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women's intercollegiate athletics

1976-77



Women's intercollegiate athletics are coming of age at the University of Minnesota as a result of commitments made both by the University's leadership and the Minnesota Legislature. Many changes have occurred during the past four years which have brought



excitement and diversity to the program; namely, a competent coaching staff, competitive schedules for the ten varsity sports, and capable women to handle publicity and fund raising. In addition, efforts have begun in promoting the Patty Berg Fund, which will assist the department in all areas of development (particularly grants-in-aid for women athletes).

Changes such as these are indications of not only a growing acceptance by society in general of a woman's right to be but also of the University's awareness of a woman's needs in the athletic arena.

We trust you will involve yourselves in our program, attend the events and lend your resources in support of the female athlete. The 1976-77 academic year should prove to be a stimulating time and we eagerly look forward to the challenges. See you at the game.

Vivian Barfield, Director

TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND INTERESTED FRIENDS:

The women athletes who participate on ten intercollegiate teams at the University and our staff approach the coming year of competition with excitement and anticipation. Since the inception of our program five years ago we have made tremendous strides in all sports, and we are confident that this year will be no exception.

This booklet has been prepared to provide you with information concerning our department. Only with the support and cooperation of the public can our athletes achieve maximum success in their endeavors. If I can be of any further assistance to you throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at 238 Bierman Athletic Building, the University of Minnesota, or (612) 376-5259.

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Sports Information Director

volleyball

Defending state champion UM will attempt to win its fourth consecutive state title this fall with the additional goal of qualifying for regional and national competition. The Gopher squad will feature setter Monica Lacis and several strong hitters on the forward line. UM placed 3rd in regional play last season and finished the year with a 35-13 match record.

The volleyballers have a challenging schedule with several large tournaments, including the UM Invitational Oct. 22-23. In addition, the team travels to the Big Ten Championship at Columbus, Ohio and the MAIAW State Tournament at Duluth. The AIAW National Championship will be held at the University of Texas-Austin in December.

Oct. 2	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison Invitational	Away
Oct. 6	Univ. Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Away
Oct. 9	Graceland Invitational	Away
Oct. 11	Univ. Wisconsin-River Falls	Away
Oct. 12	St. Catherine	HOME
Oct. 15-16	National Coaches Conference	HOME
Oct. 19	UM-Duluth	Away
Oct. 22-23	UM Invitational	HOME
Oct. 26	St. Cloud State	Away
Oct. 29-30	Big Ten Championship	at Columbus, O.
Nov. 2	Winona State/DMLC	HOME
Nov. 5	Mankato State/SDSU	at Mankato
Nov. 6	Augsburg/St. Catherine	HOME
Nov. 9	Gustavus Adolphus	HOME
Nov. 11-13	AIAW State Tournament	at Duluth
Nov. 18-20	AIAW Region 6 Tournament	
Dec. 9-11	AIAW National Championship	at Austin, Texas

tennis

The Women's Tennis Team begins the fall season after an impressive 8-0 record in dual meet competition and third place finishes in both the Big Ten Championships and Region 6 AIAW Championship last spring. Several members of the varsity squad are expected to return this year to face a strong fall lineup of competition.

1976 Big Ten Singles Champion Patty Moran will have stiff opposition for the #1 singles position from Marnie Wheaton. Wheaton, a junior, has been playing numerous tournaments during the summer, as have sophomores Jamie Black and Ellie Tasker.

Moran and Wheaton teamed as the #1 doubles team last year and gained valuable experience at the USTA National Championship in June. According to Coach Ellie Peden, "We should be a contender in every meet we attend if we can get more depth at the lower positions. We have a great fall schedule which should help us before our main competition in the spring."

The fall schedule mentioned by Coach Peden includes a tri-match with defending Region 6 champion University of Kansas and Drake University. Spring highlights include the Big Ten Championships plus state, regional, and national competition.



Fall

Oct. 8	Iowa State University	Away
Oct. 9	Univ. of Kansas/Drake Univ.	at Des Moines
Oct. 15-16	LaCrosse Invitational	Away
Oct. 22-23	Univ. of Iowa Invit.	Away
Oct. 30	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	HOME

Spring

Mar. 29	St. Cloud State Univ.	HOME
April 7	St. Cloud State Univ.	Away
April 9	Drake Univ.	HOME
April 13	Carleton College	HOME
April 15-16	Univ. of Iowa Invit.	Away
April 22	Twin Cities All Stars	HOME
April 23	Iowa State University	HOME
April 28-30	Big Ten Championships	at Madison, Wisc.
May 6-7	Univ. of Minnesota Invit.	HOME
May 13-14	MAIAW State Tournament	at Northfield
May 19-20	AIAW Region 6 Tournament	at Des Moines, Ia.
June 6-11	AIAW National Championships	at Baton Rouge, La.





cross country

Coach Mike Lawless begins the cross country season with the enviable prospect of his entire squad returning from last year. The team finished 12th in the country in 1975, and Lawless noted, "We should have a good, solid team if our returning veterans improve as I expect them to."

Highlights for the cross country runners include the 1st Annual Big Ten Championship at Michigan State, the MAIAW State Meet, and the AIAW Nationals to be held in Madison, Wisconsin. Gophers Cathy Twomey, Michele Vogel, Maggie Munro, and Anita Macias form a solid nucleus for the team, with many other talented performers able to fill varsity spots. Lawless anticipates that several members of the track & field team will also participate in cross country for the first time.

Sept. 24	Golden Valley Lutheran Invit.	Lake Nokomis
Oct. 2	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison	Away
Oct. 9	Iowa State Invitational	Away
Oct. 16	St. Cloud Invitational	Away
Oct. 23	Univ. Wisconsin-LaCrosse	Away
Oct. 30	Big Ten Championship	at East Lansing, Mich.
Nov. 3	MAIAW State Meet	at Golden Valley
Nov. 6	USTFF National Meet	at Kenosha, Wisc.
Nov. 13	AIAW National Meet	at Madison, Wisc.



basketball

Even before the first basketball practice of the year, members of the women's roundball team are aware of the tremendous challenge ahead of them during the 1977 campaign. Since UM will be hosting the AIAW National Basketball Championship in March, the Gophers receive an automatic berth in the tournament against the top-seeded team.

Should UM qualify for nationals by winning the regional tournament, the host berth will be given to another school in Region 6. The Gophers, who posted a

14-11 record last season, must first reach the finals in the MAIAW State Tournament to qualify for the regionals.

The team obviously has its work cut out, and Coach Jenny Johnson is optimistic about the upcoming season's outcome. "We improved greatly last year and lose only one starter from that group. We need a big person in the middle to control things but we should have experience at the other positions," she said. The home opener for UM is Dec. 2 in Williams Arena against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Dec. 2	Univ. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	HOME
Dec. 5	University of Winnipeg	Away
Jan. 1	Lakehead University	Away
Jan. 2	Lakehead University	Away
Jan. 7	Mankato State University	HOME
Jan. 10	Univ. of Wisconsin-River Falls	HOME
Jan. 11	Winona State University	HOME
Jan. 14-15	Bemidji State/ St. Cloud State/DMLC	at Bemidji
Jan. 18	Mankato State University	Away
Jan. 21-22	Concordia-Moorhead Invitational	Away
Jan. 26	Concordia College-St. Paul	HOME
Jan. 28	Southwest State University	HOME
Feb. 1	St. Cloud State University	Away
Feb. 5	Simpson College	Away
Feb. 7	North Iowa Area Community College	Away
Feb. 11-12	Big Ten Championship	at Purdue
Feb. 17	Dr. Martin Luther College	HOME
Feb. 22	Univ. of Wisconsin- LaCrosse	Away
Feb. 25-26	MAIAW State Tournament	
Mar. 4	South Dakota State Univ.	HOME
Mar. 10-12	Region 6 AIAW Tournament	at Decorah, Iowa
Mar. 23-26	AIAW National Championship	HOME-at Williams Arena

swimming and diving

The Women's Swimming & Diving Team has built a dynasty in the state of Minnesota over the past several years, as evidenced by a 28-2 combined record for the last three seasons. Coach Jean Freeman is a major part of that success, and she is confident that the 1977 squad will continue to build upon last year's outstanding 11-1 record.

The Gophers will be led by veteran co-captains Terry Ganley and Gail Griffin. Ganley, a senior, will be attempting to qualify for and participate in the AIAW National Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Co-captain Griffin has also been a team leader, and Coach Freeman says that the two swimmers "have been invaluable to the team both as competitors and outstanding individuals."

The swimming season is highlighted by the Big Ten Championships at Wisconsin and the AIAW Nationals at Brown University in Rhode Island.

The women divers will be coached by newcomer Frank Oman, who has just joined the UM staff. Oman has coached several high school All-Americans and produced some of the finest high school divers in the nation.



Nov. 6	Time Trials (Co-ed)	HOME
Nov. 20	UM-Duluth Relays	Away
Dec. 2	St. Olaf / Mankato State	HOME
Jan. 11	Hamline University (Co-ed)	Away
Jan. 14	St. Cloud State / UM-Duluth	HOME
Jan. 15	Iowa State (Co-ed)	HOME
Jan. 18	St. Olaf	Away
Jan. 22-23	Gopher Senior Meet-AAU	HOME
Jan. 28	St. Cloud State / Bemidji State	at St. Cloud
Feb. 5	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison	Away
Feb. 17-19	Big Ten Championships	at Madison, Wisc.
Feb. 17-19	MAIAW State Meet	at UM-Morris
Feb. 24-26	AIAW Region 6 Meet	at U of Nebraska
Mar. 17-19	AIAW National Championships	at Brown Univ.

golf

Golf has become a year-round endeavor for members of the Women's Golf Team. Individuals from the squad practice indoors during the winter to supplement their fall and spring competitive schedules. Highlights of the 1976 fall season include the Region 6 AIAW Tournament, the Iowa State Invitational, and the Indiana University Invitational. In last year's regional competition, Gopher Julie Gumlia captured medalist honors. Gumlia also placed 2nd at the 1976 Big Ten Championship and is expected to continue her winning ways during the upcoming year.



Coach Carol Isaacs looks forward to the team's fall schedule, commenting, "We should have an excellent fall season because the girls have been playing many tournaments this summer." Veterans Sue Jaqua and Nancy Stevens will give the squad much-needed depth. Coach Isaacs is hoping that UM will golf well throughout the year, and it appears that the team will be both experienced and talented enough to win consistently during the season.

<i>Fall</i>		
Sept. 10-11	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison Invit.	Away
Sept. 20-21	Susie Maxwell Berning Invit.	at Oklahoma City
Sept. 24-25	Iowa State Invitational	Away
Oct. 4-5	AIAW Region 6 Tournament	at Lawrence, Kansas
Oct. 15-16	Indiana Invitational	Away
Oct. 22-23	Univ. Iowa Invitational	Away
<i>Spring</i>		
Mar. 22-28	Spring Trip	
April 15-16	Univ. Kentucky Invitational	Away
April 22-23	Big Ten Championship	at Illinois
May 3	St. Cloud State Univ.	Away
May 6-7	Univ. Minnesota Invitational	HOME
May 13	Mankato State Univ.	Away
June 13-18	AIAW National Championship	at Univ. Hawaii

softball



gymnastics

Gymnastics has become one of the fastest growing sports in the state at all levels of competition, as reflected by the improvement of the Gopher gymnastics program at UM. Last year the squad defeated arch rival Gustavus Adolphus to capture the MAIAW state championship, then qualified for the national meet by taking 3rd place as a team at regionals.

Coach Katalin Deli is hopeful that UM will perform "at least as well as last year with improvement in some of our weaker events." The Gophers will be led by veterans Blayne Frantzen and Bonnie Berning. Sophomore Lori Pike, a transfer student from Grandview College, is also expected to compete on the varsity squad.

The Big Ten Gymnastics Championship will be of major importance in the winter competitive schedule. The team will defend its state title in February when the MAIAW championship is contested at St. Cloud State University. Regional and national competition will follow if the squad again qualifies through the state meet.

Oct. 29-30	USGF Sectional Class I	at Iowa City
Nov. 12-13	1st Elite Regional Qualifying Meet	
Jan. 8	Grandview College/Southern Illinois	at Grandview
Jan. 14	Bemidji State/Univ. of Illinois/Univ. of Wisconsin	HOME
Jan. 18	Univ. of Wisconsin-River Falls	Away
Jan. 22	Gustavus Adolphus	Away
Jan. 29	St. Cloud State	HOME
Feb. 5	Mankato State/Iowa State/LaCrosse	at Mankato
Feb. 11-12	Big Ten Championships	at Champaign, Ill.
Feb. 18-19	MAIAW State Meet	at St. Cloud
Mar. 9-11	Region 6 AIAW Meet	at Lincoln, Neb.
Mar. 25-26	USGF Class I State Meet	HOME
April 1-2	AIAW National Meet	at Central Michigan
April 15-16	USGF Class I Regionals	

During the 1976 spring season the Women's Softball Team won the state championship, thus qualifying for the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. The Gophers will attempt to duplicate that feat this spring against both in-state and regional competitors. Should the squad again capture the state title, UM will qualify for the 1st Region 6 AIAW Tournament, to be held at Southwest Missouri State.

Coach Linda Wells must find strong replacements for two of the top Gopher pitchers who will not be returning for the 1977 campaign. Both the infield and outfield positions appear solid; center fielder Shelley Medernach led the team in hits, runs, and runs-batted-in last season and will be flanked by veterans Chris Paulos and Deb Geiger.

The softball team begins practice in late March in Cooke Field House until weather permits outdoor practice.

April 7	Winona State University	Away
April 12	Luther College	HOME
April 15	Southwest State University	Away
April 16	South Dakota State University	Away
April 19	Mankato State University	Away
April 26	Bethel/Concordia-St. Paul	HOME
April 29-30	North Dakota St. Invitational	Away
May 6-7	AIAW State Tournament	HOME
May 13-14	AIAW Region 6 Tournament	at Southwest Missouri
May 25-28	AIAW National Tournament	at Omaha, Neb.



field hockey

A talented group of fourteen returning letter winners have been practicing since early September for the fall field hockey season. The team hopes to improve its 2-7-2 record from last year, and Coach Ruth Christianson expects experience to be a vital asset in achieving that goal. At the 1975 North Central Selection Tournament, nine Gopher players were chosen to advance to sectional competition.

The squad faces an expanded 17 game schedule and will meet Bemidji State, U-W LaCrosse, and U-W Stevens Point for the first time. According to Coach Christianson, "The opportunity to play teams we don't normally compete against will help us." UM will also challenge several Canadian teams during the regular season, which precedes two selection tournaments and the USFHA Nationals in November.

Sept. 17-18	North Dakota Invit.	Away
Sept. 25	Minn. Club/Stevens Point/ SDSU/River Falls	River Falls
Oct. 1-2	Bemidji State Invit.	Away
Oct. 5	UM-Duluth	HOME (Northrop)
Oct. 8	Concordia-Moorhead/ Moorhead St.	Moorhead
Oct. 13	Carleton College	Away
Oct. 19	UW-River Falls	Away
Oct. 22	LaCrosse/Bemidji State	HOME (Northrop)
Oct. 23	Carleton/Minn. Club	HOME (BFAB)
Oct. 25	Carleton College	HOME
Oct. 30-31	College North Selection Tournament	River Falls
Nov. 6	Carleton/River Falls/ Minn. Club	HOME
Nov. 13-14	*North Central Selection Tournament	North Shore Area
Nov. 19-22	*USFHA Nationals	Philadelphia

*Must qualify to participate



track and field

Five of the six Gopher thinclads who participated in both the AIAW and USTFF

Nationals last spring will be returning for the 1977 season. Track & field Coach Mike Lawless noted, "We expect to be at least as strong as we were last year, even with the loss of Jane Oas through graduation." Oas qualified for and participated in the Olympic trials in the 220 yd. dash, and she will be sorely missed. However, Cathy Twomey, JoAnne Rasmussen, Kathy Omodt, Maggie Munro, and Michele Vogel have all competed at the national level and will give UM both depth and experience.

Lawless also expects the team to be strengthened by the participation of several other veterans and incoming freshmen. The track & field season includes the Big Ten Championships at Iowa City, the Drake Relays at Des Moines, and the AIAW Nationals at UC-Los Angeles.

Indoor

Feb. 5	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison	Away
Feb. 18-19	Northwest Open	HOME
Feb. 26	Concordia-Moorhead Invit.	Away
Mar. 5	UM Invitational	HOME
Mar. 11	St. Olaf Invitational	Away
Mar. 19	Golden Track Shoe Invit.	at Madison, Wis.
Mar. 31	UM-Duluth Invitational	Away

Outdoor

Apr. 13	St. Cloud State	Away
Apr. 16	Bemidji/Golden Valley/ Winona	HOME
Apr. 22-23	Big Ten Championships	at Iowa City
Apr. 29-30	Drake Relays	at Des Moines
May 2	MAIAW State Meet	at Macalester
May 11	UM-Duluth Invit.	Away
May 13-14	AIAW Region 6 Meet	at Wichita, Kansas
May 19-21	AIAW National Championship	at Los Angeles, Ca.
May 27-28	USTFF National Meet	at Wichita, Kansas



The Patty Berg Development Fund For Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

The Patty Berg Fund was established in 1974 as a means of raising money to support the growing demands of women's athletics. This fund is named in honor of a former University of Minnesota student who has become an inspiration to all young women athletes.



Money from the fund is used to finance grants-in-aid (which cover tuition costs for many of our athletes), travel to regional and national championships, and also provides for general operating expenses of the department. In sum, the Patty Berg Development Fund is designed to benefit and strengthen the University's entire athletic program for women.

Interested alumni and friends who wish to become involved in the support of our program for the highly skilled woman athlete are urged to contribute to the Patty Berg Development Fund. In doing so, you will be helping to provide additional opportunities for young women athletes who wish to pursue sport in depth.

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