Big Ten Championships (Ohio State) TBA

TF at Drake Relays 8 a.m.

TF at Macalester Invitational (St. Paul, MN) TBA

Sunday, April 29

GF hosts Big Ten Championships 8 a.m.

SB hosts Ohio State 1 p.m.

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(Columbus, Ohio)
8th of 16 teams
- 27-29 Big Ten Championship**

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2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Big Ten Conference Women's Golf Championship
April 27-29, Falcon Heights, Minn.

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Gophers Play Host to the 2001 Big Ten Conference Championship

The Minnesota women's golf team will play host to the 2001 Big Ten Conference Women's Golf Championship, Friday-Sunday, at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course. The 72-hole tournament will be contested at a par of 72 and a yardage of 5,979 yards. The teams will play 36 holes on Friday, teeing off the first round at 8 a.m. and the second round at 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, the third round tees off at 9 a.m.. Sunday's final round will begin at 8 a.m. An awards ceremony will follow Sunday's action.

Tournament History

Purdue is the defending champion, easily outdistancing second-place Michigan State by 27 strokes. Three different teams have captured titles in the last three seasons: Indiana in 1998, Ohio State in 1999 and Purdue in 2000. Indiana and Ohio State have won the most titles with seven. The Golden Gophers won its lone title in 1989. All 11 Big Ten schools sponsor women's golf. Of the 11, only Illinois, Iowa, Northwestern and Penn State have not won team crowns. Despite being shutout in team titles, Illinois has had three players capture medalist honors. Indiana has had the most medalists with seven. Minnesota's Kate Hughes won medalist honors in 1988 and 1989.

The Big Ten Women's Golf Champions

Indiana (7)	1986, 87, 90, 92, 95, 96, 98
Ohio State (7)	1983, 84, 85, 88, 93, 97, 99
Minnesota	1989
Michigan State	1992
Iowa	1991
Purdue	2000
Wisconsin	1994



The Gophers in the Big Ten Tournament

The Golden Gophers have a second-place and two third-place finishes to show over the last 10 years. Here are the Gopher finishes in the last decade:

Year	Place	Score	Champion (Score)	Top Gopher (Place/Score)
2000	9th	1,221	Purdue (1,167)	Katie Bakken (11th / 298)
1999	8th	1,289	Ohio State (1,239)	Melanie Lepp (5th / 308)
1998	7th	1,247	Indiana (1,196)	Amy Dahle (t-26 / 311)
1997	5th	1,297	Ohio State (1,246)	Amy Dahle (t-7th / 317)
1996	3rd	969	Indiana (946)	Amy Dahle (5th / 237)
1995	6th	1,286	Indiana (1,240)	Amy Schmiesing (10th / 316)
1994	6th	1,310	Wisconsin (1,254)	Amy Schmiesing (11th / 319)
1993	t3rd	1,250	Ohio State (1,240)	Sara Evens (t-4th / 309)
1992	2nd	1,297	Indiana (1,292)	Sara Evens (3rd / 321)
1991	5th	1,272	Iowa (1,238)	Sara Evers (t-12th / 315)

Five Gophers Have Big Ten Tournament Experience

Katie Bakken, Senior (Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park/California)		
2000 (at Madison, Wis.)	73-72-80-73—298	11th
1999 (at West Lafayette, Ind.)	88-83-85-81—337	t-49th
Jenny Bruun, Senior (Crookston, Minn./Central)		
2000 (at Madison, Wis.)	86-84-81-89—340	62nd
1999 (at West Lafayette, Ind.)	84-86-84-85—339	t-51st
Cindy Cannon, Junior (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)		
2000 (at Madison, Wis.)	78-80-77-75—310	t-37th
Karen Quintelier, First-Year (Monrovia, Calif./LaSalle)		
Megan Stier, Junior (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)		
2000 (at Madison, Wis.)	76-77-83-75—311	t-40th
Karyn Stordahl, Sophomore (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)		
2000 (at Madison, Wis.)	79-75-77-80—311	t-40th

Experienced Field Set to Battle for Medalist Honors

Eight of the top 10 placewinners from the 2000 Big Ten Championship, including medalist Emily Bastel of Michigan State, return to battle for top individual honors in this year's Championship. Bastel posted an even-par score of 288 on Wisconsin's University Ridge Golf Course to capture medalist honors by one stroke over a pair of Purdue golfers, Stacy Orschell and Kari Damron. Damron also returns to the field this season.

Following is a list of top-20 players from a year ago competing in the 2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship:

1.	Emily Bastel (Mich. State)	78-69-71-70—288	E
2.	(tie) Kari Damron (Purdue)	68-73-76-72—289	+1
4.	Katie Fitcher (Penn St.)	72-74-73-72—291	+3
5.	Natalie Tucker (Indiana)	71-77-75-72—295	+7
	Laurin Kanda (Illinois)	73-74-76-72—295	+7
8.	Allie Blomquist (Wisconsin)	74-75-72-75—296	+8
	Kasey Gant (Mich. State)	76-71-74-75—296	+8
	Heather Zelinski (Purdue)	75-74-74-73—296	+8
11.	Katie Bakken (Minnesota)	73-72-80-73—298	+10
12.	Emily Gilley (Northwestern)	76-74-79-72—301	+13
	Andrea Makaukas (Purdue)	80-68-75-78—301	+13
15.	(tie) Natalie Aber (Ohio St.)	74-77-78-74—303	+15
19.	Mollie Fankhauser (Ohio St.)	75-73-82-75—305	+17
	Elizabeth Burden (N ^w estern)	72-77-80-76—305	+17
	Bess Bowers (Michigan)	75-76-77-77—305	+17
	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	73-76-78-78—305	+17

Gophers Place Eighth at Lady Buckeye Invitational

Minnesota finished eighth in the Lady Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday. The Golden Gophers carded a total of 312 in the Invitational's final round to finish with 953 strokes. Ohio State shot a school-record 284 on Sunday to overtake Michigan State and win the team title with 899 strokes, one ahead of the Spartans.

The Gophers shot rounds of 317, 324 and 312 in the Invitational. In the final round, Wisconsin cut off 20 strokes from its second-round total to tally 303 and edge past Minnesota into seventh place.

Senior **Jenny Bruun** finished as the top Gopher individual, tied for 18th place with a score of 232 with rounds of 74, 82 and 76. Ohio State's Natalie Aber shot a 5-under par 67 on Sunday to pull into a tie for first place with Kent State's Martina Gillen at 220. Aber captured medalist honors on the first playoff hole.

The Lady Buckeye Invitational

Scarlet Golf Course - Columbus, Ohio
Par 72, 6,037 yards

Finish	Team	Score	
1.	Ohio State	311-304-284	899
2.	Michigan State	300-306-294	900
3.	Northwestern	308-307-297	912
4.	Kent State	312-309-299	920
5.	Furman	309-311-304	924
	Indiana	304-313-307	924
7.	Wisconsin	322-323-303	948
8.	Minnesota	317-324-312	953
9.	Stetson	329-322-313	964
10.	Ohio	327-336-308	971
11.	Toledo	324-329-329	982
12.	Illinois	329-338-318	985
	E. Michigan	333-332-320	985
14.	Xavier	343-330-327	1,000
15.	William & Mary	327-345-329	1,001
16.	Bowling Green	336-350-326	1,012

Top Four Individuals

**1.	Natalie Aber, OSU	74-79-67	220
2.	Martina Gillen, Kent State	73-74-73	220
3.	Stacy Snider, Mich. St.	77-77-69	223
T4.	Katie Connelly, Wis.	77-76-71	224
T4.	Kasey Gant, Mich. St.	72-76-76	224
** Playoff winner			

Minnesota Golfers

T18.	Jenny Bruun	74-82-76	232
T30.	Karyn Stordahl	79-80-78	237
T46.	Cindy Cannon	85-79-79	243
T55.	Katie Bakken	84-83-79	246
T61.	Megan Stier	81-87-81	249
T79.	Karen Quintelier	83-88-84	*255

* Competed as an individual

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tourn.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	310	310	324	-	944	8th of 12	Megan Stier	312.23
April 21-22	Lady Buckeye Invitational	317	324	312	-	953	8th of 16	Jenny Bruun	312.79

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	11	29	2,283	78.72	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	11	29	2,276	78.48	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	11	29	2,294	79.10	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	6	16	1,297	81.06	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	11	29	2,310	79.66	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	11	29	2,289	78.93	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80—80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78—239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78—238	20
Hawkeye Invitational	78-72-84—237	t28
Lady Buckeye Invitational	84-83-79—246	t55

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70—70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79—236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82—244	t36
Hawkeye Invitational	79-79-83—241	t37
Lady Buckeye Invitational	74-82-76—232	t18

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75—75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78—234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-79—234	22
Lady Buckeye Invitational	85-79-79—243	t46

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78—78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77—241	*t52
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-80—236	*t26
Lady Buckeye Invitational	83-88-84—255	*t79

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72—72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80—230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81—257	t68
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-78—233	t20
Lady Buckeye Invitational	81-87-81—249	t61

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79—79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81—237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	78-82-86—246	48
Lady Buckeye Invitational	79-80-78—237	t30

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84—252	81

* Competed as an individual

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
 14 at Lemon Head Regatta
 Novice 8+ – 2nd
 Novice 4+ – 4th
 21-22 at Head of the Charles
 Club 8+ – 6th
 29 at Head of the Iowa
 Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
 Open 4+ – 12th
 Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
 Open 8+ – 4th

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational cancelled
 31 scrimmage at Texas

April

- 14 **vs. Creighton cancelled**
 21 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
 (Madison, Wis.)
 1st Varsity 8+ – 5th
 2nd Varsity 8+ – 4th
 1st Novice 8+ – 2nd
 2nd Novice 8+ – 3rd
 28 at Big Ten Championships
 (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

May

- 12-13 at Central Region Champ.
 (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Home events in bold
 Schedule is subject to change



Rowing 2000-01

at Big Ten Championships
 Saturday, April 28
 Ann Arbor, Mich.

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This Week

The Gophers travel to the University of Michigan for the Big Ten Championships on Saturday. The Gophers will compete in four races at the championship; the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, the first varsity four, and the first novice eight. The schedule for Minnesota's races is as follows:

Boat	Prelims	Finals
1st Varsity 8+	10:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
2nd Varsity 8+	10:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
1st Varsity 4+	9:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
1st Novice 8+	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.

About the Big Ten Championship

The University of Michigan plays host to the second-annual Big Ten Championship. The course on Belville Lake is located in Belville, Mich. The championship site features Michigan's new \$1.2 million, 6,000 square-foot boathouse as the headquarters for the event. The conference championship will be the first race at the new boathouse.

This year's championship includes seven teams: Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State and Wisconsin. Minnesota is the only team out of the seven that did not compete at the 2000 Big Ten Championship.

As the top-ranked team among Big Ten schools, Michigan, is the favorite to repeat as conference champion. The Wolverines are currently ranked second in the nation behind No. 1 Brown University. Other Big Ten teams in the US Rowing/CRCA national poll are: Ohio State at No. 8, Michigan State at No. 12, Iowa at No. 13 and Wisconsin at No. 18.

Six events will be contested in the championship, with each event earning up to 27 team points for a win. The point structure is as follows:

Event	Points (from first to last place)
1st varsity 8+	27, 24, 21, 18, 15, 12, 9
2nd varsity 8+	14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2
1st varsity 4+	7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
2nd varsity 4+	3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0
1st novice 8+	5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0
2nd novice 8+	3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0

Last Year's Big Ten Championship

The University of Wisconsin served as the host for the inaugural Big Ten Women's Rowing Championship. Michigan won two first-place finishes out of the three scoring events to win the conference title. The three scoring events at the 2000 conference championship were the first varsity eight, second varsity eight, and the varsity four.

2000 Big Ten Championship Results

Lake Wingra (Madison, Wis.)

1. Michigan 41
2. Michigan State 35
3. Ohio State 28
4. Wisconsin 25
5. Iowa 21
6. Indiana 12

Review: The Midwest Rowing Championships

Last weekend, Minnesota competed in its first event of the spring season, the Midwest Rowing Championships. All races, except for the first five preliminary races were moved from Saturday to Sunday because of high winds on Lake Wingra in Madison, Wis.

The Gophers participated in four events, earning top-five finishes in each race. In the first varsity eight race, the Gophers pulled an upset over fifth-ranked Washington, the sixth-place finisher in the race. Minnesota finished just 15.9 seconds behind the top finisher, No. 16 Notre Dame.

Results — Midwest Rowing Championship

First Varsity Eight

- 1. Notre Dame 6:14.0
- 2. Wisconsin 6:15.0
- 3. Kansas 6:19.4
- 4. Wisconsin Lightweight A 6:24.3
- 5. Minnesota 6:25.9
- 6. Washington 6:54.7
- 7. Wisconsin Lightweight B 6:55.6

Second Varsity Eight

- 1. Kansas A 6:59.4
- 2. Wisconsin A 7:04.3
- 3. Wisconsin B 7:05.2
- 4. Minnesota 7:13.7
- 5. Kansas B 7:37.8

First Novice Eight

- 1. Kansas 6:59.1
- 2. Minnesota 7:05.9
- 3. Wisconsin 7:11.2
- 4. Wisconsin Lightweight 8:13.2
- 5. Kansas Club 8:18.9

Second Novice Eight

- 1. Wisconsin 7:21.4
- 2. Kansas 7:45.4
- 3. Minnesota 7:54.4

Slow Start to Spring Season

The Gophers competed in their first official race of the spring season last weekend. Races have been cancelled twice this spring due to frozen lakes. The Iowa Invitational, scheduled for March 25, was the first cancellation. On April 14, the race scheduled between Minnesota and Creighton on Lake Phalen in St. Paul was also cancelled.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis is in her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Davis also spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach before being promoted to the head coaching position. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981. Davis is assisted by Kerry O'Keefe and Maggie Romens.

Up Next

Minnesota competes at the NCAA Central Region Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on May 12-13, 2001.

The top team from each of the four regional championships, along with six at-large qualifiers will advance to the NCAA Championship. The fifth-annual NCAA Championship, co-hosted by the University of Central Florida and the Lake Lanier Rowing Club, will be held on Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Fla., on May 24-26, 2001.

US Rowing/CRCA Poll

Women's Division I Varsity Eights
April 18, 2001

Team (1st-Place Votes)	Points
1. Brown (22)	478
2. Michigan (2)	443
3. Princeton	420
4. Southern California	410
5. Washington	404
6. Syracuse	335
7. Harvard	330
8. Ohio State	272
9. Virginia	264
10. Yale	246
11. California-Berkeley	244
12. Michigan State	222
13. Iowa	203
14. Boston University	170
15. Rutgers	137
16. Notre Dame	103
17. Clemson	80
18. Wisconsin	69
19. Columbia	53
20. Texas	45



2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 11-8 Big Ten: 3-7

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Canceled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State* W, 7-0
25 Michigan* W, 5-2
30 at South Florida W, 5-2

April

7 at Indiana* L, 6-1
8 at Purdue* W, 4-3
13 Northwestern* L, 6-1
15 Illinois* L, 6-1
20 at Wisconsin* L, 4-3
21 at Iowa* L, 5-2
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
(Ohio State)

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
@ at Marquette
at Maryland

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject to change.

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Big Ten Conference Tournament
Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29
Columbus, Ohio

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About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota (11-8, 3-7) heads to the Big Ten Conference Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. As the No. 8 seed, the Gophers play Thursday, April 26, against No. 9 seed Purdue.

Big Ten Championship Notes

Northwestern, with a 10-0 record, enters the tournament as the conference's No. 1 seed and is also the defending champion for the past two years. Indiana has won 13 team titles, Northwestern has won four while Michigan and Wisconsin have each won one title. Northwestern is the highest-ranked Big Ten school at No. 11. Ohio State is No. 33, Illinois No. 34, Indiana No. 35, and Iowa is No. 40.

Minnesota's Big Ten History

Last year, the fourth-seeded Gophers had a bye in the first round. In the quarterfinal round, Minnesota defeated Iowa 4-1, followed by a 4-2 win against Ohio State in the semifinals. That sent the Gophers to their first-ever tournament final. They eventually lost to Northwestern, 4-3.

Minnesota Recently

Minnesota finished the Big Ten regular season with a 3-7 record after losing both matches on the road over the weekend. The Gophers lost a close match to Wisconsin on Friday, losing 4-3. Saturday, Iowa defeated the Gophers 5-2. Minnesota lost the doubles point in both matches. As for singles, No. 1 Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central), No. 4 Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island), and No. 6 Brandi Watts (Monument, Colo./Lewis-Palmer) all won their matches against Wisconsin. In the Iowa match, Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X. Saldy), at No. 3, and Watts, playing at the No. 5 spot, earned victories in their matches.

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak is in his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. Novak earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. Novak has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

The Rankings

Minnesota is ranked No. 71 in the latest national poll, released April 18. Minnesota's highest ranking of the season was No. 35. The next rankings will be released Wednesday.

About Purdue

Purdue heads into the tournament as the No. 9 seed with a record of 7-14 overall and 3-7 in the Big Ten. Earlier in the season, the Gophers defeated the Boilermakers 4-3 by winning the doubles point and the No. 1, No. 3, and the No. 4 singles spots. Minnesota has beat Purdue the past five times they have met, but Purdue holds a commanding lead in the all-time series with a record of 20-6.

Final Big Ten Regular-Season Standings

1.	Northwestern	10-0	1.000
2.	Illinois	9-1	.900
3.	Indiana	7-3	.700
4.	Ohio State	7-3	.700
5.	Iowa	6-4	.600
6.	Penn State	5-5	.500
7.	Wisconsin	3-7	.300
8.	Minnesota	3-7	.300
9.	Purdue	3-7	.300
10.	Michigan	2-8	.200
11.	Michigan State	0-10	.000

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 29-19-1 Big Ten: 4-10

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
28 at San Diego State Rained Out

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
(2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
6 at Northwestern* L, 5-0; L, 2-1
7 at Iowa* L, 2-1
8 at Iowa* L, 2-0 (8)
11 Wis.-Green Bay Rained Out
13 Michigan* L, 1-0; L, 2-1
14 Michigan State* L, 1-0
15 Michigan State* W, 3-1
17 Northern Iowa W, 1-0; W, 2-0
18 Concordia W, 2-1; W, 1-0
21 at Illinois* L, 2-1 (15)
22 at Illinois* W, 1-0 (9)
25 Drake (2) 4 p.m.
27 Penn State (2)* 2 p.m.
28 Ohio State* 6 p.m.
29 Ohio State* 1 p.m.

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in bold at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



Drake (2), April 25, 4 p.m.
Penn State (2), April 27, 2 p.m.
Ohio State (1-1), April 28-29, 6-1 p.m.
All home games at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium

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The University of Minnesota softball team enters its most critical week of the season with a six-game homestand at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium. The Gophers will play a non-conference doubleheader against Drake on Wednesday before hosting Penn State and Ohio State in Big Ten two-game series. Minnesota (29-19-1, 4-10 Big Ten) will clinch its sixth consecutive winning season with one win and is two wins shy of its 31-win total from 2000. The Gophers will play their final six Big Ten games and eight of their final 10 overall games at home.

Big Ten Update

With two weeks left in the Big Ten season, Michigan is the only team that has clinched a spot in the 2001 Big Ten Tournament. The Wolverines have a two-game lead over second-place Iowa, and those two teams play Saturday and Sunday at Alumni Field in Ann Arbor, Mich. Iowa, Ohio State and Illinois are in great shape to make the six-team conference tourney with their double-digit win totals. The other seven teams are mathematically alive for the final two spots in the post-season field. Entering the weekend, Minnesota is two games out of the sixth and final position for the 2001 Big Ten Tournament.

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	April 27 (DH)	April 28-29
x-Michigan	13-1	.929	30-12-1	Northwestern	Iowa
Iowa	11-3	.786	35-10	at Michigan State	at Michigan
Ohio State	10-4	.714	36-13	at Wisconsin	at Minnesota
Illinois	10-6	.625	43-18	at Purdue	at Indiana
Penn State	7-7	.500	27-19	at Minnesota	at Wisconsin
Wisconsin	6-8	.429	24-20	Ohio State	Penn State
Northwestern	6-8	.429	17-19	at Michigan	at Michigan State
Purdue	6-10	.375	29-21-1	Illinois	OFF
Minnesota	4-10	.286	29-19-1	Penn State	Ohio State
Michigan State	4-10	.286	17-34	Iowa	Northwestern
Indiana	3-13	.214	13-32	OFF	Illinois

x-clinched Big Ten Tournament berth

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.229	3	15	.184 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.298	15	33	.077 BA, 2 RBI
SS	Shelly Nichols	.271	18	18	.233 BA, 4 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.252	17	6	.121 BA, 4 runs
OF	Veronica Roberts	.208	10	8	.140 BA, 2 RBI
OF	Tammi Hays	.324	31	3	.343 BA, 4 runs
OF	Morgan Holden	.233	5	6	.205 BA, 3 RBI
OF	Amy Hafemeyer	.160	9	1	.111 BA
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
DP	Anne Thul	.246	7	3	.267 BA, 2 runs
P	Piper Marten	.282	2	3	.240 BA, 1 RBI
P	Angie Recknor	.196	4	8	.179 BA, 1 run

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	19-10	0.92	219	2-5, 1.34 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	8-8	1.00	88	2-5, 1.08 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often continues to be a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 24 of the 49 games it has played and has an 21-2-1 record when it does score first, including a 13-1 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 8-17 when the opposition scores first. Minnesota has rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 26-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 3-18-1 when they score one run or fewer, including 11 shutouts.

Minnesota Individual Notes

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** has been the winning pitcher in 19 of Minnesota's 29 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (42), innings pitched (190), strikeouts (219) and opponent batting average (.160). **Marten** needs nine strikeouts to become Minnesota's all-time single-season leader in strikeouts.

Minnesota Single-Season Strikeout Leaders

1. Angie Recknor	227	2000
2. Piper Marten	219	2001
3. Jennifer Johnson	186	1996

Sophomore pitcher **Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins)** has been Minnesota's leading pitcher in Big Ten games. She has two of Minnesota four wins and has a 1.08 earned run average in 52 innings pitched. For her career, **Recknor** is 33-34 with a 1.68 ERA and 315 strikeouts in 452 innings.

Minnesota Career Strikeout Leaders

1. Jennifer Johnson	528	1993-97
2. Steph Klaviter	413	1996-99
3. Angie Recknor	315	2000-C

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 348-249-2 (.583), and she will coach her 600th game Wednesday against Drake. In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 237-125-1 (.654), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship. She is four wins shy of becoming the coach with the most wins in Minnesota history.

Minnesota Career Wins Leaders

1. Linda Wells	351-264-1	.571	1974, 75, 77-89
2. Lisa Bernstein	348-249-2	.583	1992-C

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standering** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 108-67-1 (.616) as a co-head coach and 193-107-1 (.643) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Illinois Review

Illinois pushed across a run in the bottom of the 15th inning to defeat Minnesota, 2-1, in the first game of the series Saturday in Urbana, Ill. The game was the fourth-longest by innings in Minnesota history and the longest in the two-year history of the

Illinois program. The Illini took a 1-0 lead in the third inning on a solo home run by Erin Montgomery, but the Gophers tied the game in the sixth inning on a home run by **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)**. The homer was the sixth of the season for Braden and the first by a Gopher in 17 games. Illinois used two hits, an intentional walk and a Minnesota throwing error to create a run in the bottom of the 15th to win the game. **Angie Recknor** went the distance for Minnesota, striking out seven batters and allowing two runs (one earned) in 14 innings pitched.

Christine Lindberg's (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Barrington) squeeze bunt scored **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)** with the winning run as Minnesota defeated Illinois, 1-0, in nine innings Sunday at Eichelberger Field. **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a single to right field and advanced to second base on a passed ball. **Holden** beat out a bunt single, advancing **Roberts** to third. **Hailee Nanchy (Ontario, Calif./Ontario Christian)** was intentionally walked to load the bases, and pinch-hitter **Jessica Green (San Diego, Calif./Serra)** grounded into a fielder's choice, as **Roberts** was thrown out at the plate for the first out of the inning. On a 1-2 count, **Lindberg** pushed a bunt down the first-base line, allowing **Holden** to score the game's only run. **Piper Marten** pitched a complete-game two-hitter, striking out nine batters, for her 19th win of the season.

About Drake (14-28-1, 6-15 Missouri Valley)

The Bulldogs have lost their last nine games entering this week's play. Most recently, Drake dropped a three-game series to Northern Iowa in Des Moines, losing by scores of 3-2, 5-4 and 5-0. The Bulldogs are scheduled to play a single game at Iowa State on Tuesday before travelling to play the Gophers on Wednesday.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 8-4. The Gophers defeated the Bulldogs, 3-1, at the Creighton Softball Spring Classic on March 10, 2001, in Shawnee, Kan.

About Penn State (27-19, 7-7 Big Ten)

The Nittany Lions enter the week in fifth place in the conference standings and in control of their own destiny to qualify for their third consecutive Big Ten Tournament. Penn State was swept by Michigan last Friday, but rebounded to sweep Michigan State to return to the .500 mark in Big Ten action.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 25-7. The teams split one-run games at Penn State last season, with the Lions winning 1-0 and the Gophers taking a 6-5 decision on April 23, 2000.

About Ohio State (36-13, 10-4 Big Ten)

The Buckeyes went 3-1 last weekend in Columbus, sweeping Michigan State and splitting with conference leader Michigan. The 3-2, 11-inning victory over the Wolverines was Michigan's first Big Ten loss of the season. Ohio State is the only team, other than first-year participant Illinois, to have never played in a Big Ten softball tournament.

The Series — Minnesota leads 51-19. The teams split games April 21, 2000, in Columbus. Minnesota won the opener, 8-2, and Ohio State took the nightcap, 9-1 in six innings.

Up Next

The Gophers conclude the 2001 regular season against two teams from the state of Wisconsin. Minnesota travels to Wisconsin-Green Bay for two games Tuesday, May 1, at 1 p.m., and hosts Big Ten foe Wisconsin for single games Saturday, May 5, at 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m. at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)		
March 9	L, 3-0	Nebraska
	L, 3-0	Creighton
March 10	W, 8-1	Buffalo
	W, 3-1	Drake
	W, 3-0	Missouri-Kansas City

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	W, 4-3	Loyola (Ill.)
	W, 9-0 (6)	Toledo

March 27 W, 3-1 at IUPUI
W, 3-0 at IUPUI

March 28 W, 6-1 at Indiana State
W, 2-1 at Indiana State

March 30 L, 10-0 (5) at Purdue
W, 5-0 at Purdue

March 31 L, 2-0 at Indiana
April 1 W, 6-5 at Indiana

April 6 L, 5-0 at Northwestern
L, 2-1 at Northwestern

April 7 L, 2-1 at Iowa
April 8 L, 2-0 (8) at Iowa

April 11 **Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay**
Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay

April 13 **L, 1-0 Michigan**
L, 2-1 Michigan

April 14 **L, 1-0 Michigan State**
April 15 **W, 3-1 Michigan State**

April 17 **W, 1-0 Northern Iowa**
W, 2-0 Northern Iowa

April 18 **W, 2-1 Concordia-St. Paul**
W, 1-0 Concordia-St. Paul

April 21 L, 2-1 (15) at Illinois
April 22 W, 1-0 (9) at Illinois

April 25 **4 p.m. Drake**
Drake

April 27 **2 p.m. Penn State**
Penn State

April 28 **6 p.m. Ohio State**
April 29 **1 p.m. Ohio State**

May 1 1 p.m. at Wis.-Green Bay
at Wis.-Green Bay

May 5 **6 p.m. Wisconsin**
May 6 **1 p.m. Wisconsin**

Home games in bold are played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.
All times LOCAL TO SITE.

Overall:	29-19-1	Big Ten:	4-10
Home:	5-3	Home:	1-3
Away:	7-9-1	Away:	3-7
Neutral:	17-7		
vs. Top 25:	1-5		

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Apr 22, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 29-19-1 Home: 5-3 Away: 7-9-1 Neutral: 17-7 Big Ten: 4-10

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Tammi Elys.....	.324	47-46	139	31	45	1	0	0	3	46	.331	14	3	30	2	.397	0	9	18-21	34	0	2	.944
Angel Braden.....	.298	41-41	114	15	34	9	1	6	33	63	.553	20	5	25	0	.421	1	2	0-0	69	66	4	.971
Piper Marten.....	.282	36-29	71	2	20	0	0	0	3	20	.282	2	1	3	0	.311	0	9	2-2	5	39	0	1.000
Shelly Nichols.....	.271	49-49	140	18	38	7	3	4	18	63	.450	12	2	24	0	.338	0	6	3-4	75	87	18	.900
Allie Fisk.....	.252	49-49	127	17	32	1	1	0	6	35	.276	6	2	14	0	.296	0	28	8-11	53	95	14	.914
Anne Thul.....	.246	34-19	65	7	16	2	0	0	3	18	.277	1	0	9	0	.258	0	3	1-2	22	18	3	.930
Morgan Holden.....	.233	31-27	73	5	17	6	0	0	6	23	.315	3	1	14	0	.273	0	9	2-2	17	2	2	.905
Bailee Nanchy.....	.229	49-49	140	3	32	7	1	0	15	41	.293	10	4	19	0	.297	1	4	2-2	342	20	4	.989
Veronica Roberts....	.225	48-48	138	10	31	3	3	0	9	40	.290	4	0	11	0	.246	0	17	7-13	42	0	3	.933
Christine Lindberg..	.203	34-19	59	5	12	2	1	1	8	19	.322	4	1	14	0	.266	0	4	1-1	23	0	1	.958
Angie Recknor.....	.196	40-39	112	4	22	3	0	0	8	25	.223	8	1	14	0	.254	1	3	0-0	6	40	4	.920
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.160	41-24	50	9	8	0	0	0	1	8	.160	4	0	8	0	.222	0	9	6-7	15	2	1	.944
Jessica Green.....	.105	14-2	19	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.105	2	0	4	0	.190	0	1	0-0	0	11	0	1.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	5-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	21-1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	49-45	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	321	29	7	.980
Kelley Palkovich....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	27-0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7-8	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.247	49-49	1252	140	309	41	10	11	117	403	.322	91	20	192	2	.307	3	104	57-73	1025	409	63	.958
Opponents.....	.199	49-49	1244	90	248	30	2	16	70	330	.265	107	20	328	5	.273	4	44	25-37	1027	528	61	.962

LOB - Team (306), Opp (307). DPs turned - Team (11), Opp (11). IBB - Team (3), Braden 2, Nanchy 1, Opp (4). Picked off - Thul 2, Rustad 1, Fisk 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Piper Marten.....	0.92	19-10	42	24	17	6/3	4	190.0	104	39	25	59	219	17	1	11	650	.160	6	14	0	1	27
Angie Recknor.....	1.00	8-8	25	21	4	1/2	0	119.0	105	31	17	31	88	9	1	3	453	.232	7	4	0	3	15
Jessica Green.....	1.09	2-1	14	4	1	0/1	0	32.0	32	16	5	17	20	3	0	1	131	.244	2	2	0	0	2
Meagan Hautala.....	31.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	7	4	3	0	1	1	0	1	10	.700	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	1.02	29-19	49	49	22	10/3	4	341.2	248	90	50	107	328	30	2	16	1244	.199	15	20	0	4	44
Opponents.....	2.17	19-29	49	49	30	11/3	2	342.1	309	140	106	91	192	41	10	11	1252	.247	15	20	1	3	104

PB - Team (13), Smith 11, Lindberg 2, Opp (11). SBA/ATT - Smith (23-35), Marten (12-21), Recknor (9-11), Green (3-4), Lindberg (2-2), Hautala (1-1).



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	
28	at Macalester Invitational	

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships	
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at the Drake Relays

April 27-28

Des Moines, Iowa

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This Week

Minnesota travels to Des Moines, Iowa to compete in the 92nd annual Drake Relays on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. Minnesota also will attend the Macalester Invitational in St. Paul, Minn. on Saturday, April 28.

Review: Mt. Sac Relays

Seniors **Corinne Nimt** (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie) and **Aubrey Schmitt** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) both provisionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, California on April 20-22. **Nimt** qualified in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 34:42.96, placing her 14th in the nation. **Schmitt**, who previously this season provisionally qualified in the shot put, qualified in the discus with a fourth place throw of 51.80 meters. The toss places **Schmitt** 11th in the nation.

Junior **Victoria Moses** (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale) placed sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase recording a personal best time of 10:52.53. The run moves **Moses** from 33rd on the NCAA provisionally qualifying list to 30th.

Junior **Jenny Moylan** (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale) placed first in her heat in the 800-meter run with a season-high time of 2:11.83. Teammates junior **Jessica Shuster** (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn) and sophomore **Tanna-Marie Simmons** (St. Louis Park, Minn./Wadena-Deer Creek) placed third and fourth, respectively, in their 800 heat with times of 2:11.35 and 2:12.65. **Simmons** time was her high for the season.

The 400-meter relay team, consisting of , ran a time of 3:44.13, placing them fifth on the school's top ten performers list.

In the shot put, newcomer **Alean Frawley** (Spring Lake Park, Minn./Spring Lake Park) tossed a personal best throw of 14.29 meters to place third in the event.

Review: Pomona-Pizer Invitational

Sophomore **Shani Marks** (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley) captured top honors for the Minnesota women's track and field team at the Pomona-Pizer Invitational in Claremont, California on Friday, April 20. **Marks** placed third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 61.42 seconds. The time places her at number six on the school's top ten performers list.

Junior sprinters **Shuster** and **Amber Day** (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills) placed sixth and and seventh, respectively, in the 400-meter dash. **Shuster** ran a time of 55.28 seconds while **Day** ran a personal-best time of 56.28, placing her fifth on Minnesota's top ten performer list.

Distance runner newcomer **Laine Misch** (Dobbinton, Ontario/Chesley District) ran a personal-best time of 4:42.54 in the 1500-meter run. **Misch** placed eighth in the event.

Schmitt took fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 48-feet and 3.25-inches. She also placed fifth in the discus with a toss of 159-5, and eighth in the hammer throw with a season-high throw of 182-3.

Senior **Brenda Meyer** (Watertown, Wis./Watertown) threw a sixth place season-high of 158-9 in the discus, while teammates **Amy Netland** (Bagley, Minn./Bagley) and **Heidi Crabtree** (New Richland, Minn./New Richland) threw season-highs of 148-6 and 147-11, capturing 12th and 11th, respectively.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	30th	10:54.12	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	43rd	10:59.96	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	18th	15.14 (49-8 1/4)	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	14.90
Aubrey Schmitt	Discus	10th	51.80	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	50.50
Corinne Nimt	10,000-meter	14th	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00

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Review: Long Beach State Invitational

Newcomer **Rachael Schutz (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** ran personal-best times in the 200 and 400-meter dashes with times of 26.03 and 58.36 seconds, respectively.

Misch ran a season-high in the 800 with a time of 2:17.96, while sophomore **Allison Mumbleau (White Bear Lake, Minn./White Bear Lake)** ran a season-high fifth place time of 18:25.73 in the 5,000.

Shuster Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Golden Gopher sprinter **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn)** was named the Big Ten Conference Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, March 27 for the first time in her career. **Shuster**, a junior, helped the Minnesota women's track and field team to a second-place finish at the UC Irvine Spring Break Invitational on March 24. She won the 800-meter run with a personal-best clocking of 2 minutes, 10.59 seconds, a time that ranks as the sixth-fastest in school history. **Shuster** also ran a leg of the winning 4x400-meter relay that posted the fifth-fastest time in Minnesota history at 3:44.66.

Gophers at the Drake Relays

Last year at the 91st annual Drake Relays, senior **Nicole Chimko** won the javelin with a NCAA provisional qualifying throw of 161 feet, five inches to lead the Gophers. Senior **Christine Gulbrandsen** tied for third place in the triple jump with a leap of 41-10 1/4. **Gulbrandsen** won the event in 1999 with a school-record leap of 41-8 3/4.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers host the Minnesota Open on Friday, May 4, and travel to the Iowa Invitational on Saturday, May 5 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Trackwire 25

April 17, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	67
2. USC	65
3. South Carolina	43
Arizona	43
5. BYU	41
6. LSU	34
7. Texas	31
8. Clemson	30
Arkansas	30
10. Colorado	22
11. Harvard	19
12. UTEP	16
Rice	16
14. SMU	15
Idaho	15
16. Auburn	14
Mississippi	14
18. California	15
19. Kansas State	13
Miami/Florida	13
Georgetown	13
Georgia	13
Illinois	13
24. Missouri	12
Washington State	12
Florida	12

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:10.59	3/24/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
6. Shani Marks	1:01.75	4/5/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

Pole Vault

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
Erika Findlay	12- 0 3/4	3.68	4/14/01
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	4/14/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Victoria Moses	10:54.12	3/24/01
2. Elaine Eggleston	10:59.96	3/24/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	182- 3	55.56	4/20/01
3. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alean Frawley	135-4	41.24	3/24/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
5.	3:44.13	4/22/01
6. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Top Performances (through April 23)

100-Meter Dash (AQ-11.30, PQ-11.55, SR-11.68)

11.94 Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
13.10 Dalee Wilkenson (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
13.23 Kirsten Kosloske (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
13.69 Erica Findlay (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
14.49 Monica Stearns (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.10, PQ-23.60, SR-24.15)

24.83 Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
25.17 Jessica Shuster (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
25.80 Jessica Mittelstadt (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
26.03 Rachel Schultz (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
26.42 Nadine Conboy (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
27.48 Kirsten Kosloske (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
27.79 Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Dash (AQ-52.40, PQ-53.70, SR-54.54)

55.28 Jessica Shuster (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
56.28 Amber Day (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
58.63 Jessica Mittelstadt (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
57.98 Rachael Schutz (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
59.23 Nadine Conboy (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:05.00, PQ-2:07.50, SR-2:07.71)

2:10.59 Jessica Shuster (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
2:11.83 Jenny Moylan (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
2:12.65 Tanna-Marie Simmons (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
2:17.96 Laine Misch (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)

1,500-Meter Run (AQ-4:19.00, PQ-4:24.00, SR-4:15.59)

4:39.75 Anita Menden (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
4:40.35 Jenny Moylan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:42.54 Laine Misch (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
4:44.06 Darja Vasijeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
4:58.87 Crystal Glenn (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
5:01.94 Kristin Hartmark (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
5:13.25 Christine Harper (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
5:24.27 Lindsey Feder (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
5:28.54 Allison Mumbleau (Hamline Invitational, April 7)

3,000-Meter Run (SR-9:07.46)

9:55.20 Darja Vasijeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
10:41.89 Christine Harper (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:13.00, PQ-16:48.00, SR-16:10.50)

17:08.17 Corinne Nimitz (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:33.74 Darja Vasiljeva (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
18:25.73 Allison Mumbleau (Long Beach State Invite, April 21)
19:28.75 Krista Anderson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19:47.58 Jill Field (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

10,000-Meter Run (AQ-34:10.00, PQ-35:15.00, SR-33:31.96)

34:42.96 Corinne Nimitz (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)

100-Meter Hurdles (AQ-13.10, PQ-13.60, SR-13.87)

14.73 Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
15.32 Caese Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
16.44 Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Hurdles (AQ-57.50, PQ-59.20, SR-57.99)

1:01.42 Shani Marks (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
1:04.33 Allyson DeVries (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
1:08.77 Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1:11.52 Caese Martine (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

3,000-Meter Steeplechase (AQ-10:20.00, PQ-11:10.00, SR-10:54.12)

10:52.53 Victoria Moses (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)
10:59.96 Elaine Eggleston (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
11:19.42 Crystal Glenn (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x100-Meter Relay (AQ-44.20, PQ-45.10, SR-46.21)

48.08 Day, Mittelstadt, Shuster, Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
50.44 Zweifel, Woolford, Conboy, Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
50.50 Mittelstadt, Woolford, Conboy, Wilkinson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
51.37 DeVries, Wilkenson, Findlay, Stearns (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:33.50, PQ-3:39.00, SR-3:43.16)

3:44.13 (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
3:44.64 Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
3:44.66 Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:02.10 Tanna-Marie Simmons, Nadine Conboy, Jenny Moylan, Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:08.85 (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

High Jump (AQ-1.85m, PQ-1.79m, SR-1.78m)

1.57 (5- 2) Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1.54 (5- 0 1/2) Nicole Terlouw (Hamline Invitational, April 7)

Long Jump (AQ-6.50m, PQ-6.20m, SR-6.16m)

4.23 (13-10 1/2) Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10m, PQ-3.80m, SR-3.68m)

3.68 (12- 0 3/4) Erica Findlay (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
3.35 (10-11 3/4) Monica Stearns (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
3.10 (10- 2) Dalee Wilkenson (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.40m, PQ-12.80m, SR-13.05m)

12.21 (40- 0 3/4) Shani Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
10.82 (35- 6) Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
10.26 (33- 8) Tracy LaVoi (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

Discus Throw (AQ-54.50m, PQ-50.50m, SR-55.72m)

51.80 (170- 0) Aubrey Schmitt (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
48.40 (158- 9) Brenda Meyer (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
45.74 (150- 1) Amy Netland (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.08 (147-11) Heidi Crabtree (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)

Hammer Throw (AQ-61.00m, PQ-56.00m, SR-59.16m)

55.56 (182- 3) Aubrey Schmitt (Pomona-Pizer Invitational, April 20)
54.85 (179-11) Angie Hill (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
52.43 (172-11) Brenda Meyer (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
41.24 (135- 4) Alean Frawley (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Javelin Throw (AQ-52.50m, PQ-46.50m, SR-55.69m)

30.60 (100- 5) Jessica Michell (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19.60 (64- 4) Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Shot Put (AQ-16.00m, PQ-14.90m, SR-16.21m)

15.14 (49- 8 1/4) Aubrey Schmitt (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
14.29 (46-10 3/4) Alean Frawley (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
13.65 (44- 9 1/2) Amy Netland (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
9.20 (30- 2 1/4) Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Heptathlon (AQ-5,500, PQ-5,175, SR-5,153)

AQ-NCAA Automatic Qualifying; PQ-NCAA Provisional Qualifying; SR-Minnesota School Record; w-Wind-aided

2001 Schedule

January

6	#18 vs. #24 Ohio State	W
	194.275-192.250	
13	#18 vs. #4 Utah	L
	195.625-194.850	
19	at #11 Michigan w/#21 Iowa 3rd	
	#11 Michigan	196.200
	#21 Iowa	194.100
	#9 Minnesota	193.675
27	#15 vs. #22 Iowa	W
	194.825-193.125	

February

2	#13 at #7 Stanford	L
	197.425-195.775	
10	Best of Minnesota	1st
	#11 Minnesota	195.525
	Winona State	182.675
	Gustavus Adolphus	179.900
	Hamline	177.800
16	#9 Iowa State	196.150
	#17 Oklahoma	195.375
	#10 Minnesota	195.025
24	#14 vs. #10 Iowa State	W
	196.525-196.150	

March

2	#16 at Boise State	L
	197.050-196.050	
10	#15 vs. Arizona	W
	196.850-194.675	
17	#13 at Auburn	W
	194.850-192.525	
24	at Big Ten Championships 3rd	
	#15 Minnesota	195.750
	(Ann Arbor, Mich.)	

April

7	at NCAA Regionals	3rd
	#16 Minnesota	195.800
19-21	at NCAA Championships	
	(Athens, Ga.)	

GymInfo National Ranking

(April 9 — By Regional Score)

1.	Alabama	198.000
2.	Georgia	197.775
3.	UCLA	197.775
4.	Michigan	197.225
5.	Stanford	196.725
6.	Florida	196.650
7.	Louisiana State	196.300
8.	Nebraska	196.200
9.	Arizona State	195.950
10.	Maryland	195.850
11.	Minnesota	195.800
12.	Oklahoma	195.225
13.	Kentucky	195.150
14.	Ohio State	194.925
15.	Arizona	194.825
16.	Penn State	194.775
17.	George Washington	194.675
18.	Washington	194.450
19.	New Hampshire	194.225
20.	Oregon State	194.075
21.	Utah	194.075
22.	Denver	193.900
23.	Iowa	193.775
24.	North Carolina State	193.500
25.	Iowa State	193.375



Women's Gymnastics 2001

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MaryAnne Kelley Earns Second-Team All-America Honors

Minnesota junior **MaryAnne Kelley (Barrington, Ill./Fremd)** earned second-team All-America honors on vault at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championship in Athens, Ga., on Thursday. She is just the fourth Golden Gopher to earn NCAA All-America acclaim in the sport of women's gymnastics.

Kelley scored a 9.85 to place fifth in the second session of the competition to earn the honor. The top four gymnasts on each apparatus earn first-team All-America honors and advance to the event finals on Saturday. **Kelley** missed first-team status by 0.025.

The lone Golden Gopher competing in the Championships, **Kelley** tallied a score of 38.575 in the all around competition. In addition to her 9.85 on vault, she posted a 9.60 on uneven bars, a 9.275 on balance beam and a 9.85 on floor exercise. She missed second-team All-America honors by 0.025 on the floor.

Kelley is the first Gopher All-American since 1997, when Mindy Knaeble earned first-team honors on floor and Judy Cavazos captured second-team accord on the uneven bars. The other NCAA All-American in Gopher history was Marie Roethlisberger, who was a four-time All-American and the 1990 uneven bars national champion.

More on MaryAnne

MaryAnne Kelley was the second Golden Gopher gymnast to qualify individually for the NCAA Championships since 1990. Last year, **Megan Beuckens (Brandon, S.D./Brandon Valley)** competed in the all around at the national meet and placed 25th.

Kelley was honored as the 2001 NCAA North Central Region Gymnast of the Year. She led the Gophers to a pair of third-place finishes at the Big Ten and NCAA Central Regional and earlier in the season, to the top two team scores in Minnesota history (196.850 vs. Arizona/196.525 vs. Iowa State). **Kelley** earned All-Big Ten honors in both the floor exercise and the all-around.

When it comes to the best all around performers in Minnesota history, **Kelley** is in a class by herself. She owns eight of the top 12 best all around scores in Gopher history, including the record of 39.525 set in a meet at Stanford on Feb. 2. She owns a share of the school record in floor exercise with a 9.95 and ranks second on bars, fifth on beam and sixth on vault.

Regional Championship Review

Minnesota ended its season with a third-place finish at the NCAA Central Region Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on April 7. The Golden Gophers, making their sixth consecutive appearance at regionals, posted a score of 195.800 trailing regional champion Alabama (198.000) and runner-up Arizona State (195.950). Alabama and Arizona State advanced to the NCAA Championships.

As expected, the battle for the second spot for the national meet came down to Minnesota and Arizona State. The Gophers bettered the Sun Devils on just one apparatus, vault, where Minnesota outscored Arizona State, 48.650-48.500. The teams both scored 49.100 on the uneven bars, but Arizona State outscored Minnesota on both the balance beam (49.200-48.975) and floor exercise (49.150-49.075).

Junior **MaryAnne Kelley** paced the Gophers with fourth-place showings in the all around with a score of 39.125 and the floor exercise with a 9.90. Alabama's Jeana Rice won the all around with a 39.650, winning the floor with a 9.975 and placing in the top three in the other three events.

First-year gymnast **Mary Skokut (Carmel, Ind./Carmel)** topped the Gophers on the bars, placing in a tie for fifth with a score of 9.90. Sophomore **Jenny Alf (Ripon, Wis./Ripon)** and junior **Megan Beuckens** tied for sixth on the beam with scores of 9.850, while sophomore **Leigh Dixon (Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School)** was the Gophers' leader on vault tying for ninth place with a score of 9.80.

National Numbers

Though the final national rankings are not yet released, the Gophers should finish ranked No. 14 with the second-highest team score from the NCAA Regional that did not qualify for the NCAA Championships. The Gophers ranked 13th in national attendance figures with an average of 1,654 fans per home meet.



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Golden Gopher Sports News

April 30, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Softball

- The Gophers travel to Wisconsin-Green Bay for a nonconference doubleheader before wrapping up the regular season with two games against Wisconsin at home

Track and Field

- The Gophers host the Minnesota Open on Friday, and travel to the Iowa Invitational on Saturday

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- The Gophers finish in a tie for fourth place at the Big Ten Championship, led by sophomore Karyn Stordahl, who tied for sixth place individually

Softball

- Co-Head Coach Lisa Bernstein becomes the winningest coach in Minnesota softball history, earning her 352nd win in the game against Ohio State on Sunday

Rowing

- Sophomores Beth Hornby and Amber Riopel earn All-Big Ten honors at Minnesota's first Big Ten Championship

Tennis

- The Gophers tally their sixth-consecutive winning season with a 11-9 record for the 2000-01 season

Track and Field

- Minnesota claims two first-place finishes at the Drake Relays; Aubrey Schmitt in the discus and the 4x1600 meter relay team of Anita Menden, Laine Misch, Elaine Eggleston and Crystal Glenn
- Victoria Moses provisionally qualifies for the NCAA Championships in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a school-record performance, while teammate Aubrey Schmitt provisionally qualifies in her third event, the hammer throw
- The 4x400 meter relay team of Amber Day, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt and Rachael Schutz sets the Minnesota record at Drake

Minnesota Women's Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Women's Athletics is dedicated to exceeding all others in athletic excellence and academic achievement, to offering compelling experiences to the student-athlete and the community, and to providing a diverse environment steeped in integrity, values, and vitality.



Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Tuesday, May 1

SB at Wisconsin-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

27th Annual Berg Banquet 6:45 p.m.

Friday, May 4

TF hosts Minnesota Open 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

SB hosts Wisconsin 6 p.m.
TF at Iowa Invitational 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

SB hosts Wisconsin 1 p.m.

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2000-01 Schedule

September

11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams

23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams

29-30 Lady Northern Invitational

October

1 Lady Northern Invitational
3rd of 16 teams

9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams

23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams

27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
8th of 15 teams

14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
8th of 12 teams

21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
8th of 16 teams

27-29 Big Ten Championship
tie-4th of 11 teams

May

10-12 NCAA Central Regional
(West Lafayette, Ind.)

Home tournaments in bold are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

NCAA Central Regional Championship
May 10-12, West Lafayette, Ind.

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Golden Gophers Earn NCAA Regional Berth

The Minnesota women's golf team earned a berth to the 2001 NCAA Central Regional Championship, May 10-12, hosted by Purdue. The 54-hole regional tournament will be contested at the Kampen Golf Course in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Gophers in the NAAs

Minnesota will be making its fifth NCAA Championship appearance in school history and first under second-year head coach Melissa Arthur. The Gophers' best finish was 12th at the 1989 NCAA Championship. Minnesota's NCAA finishes:

1998	17th at NCAA East Regional
1995	19th at NCAA East Regional
1994	18th at NCAA East Regional
1989	12th at NCAA Championship

The Regional Championship Format

A total of 63 teams will compete in three 21-team regional championships. In addition to Purdue, North Carolina and Oregon State serve as hosts for regional sites. Two individuals not part of a qualifying team will also compete at each regional championship. The top eight teams and two individuals will advance to the NCAA Championship, May 22-25, in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

A total of seven Big Ten teams are among the Championship field. Michigan and Northwestern will compete in the East Regional, Big Ten champion Michigan State, Ohio State and Indiana head out to the West Regional and Minnesota and Purdue are in the Central.

The Gopher Lineup

Coach Melissa Arthur will need to select five Gophers to compete in the NCAA Regional Championship. Following are Minnesota's top six players, all of whom played during last week's Big Ten Conference Women's Golf Championship.

Katie Bakken, Senior (Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park/California)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,592	78.55	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)

Jenny Bruun, Senior (Crookston, Minn./Central)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,591	78.52	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)

Cindy Cannon, Junior (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,607	79.00	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)

Karen Quintelier, First-Year (Monrovia, Calif./LaSalle)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
7	20	1,620	81.00	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)

Megan Stier, Junior (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,643	80.09	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)

Karyn Stordahl, Sophomore (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,595	78.64	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)

The Big Ten Championship

Michigan State captured the 2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship title by placing all four of its scoring golfers in the top 14 placewinners at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course on Sunday. The Spartans tallied a round of 308 on Sunday to total 1,219 strokes and win their first conference women's golf crown since winning the very first Big Ten

Women's Golf Championship in 1982. Minnesota finished in a tie for fourth place.

Ohio State's Mollie Fankhauser battled Michigan State's Allison Fouch for medalist honors down to the final hole of the tournament. Fouch began the final round with a one-stroke lead but by the 18th hole, the 72nd hole of the tournament, the two were tied. Fankhauser, named the 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year, birdied the 421-yard, par 5 hole, while Fouch struggled to a bogey. Fankhauser's winning total was 301 with rounds of 70, 77, 78 and 76. Purdue's Kari Damron hit a 2-over par 74 in the final round to pull into a tie for second place with Fouch at 303.

Other Michigan State golfers scoring in the top 14 were Stacy Snider fourth at 304, Emily Bastel in a tie for 10th at 308 and Kasey Gant tied for 14th at 309.

The All-Big Ten team was announced after the completion of the Championship. In addition to Fankhauser's Big Ten Player of the Year honor, Ohio State's Allison Hanna was named Big Ten Rookie of the Year, while Michigan State's Stacy Slobodnik captured Big Ten Coach of the Year acclaim.

2001 All-Big Ten Team

- Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- Natalie Tucker, Indiana
- Kari Damron, Purdue
- Stacy Snider, Michigan State
- Emily Bastel, Michigan State
- Emily Gilley, Northwestern
- Elizabeth Burden, Northwestern
- Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- Inga Snyder, Indiana
- Kasey Gant, Michigan State

- 2001 Big Ten Rookie of the Year: Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year: Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year: Stacy Slobodnik

2001 Big Ten Women's Championship
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FINAL RESULTS

April 27-29
 Par 72 — 5,979 Yards

Team Scores

1.	Michigan State	302	300	309	308	1219
2.	Indiana	303	301	318	308	1230
	Northwestern	304	303	314	309	1230
4.	Purdue	298	313	319	305	1235
	Minnesota	302	304	315	314	1235
6.	Ohio State	303	305	310	321	1239
7.	Michigan	309	303	318	318	1248
8.	Wisconsin	307	323	327	314	1271
9.	Penn State	310	323	331	320	1284
10.	Iowa	324	324	325	314	1287
11.	Illinois	319	328	335	318	1300

Top 10 Individuals

1.	Mollie Fankhauser (Ohio State)	70	77	78	76	301
2.	Kari Damron (Purdue)	74	75	80	74	303
	Allison Fouch (Mich. St.)	78	70	76	79	303
4.	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	74	75	80	75	304
5.	Tiffany Fisher (Indiana)	74	76	78	77	305
6.	Allie Blomquist (Wisconsin)	72	75	82	77	306
	Karyn Stordahl (Minnesota)	75	73	80	78	306
8.	Hana Kim (N'western)	71	81	80	75	307
	Bess Bowers (Michigan)	75	76	78	78	307
10.	Natalie Tucker (Indiana)	79	72	83	74	308
	Ashley Lowery (Ohio State)	77	74	77	80	308
	Emily Bastel (Mich. St.)	76	75	79	78	308
	Andrea Makauskas (Purdue)	73	81	80	74	308

Minnesota Big Ten Finishes

T 6	Karyn Stordahl	75	73	80	78	306
T 14	Katie Bakken	76	78	80	75	309
T 20	Cindy Cannon	74	82	76	81	313
T 25	Jenny Bruun	78	74	79	84	315
T 42	Karen Quintelier	82	79	82	80	323
T 57	Megan Stier	77	84	86	86	333

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tourn.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	310	310	324	-	944	8th of 12	Megan Stier	312.23
April 21-22	Lady Buckeye Invitational	317	324	312	-	953	8th of 16	Jenny Bruun	312.79
April 27-29	Big Ten Championship	302	304	315	314	1235	t-4th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	312.30

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	12	33	2,592	78.55	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	12	33	2,591	78.52	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	12	33	2,607	79.00	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	7	20	1,620	81.00	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	12	33	2,643	80.09	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	12	33	2,595	78.64	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80—80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78—239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78—238	20
Hawkeye Invitational	78-72-84—237	t28
Lady Buckeye Invitational	84-83-79—246	t55
Big Ten Championship	76-78-80-75—309	t14

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70—70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79—236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82—244	t36
Hawkeye Invitational	79-79-83—241	t37
Lady Buckeye Invitational	74-82-76—232	t18
Big Ten Championship	78-74-79-84—315	t25

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75—75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78—234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-79—234	22
Lady Buckeye Invitational	85-79-79—243	t46
Big Ten Championship	74-82-76-81—313	t20

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78—78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77—241	*t52
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-80—236	*t26
Lady Buckeye Invitational	83-88-84—255	*t79
Big Ten Championship	82-79-82-80—323	t42

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72—72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80—230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81—257	t68
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-78—233	t20
Lady Buckeye Invitational	81-87-81—249	t61
Big Ten Championship	77-84-86-86—333	t57

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79—79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81—237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	78-82-86—246	48
Lady Buckeye Invitational	79-80-78—237	t30
Big Ten Championship	75-73-80-78—306	t6

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84—252	81

* Competed as an individual

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule

Overall: 33-21-1 Big Ten: 6-12

FEBRUARY

- 10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic**
(6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)
17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
28 at San Diego State Rained Out

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
(2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
6 at Northwestern* L, 5-0; L, 2-1
7 at Iowa* L, 2-1
8 at Iowa* L, 2-0 (8)
11 Wis.-Green Bay Rained Out
13 Michigan* L, 1-0; L, 2-1
14 Michigan State* L, 1-0
15 Michigan State* W, 3-1
17 Northern Iowa W, 1-0; W, 2-0
18 Concordia W, 2-1; W, 1-0
21 at Illinois* L, 2-1 (15)
22 at Illinois* W, 1-0 (9)
25 Drake W, 3-0; W, 2-0
27 Penn State* W, 1-0; L, 2-1
28 Ohio State* L, 2-0
29 Ohio State* W, 3-1

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-Green Bay (2) 1 p.m.
5 Wisconsin* 6 p.m.
6 Wisconsin* 1 p.m.
10-12 Big Ten Tournament TBA
17-20 NCAA Regionals TBA
23-28 NCAA Women's College
World Series (Oklahoma City)

* Big Ten games

Home games in **bold** at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



Wis.-Green Bay (2), May 1, 1 p.m., Green Bay, Wis.
Wisconsin (1-1), May 5-6, 6-1 p.m.
All home games at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium

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The University of Minnesota softball team will play a non-conference doubleheader at Wisconsin-Green Bay on Tuesday before hosting Wisconsin in a Big Ten two-game series this weekend. Minnesota (33-21-1, 6-12 Big Ten) has clinched its sixth consecutive winning season and has improved both its overall record and its Big Ten record from the 2000 season. The Gophers still have a chance to qualify for the 2001 Big Ten Tournament.

Big Ten Update

Iowa won two 1-0 games at Michigan over the weekend to tie the Wolverines for first place in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes can clinch the Big Ten regular-season title with two wins over Northwestern. Ohio State and Illinois have also clinched berths in the Big Ten Tournament and both schools will be making their first-ever appearances in the conference tournament. Penn State and Wisconsin control their futures for the final two positions, but Northwestern, Purdue and Minnesota can make it with wins this weekend and help from others. For Minnesota, the Gophers must beat Wisconsin twice, Northwestern must lose twice and Purdue must lose at least once for Minnesota to qualify for this year's Big Ten Tournament.

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	May 5	May 6
x-Iowa	15-3	.833	39-10	Northwestern	Northwestern
x-Michigan	15-3	.833	32-14-1	at Michigan State	Michigan State
x-Ohio State	12-6	.667	41-16	Penn State	Penn State
x-Illinois	12-8	.600	46-21	OFF	OFF
Penn State	9-9	.500	30-22	at Ohio State	at Ohio State
Wisconsin	8-10	.444	28-22	at Minnesota	at Minnesota
Purdue	7-11	.389	32-23-1	Indiana	at Indiana
Northwestern	7-11	.389	19-22	at Iowa	at Iowa
Minnesota	6-12	.333	33-21-1	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Michigan State	5-13	.278	21-37	Michigan	at Michigan
Indiana	4-14	.222	16-34	at Purdue	Purdue

x-clinched Big Ten Tournament berth

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.232	3	16	.146 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.305	15	34	.171 BA, 3 RBI
SS	Shelly Nichols	.255	18	20	.204 BA, 4 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.239	18	6	.119 BA, 5 runs
OF	Veronica Roberts	.233	12	10	.170 BA, 3 RBI
OF	Tammi Hays	.338	34	4	.356 BA, 6 runs
OF	Morgan Holden	.244	5	7	.220 BA, 3 RBI
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
DP	Anne Thul	.224	7	4	.231 BA, 2 runs
P	Piper Marten	.266	3	3	.200 BA, 1 RBI
P	Angie Recknor	.197	5	8	.188 BA, 1 run

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	21-11	0.83	239	3-6, 1.05 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	10-9	0.90	108	3-6, 0.95 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often continues to be a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season to this point. Minnesota has scored first in 28 of the 55 games it has played and has an 24-3-1 record when it does score first, including a 14-2 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers are 9-18 when the opposition scores first. Minnesota has rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs has been the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers are 29-1 when they score two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota is 4-20-1 when they score one run or fewer, including 12 shutouts.

Minnesota Individual Notes

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten** (Farmington, N.M./Farmington) has been the winning pitcher in 21 of Minnesota's 33 wins this season. She leads Minnesota in just about every pitching category, including appearances (45), innings pitched (210), strikeouts (239) and opponent batting average (.156). **Marten** became Minnesota's single-season record holder Wednesday against Drake.

Minnesota Single-Season Strikeout Leaders

1. Piper Marten	239	2001
2. Angie Recknor	227	2000
3. Jennifer Johnson	186	1996

Sophomore pitcher **Angie Recknor** (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins) has been Minnesota's leading pitcher in Big Ten games. She has three of Minnesota six wins and has a 0.95 earned run average in 66 innings pitched. For her career, **Recknor** is 35-35 with a 1.55 ERA and 335 strikeouts in 473 innings.

Minnesota Career Strikeout Leaders

1. Jennifer Johnson	528	1993-97
2. Steph Klaviter	413	1996-99
3. Angie Recknor	335	2000-C

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** is in her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 352-251-2 (.583), and she surpassed Linda Wells as Minnesota's all-time winningest coach Sunday against Ohio State. In the last five-plus seasons, Minnesota is 241-127-1 (.654), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship.

Minnesota Career Wins Leaders

1. Lisa Bernstein	352-251-2	.583	1992-C
2. Linda Wells	351-264-1	.571	1974, 75, 77-89

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standerling** is in her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 112-69-1 (.618) as a co-head coach and 197-109-1 (.643) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Weekend Review

The Minnesota softball team split a Big Ten doubleheader with Penn State on Friday, winning the first game, 1-0, and losing the nightcap, 2-1. In the opener, **Angie Recknor** threw her first career Big Ten shutout, blanking the Nittany Lions on three hits. It was the first time Penn State has been shut out this season in Big Ten play and the fourth time overall. The Golden Gophers scored the

only run of the game in the fifth inning. With one out, **Christine Lindberg** (Hoffman Estates, Ill./Barrington) was hit by a pitch. **Recknor** sacrificed **Lindberg** to second base. Pinch-hitter **Anne Thul** (St. Francis, Minn./St. Francis) stroked a two-out single to center, scoring pinch-runner Amy Hafemeyer.

The Gophers scored a run in the first inning of the second game. **Tammi Hays** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) led off the game with a walk and was sacrificed to second by **Veronica Roberts** (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel). With two out, **Angel Braden** (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's) singled to left field, scoring **Hays** and giving Minnesota the lead. Penn State scored two unearned runs in the bottom of the inning, helped by two Minnesota errors and a passed ball.

Ohio State pitcher Katie Chain pitched a complete-game four-hitter as the Buckeyes blanked the Gophers, 2-0, on Saturday night. The Buckeyes scored the only two runs of the game in the third inning. With two out, Wendy Allen singled, and scored on a triple by Stacy Roth. Roth scored on a Minnesota error to complete the game's scoring. **Recknor** pitched a complete game for Minnesota, allowing five hits and striking out eight batters. **Braden** had two of Minnesota's four hits.

Minnesota broke a 1-1 tie with two sixth-inning runs and defeated Ohio State, 3-1, on Sunday afternoon. Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** became the winningest coach in Golden Gopher history with her 352nd career win, surpassing Linda Wells' total of 351 wins. Minnesota erased a 1-0 deficit in the third inning. **Allie Fisk** (Orono, Minn./Orono) reached on a one-out error and advanced to third base on a two-out single by **Roberts**. **Fisk** scored the game-tying run on a wild pitch. Minnesota won the game with two sixth-inning runs. After **Hays** led off the inning with a bunt single, **Roberts** hit a triple into the right-field corner, scoring **Hays**. **Roberts** also scored on the play when the throw got away from the Ohio State defense. **Piper Marten** won her 21st game of the season, allowing two hits in the complete game and retiring the last 12 batters she faced. **Marten** did not give up a hit after the first inning.

About Wisconsin-Green Bay (18-17, 6-6 MCC)

The Phoenix improved to .500 in conference play this past weekend by winning three of four games at Cleveland State and Detroit. Wisconsin-Green Bay is 0-3 against the Big Ten, losing a game to Minnesota at the Metrodome Softball Classic and dropping a non-conference doubleheader to Wisconsin.

The Series — Minnesota leads, 5-1. The Gophers defeated the Phoenix, 2-1, in eight innings at the Metrodome Softball Classic on Feb. 8, 2001, in Minneapolis.

About Wisconsin (28-22, 8-10 Big Ten)

The Badgers enter the week in sixth place in the conference standings and in control of their own destiny to qualify for their second consecutive Big Ten Tournament. Like Minnesota, Wisconsin split with Penn State and Ohio State last weekend, and will play Wis.-Green Bay in Madison on Wednesday before travelling to the Twin Cities.

The Series — The series is tied, 5-5. Wisconsin swept the season series for the second time in 2000 with two wins. The Badgers won by scores of 2-0 and 4-0 in Madison, Wis.

Up Next

If Minnesota qualifies for the 2001 Big Ten Tournament, it will travel to Iowa City, Iowa for the three-day tournament. The Gophers would be the #6 seed and would likely play #3 seed Ohio State on Thursday, May 10, at 12 noon at Pearl Field.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)		
March 9	L, 3-0	Nebraska
	L, 3-0	Creighton
March 10	W, 8-1	Buffalo
	W, 3-1	Drake
	W, 3-0	Missouri-Kansas City

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	W, 4-3	Loyola (Ill.)
	W, 9-0 (6)	Toledo

March 27 W, 3-1 at IUPUI
W, 3-0 at IUPUI

March 28 W, 6-1 at Indiana State
W, 2-1 at Indiana State

March 30 L, 10-0 (5) at Purdue
W, 5-0 at Purdue

March 31 L, 2-0 at Indiana
April 1 W, 6-5 at Indiana

April 6 L, 5-0 at Northwestern
L, 2-1 at Northwestern

April 7 L, 2-1 at Iowa
April 8 L, 2-0 (8) at Iowa

April 11 **Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay**
Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay

April 13 L, 1-0 Michigan
L, 2-1 Michigan

April 14 L, 1-0 Michigan State
April 15 W, 3-1 Michigan State

April 17 W, 1-0 Northern Iowa
W, 2-0 Northern Iowa

April 18 W, 2-1 Concordia-St. Paul
W, 1-0 Concordia-St. Paul

April 21 L, 2-1 (15) at Illinois
April 22 W, 1-0 (9) at Illinois

April 25 W, 3-0 Drake
W, 2-0 Drake

April 27 W, 1-0 Penn State
L, 2-1 Penn State

April 28 L, 2-0 Ohio State
April 29 W, 3-1 Ohio State

May 1 1 p.m. at Wis.-Green Bay
at Wis.-Green Bay

May 5 6 p.m. Wisconsin
May 6 1 p.m. Wisconsin

Home games in bold are played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.
All times LOCAL TO SITE.

Overall:	33-21-1	Big Ten:	6-12
Home:	9-5	Home:	3-5
Away:	7-9-1	Away:	3-7
Neutral:	17-7		
vs. Top 25:	1-5		

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
 Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of Apr 29, 2001)
 (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 33-21-1 Home: 9-5 Away: 7-9-1 Neutral: 17-7 Big Ten: 6-12

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Tammi Hays.....	.338	53-52	154	34	52	1	0	0	4	53	.344	17	3	34	2	.414	0	9	20-23	38	0	2	.950
Angel Braden.....	.305	47-47	128	15	39	10	1	6	34	69	.539	23	6	25	0	.430	1	2	1-1	79	79	5	.969
Piper Marten.....	.266	39-32	79	3	21	0	0	0	3	21	.266	2	1	3	0	.293	0	10	2-2	5	49	0	1.000
Shelly Nichols.....	.255	55-55	157	18	40	7	3	4	20	65	.414	13	2	30	0	.320	0	6	4-5	82	100	19	.905
Morgan Holden.....	.244	37-33	90	5	22	7	0	0	7	29	.322	3	1	16	0	.277	0	9	2-2	19	2	2	.913
Allie Fisk.....	.239	55-55	138	18	33	1	1	0	6	36	.261	6	2	17	0	.281	0	29	9-12	57	105	16	.910
Veronica Roberts....	.233	53-53	150	12	35	3	4	0	10	46	.307	4	0	12	0	.253	0	19	7-13	46	0	5	.902
Hailee Nanchy.....	.232	55-55	155	3	36	8	1	0	16	46	.297	10	4	22	1	.294	1	5	3-3	393	23	4	.990
Anne Thul.....	.224	39-23	76	7	17	2	0	0	4	19	.250	2	0	12	0	.244	0	4	1-2	22	18	3	.930
Angie Recknor.....	.197	43-42	117	5	23	3	0	0	8	26	.222	8	1	15	0	.252	1	4	0-1	6	46	4	.929
Christine Lindberg..	.188	39-20	64	5	12	2	1	1	8	19	.297	4	2	16	0	.257	0	4	1-1	23	0	1	.958
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.157	45-25	51	10	8	0	0	0	1	8	.157	4	0	8	0	.218	0	11	6-7	15	2	1	.944
Jessica Green.....	.083	17-3	24	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.083	2	0	6	0	.154	0	1	0-0	0	11	0	1.000
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	5-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	22-1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	55-51	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	362	33	8	.980
Kelley Palkovich....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	33-0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7-9	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.245	55-55	1388	150	340	44	11	11	125	439	.316	99	22	219	3	.305	3	113	63-81	1148	468	70	.958
Opponents.....	.194	55-55	1385	95	269	30	3	16	72	353	.255	114	23	368	5	.266	4	52	29-42	1144	587	67	.963

LOB - Team (335), Opp (338). DPs turned - Team (11), Opp (12). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (3), Braden 2, Nanchy 1, Opp (4). Picked off - Thul 2, Rustad 1, Fisk 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Piper Marten.....	0.83	21-11	45	27	20	7/3	4	210.0	112	42	25	62	239	17	1	11	717	.156	7	16	0	1	32
Angie Recknor.....	0.90	10-9	28	24	7	3/2	0	140.0	118	33	18	35	108	9	2	3	527	.224	8	5	0	3	18
Jessica Green.....	1.09	2-1	14	4	1	0/1	0	32.0	32	16	5	17	20	3	0	1	131	.244	2	2	0	0	2
Meagan Hautala.....	31.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	7	4	3	0	1	1	0	1	10	.700	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	0.93	33-21	55	55	28	13/3	4	382.2	269	95	51	114	368	30	3	16	1385	.194	17	23	0	4	52
Opponents.....	2.06	21-33	55	55	34	12/3	3	381.1	340	150	112	99	219	44	11	11	1388	.245	18	22	1	3	113

PB - Team (14), Smith 12, Lindberg 2, Opp (12). SBA/ATT - Smith (27-40), Marten (12-21), Recknor (13-16), Green (3-4), Lindberg (2-2), Hautala (1-1).



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

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7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	unscored
28	at Macalester Invitational	1st of 12 144.5 pts

May

4	Minnesota Open	4 p.m.
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	4 p.m.
12	Minnesota Qualifier	11 a.m.
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships
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2001 Track and Field

at the Minnesota Open, May 4
Bierman Track and Field Stadium, 4 p.m.
at the Iowa Invitational, May 5
Iowa City, Iowa, 4 p.m.

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This Week

The Gophers hosts the Minnesota Open on Friday, May 4 at 4 p.m. at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium. Minnesota then travels to Iowa City, Iowa to compete in the Iowa Invitational on Saturday, May 5.

Review: Drake Relays

At the 92nd annual Drake Relays on Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, the Minnesota women's track and field team broke the school's 4x400-meter relay and 3,000-meter steeplechase records. The Gophers won the 4x1600 and discus titles and made two NCAA provisional qualifying marks.

The 4x400 relay team, consisting of senior **Amber Day** (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills), sophomore **Shani Marks** (Bagley, Minn./Bagley) and newcomers **Jessica Mittelstadt** (new Brighton, Minn./Irondale) and **Rachael Schutz** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings), ran a time of 3:42.61, breaking the school record and placing third in their heat. **Marks** also placed fourth in her heat in the 400-meter hurdles with a personal-best time of 59.98 seconds. The time put **Marks** third on the school's top ten performers list.

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** (Hastings, Minn./Hastings) took first place in the discus with a provisional qualifying throw of 170-feet, 8-inches. **Schmitt** also took home top honors as she threw a fourth place, NCAA provisional qualifying hammer throw of 192-feet, 3-inches. The throw, a personal-best for **Schmitt**, marked the third event the Hastings, Minn. native has provisionally qualified in for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in June. **Schmitt** placed sixth in the shot put with a toss of 48-feet, 4-inches.

Also placing first at the relays was the 4x1600 team. The team, including sophomore **Anita Menden** (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie), newcomer **Laine Misch** (Dobbinton, Ontario/Chesley District), senior **Elaine Eggleston** (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area) and junior **Crystal Glenn** (Yacolt, Wash./Battle Ground), ran a time of 20:11.04.

Junior **Victoria Moses** (New Brighton, Minn./New Brighton) placed fourth in the 3,000 steeplechase and ran a personal best time of 10:51.97. The run broke the school record previously set this season and provisionally qualified **Moses** for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Junior **Jessica Shuster** (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn) placed eighth in the 800-meter run with a personal-best time of 2:09.41. The run places **Shuster** sixth on Minnesota's top ten performers list.

Review: Macalester Invitational

Minnesota captured first place out of twelve teams at the Macalester Invitational on Saturday, April 28. **Mittelstadt** led the Gophers with first place finishes in both the 200 and 400-meter dashes with times of 26.30 and 58.90, respectively. Right behind **Mittelstadt**, newcomer **Nadine Conboy** (Duluth, Minn./Duluth Denfeld) placed third in the 200 and second in the 400.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	41st	10:51.97	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 26	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	52nd	10:59.96	UC Irvine Invitational/Irvine, Cal./Mar. 24	11:10.00
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	14th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
Aubrey Schmitt	Discus	10th	52.01 (170-8)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 27	50.50m
Aubrey Schmitt	Hammer	14th	58.59 (192-3)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 28	56.00m
Corinne Nimitz	10,000-meter	19th	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Senior **Shannaine Osbourne** (Bronx, N.Y./Mount Vernon) won the 100 with a time of 12.00 seconds. Also winning their events were 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams with times of 48.90 and 4:04.30.

In the field, newcomer **Alean Frawley** (Spring Lake Park, Minn./Spring Lake Park) won the shot put tossing 46-feet, 6-inches. Team-mate **Amy Netland** (Bagley, Minn./Bagley) captured first in the discus with a throw of 148-1.

Schmitt Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Minnesota senior **Aubrey Schmitt** was named the co-Big Ten Athlete of the Week on April 23. Schmitt shared the award with Michigan distance runner **Katie Jazwinski**. Schmitt had an eventful weekend in Southern California, participating in three separate meets. She placed fourth in the shot put, fifth in the discus and eighth in the hammer throw at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. Schmitt followed up with a fourth-place finish in the discus at the Mt. SAC Relays with a NCAA provisional mark of 170-0. She completed her weekend with a fifth-place finish in the hammer at the Long Beach Invitational.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers host the Minnesota Qualifier on Saturday, May 12 at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

Trackwire 25

April 24, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	71
2. USC	62
3. LSU	46
4. South Carolina	42
5. Arizona	37
6. Clemson	36
7. Texas	33
8. Colorado	26
9. BYU	22
10. Kansas State	20
11. Harvard	19
12. Arkansas	18
13. UTEP	17
14. SMU	15
15. Auburn	14
Mississippi	14
17. Florida	13
Rice	13
Georgia	13
20. Missouri	12
Illinois	12
Miami	12
Washington	12
24. North Carolina	11
25. Ohio State	10
Washington State	10
Georgetown	10
Idaho	10
Mississippi State	10
Stanford	10

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.41	4/27/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.98	4/26/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

Pole Vault

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
Erika Findlay	12- 0 3/4	3.68	4/14/01
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	4/14/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
2. Elaine Eggleston	10:59.96	3/24/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 3	58.59	4/28/01
3. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alean Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Mittelstadt, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
14 at Lemon Head Regatta
Novice 8+ – 2nd
Novice 4+ – 4th
21-22 at Head of the Charles
Club 8+ – 6th
29 at Head of the Iowa
Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
Open 4+ – 12th
Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
Open 8+ – 4th

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational cancelled
31 scrimmage at Texas

April

- 14 **vs. Creighton cancelled**
21 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
(Madison, Wis.)
1st Varsity 8+ – 5th
2nd Varsity 8+ – 4th
1st Novice 8+ – 2nd
2nd Novice 8+ – 3rd
28 at Big Ten Championships
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)
1st Varsity 8+ – 7th
2nd Varsity 8+ – 6th
1st Varsity 4+ – 7th
1st Novice 8+ – 2nd

May

- 12-13 at Central Region Champ.
(Oak Ridge, Tenn.)
24-26 NCAA Championship
(Gainesville, Fla.)

Home events in **bold**
Schedule is subject to change



Rowing 2000-01

NCAA Central Region Championships

May 12-13, 2001

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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Golden Gophers End Spring Season

The Gophers competed in the Big Ten Championships on Saturday, April 28 at the University of Michigan. Minnesota competed in four races at the championship; the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, the first varsity four, and the first novice eight. The two races Minnesota did not compete in were the second varsity four and the second novice eight.

The Gophers scored a total of 18 points, placing them in sixth place out of seven teams. Michigan went on to capture the title and repeat as Big Ten champions by scoring in every event for a total of 56 points.

The final team standings are as follows:

1. Michigan	56
2. Ohio State	43
3. Michigan State	36
4. Wisconsin	36
5. Iowa	32
6. Minnesota	18
7. Indiana	16

In the first varsity eight race, the Gophers finished third in the Petite Final in a time of six minutes, 48 seconds. Michigan won the Grande Final in a time of six minutes, 18 seconds. Minnesota scored nine points in that race while Michigan scored 27.

In the second varsity eight race, Minnesota's boat finished second in the Petite Final in a time of six minutes, 57 seconds. Michigan went on to win that race, along with the first varsity four and the first novice eight.

Minnesota's first varsity four placed third in the Petite Final in a time of eight minutes, four seconds, just three seconds behind Indiana.

Finally, in the first novice eight competition, the Gophers finished first in their heat and then went on to the Grande Final, where they finished second overall. Michigan won that race in six minutes, 41 seconds; followed by Minnesota at six minutes, 54 seconds.

Gophers Earn All-Big Ten Honors

Minnesota placed two athletes on the All-Big Ten Team. Amber Riopel (Rhinelander, Wis./Rhinelander) and Beth Hornby (Winnipeg, Manitoba/Kelvin) earned spots on the team. Hornby made First Team All-Big Ten, while Riopel made the Second team. Both race in the the first varsity eight boat, with Hornby at stroke and Riopel seated in the 7th position.

Slow Start to Spring Season

The Gophers competed in their first official race of the spring season at the Midwest Rowing Championships. Races have been cancelled twice this spring due to frozen lakes. The Iowa Invitational, scheduled for March 25, was the first cancellation. On April 14, the race scheduled between Minnesota and Creighton on Lake Phalen in St. Paul was also cancelled.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis is in her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Davis also spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach before being promoted to the head coaching position. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981. Davis is assisted by Kerry O'Keefe and Maggie Romens.

Up Next

Minnesota competes at the NCAA Central Region Championships in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on May 12-13, 2001. Minnesota is only bringing two boats, the top varsity eight and the top novice eight.

2001 Schedule

Overall Record: 11-9 Big Ten: 3-7

January

26 Minnesota Court Classic
vs. Richmond W, 5-2

February

3 Drake Cancelled
10 vs. Tulsa at Colorado L, 5-2
11 at Colorado W, 6-1
24 vs. Houston@ W, 5-2
25 at Marquette W, 6-1

March

2 at Ohio State* L, 7-0
4 at Penn State* L, 7-0
10 vs. Syracuse# W, 7-0
11 at Maryland W, 5-2
16 Drake W, 6-1
23 Michigan State* W, 7-0
25 Michigan* W, 5-2
30 at South Florida W, 5-2

April

7 at Indiana* L, 6-1
8 at Purdue* W, 4-3
13 Northwestern* L, 6-1
15 Illinois* L, 6-1
20 at Wisconsin* L, 4-3
21 at Iowa* L, 5-2
26-29 at Big Ten Championships
vs. Purdue L, 4-1

May

11-13 at NCAA Regionals
17-25 at NCAA Championships
(Atlanta, Ga.)

* Big Ten Conference match
@ at Marquette
at Maryland

No team scores during fall competition.

Home matches in **bold** are played at the Northwest Athletic Club at 98th Street in Bloomington, Minn.

All times are local to site and subject

Minnesota Women's Tennis 2000-01



Season Complete

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About The Golden Gophers

Minnesota finished their 2000-2001 season after losing in the Big Ten Tournament to Purdue on Thursday, April 26, 2001, in Columbus, Ohio.

Minnesota against Purdue

Minnesota was the No. 8 seed heading into the tournament and faced No. 9 Purdue. The Gophers lost 4-1, with three matches abandoned. Minnesota lost the doubles point after Purdue took the No. 1 and No. 3 matches. The No. 2 match between Minnesota's **Tammy Wang (Grand Island, Neb./Grand Island)** and **Amy Thomas (Orchard Park, N.Y./Orchard Park)** vs. Purdue's Melissa Iqbal and Lynsey Fick was abandoned at 7-7.

As for the singles side, the point came from No. 2 **Amy Thomas** who won her match 7-5, 6-2. She defeated Melissa Iqbal of Purdue. Purdue earned victories at the No. 1, No. 3 and No. 6 spots. Matches at the No. 4 and No. 5 positions were then abandoned, resulting in the final score of 4-1.

Northwestern went on to win the Big Ten championship for the third consecutive year. The Wildcats topped the No. 2 seed Illinois, 4-2, in the final. They receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, which begins May 11 at various sites.

The National Ranking

Minnesota fell out of the national ranking for the first time since the beginning of the season. The Gophers had been ranked No. 71. Northwestern leads the Big Ten conference No. 9, followed by Illinois at No. 29. Other Big Ten teams: Ohio State (33), Indiana (37), Iowa (48), Penn State (54), Purdue (63).

Head Coach Martin Novak

Martin Novak finished his 11th season as head coach of the women's tennis team. **Novak** earned the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year award in 2000 after leading the Golden Gophers to the title match of the conference tournament and an 18-7 overall record. **Novak** has compiled a 123-109 record at Minnesota.

Looking Ahead

The Gophers lose Senior **Tammy Wang**, who was the 2000-2001 team captain. **Wang** played at the No. 4 singles position and No. 2 doubles. However, the Gophers No. 1 and No. 6 singles players, **Valerie Vladea (Kitchener, Ontario/Burlington Central)** and **Brandi Watts (Monument, Colorado/Lewis-Palmer)** were held by freshmen, while the No. 2 and No. 3 positions were held by sophomores **Thomas** and **Michaela Havelkova (Liberec, Czech Republic/Gymnazium F.X.Saldy)**.

Golden Gopher Statistics

Singles	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Valerie Vladea	10-10						1-1	10-10	.500	4-6	.400	11-11	.500
Amy Thomas		10-10					3-6	10-10	.500	4-6	.400	13-16	.448
Michaela Havelkova			8-12				5-5	8-12	.400	3-7	.300	13-17	.433
Tammy Wang				13-6			2-4	13-6	.667	5-5	.500	15-10	.600
Jennifer Howard					5-11		3-7	5-11	.313	1-7	.125	8-18	.308
Brandi Watts					1-1	11-5	3-7	12-6	.667	4-6	.400	15-13	.536
Andrea Rose						0-3	1-8	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	1-11	.083
Totals	10-10	10-10	8-12	13-6	6-12	11-8	18-38	58-58	.500	21-39	.350	76-96	.442

Doubles By Team

	#1	#2	#3	Open	Spring	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Total	Pct.
Havelkova/Vladea	13-7				13-7	.650	5-5	.500	13-7	.650
Howard/Wang		3-9		0-2	3-9	.250	2-5	.286	3-11	.214
Thomas/Watts			11-6	0-2	11-9	.550	2-6	.250	11-9	.550
Totals	13-7	5-14	11-8	0-4	29-28	.509	10-20	.333	37-43	.463



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Golden Gopher Sports News

May 7, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Golf

- The Gophers travel to Purdue for the NCAA Central Region Championship to be played on the Kampen Golf Course

Rowing

- Minnesota competes at the NCAA Central Region Championship in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Track and Field

- The Gophers host the Minnesota Qualifier

Golden Gopher Highlights

Softball

- The Gophers finish their sixth-consecutive winning season, and improve their records from the 2000 season

Track and Field

- Senior Aubrey Schmitt wins the shot put, discus and hammer throw at the Iowa Invitational, all events in which she has provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships
- Erica Findlay sets the school record, and Bierman Stadium record in the pole vault with an NCAA provisional qualifying leap of 12 feet, 6 inches
- Elaine Eggleston sets the school and Bierman Stadium records in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with an NCAA provisional qualifying time

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Thursday, May 10

GF at NCAA Central Region Champ. 7:30 p.m.
(West Lafayette, Ind.)

Friday, May 11

GF at NCAA Central Region Champ. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

TF hosts **Minnesota Qualifier** 4 p.m.
GF at NCAA Central Region Champ. 7:30 p.m.
RW at NCAA Central Region Championship
(Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Sunday, May 13

RW at NCAA Central Region Championship

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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
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2001 Track and Field

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This Week

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Review: Minnesota Open

At the Minnesota Open on Friday, May 4 at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium, the Gophers won 11 of 19 events, set two school records, set two stadium records and NCAA provisionally qualified two individuals.

Senior **Elaine Eggleston (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** won the first 3,000-meter steeplechase ever ran at Bierman Stadium. **Eggleston** finished with a school record and an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 10:44.11.

Erica Findlay, a sophomore from **Whitewater, Wis.**, set a Bierman Stadium and Minnesota school record in the pole vault with a height of 12-feet, 6-inches. The NCAA provisional qualifying mark broke the previous Bierman record set by Jennifer Bass of South Dakota State in 1999.

In the discus, senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** threw a season-best, NCAA provisional qualifying throw of 171-feet, 6-inches to take third in the event. In addition, **Schmitt** won the hammer throw in the meet with a throw of 177-10.

Newcomer **Alean Frawley (Spring Lake Park, Minn./Spring Lake Park)** threw a winning toss of 48-2 in the shot put to take first in the meet, placing her ninth on the school's top ten performers list.

Junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** won the 200 and 400-meter dashes with times of 25.42 and 55.16 seconds, respectively. **Shuster's** time in the 400 is a season-best.

Review: Iowa MUSCO Twilight Invitational

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** had another outstanding meet at the MUSCO Twilight Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa on Saturday, May 5.

Schmitt claimed three event titles by placing first in the discus, shot put and hammer throw. **Schmitt** won the shot put with a throw of 48-feet, 4.25-inches and the hammer throw with a toss of 172-1. The Hastings graduate set a meet record with her throw of 168-6 in the discus, an NCAA provisional qualifying time. **Schmitt** has previously provisionally qualified in all three events.

Corinne Nimtz, a senior from **Eden Prairie, Minn.**, ran a season-best winning time of 9:49.75 in the 3,000-meter run.

Senior **Amy Sas** won the 5,000 with a time of 18:17.45.

Schmitt wins Big Ten Medal of Honor

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor for Minnesota Women's Athletics on Thursday, May 3 at the Patty Berg Award Banquet. The medal is given to the student-athlete that best demonstrates academic excellence, athletic achievement and leadership for their Big Ten school. **Schmitt** is a three-time All American and a five-time Big Ten champion.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

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Erica Findlay	Pole Vault	39th	3.81 (12-6)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	3.81m
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	15th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
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Provisional Madness

The Minnesota women's track and field team has provisionally qualified seven times in six events for this year's NCAA Outdoor Track and Field championships in Eugene, Ore. on May 30-June 1. Though no member of the team has automatically qualified for nationals, Minnesota is in good shape for next week's Big Ten Championships at Bloomington, Ind.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers travel to Bloomington, Indiana for 2001 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday-Sunday, May 18-20 at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex.

Trackwire 25

May 1, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	62
2. USC	61
3. LSU	45
4. South Carolina	41
5. BYU	39
6. Arizona	33
7. Clemson	27
Texas	27
9. Harvard	26
10. Colorado	23
11. SMU	21
Arkansas	21
13. Florida	20
California	20
15. Rice	18
Illinois	18
UTEP	18
Kansas State	18
19. Mississippi	13
Georgia	13
21. North Carolina	12
Washington State	12
23. Stanford	10
Idaho	10
Washington	10
Mississippi State	10
Appalachian State	10

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01
t4. Shannaine Osbourne	12.00	4/28/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01
9. Rachael Schutz	56.98	5/4/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.41	4/27/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
t6. Caese Martine	14.64	4/28/01
t7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.98	4/26/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

Pole Vault

1. Erika Findlay	12- 6	3.81	5/4/01
2. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	4/14/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Elaine Eggleston	10:44.11	5/4/01
2. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 3	58.59	4/28/01
3. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alean Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

Shot Put

1. <i>Rachel Lewis</i>	53- 2 1/4	16.21	1991
t3. Aubrey Schmitt	51- 9 1/4	15.78	4/22/01
9. Alean Frawley	48- 2 3/4	14.70	5/4/01

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Top Performances (through May 6)

100-Meter Dash (AQ-11.30, PQ-11.55, SR-11.68)

11.94	Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
12.00	Shannaine Osbourne (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
12.60	Jessica Mittelstadt (Minnesota Open, May 4)
12.90	Kirsten Kosloske (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
13.10	Dalee Wilkenson (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
13.16	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.59	Caese Martine (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.61	Erika Findlay (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.69	Erica Findlay (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
14.06	Monica Stearns (Minnesota Open, May 4)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.10, PQ-23.60, SR-24.15)

24.83	Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
25.17	Jessica Shuster (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
25.80	Jessica Mittelstadt (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
26.03	Rachel Schultz (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
26.42	Nadine Conboy (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
26.70	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Open, May 4)
26.88	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Open, May 4)
27.79	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Dash (AQ-52.40, PQ-53.70, SR-54.54)

55.16	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Open, May 4)
55.92	Shani Marks (Minnesota Open, May 4)
56.28	Amber Day (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
56.98	Rachael Schutz (Minnesota Open, May 4)
57.36	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Open, May 4)
58.51	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Open, May 4)
58.63	Jessica Mittelstadt (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
61.76	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:05.00, PQ-2:07.50, SR-2:07.71)

2:09.41	Jessica Shuster (Drake Relays, April 27)
2:11.83	Jenny Moylan (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
2:12.65	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
2:15.01	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Open, May 4)
2:17.96	Laine Misch (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)

1,500-Meter Run (AQ-4:19.00, PQ-4:24.00, SR-4:15.59)

4:37.43	Darja Vasiljeva (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4:39.75	Anita Menden (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
4:40.35	Jenny Moylan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:42.54	Laine Misch (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
4:55.62	Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:56.42	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:58.87	Crystal Glenn (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
5:02.10	Christine Harper (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
5:12.71	Jill Field (Minnesota Open, May 4)
5:28.54	Allison Mumbleau (Hamline Invitational, April 7)

3,000-Meter Run (SR-9:07.46)

9:49.75	Corinne Nimitz (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
9:55.20	Darja Vasiljeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
10:39.59	Christine Harper (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
11:00.90	Krista Anderson (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
11:31.30	Jill Field (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:13.00, PQ-16:48.00, SR-16:10.50)

17:08.17	Corinne Nimitz (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:33.74	Darja Vasiljeva (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
18:17.45	Amy Sas (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
18:25.73	Allison Mumbleau (Long Beach State Invite, April 21)
19:00.50	Amy Sas (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
19:28.75	Krista Anderson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19:47.58	Jill Field (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

10,000-Meter Run (AQ-34:10.00, PQ-35:15.00, SR-33:31.96)

34:42.96	Corinne Nimitz (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)
40:47.80	Allison Mumbleau (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

100-Meter Hurdles (AQ-13.10, PQ-13.60, SR-13.87)

14.64	Caese Martine (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
14.73	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
15.29	Julie Antczak (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
16.00	Saree Zweifel (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

3,000-Meter Steeplechase (AQ-10:20.00, PQ-11:10.00, SR-10:54.12)

10:44.11	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10:51.97	Victoria Moses (Drake Relays, April 26)
11:19.42	Crystal Glenn (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Hurdles (AQ-57.50, PQ-59.20, SR-57.99)

59.98	Shani Marks (Drake Relays, April 26)
1:03.13	Allyson DeVries (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1:05.90	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1:08.77	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1:11.52	Caese Martine (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

4x100-Meter Relay (AQ-44.20, PQ-45.10, SR-46.21)

47.83	Minnesota "A" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
48.08	Day, Mittelstadt, Shuster, Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
48.76	Mittelstadt, Osbourne, Schutz, Antczak (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
48.90	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
49.61	Minnesota "B" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
50.44	Zweifel, Woolford, Conboy, Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
50.50	Mittelstadt, Woolford, Conboy, Wilkinson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
51.37	DeVries, Wilkenson, Findlay, Stearns (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:33.50, PQ-3:39.00, SR-3:43.16)

3:42.61	Amber Day, Jessica Mittelstadt, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Drake Relays, April 27)
3:44.13	Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
3:44.64	Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
3:44.66	Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
3:55.62	(Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:02.10	Tanna-Marie Simmons, Nadine Conboy, Jenny Moylan, Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:04.30	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
4:08.85	(Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

High Jump (AQ-1.85m, PQ-1.79m, SR-1.78m)

1.59 (5- 2 1/2)	Amanda Sullivan (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1.54 (5- 0 1/2)	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Long Jump (AQ-6.50m, PQ-6.20m, SR-6.16m)

5.28 (17- 4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4.74 (15- 3/4)	Erika Findlay (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.36 (14- 3 3/4)	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.23 (13-10 1/2)	Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10m, PQ-3.80m, SR-3.68m)

3.81 (12 6)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Open, May 4)
3.35 (10-11 3/4)	Monica Stearns (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
3.10 (10- 2)	Dalee Wilkenson (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.40m, PQ-12.80m, SR-13.05m)

12.21 (40- 0 3/4)	Shani Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
11.06 (36- 2 1/2)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.82 (35- 6)	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.73 (35- 2 1/2)	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.31 (33-10)	Tracy LaVoi (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

Discus Throw (AQ-54.50m, PQ-50.50m, SR-55.72m)

52.28 (171- 6)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Open, May 4)
48.40 (158- 9)	Brenda Meyer (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
45.74 (150- 1)	Amy Netland (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.08 (147-11)	Heidi Crabtree (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)

Hammer Throw (AQ-61.00m, PQ-56.00m, SR-59.16m)

58.59 (192- 3)	Aubrey Schmitt (Drake Relays, April 28)
54.85 (179-11)	Angie Hill (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
52.43 (172-11)	Brenda Meyer (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.56 (149- 6)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Javelin Throw (AQ-52.50m, PQ-46.50m, SR-55.69m)

30.74 (100-10)	Jessica Michell (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
27.81 (91- 3)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Shot Put (AQ-16.00m, PQ-14.90m, SR-16.21m)

15.78 (51- 9 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
14.70 (48- 2 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.65 (44- 9 1/2)	Amy Netland (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
9.20 (30- 2 1/4)	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)



Women's Athletics
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

2000-01 Schedule

September

- 11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams
- 23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams
- 29-30 **Lady Northern Invitational**

October

- 1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams
- 9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams
- 23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

- 23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

- 12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams
- 27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

- 7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
8th of 15 teams
- 14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
8th of 12 teams
- 21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
8th of 16 teams
- 27-29 **Big Ten Championship**
tie-4th of 11 teams

May

- 10-12 NCAA Central Regional
(West Lafayette, Ind.)

Home tournaments in bold are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

NCAA Central Regional Championship
May 10-12, West Lafayette, Ind.

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Golden Gophers Earn NCAA Regional Berth

The Minnesota women's golf team earned a berth to the 2001 NCAA Central Regional Championship, May 10-12, hosted by Purdue. The 54-hole regional tournament will be contested at the Kampen Golf Course in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Gophers in the NAAs

Minnesota will be making its fifth NCAA Championship appearance in school history and first under second-year head coach Melissa Arthur. The Gophers' best finish was 12th at the 1989 NCAA Championship. Minnesota's NCAA finishes:

1998	17th at NCAA East Regional
1995	19th at NCAA East Regional
1994	18th at NCAA East Regional
1989	12th at NCAA Championship

The Regional Championship Format

A total of 63 teams will compete in three 21-team regional championships. In addition to Purdue, North Carolina and Oregon State serve as hosts for regional sites. Two individuals not part of a qualifying team will also compete at each regional championship. The top eight teams and two individuals will advance to the NCAA Championship, May 22-25, in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

A total of seven Big Ten teams are among the Championship field. Michigan and Northwestern will compete in the East Regional, Big Ten champion Michigan State, Ohio State and Indiana head out to the West Regional and Minnesota and Purdue are in the Central.

The Gopher Lineup

Coach Melissa Arthur will need to select five Gophers to compete in the NCAA Regional Championship. Following are Minnesota's top six players, all of whom played during last week's Big Ten Conference Women's Golf Championship.

Katie Bakken, Senior (Brooklyn Center, Minn./Champlin Park/California)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,592	78.55	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)

Jenny Bruun, Senior (Crookston, Minn./Central)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,591	78.52	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)

Cindy Cannon, Junior (Big Lake, Minn./Monticello)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,607	79.00	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)

Karen Quintelier, First-Year (Monrovia, Calif./LaSalle)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
7	20	1,620	81.00	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)

Megan Stier, Junior (Belle Plaine, Minn./Belle Plaine)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,643	80.09	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)

Karyn Stordahl, Sophomore (Owatonna, Minn./Owatonna)

Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
12	33	2,595	78.64	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)

The Big Ten Championship

Michigan State captured the 2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship title by placing all four of its scoring golfers in the top 14 placewinners at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course on Sunday. The Spartans tallied a round of 308 on Sunday to total 1,219 strokes and win their first conference women's golf crown since winning the very first Big Ten

Women's Golf Championship in 1982. Minnesota finished in a tie for fourth place.

Ohio State's Mollie Fankhauser battled Michigan State's Allison Fouch for medalist honors down to the final hole of the tournament. Fouch began the final round with a one-stroke lead but by the 18th hole, the 72nd hole of the tournament, the two were tied. Fankhauser, named the 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year, birdied the 421-yard, par 5 hole, while Fouch struggled to a bogey. Fankhauser's winning total was 301 with rounds of 70, 77, 78 and 76. Purdue's Kari Damron hit a 2-over par 74 in the final round to pull into a tie for second place with Fouch at 303.

Other Michigan State golfers scoring in the top 14 were Stacy Snider fourth at 304, Emily Bastel in a tie for 10th at 308 and Kasey Gant tied for 14th at 309.

The All-Big Ten team was announced after the completion of the Championship. In addition to Fankhauser's Big Ten Player of the Year honor, Ohio State's Allison Hanna was named Big Ten Rookie of the Year, while Michigan State's Stacy Slobodnik captured Big Ten Coach of the Year acclaim.

2001 All-Big Ten Team

- Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- Natalie Tucker, Indiana
- Kari Damron, Purdue
- Stacy Snider, Michigan State
- Emily Bastel, Michigan State
- Emily Gilley, Northwestern
- Elizabeth Burden, Northwestern
- Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- Inga Snyder, Indiana
- Kasey Gant, Michigan State

- 2001 Big Ten Rookie of the Year: Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year: Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year: Stacy Slobodnik

2001 Big Ten Women's Championship
U of MN Les Bolstad GC Falcon Hts., MN

FINAL RESULTS
 April 27-29
 Par 72 — 5,979 Yards

Team Scores

1.	Michigan State	302	300	309	308	1219
2.	Indiana	303	301	318	308	1230
	Northwestern	304	303	314	309	1230
4.	Purdue	298	313	319	305	1235
	Minnesota	302	304	315	314	1235
6.	Ohio State	303	305	310	321	1239
7.	Michigan	309	303	318	318	1248
8.	Wisconsin	307	323	327	314	1271
9.	Penn State	310	323	331	320	1284
10.	Iowa	324	324	325	314	1287
11.	Illinois	319	328	335	318	1300

Top 10 Individuals

1.	Mollie Fankhauser (Ohio State)	70	77	78	76	301
2.	Kari Damron (Purdue)	74	75	80	74	303
	Allison Fouch (Mich. St.)	78	70	76	79	304
4.	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	74	75	80	75	304
5.	Tiffany Fisher (Indiana)	74	76	78	77	305
6.	Allie Blomquist (Wisconsin)	72	75	82	77	306
	Karyn Stordahl (Minnesota)	75	73	80	78	306
8.	Hana Kim (N'western)	71	81	80	75	307
	Bess Bowers (Michigan)	75	76	78	78	307
10.	Natalie Tucker (Indiana)	79	72	83	74	308
	Ashley Lowery (Ohio State)	77	74	77	80	308
	Emily Bastel (Mich. St.)	76	75	79	78	308
	Andrea Makauskas (Purdue)	73	81	80	74	308

Minnesota Big Ten Finishes

T 6	Karyn Stordahl	75	73	80	78	306
T 14	Katie Bakken	76	78	80	75	309
T 20	Cindy Cannon	74	82	76	81	313
T 25	Jenny Bruun	78	74	79	84	315
T 42	Karen Quintelier	82	79	82	80	323
T 57	Megan Stier	77	84	86	86	333

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tour.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	310	310	324	-	944	8th of 12	Megan Stier	312.23
April 21-22	Lady Buckeye Invitational	317	324	312	-	953	8th of 16	Jenny Bruun	312.79
April 27-29	Big Ten Championship	302	304	315	314	1235	t-4th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	312.30

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	12	33	2,592	78.55	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	12	33	2,591	78.52	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	12	33	2,607	79.00	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	7	20	1,620	81.00	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	12	33	2,643	80.09	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	12	33	2,595	78.64	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75-226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80-80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73-230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78-225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81-242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77-239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81-81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78-239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78-238	20
Hawkeye Invitational	78-72-84-237	t28
Lady Buckeye Invitational	84-83-79-246	t55
Big Ten Championship	76-78-80-75-309	t14

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75-227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70-70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73-231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80-228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88-249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75-236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82-82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79-236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82-244	t36
Hawkeye Invitational	79-79-83-241	t37
Lady Buckeye Invitational	74-82-76-232	t18
Big Ten Championship	78-74-79-84-315	t25

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79-242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75-75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73-224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76-232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79-250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79-240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79-79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78-234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75-241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-79-234	22
Lady Buckeye Invitational	85-79-79-243	t46
Big Ten Championship	74-82-76-81-313	t20

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78-78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79-240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79-247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77-241	*t52
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-80-236	*t26
Lady Buckeye Invitational	83-88-84-255	*t79
Big Ten Championship	82-79-82-80-323	t42

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78-234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72-72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75-230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77-229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83-247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81-243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86-86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80-230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81-257	t68
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-78-233	t20
Lady Buckeye Invitational	81-87-81-249	t61
Big Ten Championship	77-84-86-86-333	t57

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76-228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79-79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78-234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77-229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77-234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79-242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82-82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81-237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79-241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	78-82-86-246	48
Lady Buckeye Invitational	79-80-78-237	t30
Big Ten Championship	75-73-80-78-306	t6

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79-254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84-252	81

* Competed as an individual

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
- 14 at Lemon Head Regatta
Novice 8+ – 2nd
Novice 4+ – 4th
- 21-22 at Head of the Charles
Club 8+ – 6th
- 29 at Head of the Iowa
Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
Open 4+ – 12th
Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
Open 8+ – 4th

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational cancelled
31 scrimmage at Texas

April

- 14 **vs. Creighton cancelled**
21 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
(Madison, Wis.)
1st Varsity 8+ – 5th
2nd Varsity 8+ – 4th
1st Novice 8+ – 2nd
2nd Novice 8+ – 3rd
- 28 at Big Ten Championships
(Ann Arbor, Mich.)
1st Varsity 8+ – 7th
2nd Varsity 8+ – 6th
1st Varsity 4+ – 7th
1st Novice 8+ – 2nd

May

- 12-13 at Central Region Champ.
(Oak Ridge, Tenn.)
24-26 NCAA Championship
(Gainesville, Georgia)

Home events in **bold**
Schedule is subject to change



Rowing 2000-01

NCAA Central Region Championships

May 12-13, 2001

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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About the Golden Gophers

Minnesota heads to the NCAA Central Region Championships that take place on May 12 and 13, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Races are set to start at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday. They will race on Melton Hill Lake, which is just outside Oak Ridge. The Gophers are entering two boats, the first varsity eight and the first novice eight. Other races in the competition include: second varsity eight, first varsity four, second varsity four and second novice eight. The events that count towards selection in the NCAA Championships are only the varsity events.

Along with Minnesota, representing the Big Ten at Central Regions are six schools. These include Michigan, who won the Big Ten Championships for the second year in a row and is seeded No. 2 in the country; Ohio State, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana.

The latest national poll was released on May 2 for the top Division I Varsity Eights. Brown University came in first place, followed by Michigan at No. 2, and Princeton at No. 3. Other Big Ten schools that are ranked include: Ohio State (8), Michigan State (11), Iowa (13), and Wisconsin (17).

Minnesota's first novice eight boat is looking to show the rest of the field what they're made of. The boat has finished second in spring competition each time, losing to Michigan at the conference championship and Kansas at the Midwest Rowing Championships. The Gophers are seeded No. 3 in the race.

Tentative Line Ups

First Varsity Eight

- C Libby Sharrow
S Beth Hornby
7 Amber Riopel
6 Heidi Rose
5 Meaghan Harvey
4 Holly Pearson
3 Michelle Hass
2 Emily MacCormick
1 Angela Hedin

First Novice Eight

- C Sarah Gleason
S Jill Peters
7 Jackie Gagner
6 Melissa Roche
5 Shelley Miller
4 Jessica Nelson
3 Amy Mickschl
2 Vicki Haight
1 Alison Zylstra

Rowing Team Holds Awards Banquet

The Women's Rowing team held their banquet on Friday, May 4, in downtown Mpls. Numerous awards were given out during the event, which were voted on by coaches or teammates. The varsity Most Valuable Oarswoman was Beth Hornby; Most Improved went to Heidi Rose; and the Captain's Award was given to Sarah Gleason. On the novice side, the Most Valuable Oarswoman was Jill Peters; Most Improved Oarswoman was Sara Pesola; and the Novice Captain's Award went to Nadia Eldeeb. Finally, the Donna J. Olson Award was given to Libby Sharrow.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis is in her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Davis also spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach before being promoted to the head coaching position. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981. Davis is assisted by Kerry O'Keefe and Maggie Romens.

Up Next

The NCAA Championships will take place at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Ga., May 24-26. Ten teams will be selected at-large by the Women's Rowing Committee. In addition, nine boats from teams not already represented will be selected to race in an eight-woman event. The championship holds three events (I Eights; II Eights; Fours), each covering a 2,000-meter course.

2001 Minnesota Softball Results

Final Overall Record: 36-22-1
Final Big Ten Record: 7-13

FEBRUARY

10-13 Metrodome Softball Classic (6-1 record, 1st of 5 teams)

- 17 at North Carolina L, 1-0; T, 1-1
18-20 Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)
(4-1 record, T3rd of 24 teams)
28 at San Diego State Rained Out

MARCH

- 2-4 at Worth Invite (Fullerton, Calif.)
(2-4 record, T6th of 10 teams)
9-10 at Creighton Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)
(3-2 record, 3rd of 6 teams)
24-25 at Boilermaker Invitational
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
(2-0 record, T1st of 6 teams)
27 at IUPUI W, 3-0; W, 3-1
28 at Indiana State W, 6-1; W, 2-1
30 at Purdue* L, 10-0 (5); W, 5-0
31 at Indiana* L, 2-0

APRIL

- 1 at Indiana* W, 6-5
6 at Northwestern* L, 5-0; L, 2-1
7 at Iowa* L, 2-1
8 at Iowa* L, 2-0 (8)
11 Wis.-Green Bay Rained Out
13 Michigan* L, 1-0; L, 2-1
14 Michigan State* L, 1-0
15 Michigan State* W, 3-1
17 Northern Iowa W, 1-0; W, 2-0
18 Concordia W, 2-1; W, 1-0
21 at Illinois* L, 2-1 (15)
22 at Illinois* W, 1-0 (9)
25 Drake W, 3-0; W, 2-0
27 Penn State* W, 1-0; L, 2-1
28 Ohio State* L, 2-0
29 Ohio State* W, 3-1

MAY

- 1 at Wis.-G. Bay W, 4-0; W, 10-7
5 Wisconsin* L, 3-1
6 Wisconsin* W, 2-1

* Big Ten games

Home games in bold at Jane Sage
Cowles Stadium, unless otherwise
indicated. Game times are local to site.

2001 Minnesota Softball



SEASON COMPLETE

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The University of Minnesota softball team completed its 2001 season last week with a doubleheader sweep against Wisconsin-Green Bay and a split of its final Big Ten series with Wisconsin. Minnesota (36-22-1, 7-13 Big Ten) earned its sixth consecutive winning season and improved both its overall record and its Big Ten record from the 2000 season. The Golden Gophers finished in ninth place in the Big Ten stadings, two games out of a possible Big Ten Tournament berth.

Big Ten Update

Michigan won the 2001 Big Ten softball title and will host the Big Ten Tournament beginning Thursday in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Wolverines rallied from a deficit in the seventh inning and defeated Michigan State, 2-1, in eight innings Sunday, while Iowa lost a 2-1 decision at home to Northwestern to give Michigan the title. Sixth-seeded Wisconsin will play third-seeded Ohio State in the first game Thursday, with the winner playing Iowa in the third game. Fifth-seeded Penn State will play fourth-seeded Illinois in the second game, with the winner playing Michigan in the fourth game. The double-elimination tournament concludes Saturday.

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	May 10 at Ann Arbor, Mich.
x-Michigan	17-3	.850	36-14-1	vs. PSU/III., 5p EDT
Iowa	16-4	.800	42-11	vs. Wis./OSU, 2:30p EDT
Ohio State	14-6	.700	46-16	vs. Wisconsin, 9:30a EDT
Illinois	12-8	.600	47-21	vs. Penn State, noon EDT
Penn State	9-11	.450	30-24	vs. Illinois, noon EDT
Wisconsin	9-11	.450	31-23	vs. Ohio State, 9:30a EDT
Purdue	9-11	.450	34-24-1	
Northwestern	8-12	.400	20-23	
Minnesota	7-13	.350	36-22-1	
Michigan State	5-15	.250	21-39	
Indiana	4-16	.200	16-36	

x-2001 Big Ten softball champion

The Minnesota Lineup

Pos.	Name	Avg.	Runs	RBI	Big Ten
1B	Hailee Nanchy	.230	5	17	.148 BA, 3 RBI
2B	Angel Braden	.297	17	36	.179 BA, 4 RBI
SS	Shelly Nichols	.249	19	22	.200 BA, 5 RBI
3B	Allie Fisk	.231	19	6	.114 BA, 5 runs
OF	Morgan Holden	.257	5	8	.214 BA, 3 RBI
OF	Tammi Hays	.331	37	4	.340 BA, 7 runs
OF	Veronica Roberts	.230	14	10	.175 BA, 3 RBI
C	Meghan Smith	0-1	0	0	Did Not Bat
C/DP	Christine Lindberg	.214	9	13	.087 BA, 1 RBI
DP	Anne Thul	.225	7	5	.225 BA, 2 runs
P	Piper Marten	.250	3	4	.222 BA, 1 RBI
P	Angie Recknor	.208	5	8	.237 BA, 1 run

Pos.	Name	W-L	ERA	SO	Big Ten
P	Piper Marten	23-11	0.80	249	4-6, 1.00 ERA
P	Angie Recknor	11-10	0.99	114	3-7, 1.20 ERA

Minnesota Team Notes

Scoring first and scoring often was a leading factor in the 2001 Minnesota softball season. Minnesota scored first in 31 of the 59 games it played and had a 27-3-1 record when it did score first, including a 16-2 record when scoring in the first inning. The Gophers were 9-19 when the opposition scored first. Minnesota rallied from a six-run deficit to beat UNC-Wilmington and a five-run hole to beat Indiana. Two runs was the magic number for Minnesota offensively. The Gophers were 32-1 when they scored two runs or more, with the only loss coming against Pacific in the final game of the Worth Invitational (Pacific 5, Minnesota 3). Minnesota was 4-21-1 when they scored one run or fewer, including 12 shutouts. In conference play, Minnesota was 5-0 when scoring two runs or more.

Minnesota Individual Notes

First-year pitcher **Piper Marten (Farmington, N.M./Farmington)** made her mark on Minnesota's single-season record book during the 2001 season. She set a new single-season strikeout record with 249 strikeouts. She ranks second with 49 appearances, tied for fourth with 23 wins, tied for fourth with a 0.80 earned run average, and tied for first with a 1.000 fielding percentage. The earned run average is the lowest for a Gopher since the ball was livened and the pitching distance moved back to 43 feet in 1993.

Sophomore pitcher **Angie Recknor (Minnetonka, Minn./Hopkins)** shared Minnesota's Player of the Year honor with **Marten**. She lowered her earned run average from 1.83 as a first-year pitcher to 0.99 this season. **Recknor** pitched her first complete-game Big Ten shutout against Penn State and pitched the final 2 1/3 innings against Wisconsin for her first career save. For her career, **Recknor** is 36-36 with a 1.57 ERA and 341 strikeouts in 481 innings. She is third on Minnesota's career strikeout list.

Junior **Tammi Hays (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** led Minnesota with a .331 batting average, 37 runs scored, 55 hits and 22 stolen bases. She also led Minnesota in Big Ten play with a .340 batting average, seven runs scored, 17 hits and six stolen bases. For her career, **Hays** has a .326 batting average, 176 hits in 184 games, 113 runs scored and 61 stolen bases. She ranks fifth in Minnesota history in stolen bases and needs 21 in her senior year to break Mischel Doerr's school record of 81 stolen bases.

Senior **Angel Braden (Chino, Calif./St. Lucy's)** completed her Gopher career with a flourish against Wisconsin. She hit her team-leading seventh home run of the season in the sixth inning of Saturday night's game, giving her 16 career home runs. **Braden** finishes her career third on Minnesota's career home run list and tied for fourth in Gopher history with 106 RBI.

Two other seniors finished their Minnesota careers against Wisconsin. **Morgan Holden (Los Lunas, N.M./La Cueva)** played in 217 games during her four-year career and collected 128 hits, including 24 doubles, six triples and three home runs. **Amy Hafemeyer (Kenyon, Minn./Fairbault)** played in her 183rd game Sunday against Wisconsin and scored Minnesota's final run of the season after reaching on her 21st and final hit of her career.

The Co-Head Coaches

Minnesota co-head coach **Lisa Bernstein** completed her 10th season as a Gopher mentor. Her overall record is 355-252-2 (.585), surpassing Linda Wells as Minnesota's all-time

winningest coach April 29 against Ohio State. In the last six seasons, Minnesota is 244-128-1 (.655), qualified for three NCAA tournaments and won the 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championship.

Minnesota co-head coach **Julie Standering** finished her third season with her current title and her 10th year with the program. Her record is 115-70-1 (.621) as a co-head coach and 200-110-1 (.645) since being elevated to associate head coach in 1996.

Season In Review

The Minnesota softball team was very successful in non-conference play, finishing with a 29-9-1 record out of Big Ten play. The success started in the Metrodome Softball Classic, where the Golden Gophers posted a 6-1 record and won its tournament for the first time in school history. In the championship game, **Veronica Roberts (San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel)** hit a bases-clearing triple to lead Minnesota to a 6-3 win over Louisville. **Braden** was named tournament MVP, while **Allie Fisk (Orono, Minn./Orono)**, **Hays**, **Marten**, and **Recknor** were named to the all-tournament team.

After a loss and a tie at North Carolina, Minnesota made its annual visit to the Triangle Classic in Raleigh, N.C. The Golden Gophers were a perfect 3-0 in pool play and defeated East Carolina before losing to Virginia, 2-1, in the semifinals. **Braden** was named to her second all-tournament team in as many weeks.

Minnesota's next trip took them to Southern California. After a rainout at San Diego State, Minnesota posted a 2-4 record at the Worth Invitational. The Gophers defeated a nationally ranked team (Oregon), and played fourth-ranked California to two tiebreakers before losing, 1-0, in nine innings. Minnesota returned to the Midwest to play in the Creighton Softball Spring Classic. The Gophers won three of the five games to improve their record to 15-9-1 for the season.

Starting with the final three games of the Creighton Softball Spring Classic, Minnesota won its final 17 games against non-conference competition. The Gophers defeated Loyola (Chicago) and Butler in the weather-shortened Boilermaker Invitational and swept non-conference doubleheaders against IUPUI, Indiana State, Northern Iowa, Concordia (St. Paul), Drake and Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Gophers outscored the competition 66-16 during the 17-game run.

Minnesota was able to play all 20 games of its Big Ten schedule, but was unable to collect enough wins to qualify for the Big Ten Tournament. The Golden Gophers were swept by three of the Big Ten opponents (Northwestern, Iowa and Michigan) and split with each of the other seven teams. Minnesota was 1-9 in the first half of Big Ten series and was 6-4 in the second half.

One-run games were the story of the conference season for the Golden Gophers. Minnesota won four one-run games in Big Ten play (Indiana, Illinois, Penn State, Wisconsin), but dropped seven (Northwestern, Iowa, Michigan (2), Michigan State, Illinois, Penn State). In two-run games, Minnesota won twice (Michigan State, Ohio State) and lost four times (Indiana, Iowa, Ohio State, Wisconsin), including one extra-inning game and a 2-0 game won on a 192-foot home run off the foul pole.

The Gophers won the last game of the season, defeating Wisconsin, 2-1. **Hafemeyer** scored the last run of the season in the fifth inning, and **Hailee Nanchy (Ontario, Calif./Ontario Christian)** threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game.

2001 Minnesota Softball Schedule/Results

Metrodome Softball Classic (Minneapolis)		
Feb. 8	W, 10-1 (6)	Northern Iowa
	W, 2-1 (8)	Wis.-Green Bay
Feb. 9	L, 2-1	Western Illinois
	W, 2-0	Louisville
Feb. 10	W, 8-3	Western Illinois
	W, 3-2	Louisville
Feb. 11	W, 6-3	Louisville

Feb. 15 L, 1-0 at North Carolina
T, 1-1 at North Carolina

Triangle Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)		
Feb. 16	W, 11-2 (6)	Temple
	W, 4-2 (8T)	Ohio
Feb. 17	W, 10-7	UNC-Wilmington
	W, 6-1	East Carolina
Feb. 18	L, 2-1	Virginia

Feb. 28 Rained Out at San Diego State
Rained Out at San Diego State

Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)		
March 2	W, 2-0	San Jose State
	L, 1-0 (9T)	California
March 3	L, 2-0	at Cal State Fullerton
	L, 3-1	Long Beach State
March 4	W, 3-1	Oregon
	L, 5-3	Pacific

Creighton Softball Spring Classic (Shawnee, Kan.)		
March 9	L, 3-0	Nebraska
	L, 3-0	Creighton
March 10	W, 8-1	Buffalo
	W, 3-1	Drake
	W, 3-0	Missouri-Kansas City

Boilermaker Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)		
March 24	W, 4-3	Loyola (Ill.)
	W, 9-0 (6)	Toledo

March 27 W, 3-1 at IUPUI
W, 3-0 at IUPUI

March 28 W, 6-1 at Indiana State
W, 2-1 at Indiana State

March 30 L, 10-0 (5) at Purdue
W, 5-0 at Purdue

March 31 L, 2-0 at Indiana
April 1 W, 6-5 at Indiana

April 6 L, 5-0 at Northwestern
L, 2-1 at Northwestern

April 7 L, 2-1 at Iowa
April 8 L, 2-0 (8) at Iowa

April 11 **Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay**
Rained Out Wis.-Green Bay

April 13 **L, 1-0 Michigan**
L, 2-1 Michigan

April 14 **L, 1-0 Michigan State**
April 15 **W, 3-1 Michigan State**

April 17 **W, 1-0 Northern Iowa**
W, 2-0 Northern Iowa

April 18 **W, 2-1 Concordia-St. Paul**
W, 1-0 Concordia-St. Paul

April 21 L, 2-1 (15) at Illinois
April 22 W, 1-0 (9) at Illinois

April 25 **W, 3-0 Drake**
W, 2-0 Drake

April 27 **W, 1-0 Penn State**
L, 2-1 Penn State

April 28 **L, 2-0 Ohio State**
April 29 **W, 3-1 Ohio State**

May 1 W, 4-0 at Wis.-Green Bay
W, 10-7 at Wis.-Green Bay

May 5 **L, 3-1 Wisconsin**
May 6 **W, 2-1 Wisconsin**

Home games **in bold** are played at Jane Sage Cowles Stadium.

Overall:	36-22-1	Big Ten:	7-13
Home:	10-6	Home:	4-6
Away:	9-9-1	Away:	3-7
Neutral:	17-7		
vs. Top 25:	1-5		

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SOFTBALL
Overall Statistics for Minnesota (as of May 06, 2001)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 36-22-1 Home: 10-6 Away: 9-9-1 Neutral: 17-7 Big Ten: 7-13

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Tammi Hays.....	.331	57-56	166	37	55	1	0	0	4	56	.337	20	3	38	2	.413	0	11	22-26	38	0	2	.950
Angel Braden.....	.297	51-51	138	17	41	11	1	7	36	75	.543	25	8	26	0	.430	1	2	1-1	85	86	5	.972
Morgan Holden.....	.257	41-37	101	5	26	8	0	0	8	34	.337	4	1	16	0	.292	0	10	3-3	22	3	2	.926
Piper Marten.....	.250	43-36	92	3	23	0	0	0	4	23	.250	2	1	3	0	.274	0	10	2-2	5	55	0	1.000
Shelly Nichols.....	.249	59-59	169	19	42	8	3	4	22	68	.402	14	2	32	0	.312	1	6	5-6	91	110	20	.910
Allie Fisk.....	.231	59-59	143	19	33	1	1	0	6	36	.252	6	2	19	0	.272	0	29	9-12	60	115	17	.911
Hailee Nanchy.....	.230	59-59	165	5	38	8	1	0	17	48	.291	12	4	26	1	.297	1	6	3-3	431	25	4	.991
Veronica Roberts....	.230	56-56	161	14	37	3	4	0	10	48	.298	4	0	13	0	.248	0	19	8-15	47	1	5	.906
Anne Thul.....	.225	42-24	80	7	18	2	0	0	5	20	.250	2	0	14	0	.244	0	4	1-2	22	20	3	.933
Christine Lindberg..	.214	43-22	70	9	15	3	2	2	13	28	.400	5	3	18	0	.295	0	5	2-2	32	1	1	.971
Angie Recknor.....	.208	46-45	125	5	26	3	0	0	8	29	.232	8	1	15	0	.259	1	4	0-1	6	47	5	.914
Amy Hafemeyer.....	.164	48-26	55	11	9	0	0	0	2	9	.164	4	0	9	0	.217	1	11	7-8	18	2	1	.952
Jessica Green.....	.080	18-3	25	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	.080	2	0	6	0	.148	0	1	0-0	0	11	1	.917
Meagan Hautala.....	.000	6-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Shannon Brophy.....	.000	22-1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Meghan Smith.....	.000	57-53	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	374	35	8	.981
Kelley Palkovich....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Sarah Rustad.....	.000	36-0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	8-11	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.244	59-59	1496	167	365	48	12	13	139	476	.318	109	25	238	3	.305	5	118	71-92	1232	511	74	.959
Opponents.....	.195	59-59	1489	106	291	33	3	17	83	381	.256	122	25	387	5	.267	4	53	30-43	1228	623	76	.961

LOB - Team (362), Opp (358). DPs turned - Team (13), Opp (12). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (3), Braden 2, Nanchy 1, Opp (4). Picked off - Thul 2, Rustad 1, Fisk 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Piper Marten.....	0.80	23-11	49	29	20	7/4	4	226.2	123	43	26	65	249	18	1	11	773	.159	7	17	0	1	33
Angie Recknor.....	0.99	11-10	31	26	7	3/2	1	148.0	123	36	21	37	114	10	2	3	557	.221	8	5	0	3	18
Jessica Green.....	1.78	2-1	16	4	1	0/2	0	35.1	38	23	9	20	23	4	0	2	149	.255	3	3	0	0	2
Meagan Hautala.....	31.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	7	4	3	0	1	1	0	1	10	.700	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	1.01	36-22	59	59	28	14/4	5	410.2	291	106	59	122	387	33	3	17	1489	.195	18	25	0	4	53
Opponents.....	2.09	22-36	59	59	37	12/3	3	409.1	365	167	122	109	238	48	12	13	1496	.244	18	25	1	5	118

PB - Team (14), Smith 12, Lindberg 2, Opp (13). SBA/ATT - Smith (28-41), Marten (13-22), Recknor (13-16), Green (3-4), Lindberg (2-2), Hautala (1-1).



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SCHMITT, BRANAGH HONORED WITH TOP AWARDS AT BERG BANQUET

Senior thrower Aubrey Schmitt was presented the Big Ten Medal of Honor, while volleyball player Nicole Branagh was honored as the Senior Athlete of the Year at the University of Minnesota Women's Athletics' annual Berg Awards Banquet held Thursday.

The Big Ten Medal of Honor is the highest award to be bestowed upon a student-athlete in the Big Ten Conference. Each Big Ten school selects a senior student-athlete who represents the very best achievements in all areas: academic excellence, athletic achievement and leadership.

Schmitt, a native of Hastings, Minn., is a three-time All-American, a five-time Big Ten champion, a participant in the 2000 United States Olympic Trials and has been selected to three all-Big Ten teams. She will attempt to win her fourth consecutive Big Ten outdoor shot put title next week at the Big Ten meet in West Lafayette, Ind.

She has also excelled in the classroom, being named to two-Academic All-Big Ten teams, two Academic All-District teams and was an Academic All-American in 2000. She is majoring in biology.

The Senior Athlete of the Year award is voted on by the student-athletes. The award recipient is chosen for her performance athletically and academically but also for their character and leadership abilities.

Branagh, a native of Orinda, Calif., is a two-time All-American and a three-time all-Big Ten selection. She was the 2000 Big Ten Co-Player of the Year and is the all-time leader in kills for both Minnesota and the Big Ten Conference with 2,379 career kills.

Branagh did not miss a match in her 134-match, four-year career. Minnesota had a record of 97-37 (.724) during her career, which saw the Gophers earn two second-place finishes in the Big Ten, three NCAA Tournament appearances, a 5-3 NCAA Tournament record and two appearances among the final 16 teams. She is currently training with the United States National Team in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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Golden Gopher Sports News

May 14, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Track and Field

- The Gophers head to Indiana University for the 2001 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Golden Gopher Highlights

Golf

- Jenny Bruun leads the Gophers to a 16th-place finish at the NCAA Central Region Championship by placing 36th individually

Rowing

- Minnesota's first novice eight placed second at the Lexus South/Central Sprints, leading the team to a fourth place finish

Track and Field

- Senior Aubrey Schmitt automatically qualifies for the NCAA Championships with a discus throw of 179 feet, 5 inches at the Minnesota Qualifier

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

Friday, May 11

TF at Big Ten Championships 1:00 p.m.
(Bloomington, IN)

Saturday, May 12

TF at Big Ten Championships 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 13

TF at Big Ten Championships 11:40 a.m.

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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	unscored
28	at Macalester Invitational	1st of 12 144.5 pts

May

4	Minnesota Open	unscored
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	2nd of 4 173.5 pts
12	Minnesota Qualifier	unscored
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships	
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at the Big Ten Championships
Friday-Saturday, May 18-20
Bloomington, Ind.

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This Week

The Gophers travel to Bloomington, Ind. to compete in the 2001 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Friday thru Sunday, May 18-20.

Review: Minnesota Qualifier

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** threw an automatic qualifying throw of 179 feet, 5 inches in the discus at the Minnesota Qualifier on Saturday, May 12 at Bierman Track and Field Stadium. The mark was the first automatic qualifying mark for the women's track and field team this season. The throw, a personal best for **Schmitt**, places her third on the school's career performers list. Last week at the Minnesota Open, **Schmitt** provisionally qualified in the event with a throw of 171-6. She also threw a provisional qualifying mark of 184-8 to take first in the hammer throw.

The 4x100 relay squad of seniors **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)**, **Shannaine Osbourne (Bronx, NY/Mount Vernon)**, junior **Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** and sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** set a season-best of 47.03 seconds to capture first in the event. **Day** also won the 100 and 200-meter dashes with times of 12.06 and 24.92, respectively. **Shuster** led a Minnesota filled 800-meter run to win the event in 2:09.96, and **Marks** won the 400-meter hurdles and long jump with marks of 62.45 seconds and 18 feet, 6.5 inches. **Marks** leap in the long jump is the team's season-best for the year.

Newcomer **Alean Frawley (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** won the shot put with a toss of 44-feet, 8.25 inches.

The Gophers won 10 of 18 events to lead the meet.

Gophers at 2000 Big Ten Championships

The Gophers has three Big Ten championships and several top finishers to score 118 points and place second in the conference, its highest finish ever. **Aubrey Schmitt** won her third consecutive outdoor shot put title and **Linda Lindqvist**, with her only throw of the season, won the javelin to lead the Gophers. **Christine Gulbrandsen** won her third Big Ten title in the triple jump, and Minnesota throwers placed second, fourth and seventh in the discus.

Schmitt wins Big Ten Medal of Honor

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor for Minnesota Women's Athletics on Thursday, May 3 at the Patty Berg Award Banquet. The medal is given to the student-athlete that best demonstrates academic excellence, athletic achievement and leadership for their Big Ten school. **Schmitt** is a three-time All American and a five-time Big Ten champion.

Next Up

The Gophers travel to Eugene, Oregon to compete at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Thursday-Sunday, May 30-June 2.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	51st	10:51.97	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 26	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	40th	10:44.11	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	11:10.00
Erica Findlay	Pole Vault	39th	3.81 (12-6)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	3.81m
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	15th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
Aubrey Schmitt	Discus	5th	54.68 (179-5)	Minnesota Qualifier/Minneapolis, Minn./May 12	54.50m
Aubrey Schmitt	Hammer	16th	58.59 (192-3)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 28	56.00m
Corinne Nimtz	10,000-meter	22nd	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Schmitt Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Minnesota senior Aubrey Schmitt was named the co-Big Ten Athlete of the Week on April 23. Schmitt shared the award with Michigan distance runner Katie Jazwinski. Schmitt had an eventful weekend in Southern California, participating in three separate meets. She placed fourth in the shot put, fifth in the discus and eighth in the hammer throw at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. Schmitt followed up with a fourth-place finish in the discus at the Mt. SAC Relays with a NCAA provisional mark of 170-0. She completed her weekend with a fifth-place finish in the hammer at the Long Beach Invitational.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Trackwire 25

May 8, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	81
2. USC	64
3. BYU	38
4. LSU	37
5. South Carolina	33
6. Arizona	32
Texas	32
8. Clemson	23
9. Harvard	22
10. SMU	19
11. UTEP	18
Florida	18
Kansas State	18
Illinois	18
15. California	17
Rice	17
17. Colorado	16
Georgia	16
19. Stanford	15
20. Arkansas	14
21. Missouri	13
Arizona State	13
Mississippi	13
24. Washington State	12
25. Miami	11

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://www.trackwire.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01
t4. Shannaine Osbourne	12.00	4/28/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01
9. Rachael Schutz	56.98	5/4/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.41	4/27/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
t6. Caese Martine	14.64	4/28/01
t7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.98	4/26/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
4. Shani Marks	40- 0 3/4	12.21	4/6/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Elaine Eggleston	10:44.11	5/4/01
2. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Pole Vault

1. Erika Findlay	12- 6	3.81	5/4/01
2. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
3. Monica Stearns	10-11 3/4	3.35	4/14/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 3	58.59	4/28/01
3. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
4. Brenda Meyer	179- 4	54.67	5/12/01
5. Alean Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

Discus

1. <i>Nicole Chimko</i>	182-10	55.72	1999
3. Aubrey Schmitt	179- 5	54.68	5/12/01

Shot Put

1. <i>Rachel Lewis</i>	53- 2 1/4	16.21	1991
t3. Aubrey Schmitt	51- 9 1/4	15.78	4/22/01
9. Alean Frawley	48- 2 3/4	14.70	5/4/01

4x100-Meter Relay

1. <i>Lori Hardrick, Kim Heath</i>	46.21	1995
<i>Kim Hofner, Kathianne Sellers</i>		
10. Amber Day, Shannaine Osbourne	47.03	5/12/01
Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks		

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

2000-01 Schedule

October

- 7 **Head of the Mississippi**
Open 8+ – 1st, 3rd
Open 4+ – 1st, 4th
 14 at Lemon Head Regatta
 Novice 8+ – 2nd
 Novice 4+ – 4th
 21-22 at Head of the Charles
 Club 8+ – 6th
 29 at Head of the Iowa
 Open 8+ – 9th, 16th
 Open 4+ – 12th
 Novice 8+ – 3rd, 7th, 19th

November

- 4 at Portland Regatta
 Open 8+ – 4th

March

- 25 at Iowa Invitational cancelled
 31 scrimmage at Texas

April

- 14 **vs. Creighton** cancelled
 21 at Midwest Rowing Champ.
 (Madison, Wis.)
 1st Varsity 8+ – 5th
 2nd Varsity 8+ – 4th
 1st Novice 8+ – 2nd
 2nd Novice 8+ – 3rd
 28 at Big Ten Championships
 (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
 1st Varsity 8+ – 7th
 2nd Varsity 8+ – 6th
 1st Varsity 4+ – 7th
 1st Novice 8+ – 2nd

May

- 12-13 at Lexus South/Central Sprints
 (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)
 1st Varsity 8+ – 9th
 1st Novice 8+ – 2nd
 24-26 NCAA Championship
 (Gainesville, Fla.)

Home events in **bold**
 Schedule is subject to change



Rowing 2000-01

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2001 Lexus South/Central Sprints Review

The Gophers finished fourth at the Lexus South/Central Sprints on May 12-13 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Minnesota competed in two of the five races at the championship; the first varsity eight, and the first novice eight. The Gophers scored 16 points for their second-place finish in the first novice eight race, losing to Michigan by less than two seconds. Minnesota's first varsity eight finished third in the petite final of the regatta. The Gophers made a significant jump from their seeding in the varsity eight, as they improved from their 17th seed to a ninth-place finish.

Final Team Standings

1. Michigan	130	7. Duke	10
2. Ohio State	74	8. North Carolina	8
3. Iowa	49	9. Notre Dame	7.5
4. Minnesota	16	10. Kansas	7
5. Michigan State	14	11. Tennessee	4
6. Clemson	10.5	12. Kansas State	2

First Novice Eight (Grande Final)

1. Michigan	6:53.7
2. Minnesota	6:55.6
3. North Carolina	6:59.7
4. Kansas	7:01.8
5. Ohio State	7:12.5
6. Iowa	7:15.8

Big Ten Championships Review

The Gophers competed in the Big Ten Championships on Saturday, April 28, at Michigan. Minnesota competed in four races at the championship; the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, the first varsity four, and the first novice eight.

The Gophers scored a total of 18 points, placing them in sixth place out of seven teams. Michigan went on to capture the title and repeat as Big Ten champions by scoring in every event for a total of 56 points.

Final Team Standings

1. Michigan	56	5. Iowa	32
2. Ohio State	43	6. Minnesota	18
3. Michigan State	36	7. Indiana	16
4. Wisconsin	36		

In the first varsity eight race, the Gophers finished third in the Petite Final in a time of six minutes, 48 seconds. Michigan won the Grande Final in a time of six minutes, 18 seconds. Minnesota scored nine points in that race while Michigan scored 27.

In the second varsity eight race, Minnesota's boat finished second in the Petite Final in a time of six minutes, 57 seconds. Michigan went on to win that race, along with the first varsity four and the first novice eight.

In the first novice eight competition, the Gophers finished first in their heat and then went on to the Grande Final, where they finished second overall. Michigan won that race in six minutes, 41 seconds; followed by Minnesota at six minutes, 54 seconds.

Gophers Earn All-Big Ten Honors

Minnesota placed two athletes on the All-Big Ten teams. **Amber Riopel (Rhineland, Wis./Rhineland)** and **Beth Hornby (Winnipeg, Manitoba/Kelvin)** earned spots on the team. Hornby was on the All-Big Ten first team, while Riopel made the second team. Both race in the first varsity eight boat, with Hornby at stroke and Riopel seated in the 7th position.

Head Coach Wendy Davis

Wendy Davis completed her first year as head coach at Minnesota. Davis was the head coach at Yale from 1993-97, leading the Bulldog women to a top-five national ranking in each of her four years with the program. Davis also spent 10 years at Stanford, beginning as the novice coach before being promoted to the head coaching position. She competed in collegiate rowing at UCLA, and was a member of the Bruin women's four that placed second at the Collegiate National Championships in 1981. Davis was assisted by Kerry O'Keefe and Maggie Romens.



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2000-01 Schedule

September

11-12 Alltel Husker Invitational
(Lincoln, Neb.)
5th of 17 teams

23-24 Mary Fossum Invitational
(East Lansing, Mich.)
1st of 15 teams

29-30 Lady Northern Invitational

October

1 **Lady Northern Invitational**
3rd of 16 teams

9-10 Shootout at The Legends
(Franklin, Ind.)
tie 7th of 15 teams

23-24 Central District Classic
(Parrish, Fla.)
8th of 11 teams

February

23-25 at Midwest Classic
(Dallas, Texas)
12th of 18 teams

March

12-13 Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational
(Winter Park, Fla.)
8th of 15 teams

27-29 Hawaii Rainbow Invitational
(Waimanalo, Hawaii)
9th of 18 teams

April

7-8 Indiana Invitational
(Bloomington, Ind.)
8th of 15 teams

14-16 Hawkeye Invitational
(Iowa City, Iowa)
8th of 12 teams

21-22 Lady Buckeye Invitational
(Columbus, Ohio)
8th of 16 teams

27-29 Big Ten Championship

tie-4th of 11 teams

May

10-12 NCAA Central Regional
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
16th of 21 teams

Home tournaments in **bold** are played at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.



2000-01 Minnesota Women's Golf

Season Complete

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Golden Gophers End Season with 16th-Place Finish at NCAA Regional

Minnesota finished in 16th place at the NCAA Central Regional at the Kampen Course in West Lafayette, Ind. The Gophers shot a team score of 325 in the final round to complete regional with a team score of 968.

Tulsa shot a 313 as a team Saturday and finished with a three-round total of 904, two shots better than Purdue and six shots ahead of third-place Texas. New Mexico State, Oklahoma State, Louisiana State, Kent State and California were the other teams to qualify for the NCAA Championship, beginning May 22. Minnesota finished 28 strokes behind the Golden Bears, the final qualifier for the NCAA Tournament.

Individually, Purdue's Kari Damron shot an even-par 216 for the three rounds to capture the regional's medalist honor. Minnesota's **Jenny Bruun (Crookston, Minn./Central)** had the Gophers' low score for the three rounds, finishing with a three-round total of 237 and placing 36th.

A total of seven Big Ten teams competed at the three NCAA Regional Championships around the country. Purdue advanced to the NCAA Championship with a second-place finish in the Central Regional. The Boilermakers are joined by conference champion Michigan State and Ohio State in the NCAA final. The Spartans finished third in the West Regional, while the Buckeyes placed fifth.

NCAA Central Region Championship Kampen Course, West Lafayette, Ind. Par 72, 6,040 Yards

Final Team Scores

Tulsa	300-291-313—904 (+40)
Purdue	295-300-311—906 (+42)
Texas	298-310-302—910 (+46)
New Mexico St.	303-299-323—925 (+61)
Oklahoma State	304-295-326—925 (+61)
Louisiana State	305-305-318—928 (+64)
Kent State	299-309-324—932 (+68)
California	309-312-319—940 (+76)
Oklahoma	314-306-324—944 (+80)
Nebraska	319-306-321—946 (+82)
Florida	312-311-327—950 (+86)
Baylor	309-311-334—954 (+90)
Central Florida	317-314-324—955 (+91)
Texas A&M	324-309-330—963 (+99)
Alabama	317-313-335—965 (+101)
Minnesota	318-325-325—968 (+104)
San Francisco	330-315-331—976 (+112)
Idaho	319-331-329—979 (+115)
Texas Tech	319-340-334—993 (+129)
Princeton	321-327-347—995 (+131)
Oral Roberts	333-335-347—1015 (+151)

Top Five Individuals

1.	Kari Damron, Purdue	216 (Even)
2.	Stacy Prammanasudh, Tulsa	218 (+2)
3.	Kristin Dufor, Texas	222 (+6)
4.	Martina Gillen, Kent State	224 (+8)
	Linda Wessburg, Oklahoma State	224 (+8)
	Suzie Fisher, Tulsa	224 (+8)

Gopher Individuals

t-36.	Jenny Bruun	80-77-80-237 (+21)
t-58.	Karyn Stordahl	80-78-84-242 (+26)
t-58.	Katie Bakken	81-81-80-242 (+26)
t-86.	Cindy Cannon	78-89-83-250 (+34)
t-93.	Megan Stier	80-95-82-257 (+41)

The Gophers in the NCAAs

Minnesota made its fifth NCAA Championship appearance in school history and first under second-year head coach Melissa Arthur. The Gophers' best finish was 12th at the 1989 NCAA Championship. Minnesota's NCAA finishes:

- 2001 17th at NCAA Central Regional
- 1998 17th at NCAA East Regional
- 1995 19th at NCAA East Regional
- 1994 18th at NCAA East Regional
- 1989 12th at NCAA Championship

The Big Ten Championship

Michigan State captured the 2001 Big Ten Women's Golf Championship title by placing all four of its scoring golfers in the top 14 placewinners at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course on Sunday. The Spartans tallied a round of 308 on Sunday to total 1,219 strokes and win their first conference women's golf crown since winning the very first Big Ten Women's Golf Championship in 1982. Minnesota finished in a tie for fourth place.

Ohio State's Mollie Fankhauser battled Michigan State's Allison Fouch for medalist honors down to the final hole of the tournament. Fouch began the final round with a one-stroke lead but by the 18th hole, the 72nd hole of the tournament, the two were tied. Fankhauser, named the 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year, birdied the 421-yard, par 5 hole, while Fouch struggled to a bogey. Fankhauser's winning total was 301 with rounds of 70, 77, 78 and 76. Purdue's Kari Damron hit a 2-over par 74 in the final round to pull into a tie for second place with Fouch at 303.

Other Michigan State golfers scoring in the top 14 were Stacy Snider fourth at 304, Emily Bastel in a tie for 10th at 308 and Kasey Gant tied for 14th at 309.

The All-Big Ten team was announced after the completion of the Championship. In addition to Fankhauser's Big Ten Player of the Year honor, Ohio State's Allison Hanna was named Big Ten Rookie of the Year, while Michigan State's Stacy Slobodnik captured Big Ten Coach of the Year acclaim.

2001 All-Big Ten Team

- Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- Natalie Tucker, Indiana
- Kari Damron, Purdue
- Stacy Snider, Michigan State
- Emily Bastel, Michigan State
- Emily Gilley, Northwestern
- Elizabeth Burden, Northwestern
- Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- Inga Snyder, Indiana
- Kasey Gant, Michigan State

2000-01 Gopher Women's Golf Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
Katie Bakken	Sr.	Brooklyn Center, Minn. (Champlin Park/California)
Jenny Bruun	Sr.	Crookston, Minn. (Central)
Cindy Cannon	Jr.	Big Lake, Minn. (Monticello)
Marilee Dahlman	Jr.	Marshalltown, Iowa (Marshalltown)
Kristin Dooley	Jr.	Albany, Minn. (Albany)
Angela Kippley	R-Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn. (Tech)
Laura Krumenauer	Jr.	Onalaska, Wis. (Holmen)
Karen Quintelier	Fr.	Monrovia, Calif. (La Salle)
Julie Skavanger	Jr.	Osseo, Minn. (Champlin Park)
Megan Stier	Jr.	Belle Plaine, Minn. (Belle Plaine)
Karyn Stordahl	So.	Owatonna, Minn. (Owatonna)
Kirstin Whalen	So.	Elk River, Minn. (Elk River)
Arminda Yutuc	Jr.	La Crosse, Wis. (Central)

Head Coach: Melissa Arthur (Second Year)
 Assistant Coach: Andi Schultz (First Year)

- 2001 Big Ten Rookie of the Year: Allison Hanna, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Player of the Year: Mollie Fankhauser, Ohio State
- 2001 Big Ten Coach of the Year: Stacy Slobodnik

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FINAL RESULTS
 April 27-29
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Team Scores

1.	Michigan State	302	300	309	308	1219
2.	Indiana	303	301	318	308	1230
	Northwestern	304	303	314	309	1230
4.	Purdue	298	313	319	305	1235
	Minnesota	302	304	315	314	1235
6.	Ohio State	303	305	310	321	1239
7.	Michigan	309	303	318	318	1248
8.	Wisconsin	307	323	327	314	1271
9.	Penn State	310	323	331	320	1284
10.	Iowa	324	324	325	314	1287
11.	Illinois	319	328	335	318	1300

Top Six Individuals

1.	Mollie Fankhauser (Ohio State)	70	77	78	76	301
2.	Kari Damron (Purdue)	74	75	80	74	303
	Allison Fouch (Mich. St.)	78	70	76	79	303
4.	Stacy Snider (Mich. St.)	74	75	80	75	304
5.	Tiffany Fisher (Indiana)	74	76	78	77	305
6.	Allie Blomquist (Wisconsin)	72	75	82	77	306
	Karyn Stordahl (Minnesota)	75	73	80	78	306

Minnesota Big Ten Finishes

T 6	Karyn Stordahl	75	73	80	78	306
T 14	Katie Bakken	76	78	80	75	309
T 20	Cindy Cannon	74	82	76	81	313
T 25	Jenny Bruun	78	74	79	84	315
T 42	Karen Quintelier	82	79	82	80	323
T 57	Megan Stier	77	84	86	86	333

Tournament Results

Date	Tournament	1	2	3	4	Total	Finish	Low Player	Year Avg.
Sept. 11-12	Alltel Husker Invitational	300	322	308	-	930	5th of 17	Katie Bakken	310.00
Sept. 23-24	Mary Fossum Invitational	296	-	-	-	296	1st of 15	Jenny Bruun	306.50
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lady Northern Invitational	312	302	294	-	908	3rd of 16	Cindy Cannon	304.86
Oct. 9-10	Shootout at The Legends	297	298	308	-	903	7th of 15	Katie Bakken	303.70
Oct. 23-24	Central District Classic	313	330	320	-	963	8th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	307.69
Feb. 23-25	Midwest Classic	326	318	310	-	954	12th of 18	Jenny Bruun	309.63
March 12	Spalding Peggy Kirk Bell	324	-	-	-	324	8th of 15	Cindy Cannon	310.47
March 27-29	Hawaii Rainbow Tourn.	309	309	315	-	933	9th of 18	Megan Stier	310.55
April 7-8	Indiana Invitational	328	322	313	-	963	8th of 15	Katie Bakken	311.91
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	310	310	324	-	944	8th of 12	Megan Stier	312.23
April 21-22	Lady Buckeye Invitational	317	324	312	-	953	8th of 16	Jenny Bruun	312.79
April 27-29	Big Ten Championship	302	304	315	314	1235	t-4th of 11	Karyn Stordahl	312.30
May 10-12	NCAA Central Regional	318	325	325	-	968	16th of 21	Jenny Bruun	313.17

Individual Statistics

Player (Year)	Events	Rds	Strokes	Avg.	Low Round	Top Finish
Katie Bakken (Sr.)	13	36	2,834	78.72	73 (Lady Northern)	3rd (Alltel Husker)
Jenny Bruun (Sr.)	13	36	2,828	78.56	70 (M. Fossum)	1st (M. Fossum)
Cindy Cannon (Jr.)	13	36	2,857	79.36	73 (Lady Northern)	4th (Lady Northern)
Marilee Dahlman (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Kristin Dooley (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Angela Kippley (R-Fr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Laura Krumenauer (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Karen Quintelier (Fr.)	7	20	1,620	81.00	77 (Rainbow/Hawkeye)	T-26 (Hawkeye)
Julie Skavanger (Jr.)	-	-	-	-	-	Has not competed
Megan Stier (Jr.)	13	36	2,900	80.56	70 (Shootout)	T-3rd (M. Fossum)
Karyn Stordahl (So.)	13	36	2,837	78.81	74 (Lady Northern)	T-11th (Alltel Husker)
Kirstin Whalen (So.)	2	6	506	84.33	79 (Alltel Husker)	T-70th (Alltel Husker)

Individual Tournament Results

Katie Bakken

Alltel Husker Invitational	73-78-75—226	t3
Mary Fossum Invitational	80—80	t53
Lady Northern Invitational	81-76-73—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	74-73-78—225	t23
Central District Classic	77-84-81—242	t33
Midwest Classic	83-79-77—239	t43
Peggy Kirk Bell	81—81	t28
Rainbow Invitational	82-79-78—239	t49
Indiana Invitational	83-77-78—238	20
Hawkeye Invitational	78-72-84—237	t28
Lady Buckeye Invitational	84-83-79—246	t55
Big Ten Championship	76-78-80-75—309	t14
NCAA Central Regional	81-81-80—242	t58

Jenny Bruun

Alltel Husker Invitational	72-80-75—227	*t7
Mary Fossum Invitational	70—70	1
Lady Northern Invitational	77-81-73—231	t19
Shootout at The Legends	78-70-80—228	t35
Central District Classic	78-83-88—249	t44
Midwest Classic	82-79-75—236	t30
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	77-80-79—236	t37
Indiana Invitational	79-83-82—244	t36
Hawkeye Invitational	79-79-83—241	t37
Lady Buckeye Invitational	74-82-76—232	t18
Big Ten Championship	78-74-79-84—315	t25
NCAA Central Regional	80-77-80—237	t36

Cindy Cannon

Alltel Husker Invitational	80-83-79—242	t44
Mary Fossum Invitational	75—75	t12
Lady Northern Invitational	78-73-73—224	t4
Shootout at The Legends	76-80-76—232	t47
Central District Classic	82-89-79—250	t46
Midwest Classic	79-82-79—240	t47
Peggy Kirk Bell	79—79	t17
Rainbow Invitational	77-79-78—234	t31
Indiana Invitational	81-85-75—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-79—234	22
Lady Buckeye Invitational	85-79-79—243	t46
Big Ten Championship	74-82-76-81—313	t20
NCAA Central Regional	78-89-83—250	t86

Karen Quintelier

Mary Fossum Invitational	78—78	*t34
Lady Northern Invitational	82-79-79—240	t51
Shootout at The Legends	81-87-79—247	*t80
Rainbow Invitational	83-81-77—241	*t52
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-80—236	*t26
Lady Buckeye Invitational	83-88-84—255	*t79
Big Ten Championship	82-79-82-80—323	t42

Megan Stier

Alltel Husker Invitational	71-85-78—234	t26
Mary Fossum Invitational	72—72	t3
Lady Northern Invitational	76-79-75—230	t15
Shootout at The Legends	70-82-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-85-83—247	t42
Midwest Classic	83-79-81—243	t56
Peggy Kirk Bell	86—86	t59
Rainbow Invitational	77-73-80—230	t21
Indiana Invitational	90-86-81—257	t68
Hawkeye Invitational	77-78-78—233	t20
Lady Buckeye Invitational	81-87-81—249	t61
Big Ten Championship	77-84-86-86—333	t57
NCAA Central Regional	80-95-82—257	t93

Karyn Stordahl

Alltel Husker Invitational	76-76-76—228	t11
Mary Fossum Invitational	79—79	t46
Lady Northern Invitational	82-74-78—234	t31
Shootout at The Legends	77-75-77—229	t38
Central District Classic	79-78-77—234	t14
Midwest Classic	82-81-79—242	t52
Peggy Kirk Bell	82—82	t33
Rainbow Invitational	78-78-81—237	t43
Indiana Invitational	85-77-79—241	t29
Hawkeye Invitational	78-82-86—246	48
Lady Buckeye Invitational	79-80-78—237	t30
Big Ten Championship	75-73-80-78—306	t6
NCAA Central Regional	80-78-84—242	t58

Kirstin Whalen

Alltel Husker Invitational	83-92-79—254	t70
Rainbow Invitational	83-85-84—252	81

* Competed as an individual



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Golden Gopher Sports News

May 21, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Track and Field

- The Gophers await word on NCAA Championship qualifiers

Golden Gopher Highlights

Track and Field

- Minnesota earns 101.25 team points to place third at the Big Ten Championships
- Sophomore Shani Marks is Minnesota's lone event champion, taking first place in the triple jump to win her second career Big Ten title
- Senior Aubrey Schmitt finishes second in the shot put and discus, and comes in third in the hammer throw to earn 22 team points at the conference meet

Schedule of Events

(all times central, home contests in bold)

There are no events scheduled this week

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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	unscored
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	unscored
28	at Macalester Invitational	1st of 12 144.5 pts

May

4	Minnesota Open	unscored
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	2nd of 4 173.5 pts
12	Minnesota Qualifier	unscored
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	3rd of 9 101.25 pts
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	
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Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at the NCAA Championships
Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2
Eugene, Ore.

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This Week

The Gophers have the week off to prepare for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2 in Eugene, Ore.

Review: 2001 Big Ten Championships

The Minnesota women's track and field team scored 101.25 points to place third behind Purdue and Indiana at the 2001 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships last weekend in Bloomington, Ind. The Gophers had one Big Ten champion, one school record and two new NCAA provisional qualifiers.

Shani Marks, a graduate from Apple Valley, Minn., was the only Big Ten women's champion for the Gophers. **Marks** won the triple jump competition with a leap of 41-feet, 7-inches. The jump, a personal best for the sophomore, places her second on the school's career performers list. **Marks** also finished third in the 400-meter hurdles with a personal-best time of 59.67 seconds.

Minnesota throwers continued to lead the team by placing in all the throwing events. **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** placed second in the discus (174-feet, 8-inches) and shot put (50-10 3/4), as well as third in the hammer throw (183-2). **Schmitt** has provisionally qualified in the shot put and hammer throw and automatically qualified in the discus. Senior **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)** placed second in the hammer throw with a provisionally qualifying, personal-best throw of 186-feet, 10-inches. **Meyer** also placed sixth in the discus, tossing 161-feet, 11-inches. Junior **Linda Lindqvist (Aland, Finland/Vora Idrottsgymnasium)**, in her first appearance of the season, threw a provisional qualifying throw of 159-feet, 9-inches in the javelin to place third. **Lindqvist** is ranked 12th nationally in the javelin.

Leading the distance runners was senior **Corinne Nimt (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)**, who placed second in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 35:00.16, a provisional qualifying mark. **Victoria Moses (New Brighton, Minn./Irondale)** also racked up two points for Minnesota in the events by finishing seventh, running 36:24.97. Distance newcomer **Darja Vasiljeva (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary No.5)** placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run with a personal-best time of 4:34.44. **Nimt** and **Elaine Eggleston (Roseville, Minn./Roseville Area)** placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in the 5,000-meter run. **Eggleston** also placed sixth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:52.10, and newcomer **Saree Zweifel (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater)** finished seventh in the heptathlon with a point total of 3654.

The 4x100-meter relay squad of **Amber Day, Shannaine Osbourne (Bronx, N.Y./Mount Vernon), Jessica Shuster (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis Washburn)** and **Marks** set a school record with an eighth place time of 46.18 seconds. **Shuster** also finished third in the 800-meter run with a personal-best time of 2 minutes, 9.34 seconds. Finishing fourth was the 4x400-meter relay squad of **Day, Marks, Rachael Schutz (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** and **Shuster** with a time of 3:43.20, the third-best performance in school history.

Sophomore **Erica Findlay (Whitewater, Wis./Whitewater)** scored five points in the pole vault with a fourth place vault of 12-feet, 2-inches. **Monica Stearns (Wadena, Minn./North St. Paul)** tied for eighth in the event with a vault of 11-2.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	64th	10:51.97	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 26	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	47th	10:44.11	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	11:10.00
Erica Findlay	Pole Vault	47th	3.81 (12-6)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	3.81m
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	18th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
Aubrey Schmitt	Discus	7th	54.68 (179-5)	Minnesota Qualifier/Minneapolis, Minn./May 12	54.50m
Aubrey Schmitt	Hammer	18th	58.59 (192-3)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 28	56.00m
Corinne Nimt	10,000-meter	26nd	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00
Linda Lindqvist	Javelin	12th	48.70 (159-9)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 19	46.50m
Brenda Meyer	Hammer	31st	56.96 (186-10)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 18	56.00m

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

NCAA Championships: Qualifiers

The athletes selected to the 2001 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships will be announced on Thursday, May 24. Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** is the Gopher's only automatic qualifier with a throw of 179-feet, 5-inches in the discus. Schmitt is currently ranked in the top twenty in the shot put and hammer throw. Junior **Linda Lindqvist** is provisionally qualified in the javelin with a throw of 159-feet, 9-inches. **Lindqvist** is currently ranked twelfth and expected to compete at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., on Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2. Senior **Corinne Nimitz** is on the borderline of those to compete in the 10,000-meter run. **Nimitz** is currently ranked 26th in the nation.

Schmitt Named Big Ten Athlete of the Week

Minnesota senior **Aubrey Schmitt** was named the co-Big Ten Athlete of the Week on April 23. **Schmitt** shared the award with Michigan distance runner Katie Jazwinski. **Schmitt** had an eventful weekend in Southern California, participating in three separate meets. She placed fourth in the shot put, fifth in the discus and eighth in the hammer throw at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. **Schmitt** followed up with a fourth-place finish in the discus at the Mt. SAC Relays with a NCAA provisional mark of 170-0. She completed her weekend with a fifth-place finish in the hammer at the Long Beach Invitational.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Next Up

The Gophers travel to Eugene, Oregon to compete at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Thursday-Sunday, May 30-June 2.

Trackwire 25

May 15, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	76
2. USC	59
3. South Carolina	50
4. BYU	42
5. Clemson	36
6. Arizona	32
7. LSU	30
8. Texas	29
9. Arkansas	25
10. Colorado	20
Harvard	20
12. Rice	19
13. UTEP	18
Georgia	18
15. Illinois	17
16. North Carolina	16
Kansas State	16
SMU	16
19. Stanford	14
Washington State	14
21. Arizona State	13
22. Florida	11
California	11
24. Missouri	10
Idaho	10

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://www.trackwire.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01
t4. Shannaine Osbourne	12.00	4/28/01
6. Jessica Mittelstadt	12.32	5/19/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01
10. Jessica Mittelstadt	25.01	5/19/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01
9. Rachael Schutz	56.94	5/19/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.34	5/20/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
t6. Caese Martine	14.64	4/28/01
t7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.67	5/20/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
2. Shani Marks	41- 7	12.67	5/20/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Elaine Eggleston	10:44.11	5/4/01
2. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Long Jump

1. <i>Jane Matke</i>	20- 2 1/2	6.16	1982
4. Shannaine Osbourne	19- 2	5.84	5/20/01

Pole Vault

1. Erika Findlay	12- 6	3.81	5/4/01
2. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
3. Monica Stearns	11- 2 1/4	3.41	5/18/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 3	58.59	4/28/01
3. Brenda Meyer	186-10	56.96	5/18/01
4. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alean Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

Discus

1. <i>Nicole Chimko</i>	182-10	55.72	1999
3. Aubrey Schmitt	179- 5	54.68	5/12/01

Shot Put

1. <i>Rachel Lewis</i>	53- 2 1/4	16.21	1991
t3. Aubrey Schmitt	51- 9 1/4	15.78	4/22/01
9. Alean Frawley	48- 2 3/4	14.70	5/4/01

4x100-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Shannaine Osbourne, Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks	46.18	5/20/01
2. <i>Lori Hardrick, Kim Heath, Kim Hofner, Kathianne Sellers</i>	46.21	1995

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

2001 MINNESOTA WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Top Performances (through May 21)

100-Meter Dash (AQ-11.30, PQ-11.55, SR-11.68)

11.94	Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
12.00	Shannaine Osbourne (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
12.32	Jessica Mittelstadt (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
12.90	Kirsten Kosloske (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
13.10	Dalee Wilkenson (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
13.16	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.23	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
13.32	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
13.59	Caese Martine (Minnesota Open, May 4)
14.06	Monica Stearns (Minnesota Open, May 4)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.10, PQ-23.60, SR-24.15)

24.83	Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
25.01	Jessica Mittelstadt (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
25.17	Jessica Shuster (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
26.03	Rachel Schultz (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
26.42	Nadine Conboy (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
26.70	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Open, May 4)
26.88	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Open, May 4)
27.79	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Dash (AQ-52.40, PQ-53.70, SR-54.54)

55.16	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Open, May 4)
55.92	Shani Marks (Minnesota Open, May 4)
56.28	Amber Day (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
56.94	Rachael Schutz (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
57.36	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Open, May 4)
58.51	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Open, May 4)
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9:55.20	Darja Vasijeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
10:30.01	Amy Sas (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10:39.59	Christine Harper (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
10:47.27	Allison Mumbleau (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
11:00.90	Krista Anderson (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
11:31.30	Jill Field (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:13.00, PQ-16:48.00, SR-16:10.50)

17:08.17	Corinne Nimitz (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:33.74	Darja Vasijeva (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:37.23	Elaine Eggleston (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:00.83	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:17.45	Amy Sas (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
18:25.73	Allison Mumbleau (Long Beach State Invite, April 21)
19:00.50	Amy Sas (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
19:28.75	Krista Anderson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19:47.58	Jill Field (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

10,000-Meter Run (AQ-34:10.00, PQ-35:15.00, SR-33:31.96)

34:42.96	Corinne Nimitz (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)
36:24.97	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:16.38	Amy Sas (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:52.97	Allison Mumbleau (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
41:42.40	Jill Field (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
42:04.70	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

100-Meter Hurdles (AQ-13.10, PQ-13.60, SR-13.87)

14.64	Caese Martine (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
14.73	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
15.29	Julie Antczak (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
16.00	Saree Zweifel (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

400-Meter Hurdles (AQ-57.50, PQ-59.20, SR-57.99)

59.67	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:01.94	Allyson DeVries (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:05.90	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1:08.77	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1:11.52	Caese Martine (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

3,000-Meter Steeplechase (AQ-10:20.00, PQ-11:10.00, SR-10:54.12)

10:44.11	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10:51.97	Victoria Moses (Drake Relays, April 26)
11:19.42	Crystal Glenn (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x100-Meter Relay (AQ-44.20, PQ-45.10, SR-46.21)

46.18	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
47.03	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
47.83	Minnesota "A" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
48.08	Day, Mittelstadt, Shuster, Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
48.76	Mittelstadt, Osbourne, Schutz, Antczak (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
48.90	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
49.61	Minnesota "B" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
50.44	Zweifel, Woolford, Conboy, Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
50.50	Mittelstadt, Woolford, Conboy, Wilkinson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
51.37	DeVries, Wilkenson, Findlay, Stearns (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:33.50, PQ-3:39.00, SR-3:43:16)

3:42.61	Amber Day, Jessica Mittelstadt, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Drake Relays, April 27)
3:43.20	Amber Day, Shani Marks, Rachael Schutz, Jessica Shuster (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3:44.13	Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
3:44.64	Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
3:44.66	Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
3:55.62	(Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:02.10	Tanna-Marie Simmons, Nadine Conboy, Jenny Moylan, Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:04.30	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
4:08.85	(Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

High Jump (AQ-1.85m, PQ-1.79m, SR-1.78m)

1.63 (5- 4 1/4)	Amanda Sullivan (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
1.54 (5- 0 1/2)	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Long Jump (AQ-6.50m, PQ-6.20m, SR-6.16m)

5.84 (19- 2)	Shannaine Osbourne (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
5.65 (18- 6 1/2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
5.28 (17- 4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4.74 (15- 0 3/4)	Erika Findlay (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.36 (14- 3 3/4)	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.23 (13-10 1/2)	Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10m, PQ-3.80m, SR-3.68m)

3.81 (12 6)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Open, May 4)
3.41 (11- 2 1/4)	Monica Stearns (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3.10 (10- 2)	Dalee Wilkenson (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.40m, PQ-12.80m, SR-13.05m)

12.67 (41- 7)	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
11.06 (36- 2 1/2)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
11.02 (36- 2)	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10.73 (35- 2 1/2)	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.31 (33-10)	Tracy LaVoi (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

Discus Throw (AQ-54.50m, PQ-50.50m, SR-55.72m)

54.68 (179- 5)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
49.36 (161-11)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
45.74 (150- 1)	Amy Netland (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.24 (148- 5)	Heidi Crabtree (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

Hammer Throw (AQ-61.00m, PQ-56.00m, SR-59.16m)

58.59 (192- 3)	Aubrey Schmitt (Drake Relays, April 28)
56.96 (186-10)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
54.85 (179-11)	Angie Hill (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
45.56 (149- 6)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Javelin Throw (AQ-52.50m, PQ-46.50m, SR-55.69m)

48.70 (159- 9)	Linda Lindqvist (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
33.32 (109- 4)	Jessica Michell (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
27.81 (91- 3)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Shot Put (AQ-16.00m, PQ-14.90m, SR-16.21m)

15.78 (51- 9 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
14.70 (48- 2 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.65 (44- 9 1/2)	Amy Netland (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
9.20 (30- 2 1/4)	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Heptathlon (AQ-5,500, PQ-5,175, SR-5,153)

AQ-NCAA Automatic Qualifying; PQ-NCAA Provisional Qualifying; SR-Minnesota School Record; w-Wind-aided



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Golden Gopher Sports News

May 29, 2001

The Golden Gophers This Week

Track and Field

- Aubrey Schmitt and Linda Lindqvist compete at the 2001 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore.

Golden Gopher Highlights

Track and Field

- Gopher seniors Aubrey Schmitt and Corinne Nimtz earn Verizon Academic All-District honors

Academic Excellence

- Minnesota placed 52 student-athletes on the Academic All-Big Ten team for spring sports
- A total of 90 Gopher women student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors during the 2000-01 school year, the most in school history

Schedule of Events

Track and Field

May 30-June 2
NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)

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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	unscored
28	at Macalester Invitational	1st of 12 144.5 pts

May

4	Minnesota Open	unscored
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	2nd of 4 173.5 pts
12	Minnesota Qualifier	unscored
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	3rd of 9 101.25 pts
30-31	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

June

1-2	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	
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Home meets in **bold**. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

at the NCAA Championships
Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2
Eugene, Ore.

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This Week

The Gophers travel to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2 in Eugene, Ore.

Preview: 2001 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Competing for the Golden Gophers at the NCAA Championships will be senior thrower **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)** and junior thrower **Linda Lindqvist (Aland, Finland/Vora Idrottsgymnastium)**.

Schmitt will be participating in the shot put, hammer throw and discus, marking the first time in Minnesota women's track and field history that one athlete has competed in three events at the NCAA Championships. She is ranked seventh in the discus and 18th in the shot put and hammer throw going into the championships. **Schmitt**, a three-time All-American and five-time Big Ten champion, finished second in the discus and shot put and third in the hammer throw at the 2001 Outdoor Big Ten Track and Field Championships. Last year at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, she was sixth in the shot put and 15th in the discus. **Schmitt** is predicted by Trackwire Online to finish sixth in the discus this weekend.

Lindqvist is ranked 12th in the nation in the javelin. In her first appearance of the season, **Lindqvist** finished third at the Big Ten Championships and qualified for the NCAA Championships. At the 1999 NCAA Championships, she placed third in the javelin. **Lindqvist** is predicted by Trackwire Online to finish eleventh this weekend at Eugene, Ore.

Nimtz and Schmitt Earn Verizon Academic All-District Honors

University of Minnesota women's track and field student-athletes **Aubrey Schmitt** and **Corinne Nimtz (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** were named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District At-Large Team. The 10 members of the district teams are now eligible for academic All-America consideration, to be awarded in June.

Schmitt is putting the final touches on a brilliant track and field career as a Golden Gopher. She will compete in the discus, hammer and shot put at the upcoming NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. **Schmitt** is a three-time All-American and five-time Big Ten champion in the shot put. She was honored as Minnesota's 2001 Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient. **Schmitt**, a second-team Academic All-America selection a year ago, maintains a 3.51 grade point average while majoring in biology.

Nimtz, a senior distance runner from Eden Prairie, Minn., is a two-time recipient of the Academic Top Five Award, given to the five student-athletes with the best cumulative grade point averages in Women's Athletics. **Nimtz** provisionally qualified to compete in the 10,000-meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. A business major, **Nimtz** owns an impressive 3.93 grade point average. Last fall, she was honored with Verizon Academic All-District honors while competing in cross country.

Minnesota's NCAA Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	64th	10:51.97	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 26	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	47th	10:44.11	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	11:10.00
Erica Findlay	Pole Vault	47th	3.81 (12-6)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	3.81m
Aubrey Schmitt	Shot Put	18th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
Aubrey Schmitt	Discus	7th	54.68 (179-5)	Minnesota Qualifier/Minneapolis, Minn./May 12	54.50m
Aubrey Schmitt	Hammer	18th	58.59 (192-3)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 28	56.00m
Corinne Nimtz	10,000-meter	31st	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00
Linda Lindqvist	Javelin	12th	48.70 (159-9)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 19	46.50m
Brenda Meyer	Hammer	31st	56.96 (186-10)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 18	56.00m

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Trackwire 25

May 25, 2001

Team	Score
1. UCLA	70
2. USC	66
3. South Carolina	47
4. Clemson	39
5. LSU	35
6. Arkansas	34
Stanford	34
8. Arizona	27
9. BYU	26
10. Illinois	23
11. Texas	21
12. Colorado	20
Harvard	20
14. UTEP	18
Rice	18
16. SMU	17
17. Washington State	16
Appalachian State	16
19. Georgia	15
20. Kansas State	13
21. North Carolina	12
California	12
Texas A&M	12
24. Florida	11
25. Idaho	10
Seton Hall	10

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://www.trackwire.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01
t4. Shannaine Osbourne	12.00	4/28/01
6. Jessica Mittelstadt	12.32	5/19/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01
10. Jessica Mittelstadt	25.01	5/19/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01
9. Rachael Schutz	56.94	5/19/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.34	5/20/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
t6. Caese Martine	14.64	4/28/01
t7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.67	5/20/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
2. Shani Marks	41- 7	12.67	5/20/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Elaine Eggleston	10:44.11	5/4/01
2. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Long Jump

1. <i>Jane Matkke</i>	20- 2 1/2	6.16	1982
4. Shannaine Osbourne	19- 2	5.84	5/20/01

Pole Vault

1. Erika Findlay	12- 6	3.81	5/4/01
2. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
3. Monica Stearns	11- 2 1/4	3.41	5/18/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 3	58.59	4/28/01
3. Brenda Meyer	186-10	56.96	5/18/01
4. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alean Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

Discus

1. <i>Nicole Chimko</i>	182-10	55.72	1999
3. Aubrey Schmitt	179- 5	54.68	5/12/01

Shot Put

1. <i>Rachel Lewis</i>	53- 2 1/4	16.21	1991
t3. Aubrey Schmitt	51- 9 1/4	15.78	4/22/01
9. Alean Frawley	48- 2 3/4	14.70	5/4/01

4x100-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Shannaine Osbourne, Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks	46.18	5/20/01
2. <i>Lori Hardrick, Kim Heath Kim Hofner, Kathianne Sellers</i>	46.21	1995

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

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Top Performances (through May 21)

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26.88	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Open, May 4)
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400-Meter Dash (AQ-52.40, PQ-53.70, SR-54.54)

55.16	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Open, May 4)
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9:49.75	Corinne Nimitz (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
9:52.10	Elaine Eggleston (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
9:55.20	Darja Vasiljeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
10:30.01	Amy Sas (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10:39.59	Christine Harper (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
10:47.27	Allison Mumbleau (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
11:00.90	Krista Anderson (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
11:31.30	Jill Field (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:13.00, PQ-16:48.00, SR-16:10.50)

17:08.17	Corinne Nimitz (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:33.74	Darja Vasiljeva (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:37.23	Elaine Eggleston (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:00.83	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:17.45	Amy Sas (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
18:25.73	Allison Mumbleau (Long Beach State Invite, April 21)
19:00.50	Amy Sas (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
19:28.75	Krista Anderson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19:47.58	Jill Field (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

10,000-Meter Run (AQ-34:10.00, PQ-35:15.00, SR-33:31.96)

34:42.96	Corinne Nimitz (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)
36:24.97	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:16.38	Amy Sas (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:52.97	Allison Mumbleau (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
41:42.40	Jill Field (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
42:04.70	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

100-Meter Hurdles (AQ-13.10, PQ-13.60, SR-13.87)

14.64	Caese Martine (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
14.73	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
15.29	Julie Antczak (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
16.00	Saree Zweifel (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

400-Meter Hurdles (AQ-57.50, PQ-59.20, SR-57.99)

59.67	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:01.94	Allyson DeVries (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:05.90	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1:08.77	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1:11.52	Caese Martine (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

3,000-Meter Steeplechase (AQ-10:20.00, PQ-11:10.00, SR-10:54.12)

10:44.11	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10:51.97	Victoria Moses (Drake Relays, April 26)
11:19.42	Crystal Glenn (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x100-Meter Relay (AQ-44.20, PQ-45.10, SR-46.21)

46.18	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
47.03	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
47.83	Minnesota "A" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
48.08	Day, Mittelstadt, Shuster, Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
48.76	Mittelstadt, Osbourne, Schutz, Antczak (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
48.90	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
49.61	Minnesota "B" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
50.44	Zweifel, Woolford, Conboy, Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
50.50	Mittelstadt, Woolford, Conboy, Wilkinson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
51.37	DeVries, Wilkenson, Findlay, Stearns (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:33.50, PQ-3:39.00, SR-3:43:16)

3:42.61	Amber Day, Jessica Mittelstadt, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Drake Relays, April 27)
3:43.20	Amber Day, Shani Marks, Rachael Schutz, Jessica Shuster (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3:44.13	Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
3:44.64	Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
3:44.66	Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
3:55.62	(Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:02.10	Tanna-Marie Simmons, Nadine Conboy, Jenny Moylan, Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:04.30	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
4:08.85	(Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

High Jump (AQ-1.85m, PQ-1.79m, SR-1.78m)

1.63 (5- 4 1/4)	Amanda Sullivan (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
1.54 (5- 0 1/2)	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Long Jump (AQ-6.50m, PQ-6.20m, SR-6.16m)

5.84 (19- 2)	Shannaine Osbourne (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
5.65 (18- 6 1/2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
5.28 (17- 4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4.74 (15- 0 3/4)	Erika Findlay (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.36 (14- 3 3/4)	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.23 (13-10 1/2)	Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10m, PQ-3.80m, SR-3.68m)

3.81 (12 6)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Open, May 4)
3.41 (11- 2 1/4)	Monica Stearns (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3.10 (10- 2)	Dalee Wilkenson (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.40m, PQ-12.80m, SR-13.05m)

12.67 (41- 7)	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
11.06 (36- 2 1/2)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
11.02 (36- 2)	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10.73 (35- 2 1/2)	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.31 (33-10)	Tracy LaVoi (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

Discus Throw (AQ-54.50m, PQ-50.50m, SR-55.72m)

54.68 (179- 5)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
49.36 (161-11)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
45.74 (150- 1)	Amy Netland (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.24 (148- 5)	Heidi Crabtree (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

Hammer Throw (AQ-61.00m, PQ-56.00m, SR-59.16m)

58.59 (192- 3)	Aubrey Schmitt (Drake Relays, April 28)
56.96 (186-10)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
54.85 (179-11)	Angie Hill (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
45.56 (149- 6)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Javelin Throw (AQ-52.50m, PQ-46.50m, SR-55.69m)

48.70 (159- 9)	Linda Lindqvist (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
33.32 (109- 4)	Jessica Michell (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
27.81 (91- 3)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Shot Put (AQ-16.00m, PQ-14.90m, SR-16.21m)

15.78 (51- 9 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
14.70 (48- 2 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.65 (44- 9 1/2)	Amy Netland (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
9.20 (30- 2 1/4)	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Heptathlon (AQ-5,500, PQ-5,175, SR-5,153)

AQ-NCAA Automatic Qualifying; PQ-NCAA Provisional Qualifying; SR-Minnesota School Record; w-Wind-aided



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52 GOPHER WOMEN EARN SPRING ALL-BIG TEN ACADEMIC AWARDS

A total of 52 University of Minnesota women student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten recognition for the spring 2001 academic term. To be eligible for academic honors, an athlete must be a letterwinner in at least her second academic year at the institution and carry a career grade-point-average of 3.0 or higher. The Minnesota Women's Athletics Department had 90 athletes earn Academic All-Big Ten status during the 2000-2001 school year, up from 85 during the previous school year.

Of the 52 Golden Gopher women who earned all-academic recognition during the spring term, 15 came from the women's track and field team. Senior Aubrey Schmitt, Minnesota's 2001 Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient, leads the contingent with her third Academic All-Big Ten selection. Schmitt, a 3.51 student in biology, is the first Gopher to qualify for three events at an NCAA meet, which begins Wednesday, in Eugene, Ore. and is eligible for Academic All-America consideration. Junior javelin thrower Linda Lindqvist, Minnesota's other competitor in this week's NCAA meet, earned her second Academic All-Big Ten accolade with a 3.63 GPA in economics.

Fifteen (15) student-athletes of Minnesota's first-year rowing program earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, including sophomore Shelley Miller, a 3.91 student in finance. The Gopher women's hockey team landed seven members, including seniors Angela Borek, Emily Buchholz, Erica Killewald and Kris Scholz. Minnesota's softball team also had seven Academic All-Big Ten players, including seniors Amy Hafemeyer and Morgan Holden. The Gopher women's golf team had five members, while the women's tennis team placed three student-athletes. All 52 student-athletes receiving mention are listed at the end of this release.

The University of Minnesota women student-athletes have compiled a cumulative grade point average at or above 3.00 for 26 consecutive terms. The cumulative GPA for fall semester 2000 was 3.11. The 2001 spring semester has concluded, but grade reports have not yet been released.

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2001 Spring Academic All-Big Ten Team (University of Minnesota Women)

Name	Sport	Year	GPA	Major	Hometown
Katie Bakken	Golf	Senior	3.31	Speech Communications	Brooklyn Center, Minn.
Jenny Bruun	Golf	Senior	3.36	Kinesiology/Education	Crookston, Minn.
Cindy Cannon	Golf	Junior	3.26	Accounting/Finance	Big Lake, Minn.
Megan Stier	Golf	Junior	3.27	Marketing	Belle Plaine, Minn.
Karyn Stordahl	Golf	Sophomore	3.97	Business Communications	Owatonna, Minn.
Gwen Anderson	Hockey	Sophomore	3.07	Undecided	North St. Paul, Minn.
Angela Borek	Hockey	Senior	3.40	Chemistry	Burnsville, Minn.
Emily Buchholz	Hockey	Senior	3.29	Biology	Waupun, Wis.
Ronda Curtin	Hockey	Sophomore	3.55	Undecided	Roseville, Minn.
Erica Killewald	Hockey	Senior	3.39	Kinesiology	Troy, Mich.
Kris Scholz	Hockey	Senior	3.31	Psychology	Hugo, Minn.
Laura Slominski	Hockey	Junior	3.79	Psychology	Burnsville, Minn.
Amanda Bloomgren	Rowing	Sophomore	3.09	Undecided	Minnetonka, Minn.
Lauren Frana	Rowing	Sophomore	3.15	Undecided	New Berlin, Wis.
Kathryn Frankson	Rowing	Sophomore	3.34	Journalism	Fargo, N.D.
Jackie Gagner	Rowing	Sophomore	3.41	Journalism	Rice Lake, Wis.
Meaghan Harvey	Rowing	Junior	3.00	Art	Wauwatosa, Wis.
Michelle Hass	Rowing	Junior	3.34	Marketing	Menomonie, Wis.
Beth Hornby	Rowing	Sophomore	3.24	Journalism	Winnepeg, Manitoba
Shelley Miller	Rowing	Sophomore	3.91	Finance	Brookfield, Wis.
Abby Mortimore	Rowing	Junior	3.09	Civil Engineering	Reedsburg, Wis.
Jessica Nelson	Rowing	Junior	3.53	Spanish	Shorewood, Minn.
Nina Palmer,	Rowing	Sophomore	3.64	Journalism	Roseville, Minn.
Holly Pearson	Rowing	Junior	3.02	Undecided	Faribault, Minn.
Jill Peters	Rowing	Sophomore	3.04	Kinesiology	Moorhead, Minn.
Amber Riopel	Rowing	Sophomore	3.33	Architecture	Rhineland, Wis.
Libby Sharrow	Rowing	Sophomore	3.69	Political Science	Bloomington, Minn.
Allie Fisk	Softball	Sophomore	3.33	Undecided	Orono, Minn.
Amy Hafemeyer	Softball	Senior	3.41	Mathematics	Kenyon, Minn.
Morgan Holden	Softball	Senior	3.75	Health & Wellness/Pre-Med	Los Lunas, N.M.
Christine Lindberg	Softball	Junior	3.26	Sociology	Hoffmann Estates, Ill.
Shelly Nichols	Softball	Sophomore	3.09	English	Austin, Texas
Angie Recknor	Softball	Sophomore	3.48	Pre-law	Minnetonka, Minn.
Meghan Smith	Softball	Junior	3.21	Biomedical Engineering	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michaela Havelkova	Tennis	Sophomore	4.00	Int. Business/German	Liberec, Czech Republic
Jennifer Howard	Tennis	Junior	3.71	Human Resources	Thornhill, Ont.
Andrea Rose	Tennis	Junior	3.97	Biology	North Vancouver, B.C.
Allyson DeVries	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.21	Biology	Worthington, Minn.
Elaine Eggleston	Track and Field	Senior	3.55	Pre-Veterinary/Biology	Roseville, Minn.
Erica Findlay	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.92	Pre-Architecture	Whitewater, Minn.
Alean Frawley	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.27	Biology	Spring Lake Park, Minn.
Alisa Gartner	Track and Field	Senior	3.73	Electrical Engineering	Buffalo, Minn.
Beth Howard	Track and Field	Senior	3.31	Studio Arts	North Branch, Minn.
Linda Lindqvist	Track and Field	Junior	3.63	Economics	Aland, Finland
Shani Marks	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.30	Undecided	Apple Valley, Minn.
Anita Menden	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.47	Undecided	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Victoria Moses	Track and Field	Junior	3.31	Plant Biology	New Brighton, Minn.
Jenny Moylan	Track and Field	Junior	3.49	Undecided	New Brighton, Minn.
Corinne Nimitz	Track and Field	Senior	3.93	Business	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Aubrey Schmitt	Track and Field	Senior	3.51	Biology	Hastings, Minn.
Rachael Schutz	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.22	Undecided	Hastings, Minn.
Monica Stearns	Track and Field	Sophomore	3.74	Biochemical Engineering	Wadena, Minn.

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Golden Gopher Sports News

June 4, 2001

Golden Gopher Highlights

Track and Field

- Senior Aubrey Schmitt places sixth in the discus at the NCAA Championships to earn her fourth career All-America honor
- Schmitt takes 12th place in the hammer throw and 11th place in the shot put at the national championships
- Junior Linda Lindqvist finished 11th in the javelin in her second career NCAA Championships appearance

Schedule of Events

There are no competitions scheduled for the remainder of this academic year.

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2001 Schedule

January

13	Northwest Open	unscored
20	Minnesota Invitational	unscored
27	Minnesota Classic	2nd of 9, 139 pts

February

9-10	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	unscored
17	Parents' Day Open	unscored
24-25	at Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	5th of 11 82 points

March

2-3	at Iowa State Qualifier	unscored
9-10	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	
24	at UC Irvine Invitational	2nd of 6 291.5 pts

April

5-7	at Texas Relays	unscored
7	at Hamline Invitational	unscored
13-14	at Drake Invitational	unscored
20-22	at Mt. SAC Relays	unscored
20	at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational	unscored
21	at Long Beach State Invitational	unscored
27-28	at Drake Relays	unscored
28	at Macalester Invitational	1st of 12 144.5 pts

May

4	Minnesota Open	unscored
5	at Iowa Twilight Invitational	2nd of 4 173.5 pts
12	Minnesota Qualifier	unscored
18-20	at Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	3rd of 9 101.25 pts
30-	at NCAA Championships	56th
June 2	(Eugene, Ore.)	3 pts

Home meets in bold. Indoor meets at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Outdoor meets at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.



2001 Track and Field

Season Complete

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Outdoor Season In-Review

The women's track and field team had a highly successful year with four new school records, 33 new entries on the school's top performers list and a third-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, scoring 101.25 points. The Gophers set new records in the 4x100-meter relay, the 4x400-meter relay, the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the pole vault. Minnesota had seven provisional qualifiers in nine events for the outdoor season.

Leading the Gophers was senior thrower **Aubrey Schmitt (Hastings, Minn./Hastings)**, who competed in the shot put, discus, and hammer throw at the NCAA Championships. She earned All-American status for the fourth time in her career by placing sixth in the discus. **Schmitt** was the first Minnesota woman track and field athlete to compete in three events at nationals. She placed second in the shot put and discus and third in the hammer throw at the Big Ten Championships, giving her second-team All-Big Ten honors. **Schmitt** won the discus at the prestigious Drake Relays, and was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor for Minnesota.

Sophomore **Shani Marks (Apple Valley, Minn./Apple Valley)** was the only Big Ten Champion for Minnesota. **Marks** won the triple jump with a personal best leap of 41-feet, 7-inches.

Senior **Brenda Meyer (Watertown, Wis./Watertown)** threw a personal best in the hammer throw to take second place and capture second-team All-Big Ten honors, while fellow Whitewater, Wis. graduate, sophomore **Erica Findlay**, blew away the pole vault record (12-feet, 6-inches).

Junior **Amber Day (Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills)** had a year of personal bests by placing her name nine times on the school's top performers list. **Day** ran personal bests in the 100, 200, and 400-meter dashes, in addition to being part of all six relays that entered the school's top ten performances.

Review: NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Senior **Aubrey Schmitt** earned her fourth career All-America honor with a sixth place finish in the discus tossing 174-feet, 8-inches at the 2001 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. on May 30-June 2. **Schmitt** finished 11th in the shot put (51-5 1/2) and 12th in the hammer throw (192-8).

Junior **Linda Lindqvist (Aland, Finland/Vora Idrottsgymnasium)** placed 11th in the javelin with a throw of 150-feet, 11-inches. The competition marked only the second time that **Lindqvist** competed this year, her first coming at the Big Ten Championships where she placed third.

The Gophers finished tied for 56th place with a total of three points.

Minnesota's NCAA Provisional Qualifiers

Athlete	Event	Rank	Mark	Meet/Site/Date	Standard
Victoria Moses	Steeplechase	64th	10:51.97	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 26	11:10.00
Elaine Eggleston	Steeplechase	47th	10:44.11	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	11:10.00
Erica Findlay	Pole Vault	47th	3.81 (12-6)	Minnesota Open/Minneapolis, Minn./May 4	3.81m
Aubrey Schmitt*	Shot Put	18th	15.78 (51-9 1/4)	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 22	14.90m
Aubrey Schmitt*	Discus	7th	54.68 (179-5)	Minnesota Qualifier/Minneapolis, Minn./May 12	54.50m
Aubrey Schmitt*	Hammer	18th	58.59 (192-3)	Drake Relays/Des Moines, Iowa/April 28	56.00m
Corinne Nimtz	10,000-meter	31st	34:42.96	Mt. SAC Relays/Walnut, Cal./April 21	35:15.00
Linda Lindqvist*	Javelin	12th	48.70 (159-9)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 19	46.50m
Brenda Meyer	Hammer	31st	56.96 (186-10)	Big Ten Championships/Bloomington, Ind./May 18	56.00m

*qualified for NCAA meet in Eugene, Ore.

2001 Minnesota Track and Field

Nimtz and Schmitt Earn Verizon Academic All-District Honors

University of Minnesota women's track and field student-athletes **Aubrey Schmitt** and **Corinne Nimtz (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie)** were named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District At-Large Team. The 10 members of the district teams are now eligible for academic All-America consideration, to be awarded in June.

Schmitt is putting the final touches on a brilliant track and field career as a Golden Gopher. She competed in the discus, hammer and shot put at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. **Schmitt** is a four-time All-American and five-time Big Ten champion in the shot put. She was honored as Minnesota's 2001 Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient. **Schmitt**, a second-team Academic All-America selection a year ago, maintains a 3.51 grade point average while majoring in biology.

Nimtz, a senior distance runner from Eden Prairie, Minn., is a two-time recipient of the Academic Top Five Award, given to the five student-athletes with the best cumulative grade point averages in Women's Athletics. **Nimtz** provisionally qualified to compete in the 10,000-meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. A business major, **Nimtz** owns an impressive 3.93 grade point average. Last fall, she was honored with Verizon Academic All-District honors while competing in cross country.

Who's The Boss?

Minnesota head coach **Gary Wilson** is in his 16th season as the Gophers' head coach and 29th as a collegiate head coach. In 2000, he guided his track and field team to best-ever finishes at the Big Ten Track and Field Championships, placing third indoors and second outdoors, amassing school-record point totals at both meets.

Before taking on his current position, he coach at Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he led three of his teams to national championships.

In cross country, Minnesota made its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship appearance this past season and its sixth trip to the national meet in 12 years. The Gophers have finished in the upper half of the conference 13 of the past 14 seasons and have been ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in 11 of **Wilson's** 16 seasons. He was named the 1989 Region IV Coach of the Year after guiding the Gophers to a second-place finish at the regional championship.

Trackwire 25

Final Results

Team	Score
1. USC	64
2. UCLA	55
3. Arizona	44
4. South Carolina	36
5. Arkansas	31
6. LSU	30
7. Clemson	28
8. Stanford	27
9. Rice	26
10. Texas	25
11. BYU	24
12. Harvard	20
13. SMU	19
14. Arizona State	18
Appalachian State	18
16. Idaho	16
Kansas State	16
18. Illinois	15
Washington State	15
20. Florida	14
21. Indiana	13
Baylor	13
Auburn	13
24. UTEP	12
25. Georgia	10.60

The Trackwire 25 can be found on the Internet at <http://www.trackwire.com>.

New Top 10 Members

New members on Minnesota's top 10 lists (record/old records in italics)

100-Meter Dash

1. <i>Kim (Martin) Heath</i>	11.68	1995
3. Amber Day	11.94	4/6/01
t4. Shannaine Osbourne	12.00	4/28/01
6. Jessica Mittelstadt	12.32	5/19/01

200-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	23.44	1976
8. Amber Day	24.83	3/24/01
10. Jessica Mittelstadt	25.01	5/19/01

400-Meter Dash

1. <i>Jane Oas</i>	54.54	1976
5. Amber Day	56.28	4/20/01
9. Rachael Schutz	56.94	5/19/01

800-Meter Run

1. <i>Ann Lundin</i>	2:07.71	1985
6. Jessica Shuster	2:09.34	5/20/01

100-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Yvette White</i>	13.87	1999
t6. Caese Martine	14.64	4/28/01
t7. Elizabeth Woolford	14.73	3/24/01

400-Meter Hurdles

1. <i>Gretchen Otto</i>	57.99	1990
3. Shani Marks	59.67	5/20/01

Triple Jump

1. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	42- 9 3/4	13.05	1999
2. Shani Marks	41- 7	12.67	5/20/01

3,000-Meter Steeplechase

1. Elaine Eggleston	10:44.11	5/4/01
2. Victoria Moses	10:51.97	4/26/01
3. Crystal Glenn	11:19.42	3/24/01

Long Jump

1. <i>Jane Matthe</i>	20- 2 1/2	6.16	1982
4. Shannaine Osbourne	19- 2	5.84	5/20/01

Pole Vault

1. Erika Findlay	12- 6	3.81	5/4/01
2. <i>Christine Gulbrandsen</i>	12- 0 3/4	3.68	2000
3. Monica Stearns	11- 2 1/4	3.41	5/18/01
4. Dalee Wilkenson	10- 2	3.10	3/24/01

Hammer Throw

1. <i>Beth Howard</i>	194- 1	59.16	2000
2. Aubrey Schmitt	192- 8	58.72	6/2/01
3. Brenda Meyer	186-10	56.96	5/18/01
4. Angie Hill	179-11	54.85	4/21/01
5. Alecan Frawley	139- 5	42.50	4/28/01

Discus

1. <i>Nicole Chimko</i>	182-10	55.72	1999
3. Aubrey Schmitt	179- 5	54.68	5/12/01

Shot Put

1. <i>Rachel Lewis</i>	53- 2 1/4	16.21	1991
t3. Aubrey Schmitt	51- 9 1/4	15.78	4/22/01
9. Alecan Frawley	48- 2 3/4	14.70	5/4/01

4x100-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Shannaine Osbourne, Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks	46.18	5/20/01
2. <i>Lori Hardrick, Kim Heath, Kim Hofner, Kathianne Sellers</i>	46.21	1995

4x400-Meter Relay

1. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks	3:42.61	4/27/01
2. <i>Shani Marks, Neketa Sears, Amber Day, Jessica Shuster</i>	3:43.16	2000
6. Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Shultz, Shani Marks	3:44.13	4/22/01
7. Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day	3:44.64	4/5/01
8. Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day	3:44.66	3/24/01

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Top Performances – Final

100-Meter Dash (AQ-11.30, PQ-11.55, SR-11.68)

11.94	Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
12.00	Shannaine Osbourne (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
12.32	Jessica Mittelstadt (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
12.90	Kirsten Kosloske (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
13.10	Dalee Wilkenson (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
13.16	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.23	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
13.32	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
13.59	Caese Martine (Minnesota Open, May 4)
14.06	Monica Stearns (Minnesota Open, May 4)

200-Meter Dash (AQ-23.10, PQ-23.60, SR-24.15)

24.83	Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
25.01	Jessica Mittelstadt (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
25.17	Jessica Shuster (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
26.03	Rachel Schultz (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
26.42	Nadine Conboy (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
26.70	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Open, May 4)
26.88	Kirsten Kosloske (Minnesota Open, May 4)
27.79	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

400-Meter Dash (AQ-52.40, PQ-53.70, SR-54.54)

55.16	Jessica Shuster (Minnesota Open, May 4)
55.92	Shani Marks (Minnesota Open, May 4)
56.28	Amber Day (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
56.94	Rachael Schutz (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
57.36	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Open, May 4)
58.51	Nadine Conboy (Minnesota Open, May 4)
58.63	Jessica Mittelstadt (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
61.76	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

800-Meter Run (AQ-2:05.00, PQ-2:07.50, SR-2:07.71)

2:09.34	Jessica Shuster (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
2:11.83	Jenny Moylan (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
2:12.56	Tanna-Marie Simmons (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
2:15.01	Crystal Glenn (Minnesota Open, May 4)
2:15.07	Darja Vasiljeva (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
2:15.64	Anita Menden (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
2:17.96	Laine Misch (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)

1,500-Meter Run (AQ-4:19.00, PQ-4:24.00, SR-4:15.59)

4:34.44	Darja Vasiljeva (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
4:38.29	Victoria Moses (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
4:38.97	Corinne Nimitz (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
4:39.75	Anita Menden (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
4:40.35	Jenny Moylan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:42.54	Laine Misch (Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, April 20)
4:52.44	Christine Harper (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
4:55.62	Kristine Hartmark (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:56.42	Lindsay Feder (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:58.87	Crystal Glenn (Hamline Invitational, April 7)
5:12.71	Jill Field (Minnesota Open, May 4)
5:28.54	Allison Mumbleau (Hamline Invitational, April 7)

3,000-Meter Run (SR-9:07.46)

9:49.75	Corinne Nimitz (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
9:52.10	Elaine Eggleston (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
9:55.20	Darja Vasiljeva (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
10:30.01	Amy Sas (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10:39.59	Christine Harper (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
10:47.27	Allison Mumbleau (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
11:00.90	Krista Anderson (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
11:31.30	Jill Field (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

5,000-Meter Run (AQ-16:13.00, PQ-16:48.00, SR-16:10.50)

17:08.17	Corinne Nimitz (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:33.74	Darja Vasiljeva (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
17:37.23	Elaine Eggleston (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:00.83	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
18:17.45	Amy Sas (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
18:25.73	Allison Mumbleau (Long Beach State Invite, April 21)
19:00.50	Amy Sas (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
19:28.75	Krista Anderson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
19:47.58	Jill Field (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

10,000-Meter Run (AQ-34:10.00, PQ-35:15.00, SR-33:31.96)

34:42.96	Corinne Nimitz (Mt. SAC Relays, April 20)
36:24.97	Victoria Moses (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:16.38	Amy Sas (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
39:52.97	Allison Mumbleau (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
41:42.40	Jill Field (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
42:04.70	Krista Anderson (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

100-Meter Hurdles (AQ-13.10, PQ-13.60, SR-13.87)

14.64	Caese Martine (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
14.73	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
15.29	Julie Antczak (Macalester Invitational, April 28)
16.00	Saree Zweifel (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

400-Meter Hurdles (AQ-57.50, PQ-59.20, SR-57.99)

59.67	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:01.94	Allyson DeVries (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
1:05.90	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
1:08.77	Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
1:11.52	Caese Martine (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

3,000-Meter Steeplechase (AQ-10:20.00, PQ-11:10.00, SR-10:54.12)

10:44.11	Elaine Eggleston (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10:51.97	Victoria Moses (Drake Relays, April 26)
11:19.42	Crystal Glenn (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x100-Meter Relay (AQ-44.20, PQ-45.10, SR-46.21)

46.18	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
47.03	Day, Osbourne, Shuster, Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
47.83	Minnesota "A" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
48.08	Day, Mittelstadt, Shuster, Marks (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
48.76	Mittelstadt, Osbourne, Schutz, Antczak (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
48.90	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
49.61	Minnesota "B" (Minnesota Open, May 4)
50.44	Zweifel, Woolford, Conboy, Martine (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
50.50	Mittelstadt, Woolford, Conboy, Wilkinson (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
51.37	DeVries, Wilkenson, Findlay, Stearns (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

4x400-Meter Relay (AQ-3:33.50, PQ-3:39.00, SR-3:43.16)

3:42.61	Amber Day, Jessica Mittelstadt, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Drake Relays, April 27)
3:43.20	Amber Day, Shani Marks, Rachael Schutz, Jessica Shuster (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3:44.13	Amber Day, Jessica Shuster, Rachael Schutz, Shani Marks (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
3:44.64	Jessica Shuster, Jessica Mittelstadt, Shani Marks, Amber Day (Texas Relays, April 5-7)
3:44.66	Jessica Shuster, Shani Marks, Jessica Mittelstadt, Amber Day (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
3:55.62	(Minnesota Open, May 4)
4:02.10	Tanna-Marie Simmons, Nadine Conboy, Jenny Moylan, Elizabeth Woolford (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)
4:04.30	(Macalester Invitational, April 28)
4:08.85	(Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)

High Jump (AQ-1.85m, PQ-1.79m, SR-1.78m)

1.63 (5- 4 1/4)	Amanda Sullivan (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
1.54 (5- 0 1/2)	Nicole Terlouw (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Long Jump (AQ-6.50m, PQ-6.20m, SR-6.16m)

5.84 (19- 2)	Shannaine Osbourne (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
5.65 (18- 6 1/2)	Shani Marks (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
5.28 (17- 4)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
4.74 (15- 0 3/4)	Erika Findlay (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.36 (14- 3 3/4)	Nadine Conboy (Iowa Twilight Invitational, May 5)
4.23 (13-10 1/2)	Amanda Sullivan (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Pole Vault (AQ-4.10m, PQ-3.80m, SR-3.68m)

3.81 (12- 6)	Erica Findlay (Minnesota Open, May 4)
3.41 (11- 2 1/4)	Monica Stearns (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
3.10 (10- 2)	Dalee Wilkenson (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Triple Jump (AQ-13.40m, PQ-12.80m, SR-13.05m)

12.67 (41- 7)	Shani Marks (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
11.06 (36- 2 1/2)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)
11.02 (36- 2)	Allyson DeVries (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
10.73 (35- 2 1/2)	Julie Antczak (Minnesota Open, May 4)
10.31 (33-10)	Tracy LaVoi (Macalester Invitational, April 28)

Discus Throw (AQ-54.50m, PQ-50.50m, SR-55.72m)

54.68 (179- 5)	Aubrey Schmitt (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
49.36 (161-11)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
45.74 (150- 1)	Amy Netland (Long Beach State Invitational, April 21)
45.24 (148- 5)	Heidi Crabtree (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)

Hammer Throw (AQ-61.00m, PQ-56.00m, SR-59.16m)

58.72 (192- 8)	Aubrey Schmitt (NCAA Championships, May 30-June 2)
56.96 (186-10)	Brenda Meyer (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
54.85 (179-11)	Angie Hill (Mt. SAC Relays, April 21)
45.56 (149- 6)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Javelin Throw (AQ-52.50m, PQ-46.50m, SR-55.69m)

48.70 (159- 9)	Linda Lindqvist (Big Ten Championships, May 18-20)
33.32 (109- 4)	Jessica Michell (Minnesota Qualifier, May 12)
27.81 (91- 3)	Saree Zweifel (Minnesota Open, May 4)

Shot Put (AQ-16.00m, PQ-14.90m, SR-16.21m)

15.78 (51- 9 1/4)	Aubrey Schmitt (Mt. SAC Relays, April 22)
14.70 (48- 2 3/4)	Alean Frawley (Minnesota Open, May 4)
13.65 (44- 9 1/2)	Amy Netland (Jim Duncan Invitational, April 14)
9.20 (30- 2 1/4)	Saree Zweifel (UC Irvine Invitational, Mar. 24)

Heptathlon (AQ-5,500, PQ-5,175, SR-5,153)

AQ-NCAA Automatic Qualifying; PQ-NCAA Provisional Qualifying; SR-Minnesota School Record; w-Wind-aided