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## CONZEMIUS IS FIRST TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Only Sixth Player In Gopher Football History To Be So Honored

Justin Conzemius, Golden Gopher football team co-captain for 1995, has been named to the GTE Academic All-America Football First Team.

Conzemius, one of the best strong safeties to play for the Gophers in many years, is only the sixth player in U of M history to ever be so honored on the first team. He now takes his place along side the previous winners: Bob Hobert (1956), Frank Brixius (1960), Bob Stein (1968), Barry Mayer (1970) and Brent Herbel (1990).

A business major with a 3.70 GPA, Conzemius was an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection on the football field this past season. A sturdy performer who has never missed a game during his career (33 straight contests), he led the Golden Gophers defense with 113 tackles, including 70 solos, last season. The native of Fargo, N.D., ranked seventh in the Big Ten with 10.3 tackles per game and tied for sixth in the league with 27 interceptions per game. He registered a career-high 17 tackles, including 11 solos, against Michigan. In the San Diego game he had eight tackles, broke up a pass, blocked a punt and intercepted a pass. He had another great game against Indiana when he led the team with 14 total tackles, including one for a loss.



Justin Conzemius

Conzemius, the son of Michael and Sandy Conzemius, was honored following the season with the team's Butch Nash Award (for competitiveness on the field and in the classroom). He is a three-time University of Minnesota Scholar-Athlete Award winner, a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection who was selected as one of the Top Five Male Scholar-Athletes in 1993-94. He also collected second-team Academic All-America honors in 1993.

Linebackers Craig Sauer and Peter Hiestand, placekicker Mike Chalberg and offensive tackle Chris Fowlkes joined Conzemius on the GTE District V All-Academic Team and were also considered for Academic All-America honors.

**Coach Jim Wacker's Gophers had a school record 12 student-athletes named to the Academic All-Big Ten Team, tying Indiana and Ohio State for the most in the conference.**

those seven shots. He finished 7-for-10 from that distance, 9-for-14 overall, and scored 27 points. Townsend Orr and Chad Kolander each added 14 points.

The Gophers began the 1995 Big Ten season with an exciting come-from-behind win over Penn State 69-67 and then had a disappointment playing Purdue in Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Ind. where they fell to the Boilermakers 68-60. Voshon Lenard was the first player from either team to reach double figures with 7:15 remaining on his way to a game-high 16 points. He and backcourt mate Townsend Orr almost pulled the Gophers through late in the game as they combined to make three three-pointers in 72 seconds to cut an 11-point deficit to 61-56 with 58 seconds remaining. Eric Harris cut the lead to 63-60 with 28.5 seconds left but the Boilermakers made five of six free throws to finish the game ahead.

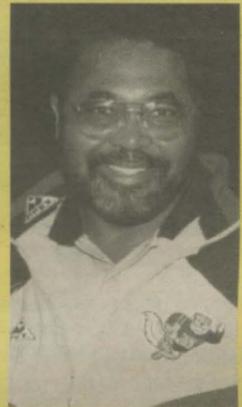
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## BOSTON: "WE WILL SUCCEED IN FOOTBALL, WITH STUDENT-ATHLETES OF WHOM YOU CAN BE PROUD"

Dr. McKinley Boston, Director of Men's Athletics, says he is absolutely adamant to see football success come during his tenure. He said, "A successful football program is not only worth our time, effort and attention, but is absolutely necessary."

Boston makes it clear that turning around a program which has not been a top contender in thirty years, won't happen overnight. He said he was inspired to see the Gophers winter sports season start out with special achievements (wins by the basketball team in the Great Alaska Shootout and the hockey Gophers in the College Hockey Showcase). But, he says, the news was not always as good in basketball, hockey "or any of our sports from which we have grown to expect highly competitive performances." He adds, "Each has a building or a rebuilding story to tell. Each story is one of significant struggle and, ultimately, success."

Boston calls turning the football program around, "the hardest challenge," but says he is confident that "we will succeed and will do so within the rules and with student-athletes of whom you can be proud. Stick with us," he says, "and we'll all have another great success story to tell in the near future."



## DESPITE PERIODIC SLUMPS, HOCKEY GOPHERS REMAIN IN CONTENTION FOR WCHA & NCAA TITLES

It's been an up and down season thus far and the Gophers have had their share of slumps and injuries, but with the right breaks they can be in contention for the WCHA and NCAA titles.

With the 6-0 start at the beginning of the season it looked as if nothing could stop the Gophers and they might even surpass the 1988-89 season when they finished with a 34-11-3 record losing the national title to Harvard in overtime. But then came the 4-4 tie and 4-3 loss to North Dakota and the 3-2 loss to Michigan Tech. From there on things began to cool down. After splitting a series with Colorado College (losing the first game 9-2 and winning the second, 3-1) it appeared that the Gophers found the answers to their downward slide.

Then injuries got into the act. Senior co-captains Justin McHugh suffered a severe knee sprain on Nov. 26 and Scott Bell injured his knee on Dec. 31, knocking them both out of competition for many weeks causing Coach Doug Woog to do some creative juggling.

Woog has been pleased with the steady performances of goalie Jeff Callinan, junior Brian Bonin, freshman Ryan Kraft, sophomore Nick Checco, junior Brandon Steege, defensemen Dan Trebil and Mike Crowley.

When the Gophers tied Sweden's Brynas Tigers, a high-caliber European team, 4-4, it showed they had the ability to bounce back and put them into contention for the WCHA and NCAA titles.

In what might be looked back on as the turning point in the season, the exhibition game against the Tigers, the Gophers overcame deficits of 3-2 and 4-3 in the final period. Brian Bonin, who had only one goal the previous four games, got hot and scored two goals and an assist. But more importantly,



Brian Bonin

it was the play of several unsung players that gave meaning to the tie.

Backup goalie Jeff Moen who wasn't having a goos season to that point, replaced Jeff Callinan midway through the second period with the Gophers trailing 2-1 and made 17 saves, including 12 in the final period.

Senior Jed Fiebelkorn also had a breakthrough. To that point in the season he had played in 15 games without scoring a goal and got one which tied the score at 2-2.

The Gophers continued their upward climb in the Mariucci Classic, as freshman right wing Ryan Kraft scored a natural hat trick to help the Gophers overpower Yale, 6-2 in the first round. He was joined by sophomore right wing Dave Larson, junior left wing Bobby Dustin and freshman right wing Joe

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## A SURGE NOW COULD LEAD BASKETBALL GOPHERS TO THEIR 4TH POST-SEASON APPEARANCE

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins is not one to get easily discouraged and knows the road can be long and painful before the Final Four is played. Veteran basketball fans know that a surge just about now could take the Gophers into their fourth consecutive post-season appearance.

The surge might have come in the game against Northwestern in which the Gophers completely dominated play, winning 105-74. The Gophers were HOT! They made their first eight shots, led 20-0 with the game a little more than four minutes old and before the game was over, established school records for three-point shots made by a Gopher (Voshon Lenard's seven), most three-pointers made by a Gophers team in a Big Ten game (12) and most efficient shooting of three-pointers in a game (12 of 18, 66.7 percent).

Every shot Lenard attempted in the first half was a three-pointer, and he made five of

## TENNIS GOPHERS AIM FOR 4TH STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE, AND NATIONAL RANKING

Head Tennis Coach David Geatz should lead his team to the top ranking in the Big Ten and nationally if things go as well as they have during the past six years he's been at the helm.

The Gophers are the three-time defending Big Ten champions, have finished in the top 25 the last four years, and own a 39-match Big Ten winning streak.



Lars Hjarrand

Six lettermen return from last year's 23-5 squad that reached the NCAA Region IV finals before losing to Notre Dame 4-3. Leading the Gophers this season will be Senior/Captain Ross Loel (Rancho La Costa, Calif.) who will play at the No. 3 singles position and be a part of the doubles team. Loel, an All-Big Ten selection last season, was 31-9 overall last year and a perfect 11-0 in conference action. He has never lost a singles match at the Big Ten Championships. His partner on the doubles team will be Lars Hjarrand (Soph., Oslo, Norway). The two combined to win 25 matches last season and this season are already off to an impressive beginning with their consolation win at the '94 National Clay Courts and victory at the Rolex Region IV Championship.



Ross Loel

The Gophers will have a lot of depth, which is a trait of Geatz-coached teams. Three returning letterwinners, Adam Cohen (Sr., Buffalo, Minn.), Erik Donley (Jr., Duluth, Minn.) and Ben Gabler (Soph., Chambersburg, Pa.) will do well in the No. 4-6 singles spots.

Newcomers Matt Gabler (Soph., Chambersburg, Pa. and Ben's brother) and Tim George (Jr., Orono, Minn.), both red-shirted last season, will see a lot of action. They will be joined by freshmen Tim Burke (San Diego, Calif.) and Casey Oppenheim (Minneapolis, Minn.). The rookie expected to make the biggest impact is Stefan Tzvetkov, a native of Sofia, Bulgaria, a three-time All-Big Eight selection and a former member of Bulgaria's Davis Cup team. He transferred from Iowa State when the Cyclones dropped their men's tennis program.

The Gophers, who host Ball State in their first home action of the season on Jan. 14, could bring a fourth straight Big Ten title to Minnesota, keep the Gophers ranked in the top 25 and continue the success Coach Geatz and his team has enjoyed as one of the top men's tennis programs in the country.

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Pankratz who all scored in the third period. Goalie Jeff Callinan earned his 11th victory of the season posting 29 saves.

The following night the Gophers played well but couldn't pull off a victory as they lost 4-3 in overtime in the championship game against Boston University. Brian Bonin again came through big time as he scored his second shorthanded goal of the season, and second tally of the game, to force overtime at 14:46 of the third period tying the score at 3-3.

The tournament saw some remarkable performances such as Jeff Callinan's 64 saves while only giving up 6 goals against Yale and Boston U. Other bright spots included Bonin who had two goals and three assists, Kraft, with three goals and an assist, and freshman center Jason Seils, who showed his tremendous potential with steady play in his first two collegiate games.

The Gophers then played Northern Michigan to a 2-2 tie but slumped again in the offensive department. Minnesota's goals came on two shots by sophomore

Nick Checco (his first goals since scoring a hat trick in a 5-4 victory in the season opener Oct. 21 at UMD) and were scoreless on seven power-play chances. The next night the Gophers lost 6-3 despite a 46-24 edge in shooting, including a 37-16 margin the first two periods. Gophers Joe Pankratz, Dan Hendrickson and Jason Godbout did the Gopher scoring and the defense got praise from Woog for limiting Northern Michigan to 24 shots.

Many observers called the game one of the dirtiest in which the Gophers have been involved in many years. Northern Michigan took one major penalty for an intentional high-sticking and another for checking from behind. Coach Woog said he counted at least two late hits on the knees of Minnesota players and he was appalled by Northern Michigan's dirty play.

The weekend home series on Jan. 20-21 against Colorado College will set the stage for the rest of the season and could determine whether the Gophers make a strong showing in the WCHA Championship on Mar. 16-18, NCAA Regionals, Mar. 24-25 and NCAA Championship, Mar. 30-Apr. 2.

## Letters



### ATHLETES DESERVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Much is being said these days about raising and lowering academic standards for athletes. What people fail to understand is that athletes spend many hours each day in practice and have a difficult time studying after that. How would you like to get banged up, beat up and shoved around, then go to your dorm room four hours later and while your friends are all playing cards and watching tv, sit down and try to concentrate.

What really gets us mad is that athletes have a higher academic standard to meet than other students. Athletes deserve special consideration since they do a lot for this university.

Peter Thompson and  
Mary Richmond  
University of Minnesota student  
Minneapolis

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I would appreciate your informing your

readers of the meetings. They are all held at noon at Jax Cafe, 20th & University Ave. N.E., Minneapolis.

The remaining meetings are: Monday, February 13, and Monday, March 6.  
James D. Rogers  
President  
Gopher Back Court Club

(Ed. note: Jim Rogers, a retired Hennepin County District Court Judge, has given much of his time to promote Golden Gopher basketball.)

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Just a comment to let you know how much I enjoyed your December issue of SPORTSNEWS. All positive articles. Publications like this help to improve the image of the university and its athletic programs. Keep it up!  
Robin K. Tellor  
Duluth, Minnesota

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## TOM VANNELLI: From Back Yard Ice Rink To One Of America's Top College Hockey Players



By Len Levine

The University of Minnesota has been known for its great hockey program which has produced some of the finest players in American college hockey history. One of them is Tom Vannelli of St. Paul.

Vannelli, who played for the Golden Gophers

from 1973-1977, was known for his unselfishness on the ice. The way he moved the puck and set up his wingers characterized his kind of play. He made hockey look easy. His 111 career points rank him third behind the legendary greats, John Mayasich and Dick Dougherty.

Vannelli was born and raised in the Como Park area of St. Paul and attended St. Andrews grade school and St. Paul Academy. He was the middle of seven children and parents, Ron Vannelli and Beverly Feldman got him into skating at age four because ice skating played such a big part of life in their family. His two older brothers, Greg and Ron Jr. led the way and skated whenever they had the chance. They both eventually became great hockey players, Greg at St. Thomas where he was an All-American and Ron Jr. at Cretin where he was a star goalie. Hockey was the big sport in their neighborhood and most homes had ice rinks in their back yards.

It was no surprise then, that by age six, Tom was playing organized hockey. He was already so good that he skipped the entry level pee wees and went right to the Bantams. He went on to play for St. Andrews and then St. Paul Academy (SPA).

The SPA Arena was where the Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) played their championship that year and Tom had the chance to see a few games which he says "really got me interested in playing hockey." He played four years at SPA and had a tremendous senior year leading his team to 30 straight wins (before losing to Hill Murray in the state championship) with his 45 goals and 60 assists for 105 points (most high school athletes score in the 40-50 point range).

Vannelli, who graduated in 1973, nearly missed the chance to play college hockey because of his size. He was 5-1, 105 pounds as a freshman and only 5-4, 130 pounds as a senior. He was over looked by most major colleges.

Herb Brooks, his U of M coach, said, "When Tommy was in high school, many college coaches said he was too small to play college hockey. But there was no question in my mind that he could play college hockey if he would play a small player's brand of hockey." Brooks went on: "Not too many people can match a 6-2, 200-pound hockey player and there was no sense in his trying. But if he would use his good hockey sense and his speed and passing, then he'd maximize his assets and minimize his bigger opponents' assets. They'd both play Tommy's game." Vannelli says Brooks told him he knew he could make it at Minnesota and offered him a scholarship because he said, "He was willing to bet on my heart and scoring ability."



Tom Vannelli, 1977

For the 1973-74 season, Brooks put together a good group of players that complimented each other well. In addition to Vannelli there were other freshmen: Joe Micheletti, Pat Phippen, John Sheridan, and Billy Moen. They joined veteran players such as sophomores, Warren Miller, and Dick Spannbauer, juniors Buzzy Schneider, Mike Polich, and Robbie Harris, and seniors Brad Shelstad, John Perpich, John Harris, and John Matschke. That team went on to win the first ever national championship at the U of M., defeating Michigan Tech 4-2 and finishing the season with a 22-12-6 overall record. The following years were also great years for the Gophers, finishing second for the national title in 1974 with an overall record of 31-10-1 and winning again in 1976.

Vannelli calls the Gopher team his junior year "one of the best teams in my career." The Gophers finished third in regular season play and then beat Michigan State 7-6 in three overtimes which put them into the nationals where they won Minnesota's second national championship. In the final game against Michigan Tech, the Gophers were down 3-0 near the end of the first period and came back to win 6-4. Vannelli scored two goals, had 5 assists and was named MVP of the tournament.

Vannelli was known for his "playmaker" style of hockey. He didn't play like the flamboyant Mike Antonovich who would take a hit and score while flying through the air. It's not that Vannelli's goals were any less spectacular, but his style was different. He would slip into enemy territory almost apologetically, pick off the puck, dash around and under defensemen and score in heavy traffic.

1977, Vannelli's senior year, never developed into what it could have been due to serious injuries. First, Vannelli was hit in the eye with a stick on November 5 in a 8-6 loss to Michigan (at Michigan) and missed the next eight weeks. Then Micheletti, the only other senior on the team, suffered a severe knee injury which sidelined him for the remainder of the season. Those two injuries plus three players who left early to play pro hockey depleted the Gophers program and left Herb Brooks having to start seven freshman (who the following year comprised most of the USA's Olympic championship team). The Gophers finished the season with an overall

record of 17-22-3 and 7th in the WCHA.

When Vannelli's fourth year of eligibility ended he joined John Mariucci's 1978 U. S. National Team which played in Vienna, Austria. He said he had hoped to play in the National Hockey League, "It's every American hockey player's dream," but added, "They weren't interested in me because of my size." That was not the case with European hockey officials who were impressed with his scoring ability and the following year he was signed to play professional hockey for Lugano, a Swiss team, which played all across Switzerland.

"Playing over there, in a strange country with a strange language, took a lot of adjustment," Vannelli said. "I'm Italian, but I can't speak it. That made it tough, since everyone but a French-Canadian on the team spoke Italian. Boy, I have a lot of long bus rides."

Playing for Lugano turned out to be a disappointment for Vannelli.

"When I got there, they had a big press conference for me," he said. "I was to be the team's superstar, I guess. They expected a lot from me, right from the start. If we won and I got a couple of goals, I was a hero. If we won and I didn't get any goals, even though I may have played a helluva game (one game he made nine assists), I was chewed out. And, if we lost, it was Vannelli's fault. But then all the teams expect the American-or whoever their foreign import is-to do it for them. They were always looking for a Bobby Orr."

In 1979 the inevitable happened. Vannelli had finally reached the point in his life that he had hoped would never come. He gave up his dream of playing pro hockey and returned to the U of M where he got a degree that same year in speech communications.

In 1980 Vannelli married his high school sweetheart, Teri Dossdall (her brother Mike was Tom's teammate in high school). He then went to work as a promotions coordinator for the 1980 U. S. Olympic Hockey team. After the Olympics he became a sales and management executive for Lanier Business Products in Minneapolis. In 1984 he joined New York based Petry Television, Inc., a television advertising brokerage company, and managed their office in downtown Minneapolis. In 1991 he joined the Minnesota North Stars as director of ticket sales and left the following year to become the director of marketing for the Burnet Senior Classic (the Senior PGA golf tour) where he still works. In addition he's done an excellent job (since 1979) as the Gophers hockey color commentator on KSTP radio where he works with Al Shaver doing Gopher hockey broadcasts.

"Going to the University of Minnesota and playing hockey for the Gophers was one of the best parts of my life," Vannelli says. "Playing in my home state, in front of friends and family is something that I just can't put into words. Because of my hockey days at the University I made many good friends who are still my close friends today. I cherish those friendships. When I look back I feel that the unique thing about that era was that our teams were a collection of overachievers that had the opportunity to play for a fabulous coach, Herb Brooks. His main attributes were knowing what made the athlete tick. He was a great motivator with an incredible sense for the game. He made us all winners."

Vannelli also gives credit for his success to his father and high school hockey coach Mike Foley who he says, "were probably the biggest influences in my life at a young age when I was vulnerable. They gave me good direction and brought out the best in me."

Vannelli and his wife Teri, who live in the Highland Park area of St. Paul, are the parents of three children who are all skaters: Patti (13), Mike (11) and Robbie (4). Patti has been a precision figure skater for several years, Mike is playing hockey in the neighborhood pee wee program, and Robbie is into his second year on skates. In the true Vannelli family tradition, Tom and Teri have an ice rink in their back yard.



The Vannelli family, December, 1994: From L to R: Teri, Robbie, Patti, Mike and Tom.

Both Tom and Teri are active in community affairs. Tom coaches in the Highland Little League and the Highland Central Hockey Association, and he and Teri are both involved as steering committee members for the Nativity-County Fair, an annual church/community event in the Highland/Groveland area of St. Paul.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

### BASKETBALL from page 1

Looking back on the past few weeks, it's been a roller coaster type of season thus far. The Gophers finished their nonconference schedule with a 9-3 record. Included were victories over Arizona (72-70), Villanova (85-64), BYU (79-74), and James Madison (74-68).

The season began to jell in the 98-57 win over Middle Tennessee State on the last day of 1994. It was a contest in which the

Gophers built up their stats and confidence. The game also allowed the Gophers offense to operate at full capacity, as they moved the ball inside and out at will, setting season highs for assists (28) and three-pointers (11).

The win gave the Gophers 40 minutes to try different defenses such as full court, three-quarters court, halfcourt, traps and zones. The 26 turnovers they forced were a season high.

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**RYAN KRAFT** (W, 5-9, 181, Fr., Moorhead, Minn.) became an E. F. JOHNSON



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the Gophers 6-2 win over Yale in the first round of the Mariucci Classic. Kraft recorded a "natural" hat trick by

scoring the Gophers' first three consecutive goals. Despite a 13-4 edge in shots the first period, the Gophers were trailing 1-0 until Kraft's first goal—a power-play score at 14:17 of the middle period.

With Yale outshooting the Gophers 11-3 the first 10 minutes of the second period, Kraft got his second goal with just 8 seconds left in the period—4 seconds after he won a faceoff draw in the Yale zone and then controlled a loose puck to score from close range. He completed his hat trick with his second power-play goal 2:44 into the third period, making the score at that point 3-1. Kraft's scoring sparked the Gophers to one of their best offensive exhibits of the season as the Gophers went on to defeat Yale 6-2. Kraft's three goals also were a single-game record for the four-year old tournament.

Kraft, a 1994 "Mr. Hockey" finalist, who earned first team all-state honors as a senior, scored 85 points his senior season

(45 goals and 40 assists) and recorded 184 career points (96 goals and 88 assists). The son of Robert and Marlene Kraft, Ryan plans to major in medicine or dentistry.

**JEFF MOEN** (G, 6-2, 191, Jr., Roseville, Minn.) has been a backup goalie this season and hasn't had an easy time of it.



With an 8.13 goals-against average, Moen just couldn't get back to his previous form. An example of his frustration was the

second game of the series against Colorado College in December. He made his second start of the season and was replaced at 9:02 in the second period with the Gophers trailing 3-0. Moen re-entered the game with 8:26 left and yielded the final three goals in Colorado College's five-goal third period and 9-2 victory. His spirits were down. He was quickly losing his confidence. Moen was a great athlete in high school, where he posted an impressive 1.91 goals-against average and made all-conference, all-metro and all-state honorable mention. He was drafted in the 11th round in 1992 by the Dallas Stars and finished last season with an outstanding 11-8-1 record in 20 games (a 3.33 GAA and fourth in the WCHA).

It just wasn't coming together for Moen this season until the Gophers' tied

Sweden's Brynas Tigers 4-4. The exhibition game which had no significance in either standings or statistics, was very important for the Gophers because they were able to reclaim their early season form in matching a high-caliber European team which was in second place in Sweden's top professional league.

Moen becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH because of his play in the game against the Swedish team where he regained his confidence as he replaced Jeff Callinan midway through the second period when the Gophers were trailing 2-1. He made 17 saves, including 12 in the final period. Many of his third-period saves were incredible! Gopher Coach Doug Woog said Moen's performance was exceptional and called his performance "a breakthrough night."

Jeff, a U of M Scholar-Athlete, is the son of Harv and Jan Moen.

Senior All America candidate

**VOSHON LENARD** (Guard, 6-4, 200, Sr., Detroit, Mich.) is off to a great start in his final season as a Gopher. He has started all 14 games and has led the team in scoring in nine games. He is averaging 17.9 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 2.4 assists per game. He is



shooting 39.7 percent (79-199) from the field and 34.3 percent (37-108) from three-point range.

Lenard has demonstrated that he is a scoring threat from either inside or out and is also helping out on the boards as well with his 4.3 rebounds per game average.

Lenard becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the 98-57 win over Middle Tennessee State. He scored 25 points and hit six three-pointers, tying a school record he holds with several others players. His shooting eye was on target as he made more shots than he missed for the first time in over a month of action. He was 7-for-13 from the field—6-for-10 on threes—and scored nine points (all on threes) in an 80-second stretch.

Sports writers and Big Ten basketball players all know that Lenard is a clutch player.

When the game is close and can go either way, his Gopher teammates know he's the one to have the ball. He currently ranks second on the all-time scoring list with 1,817 career points. If he equals his stats of a year ago, he will become the all-time scoring leader at Minnesota and will surpass the 2,000 career point barrier, becoming the first player in school history to achieve that feat.

Lenard is also chasing some other all-time records. He is fifth on the all-time steals list with 152, just one behind Trent Tucker and Daryl Mitchell. Melvin Newbern holds the record with 215 in a career. He is also ninth on the assists chart and every time he takes or makes a three-pointer he rewrites both of those career records.

Lenard, the son of Frank and Sandra Lenard, was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks with the 46th pick of the 1994 NBA Draft but decided to come back for his senior year. The fans love Lenard and when it was announced he had moved past Randy Breuer into third place on the school's career points list during the Middle Tennessee State game, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of 13,983.

**BERNIE ZERUHN** (Jr., Free/Fly, Hamburg, Germany) has been nothing short of sensational this young season with many outstanding performances. He becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his



showing at the University of Hawaii and Gold Country Invitational. The Gopher swimmers defeated Dartmouth 121-67 and Hawaii 138-91 as they were led by All-America Zeruhn. He won the 1,000 freestyle in 9 minutes, 10.52 seconds and the 100 free in 45.67. He also led off the winning 800 free-relay team.

In the Gold Country Invitational, Zeruhn again won three events, the 500 freestyle (4:30.58), 100 butterfly (49.72) and the 200 backstroke (1:52.57).

Zeruhn, the son of Dr. Eberhard and Elizabeth Zeruhn, was a member of the German National Team and one of the top swimmers in the U. S. last year.

## TOP RANKED SWIMMERS AND DIVERS WILL BE TOUGH TO BEAT

Head Coach Dennis Dale's U of M swimming and diving squad showed well last fall and have looked impressive since their early competition against Iowa where they won eight of the 15 events. They then came back to take first place in the Minnesota Invitational swimming and diving meet, the first home intercollegiate meet of the season, totalling 1,354 points.



Dennis Dale's Head Coach U of M swimming and diving squad

The Gophers, who finished 7-1 in dual meet competition last season and placed second to Michigan in the Big Ten Championships, won eight of the 15 events in the loss to Iowa at Iowa City and 19 of the 21 events contested in the Minnesota Invitational, including all five relays.

Leading the way for the Gophers in the Iowa meet were Duane Dobko, (Sr., Ajax, Ontario, Canada, 100 and 200 backstrokes), Paul Domer (Sr., Eau Claire, Wis., 100 and 200 backstrokes) and Manolis Lantaris (Fr., Hania, Crete, Greece, 500 and 1,000 freestyles). P.J.

Bogart (Jr., Mesa, Ariz.) won the 1-meter diving event, and Bernie Zeruhn (Jr., Hamburg, Germany), won the 200 freestyle.

At the Minnesota Invitational, held at the U of M's Aquatic Center, Dobko was the big standout. He was involved in five of the Gophers' 19 wins with victories in the 100 back with a time of 49.89, and 200 back with a 1:49.58 clocking. He was also on three relay teams.

Domer took home four wins. He won the 100 breast (55.78) and the 200 breast (2:01.04), and swam on both of Minnesota's winning medley relay teams.

All-American Bernie Zeruhn also had a hand in four wins. He captured the 200 free in 1:36.45 and the 200 fly in 1:46.84. In addition he was a member of two winning relay teams.

Bogart won all three diving events, winning the one-meter springboard (5:36.50), the three-meter springboard (600.75) and the platform diving (501.30).

Matt Eisenhuth (Jr., Lakewood, Colo.) won a pair of individual events: The 50 free (20.57) and the 100 free (45.10). In addition, he swam on the winning 400 free relay team.

Three Gophers were double winners, winning an individual event and contributing on a winning relay. Manolis Lantaris won the

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## PROMINENT MINNESOTANS Speak On Golden Gopher Sports

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY PAWLENTY



I received my undergraduate (B.A. 1983) and law degree (1986) from the University of Minnesota. It is a neat opportunity for me to be able to reflect

upon and address Gopher Sports. My thoughts in that regard are set forth below: Gopher sports remind me of the

University—they are multifaceted, proud, frustrating, and a whole lot of fun.

Like the University, Gopher sports have had their ups and downs, but through it all, students, alumni and fans remain spirited and hopeful. Gopher sports clearly contribute to our quality of life and provide tremendous opportunity for Minnesota's young athletes. They also provide a way for alumni and fans to connect or identify with the University and that is important.

**Tim Pawlenty represents District 38B in the Minnesota House of Representatives. His district covers parts of Eagan, Apple Valley and Burnsville.**

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE GARY WORKE



Golden Gopher athletics is a proud tradition in Minnesota. Few things are looked upon with more anticipation and optimism than the start

of a new Gopher football season which in my mind was the beginning of another athletic year at the University. Gopher athletics provide a much needed diversion and entertainment for thousands of Minnesotans. It is my sincere wish to see Gopher sports continue to be a great source of pride for all Minnesotans.

**Gary Worke represents District 28A in the Minnesota House of Representatives. His district includes the cities of Waseca, Owatonna and Meridan in South Central Minnesota.**

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM OSTHOFF



The University of Minnesota offers a proud tradition for young athletes from St. Paul, and especially from my area—the

North End. Their experiences as student athletes will affect the rest of their lives in a positive way.

The fabric of campus life at the University is enriched by the student athlete. In the classroom that student brings training learned from participating in a sport. While playing, that student helps bring diversity to the campus.

We need a strong athletic program so the University can continue to provide the opportunity for a student to develop athletic skills while obtaining an education.

**Tom Osthoff represents District 66A in the Minnesota House of Representatives. His district includes the North End of St. Paul from Lake Como to Lake Phalen**

### TRACK PROGRAM MAKES DRAMATIC RESURGENCE

The Gopher track and field program has made a dramatic resurgence the last few years and is one of the strongest track and field programs in the Big Ten today.

Last season the Gophers, under veteran Coach Roy Griak, turned in another record breaking-setting season finishing fourth in the tough Big Ten Indoor Championships and fifth at the Big Ten Outdoor, just 6.5 points out of third place. The Gophers have finished in the upper-division at the past six (three indoor, three outdoor) conference meets.

Leading the way for the Gophers this season will be senior captains Chris Brinkworth, a 1994 All-America performer in the discus, Keita Cline, a two-time Big Ten champion in the triple jump and Rob Hydukovich, a multiple placewinner at the Big Ten meet in the weight events during his career.

The 1995 Big Ten Indoor Championships will be held Feb. 24-25 at Champaign, Ill.

*In the next issue of SPORTSNEWS, we will highlight the team members and their accomplishments as they continue into the indoor season.*

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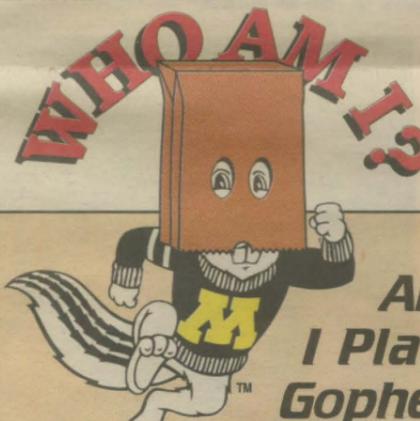
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### And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

**Congratulations to Dennis Rollenhagen of Wells, Minnesota, a "Who Am I?" Winner**

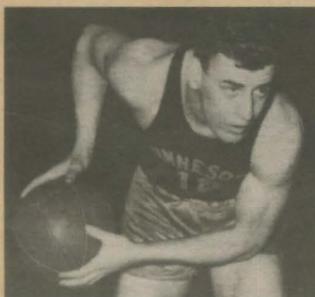
I went to Minneapolis Edison High School and then on to the University of Minnesota where I received All-American honors in 1938 as an end on Bernie Bierman's football team. I also won three letters playing guard and forward for the Gopher basketball squad. After graduating from the U, I



started coaching high school football and then joined Coach Bierman as his end coach. I was the freshman and end coach for Wes Fesler, Murray Warmath, Cal Stoll, Joe Salem, Lou Holtz and John Gutekunst. I coached many great athletes at the end position, some of whom went into the pro ranks.

After all that I did teaching the fundamentals of football for those many years, I seem to be best remembered for a couple of pep talks I gave the football teams before we played Michigan. I was given credit for Gopher upsets of the nationally ranked Wolverines in 1977 (16-0) and 1986 (20-17).

*Butch Nash, who had just picked the winner in the Bierman Building, is standing near the huge pile of letters and cards sent from all over Minnesota.*



**Butch Nash**

I came from Superior, Wisconsin and played for Bernie Bierman's U of M football team where I won nine letters and made All-Big Ten in 1949. My sophomore year I scored the winning touchdown against Washington as we won the game 7-6. My junior year I was recognized for my defensive play preventing end runs while suffering from a serious leg injury. In 1949 I set a Gopher record of 24 pass receptions as we went 7-2-0 overall. After my eligibility was over I was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round but before I reported to them I spent many years playing basketball for the world champion Minneapolis Lakers. After I stopped playing pro basketball I went to the Eagles and became a leading receiver. My playing days



1949 Photo

ended in the Canadian Football League. I then became the head football coach at Winnipeg. My Blue Bomber teams won six division and four grey cup titles. I am now a member of the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame. I ended my coaching career in the NFL where my teams won many division titles.  
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Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director,  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



**Q** I like to run in all kinds of weather. I think I "scorched" my lungs when I recently ran in the cold wind and have been coughing ever since. What should I do to get rid of the cough and do you recommend any type of precautions while running in severely cold weather?

M.M.—St. Cloud, Minn.

**A** Outdoor exercise in severely cold weather presents unique hazards and requires careful preparation. Cold weather exercise increases the risk of asthma, heart attacks, frostbite, hypothermia and injury, as well as other minor problems. Appropriate precautions can enable people to exercise regularly in temperatures as cold as -70 F.

The success of polar expeditions, without special breathing apparatus, attests to the fact that the pulmonary system is resistant to frostbite. However, susceptible individuals may develop narrowing of bronchial airways (asthma) with exposure to frigid air. Symptoms of this problem can include chest tightness, wheezing and cough. Treatment with inhaled medica-

tions prior to exercise is usually successful.

The cardiovascular system is placed under greater stress during cold weather exercise. If a person has a heart condition, cold air on the face may precipitate angina. Additionally, because of snow, ice and extra clothing, higher energy is expended, requiring greater cardiac work. This increases the risk of heart attack. Covering the face with a scarf or mask and reducing the intensity of exercise counteract these factors.

Cold weather causes stiffer ligaments, muscles and tendons, which leads to increased sprains, strains and over use injuries. Warm clothing, along with a good stretching and warm-up prior to exercise will also help.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

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## WARMATH REMEMBERED ON HIS 82ND BIRTHDAY



(From L to R: Former Iowa and Minnesota Vikings coach Jerry Burns, Murray Warmath, and former Gophers football star "Pinky" McNamara, seen at Warmath's 82nd birthday party.)

Former University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Murray Warmath was honored by a room full of close friends, former players and coaches on the occasion of his 82nd birthday at a recent gathering at the Decathlon Club in Bloomington.

Warmath, who coached the 1960 national championship football team, two Rose Bowl teams, ten All-Americans and 26 All-Conference players, was surrounded at the event by former players such as Carl Eller, McKinley Boston, Dick Larson, John Hankinson, Mike Reid, Tom Moe, Bobby Cox, Frank Brixius, Bob and Pinky McNamara, Julian Hook and Mike

Svensden. Joining in the fun were former Iowa and Minnesota Vikings coach Jerry Burns and former Gophers All-American and Athletic Director Paul Giel.

The evening's activities also included efforts to further promote the book, "The Autumn Warrior: Murray Warmath's 65 years in American Football. Written by Mike Wilkinson, the 363 page book was published in 1992 and chronicles Warmath's years as a player, scout, assistant coach and head coach. He retired this past spring as a scout for the Vikings, ending 66 years in football, a feat matched by no other person in the history of the game.

## TOP RANKED WRESTLERS COULD HAVE BEST SEASON EVER

This year could be the best ever for Coach J Robinson's wrestlers. After finishing last season with an incredible 20-2 dual-meet record, a second-place finish in the Big Ten, having two wrestlers gain All-America status, and Coach Robinson named Big Ten Coach of the Year, it's hard to imagine how the Gophers could improve upon that record, but they have their sights set even higher.

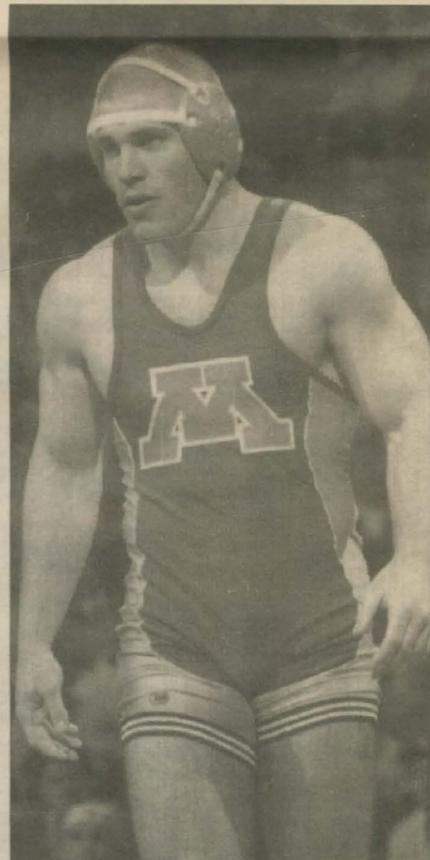
With a good balance of rookies and veterans in the lineup, the Gophers could be the best team in the nation this year. Robinson has six starters and five NCAA qualifiers returning. Leading the Gophers will be junior heavyweight Billy Pierce



Billy Pierce

(Minneapolis, Minn.), senior Tim Harris (134, St. Louis, Mo.), and senior returning All-American Brett Colombini (177, Redwood Valley, Calif.). Others who will make a difference for the Gophers include sophomore Zac Taylor (158/167, Sandpoint, Idaho), sophomore Brandon Paulson (118, Anoka, Minn.), and Jeff Thompson (142, Great Falls, Mont.).

Chad Carlson, a senior from Pennock, Minn. (150) is back after an injury plagued season last year and should repeat the performance of his sophomore season when he was one match away from All-American status. Others who will also be counted on to contribute heavily include redshirt freshmen, Kip Williamson (126, Hayfield, Minn.), Jason Davids (134, Forest Lake, Minn.), and Jeremy Goeden (190, Grand Rapids, Minn.). Add returning letterwinners Tony Farina (142/150, Mequon, Wis.) and Carl Carlson (158, Pennock, Minn.) together with freshmen Pat Connors (126, Longview, Wash.), Chad Kraft (150, Lakefield, Minn.), and Troy Marr (142, Wyoming, Minn.), it all adds up to what could be one of the best Gopher teams in history building on an expanding tradition of excellence and positioning itself to once again challenge for Big Ten and national honors.



Brett Colombini

Here's how the season has looked thus far: In the first match of the season, the Gophers lost to No. 15 Fresno State 17-14. Paulson defeated Sean Kim 6-2 at 118, Chad Carlson beat Gary Quintana 6-4 at 150 and Taylor defeated Jason Street 3-1 in overtime. Colombini downed Eddie Lund 5-1 at 177 and Pierce defeated Darin Preisendorf 8-3 at heavyweight.

The Gophers then defeated 14th-ranked Cal State Bakersfield 19-12. Paulson defeated Bobby Soto 8-2 at 118, Davids downed Mike Mendoza 10-4 at 134, Chad Carlson beat Jason Ramstetter 4-3 at 150, Zac Taylor knocked off Johnny McCreary 19-9 at 167, Colombini defeated No. 6 ranked Derek Scott 6-4 and Pierce downed Paschal Duru 8-2 at heavyweight.

## MILTON BARNES IS ASSOCIATE HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



Milton Barnes

Associate Head Men's Basketball Coach. Six-year assistant basketball coach Milton Barnes is now officially the Associate Head Men's Basketball Coach.

Barnes joined the Gophers in 1986 and left in 1988 to become the head coach and athletic director of athletics at Albion High School in Michigan. He registered an impressive 65-11 overall record in three seasons at Albion, reaching runner-up in the 1991 Michigan State Class B Basketball Tournament. Barnes, who has been a basketball coach for 14 years, rejoined the Gophers in the fall of 1991 and has been Head Coach Clem Haskins' top assistant since.

"Milton Barnes is one of the top young basketball coaches in the country," said Haskins. "He will help take some of the administrative pressure off me and will be in charge of the team in my absence. He did an outstanding job over the summer when I took the USA Junior Team to Argentina. As I pursue similar opportunities, I will sleep better knowing Milton is taking care of business with the Golden Gophers."

## SWIMMING & DIVING from page 4

1650 free (15:19.10) and swam on the winning 800 free relay. Jon McLeod (Fr., Regina, Sask.) won the 200 IM (1:49.66) and was also a member of the first-place 800 free relay. Daren Heydanek (Sr., Hawthorn Woods, Ill.) captured the 100 fly (49.51) and swam on the winning 200 free relay.

Minnesota swept the first three places in three of the events: the 50 free, the 100 free and the 200 back.

Dale is beginning his ninth season in charge of the U of M's swimming and diving fortunes. He has a career dual record of 69-20 (.775), including a 52-8 (.867) mark over the last six seasons.

In addition to Bogart (one of the premier divers in the country), Zeruhn (who placed in five events at the Big Ten Championship last year), Domer (finished second and third, respectively in the 100 and 200 breast at last year's Big Ten Championship), and Dobko (was the Big Ten runner-up in both the 100 and 200 back and placed 13th in the 100 back at the nationals), others who will make noteworthy contributions this season are: Scott Walker (Sr., Lansdale, Pa.), Matt Schlessman (So., Avon, Ohio) and Derek Williams (Jr., Lansdale, Pa.), (all were members of Gopher relay teams that scored at the 1994 NAAs and Williams is currently ranked 11th in the world in the 100 fly and is a member of the USA National Team).

The Gophers were encouraged by their success on December 21 at the University of Hawaii, where they improved their dual-meet record to 3-1 with wins over Dartmouth 121-67 and the Hawaii Rainbows 138-91.

Minnesota was led by Zeruhn who won the

By Greg Jackson

## U OF M FOOTBALL IS A WINNER!

Much has been said about the Golden Gophers football program and its inability to win. A closer look at the statistics shows the program with a 555-365-44 (.599) overall record. Along the way, the Gophers have won six national titles (1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1941, 1960) and 18 Big Ten crowns (1900, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1915, 1927, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1960 and 1967).

### WOOG: "WE'VE ADDED SIZE, SPEED AND SKILL TO OUR FUTURE"

Head hockey coach Doug Woog recently announced the signing of four exceptional high school hockey players for the 1995-96 academic year: Mike Anderson of Bloomington (Jefferson), Minn., Billy Kohn of Roseville, Minn. and the St. Paul Vulcans, Erik Rasmussen of St. Louis Park, Minn., and Wyatt Smith of Warroad, Minn.

Anderson, a 6-0, 170-pound wing scored 58 points (16 goals, 42 assists) as a junior at Jefferson. Kohn has tallied 15 points (three goals, 12 assists) in just 11 games with the Vulcans this season. The 5-11, 185-pound defenseman is a 1994 graduate of Roseville High School, where he scored 18 goals and 14 assists during his senior year.

Rasmussen enters his senior season at St. Louis Park High School with career totals of 50 goals and 55 assists. The 6-0, 180-pound forward notched 25 goals and 18 assists last year as a junior. Smith, who has led Warroad in scoring each of the last two seasons, has career totals of 45 goals and 49 assists entering his senior year. The 6-1, 175-pound forward scored 58 points (28 goals, 30 assists) last year as a junior.

"We've added size, speed, and skill to our future," said Woog. "They are all winners and want to be part of a winning program with championship goals and expectations."

1,000 freestyle (9 minutes, 10.52 seconds) and the 100 free (45.67), then led off the winning 800 free-relay team.

Other Gophers winners were: McLeod, 200 free (1:46.23), Dobko, 100 backstroke (51.96), Lentaris, 500 free (4:30.37) and Domer, 100 breaststroke (59.18). Minnesota won eight of the 13 events, including both relays.

That took the Gophers into a 157-86 dual-meet victory over Penn State with Bernie Zeruhn, P.J. Bogart, Matt Schlessman and Manolis Lentaris each winning two events.

Zeruhn won the 1000 freestyle and 200 butterfly, Bogart was first on the 1-meter springboard and the 3-meter board, Schlessman won the 50 and 100 freestyle events and Lentaris won the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Others Gopher winners were Schlessman, Duane Dobko and Paul Domer.

In their final action before we went to press, the Gophers won 13 of 17 events scoring 1,197 points to win the 11-team Gold Country Invitational at the University's Aquatic Center.

Bernie Zeruhn continued his hot streak as he won three events (500 freestyle in 4:30.58, 100 butterfly in 49.72 and 200 backstroke in 1:52.57).

Three Gophers each won two individual events: P.J. Bogart (1 and 3-meter springboard-diving events), Matt Schlessman (100 and 200 freestyle), and Paul Domer (100 and 200 breaststroke).

Other individual winners for Minnesota included Duane Dobko (100 breaststroke), Matt Eisenhuth (50 free), and Manolis Lentaris (1,650 free).

## BOLSTAD RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS GOLF AWARD

Les Bolstad, the legendary Gophers men's golf coach for some 30 years, was honored recently with the inaugural Warren J. Rebholz Distinguished Service Award presented by the Minnesota Golf Association.



Les Bolstad

Bolstad, 86, the only golfer to win Minnesota's Grand Slam, won the U.S. Amateur Public Links title in 1926 at age 18. He led the Gophers to Big Ten titles in 1963 and '72.

## WAYZATA PREP GOLFER SIGNS WITH U OF M

The Gophers have signed Bill Thompson of Wayzata High School to a golf letter of intent. Thompson, an all-state selection the last two years, finished second in the Lake Geneva (Ill.) National Invitational, which featured the top high school players in the country. He also played in the Rolex Tournament of Champions and was a quarterfinalist in the Western junior Championships at Ann Arbor, Mich.

## LIKE FATHER LIKE DAUGHTER



Clemette Haskins

father/daughter combo in Division I college basketball.

Clemette and her father both got their start at Western Kentucky. Clem was both a star player and head coach and Clemette took two Lady Topper teams to the Final Four during her playing career.

Clemette made her coaching debut on the very same floor where she was so successful. She owns all of Western Kentucky's

## GOLFERS COULD LEAD THE BIG TEN, THEY HAD A GREAT FALL SEASON

If the fall golf season is any indication, Head Coach John Means' team, could bring the Big Ten Championship to Minnesota next spring. In four outings this fall, the Gophers won each one with the most exciting win, a come from behind victory in the Adams Cup of the Newport Collegiate Golf Tournament held in Narragansett, R.I.

Give much of the credit for the golf team's resurgence to Coach John Means, who begins his fifth season at the helm. He has taken the Gophers to three consecutive upper division finishes and two straight NCAA tournament appearances. In fact, under Means, the Gophers have gone from the bottom of the league and a program hardly recognized, to the upper division of the Big Ten conference and national collegiate golf esteem.

With impressive performances in the Northwestern Windon Memorial Classic and the Adams Cup, the fall season ended with a perfect record.

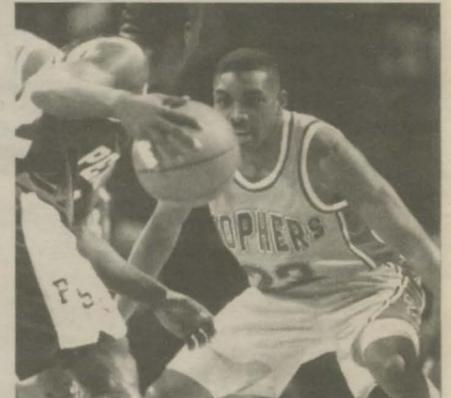
It's going to be an exciting spring for the Gopher golfers. They have something to shoot for and a winning tradition on their side. We'll have a closer look at the team and individual golfers in the next issue of SPORTSNEWS.

assist records including single game (13), season (232) and career (731).

## WE'RE WHERE?

After winning the Great Alaska Shootout, the Gophers left Anchorage, Alaska at 1:45 a.m. on a "red-eye," all-night shuttle to Seattle (arriving at 6 a.m.) and then a flight back to the Twin Cities (which left on time at 7 a.m.).

At 11:45 a.m., with the plane 40 miles from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, it was put in a holding pattern for two hours because of the first major snow-storm of the season. After circling for two hours, the plane was diverted to Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Townsend Orr

Townsend Orr, the MVP in the Shootout, who woke up from a deep sleep when a flight attendant announced they were landing in Canada said, "We're where?"

## SECOND ANNUAL MINNESOTA BASEBALL BANQUET

The U of M's Men's Athletic Department and the Minnesota Twins will again host the second annual Minnesota Baseball Banquet, to be held Friday, Feb. 3rd in Minneapolis. Proceeds from the event will benefit both the U of M's Williams Scholarship Fund and the Twins Community Fund. For information call (612) 33-TWINS or (800) 33-TWINS.

## WRESTLER BRANDON PAULSON HONORED

Gophers sophomore wrestler Brandon Paulson of Coon Rapids was named the Big Ten Conference wrestler of the month for December.

Paulson, who wrestles at 118 pounds, was 5-0 in dual-meet competition. He is 13-4 overall this season.

## GYMNASTS ARE 8TH RANKED

As we go to press, the eighth ranked Gopher gymnasts host Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion, opening the home slate of their season.

Headlining Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger's squad is team captain and 1993 All-American on the pommel horse Brian Yee (Sr., Houston, Texas). Yee returns for his senior season as one of only two upperclassmen on the team. Junior Andrew Weaver (Albuquerque, NM) is the only other upperclassmen on the team.

Other who will add to this great team include sophomore Heath Wall, Frank Ticknor, Chris Harrington, Bobby Hubbard, George Beatty, Colby Van Cleve and Billy Copenhagen.

There will be a closer look at the team and competition results in the next issue of SPORTSNEWS.

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## BOSTON WILL BRING NEW EMPHASIS TO STUDENT DEVELOPMENT; HIS APPOINTMENT AS VP IS CALLED ONE OF HASSELMO'S FINEST

When University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo appointed Men's Director of Athletics Dr. McKinley Boston vice president for student development and athletics, reaction was quick and positive from all corners of the state. Hasselmo's decision to put Boston into a vice presidency that will oversee both the men's and women's athletics departments as well as several other departments such as the Boynton Student Health Services, recreational sports, Minneapolis and St. Paul campus student unions, university student counseling and legal services and ROTC, was called one of the best staff decisions Hasselmo's ever made.

Hasselmo says Boston will be responsible for "overseeing programs that address the co-curricular, social, recreational, emotional, physical and mental health needs of the University's students."



President Nils Hasselmo

Boston, 49, was being aggressively sought after by Florida State University. They wanted him to apply for the lucrative position of athletic director. He was considered the front running candidate for the position which would have paid him \$100,000 more than he was earning at Minnesota. It was learned also that he would

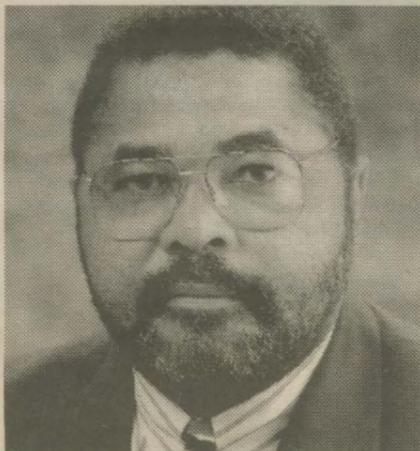
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Paul International Airport was greeted by the Governor and a large crowd of friends and supporters. The next morning he reached a decision with Hasselmo who said he was making "this extraordinary appointment because of the tremendous leadership abilities Mac brings to our community-building efforts." Hasselmo added, "His values, his experience, his abilities and his personality create an unusual potential for success in the University 2000 areas of access, outreach, user-friendliness and diversity."

Boston said he considered the University's offer a better stepping-stone to his career goal of one day becoming a college president. He has a doctorate in education from New York University.

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Boston has been recognized for his solid efforts in reaching out to the community, reaching out to



Dr. McKinley Boston, soon to become Vice President for Student Development and Athletics

students who have not been "a part of the family, so to speak." In Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he grew up in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Boston says there was an extended family throughout the black community. "This meant that teachers did more than teach, coaches did more than coach and preachers did more than preach. They filled the role of parents. Today, the

community is so splintered because of so many single parent families, the absence of a role model in the home is more critical than it was when I was young. We need to reach out more."

Boston said one of his greatest challenges will be to "try and foster a climate in which our total community can be focused to support a nurturing and caring environment for all students, especially undergraduates. I believe very, very strongly in the principles of the old African proverb, It takes a whole village to raise a child."

As a senior football player on the co-Big Ten Championship team, Boston was named to the All-Big Ten First Team and selected to play in the Blue-Gray Football Classic. He played two years at defensive lineman for the New York Giants in the National Football League and two years with the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian Football League.

After retiring from professional football following the 1971 season, he returned to the classroom where he received his B.S. degree from Montclair

(N.J.) State College in 1972 and his M.S. degree from the same school the following year. For the next twelve years he was Director of Student Services at Montclair, taught in the Physical Education Department and was defensive coordinator for the football team. He earned his Ed. D degree from New York University in 1987.

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For the next two years, Boston was Director of Athletics and Recreational Services at Kean (N.J.) College. From 1988 until coming to the U of M, he was Director of Athletics at the University of Rhode Island. He has been a guest lecturer at Harvard University and has taught courses at each of the colleges with which he has been associated. He became the U of M's tenth Director of Men's Athletics on December 17, 1991.

Boston, who starts his new job on July 1, and his wife Magellia (a school teacher) are the parents of two children, Lance, 24, an academic adviser at Tulane University, and Kimberly, 15, a sophomore at Hopkins High School.

## WE'RE OUT OF THE SLUMP! THE NATIONALS ARE IN SIGHT

Both the basketball and hockey Gophers got off to winning starts this season and it appeared that both teams would dominate their leagues all the way through to the NCAA season finale. Then, as if they were working in tandem, both squads got cold and took a nose dive.

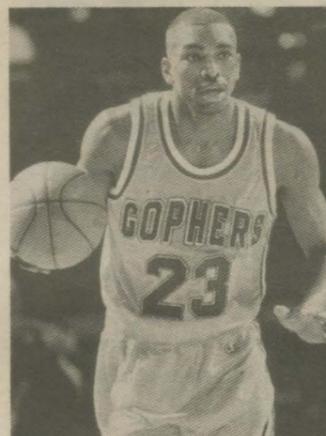
Clem Haskin's basketball team finished their non conference schedule with a 9-3 record and it appeared that things began to turn around with the 105-74 win over Northwestern on Jan. 11. Doug Woog's hockey team started the season with six straight wins and then injuries together with some missed opportunities put them into a downward slide. The turning point for the hockey team was the exhibition game win over the Swedish Brynas Tigers when the Gophers overcame deficits of 3-2 and 4-3 in the final period.

If there has to be a slump in a season, it should come during the middle and that's what has happened to both the basketball and hockey teams. Unless something unexpected happens, SPORTSNEWS believes the SLUMP IS OVER and we're on the road to big wins and national recognition in both sports.

When the basketball Gophers defeated Indiana in Bloomington, Ind. 64-54 it capped a three-game roll in which the Gophers lost by a point to league leading Michigan State, won by a point at Iowa and then won by ten points at Indiana, their first win at Assembly Hall since 1990.

Haskins' players showed their firmness under pressure with tie scores at several points during the game. Then Indiana went ahead but the defense held firm and the Hoosiers were held scoreless for more than two minutes in the game's final three.

In one of the closest games this season, the Gophers were defeated in overtime 94-88 by Illinois. It almost was a come from behind win



Townsend Orr, basketball

with Minnesota behind by one point several times. Illinois led by nine at halftime. The game had a bright moment when Voshon Lenard broke the all-time U of M scoring record with a total of 1,996 points.

The Gophers have had great performances from many of their players. Townsend Orr has done a terrific job of running the Gopher offense and distributing the ball. He is second on the team in scoring with a 13.2 average and is also averaging 4.6 assists and 4.9 rebounds per game. He has led the team in scoring in nine games and if he continues to show the results of the past few weeks, he will definitely be in the running for post-season honors.

Voshon Lenard is averaging 17.2 points, 4.2 rebounds, and 2.4 assists per game. He is shooting 44.8 percent from the field and 36.6 percent from three-point range. He has also been a strong defender as evidenced by his 164 career steals, placing him second on the all-time list.

Sophomore center John Thomas has



Brian Bonin, hockey

been playing solidly in the paint and averaging 8.1 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. His back-up at the center spot is Trevor Winter who is averaging 14 minutes, 4.1 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. He has a nice shooting style, excellent hands and is improving with each game.

Senior co-captain Chad Kolander is averaging 6.5 points and 4.1 rebounds per

game and once he regains his consistent inside play he will be a big help to cap a winning season. Senior Jayson Walton had a great start and is one of the best inside or outside players on the team. He is averaging 9.3 points and 6.8 rebounds per game and is second on the team with 23 steals.

Sam Jacobson, the highly touted freshman, has taken his game to a high level. He can play well at small forward or shooting guard and has been a strong outside shooter averaging 48.4 percent.

Overall the Gophers have done very well cleaning the glass posting a 42.4-35.4 rebounding edge and a 39.8-33.8 per game edge in conference play. The Gophers have won the battle on the boards in 17 of 22

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## BARBER, HANSON & KELLY ARE LEADING GOLFERS TO NATIONAL ESTEEM

Head Coach John Means' Gopher Golf team could bring the Big Ten Championship to Minnesota this spring. After an impressive fall season in which the Gophers won each of their four matches, perhaps the one which shows the great potential of this team occurred in the come-from-behind victory in the Adams Cup of the Newport Collegiate Golf Tournament held in Narragansett, R.I.



John Means  
Head Golf Coach  
U of M

The Gophers fired a 288 in the third and final round to post a 881 cumulative score, three strokes ahead of runner-up Northwestern's 884 in the 12 team tournament. The win brought an end to the fall schedule which saw the Gophers post an impressive 67-0 record and win four consecutive team titles.

The Gophers' performance in the Adams Cup shows what this team is capable of. In this competition, the Gophers were led by Aaron Barber (Sr., New London, Minn.) who turned in performances of 76-68-73 for a total of 217 and a second place finish individually, three strokes off the leader. Freshman Jeff Barney (New Brighton, Minn.) and senior Jon Kelly (Mankato, Minn.) finished in a three-way tie for fourth place individually at 220. Kelly fired a final round 68 to lead the charge for the Gophers. Mark Hanson (Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa) finished 15th with a 226 score and Mark Halverson (Jr., Fargo, N.D.) posted a score of 231 to finish 28th.

The Gophers previously won the Falcon Invitational (24 teams), the Northern/Big Ten Preview (19 teams) and the Windon Memorial (12 teams). By the time the spring season begins, the Gophers could be ranked in the top 10 of Division 1 teams in the nation by Golf Week magazine. If the Gophers do get ranked in the top 10, it would be the first time since the early 1970s.

Give much of the credit for the golf team's resurgence to Coach John Means, who begins his fifth season at the helm. He has taken the Gophers to three consecutive upper division finishes and two straight NCAA tournament appearances. In fact, under Means, the Gophers have gone from the bottom of the league and a program hardly recognized, to the upper division of the Big Ten conference and national collegiate golf esteem.

The Gophers will count heavily on Barber, Kelly, and Hanson. That three-some played a big part in leading the team to the NCAA Tournament last year. The three golfers led the team last season in stroke averages with 75.20, 75.40 and 74.97 averages respectively.

Barber, Kelly, and Hanson all had exceptional summers. Barber did what only one other state golfer has done in the past 32 years when he won the state Amateur title and the State Publinks title in the same summer. In addition, he and his partner won the State Mixed Four-Ball, and won six tournaments, posting a stroke average of 70.57.

Kelly also had quite a summer. He won four tournaments and had a stroke average of 72.09. Hanson, the team's most consistent player last year, had three top ten finishes last summer.

In addition to Barber, Kelly, and Hanson, the following golfers also have the potential to be team leaders: Rob Kerr (So., Pointe Claire, Quebec, B.C.), and Mark Halverson (Jr., Fargo, N.D.). In addition, look for some good play from returning golfers who did well last year: Trent David (Marshfield, Wis.), Troy Schroeder

(Medford, Wis.), Jim Turner (Edina, Minn.), and Ryan Woytassek (Breckenridge, Minn.).

The following four tendered freshman with impressive credentials have also joined the squad and are competing for spots in the starting lineup: Dan Arroyo (Walnut Creek, Calif.), Jeff Barney (Appleton, Wis.), Andy Komar (New Brighton, Minn.) and Matt Lewis (Dubuque, Iowa).



L to R: Aaron Barber, Mark Hanson  
and Jon Kelly

There were signs early on that this year's team

would be a top contender. In their opener last fall, the Gophers won the Falcon-Cross Creek Invitational at the Air Force Academy's Eisenhower Blue Golf Course in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a score of 887 in the 24-team field.

The Gophers were led by the runner-up finish of Barber who fired a final round of 73 to tie for second place in the final standings with a 54-hole score of 220. Minnesota's Hanson tied for fourth overall with a score of 221, Kelly finished in a tie for ninth at 223 and Halverson finished in a tie for 40th with a 229. The Gophers led all schools with three golfers in the top ten.

The Gophers took home first place honors in their next outing in the Northern Intercollegiate in East Lansing, Mich. Hanson led the Gophers by firing rounds of 70 and 74 to tie for second place individually, just three strokes behind the leader. Kelly and Barber also finished in the top 20 individually in the 19-team tournament. The Gophers team score of 589 was just one shot ahead of runner-up Ohio State's score of 590. The tournament featured all of the Big Ten teams in a fall tune-up for the spring schedule.

With impressive performances in the Northwestern Windon Memorial Classic and the Adams Cup, the fall season ended with a perfect record.

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## Letters



### THE MARCHING BAND TURNS HAT BACKWARDS

I've watched Minnesota play football for many years. I occasionally have seen band members turn their hats backwards. Can you find out why this is done?

Albert G. Garcia  
St. Paul

*Ed. note: When the Football Gophers win, Marching Band members, who gather in formation after the game at midfield, turn their hats backwards. It is a tradition which has existed as long as there has been a Marching Band. We found this picture of*



*Jim Rodrick, a third year trumpet player from Byron, Minn., who was about to step onto the Dome floor and join the Band in a closing tribute to the Gophers who had just defeated San Diego State, 40-17.*

### FOLLOWING GOPHERS SPORTS FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN EXCITING AND FUN

It would be a pleasure to wear the jacket if I won it in the contest because Butch Nash (last issue's celebrity WHO AM I?) is an extra large fellow Minnesotan (so is this

writer's jacket size) who should have been acknowledged time and time again.

It's been fun to have followed U of M sports over the years and to have known of such people as Nash, Grant (remember his one handed catch of the football against Purdue?), Smith, Mariucci, Bye, Jaros, Nomellini, Soltau, etc.

UFFDA—it's been exciting and fun.  
Chester Tollefson  
Anoka

### IT HELPS IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Just a comment to let you know how much I enjoyed your December issue of SPORTSNEWS. All positive articles. Publications like this help to improve the image of the university and its athletic programs. Keep it up!

Robin K. Tellor  
Duluth, Minnesota

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## Inseparable Childhood Sweethearts; They've Made Basketball A Family Affair



By Len Levine

Clem Haskins is in his ninth season as the head men's basketball coach at the University of Minnesota. He has taken the Golden Gophers into post-season play in five of the past six years, including the 1993 National Invitation Tournament, and has directed the basketball program to back-to-back

storybook runs through the NCAA Tournament bracket.

Clem Haskins will go down in the basketball history books as one of the best athletes and coaches in America. He was a star high school and college player who was a consensus All-American his senior year at Western Kentucky. He is the only player in league history to be chosen Player of the Year three consecutive seasons. He still holds school and conference records for most points (55) and field goals (25) in a game set Jan. 30, 1965 against Middle Tennessee.

Haskins acknowledges his special athletic ability but gives much of the credit for his success to his wife Yevette. "She's been at my side ever since we were in fourth grade. We're the very best friends and she's been the constant strength and encouragement for me through ever thing I've done and all that I've ever accomplished," Haskins says.

To write about Clem Haskins, one needs to also write about his wife Yevette. Their lives have been intertwined ever since they were in the fourth grade at Campbellsville Durham School (grades 1-12) in Campbellsville, Kentucky (70 miles south of Louisville).

While much has been written about Clem, little is known about Yevette. This story is intended to show a side of Clem Haskins that the public is not aware of. It also is a story which shows the very close relationship between a husband and wife who have been an inseparable duo since those early years in Campbellsville. Clem and Yevette's roots are deep in the Campbellsville area. It's where they were both raised and lived through the transition of integration.

Yevette, the oldest of two children whose parents Harriet and J.C. Penick still live in the same house in Campbellsville, was in the Campbellsville School's last segregated graduating class of 1963. She and Clem started to date "seriously" during their sophomore year and the next year Clem transferred to Taylor County High School, the first black student in the previous all white high school. The schools, a mile apart, were sports rivals. Because both Yevette (a cheer leader), and Clem (a star basketball player) were actively involved in their school's sports programs, they were able to see each other often. Yevette says she saw the first steps of integration through the sports program because it brought people together.

After graduating, Yevette enrolled at Kentucky State University and Clem went to the University of Louisville on a basketball scholarship because he thought he would be closer to Yevette (about an hour's drive away). After a couple of weeks in the summer he realized he wasn't happy there and enrolled at Western Kentucky (now about three hours away from Yevette) also on a basketball scholarship.

They would see each other often, she says, "but it meant we put a lot of miles on our cars." When school finished that May they were married. The following September they moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where Yevette worked as a secretary on campus and Clem was a student and playing on the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers' basketball team. For both his junior and senior years the Hilltoppers won the NCAA Tournament.



Yevette Haskins

1967 was a busy year in the lives of Clem and Yevette. Their first child, Clemette, was born and Clem was the first draft choice of the Chicago Bulls and the third player picked in the NBA draft.

Yevette says living in Chicago was "exciting because it was such a big and bustling city compared to where we had come from and I had never been that far from home." They stayed in Chicago until 1970 then moved to Tempe, Arizona where Clem played for the NBA's Phoenix Suns. Their second daughter Lori was born there in July, 1970.

Phoenix was home for the Haskins' family for the next four years. Clem was having some of the best basketball success of his career playing from his shooting guard position and Yevette was "busy as always supporting Clem and being there for the kids." In 1973, son Brent was born and the following year Clem was traded to the Washington Bullets (they moved to Washington, D.C.) where he played on the team that lost in the finals of the NBA championship against Golden State. They stayed in Washington until 1976 when Clem retired.

After basketball it was back to their hometown of Campbellsville. Clem spent the next year as a farmer raising beef cattle while "sorting out the next part of his life" and Yevette says she "kept busy being a mother and enjoying a real family life."

Clemette, who was in the 6th grade, and playing on the high school varsity basketball team, brought basketball back into the Haskins' home in a big way. "It was a real home life for us after many years away," says Yevette. "We were parents raising a normal family, going to basketball games and keeping to some kind of regular schedule. Both Clem's and my parents were there and the children and grandparents got time to know each other. We loved every minute of it."

The following year Clem decided he wanted to get back into basketball and took an assistant coaching position under Gene Keady at Western Kentucky. After the second season he became Keady's first assistant and when Keady left for the head coaching job at Purdue, Clem was named head coach.

Yevette says the "tempo of our lives picked up quite a bit at that time. I never thought it could get much busier, but it did." Clem was coaching and Yevette was kept busy "being a mom," she says, shuttling Clemette, Brent and Lori to their basketball games and other school activities and also being in the stands cheering for Western Kentucky.

During that time Clemette's Warren Central High School team was on its way to winning the state high school basketball championship and Clemette was named the MVP of the state tournament. She was chosen Miss Kentucky Basketball, perhaps the most prestigious athletic honor in the state of Kentucky.

Clemette went on to Western Kentucky (remember that Clem had been a coach and star player there) where she led her team to two NCAA Final Four appearances and was named All-American three times. In 1985, both Clem and Yevette say the best basketball game they ever saw took place when Clemette's Western Kentucky team (she was a sophomore) played unbeaten University of Texas (they had not lost in 30 games). Yevette says, "The only obstacle Texas had to overcome was Western Kentucky to get to the Final Four, and before a packed house, the Hilltoppers won 92-90 on a last second shot."

In the midst of all that activity, Yevette, who was well known and an active member of the community, ran for the Warren County School Board (1983) and got elected. She says, "I tried not to make a lot of it, but I was the first female and first black person to be elected to the School Board. I was living in a great time of transition. There was a lot that needed fixing." She was in her third year on the Board when Clem was asked to become the head coach at Minnesota and she resigned to be with Clem in what she called, "one of the most challenging times in his career. He needed me there with him and I wouldn't have had it any other way."

In 1986 Yevette and Clem moved to Minnesota. It was a rebuilding time. Yevette says she had never been in Minnesota, didn't know what to expect, and says she knew only one person, Brett McNeil, who Clem had recruited from North High School to play at Western Kentucky. She says, "The Twin Cities warmly accepted us." She worried "how the kids would fit in" and adjust, but she says, "Everything worked out just fine. The hardest thing for me was watching Clem and his team try to make it in the Big Ten. It was a hard time for us because the team was struggling. It's hard on a family when you're in the middle of a rebuilding program. Knowing that the kids were settled in and adjusted (Brent in 8th, Lori 11th) brought stability to our family and I know that it helped Clem a lot."

**"What also helped us get situated here were the friendly people and the loyal fans. Once people in this area knew that Clem was for real and we were here to stay and serious about turning the program around in the proper way, they became willing to help and booster clubs took off, faculty and administrators became supportive also,"** says Yevette.

Clem says Yevette was the "tie that bound us all together. The kids always knew that I was there for them whenever they needed me. But what was very important for us in our family was that the kids knew that Yevette could always be counted on to be there because she was a hands on mother. In addition, she was like a mother to the basketball players, who were, for the most part, away from home and many times in need of some tender loving attention." He adds, "Her time was heavily committed to working in the home, helping out at school and supporting the players themselves when they had problems like surgeries, illness, homesickness, or just any problems that young people experience. When some-

thing like that happens and their mother is not around, they need someone to turn to and Yevette was that person."

With the children out of the home and the Gopher basketball program on solid ground, Yevette has gotten actively involved in the community. She judges Junior Miss Pageants in Minnesota and around the country, is on the Board of Courage Center, a member of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and is the Executive Director of the Clem Haskins Basketball Camp, one of the most successful basketball camps in the country (participants are from 27 different states and six countries). She coordinates all management, which means she "runs everything" but the basketball court activity.

Even though Clem and Yevette lead such active and productive lives, they are not too busy to maintain close family ties. Clem's mother comes to Minnesota once a year and

Yevette's parents come at least twice a year. When the Gophers play at Indiana, (about a three hour drive from Campbellsville), Yevette's parents attend the game rooting for the Gophers.

Yevette rarely, if ever, misses a Gophers game. In fact, it's only happened once that either Clem or Yevette could remember. The Gophers were playing in Alaska in the Great Alaska Shootout over the Thanksgiving holiday and Clemette was making her first appearance as a college Division I head coach at Dayton against the University of Mississippi in a tournament played at Western Kentucky University. Yevette was there in the stands with more than 100 family, friends, and former teammates, cheering Clemette on. It was homecoming and Clemette was honored at halftime with a commemorative plaque.



Clem Haskins, 1975

When Clemette's game had finished, all of

Clemette's "cheering section" gathered in one room to watch the Gophers on national television win the Great Alaska Shootout. Yevette calls it, "A wonderful weekend, one to be remembered."

Yevette bursts with obvious pride when she tells you about her children. Lori graduated from the U of M last year and is an assistant to the Human Resources Director for the Robbinsdale School District. She will enroll in law school next year. Brent is a senior at the U of M and a manager for the men's basketball team. He says he would like to follow in his father's and sister's footsteps as a basketball coach. Clem and Clemette are the only father and daughter Division I head basketball coaches in the country.

**Yevette says she and Clem are starting to think about the next phase of their life. "We both agree that this will be the last stop on the coaching ladder. From here it could be back to the farm in Kentucky during the summer with winters back here in Minnesota." She adds, "It shows you how much we really like Minnesota that we would retire back here in the winter."**

*Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.*

# EFJohnson™ Golden Gopher Athletes of the Month

**JUSTIN MCHUGH** (W, 5-10, 196, Sr., Minnetonka, Minn.) became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in last month's 6-3 win over Alaska-Anchorage. McHugh, who had been out of the lineup for seven

weeks because of a knee injury, took the ice and quickly returned to his old form. He scored a hat trick and helped spark the Gophers in their third period fury as they came from behind to win.

McHugh, known as one of the hardest workers on the team, tied the game with a goal in the last minute of the second period, then scored two insurance goals in the final four minutes to secure the Gophers' victory.

As a junior, McHugh finished third on the team in scoring with 36 points (15 goals and 21 assists) and collected five power-play goals. His sophomore season he scored 13 goals and added 15 assists in 42 games with six multi-point games. His first season he scored 14 goals and nine assists as he played in 41 games.

McHugh, the son of Mike and Danielle McHugh, earned seven varsity letters in high school and was named all-metro in hockey his senior year.

**BRIAN YEE** (Sr., All-Around, Houston, Texas) had two great days, first in the Windy City Invitational held last month in Chicago. As the Gophers scored 219.700 to place fifth,



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Yee became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his outstanding performances as he led the Gophers over Ohio State by winning the all-around title. He also placed first in the pommel horse (9.550), horizontal bar (9.700) and the floor exercise (9.330). His second great performance came in the Gophers win over Illinois-Chicago on Feb. 4th, 224.85-224.635. Yee led the Gophers with a season-best 57.40 in the all-around. He also won individual events in the pommel horse (9.75), parallel bars (9.70) and vault (9.25).

Yee also had one of his best days ever on the pommel horse in the dual meet with Michigan as he won with a season-high 9.85.

Yee missed the NCAA Championship last season because of a broken hand. Now that it's healed it doesn't appear to have gotten in the way. He has been especially effective on the pommel horse and has done very well with tumbles and vaults.

As a sophomore he finished the season ranked 22nd with a season average of 9.50 on the parallel bars. In his freshman season he finished third on the pommel horse at the NCAA Championship and earned All-American status. After that first season he developed by competing during the summer in England against the English Olympic Team. Yee is the son of Paul Yee and Mabel Bryant



All-Big Ten candidate

**TOWNSEND ORR** was given recognition as an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his efforts against Ohio State and Illinois. Orr led the Gophers in

scoring in each of those games with 17 and 18 points, respectively. He shot 65 percent (13-20) from the field in the two games and 64 percent from three-point range (9-14), including a career-high six three pointers in the Illinois game. In addition, Orr grabbed down 14 rebounds, including a team-leading nine rebounds (tied a career-high) in the Illinois game. He added 10 assists in the two games, including seven against Illinois.

Orr is the Gophers' team leader on and off the court. In the Great Alaska Shootout he was named the MVP of the tournament. He scored 15 points in the Cincinnati game and was the leading scorer in the California game with 21 points, 19 of which came in the second half. The 21-point effort was a season and career high for him. In the game against San Jose State he helped break a three-game skid by scoring 17 points and dishing out four assists. He scored 11 points and had a career-high 10 assists in the win over James Madison. His 20-point, five assist performance against Michigan paced the team.

Orr is second on the team in scoring with a 13.2 average, and is averaging 4.6 assists and 4.9 rebounds per game. In conference play, he is averaging 12.9 points per game and is shooting 47.3 percent from the field and 49.1 percent from three-point range. He has led the team in scoring in nine games.



Sophomore center

**JOHN THOMAS** (6-9, 265-Minneapolis) goes into the record books as an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the Gophers' 55-54

victory at Iowa. He scored the team's final eight points, including the winning layup with 3.7 seconds remaining to give the Gophers a narrow win (the first four points had come on strong post-up moves and the next two on a baseline jump shot).

Thomas is considered a solid inside player much like Randy Carter and Richard Coffey. He possesses excellent strength and agility and worked very hard all last summer lifting weights as he put on 15 pounds of muscle while reducing his body fat level.

Thomas staked his claim on the starting center job by posting an impressive performance in the season opener against Arizona when he brought down 11 rebounds against Arizona's front line. He also had eight points in the game against James Madison and 11 points and five rebounds against San Jose State. In the Big Ten opener against highly-regarded John Amaechi of Penn State, he scored 14 points and had six rebounds, while holding Amaechi to 10 points and 10 rebounds. Against Rashard Griffith, Wisconsin's pre-season All-Big Ten center, he scored 13 points and had nine rebounds and clearly won the battle in the paint, limiting Griffith to nine points and eight rebounds. He is

averaging 8.0 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. In Big Ten games, he is averaging 8.9 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

As a freshman, Thomas played in 26 of 31 games with two starts as he averaged 2.5 points and 2.5 rebounds a game. He showed his true potential in the win over Georgia last year in the quarterfinals of the Preseason NIT when he came off the bench to score five points and haul down five rebounds in 14 minutes.

Thomas, the son of Patricia Bell-Sever and Morris Thomas Jr., is a Minneapolis Roosevelt High School graduate, who averaged 18.8 points, 18.0 rebounds and 4.1 blocks a game as a senior to lead his school to its second straight city title. He was an honorable mention All-America choice.

Sophomore tennis standout **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, PA.) has been selected as an E.F. JOHNSON

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his upset win over 15th-seeded Jason Homorody of Ohio State 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, in the Big Ten Singles Championships in Champaign, Ill.



Gabler, who has an explosive left-handed serve, has been a strong player all season. As a freshman he was undefeated in conference singles play (12-0) and was 26-7 overall playing at the No. 5 and No. 6 slots, 11-3 at No. 5 and 15-4 at No. 6. He was also undefeated (3-0) at the Corpus Christie Team Tournament.

Gabler, the son of P. Thomas and Linda Gabler and brother of teammate Matt Gabler, teamed with Eric Donley at No. 3 doubles and finished 16-2 overall and a dominant 10-1 in the Big Ten. He was credited last year with giving the Gophers a spark to win their third straight Big Ten title by fighting off five match points and winning 9-8 to clinch the doubles point against Michigan.

Senior **KEITA CLINE** (Horiz, Jumps/Sprints, Gainesville, Fla.) became an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his winning performances in the long jump in the Iowa State Classic and

Minnesota Invitational and the triple jump at the Cargil Games in Winnipeg.

Cline broke his school long jump record and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with a winning leap of 26 feet, 1-3/4 inches on the first day of the Iowa State Classic in Des Moines, Iowa. His jump passed his previous indoor school record of 25 feet 2-3/4 set last year. Cline also won the long jump with a leap of 25 feet, 1/34 inches and the triple jump at 51-1/34 in the Minnesota Invitational. At the Gargill Games, Cline turned in a NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 51-10 1/2 in the triple jump.

Cline, captain of this year's Gopher track team, placed third in the long jump with a leap of 24-8 1/4 and fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 50-4 3/4 at the '94 Big Ten Outdoor Championships. He also ran third leg on the 4 x 400 relay team that placed fourth with a season-best clocking of 3:10.57. He also placed 13th in the long jump at the '94 NCAA outdoor meet with a leap of 24-6 1/4.

Cline, the son of Sheryl Bennerson Norton, won last year's Big Ten indoor championship in the triple jump with a leap of 52-10 1/4 and placed third in the long jump with a mark of 25-0 1/2.

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## PROMINENT MINNESOTANS Speak On Golden Gopher Sports

### CONGRESSMAN DAVID MINGE



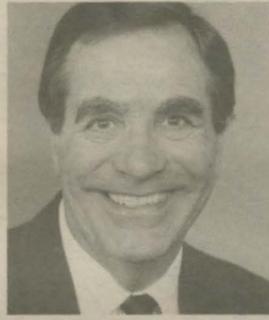
I have followed and attended Gopher sports since my childhood. Crisp fall Saturday afternoons meant raking leaves, going pheasant hunting, and

listening to Golden Gopher football.

In the last few years, my wife Karen and I have been parent boosters of Gopher swimming. All of Minnesota has good reason to be proud of the strong national reputation of the University of Minnesota. The men's and women's sports programs contribute to this reputation and help unify our state behind this great institution.

David Minge, Member of Congress, 2nd District. Congressman Minge's district includes cities such as Worthington, Fairmont, New Ulm, Marshall, Willmar, Montevideo, Chaska, Litchfield, Hutchinson and Windom. He also represents all or parts of Wright, Carver, and Scott Counties.

### CONGRESSMAN BRUCE F. VENTO



Growing up on the East Side of St. Paul, the Minnesota Golden Gophers were the focus of my attention, pride and hope. I remember

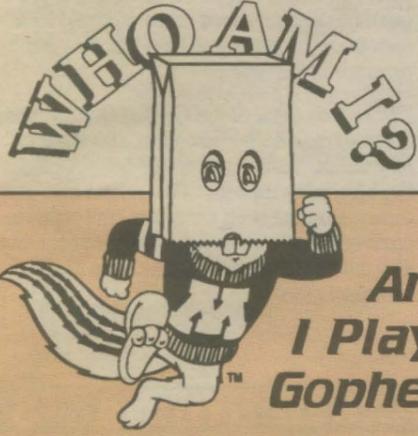
those autumn Saturday afternoons, glued to the radio, cheering for the mighty Gopher Football teams that were performing so successfully under Coach Bernie Bierman and Murray Warmath on a national stage.

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Congressman Bruce F. Vento represents the Fourth Congressional District. Congressman Vento's district includes cities such as St. Paul, New Brighton, Falcon Heights, Roseville, Mendota Heights, Maplewood, North St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul, West St. Paul, White Bear Lake, and more. He is a NEA Award Recipient who received his A.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1961. Congressman Vento was also a graduate student at the U of M.



### And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

#### Congratulations to John Dockerty of Rochester, Minnesota, a "Who Am I?" Winner

I came from Superior, Wisconsin and played for Bernie Bierman's U of M football team where I won nine letters and made All-Big Ten in 1949. My sophomore year I scored the winning touchdown against Washington as we won the game 7-6. My junior year I was recognized for my defensive play preventing end runs while suffering from a serious leg injury. In 1949 I set a Gopher record of 24 pass receptions as we went 7-



Bud Grant

2-0 overall. After my eligibility was over I was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round but before I reported to them I spent many years playing basketball for the world champion Minneapolis Lakers. After I stopped playing pro basketball I went to the Eagles and became a leading receiver. My playing days ended in the Canadian Football League. I then became the head football coach at Winnipeg. My Blue Bomber teams won six division and four grey cup titles. I am now a member of the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame. I ended my coaching career in the NFL where my teams won many division titles.



Bud Grant, who had just picked the winner in the outer office of the Minnesota Vikings Winter Park building, is standing in front of the Vikings' trophy case. Notice the huge stack of letters and cards sent from all over Minnesota.

Most people know me as "The Voice" of the Minnesota Gophers. I handle all of the public address responsibilities for Golden Gopher football, basketball and baseball. For the past 28 years I have also hosted a radio show, "Coaches Round Table," heard on KKCM in Shakopee, Minnesota.

Sports has always been a big part of my life. As a kid all I ever cared about was sports. All I wanted to do was be a major league baseball player. In 1962 I played baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals Class D farm team in Salisbury, North Carolina. By 1963 the Cardinals convinced me I wasn't going to make it as a pro baseball player so I came back to Minneapolis and enrolled in Brown Institute to learn broadcasting.

Since graduating from Brown I have been the Sports Director for KKCM and have been the ring announcer for AWA Wrestling and Golden Glove boxing, P.A. announcer for the Minnesota Fillies Women's Pro Basketball team, radio color commentator for the Minnesota Strikers of the MISL and P.A. announcer for two Minnesota ABA teams, the Muskies and later the Pipers.

I'm called the "Polish Eagle" and have also been referred to as a "walking sports encyclopedia." In addition to all of my announcing activities, I have been very much involved with charitable organizations and have been the host and MC for numerous charity events such as the Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament. In addition, I have been the Master of Ceremonies for countless athletic and sports' banquets, roasts, and class reunions.



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### BASKETBALL/HOCKEY from page 1

games overall this season. If the Gophers continue to improve they could go all the way to the Final Four.

In hockey the slump seemed to end when the Gophers defeated Minnesota-Duluth 4-1 on Feb. 11, giving them their first three game winning streak since Thanksgiving and first three-game WCHA winning streak since the season opening spurt.

Gopher Jeff Callinan who recorded his first college shutout in the game with the Bulldogs the night before, shutout the Bulldogs for more than 50 minutes in this game until UMD finally scored at 10:56 of the third period.

Callinan has been a big factor for the

Gophers all season. Callinan leads the league with 36 shutout periods and with a goal-against-average of 2.68.

Coach Woog who has been after his players to shoot more was pleased by the turn-around in their performance. In the game against UMD, the Gophers had three shots from 25 feet or further including goals by Brian Bonin, Scott Bell, Charlie Wasley and Dan Trebil.

One clear indication that the slump is over for the hockey Gophers is the play of senior co-captain Scott Bell. He turned in a four-point performance against Michigan Tech with two goals and two assists. His second goal was shorthanded which was his first shorthanded goal of the season.

Freshman Ryan Kraft currently leads the WCHA in scoring among freshmen. Another good sign for the Gophers is that they have apparently recovered their power-play punch. They currently rank tied for third in the league in power plays.

Things are looking up for Woog's Gophers. Unless something unforeseen happens, look for the Gophers to again play in the NCAA Tournament, their tenth consecutive appearance in Woog's career. SPORTSNEWS believes that Woog, who has taken his Gophers to NCAA Final Four appearances five times and has seen his teams finish first or second in the WCHA for nine straight seasons, will improve on that record for 1995.

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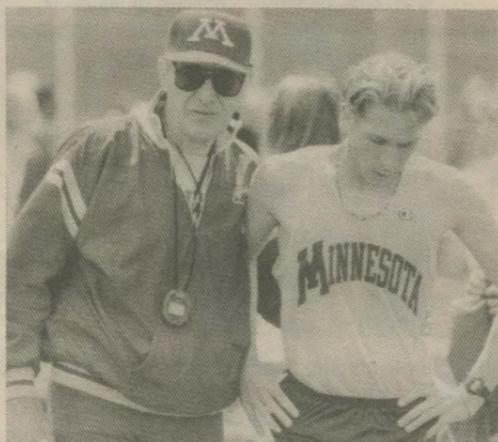
## ROY GRIAK TO RETIRE AS HEAD TRACK COACH AFTER 32 YEARS; ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST, HE HAS COACHED 43 ALL-AMERICANS

Roy Griak will retire as men's track and field head coach at the U of M following the 1995 season. Griak, considered one of the best track coaches in America, is in his 32nd season at the U of M. He will remain as head men's cross country coach for the Gophers and will serve as an administrative assistant to the track and field program beginning with the 1996 season.

Inducted into the prestigious Drake Relays Coaches Hall of Fame last April, Griak has assembled an impressive coaching resume at all levels of the sport during his distinguished career. He took over the reins of the Gopher cross country/track & field programs in 1963 from Jim Kelly and promptly led the Gophers to the 1964 Big Ten cross country title, the school's first in the sport going back all the way to 1914.

1968 was a big year for Griak coached teams. The track team won the Big Ten crown and the cross country squad finished second at the Big Ten meet and then went on to place fourth at the NCAA Championships. The following year the cross country team wrapped up another conference title and then finished seventh at the national meet.

Griak has coached a total of 43 cross country and track & field All-Americans during his tenure, including three NCAA champions, Ron Backes (shot put, 1986 NCAA Indoor), Garry Bjorklund (six mile run, 1971 NCAA Outdoor) and Martin Eriksson (pole vault,



1993 NCAA Indoor). His student-athletes have collected 58 Big Ten Conference titles as well.

There were other notable years under Griak's guidance. The Gophers finished sixth at the 1993 NCAA Indoor Championships, the program's best finish ever at the national indoor meet. In addition, the Golden Gophers have registered six straight upper division finishes at the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor Championships. His student-athletes have excelled in the classroom as well. Since the Academic All-Big Ten Team award was originated at the start of the 1986-87 season, Griak's student-athletes have earned the prestigious honor 33 times in cross country and 59 times in track & field.

On the national and international level, Griak was the head coach of the U.S. Track & Field team for the dual meet with Great Britain in 1993, the meet director for the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival, head manager of the U.S. squad at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, and assistant manager for the 1972 and 1980 Olympic teams. In 1987, he managed the U.S. team that competed at the World Championships in Rome. In addition, he was the head coach for the U.S. team at the Pan American Games in 1975.

Before becoming the Gopher coach in both sports, Griak was one of the most successful high school track and cross country coaches in Minnesota history. He coached at St. Louis Park High School from 1953-63 and his Orioles won state titles in 1955 and 1961, as well as five district and four regional crowns. Before that, he posted an overall dual meet record of 137-26, an .841 winning percentage, as head coach at Nicollet and Mankato High Schools.

Griak was a standout performer as a Gopher on both the track and cross country teams. He earned letters in both sports and his bache-

lor's degree in education from the U of M in 1949 and his master's degree in 1950.

Griak was born in Butte, Mont. and moved with his family to Duluth, Minn. when he was a young boy. He was a star athlete in cross country, football, basketball and track at Morgan Park High School.

"This is something I've thought about doing for quite a while and the timing just seems to be right," Griak said. "It's a great situation because I'll still be the cross country coach and then be involved in the daily operations of the track & field program as the administrative assistant. I'm proud of what this program has accomplished in the past and look forward to continuing to help build a great program in the future."

"When you think of the Golden Gopher cross country/track & field program, you think of Roy Griak," said Director of Men's Athletics Dr. McKinley Boston. "Throughout his career, Roy has been a credit to, not only the cross country/track & field program here, but also the U of M and the entire state of Minnesota too."

## YEE LEADS NINTH-RANKED GYMNASTS

Senior captain Brian Yee (Houston, Texas) has led the Gophers in one of their best seasons in many years.

In recent action, the Gophers topped seventh-ranked Illinois 228.00-224.10 and held off the eighth-ranked Illinois-Chicago 224.85-224.635.

For the fifth time this season, Yee led the Gophers with a season-high 57.75. He also won individual events on the pommel horse (9.0), parallel bars (9.70) and floor exercise (9.75). His score on the floor exercise was a season-high. Freshman Colby Van Cleave took top honors on vault with a season-high 9.65.

In the Illinois-Chicago contest, Yee again led the Gophers with a 57.40 in the all-around. Yee also won individual events on the pommel horse (9.75), parallel bars (9.70) and vault (9.25), and finished second in floor exercise (9.60) and horizontal bar (9.55). In addition, sophomore Heath Wall

(Sterling Heights, Mich.) took top honors on the still rings with a 9.70 and junior Andrew Weaver (Albuquerque, NM) finished second on the parallel bars with a mark of 9.55.

The ninth-ranked Gophers next defeated No. 7 Michigan 226.05-223.225 in a Big Ten dual meet. Again Yee was a star as he led his team with a 56.60 all-around performance. Yee won the pommel horse with a season-high 9.85 and parallel bars (9.70).

Andrew Weaver (high bar), Heath Wall (still rings) and Colby Van Cleave (vault) won individual events. Weaver placed first on the high bar with a 9.60, Wall on the still rings with a mark of 9.725 and Van Cleave on vault with 9.55.

At press time the Gophers are in Iowa City and will next compete against Michigan State on March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

## GOLFERS from page 2

It's going to be an exciting spring for the Gopher golfers. They have something to shoot for and a winning tradition on their side.

As we go to press the Gophers are off to Tampa, Fla. for the South Florida Invitational. They are tuning up from their play at Rio Mar, Puerto Rico in the NCAA

Challenge where they shot a final round 302 for a 11th place finish. Jon Kelly was the top Gopher as he shot an opening round 74 and final round 73. He wound up with a 221 total for the tournament and a 12th place finish. With action throughout March and April, the Gophers will be shooting for the Big Ten and NCAA Regionals in May and the NCAA Championships in June.

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## Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director, University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute

**Q** I have concerns that my bones may be weak. I recently broke one after a sudden jolt. I am a 25 year old male. I have also heard that drinking pop (soda) has a negative effect on a person's bones. Is this true? What can I do to strengthen my bones and does it help to take a vitamin supplement?

**A** Vitamin D and calcium are both important requirements for strong and healthy bones. Female and male athletes have similar nutrient requirements for their bodies with the exception of iron and calcium. Calcium requirements for boys and girls are between 800-1000 mg per day. Calcium requirements for men and women are 1000 mg per day. However, if a female does not have normal menstrual cycles, 1500 mg per day of calcium is recommended. Additionally, 1500 mg of calcium is recommended for post-menopausal women and 2000 mg per day for women who are breast feeding.

Generally speaking, a single helping of a dairy product is 250 mg of calcium, i.e. a single glass of milk, a helping of cottage cheese, or an ounce of regular cheese. Dietary calcium, that being calcium gotten through food intake, is preferred to taking pills. However, if pills are necessary to add to the diet, it is best to split the dose into two or three times per day. This enhances absorption into your digestive system.

The drinking of soda pop decreases the efficiency of calcium intake into the system. Antacid medications which use calcium as a

salt, such as Tums, are an excellent source of good tasting calcium which is also inexpensive.



There is some suggestion that vitamin D may enhance bone strength in cases of bone weakness such as osteoporosis. However, for the majority of people, even those of us in cold Minnesota, vitamin D is adequately obtained through sunlight and food consumption.

I believe that it is important to encourage young men, but most importantly young women, to have adequate calcium intake. The bulk of the building blocks of strong bones are laid down prior to age 20. There is currently little we can do to substantially increase the strength or quantity of these body building blocks after the second or third decade of life.

However, there has recently been new data which suggests that regular weight bearing activity will maintain, and possibly slightly increase, the strength of bones. This has been primarily true for weight bearing bones such as leg, thigh, and back bones. Therefore, we have yet another positive health benefit which can be appreciated from regular physical activity.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

ACHES AND PAINS c/o Dr. Arendt, SPORTSNEWS, 386 N. Wabasha Street, Suite 1040, St. Paul, MN 55102

## MINNESOTA TO HOST BIG TEN OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD MEET

The U of M will host the '95 Big Ten Men's and Women's Outdoor Championship at the Bierman Stadium on May 20-21. Iowa was originally scheduled to host the competition but its track facility will not be ready in time for the meet.

It is also a fitting end to the long and impressive coaching career of Gophers Coach Roy Griak who will be retiring from those duties at the end of this season. The Championship Meet will be a tribute to Griak and hundreds of his former athletes are expected to attend.

## GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL ON TEAMLINE

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## WINFIELD/MOLITOR LIMITED EDITION PRINT UNVEILED

The U of M unveiled a limited edition, individually autographed print of former All-Americans and future Hall of Famers Dave Winfield and Paul Molitor at the second annual Minnesota Baseball Banquet.

Former All-American and 1993 World Series MVP Paul Molitor was on hand at the Metrodome where he personally signed copies of the print. The signing, which took place outside suite 123 in the Metrodome's lower concourse, was not an open autograph session.

The print, which will sell for \$169.95 framed, \$99.95 unframed, was designed by Drew Sternal of L.A. Ink in cooperation with the



Vomela Speciality Company of St. Paul, is the same artist and company that created the All-American murals that are in Mariucci Arena. The postcard replica of the print can be purchased with Molitor's autograph for \$10.00.

The prints are available exclusively through Field of Dreams stores or through the U of M baseball office.

## WILLIE BURTON KNEW HE COULD DO IT

When Willie Burton turned in a smashing 53-point performance against his former team, the Miami Heat, he was quoted as saying he knew he could do that well, all he needed was a chance.

Burton, a former Gophers star, was the No. 9 pick in the 1990 draft. He left the Heat late in 1991-92 to seek treatment for depression. Later he sought help at John Lucas' (he's the Philadelphia coach) rehabilitation facility in Houston and also admitted to a drinking problem.

Miami, troubled by Burton's problems, cut him even though they had to eat the \$1 million remaining on his contract. The 76ers picked him up for the NBA minimum salary of \$150,000.

Heat Coach Kevin Loughery said, "We have to give him a lot of credit. He's a good kid."

Burton said all he needed was a chance and he was happy to be able to turn his life around. The 53 points he scored were the most scored by a Sixers player since Wilt Chamberlain and that includes the great Julius Erving.

## Wrestlers Rank Among The Better Teams In America

The Gopher wrestling team has continually done well this season and has been ranked among the better teams in the nation. As we go to press, the Gophers are preparing for the Big Ten Championships to be held in Bloomington, Ind. March 4-5 and the NCAA Championships on March 15-18 in Iowa City.

It's been a tremendous year thus far. Some of the highlights: The sixth-ranked Gophers finished the dual meet season with a 23-9 win over No. 22 Ohio State. Some other highlights of the season were the upset win over third-ranked Iowa State, the defeat of No. 16 Wisconsin and the tie with No. 14 Michigan.

In the match against the Buckeyes, the Gophers won the first six matches with Brandon Paulson coming through in an overtime tie-breaker, and Kip Williamson, Tim Harris, Jason Davids, Billy Pierce and Jeff Schroeder all winning.

Against the Cyclones, Minnesota won the first three matches to take a 10-0 lead. Ninth-ranked Brandon Paulson, 12th-ranked Tim Harris and Jason Davids were early winners. Brett Colombini's major decision at 177 pounds put the Gophers in the lead after they lost four straight matches and Billy Pierce won a major decision to earn four team points and the Gophers the victory.

In the Wisconsin contest, Paulson upset sixth-ranked Matt Hanutke at 118 pounds, Kip Williamson came from behind (126 pounds) to pin 10th ranked Eric Jetton, Davids won his match (142 pounds), Chad Carlson added three more team points with his win at 150 pounds and Colombini won a major decision at 177 pounds to put the Gophers in the lead for good.

In the Michigan match at Ann Arbor, Paulson who is now sixth-ranked won at 118 pounds, Tim Harris won at 126 pounds, Jason Davids won by a 15-7 major decision and Chad Carlson extended Minnesota's lead to 15-4 with a 12-4 major decision at 150 pounds, and Brett Colombini won by a 14-4 major decision at 177 pounds. Colombini extended his unbeaten streak to 16 with his win at 177 pounds.

In the match against Michigan State, the Gophers were defeated 19-15 at East Lansing, Mich. Paulson lost only his second dual match of the season, then the Gophers' Harris won at 126 pounds and Davids defeated Jed Kramer 15-9 at 134 pounds. Colombini was a bright spot in the loss as he earned his 17th consecutive victory with a 9-4 decision. Heavyweight Billy Pierce pinned Jason Peterson in 1 minute, 27 seconds.

## ATHLETES OF THE MONTH from page 4

### Senior Wrestler **BRETT COLOMBINI**



(177, Redwood Valley, Calif.), is recognized as an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for winning 10 straight matches. His performances thus far have earned him a No. 2 national ranking

at 177 pounds. He is 17-0 in dual matches this season, including 7-0 in the Big Ten.

Colombini racked up an impressive 33-8 record last season despite missing a month of action on two separate occasions due to injury. Last season he was runner-up in the conference tournament for the second consecutive year and sixth in the NCAA's to earn All-America status for the first time. He showed what great potential he has by winning eight of 12 matches at the conference and NCAA Championships.

Amateur Wrestling News consistently ranked Colombini in their individual top 10 list last year in his weight class. As a senior in high school it was already clear he would be a great college wrestler.

Colombini, the son of Don and Arlene Colombini, won the California state high school title at 175 pounds his senior year, logging a 54-0 overall record.



The tennis program produced an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH with impressive play by senior

### **ROSS LOEL**

(Rancho LaCosta,

Calif.) who won the Big Ten indoor singles tennis championship by defeating Peter Pusztai of Michigan 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

Loel, who has not lost a singles match since last Oct. 7, reached the finals by defeating Jerry Turek of Illinois 7-5, 6-4. He has been one of the Gophers' top players and was an All-Big Ten selection last season turning in an overall 31-9 performance and perfect 11-0 record in conference action.

Loel is the son of Arnie and Gail Loel.



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## TRACK TEAM PREPARES FOR BIG TEN MEET, CLINE, BRINKWORTH, DARKINS & VAN VOORHIS LEAD GOPHERS

Roy Griak's Gopher track team is preparing for the '95 Big Ten Indoor Championships (as we go to press) which will be held Feb. 24-25 at Champaign, Ill. If their performances thus far are any indication, their chances look good for a finish in the top of the pack.

Here are some examples of what the Gophers have done this indoor season: In the Cargill Games held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sophomore Tim Van Voorhis (Apple Valley, Minn.) won a pair of events to pace the Gophers. He captured both the 60 meter and 300 meter dashes in 6.93 and 34.54 respectively.

Keita Cline (Gainesville, Fla.) won the triple jump with a season-best and NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 51-10 1/2. Senior Chris Brinkworth (Bloomington, Minn.) won the shot put with an NCAA provisional qualifying heave of 58-1 1/4. Junior Travis Nordrum (Bloomer, Wis.) in the 600 meters (1:21.27), junior Paul Michalek (Bloomington, Minn.) in the mile (4:09.22) and sophomore Eric Stommes (Foley, Minn.) in the 200 meters (22.15) also won individual events.

In the Iowa State Classic in Des Moines, Iowa, Keita Cline broke the school record for the event in winning the triple



Robert Hydukovich

jump with a 53 feet, 1/4 inch mark. Rob Hydukovich and Chris Brinkworth tied for first place in the shot put at 58 feet, 3/4 inch. Minnesota finished 1-2 in the pole vault with Tye Harvey clearing 16-8 3/4 and Seth Mischke clearing 16-2 3/4.

In the Snowshoe Open Meet at the U of M's Fieldhouse, Chris Darkins clocked a personal-best and NCAA provisional qualifying time of 6.27 in the 55 meters and Chris Brinkworth surpassed the NCAA provisional standard in the shot put with a personal-best heave of 59-9, to pace the Gophers. Rob Hydukovich also surpassed the provisional mark in the shot put with an indoor personal-best toss of 58-8.

The top performance in each event for the Gophers during the 1995 indoor season is listed below:

55m	Chris Darkins	6.27	2-17-95
200m	Eric Stommes	21.73	2-11-95
400m	Tim Van Voorhis	49.87	2-11-95
600m	Travis Nordrum	1:20.92	1-21-95
800m	Jason Boon	1:52.88	2-11-95

Mile	Paul Michalek	4:02.73	2-11-95
3000m	Mark Gonzales	8:33.46	1-28-95
5000m	Mark Gonzales	14:51.73	2-10-95
55m Hurdles	Niles Deneen	7.69	2-11-95
4 x 400m Relay	Scott Beadle	3:24.56	1-28-95
	Lee Huton		
	Seth Mischke		
	Travis Nordrum		
DM Relay	Kevin Dunbar	10:06.15	2-10-95
	Niles Deneen		
	Jason Boon		
	Paul Michalek		
4 x 800m Relay	Bob Johnson	7:54.83	2-4-95
	Jason Boon		
	Paul Michalek		
	Kevin Dunbar		
Long Jump	Keita Cline	26-1 3/4	2-10-95
Triple Jump	Keita Cline	53-0 1/4	2-10-95
High Jump	Jared Johnson	6-9 3/4	1-14-95
ShotPut	Chris Brinkworth	58-8	2-11-95
Pole Vault	Tye Harvey	16-8 3/4	2-11-95

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## BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS ON CLIFF HANGER; THANKS GOPHERS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

The sometimes up and down basketball season came to an exciting, cliff hanger ending in Baltimore when the Golden Gophers lost in the final seconds of overtime, 64-61 against a scrappy St. Louis five.

It was a frustrating season and in the end, the frustration and disappointment shared by the team, coaches, and fans, was summed up by watching senior guard Townsend Orr, who missed three three-point shots, any of which could have tied the game, sit motionless, face down against the press table for more than a minute after the game had ended. It was over. The opening round game against St. Louis ended in defeat for the Gophers and the 1994-95 season had come to a screeching conclusion.

The Gophers have nothing to be ashamed of, in this game or overall in the season. The season finished with a 19-12 overall record and a 10-8 conference mark. The 19 wins were the third most in Head Coach Haskins' tenure at Minnesota.

Against the Billikens, with the Gophers trailing 43-27 with 17 minutes left in regulation, they scored 17 points to the Billikens' 2 to get back into the game. With 1:11 left, Voshon Lenard tied the game at 61. With only 14 seconds left in the overtime, the Gophers tried repeatedly to get the ball in but after four attempts, time ran out.

When basketball fans look back on this season, everyone will agree that when it comes to sports entertainment at its best, it's hard to find something better than Clem Haskins' Golden



Chad Kolander

Gopher basketball program.

Haskins knows his stuff. He was a consensus All-America choice at Western Kentucky and a stand-out in the NBA. Before taking over the program at Minnesota which was at an all time low, he led the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers to two

NCAA Tournaments and one NIT appearance.

In post-season play Haskins has an impressive record of 11-4 at Minnesota. In addition to the NIT title two years ago, he also led the Gophers to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament in 1989 and then the "Great

Eight" in 1990. Last year he led the Gophers into their third consecutive NCAA opening round victory and narrowly missed a third trip to the "Sweet 16" by losing 60-55 to Louisville in the second round. But perhaps the greatest attribute Haskins has is that he is a role model and

father figure for his athletes.

In fact, playing basketball for Clem Haskins is really a family affair. That's how it's been throughout his career. Ask any of this season's seniors. Gopher players come from all over the country and Haskins takes them in under his "wings" for the next four or five years giving them careful attention and "nourishment" as they grow and develop into adult men. As Willie Burton once said, "We love him. He's like a father."

All seasons must come to an end. It's a sad time because the family gets split up. It seems like only yesterday that this current group of seniors arrived on campus. Townsend Orr came from Chicago five years ago and Chad Kolander came from Minnesota and both were red-shirted as freshmen. The following year

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## CLINE LEADS TRACK TEAM TO 7TH UPPER DIVISION BIG TEN FINISH

At the Big Ten Indoor Championships Keita Cline paced the Gophers to a fifth-place finish making this their seventh (four indoor, three outdoor) upper division finishes in conference meets.



Rob Hydukovich

### Cline, Brinkworth, Hydukovich Place in Nationals

In the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships held in Indianapolis, Chris Brinkworth and Rob Hydukovich finished ninth and tenth respectively, in the shot put with throws of 57-5 3/4 and 56-11 1/4. Keita Cline placed 14th in the long jump with a leap of 23-10 and eighth with a leap of 52-9 in the triple jump which gave him his first All-American certificate.

At the Big Ten Indoor Championships Cline won the long jump/triple jump "double" in impressive fashion. He won the long jump with a soaring leap of 25-9 1/4 to easily outdistance runner-up Reggie Torian of Wisconsin who hit 24-4 1/4. He then went on to capture the triple jump with a leap of 52-8 1/4. Cline has now won a total of four Big Ten indoor titles during his career. He also won indoor triple jump crowns in 1992 and 1994.

There were other impressive performances at the Big Ten Indoor Championships such as the fourth place finish of the distance medley relay team of senior Bob Johnson (Kenosha, Wis.) freshman Lee Hutton (Dickinson, Texas), redshirt freshman Kevin Dunbar (Brockville, Ontario, Canada) and junior Paul Michalek (Bloomington, Minn.).

In the pole vault, Tye Harvey (Jamestown, Calif.) placed third with a personal-best and NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 17-4 1/2 and Seth Mischke (Worland, Wyo.) was sixth with a personal-best mark of 16-8 3/4. Chris Darkins (Houston, Texas) placed second in the 55 meters with a time of 6.32 and was nosed out by the winner, Jonathon Burrell of Ohio State, who won by 4/10ths of a second.

Chris Brinkworth (Bloomington, Minn.) and Rob Hydukovich (Bemidji, Minn.) earned two places for the Gophers in the shot put. Brinkworth was fourth with a toss of 57-7 1/2 and Hydukovich was a close fifth with a heave of 57-6 1/4. Michalek also finished fourth in the mile run with a clocking of 4:12.27. Mischke was sixth in the heptathlon with a score 5,074, junior Chip Mosley (Bloomington, Ill.) placed sixth in the triple jump with a mark of 49-1 and senior Jared Johnson (Bloomington, Minn.) tied for sixth in the high jump with a leap of 6-10 3/4. Although Niles Deneen, a freshman from St. Paul, Minn., didn't place in the event, he did set a new school freshman indoor record with a clocking of 7.65 in the 55-meter high hurdles.

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## BASEBALL TEAM LOOKS TO 4TH STRAIGHT 40-WIN SEASON

As we go to press Coach John Anderson's Gopher baseball team is at the University of Iowa for a double-header. The future of the Gopher baseball team is as bright as ever if some of the early performances are any indication. Here's just a sampling of what's happened on the baseball diamond so far this year:

In the games against Southern Mississippi, the Gophers won 4-3, 18-5 and lost 4-3. In the first game it was Sophomore designated hitter Bryan Guse who drove home the go-ahead run with a bloop double in the bottom of the eighth inning. In the big 18-5 win, the Gophers pounded out 18 hits and scored in each of the first seven innings. Sophomore right-hander Justin Pederson picked up his first win of the season with a solid six innings of work. Against Iowa State, the Gophers were led by the pitching of junior Joe Westfall who scattered seven hits over 6 1/3 innings for his first win of the season as the Gophers won, 7-1.

The Gophers have played 10 of their 12 games this season against teams ranked in the Top 25 in the nation. Also they have played four games (two against Mississippi State, one each against Florida State and Louisiana State) against teams ranked in the Top 10.

Through the season's first 18 games, 28 of 54 times (.519) the Golden Gophers have put the

lead-off man on base and he has come around to score. There have been defeats this season and the Gophers have learned from their mistakes. They were defeated 14-2 by a good Louisiana State team ranked No. 2 in the country, in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. Louisiana State went on to win the tournament by compiling a 3-0 record in the round robin format. The game was called after eight innings so LSU could catch their flight home.

Minnesota scored in the fourth and fifth innings with right fielder Mike Mahady doubling home third baseman Tony Bender in the fourth. The following inning, left fielder Shane McCarthy doubled to right field to score Rob Smith.

Gophers starter Justin Pederson gave up two runs in 1 2/3 innings. A bright spot in the weekend classic came with Bender and catcher Shane Gunderson being named to the all-tournament team.

In the opener at the Metrodome, the Gophers rallied from an early seven-run deficit to beat 18th ranked North Carolina State 18-13 as junior outfielder Mike Mahady, who had only played in 14 games the past two years, banged



Shane McCarthy

out three hits, scored two runs and drove in four.

The Gophers, who turned three double plays, scored six runs in the third and added eight in the fourth. They added two runs in the sixth and another in the eighth. Shane Gunderson had a key three-run triple in the fourth and Bob Kenney had three RBIs.

In the opening game of a weekend series against Michigan, Gophers' third baseman

Tony Bender got three hits to drive in three runs (tying a career high) en route to leading the Gophers to a 7-4 victory. Right-handed starter Brad Kearin put forth a solid effort on the pitching mound, scattering seven hits over 6 1/3 innings to claim his first win of the young season.

The Gophers lost a tough 4-1, 10 inning game to the nation's top-ranked college baseball team, the Florida State Seminoles, as the Seminoles first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz slammed a three-

run homer in the top of the tenth for the winning margin. The sad part of that game was not only that the team lost but senior Andy Hammerschmidt who threw

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# TENNIS GOPHERS CONTINUE A WINNING TRADITION; A 4TH STRAIGHT BIG TEN TITLE IS POSSIBLE

When it comes to college tennis and a winning tradition, there's no program better anywhere in America than right here in Minnesota. The Golden Gophers, under coach David Geatz, are the three-time defending Big Ten champs, having finished in the top 25 the last four years and proudly claimed a 40-match Big Ten winning streak until it was broken March 11th by Michigan in the 6-1 loss at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington. The last setback for Coach Geatz's program was to Ohio State in the championship match of the 1991 Big Ten Championships.

Going into this spring's season, the Gophers are expected to once again rank among the top Division 1 programs in the nation.

Leading the Gophers thus far this season has been senior captain Ross Loel. He's turned in some great performances despite being hampered by a knee injury. Ranked No. 35 in the country, Loel defeated Michigan's John Costanzo 6-2, 6-2 and then went on to beat Iowa's Bryan Crowley 7-6, 6-1 which raised his record at the time to a dazzling 21-3 on the season. His victory marked the fourth consecutive year a Golden Gopher has captured the singles crown.

When Loel won the first match of the Ice Volleys tournament by defeating Blake Arrant 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, Ernesto Diaz of Boise State 6-2, 6-1, and Tennessee's Daniel Dewandaka in the SEC-Big Ten Challenge 6-4, 6-1, it was an indication of what he was capable of doing. He's also part of the top doubles team with Lars Hjarrand.

Loel, an All-Big Ten selection last season, was 31-9 overall last year and a perfect 11-0 in conference action. He was an impressive 18-3 at No. 3 singles and has never lost a singles match at the Big Ten Championships. On the doubles team, he and Hjarrand combined to win 25 matches last season and they are already off to an impressive start this year with a consolation victory at the '94 National Clay Courts.

Hjarrand, last season's Big Ten Freshman of the Year, is competing at both the No. 1 and

No. 2 singles spots. He got raves last season for his 10-2 singles record in the conference and then won all three of his matches at the Big Ten Championships. He was 30-9 overall at the No. 2 spot and was named Big Ten Tennis Athlete of the Month after the Gophers won the Big Ten title.

Geatz, who took over the tennis program six seasons ago, is known for teams with depth. Returning letterwinners, senior Adam Cohen, junior Erik Donley and sophomore Ben Gabler are making solid contributions already this season. Cohen, who transferred from Southern Illinois Edwardsville last season, is a solid doubles player who this season has already defeated Kristian Widen of Boise State 6-2, 6-4 and Chad Copenhaver of Tennessee in the SEC-Big Ten Challenge 6-3, 6-2. He won at No. 5 singles in the Iowa match.

Donley has enjoyed two solid seasons and has wins over Eric Horan of Texas A & M 7-5, 6-4, as well as a win against Iowa playing at No. 3 singles. Last season he was almost unbeatable at the No. 5 position going 17-2. His overall singles record was 28-8 (9-1 in the conference). He was the only Gopher last season to win both his singles matches in the NCAA Region IV Qualifier. In doubles, Donley is teaming with Ben Gabler and they have turned in some good performances thus far. Last season, Donley and Gabler finished the year with a 16-2 overall record, which included a 10-1 mark in the Big Ten.

Gabler has been playing well thus far and had an impressive win against Iowa at No. 4 singles. He can be expected to keep up his winning ways and follow his performances of last year when he split his time at the No. 5 and 6 singles positions as he turned in 11-3 and 15-4 records respectively.

Two freshmen are doing well and having an impact on the Gophers' lineup this season: Tim Burke and Casey Oppenheim. Burke, originally from Burnsville by way of San Diego and Oppenheim, from Minneapolis South High School by way of Bates College in Maine, are both seeing

good playing time.

The newcomer who is making the biggest mark is Stefan Tzvetkov, a transfer from Iowa State who came to Minnesota when the Cyclones' dropped their men's tennis program. Tzvetkov, a native of Sofia, Bulgaria, is a three time All-Big Eight selection and a former member of Bulgaria's Davis Cup team. Keep an eye on Robin Rutili who won at No. 6 singles in the match against Iowa.

Texas Christian defeated Minnesota in Corpus Christi, Texas 4-3. The Horned Frogs won the decisive doubles point from the Golden Gophers when Jason Weir-Smith and Ashley Fisher defeated Gophers Loel and Tzvetkov.

The Gophers got singles victories from Hjarrand, Donley and Ben Gabler.

After a week away from competition due to final exams, the Gophers spent spring break in Hawaii where they swept Chaminade 7-0 and downed the University of Hawaii-Hilo 6-1. In so doing, the Gophers bettered their record to 11-4 overall.

Ross Loel boosted his overall record to 23-3, defeating Chaminade's Takashi Kawachi 6-4, 6-2 and Hilo's Tamat Giocci 6-4, 6-1.

As we go to press, the Gophers are at Purdue where they open the Big Ten season. They will then travel to Indiana and Ohio State.

Tennis experts say the Gophers will continue to improve and very likely will bring a fourth straight Big Ten Championship to Minnesota and keep the Gophers ranked in the top 25 teams in the country.

## Letters



### DESIGNATE A PLACE OUTSIDE FOR SMOKERS

Some years ago the Sports Commission banned smoking in the Metrodome. It was an excellent decision and one that was applauded by many thousands of people who attend games in the Dome.

Now the Commission needs to take another step and designate a few spots on the outside for smokers and ban smoking in front of all the other gates. Sometimes there is so much smoke to walk through, that my eyes get irritated.

Mel Cleveland  
Minneapolis

### SPRING FOOTBALL PREVIEW AGAIN PLAYED IN DOME

I never miss a spring football game. It's the time for me to get a good look at the coming team and show my support for the Gopher football program.

I'm glad to see that the game will again be played indoors this spring. Two years ago I went to the game and it was one of the coldest days of the spring. It rained and the winds were fierce. There was no way the football team could show anything and the coaches time could have been better spent watching reruns.

I'll be in the stands this year and I think our football team will field one of the best teams we've had in many years. Good luck to our Gophers.

Thomas "Shorty" Little  
Minneapolis

(Ed. note: U of M spring football begins April 1 and the Spring Preview will start at 11:00 a.m. on April 29 at the Metrodome).

### GOPHER BASKETBALL WOULDN'T TOLERATE A J. R. RIDER

Clem Haskins and the University of Minnesota never would tolerate a J.R. Rider playing on it's basketball team. Imagine if Voshon Lenard, Jason Walton or Sam Jacobson would have continually come to practice tardy or not have shown up at all. Imagine if they had the wild mood swings that J. R. Rider constantly displays. How would Haskins and the U of M react if athletes at the U displayed "Rider-like" bursts of temper?

Thankfully, we don't see this kind of behavior from athletes wearing the maroon and gold and that's why college basketball at the University of Minnesota is the best show in town.

I wouldn't pay the high prices to see the Timberwolves, not because they aren't very good, but because they can't control their players, who are, for the most part, nothing more than showboats.

Alan Hill  
Minneapolis

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## Boston Says Athletics Will Be Integrated With Other Student Activities; A Winning Football Program Is One Of His Top Goals

Men's Director of Athletics, Dr. McKinley Boston, who will become the University of Minnesota's Vice President for Student Development and Athletics on July 1, told SPORTSNEWS that he is determined to integrate intercollegiate athletics with other student activities as soon as possible. "It is among my highest priorities," Boston said, "because any time that you can collaborate and bring things together towards a common cause, our chances of success are greater than units acting independently of each other."

Boston says he believes his plan will support President Nils Hasselmo's new U-2000 initiative "which again is to help create a more user friendly University and a better undergraduate experience for students in general."

In this new position, Boston will oversee both the men's and women's athletic departments as well as several other departments such as the Boynton Student health Services, recreational sports, Minneapolis and St. Paul campus student unions, university student counseling and legal services, and ROTC.

"This new promotion for me will be a significant change in my life because professionally I now have the full responsibility for impacting the undergraduate student community for the University of Minnesota and help shape policy for the entire university system."

Boston, 49, adds, "Winning football and post season play is one of my ultimate goals. I'm very pleased that we have a total commitment from the top (President

Hasselmo). He has stated publicly on many occasions that winning in football is serious business at the University and very important. As he travels across the country fans are asking him why football can't be a source of pride for the University rather than an embarrassment. His being out in front and saying how important a winning football program is, will help us reach our goal."

Boston played football for the Gophers in the late '60s. As a senior on the co-Big Ten Championship team, he was named to the All-Big Ten First Team and was selected to play in the Blue-Gray Football Classic. He played two years at defensive lineman for the New York Giants in the National Football League and two years with the British Columbia Lions in the Canadian

Football League. He has B.S., M.S. and Ed. D degrees. He became the U of M's tenth Director of Athletics on December 17, 1991.

"I really believe that a successful sports program will go a long way in helping to create a sense of pride that we want our students to have in our University. I will work towards that with all my effort," Boston said.



## WOOG'S GOPHERS FINISH THIRD IN WCHA; ADVANCE TO NCAA FOR 2ND STRAIGHT YEAR

This year's WCHA Final Five playoff series was unlike anything Coach Doug Woog's Gophers have gone through in his successful tenure at Minnesota. The pressure was on Woog and his tough skating players because they had won the last two WCHA playoff titles and appeared in nine of the past 10 championship games. But, this year, the Gophers came perilously close to getting knocked out. As we go to press, the Gophers were preparing to face Boston University in the 1995 NCAA Championship in Providence, Rhode Island.

In the playoff opener the Gophers defeated North Dakota 3-2 on Casey Hankinson's goal after North Dakota outshot Minnesota 19-16, the first time all season the Gophers were held to less than 22 shots. With just over five minutes remaining, Brian Bonin carried the puck over the blueline and was checked letting the puck slip away. Hankinson swooped in, controlled the loose puck and skated two strides before unleashing a powerful 40-footer for the game-winning goal.

The next night the Gophers outplayed, out-hustled and outscored Colorado College for the first two periods getting the score to 4-1 until Colorado College came roaring back to score three unanswered goals to force an overtime in which the Tigers squeezed a 5-4 WCHA semifinal playoff win when Colin Schmidt of CC scored after 15 minutes, 53 seconds of sudden-death.

The Gophers outshot CC 27-14 through regulation and 36-25 overall which added to their frustration and disappointment. But, perhaps nothing matched the disappointment felt by the Gophers when Mike Crowley appeared to score from 30 feet out on the right side during a Gophers power play, but referee Robin Anderson's whistle beat the goal by a split second as he called Bonin for being in the crease, disallowing the goal.

The final game of the weekend found the Gophers defeating Denver for the third-place championship with Doug Woog relying on a makeshift line in a makeshift lineup. In the end, co-captain Scott Bell scored a goal at 17:14 of overtime to give the Gophers a 5-4 win.

The game's win was due in large part to junior goalie Jeff Moen, who



Brian Bonin

kicked away many shots even through the 17 minutes of fast-paced overtime. Woog's line, which he called his 37th line combination of the game, with Brian Bonin centering Dan Woog and Bell, was outstanding.

The winning goal came when Woog grabbed the puck off the left boards and got it over to Bonin who made a perfect pass to Bell, left of the net, then Bell snaked his shot in as he went sliding face-first down the ice.

Overall, this season was one of the most exciting and sometimes frustrating hockey seasons for the U of M

since Head Coach Doug Woog took over the reins ten years ago.

Woog, without doubt, is one of the all-time best college hockey coaches in America. He has recorded a 300-123-28 record (221-83-26 in WCHA since taking over at Minnesota and this record, .695 percent, is one of the highest winning percentages of any collegiate coach in the country).

He has taken the Gophers to NCAA Final Four appearances five times and his teams have finished first or second in the WCHA in nine out of his 10 seasons.

Looking back on the ups and down of this season, there were many highlights that will be remembered such as the wins over UMD 4-3 and 5-4 which gave the Gophers a best-of-three first round victory in the WCHA playoffs. It was an exciting weekend as the Gophers scored on three of four power plays in the final game while UMD was scoreless in five attempts. Four Gophers scored goals—Dan Trebil, Justin McHugh and Mike Crowley on the power play and Scott Bell on a 4-on-4 situation. Brian Bonin and Ryan Kraft had two assists.

In the first game against UMD, Minnesota gave away two goals in the final 66 seconds of regulation then won the game on Casey Hankinson's goal 2:03 into overtime. In the nets, the Gophers' Jeff Callinan took 34 shots and had 30 saves.

The Gophers finished the regular season with a 5-3 victory over St. Cloud State but wound up finishing fourth in the WCHA standings because Wisconsin beat Michigan Tech to tie Denver for second place. The Gophers were only one point behind Wisconsin and Denver.

While it was disappointing for the Gophers to finish fourth in the WCHA, Brian Bonin, who had a goal and two assists in the final game, captured the WCHA individual scoring title and senior Jeff Callinan finished first among league goaltenders with a 2.73 goals-against average after turning aside 24 St. Cloud State shots. He played in 37 of 38 games this season and claimed a 20-9-5 record.

The Gophers were almost without the play of freshman Ryan Kraft of Moorhead, Minn. when he suffered a mild concussion during the second period of the 5-5 tie game against North Dakota. It was this second period which was probably the worst the Gophers have played all season. The Gophers managed just three shots on goal, none of them from closer than 40 feet. Then with Kraft getting hurt, it looked as if it was disaster time for Minnesota since he'd been one of the team's scoring leaders this season. His league point total of 38 is ahead of freshman WCHA scoring leader Mike Crowley (for all games with

35 points 10 goals, 25 assists).

The senior captains Scott Bell and Justin McHugh finished the regular season as good role models for the younger players, finishing second and sixth on the team, respectively, in points. McHugh turned in 40 points in 30 games (during regular season) and Bell finished with 32 points in 35 games.

Woog's special teams proved to be the reason for much of their success this season. The Gophers scored 15 power-play goals in their

last ten games. Overall, Minnesota was 62-214 (.290) on the season on the power play. For the season the Gophers killed off 142 of 188 penalties for a .755 percentage.

### BONIN, CROWLEY, McHUGH NAMED TO WCHA HONORS

Brian Bonin was named All-WCHA, WCHA Player of the Year, and one of the 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award at the recent WCHA awards breakfast. Bonin made the All-WCHA first team due in large part to his consistent play and 30 goals this season.

Gophers defenseman Mike Crowley was named WCHA rookie of the year, and co-captain Justin McHugh, who has a 3.2 grade-point average, was named the league's top student-athlete.



Justin McHugh



# Golden Gopher Athletes of the Month

**BRIAN BONIN** (C, 5-10, 186, Jr., White Bear Lake, Minn.) becomes an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his consistent play all season as one of the hockey Gophers' most potent offensive weapons. An example of Bonin's performance



this season came in the series against Denver last month where he posted his second hat trick of the season in the same building where he recorded his first collegiate hat trick. In the 5-1 win over the Denver Pioneers on their home ice, Bonin was phenomenal, scoring his fourth winning goal of the season. Overall this season, Bonin has scored 53 points (30 goals, 23 assists) to lead the WCHA in scoring. His 53 points is the first time a Gopher player has hit the half-century mark since Larry Olimb recorded 80 points (24 goals, 56 assists) in 1992. He also is the first Gopher since Scott Bjugstad to lead the WCHA in scoring. Bjugstad recorded 56 points (21 goals, 35 assists) in the 1982-83 season. Bonin is the first Gopher to lead the WCHA in scoring in Coach Doug Woog's 10 seasons.

Bonin has great hands and vision. He's one of the most valuable contributors to this year's Gophers' power-play unit. Last season he finished second on the team in scoring with 24 goals and 20 assists, recording 10 goals and five assists in 12 games from 1/18/94 through 2/12/94 which earned him All-WCHA honorable mention. As a freshman he scored 10 goals and had 18 assists and earned All-WCHA All-Rookie Team honors.

Bonin showed signs of greatness as a White Bear Lake High School senior when he scored an impressive 23 goals and had 35 assists in 19 games. Brian, a U of M Scholar-Athlete, is the son of Phil and Molly Bonin.

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**CASEY HANKINSON** (C, 6-1, 187, Fr., Edina, Minn.) became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for scoring the winning goal in overtime against UMD. The 5-4 victory in the first game of the WCHA playoffs was Hankinson's sixth goal



of the season to that time (in 27 games). His great play this season led him to be an integral part of the reconstructed fourth line of junior Andy Brink centering Hankinson and Dan Hendrickson. In fact, in the 4-3 win against UMD the following day, Hankinson and Brink had a pair of two-on-one breaks as the line continued to apply constant pressure.

The big goal in the first game against UMD in the playoffs was significant for Hankinson in the confidence building department. He started the season with three goals in his first eight games but then went scoreless his next 10 games, getting just one goal over a 14-game span. His "never give up" attitude is what took him into the winner's column in that historic contest with UMD.

Hankinson comes from a family of talented athletes. His older brother Peter, 27, co-captain of the Gophers in 1989-90, played hockey from 1987 through 1990, getting 82 goals and 100 assists in 176 games. His brother Ben, 25, captain in 1990-91, played

for the Gophers from 1988 to 1991, scoring 49 goals and 51 assists in 155 games. His father, John Hankinson, was well known as a potent threat on the football field from his quarterback position in 1964 and 1965, and his mother Bonnie, was stunning in her maroon and gold cheer leading outfit.

Casey Hankinson earned six varsity letters (3-baseball, 3-hockey) at Edina High School where he earned all-conference honors his final two years in both sports. He scored 101 points during his high school career (44 goals and 57 assists) and was a member of Team Minnesota that won the Chicago Showcase.

**PAUL DOMER** (Sr., Breast, Eau Claire, Wis.) became an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for winning the Big Ten 200-yard breaststroke championship with a NCAA qualifying time of 1 minute, 58.22 seconds, edging out Michigan's Steven West by a quarter-second.



Minnesota Men's Swimming and Diving

Coach Dennis Dale called Domer's performance "absolutely fabulous" and added: "He is probably the most tenacious athlete I have ever met."

Domer, a walk-on from Eau Claire, Wis., was the Big Ten runner-up in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 200 breaststroke last year. He also made the consolation finals in both events at last year's NCAA meet, finishing ninth in the 200 and 14th in the 100. Domer is the son of Charles and Patricia Domer.

**P. J. BOGART** (Jr., Diving, Mesa, Ariz.) was selected as an E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his spectacular performances in winning the 1-meter, 3-meter, and 10-meter platform diving titles at the Big Ten Men's Swimming and Diving Championship held last month. In the 1-meter, Bogart totaled 564.84 points on his 11 dives in the finals, outdistancing Penn State's Chris Devine who scored 540.21. In the 3-meter event, Bogart scored 563.90 points and 821.20 to take top honors on the 10-meter platform.



Bogart's performance on the platform bettered the Big Ten record of 791.15 which was set by Ohio State's Patrick Jeffrey in 1988. Unfortunately, Bogart's record in the 10-meter platform was not considered to be a conference record by Big Ten officials because it was an exhibition event. Still, he garnered both Diver of the Championship and Diver of the Year honors.

## LENARD AND ORR NAMED BASKETBALL MVP'S

Senior guards Voshon Lenard and Townsend Orr were named Co-MVP's of the 1994-95 U of M's men's basketball team at the recent team's award banquet.

Lenard led the team in scoring for the fourth consecutive season (17.3 ppg) and became the all-time scoring leader and the first player in school history to surpass the 2,000 point level. He holds school records in career three-pointers made (272), career three-pointers attempted (745), single-season three-pointers made (86), single-season three-pointers attempted (231), single-game three-pointers made (7), single-game three-pointers attempted (12), single-game three-pointers made (7). A second-team All-Big Ten selection and a candidate for the Wooden and Naismith Awards, Lenard is currently 17th in all-time Big Ten scoring with 2,085 career points.

Orr is one of the team's co-captains and the floor general. He is second in scoring with a 13.0 points per game average. Orr leads the team in assists at 4.6 per game and is third in rebounds at 4.6 per game. The MVP of the Great Alaska Shootout, and a third-team All-Big Ten selection, he broke the career games played record this year with 127 games. Orr is 25th in all-time scoring at Minnesota with 1,057 career points.

The complete list of awards which were given out at the team's banquet is as follows:

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	Voshon Lenard and Townsend Orr
SENIOR PLAYERS	Voshon Lenard, Townsend Orr, Aaron Osterman, Jason Walton, Ryan Wolf 1994-95
CAPTAINS	Townsend Orr, Chad Kolander
BEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	Voshon Lenard (75.5)
ASSISTS LEADER	Townsend Orr (138)
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	Trevor Winter
ACADEMIC AWARD-MOST IMPROVED	Ryan Wolf
ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAM	David Grim, Trevor Winter
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER	John Thomas
REBOUND LEADER	Jayson Walton (209)
BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER AWARD	David Grim
HUSTLE AWARD	Ryan Wolf
IRONMAN AWARD	Townsend Orr (127 career games)

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## PROMINENT MINNESOTANS Speak On Golden Gopher Sports

### HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER MARK ANDREW



Golden Gopher athletics continue to create excitement and drama for fans throughout Minnesota and around the country. Both our men's and women's programs are to be commended for their success in building quality teams and supporting student-athletes that are real role models for today's young people. As a U of M alumni, I have enjoyed many years of Gopher athletics and I now look forward to bringing my young daughter and son into the fold of Gopher supporters.

Finally, congratulations to Dr. McKinley Boston on being named U of M Vice President

for Student Development and Athletics. Dr. Boston's commitment to service on behalf of student-athletes and the entire community is an extraordinary source of pride for our state.

Mark Andrew represents Hennepin County District 3 which covers south Minneapolis and St. Louis Park.

### SHAKOPEE CITY COUNCILMAN MIKE BEARD



Having grown up in the mountains of Pennsylvania (just over the hill from Penn State), you can hardly blame me if the Nittany Lions still hold "favorite son" status in my heart. 24 years of the Minnesota Good Life have steeped me in the Golden Gopher and Big Ten traditions,

however. I was thrilled when PSU joined the New Big Ten (Eleven?), for now I can suffer a dichotomy of emotion when my new Love squares off against my Old Flame. My teenaged sons, Loren and Brandon, can't quite understand how one can cheer for both sides, but, Gopher fanatics that they are, they do understand quite well how to gang up on old Dad when the Gophers prevail over Paterno State.

I've found Minnesota to be a vibrant and invigorating place to grow a family and a business, and I believe the U of M plays a large part in that dynamic. I'm proud of my adopted state, and the national prominence the Golden Gophers bring to it.

Mike Beard is a member of the Shakopee City Council. All council members hold at-large seats.

### ST. PAUL CITY COUNCILMAN DINO GUERIN



The other day, I asked an old "M" Club member to tell me about the influence of St. Paul athletes on University of Minnesota sports history. He got a little excited and embarked on a long, rambling recitation of St. Paul sports heroes.

He poured out the names of some remarkable athletes and role models—Molitor, Winfield, Bakken, Holmgren, Peltier, Crupi, Loblein, Levine.

There was Wendy Anderson, a hockey player who became a governor, and Herb Brooks, who led a team that included a bunch of University players to a 1980 hockey gold medal victory. I didn't wear maroon and gold. I wish I had.

Dino Guerin is a member of the St. Paul City Council representing the East Side.

### BASKETBALL from page 1

Voshon Lenard arrived from Detroit, Jayson Walton from Dallas and Ryan Wolf from Ohio. All came to Minneapolis looking for a future of basketball and hoping to get a solid education. Together they grew and became a cohesive unit winning the 1993 NIT title, reaching the second round of the NCAA tournament last season before losing to a strong Louisville, and getting into round one this year.

Lenard has become the school's all-time scoring leader and is 18th on the Big Ten list with 2,103 points. Orr has finished the season with the school record for most games played (128). Walton and Orr are the 29th and 30th Gophers to score at least 1,000 points.

This was the first senior class in the history of the school to have five players with over 100 games played in their career.

Haskins is recognized by parents, athletes and fans as one of America's leading coaches who emphasizes academics. He beams with pride when he tells anyone who will listen, "At the end of this summer or the end of fall quarter, all the seniors will have their degrees. That tells me we have a successful program."

The Gophers had an excellent season even though there were disappointments. Remember the way it started with a 6-0 record (including the championship of the Great Alaska Shootout) and was 16-6 after winning at Indiana. There were many exciting moments this season such as the wins over Arizona, Villanova, Brigham Young, Michigan State, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa.

The Gophers turned in one of the best defensive performances of any Big Ten team in regular season play. They held their opponents to an average of 66.8 points per game in league play. They also held opponents to 40.2 percent field goal shooting.

And give credit to the Gopher bench for pulling the team out of some sticky situations. They outscored their opponents' bench by a 649-448 margin or an average of 23.2 to 16.0 points per game. They also outrebounded their opponents by an average of 13.0 to 10.0 (364-280). In all, a total of 11 players from the bench averaged at least seven minutes per game during the regular season.

The happy times with exciting wins were dampened by losses to Ohio State, a team that had lost to Cleveland State and beat Northwestern in their only win in 14 conference games. It was a stinging loss. Other big disappointments were the losses at home in the closing days of the season to 14th-ranked Purdue and to Penn State in the regular season finale. A win either night would have guaranteed the Gophers their third consecutive 20-game victory season but it didn't happen. There were other losses like the ones to Texas Southern, Cincinnati, California and Illinois (in overtime).

But regardless of what the critics in the local press kept saying, the Gophers did have the ability to bounce back. Take the win over Wisconsin 78-70 which ended a two-game losing streak and showed how they could recover from the loss at Ohio State.

Another factor that shouldn't be glossed over is

the way the Gophers played with serious injuries. Walton battled arthritic knees all season but never gave up. Orr played with a sprained foot, and junior forward David Grimm, hampered by a torn pectoral muscle, was held out for two games because of a shoulder injury. The injury to Lenard, when he flew off

the raised Williams Arena floor in the loss to Purdue, didn't help in the game against St. Louis. He was still hurting from it. In that Purdue game, he stunned the crowd as he sprawled in the seats for a few minutes and it appeared that he might have broken some bones. After slowly getting up and limping to the bench he returned to play, but his play was sporadic and done with only sheer determination.

So, the 100th season of Golden Gopher basketball has ended but not the memories. Thanks Gophers for a great year!

### BASEBALL from page 1

one of the best games of his career, allowed just one run on five hits over 7 2/3 innings.

As the Gophers go into the rest of the season with 15 games to be played at Siebert Field through May 9, the season looks bright. It's encouraging to note that this is essentially the same squad (there are 13 returning letterwinners) that took the Gophers into their 21st NCAA tournament appearance and third straight 40-win season while ending last season ranked 25th in the nation.



Wes Denning

The Gophers have been doing well with a pitching staff that is only missing three off of last year's team which was ranked first in the Big Ten in ERA. Co-captain, left-hander, Andy Hammerschmidt is leading the starters. He's being backed up by junior Joe Westfall, sophomore Mike Diebolt, junior Brad Kearin, sophomore Justin Pederson and true freshman Jason Dobis.

In the bullpen are right handers Ryan Tuorila, Brian Mensink, Ted Zrust and Tony Felling. They're getting help from positsiders Dave Lance and Bradd Wolff.

Senior co-captain Mark Vandersall is being counted on behind the plate. In case he falters, Anderson can always count on Shane Gunderson who also plays first base. Gunderson is valuable wherever he plays. He's already off

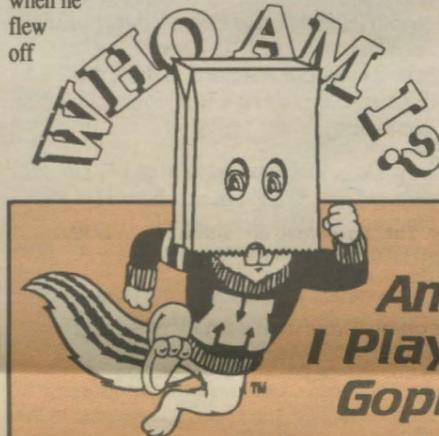
sive categories, including runs scored (11), hits (16), total bases (25), on-base percentage (.491), and is tied for the club lead in doubles (4), triples (1), and home runs (1). Last year he hit 16 home runs while driving in 50 runs.

Gunderson has been doing well at first base but Anderson feels he can also count on junior Rob Smith, sophomore Ryan Beers and redshirt freshman Tim Nelson, if necessary.

Sophomore Bob Keeney is doing a good job at second base and sophomore Steve Huls at short-stop won't let anything get by. Another outstanding infielder, sophomore Eric Welter from

Chaska, Minn., can play any position and he's getting playing time this spring.

In the outfield Shane McCarthy is doing very well in left field and Wes Denning covers the wide area in center field (Denning moved into tie for tenth on the all-time stolen base list with his two steals against St. Thomas). Right field has seen some good performances from Mike Mahady, a junior, sophomore Troy Stein and true freshman Justin Elsey. In the game last month against North Carolina State, Stein got the Gophers rolling with a grand-slam homer, his first collegiate round tripper. McCarthy added a homer in that same game. Another good ball player who will be seeing playing time this spring is redshirt freshman Mark Groebner, who has ability good enough to play in any of the outfield spots.



### And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

I went to Nashwauk-Keewatin High School on Minnesota's Iron Range where I was a pitcher on the high school baseball team. I enrolled at Minnesota the following year and became a pitcher for Dick Siebert's Gopher baseball team. An arm injury ended my playing days but I maintained my association with the program as a student coach and was voted the MVP of the Golden Gophers' 1977 squad.



1977 Photo

I began my coaching career as an assistant under Siebert in 1978, then served three seasons as an assistant to George Thomas (after Siebert's death). In the fall of 1981 I became the head varsity baseball coach—at the age of 26, making me the youngest baseball coach in Big Ten history.

I am now in my 14th season as head coach and my record looks like this: 43 wins in 1993—7 NCAA post-season appearances since 1982. In my 13 seasons as head coach, I've compiled the following record: 469-291.

My teams have won Conference titles in 1981, 1985, 1988 and 1992. We have had 21 NCAA tournament appearances (fourth consecutive) and third straight 40-win season while ending last season ranked 25th in the nation by *Baseball America*.

In 1982 I was honored as the Big Ten Coach of the Year. WHO AM I?



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# WRESTLERS COLOMBINI, HARRIS, PIERCE BECOME ALL-AMERICANS

Brett Colombini took fourth place at 177 pounds in the NCAA wrestling championships and Tim Harris at 126 and heavyweight Billy Pierce finished sixth earning them All-American honors.

Colombini won his consolation match of the day by injury default to advance to the third-place match, where he lost to Ray Brinzer of Iowa, 9-1. Pierce, hampered by an injury, lost to Jeff Walter of Wisconsin 2-0 and then to Nick Hall of Old Dominion 3-0 to finish sixth. Harris lost to Iowa State's Dwight Hinson 7-4 and then to Steve Baer of Nebraska 8-0 for his sixth place spot.

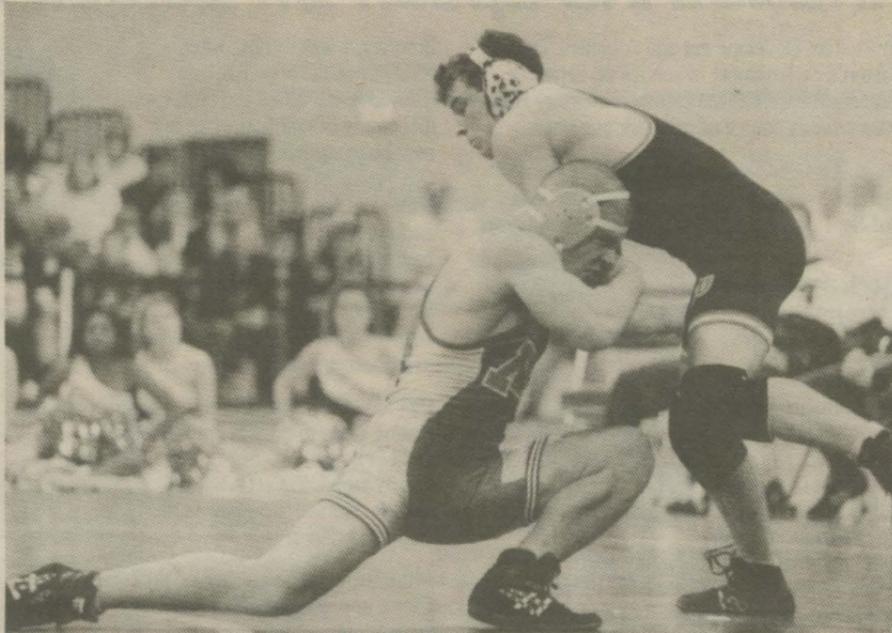
The NCAA action capped a great year for Coach J Robinson's nationally ranked Gopher wrestlers as they placed third in the 1995 Big Ten Conference Championships and then advanced eight wrestlers to the NCAA Championship.

Brett Colombini advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year after finishing runner-up for the second straight year to Iowa's Ray Brinzer, losing in the championship match at 177 pounds 4-1. The defeat to Brinzer was just the second loss this season for Colombini.

The Gophers' heavyweight, Billy Pierce also earned his third consecutive trip to the national championship meet with a runner-up finish for the second time in as many years to defending Big Ten and NCAA champion Kerry McCoy of Penn State. McCoy beat Pierce 6-1 to take the title.

The other Gopher wrestlers who qualified for the National meet were: Brandon Paulson who took third place at 118 pounds; Jeremy Goeden, who took a fourth place finish at 190 pounds; Tim Harris, who finished fifth at 126 pounds, Jason Davids and Chad Carlson who placed fifth at 134 and 150 pounds, respectively, and Zac Taylor, who earned a sixth-place finish after struggling through the tournament with a knee injury.

This was the fourth time Harris qualified for the NCAA Tournament while Carlson made



Brett Colombini

his third trip. Paulson and Taylor both made their second trip while Goeden and Davids made their first appearance.

The NCAA Tournament was held in Iowa City where three Gophers advanced to the quarterfinals. Tim Harris won three matches at 126 pounds during the first day of competition. Harris defeated Coby Wright of Cal State Bakersfield 13-10, pinned Coppin State's Cleavens Robinson in 4:21, then defeated Bloomsburg's Brad Rozanski 6-4 in overtime.

Brett Colombini, seeded third at 177 pounds, defeated Jim Straight of Edinboro 11-5 and Northern Illinois' Bob Lehrfeld 10-3 to advance to the quarterfinals.

Heavyweight Billy Pierce, who received a bye in the first round, recorded a 4-1 decision over Wisconsin's Jeff Walter to advance.

At 188 pounds, Brandon Paulson defeated John Noble of Ohio U. 5-3 in overtime in the

consolation round after losing to Oklahoma State's Jerred Kelso 11-2 in the first round. Jason Davids pinned Steve Caruso of Bucknell in 18 seconds in the consolation round at 134 pounds after losing 15-10 to Oregon State's second seeded Babak Mohammadi.

Chad Carlson defeated Tod Surmon of Stanford 7-2 at 150 in the consolation round after losing a 4-3 overtime match to Jeff Theiler of Arizona State in the first round. Jeremy Goeden defeated Indiana's Ben Nachtrieb in the consolation round after losing to Oklahoma State's J.J. McGrew 15-6 at 190 pounds.

Zac Taylor defeated Wyoming's Brad

Alderman 6-4 in the consolation round after losing 6-2 in the first round to Army's Romy O' Daniel at 167 pounds. Taylor then lost 6-4 in overtime to Illinois' Charles Gary in the consolation round.

## NCAA ACTION

Brett Colombini defeated Northwestern's Rohan Gardner 2-1 and Billy Pierce beat Dan Hicks of Navy 5-3 in a sudden-death overtime in quarterfinal action. They then lost close matches in the semifinals, Colombini to Quincy Clark of Oklahoma 3-2 and Pierce to Tolly Thompson of Nebraska 5-4.

Tim Harris participated in the first-ever rematch in full in NCAA tournament history after Coach Robinson's protest of a scoring error in Harris' quarterfinal match with Steve Baer of Nebraska.

Robinson noticed that a point was incorrectly given to Baer, forcing the match in a sudden-death overtime tie-breaker, in which Baer pinned Harris. Baer pinned Harris again in the rematch in 6:35. Harris posted overtime wins over Lehigh's Tom Koch in an overtime tie-breaker and then recorded another sudden death overtime win 4-2 over Matt Fiacchio of George Mason in consolation matches.

Gophers Brandon Paulson, Jason Davids, Chad Carlson and Jereme Goeden all lost in the consolation bracket after each had a consolation match earlier in the day. Goeden was defeated by Michigan's Jehad Hamden in sudden-death overtime.

Davids, the freshman from Forest Lake, Minn., made history at the NCAA Championships as he recorded the fastest pin against Steve Caruso of Bucknell in 18 seconds at 134 pounds.

## Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director, University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute



Q My son is a high school high jumper and he told me that he recently added plyometrics to his training program. What is this and is it dangerous for high school students?

A Two types of exercises have been recently popularized for use in rehabilitation from an injury as well as training for a sport. One such type of exercise is "closed chain kinetic" exercises.

This terminology has been adapted to knee rehabilitation exercises. Specifically, a closed chain kinetic exercise is when the foot is fixed and knee motion is accompanied by motion joints such as the hip and the ankle. Examples of such exercises are the squat or the leg press.

Next we come to plyometric exercises. Some researchers have emphasized the importance of eccentric muscle activity, that is, lengthening of the muscle and combining this with functional closed chain patterns in which the stretch shortening cycle of the muscle is emphasized. What this allows is a shortening contraction of

the muscle to be preceded by a lengthening activity of the muscle.

These sequence exercises have come to be known as plyometric training and are often incorporated in rehabilitation programs for athletes involving jumping activities. These have been very popular in pre-season conditioning and by some reports can improve performance. However, they do take their toll in regards to kneecap pain and lower leg overuse injuries.

As with all training activities, one needs to use them in a paced fashion, and listen to your body afterwards to make decisions as to how much and how fast you can do these activities. Although this is a little technical, I hope it helps.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

ACHES AND PAINS c/o Dr. Arendt, SPORTSNEWS, 386 N. Wabasha Street, Suite 1040, St. Paul, MN 55102

## Obituaries BOB HOBERT; ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER

Bob Hobert, 59, an All-American football player for the Golden Gophers in 1956 died of lung cancer recently. Hobert, of Minneapolis, played offensive tackle and defensive guard in the mid-1950s and was inducted into the U of M's Athletic Hall of Fame last November. He was also the first U of M football player to be both an All-American and Phi Beta Kappa.

After leaving the U of M, Hobert, who was drafted by the NFL's New York Giants, chose to play for the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers which was coached by Bud Grant.

After playing for two years he returned to the U of M where he earned a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology. He was allowed to enter the doctoral program without obtaining a master's degree. He also worked in the marketing research department at General Mills for many years before becoming a consulting psychologist with Humber, Mundie and McClary. Hobert was a founding partner of Hobert, Martin and McAllister where he worked for 13 years. In 1985, he started Business Testing, Inc., which provides a range of industrial psychological consulting services to major corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations nationwide.



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## WHO'S GOT THE SPEED ON THE GRIDIRON?

When the NFL scouts were in town to observe the Gopher football players they saw some of the quickest feet in the Big Ten and some of the best running at the U of M in years. Senior wide receiver TONY LEVINE had the fastest time of anyone on the team. He was clocked at 4.42 for the 40-yard dash. Following Levine was senior running back CHUCK RIOS and defensive back RODNEY HEATH who both covered the 40-yard distance in 4.5 seconds. JUSTIN CONZEMIUS was next with a 4.57, making him the fastest of the linebackers, running back RAPHAEL COOPER turned in a 4.6, defensive tackle TROY DUERR ran a 4.95 and offensive lineman MIKE GIOVINETTI clocked a 5.2. Football Coach Jim Wacker has reason to smile these days when he sees the speed he has coming this fall.



Justin Konzemius

In addition to the



By Greg Jackson

speedsters mentioned above, the Gophers will have excellent speed on defense with five linebackers who can run 4.8 seconds or less in the 40-yard dash and seven defensive backs who have run 4.6 or better.



Tony Levine

## BIG TEN OUTDOOR TRACK MEET TO BE HELD AT U OF M

The University of Minnesota will host the 1995 Big Ten Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships at the Bierman Stadium on May 20-21. Iowa was originally scheduled to host the competition, but its track and field facility is under repair and will not be ready in time for the meet. It's a treat for sports fans in this region to have such a major sports event take place here.

## NEW CHANGES IN THE LIFE OF THE ZORNS

Jim Zorn and his wife Joy recently moved to Edina from Utah because Jim will be the new quarterbacks coach for Jim Wacker's football Gophers. That's one change in their life and a big one at that. Another major change occurred in the life of the Zorns recently when Joy gave birth to a baby boy, Isaac. Zorn, the all-time passing leader of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, became the third player in NFL history to pass for more than 10,000 yards or more in his first four seasons in the NFL.



Jim Zorn

## FOOTBALL PLAYERS LIFT RECORD WEIGHTS

Football player KEVIN HOLMES, a defensive lineman, set a school record when he bench pressed 480 pounds. Close behind was OGUN AKBAR at 390 and PETER HIESTAND at 385.

## POSITION CHANGES FOR GOPHER FOOTBALL

There will be some familiar faces on the football field this year but their positions will be different. Look for PETER HIESTAND who will be moving from linebacker to defensive end, JUSTIN CONZEMIUS and VINCE HYPOLITE from safety to linebacker, TROY DUERR from tight end to defensive tackle and SEAN McMENOMY who moves from running back to defensive back.



Kevin Holmes

## ALL-STAR HOCKEY CLASSIC WILL BE PLAYED AT MARIUCCI ARENA

College hockey's all-star game, the Shrine East-West College All-Star Hockey Classic, will be held at Mariucci Arena on Sunday, April 9 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

## SWIMMERS & DIVERS HOPE TO BETTER 7TH PLACE NCAA FINISH OF LAST YEAR

As of press time, the University of Minnesota men's swimmers and divers are in Indianapolis for the 1995 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships hoping to improve on their seventh place finish of last year.

The Gophers, ranked ninth nationally, are being led by Diver P. J. Bogart who earned Big Ten titles in three diving events a month ago. The junior, from Mesa, Arizona, won the national title on the 10-meter platform as a freshman in 1993.



P.J. Bogart

Other Big Ten champs who are competing for the Gophers include Derek Williams, Paul Domer, who set a new Big Ten record in the 100 fly and qualified in that event as well as the 50 free and the 200 fly. Domer, the conference winner in the 200 breast, is

The Classic matches 21 seniors from the East against 21 seniors from the West, with all three NCAA divisions represented. The game is a great showcase of talent and could include the 1995 Hobey Baker Award winner who will be named at a banquet the night before the Classic.

"This will be an attacking, offensive type of game featuring highly skilled players," said Gopher Coach Doug Woog. "There will be a lot of pride involved and it should be a competitive game."

The Classic, which is sponsored by the Zuhrah Shrine Club of Minneapolis and endorsed by the American Hockey Association, comes to Minnesota after being played in Bangor, Maine the past two years.

Net proceeds from the Classic will go to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. The Shrine's 19 orthopedic hospitals and three burn units in North America provide free care and treatment for children in financial need.

## ATTENDANCE RECORDS SHATTERED IN BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

New attendance records were established in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. The Friday night game against Michigan drew a crowd of 9,129 establishing new tournament, U of M, and Big Ten single game-attendance records. The next

day's game against Florida State also drew a record crowd. The weekend total attendance was 18,998, also establishing a tournament record.

## GOPHER BASEBALL ON THE RADIO

KFAN-AM 1130 is broadcasting Golden Gopher baseball again this season. All 29 home games and the 10 road games will be covered. Former Gopher center fielder Ryan Lefebvre is handling the play-by-play for all games, and has been joined in the booth for home games by former Minnesota Twins World Series star Gene Larkin.

## THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT: RECRUITS ARE AMONG THE BEST IN YEARS

### GOPHER SWIM TEAM SIGNS FIVE STANDOUTS

The Gophers' swim team signed Erik Lind of Bloomington Kennedy, Jonathan McLeod of Racine, Wisconsin, Jeremy Rients of Apple Valley, Martin Zielinski of Bloomington, Minn. and John Cahoy of Hudson, Wis. to national letters of intent.

Freestyle specialist Lind, a four-year letterman, was the state High School Swimmer of the Year in 1994 and MVP of his team his junior and senior years. He posted personal best times of 21.90 seconds in the 50 freestyle, 46.42 in the 100 freestyle, 1:41.42 in the 200 freestyle and 4:49.00 in the 500 freestyle.

McLeod, a member of the Canadian Senior National team that won the gold medal at the Canadian Games last year and a member of the Canadian Junior National team in 1991-92, swims the butterfly, individual medley, freestyle and backstroke.

Rients, a four-year letterman, was this year's state champ in the 50 freestyle and was a member of the Eagles' state champion 200 freestyle relay team.

Zielinski, a senior at Jefferson High School, won the 100-yard butterfly in last year's state meet, was second in the 100 backstroke and led his team to the championship. Last summer, he won the 100 butterfly at the U. S. Olympic Festival in St. Louis, and was second in the 200.

In this year's boy's state swimming and diving championships, Zielinski covered the 100-yard butterfly distance in 48.34 seconds, bettering his old mark of 48.95.

Cahoy had the third fastest 100 fly and 200 backstroke times last summer at the Junior Nationals.

### SIX PREP WRESTLERS SIGN WITH U OF M

There are a lot of smiles around J Robinson's wrestling office now that six high school greats have decided to compete for the Gophers.

Tim Kinsella of Litchfield, who will compete at 150 or 158 pounds, has 154 career victories and was second in the 1994 state high school tournament. Josh Holiday, the 167-pound California state champion from Anaheim, was runner-up at the U.S. Junior National Championships. Brandon Eggum, a two-time Montana state champion, also was a runner-up at the Junior Nationals. He is expected to wrestle at 177 or 190.

Chad Kraft, of Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield, a two-time state champ at 140 pounds as a junior and 125 pounds as a sophomore, was named a high school All-American last season. Gopher Assistant Wrestling Coach Johnny Johnson calls Kraft, "The best high school

wrestler in the state last season and one of the best in the country."

Brothers Dustin and Delaney Berger of Mandan (N.D.) High School, are both two-time North Dakota champions. Dustin will wrestle at 150 and Delaney at 158 or 167.

### GEATZ ANNOUNCES SIGNING OF TOP RANKED PREP TENNIS PLAYERS

The good news on the signing of national letters of intent spilled over into the tennis program as Head Tennis Coach David Geatz announced that two of the top high school players in the country, Tom Chicoine of Appleton, Wis. and Adam Selkirk of St. Joseph, Mo., were coming to Minnesota.

Chicoine, is the seventh-ranked returning junior in the nation and is a three-time Prince High School All-American. He is ranked as the top 18-year-old in the Western Region. Chicoine, the highest ranked American-born player Minnesota has ever recruited, finished sixth at the Junior National Clay Courts this fall and his intersectional team finished second nationally.

Selkirk is the Missouri state high school champion and is ranked among the top 25 juniors in the nation. He is ranked as the top player in the Missouri Valley section.

"We are extremely fortunate to add these two outstanding young players to our program," said Geatz. "We expect them to come in next season and contribute immediately. I am really looking forward to coaching both of these players."

### BASEBALL PROGRAM, ONE OF NATION'S BEST, SIGNS 5 TOP RECRUITS

John Anderson, U of M baseball coach and considered one of the premier college baseball coaches in America, has garnered five of the top high school recruits in the nation.

Bob DeWitt, a left-handed pitcher from Wausau, Wis. (West High), had a 1.81 ERA last season with 33 strikeouts in 23 1/3 innings.

Righthander Kai Freeman (10-1, 1.81 ERA) led Catholic High of Joliet, Ill., to the Illinois state title.

Brad Pautz of Reedsville, Wis., didn't give up an earned run last spring, averaging two strikeouts per inning in 56 innings. His career record is 22-1.

Hill Murray infielder Robb Quinlan from Maplewood hit better than .400 in his combined high school and Legion seasons, with 17 homers and 97 RBI in 60 games.

Kelly Werner, a 6-3, 220-pound lefthander for Eau Claire (Wis.) Memorial High, struck out 137 and had a 1.22 ERA in 80 innings last spring. His career record is 17-3.

Name	Event	Best Performance
P.J. Bogart	Diving	
Isaac Bjorklund	Diving	
Duane Dobko	100 back	49.27
	200 back	1:46.92
Paul Domer	100 breast	55.70
	200 breast	1:58.22
Matt Eisenhuth	50 free	20.38
	100 free	45.10
Manolis Lentaris	500 free	4:20.90
	200 free	1:36.62
Jonathon McLeod	200 IM	1:48.80
	400 IM	3:52.24
Matt Schlessman	100 free	44.54
Scott Walker	Relays	
Derek Williams	50 free	20.26
	200 fly	1:48.15
Bernie Zeruhn	500 free	4:23.15
	200 free	1:36.13
	200 fly	1:46.84
	200 free relay	1:19.84
	400 medley relay	3:15.83
	200 medley relay	1:28.97
	800 free relay	6:31.62
	400 free relay	2:56.90

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## WACKER ENCOURAGED BY SPRING GAME; "WE'RE SO MUCH BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO"

Strong efforts on both sides of the ball highlighted the annual spring game played at the Metrodome. "It was the best spring since we've been here," according to Coach Jim Wacker who begins his fourth season. "Both quarterbacks threw the ball well. The wide receivers, except for a few drops, made a lot of good catches. And the defense dominated, just as they done most of the spring. We're so much better than a year ago. This can be a good team."

Performances during the spring game didn't really come as a surprise since there was intensive work leading up to the kickoff in the Dome. Wacker was obviously pleased with his quarterbacks Cory Sauter and Jason Murdock. Sauter completed 10 of 21 attempts for 105 yards—including a touchdown to Johnny Woodson. Murdock's first pass was intercepted by linebacker Vincent Hypolite who returned it 39 yards. He then threw five straight for 154 yards with four of the completions covering 38, 31 and 29 yards plus a 47-yarder for a touchdown to Ryan Thelwell.

Overall, the spring practice season was encouraging for Head Coach Jim Wacker and his team although there were serious injuries to key players which could have a negative effect on the team this fall.

After each of the weekly scrimmages, Wacker



Craig Sauer

on." He added, "It's no secret that in order to be a good football team, you have to play well defensively." The coach's comments were supported by senior linebacker Craig Sauer who said, "Defensively this is the best talent, speed, and depth we've had since I've been here."

Wacker said he was pleased with the play of the defense all spring. He said he thought quarterbacks Cory Sauter, Rob Jones and Jason Murdock did a nice job and overall, the team's efforts were outstanding "each and every day."

Some of the Gophers who did well this spring include: Defensive ends Lamanzer Williams, Peter Hiestand, Ogun Akbar and Jerome Davis, junior free safety Rishon Early, junior

cornerback Rodney Heath, redshirt freshman flanker Lee Hutton, defensive back Sean McMenomy, senior placekicker Mike Chalberg, receiver Ryan Thelwell, senior offensive tackle Chris Fowlkes, senior linebackers Justin Conzemius and Craig Sauer, on the outside, and junior Ben Langford at middle linebacker, and running backs Tommy Watson, a junior, and sophomore Rafael Cooper.

Spring injuries were of concern to the Gophers coaching staff. Sophomore offensive guard Luke Glime (right knee sprain), senior slotback Tony Levine (pulled right hamstring), running backs Javon Jackson (left ankle sprain), and Rafael Cooper (mild concussion) all suffered mild injuries. Sophomore center James Elizondo suffered a critical knee injury which will require surgery and will likely result in his missing next season. Greg Nelson suffered a dislocated elbow in the Spring Preview and his future is questionable.

Senior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Chris Darkins, who was held out of most of the spring drills, summed up the Gophers' chances this fall: "We've got terrific depth at all of the skill positions. Combining this with our experience should give us a great chance for success this fall."

The Gophers begin fall practice on August 26 and the season opener against Ball State in the Metrodome is on September 16.



## GYMNASTS WIN BIG TEN TITLE

### ROETHLISBERGER NAMED BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR

The Gophers travelled to Champaign, Ill. for the 1995 Big Ten Championships and came away winning their 21st Big Ten title, the 11th under Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger, with a season-high team score of 229.825. Iowa was second at 229.550 and Ohio State was third with 228.575. Brian Yee scored a 58.00 in the all-around competition to finish runner-up to Ohio State's Blaine Wilson, who posted a score of 58.20.



Fred Roethlisberger, Head Coach U of M Gymnastics

In the drive for the Big Ten title, the Gophers were led by Yee who finished first on the parallel bars with a score of 9.85 and second-place on the pommel horse with a score of 9.875. Colby Van Cleve added a first-place finish on the vault with a score of 9.55 to help Minnesota to the team title. Andrew Weaver finished fifth in the all-around with a score of 56.60.

Some additional good news also occurred during that weekend when Head Coach Roethlisberger was named the 1995 Big Ten Coach of the Year while Yee and Weaver earned All-Big Ten honors. Yee, Chris Harrington and Ryan Carns were named to the Academic All-Big Ten team.

Yee also led Minnesota in the individual event competition finishing in a tie for first with teammate Van Cleve on the vault with a score of 9.45 and placing second on the pommel horse with a score of 9.80. Yee also placed fifth on the parallel bars (9.55) and fifth on the floor exercise (9.60). Heath Wall placed third on the parallel bars with a score of 9.65 and tied with Harrington for fifth-place on the still rings with a score of 9.625. Frank Ticknor took fourth on the still rings with a score of 9.65.

### NCAA EAST REGIONAL—

#### YEE AND VAN CLEVE LEAD GOPHERS TO 5TH PLACE SHOWING

The Gophers placed fifth with 277.300 points at the NCAA East Regional in State College, Pa. led by Brian Yee who finished second in the all-around competition with a score of 58.250 and third on the pommel horse with a score of 9.825 and on the vault with a score of 9.575. Colby Van Cleve finished first on the vault with a 9.600 score. Chris Harrington finished seventh on the rings with a score of 9.700 and Frank Ticknor placed eighth on the high bar with a score of 9.650.

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## BASEBALL TEAM HAS LATE SEASON SURGE

The Gopher baseball team under Head Coach John Anderson, is coming on strong going into the last part of the season. The Gophers wound up in first place in the Big Ten standings when they swept a doubleheader from the Purdue Boilermakers 11-3 and 8-4. Had they been able to win the final game of the series, which they lost in extra innings 4-2, it would have marked the first four-game series sweep in the Big Ten Conference this season. Nevertheless, the Gopher players have been energized and their comments reflect their enthusiasm as they head toward the Big Ten championship in May.

In the series with Michigan, the Gophers lost the first game 6-4 with Andy Hammerschmidt taking the loss as Michigan's left fielder Sean Coston cleared the bases with a three-run triple in the top of the sixth. In the second game reliever Brian Mensink picked up a win for the Gophers as second baseman Bob Keeney went 3-for-4 while first baseman Rob Smith, designated hitter Bryan Guse and center fielder Wes Denning all had two hits giving the Gophers a 5-4 victory.

In game three, Smith belted his fourth home run of the season to break a 2-2 deadlock in the bottom of the third inning to lead Minnesota to a 5-2 win. Guse and Denning each had two hits and an RBI. Joe Westfall picked up the win with nine hits over five innings. Left-hander Mike Diebolt and right-hander Brad Kearin finished up for the Gophers. In the final game of the series, the Gophers lost 4-3. Brian Mensink went 6 1/3 innings, walking just one while fanning 10. Hammerschmidt took the loss.

Senior centerfielder Wes Denning gives credit to the pitchers for the team's late inning surge: "Our biggest strength is our pitching staff. With our offense struggling a bit early in the year, our five starting pitchers (Joe Westfall, Brad Kearin, Justin Pederson, Brian Mensink and Andy Hammerschmidt), which many consider to be



Brad Kearin

the best group in the Big Ten, have to be counted on often and they can deliver." Senior third baseman Tony Bender said he thought that losses of some talented upperclassmen from last season might have affected the team's "offensive production," but added, "One main key to us having success is our pitching staff. They must perform consistently throughout the entire season and have been doing a great job of that lately. Also, our team must play well defensively and not lose games in the field and that's also been happening."

In most games this season, the Gophers, who had an up and down season in the early games, have had good pitching and strong defense in the games they have won. In the first game of a four-game series against Purdue, senior left fielder Shane McCarthy nailed his third home run of the season while starter Andy Hammerschmidt and reliever Mike Diebolt combined on a four-hit shutout to win 2-0. In the next game, the Gophers jumped out to an early 5-0 lead. Shane Gunderson nailed a two-run homer, his sixth round-tripper of the season. The Gophers had a six-run fifth inning to put the game out of reach. Shane McCarthy hit his second home run in as many days, to highlight the

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## Tennis Team Wins Fourth-Straight Big Ten Championship; Fifth Title In Seven Seasons For Geatz

The Tennis team, ranked 17th nationally by ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, captured its fourth-straight Big Ten Championship by defeating Michigan 4-2. It is the fifth title for the Gophers under Head Coach David Geatz in his seven seasons.

"It was the best college tennis match I've ever seen in my life, said Geatz. "We won by the absolute skin of our teeth. We greased one out at the end."

The Gophers defeated Michigan for the second straight year in the finals, and just as a year before, sophomore Lars Hjarrand clinched the championship for the Maroon and Gold. At No. 2 singles Hjarrand defeated Peter Pusztai 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Minnesota also took the No. 4 and 5 singles with junior Erik Donley defeating Arvid Swan 7-5, 6-3 and sophomore Ben Gabler defeating Geoff Prentice 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).

But the key to Minnesota's victory again was winning the doubles point for the third straight day. Senior captain Ross Loel and Gabler won their match and senior Stefan Tzvetkov and sophomore Robin Rutli squeaked out a win at No. 3 doubles.

In other action leading up to the championship, the Gophers defeated Michigan State 6-1 in the last home match, finishing the regular

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## GRIAK'S GOPHERS HAVE OUTDOOR SUCCESS; MANY NEW RECORDS SET; BRINKWORTH WINS SHOT AND DISCUS AT DRAKE RELAYS

There have been many bright spots in the outdoor track season for Coach Roy Griak's Gophers. The first team successes came at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa and the latest individual successes came at the prestigious Drake relays, on a cool and rain swept track, when senior captain Chris Brinkworth became the first Gopher thrower ever to win the shot put and discus, Rob Hydukovich finished second in the shot, Paul Michalek placed second in the 1,500 meter-run, Keita Cline placed fourth in the triple jump and second in the long jump, Jason Schlueter and Hydukovich were fifth and sixth respectively in the discus, the 3,200-meter relay team of Jason Boon, Bob Johnson, Kevin Dunbar and Paul Michalek was fifth in the second fastest time in school history (7:24.63 with Michalek running a blazing time of 1:48.4), and Tye Harvey tied for third in the pole vault.

In the beginning of the outdoor season in Tuscaloosa, Chris Brinkworth won the discus with a throw of 190-8 and finished second in the shot put with a toss of 59-6 1/4 to lead the Gophers. His discus throw was a personal-best, ranking second on the all-time school best performance list and also tops his previous best of 187-4 set in winning the Big Ten title in the event last spring. Brinkworth's shot put toss was an outdoor personal-best and puts him fifth on the all-time outdoor school list. Both marks were NCAA provisional qualifiers.

A number of other Gophers turned in outstanding performances. The 4x800 meter relay team of junior Jason Boon, senior Bob Johnson, redshirt freshman Kevin Dunbar and junior Paul Michalek won the



Chris Brinkworth

event with a swift early-season clocking of 7:30.79.

Sophomore Seth Mischke was impressive in the decathlon as he finished second with a school record score of 6,830. Mark Gonzales placed fourth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 31:11.08, and sophomore Tye Harvey placed fourth in the pole vault hitting 17-0 3/4.

### TEXAS RELAYS

Keita Cline placed second in the long jump at the Texas Relays with a school record and an automatic NCAA qualifying jump of 26-7 3/4. He broke his own record of 26-1 3/4 that he set indoors this spring. Cline also finished 11th in the triple jump soaring 50-6. In the shot put, Chris Brinkworth finished first with a toss of 59-8 1/4 and took fifth in the discus with a heave of 183-7, Jason Schlueter was 15th at 169-6, and Rob Hydukovich placed 19th at 162-5.

A number of Gophers had good performances including: Tye Harvey with a second in the pole vault, the best day of his career with a personal best and provisional qualifying effort of 17-5 1/2. The Gopher 4x800 meter relay team of Jason Boon, Bob Johnson, Kevin Dunbar and Paul Michalek took second with a clocking of 7:29.89.

### NEBRASKA INVITATIONAL

With part of the team at the Texas Relays, other Gophers were competing at the Nebraska Invitational while wearing mittens and stocking caps. In the cold and wind, sprinter Eric Stommies ran two good races placing third in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 10.86, and second in the 200 Meter Dash with a 21.60. Will Kurth won the high jump at 6-8 3/4 and Chip Mosley won the triple jump with a very good 48-5 1/4.

### JOHN JACOBS INVITATIONAL

Keita Cline continued to soar as he won the long jump with a leap of 25-3 1/2 and the triple jump at 51-7 in the John Jacobs Invitational in Norman, Okla. Chris Brinkworth won the shot put with a toss of 59-3 1/2 and the discus at 183-01.

Rob Hydukovich and Jason Schlueter finished 2-3 in the discus with 174-08 and 172-10, respectively. Hydukovich was second in the shot with 56-2 1/4.

Paul Michalek won the 400-meter dash in 1:50.98 and Jason Boon was fourth. Mark Gonzales won the 5,000-meter run in 15:12.11 and Rick Obelman was fourth. Seth Mischke took second in the pole vault, topping 16 feet, Tony Riter came in fourth in the steeplechase and senior Bob Johnson placed sixth in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 1:52.08.

### VEISHEA INVITATIONAL

The Gophers had three athletes throw the discus over 174 feet at the VEISHEA Invitational in Ames, Iowa. Chris Brinkworth won the discus with a throw of 184, Rob Hydukovich was third with a personal best toss of 174-10, and sophomore Jason Schlueter threw 174-1 to finish fourth. Brinkworth and Hydukovich were first and second respectively in the shot put. Brinkworth's winning throw of 59-11 was his best ever.

Jason Boon won the 800 meter run with a season-best time of 1:51.61 which was almost three

seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Mark Gonzales won the 1500 Meter Run with a personal-best time of 3:55.8. He now heads the Gopher's season best list in the 1500m, 5000m, and 10,000m.

### OUTDOOR BEST PERFORMANCES IN EACH EVENT

100m	Tim VanVoorhis	10.84
200m	Eric Stommies	21.60
800m	Paul Michalek	1:50.98
1500m	Paul Michalek	3:44.39
3000m St.	Tony Riter	9:33.66
5000m	Mark Gonzales	15:05.19
10,000m	Mark Gonzales	31:11.08
110m HH	Niles Deneen	14.85
400m LH	Niles Deneen	56.32
4x800m Rel	Jason Boon	7:24.63
	Bob Johnson	
	Kevin Dunbar	
	Paul Michalek	
4x400m Rel	Jason Boon	3:19.07
	Bob Johnson	
	Kevin Dunbar	
	Paul Michalek	
SM Rel	Eric Stommies	3:33.10
	Niles Deneen	
	Kevin Dunbar	
	Travis Nordrum	
DM Rel	Bob Johnson	9:58.75
	Keita Cline	
	Jason Boon	
	Paul Michalek	
Triple Jump	Keita Cline	51-07
Long Jump	Keita Cline	26-7 3/4
High Jump	Jared Johnson	6-10
Shot Put	Chris Brinkworth	59-11
Discus	Chris Brinkworth	190-8
Pole Vault	Tye Harvey	17-5 1/2
Decathlon	Seth Mischke	6,830

## BARBER, HALVERSON, HANSON & KELLY LEAD GOLFERS

The Gopher Golf Team led by Aaron Barber, Mark Halverson, Mark Hanson and Jon Kelly, started the spring part of their season coming off a 17th-place finish at the Golf Digest Collegiate Golf Tournament in Woodlands, Texas.

The Gophers were led by Aaron Barber who fired a three-round score of 230 to finish 62nd. Mark Halverson was next at 233 (68th), followed by senior captain Jon Kelly at 234 (72nd). Jeff Barney shot a 249, while Mark Hanson withdrew after firing a 76 in the first round.

Then, things improved with the Gophers finishing second at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate in Lake Texoma, Texas. The Gophers, led by Kelly who fired rounds of 70, 69, and 78 to finish third at 217.

Overall, it was a good team performance with four players in the top twenty. Behind Kelly were Mark Hanson and Barber who finished seventh at 219, and sophomore Mark Halverson in 19th with a score of 223. Freshman Jeff Barney finished 51st with a score of 229.

The Gophers next competition was at the Legends of Indiana Tournament in Franklin, Ind. where they finished shooting a three-round total 880 in the 19-team tournament.

The Gophers finished five shots behind Missouri (875) and tied with Michigan for second place. Minnesota shot rounds of 302-289-289 in the 54-hole tournament. Aaron Barber was the top finisher for the Maroon and Gold with a sixth place total of 218 followed by Mark Halverson, Mark Hanson and Jon Kelly, all with 221 and tied for 15th place.

Individual Stroke Averages: Jon Kelly 74.37 Mark Hanson 74.39 Aaron Barber 73.91 Mark Halverson 76.93 Jeff Barney 77.4 Team Average 298.6



Jon Kelly

In action before we went to press, the Gophers carded a third place finish at the Kent Invitational in Raurena, Ohio. The Gophers started slow with team scores of 293 and 294 for the first 36 holes.

There 280 score on the final 18 was the low team round of the tournament. That score elevated the Gophers to a tie with Iowa at 867.

Minnesota finished with three golfers in the top 10 with Aaron Barber leading the team with a score of 216 and a sixth place finish, sophomore Mark Halverson was seventh at 217, fellow sophomore Andy Brink was 10th at 218, senior Mark Hanson was 15th. Senior captain Jon Kelly had a bad day finishing 45th at 227.

As we go to press, the Gophers are preparing for the Big Ten Championships on May 12-14 in Madison, Wis. The last time the Gophers won the Big Ten Championship in golf was 1972. Last year the Gophers finished third with a four-round score of 1159, eight strokes off the winner, Wisconsin.

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## Where Are They Now

# AN OBSCURE BASEBALL RECORD SET 36 YEARS AGO

By Len Levine

Golden Gopher baseball for many years has been one of the nation's premier collegiate programs. The legendary Dick Siebert led the Gophers to national prominence in the 1960s and 70s and with John Anderson at the helm the past 14 years again the Gophers are among the best in America.

Over the past 40 years, there have been many exceptional players who have worn the maroon and gold such as Dave Winfield, Paul Molitor, Dan Wilson, Jerry Kendall, Terry Steinbach and Mark Merila. Add to that illustrious list the name of Saxe Roberts, a pitcher for Siebert in the late 1950s, who has a school record that has become so obscure that few know it exists. Roberts' record, the "Most Wild Pitches" in one season (14), is one that Roberts himself had trouble remembering.

Roberts was born and raised in South Minneapolis, the oldest of George and Maxine's four children. He attended Howe Elementary, Sanford Jr. High and Roosevelt High Schools. He credits his start in baseball to the summer when he was 12 years old and with his friend Jim Strong, would play 2-man baseball for hours, with the two of them alternating between hitter and pitcher using a tennis ball against a school wall. He says that's how he found his position in baseball. "Throwing a tennis ball with all that fuzz you can do all kinds of stuff," he says. "I threw curve balls, sliders, and quite a good fast ball that would rise because of the back spin. It was a great way to learn how to pitch."

Roberts got his first taste of high school sports as a sophomore when he played junior varsity basketball for Roosevelt and backup center on the varsity team that won the city and district championships losing in the finals to a Hopkins team which went on to win the state tournament.

Roberts baseball playing also began his sophomore year. As a pitcher on the "B"

squad the coaches realized that he had a strong arm. By the end of the season he had pitched a few games in relief for the varsity. C. Wayne Courtney, his baseball and basketball coach urged him to go out for cross country the next fall as a way to get in shape for basketball. That junior year he won the city title and placed second in the state. The following year he won the state cross country championship. Roberts says today that although he excelled in cross country, "baseball was the sport I really loved."

When Roberts got out of high school in 1953 he knew he would be going to college but didn't consider playing sports until he was recruited by the cross country coach at St. Thomas College (now St. Thomas University). He started at St. Thomas that fall but after a short time transferred to the U of M.

At the invitation of Gopher baseball coach Dick Siebert, he was invited to try out for the team. He was put on the freshman team, since freshmen were ineligible for Big Ten competition. Siebert told him he was impressed with his hard ball and slider. After that freshman season, Roberts dropped out of school to join the Army where he stayed the next two years playing baseball all across the state of Washington from his home base of Camp Hanford.

In January of 1957 he went back to U of M and because he was again ineligible for varsity play he was allowed to practice with the Gophers. For the next three years he played for the Gophers on three Big Ten Championship teams. He became a starter during the middle of his sophomore year leading the Big Ten in ERA. In 1958-59, his junior year, Roberts led the pitching corps the entire season and the Gophers won the Big Ten Championship. The following season (1959-60) he was used mostly in relief. That year the Gophers won the Big Ten and NCAA titles. In was in this senior year that Roberts established the school

record of 14 for the "Most Wild Pitches."

After graduation and with a degree in Business Administration he began working for Northwestern Bell (now US West) as a management trainee. He was there one year. The next year he worked for TRANE Co. in LaCrosse, Wisc. and was assigned to work in the New York City sales office where he stayed the next 3-1/2 years selling air conditioning equipment.

He took a leave of absence and went back to the U of M and earned an MBA in 1966. He then worked for the next five years as the marketing manager in the grocery products division of the Pillsbury Company. In 1971 he joined the M.A. Gedney Pickle Co. as a vice president for sales and marketing and stayed for the next 17 years. In 1989 he started in his own business, a service bureau specializing in voice messaging and enhanced fax services called DocuVoice Communications which he still runs today.

Saxe and his wife Irene have been married 25 years and are the parents of three sons: Saxe Jr., 29, Keith, 28, and Kent 25. He's active in the Roseville Chamber of Commerce, his church, St. Rose of Lima in Roseville and various associations related to the telecommunications industry.

Saxe Roberts, 1959



Saxe Roberts, 1995

Roberts says, "Going to the University of Minnesota was probably the most memorable time in my life. Playing baseball for Dick Siebert, who was a legend in his own time, and being part of that team with a group of guys who couldn't have been any closer, is something that's hard to put into words. We were like a family. It's a period of my life that I will never forget."

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

## Letters



### EXCITING FOOTBALL WILL FILL UP STADIUM

There were many stories a few weeks ago about going back to playing football in an open stadium like the old Memorial Stadium. There seems to be some nostalgia kick these days about sitting out in the cold, rain, snow, and wind watching college football. Although there are nice fall days with temperatures in the 50s, those days are iffy and the inconvenience just isn't worth it. I've done it both ways. In fact, I remember sitting outside in the early 1960's watching Minnesota play Missouri in the snow. It wasn't much fun.

One thing, though, is that the stadium will fill up regardless of whether it's inside or outside, if the team wins. We were getting full dome crowds when Lou Holtz was coaching and he wasn't even winning many games. STAY AT THE DOME and let's get some excitement back in football so we can fill up the place.

Joe Capra  
Minneapolis

### PLAY BASEBALL IN THE DOME

There's been a lot of talk lately about playing football outside. I like the certainty of going to the game, paying my money, and knowing I can watch a contest without having to worry about the weather. A few weeks ago, baseball officials made a decision to play the series against Illinois in the Metrodome. It was a wise call. My family and I drove down from Duluth and we knew that we could watch the Gophers. It was some great baseball with shut-outs, home runs, etc. Let's stay inside unless there just isn't a chance of bad weather.

Rob Walsh  
Duluth

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## GYMNASTS from page 1

### Minnesota Results:

All-Around: 2. Brian Yee, 58.250; 20. Andrew Weaver, 54.900

Floor Exercise: 7. Brian Yee, 9.750; 21. Frank Ticknor, 9.600; 33. Heath Wall, 9.450; 43. Andrew Weaver, 9.200

Pommel Horse: 3. Brian Yee, 9.825; 32. Andrew Weaver, 9.00; 35. Frank Ticknor, 8.900; 37. Ryan Carns, 8.850; 39. George Beatty, 8.750; 41. Bob Hubbard, 8.100

Still Rings: 4. Brian Yee, 9.800; 7. Chris Harrington, 9.700; 11. Heath Wall, 9.650; 22. Frank Ticknor, 9.550; 43. Colby Van Cleve, 9.100; 47. Andrew Weaver, 8.650

Vault: 1. Colby Van Cleve, 9.600; 3. Brian Yee, 9.575; 14. Chris Harrington, 9.300; 26. Heath Wall, Frank Ticknor, 9.150; 32. Andrew Weaver, 9.100

High Bar: 8. Frank Ticknor, Brian Yee, 9.650; 17. Andrew Weaver, 9.500; 30. Bob Hubbard, 9.250; 45. Colby Van Cleve, 8.500

Parallel Bar: 6. Brian Yee, 9.650; 16. George Beatty, Ryan Carns, Andrew Weaver, 9.450; 41. Heath Wall, 9.050; 48. Frank Ticknor, 8.500

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# Golden Gopher Athletes of the Month

## Senior track captain **KEITA CLINE**



(Gainesville, Fla.) becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his second place finish in the long jump at the Texas Relays. Cline's performance established a new school record and

gave him an automatic NCAA qualifying position with his jump of 26-7 3/4, breaking his own U of M record of 26-1 3/4 that he set indoors this spring. The school record in the triple jump of 53-1 also belongs to Cline.

In the indoor season, Cline broke his school long jump record and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with a winning leap of 26-1 3/4 surpassing his previous mark of 25-2 3/4 set last year.

Cline won this year's Indoor long jump/triple jump double at the Big Ten Championships. His long jump of 25-9 1/4 was far ahead of second place finisher Reggie Torian of Wisconsin who hit 24-4 1/4. He then went on to capture the triple jump with a leap of 52-8 1/4. Cline has won a total of four Big Ten indoor titles during his career. He also won indoor triple jump crowns in 1992 and 1994. Cline is the son of Sheryl Bennerson Norton.

## **WES DENNING**

(Sr., St. Paul, Minn.), center fielder for John Anderson's baseball Gophers, earns the E.F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH award for his 8-for-14 performance as Minnesota won three-of-four games from the Purdue Boilermakers at Siebert Field.



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Denning, the former Cretin-Derham High School star athlete, also scored four runs, drove home four runs, stole two bases and had a double as the Gophers moved into a first place tie with Purdue and Northwestern in the Big Ten standings.

Denning, a candidate for the 1995 Smith Award and Smith Super Team, who is hitting (at press time) .352 in Big Ten play, has at least one hit in 35 of the 40 games for the Gophers this season. He has also played errorless ball in center field thus far in 1995, including some outstanding defensive plays in the Purdue series.

Entering his second year in Gold Country after transferring from Arizona Western College (JC), Denning, the son of Dennis and Nancy Denning, has shown outstanding defensive skills. He also had the best offensive fall season on the team, hitting .480 (12-25) in eight intra-squad games.

Last season he hit .317 with 42 walks and was named to the third All-Big Ten team. He led the team and the Big Ten in all games with 69 runs scored, which was also a U of M all-time record. His other stats were also very impressive: Tied for first in conference games with 34 runs scored, tied for sixth in the Big Ten with eight doubles, swiped 13 bases in 15 attempts in conference play, third best in the league, stole 30 bases overall which was second on the team. In addition, he collected 21 multi-hit games, including a trio of three-hit games.

## Third baseman **TONY BENDER**

(Sr., Rock Island, Ill.) became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for hitting a home run in the second game of the series against Illinois and for going 4-for-4 including a home run in the second game against Indiana which the Gophers won 19-4. In the Illinois game Bender hit a 3-1 fastball 420 feet over the center field fence with two on and two out in the bottom of the sixth inning for the only runs of the game, giving the Gophers a 3-0 win.

Bender is a switch-hitter who has a great glove and is considered a great all-around athlete. Depending on the opposing pitcher, Bender plays first and third. His freshman year he played mainly at third base against lefties and batted .250 in 28 games. As a sophomore he played in all 61 games and batted .311 with 40 RBI as he led the team with 16 doubles and ranked second on the team with six game winning RBI. Last season he was named to the



Academic All-Big Ten team for the first time. He had 12 multi-hit games, including eight in the month of May raising his final average to .267. Bender had a strong post-season performance, going 5-10 in the Big Ten Tournament and 5-13 in the first three games of the NCAA Atlantic I Regional.

As a senior in high school, Bender, the son of Gary and Terry Bender, led his team to a 29-6 record and the region championship as he hit .437 with three home runs. He was selected to play in the 1991 U. S. Olympic Festival in Los Angeles.

## **BRIAN YEE**

(Sr., Houston, Texas) has been named an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his performances on the road to the NCAA Championships. In the NCAA Regional in State College, Pa., Yee finished second in the all-around competition with a score of 58.250, third on the pommel horse (9.825) and the vault (9.575), and fourth on the still rings with a score of 9.800.

Yee missed the NCAA Championship last season because of a broken hand. The year before he finished the season ranked 22nd with a season average of 9.50 on the parallel bars. In his freshman season Yee, the son of Paul Yee and Mabel Bryant, finished third on the pommel horse at the NCAA Championship and earned All-American status.



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## **YEE & VAN CLEVE PLACE IN NATIONALS; Become All-Americans**

Brian Yee and Colby Van Cleve earned All-America honors at the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Columbus, Ohio. Yee finished third on the pommel horse with a score of 9.825 earning All-American honors for the second time on that event while Van Cleve finished fifth on the vault with a score of 9.5125 to capture the honor for the first time. The top six finishers in each event earned All-America status. Yee narrowly missed All-American honors in the all-around competition, finishing seventh with a score of 57.325.

Chris Harrington and Frank Ticknor also qualified for the NCAA Championships on the rings and high bar respectively.



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### COUNCIL PRESIDENT JACKIE CHERRYHOMES

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dreams of our youth by providing a positive, visual vehicle of student athletes in action.

Because of the proud tradition and success of University of Minnesota programs hundreds of thousands of kids hit the hardwood, fields and ice with hopes of winning a state championship and receiving a college scholarship. The motivation is a tribute and honor to the University of Minnesota Athletic Programs. In continuing to provide opportunities to our youth, we need a strong athletic program at the University of Minnesota. It is my sincere wish and desire to see the athletic programs at the University continue and grow.

Jackie Cherryhomes is a member of the Minneapolis City Council. She serves as the City Council President and represents Ward 5 which is the near north side of the city.

### STATE SENATOR DICK DAY

Like all Minnesota kids who grew up in the 1950s, Gopher sports were our only exposure to big time athletics. Our trips to Memorial Stadium were the highlight of fall activities. To stand on University Avenue along fraternity row and watch the pep band march into the stadium before a home football game was an unbelievable experience.

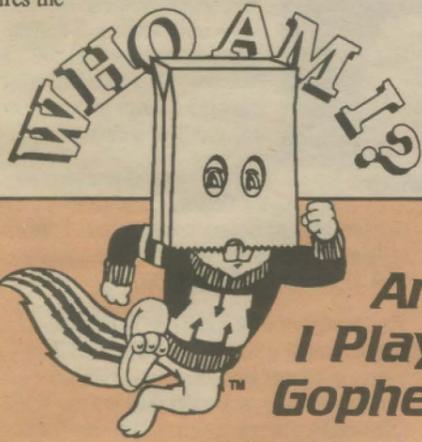


I can remember watching the likes of Paul Giel and Bob McNamara run over our teams from Iowa and Wisconsin and I remember when Michigan and the Little Brown Jug were a dual

to the last man. Also, there is nothing to compare to the memory of the Marching Band taking the field at halftime, playing the Minnesota Rouser, and led by a bent-over backward drum major who brought new definition to the term strut.

As a kid from rural Minnesota, it was an unbelievable experience to enter that stadium and see, at one time, six and a half-times more people than inhabited my community. Big Ten athletics were, and still are, the real big time for Minnesota sports fans. Memorial Stadium may be a figment of history and Williams Arena has been altered, but Gopher sports is the best entertainment money can buy. It always has been and it always will be.

Dick Day is a member of the Minnesota State Senate from District 28. He represents the counties of Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted, Steele and Waseca.



### And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

#### Congratulations to Kelly Buesgens of Burnsville, Minnesota, a "Who Am I?" Winner

Most people know me as "The Voice" of the Minnesota Gophers. I handle all of the public address responsibilities for Golden Gopher football, basketball and baseball. For the past 28 years I have also hosted a radio show, "Coaches Round Table," heard on KKCM in Shakopee, Minnesota.

Sports has always been a big part of my life. As a kid all I ever cared about was sports. All I wanted to do was be a major league baseball player. In 1962 I played baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals Class D farm team



Dick Jonkowski, 1968

in Salisbury, North Carolina. By 1963 the Cardinals convinced me I wasn't going to make it as a pro baseball player so I came back to Minneapolis and enrolled in Brown Institute to learn broadcasting.

Since graduating from Brown I have been the Sports Director for KKCM and have been the ring announcer for AWA Wrestling and Golden Glove boxing, P.A. announcer for the Minnesota Fillies Women's Pro Basketball team, radio color commentator for the Minnesota Strikers of the MISL and P.A. announcer for two Minnesota ABA teams, the Muskies and later the Pipers.

I'm called the "Polish Eagle" and have also been referred to as a "walking sports encyclopedia." In addition to all of my announcing activities, I have been very much involved with charitable organizations and have been the host and MC for numerous charity events such as the Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament. In addition, I have been the Master of Ceremonies for countless athletic and sports' banquets, roasts, and class reunions.



Dick Jonkowski is photographed as he picked the winner of the "Who Am I?" contest in the lobby of the Bierman Building.

I grew up in Minneapolis and went on to the University of Minnesota to compete for Jim Kelly's Track and Field team. While at the U of M, I was a three-time NCAA discus champion and won the national AAU title six times. While holding the world record in the discus from 1949 to 1959, I competed in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Finland and the 1956 Games in Melbourne, Australia. I also competed in the Olympic Games held in London, England in 1948 where I won the bronze medal in the discus with a toss of 166-6. At Helsinki I finished fourth with a toss of 172-9 and improved in Melbourne when I hit 179-9.

After I retired from competition I was a high school and college track and field coach. During those years I also was a professional escape artist and illusionist. In 1984, when the Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles, I performed at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

I am a charter member of the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame. In 1953 I was inducted into the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame.

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## 1995 WRESTLING AWARDS

The following student-athletes were honored at the Minnesota Wrestling team's annual awards banquet:

Freshman Outstanding Academic Award: **Chad Kraft**

Upperclass Outstanding Academic Award: **Brandon Paulson**

Most Improved Wrestler: **Jeremy Goeden**

Most Exciting Wrestler: **Jason Davids**

Outstanding Freshman Wrestler: **Jeremy Goeden**

Most Dedicated Wrestler: **Nick Antila and Brad Flaherty**

Most Pins: **Billy Pierce (15)**

Senior Awards: **Brett Colombini, Chad Carlson, Tim Harris**

All-Americans: **Brett Colombini, Tim Harris, Billy Pierce**

Outstanding Wrestler: **Tim Harris, Brett Colombini**

Most Valuable Wrestler: **Brett Colombini**

Fraser Dean Most Courageous Wrestler Award: **Zac Taylor** (given to the wrestler who most exemplifies devotion, unselfishness, courage and leadership)

## 1995 HOCKEY AWARDS

The Gopher hockey team recently voted the following players as their 1994-95 award winners:

Frank Pond Trophy-Rookie of the Year: .....**Mike Crowley**

John Mayasich Trophy-Student/Athlete: .....**Greg Zwakman**

Elwin "Doc" Romnes-Leadership/Sportsmanship: ..**Justin McHugh**

Mike Crupi Award-Most Determined Player: .....**Scott Bell**

John Mariucci Trophy-Most Valuable Player: .....**Brian Bonin**

Dr. V. George Nagobads Cup-Unsung Hero: .....**Dan Trebil, Jeff Callinan**

**TENNIS from page 1**

Big Ten season 8-2 and clinching the second seed in the Big Ten Championships. Ross Loel improved his record to 30-4 by beating Jayson Bedford 7-6, 6-4. Loel rallied from 5-1 down in the first-set tie-breaker to win the decisive point for the Gophers. Lars Hjarrand, Erik Donley, Stefan Tzvetkov and Ben Gabler all won their singles matches.

Head Coach Dave Geatz tried 20 different doubles combinations this season and may have found the answer against the Spartans as all three doubles teams won their matches. At No. 1 doubles, Hjarrand was paired with Donley. The brand new combination of Loel and Ben Gabler played at No. 2 and at No. 3 doubles, Tzvetkov teamed up with Robin Rutili. The Gophers are 15-0 on the season when they win the doubles point.

In the Gophers final road match of the season at Penn State they came away the winner 6-1 in University Park, Pa. Minnesota recorded all its points in singles matches winning all six. Ross Loel, now ranked 51st in the country, defeated Ivan Spinner 6-3, 6-3 to improve his record to 29-4 on the year.

In the Penn State match the Gophers performances were as follows: Ross Loel, defeated Ivan Spinner, 6-3, 6-3; Lars Hjarrand, defeated Mike Carter, 6-2, 6-1; Stefan Tzvetkov, defeated Colin Smeeton, 7-6, 7-6; Erik Donley, defeated Chris Cahall, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; Ben Gabler, defeated Brett Englesburg, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; Adam Cohen, defeated Dale Cathell, 6-3, 6-4; Doubles: Donley/B. Gabler defeated Smeeton/Carter, 8-4; Hjarrand/Loel were defeated by Spinner/Cathell, 8-6; Tzvetkov/M. Gabler, were defeated by Schoenly/Moran, 8-5.

In other action this season, Minnesota defeated Purdue 5-2 and 15-5 by winning two doubles matches and four singles matches. It was Stefan Tzvetkov, Erik Donley, Adam Cohen and Robin Rutili winning for the Maroon and Gold. Against Ohio State, who upset the Gophers 4-3,



Stefan Tzvetkov

charging back to win four singles matches and winning 4-3. Singles victories came from Loel, Tzvetkov, Donley and Ben Gabler and a doubles victory from the team of Loel and Lars Hjarrand. Loel was very impressive as he defeated Carl von Schantz of Northwestern in straight sets. Donley clinched the match as he defeated Wyeth Goodenough 7-5, 6-2.

It was Tzvetkov again against Wisconsin as he defeated Jason Zuckerman at No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-5 to help pace the Gophers to a 7-0 sweep over the Badgers. In the Wisconsin match, the Gophers didn't lose a match or a set. The reunited No. 1 doubles team of Loel and Hjarrand won both of their matches on the weekend.

As we go to press, the Gophers are in South Bend, Ind. for the NCAA Regional Championships.

Ross Loel, Donley and Cohen won their singles matches.

The Gophers then took on Northwestern and after losing the doubles point, the Gophers came

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**1995 Gopher Football Schedule (Times TBA):**

Sept. 16	.....BALL STATE
Sept. 23	.....at Syracuse
Sept. 30	.....ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 7	.....PURDUE
Oct. 14	.....NORTHWESTERN (HC)
Oct. 21	.....at Michigan State
Oct. 28	.....at Michigan
Nov. 4	.....OHIO STATE
Nov. 11	.....WISCONSIN
Nov. 18	.....at Illinois
Nov. 25	.....at Iowa

**BASEBALL from page 1**

rally. Junior right-hander Brad Kearin picked up the win.

The second game of the series was led by Tony Bender who doubled home two runs and finished the game 2-for-3 with two runs scored at the plate. Shane Gunderson and Wes Denning each had two hits in the second game as well. Gunderson's performance marked his 17th and 18th multiple-hit games of the season in the twinbill. Justin Pederson worked the first 6 2/3 innings, walking none and fanning seven in getting his second win in as many starts.

In the final game of the series played before 1,624 fans at Siebert Field, Minnesota made it 1-0 in the bottom of the first on an RBI single by Tony Bender, scoring Wes Denning, who led off with a double. Denning had three hits and finished the weekend 8-for-14. Purdue went ahead 2-1 in the seventh but the Gophers battled back to tie the game on a two-out single by catcher Shane Gunderson in the bottom of the seventh, scoring shortstop Steve Huls from second base. Huls' one out single to left field started the rally and was followed by Denning's third hit of the game, a bunt single down the third base line. The Boilermaker's plated two runs in the top of the eighth to put the game out of reach.

In the series against Indiana, the Gophers lost the first 3-1, lost again in the second game the following day, 8-7, but came back with a smashing 19-4 victory. The final game of the series played on Sunday, found the Gophers scoring early and often with a six-run second inning taking them to a 8-4 win.

In the first game Indiana took an early lead 1-0 and the Gophers tied the score in the third inning with a Bob Keeney single which sent home Steve Huls. They fell behind again when the Hoosiers' Mike Crotty hit a home run. Gopher pitcher Brian Mensink gave up six hits and struck out eight in 5 2/3 innings.

The following day the teams played a double-header with Indiana breaking an opening game 7-7 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning on a sacrifice fly driving in the winning run. The Gophers came back well in the next game and scored five runs in each of the first two innings and four in the third on the way to a 19-4 win. Tony Bender went 4-for-4, including a home run, with six RBI and four runs and Rob Smith hit a home run and drove in four runs for the Gophers. Joe Westfall pitched six innings, giving up four runs on five hits. He struck out eight and walked one.



Wes Denning

The Gophers opened their Siebert Field schedule entertaining Illinois and taking three-of-four games. In game one, Andy Hammerschmidt and reliever Justin Pederson combined for a five-hit shutout and shortstop Steve Huls supplied the game's only run with an RBI double for the 1-0 win. The next day, Brian Mensink flirted with a no-hitter until second baseman Brian McClure

broke up the bid with an infield single to lead off the top of the seventh inning. Third baseman Tony Bender broke the game open as he hit a 3-1 fastball over the center field fence with two on and two out in the bottom of the sixth for the only runs of the game. In the Sunday double-header, the two teams split with the Gophers winning their third consecutive shutout, 2-0 in the opener behind Joe Westfall and Pederson. The two teams went into extra innings for game two with the Illini winning 2-0.

It wasn't a good weekend for the Gophers in Iowa with the Gophers coming out on the short end of three-of-four games, losing 3-0, 5-3 before coming back to gain a split 5-4L, 5-1W.

The Hawkeyes took game one 3-0 as the Gophers made a good try in the second inning of a scoreless game at the time when with one out third baseman Tony Bender doubled and was followed by a single to left field by second baseman Bob Keeney. Right fielder Mike Mahady then nailed a pitch through the middle ending in a double play.

In the second game the Gopher's defense made two costly errors leading to the tying and winning runs. Keeney drove home two runs. In game three Shane Gunderson hit a two-run homer, to give the Gophers a 2-0 first inning lead. Iowa got four runs in the bottom of the third to claim a 4-2 lead. Minnesota chipped away at the lead with a run in the fifth and were down to their last out when center fielder Wes Denning took a 2-1 fastball over the center field fence to knot the game at 4-4. Iowa won when they had the bases loaded with two outs and the winning run was walked in on a controversial ball four call to end the game.

Minnesota rebounded nicely to take the series finale 5-1 behind a stellar two hit, complete-game effort from right-hander Joe Westfall as he walked just two and struck out six. The Gophers then swept Toledo in a three-game series 12-2, 5-2 and 6-4.

As the Big Ten teams head into the home stretch of the conference season, there remains a logjam among all 10 teams as they battle for the title and fight for a spot in the conference tournament in mid-May.

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Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director, University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute

**Q.** I do not consider myself overweight, however, when I start to exercise regularly, I actually gain weight. How can that be?

**A.** If one thinks of our bodies as engines, we derive our fuel from two types of energy sources. One is carbohydrates (sugars) and the other is fat. At rest our bodies use more fat than carbohydrates to meet our energy needs. However, these energy needs still remain quite small. When we exercise, our bodies need more fuel to help "power" the engine. This, in large part, means our muscles. With low intensity activity, our body continues to use a large percentage of fat for fuel. As one increases the intensity of exercise, more calories are burned and the body consumes more total fat. Unconditioned muscles are poor fat burners. That is why someone who is aerobically fit, whose muscles are well toned, burns fat much better than those who are unconditioned. Also, when you are fit, you can better tolerate and sustain higher levels of exercise intensity.

Despite the fact that high intensity exercise may burn fat faster, those who are unconditioned to exercise are still advised to start with low intensity, long duration, activity.

This will allow you to exercise for longer periods of time and prevent early fatigue. You will build up a good level of cardiovascular fitness which will eventually enable you to increase your work-out to longer periods of time for muscle conditioning and aerobic fitness.

A fit person's body typically possesses more muscle mass. This can certainly cause some increase in weight as one "loses" fat to increase muscle mass through muscle hypertrophy. This realization has led many fitness experts to de-emphasize the absolute weight on a scale and emphasize a level of fitness to obtain. Measuring your percentage of body fat is another way to know if you are losing fat despite the fact that you may experience a slight weight gain.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

ACHES AND PAINS c/o Dr. Arendt, SPORTSNEWS, 386 N. Wabasha Street, Suite 1040, St. Paul, MN 55102

## CROWLEY IS WCHA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Mike Crowley, who just completed his freshman season as a Golden Gopher hockey player, was recently named the WCHA Rookie of the Year. Crowley was the top scorer among freshmen in WCHA games this season. He finished with 38 points (11 goals, 27 assists) during league play, one point ahead of teammate Ryan Kraft. Crowley is the first Gopher to receive the award since Darby Hendrickson won it in 1991-92.

## KRAFT NAMED TO ROOKIE AND ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Ryan Kraft was named to the All-WCHA Rookie Team and finished the weekend being the only Golden Gopher named to the WCHA Final Five All-Tournament team. For the season, Kraft was second on the hockey team in scoring with 46 points (13 goals, 33 assists).

## GOPHER HOCKEY TEAMS HAVE PLAYED IN MORE NCAA TOURNAMENTS

When Doug Woog's Golden Gopher hockey team played in the NCAA Tournament, it marked the school's 22nd appearance, the most NCAA Tournament appearances of any program in the country. The Gophers have compiled a record of 35-24, winning three national championships (1974, '76, and '79).

## DARRELL THOMPSON TO PLAY FOR CHICAGO BEARS

The great All-American running back from Rochester, Minn., Darrell Thompson, who played for the Gophers in the late 1980s, recently signed a two-year contract to play for the Chicago Bears.

Thompson still has many Gopher records such as: Rushes, 260; Rushing Yards, 4,518 career; Rushing Touchdowns, 43; and Longest Rush, 98 (against Michigan in 1987).

Thompson, 27, played for the Green Bay Packers the past five years where he rushed for 1,642 yards and caught 41 passes for 330 yards. He was the Packers' first-round draft choice (19th overall) in 1990. His best year was 1993, when he led the Packers with 654 yards in 169 rushes.

## NEW INDOOR ARTIFICIAL FIELD TO BE INSTALLED THIS SPRING

The Gibson-Nagurski football complex will have a new surface installed on the football field this spring according to Men's Athletic Director McKinley Boston. He said the University has already raised \$700,000 for the \$1.05 million artificial surface which will be installed as soon as spring football is over and should be completed by June 1. The U of M is also buying the



By Greg Jackson

turf from the Metrodome to be installed on a new practice field located just to the east of the Bierman track.

## UNUSUAL ALL-STAR HOCKEY GAME RAISED MONEY TO BATTLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Despite being eliminated from the NCAA Final Four last month, two key members of the U of M hockey team were back in action on April 29th at Mariucci Arena. The action was all part of a celebrity charity hockey game benefiting two Twin Cities domestic violence organizations, Harriet Tubman Center and Children's Safety Center. Actually skating in this all-star event were Gopher players Jeff Callinan, and Jed Fiebelkom. They were joined by former Gopher greats Dave Snuggerud and Scott Bell. Other hockey stars and movie celebrities also participated in this unusual, colorful, all-star event.

## HASKINS AND THREE-POINT ATTACK TEAM RAISED \$30,000 IN FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins, who joined forces with the American Cancer Society and other collegiate basketball coaches, raised over \$30,000 to help in the fight against cancer.

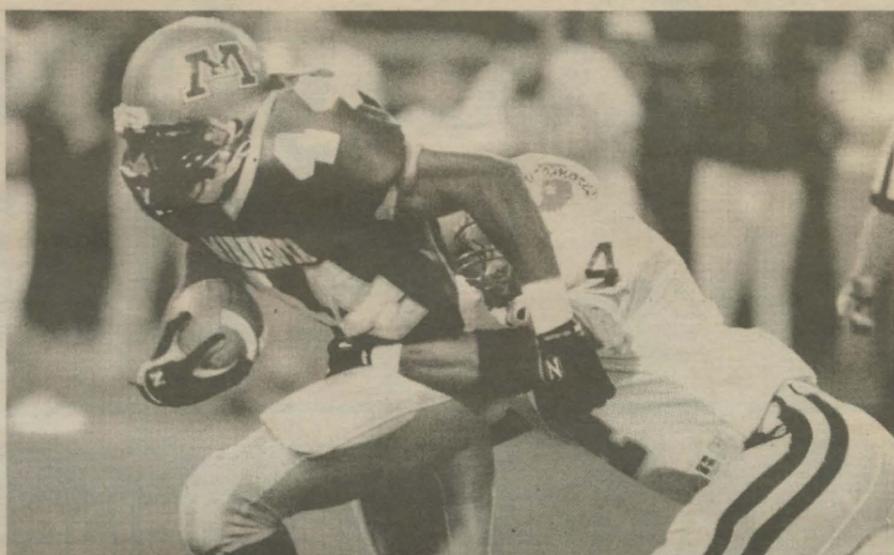
Haskins and the Three-Point Attack Team collected \$153 for every three-point shot made during the past season. The Gophers and the rest of the Attack Team dropped in 202 three-pointers. People in this area pledged dollars for every three-point shot made by the Gophers from booths which were set up in the lobby of Williams Arena.

## BELL PLAYS FOR MOOSE

Gopher hockey co-captain Scott Bell began playing hockey for the Minnesota Moose of the International Hockey League after the Gophers were defeated in the semifinals of the NCAA Final Four. Bell was an offensive standout all season as he totalled 18 goals and 21 assists in 41 games.

## BOGART IS NATIONAL DIVER OF THE YEAR

P. J. Bogart, Gopher diving star, was recently named National Diver of the Year. He scored a 593.60 on the 1-meter springboard to win the title at the NCAA Championships, the second national title of his career. He was also second on the 3-meter board and fourth on the 10-meter platform.



Gophers' running back Chris Darkins

## DARKINS FOR HEISMAN TROPHY

The University of Minnesota Sports Information Department is planning to start a national campaign to promote Gophers' running back Chris Darkins as a candidate for next year's Heisman Trophy Award. A postcard detailing Darkins' accomplishments is set to be mailed to media, Heisman voters and former Heisman Trophy winners. Also, during next season a postcard will be sent weekly which will update Darkins' progress and performance.

## FOOTBALL TEAM HAS HIGHEST GPA EVER

The football Gophers turned in their highest quarter grade-point average (GPA) and highest cumulative GPA ever. The Gophers had a 2.60 for the highest quarter GPA (the former high was a 2.57) and also earned its highest cumulative GPA ever with a 2.62 (former high was 2.58). In addition, the Gophers had the fewest student-athletes in the program (12%) earning less than a 2.0 (or C) GPA. The smallest percentage previously was 16 percent. Hats off to Academic Counseling Director Elayne Donahue for leading this effort.

## BUTTERS WILL COACH AT BETHEL

Bill Butters, assistant Gopher hockey coach, is leaving the Gophers for a new position, co-coach at Bethel College. Butters, who just finished his ninth year with the hockey staff at Minnesota, joined Head Coach Doug Woog in 1985. The former Gophers defenseman played for the U of M from 1969-1973 and captained the team in 1972-73. After leaving the Gophers he signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs. After one year in the Toronto system, he moved on to the WHA, twice playing for the St. Paul Fighting Saints, with a stint at Houston in between. In 1976 he was traded to Edmonton and then to Hartford. He returned to the NHL with the Minnesota North Stars in 1977, playing two years before starting his coaching career. Butters will continue as assistant rink manager at Mariucci Arena.

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## THIEF RIVER FALLS PREP STAR TO PLAY FOR HASKINS

Kyle Sanden, a 6-10 junior center at Thief River Falls, has committed to play for Clem Haskins. It was recently announced that Sanden made the decision early although he had been receiving contact from almost all the Big Ten schools because he wanted to play for his home state and avoid the pressures of recruiting. The 225-

pound Sanden averaged 24 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks per game this past season. He shot 70 percent from both the free-throw line and the field averaging just 14.7 shots per game.

## BASEBALL TEAM PLAYED TOP COMPETITION

Thirteen of the 20 non-conference foes the Gophers played this season were against teams ranked in the Baseball America Top 25 in the nation at some point in this season. The Gophers have also played four games (two against Mississippi State, one each against Florida State and Louisiana State) against teams ranked in the Baseball America Top 10.

## ANOKA HOCKEY STAR TO PLAY FOR WOOG

Reggie Berg, from Anoka, Minn., a forward for the Des Moines Buccaneers in the USHL, has signed a national letter of intent to play for Doug Woog's hockey Gophers. Berg, the fifth player signed this season, scored 39 goals, and 43 assists for a total of 82 points (through 46 games). The 5-10, 180-pound Berg led Des Moines to two straight league championships and this season was voted All-USHL 2nd Team. Earlier this season, Berg was the only USHL player selected to play on the National Junior Team that finished sixth at the National Junior Tournament in Red Deer, Canada. Over the past two seasons, Berg has played internationally on the U. S. Select 16 and 17 year-old teams.

## CALL 1-900-976-VOTE

Add your vote to those who have called in support of baseball Gopher Shane Gunderson. He is the leading vote-getter for the DH/Utility position on the Smith Super Team. Center fielder Wes Denning and pitcher Andy Hammerschmidt are the two other players nominated for the Smith Award and Super Team (they did not appear in the Top 10 in their respective categories). To vote for Gunderson and other Gophers call 1-900-976-VOTE.

## METRODOME GETTING GOOD BASEBALL USE

When the weather turns sour in the Twin Cities, the baseball Gophers turn to the Metrodome. The Gophers have taken advantage of the indoor facility with a 15-5 record there this season.

## BASKETBALL LANDS JUNIOR COLLEGE STARS

Bobby Jackson, a 6-1, 185 pound point guard from Western Nebraska Community College and Mark Jones, a 6-6 small forward from Anderson (S.C.) Junior College, both signed letters of intent to play for the Gophers' men's basketball team next season. Hoping to fill the void left by graduating senior Townsend Orr, Jackson earned second-team All America honors while leading Western Nebraska to a third-place in last year's national junior college tournament. Called by many the "best junior college guard in the country," Jackson averaged 12.7 points and 8 assists per game last season. Jones, who has three-point range and is versatile enough to play guard as well as forward, was named Junior College District 10 Player of the Year along with honorable mention All America. Originally from Milwaukee, Jones averaged 23.5 points while shooting 53% from the field last season. Other schools in pursuit of Jones included Wisconsin, Georgia, Wake Forest, and North Carolina.



Warren Murdock, father of Gopher quarterback Jason, and Sandy Stephens, the great Minnesota quarterback who led the Gophers to a national championship and Rose Bowl win, are seen at the annual spring scrimmage played in the Metrodome on April 29th.

This was Warren Murdock's first visit to Minnesota. He said he plans to come back "to see most of the games this fall."

Stephens, a finalist for the Heisman Trophy who played pro football in the 1960s and 70s, said he was impressed with the Gophers this year and thinks they are "much improved."

Jason Murdock, 6-3, 225, who threw five straight completions in the scrimmage including a 47-yard touchdown, was an All-Central Valley Conference selection and team offensive MVP last fall for Merced College (Merced, Calif.) when he completed 130 of 220 pass attempts for 1,900 yards and 21 touchdowns. Stephens said, "He could be a great one."

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## STRENGTH COACH YOXALL HELPS FOOTBALL TEAM PREPARE FOR '95 SEASON BY BUILDING MUSCLES AND CONFIDENCE



Junior running back Tommy Watson completes a 302 pound power clean at the end of his regular weekly training session

Summer means many different things to many different people. For some it means a break from school; for others, sometimes a vacation away from home. For the University of Minnesota football team it means eight weeks of preparing for their most challenging season since Coach Jim Wacker took over the coaching reins.

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Kevin Yoxall has put together a summer workout program to toughen and challenge the players, pushing them to their physical and mental limits. The importance Coach Yoxall places on this is evident in the name he gives the workout manual, the "summer bible." "I want our players to be the best mentally and physically tough team in the Big Ten Conference going into next season," Yoxall says. "They must reach their maximum potential."

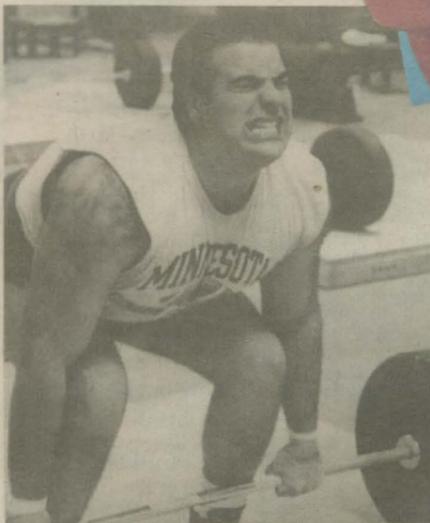
Each player's summer schedule varies. Some are working part-time jobs, many are completing full-time internships, and others are taking courses in summer school. Therefore, the weightroom hours and conditioning availability



Senior wide receiver Tony Levine finishes a power clean of 312 pounds during a grueling 90 minute workout

times are extremely open and flexible. The conditioning schedule demands that the athletes run four times per week. Coach Yoxall runs the earliest group at 6:15 a.m. They must also lift weights four times per week. The weightroom is open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and occasionally on the weekend. Yoxall gets help from new Graduate Assistant Coach Dean Slack, a recent graduate of Oregon State, where he played linebacker on the football team. The two coaches monitor each player during the day, charting his progress and measuring his daily improvement.

One aspect of summer which can be frustrating for completing a strength and conditioning program is when athletes go home for the training period. However, it appears that the Gophers will have 65 players staying for most of the



Senior offensive lineman Mike Giovinetti shows the intensity of lifting as he begins a 312 pound power clean

summer, a number which is rather high and an indication of the football team's dedication. "I'd much rather have them all stay here, but I do understand when a young guy wants to go home," says Yoxall. "Sometimes being by yourself back home makes it harder to work every day with the intensity and drive which is necessary."

Yoxall wants players to build confidence, as well as muscles, in the weightroom. "Guys need to build more confidence, as well as muscles, in the weightroom. Guys need to be more confident and aggressive when lifting weights," he says. "This can be a big-time confidence builder. It can really effect a player's attitude and his on-field performance. I've seen it happen before."

Another confidence builder occurs every night between the quarterbacks, receivers, tight ends and running backs. Without the direction of coaches (as outlawed by the NCAA), they throw and catch the football, mainly working on their timing patterns and offensive pass plays. Sometimes accompanied by defenders, including

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## BOSTON MOVES UP TO SCHOOL'S VP AFTER LEADING ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT TO NEW HEIGHTS; HE SAYS HE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE PEOPLE HE WORKED WITH

Dr. McKinley Boston, Director of Men's Athletics since December 17, 1991, became the U of M's Vice President for Student Development and Athletics on July 1. He says it is a major step up in his life, a dream come true.



Dr. McKinley Boston, U OF M Vice President for Student Development and Athletics

Boston says he has been eagerly looking forward to assuming his new position. "There's so much to do I can hardly wait to get started." He says he has had a "sense for the last ten years" where he has been heading "from a career standpoint" and has felt comfortable with his choices.

"As much as ten years ago I was looking at four career choices: coaching, athletic administration, student affairs and teaching. I was hoping one of those would be the one I would be able to do but I never knew which one it would be." He says his philosophy of athletics evolved out of living those four professional career experiences. "I was doing them all at a small liberal arts school where the opportunities to do all of them were available but I knew that I would have to focus or specialize as I moved to a higher level school," he says.

Boston says most of what he will do in his new position will be driven by the University's Year 2000 initiative. "I am very comfortable following this path and working directly for President Nils Hasselmo. The President has a strong vision for the University which is to help it become a more user friendly institution by placing an emphasis on improving the overall undergraduate community for students. I will do my part in this administration by making sure that the whole notion of student life benefits or compliments the academic life for our students."

In this new position, Boston will have the full responsibility for impacting the undergraduate student community and "help shape policy for the entire university system." His new duties will include overseeing both the men's and women's athletic departments as well as several other departments such as the Boynton Student Health Services, recreational sports, Minneapolis and St. Paul campus student counseling and legal services, and ROTC.

When Hasselmo appointed Boston it was called one of the finest appointments that he had made. Boston brings a record of solid accomplishment to his new post. As Director of Athletics, he took a program that

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## GYMNAST BRIAN YEE NAMED MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER; 13 OTHERS NAMED BEST IN THEIR SPORT

Gymnast Brian Yee, a senior from Houston, Texas, was recently awarded the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor at the annual "M" Club Banquet.

Each member school in the Big Ten Conference presents this award annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates a high degree

of proficiency in both scholarship and athletics.

Yee, a two-time All-American in the pommel horse for the Gophers during his collegiate career, led the U of M to the Big Ten team title in 1995 while individually placing first in the vault, second on the pommel horse, and second in the all-around competition.

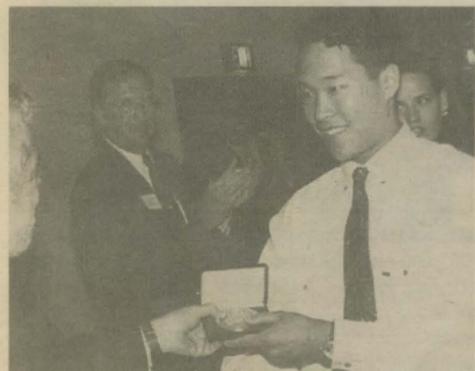
Yee, a psychology and speech communications major with a cumulative GPA of 3.23, was honored as an Academic All-Big Ten selection each of the last three

years. He has also been recognized as a U of M Scholar Athlete award winner.

Yee was also a finalist this season for the Nissen Award, given each year to the top collegiate gymnast in the country. More honors came his way with his being named to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award, given each year to student-athletes of color who exemplify scholarship, athleticism and community participation.

In addition to the Medal of Honor award that Yee received, the outstanding athlete in each men's varsity sport was also honored. This year's winners include (alphabetically by sport):

- Baseball .....Shane Gunderson
- Basketball .....Voshon Lenard and Townsend Orr
- Cross Country .....Jason Boon
- Diving .....P. J. Bogart
- Football .....Chris Darkins
- Golf .....Aaron Barber
- Gymnastics .....Brian Yee
- Hockey .....Brian Bonin
- Swimming .....Bernie Zeruhn
- Tennis .....Ross Loel
- Track .....Chris Brinkworth and Keita Cline
- Wrestling .....Brett Colombini



Gymnast Brian Yee receiving the Conference Medal

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## GOPHERS GET NEAR RECORD PERFORMANCE IN BIG TEN TRACK MEET; BRINKWORTH IS FIRST GOPHER ALL-AMERICAN IN BOTH SHOT AND DISCUS

The Minnesota track team turned in one of the most spectacular performances in the school's history in the recent Big Ten Track & Field Championship and closed the book on Coach Roy Griak's 32-year career with a fitting tribute to his leadership.

The Gophers tallied the second-highest point total in school history with 96.5 points to finish fourth with the Gophers getting eight top three finishes and two Big Ten titles.

Big Ten Meet: Keita Cline won the long jump with a leap of 25-10 1/4 and took second place in the triple jump with a season-long leap of 51-7 1/4. Tye Harvey vaulted 17-0 3/4 in the pole vault for third place. Chris Brinkworth took the shot put with a winning toss of 61-3 after finishing a close second in the discus (just two centimeters shy of the winner's toss of 178-10, Jason Schlueter and Rob Hydukovich placed second and third respectively in the discus, and Wil Kurth nearly leapt out of his shoes with joy after clearing a personal-best 7-0 1/4 in the high jump for a fourth-place finish.

Football running back and Heisman candidate Chris Darkins made his mark on the championship by placing fifth in the 100-meter dash and also anchoring the 4x100 meter relay to a fourth-place finish. The relay time of 40.68 was the second-fastest in school history. In the

600 meters, junior Paul Michalek took second with a time of 3:47.57. He was also runner-up in the 800. Rick Obleman took seventh-place in the steeplechase, cutting over 10 seconds off his personal-best with a time of 9:10.97.

Chris Brinkworth

At the NCAA Championship, Chris Brinkworth placed sixth in the shot put with a toss of 61-1/4, just two inches short of his career best, to become the first Gophers track athlete to earn All-America honors in both the shot and discus.

In earlier competition at the Minnesota Open, several Gophers set personal-bests and

achieved or improved qualifying marks in competition at the Bierman Track & Field Stadium.

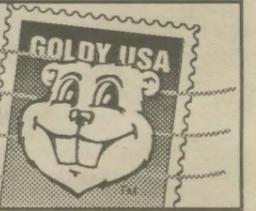
Junior Chris Darkins sprinted a personal-best in the 100-meters in 10.61. His previous best was 10.79. The football sensation also anchored the 4x100-meter relay team to a time of 40.77, the third-fastest time in school history. Senior Bob Johnson won the 600-meter run in a blazing hand-held time of 1:18.9.

Gopher throwers had another great day and added to the strength of one of Coach Roy Griak's best teams in years. Chris Brinkworth won the discus event with a throw of 183-8 and teammate Jason Schlueter, a sophomore, threw the discus for a personal-best toss of 179-9 which got him second place. Shot put star Rob Hydukovich, a senior from Bemidji, Minn., heaved a provisional-qualifier of 58-2 1/2.

Sophomore Tye Harvey of Jamestown, Calif. won the pole vault with a tremendous effort at 17-6 1/2, a personal-best. Another promising athlete surfaced when sophomore Eric Stommes of Foley, Minn., who has been coming on all season, took second-place in the 200-meter dash. His clocking of 21.53 was the fourth-best time in school history.

At the Big Ten Decathlon Championship, Minnesota's Seth Mischke of Worland, Wyo., a sophomore, won two events, the pole vault with a 16-0 3/4 and 1500-meter run finale with a very respectable time of 4:34.49. He finished the two-day event competition (the first day rain and wind hampered the athletes) in seventh-place with 6,630 points.

## Letters



### STATE SENATOR SAYS HASKINS IS A CREDIT TO ENTIRE STATE

I have listened with amazement and amusement to various public forums following the conclusion of the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers men's basketball season. It is apparent that many individuals have lost sight of the differences between amateurism and professionalism.

Coach Clem Haskins is a credit to the entire state. In the nine years he has been at Minnesota he has produced six tournament teams and a winning percentage in excess of .500 in what was the toughest basketball conference in the country until this year. In addition, his teams are entertaining; the Gophers while being televised, continue to fill Williams Arena for every home game and they play before packed houses on the road. I am impressed with their sportsmanship and talent. They are well coached in fundamentals and play an exciting brand of team-oriented basketball. What more can a fan expect from young men who are only 18 to 22 years of age and, every game, play before 15,000 to 20,000 spectators? Keep in mind, these are not professional athletes.

Let's not lose sight of what college athletics are about. Sadly, many colleges have become the breeding ground for professional teams. But playing sports in college should only be an enhancement toward achieving a quality education and a well-rounded life. The primary responsibility of every student, regardless of athletic ability, is to receive a degree. Haskins has built his program on this ideal, telling the young men he recruits that receiving an education from the University of Minnesota is their No. 1 objective.

Contrary to the remarks of some, the University should not develop the "win at any expense" mentality which prevails in many of the "jock factories" at other universities. Haskins is on the right track and I hope he never loses sight that only a small percentage of student-athletes ever play on a Big Ten team; fewer yet develop professional careers.

Sen. Dean E. Johnson  
I-R Willmar

### BOSTON IS A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL YOUNG MEN

When people look for role models in athletes, particularly in African-American athletes, look no farther than our own McKinley Boston. He played football at Minnesota, went on to the pros, got married, received several degrees (he's a Ph.D.), took a sluggish athletic department and turned it into one of the most successful programs in the country, developed innovative programs to assist athletes integrate with the community, and is an overall nice person. He is truly a role model for all young men!

Alan Goldberg  
Minneapolis

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## BECKSTRAND IS ON THE MEND; WAS SPECTATOR AT BIG TEN TRACK MEET

University of Minnesota decathlete J. J. Beckstrand, who suffered a serious head injury, facial fractures, and a broken wrist in a pole vault-training accident during practice April 18, continues to show excellent improvement in his neurological functions. He surprised many of his friends when he showed up in the stands at the recent Big Ten Track & Field Meet on the U of M campus and told people he's getting better all the time and hopes to be competing for the Gophers again next season.

Beckstrand, a 21-year-old junior (his birthday was June 7) from Prior Lake, Minn., was rushed to the hospital in serious condition when he fell approximately 15 feet from the rope swing of a pole-vault apparatus in the field house, landing where there was no mat.

For several days after the accident, he slipped

in and out of consciousness with a small amount of bleeding in his brain. About a week after the accident, Beckstrand was moved from a hospital room to a rehabilitation unit at the Hennepin County Medical Center where he underwent intensive physical therapy.

Beckstrand has had quite a career. In the 1994 Minnesota Invitational he finished fifth in the pentathlon with a score of 3,281 and was expected to do even better the following year until a hamstring injury caused his withdrawal from the Big Ten Indoor Championship. He was redshirted for the '94 outdoor season. He finished third in the decathlon at the '93 Big Ten Outdoor Championship with a school record score of 6,496 and placed ninth in the pentathlon at the '93 Big Ten Indoor Championships with a school record score of 3,476.

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## Where Are They Now

# PHONE CALL LED TO A BRILLIANT PITCHING CAREER FOR STEVE COMER



By Len Levine

If one can judge a pitcher in baseball by the number of wins, then Steve Comer, who played for the Golden Gophers from 1973 through 1976 and went on to play pro baseball for nine years, should be considered one of the best to ever wear the Maroon and Gold on the pitching mound. He holds the U of M record of 30 career wins.

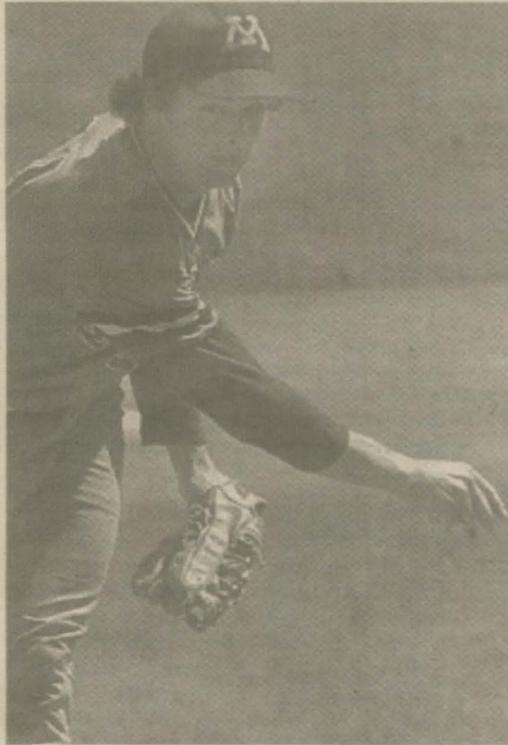
Comer, who was born in Minneapolis and raised in Minnetonka, got his start in baseball as just about every other boy did growing up in Minnesota in the late 1960s and early '70s, playing in the recreation leagues and ON neighborhood playgrounds. His father, Ken, and mother, Joyce, encouraged Steve to get involved in the East Tonka summer recreation program, as did his brothers, Joe and John, before him (Joe played for the Gophers from 1969-73 and John played baseball for Minnetonka High School).

The start of Comer's baseball career can actually be traced to the ninth grade at Minnetonka's East Jr. High when he met Neil Junker, a phy ed teacher in the school, who had been a catcher for the Gophers Big Ten Championship teams of the late 1950s and early 1960s. Junker got him interested in playing sports in high school and "encouraged me because of my ability," Comer says.

Comer was a standout on the Minnetonka High School basketball team where he made all-conference two years. He also played baseball (shortstop), but didn't pitch—that came later. He says he was "just an average player" in a strong conference with teams like Richfield and Edina.

In the summer of his senior year he tried out for the Metro Collegiate league run by legendary Gophers' coach, Dick Siebert. Comer says Siebert gave him a "good look" because his brother Joe had played in the league for two years and other brother John was trying out. "Very few high school players were allowed to try out but because of my older brothers playing for Siebert, I got my chance." Tryouts were given for three positions and out of all those trying out, four teams were put together for summer competition consisting mainly of college players. It was a way to improve and not violate any eligibility rules.

Comer tried shortstop and outfield and didn't do well at either, so he gave pitching a try



Steve Comer, 1976

and that's where he found himself. After throwing several strikes Siebert asked him where he was going to college. He said he hadn't thought much about it and Siebert urged him to enroll at the U of M, which he did in the fall of 1972. He went through Siebert's fall and winter programs. Siebert was so impressed with him that he took him on the spring trip, the only freshman to be taken. It was the second year that freshmen were eligible and he was playing against some good Texas teams. He wound up in a rotation that consisted of Dave Winfield and Kenny Herbst. He ended up in the Big Ten that freshman season with a 3-0 record allowing only one earned run as the Gophers won the Big Ten title. In the Midwest regional the following week Comer pitched against Southern Illinois in the final game which the Gophers won in extra innings 7-6. The Gophers then went on to the College World series where he got a win against Georgia Southern and was named the MVP of the Tournament. It was a great freshman year as the Gophers finished with a 7-1 record.

The following year, 1974, the Gophers won the Big Ten title and hosted the Midwest Regional at Bierman Field where they lost in the finals to Southern Illinois, 4-3. Comer was again named to the All-Big Ten third team.

Comer says his junior year was a disappointment. The team which some had predicted early on would win the Big Ten finished third with a 7-3 record. Comer's senior year the Gophers were 10-4 in league play, getting a share of the Big Ten title and played in the regions losing to Memphis State in the opener, ending his collegiate baseball career.

Baseball was still playing a big part in Comer's life. In the summer of 1976, Coach Siebert received a call from Pete Kramer, a coach at St. Thomas who was a scout for the Texas Rangers. Kramer told Siebert that the Rangers' rookie pitchers were having arm trouble and he needed to add to his bullpen. Siebert called Joe Kline, the Farm Director of the Rangers, and gave him Comer's name. Kline invited him to try out.

In July of 1976, Comer showed "his stuff" to the Rangers' Kline and Dick Such, who was then their roving pitching instructor for the minor leagues (today Such is the pitching coach for the Twins). They liked what they saw and Comer was signed to

a rookie contract. He went 7-1 and posted a .6 ERA that first year playing out of Sarasota, Florida.

The next spring he went to the minor league training camp for the Texas Rangers and made their Tulsa AA team where he pitched half of the season (7-6 record) before he was promoted to their AAA team in Tucson where he went 6-4. The next year, 1978, he was invited to the Texas Rangers major league training camp as a "non-rostered invitee" and made the team. His rookie year he was 11-5 and was named the Texas Ranger Rookie of the Year. In 1979 he was 17-12 and tied with Jack Morris and Dennis Eckersley as the winningest righthanders in

the American League. He hurt his shoulder in 1980 and sat out most of the season. The next year he went 8-2 and was named Texas Rangers Pitcher of the Year.

In 1983, his last of five years with the Rangers, he went 1-6 and was released. He played with other teams that year ending the season with the Philadelphia Phillies on the team that won the National League Championship. In 1984 he signed with the Cleveland Indians and after a 4-8 season went back to playing one last year in the minor leagues before his playing days had ended for good.

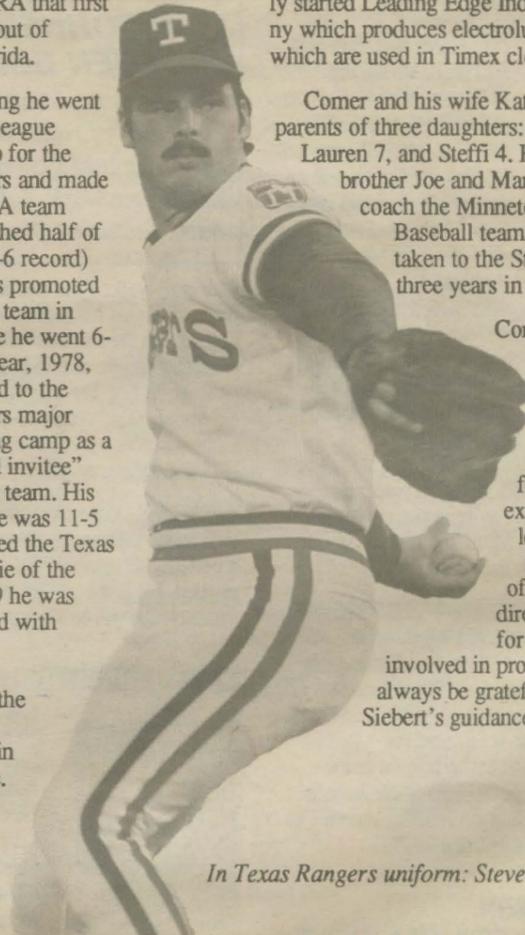
In 1986 he began the next phase of his baseball career as a pitching coach for the Cleveland Indians AAA team, the Maine Guides. In 1987 he started out as pitching coach in the Class A league for Kinston, N. Carolina and half way thru the season was named pitching coach for the Cleveland Indians. He lists Steve Carlton and Phil Niekro as two of his students. He says the first day he was in Cleveland he corrected some of the pitching faults of Carlton who went on to become one of the all-time pitching greats in pro baseball. His final year he was the pitching coach for the Minnesota Twins (their opening year) Class AA team in Orlando, Florida. His professional coaching career ended in 1988.

In 1981 he and a high school friend, Brad LaPointe, started a silk screen printing company called Metro-Mark, and worked part-time until 1988 when he went full time after leaving baseball. Metro-Mark makes labels and decals for a variety of manufacturing

companies. Comer and LaPointe also recently started Leading Edge Industries, a company which produces electroluminescent lamps which are used in Timex clocks and watches.

Comer and his wife Kathy are the parents of three daughters: Maggie 9, Lauren 7, and Steffi 4. He and his brother Joe and Mark McKenzie all coach the Minnetonka High School Baseball team, which they have taken to the State Tournament three years in a row.

Comer says, "Dick Siebert changed the course of my life. He took a young kid and gave me four years of experience at college. That started me out on the rest of my life. He was directly responsible for getting me involved in pro baseball. I will always be grateful for Dick Siebert's guidance and friendship."



In Texas Rangers uniform: Steve Comer 1982



The Comer Family—1995 L to R: Stephanie 4, Steve, Maggie 9, Kathy and Lauren 6

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

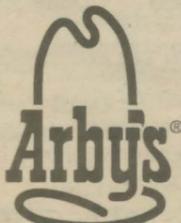


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## SHANE GUNDERSON



(Sr., C1/B, R/R, 6-0, 200, Fairbault, Minn.) has been named an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for leading the Gophers in an incredible weekend series over Michigan State winning 7-0 and 14-2 on the final day. In the first game of their doubleheader which at that point in the season moved the Gophers into first place in the Big Ten, Gunderson was 7-for-13 with five doubles and 13 RBI. He led the baseball team in numerous categories this past season, including a .389 average, runs scored (55), home runs (13), RBI (65), hits (75), total bases (138), stolen bases (19), slugging percentage (.715), walks (34), and on-base percentage (.475). The Fairbault, Minn. native had 27 multiple-hit games on the season.

Gunderson, the son of Ron and Linda Mitchell, was also named a third-team All-America selection by Collegiate Baseball magazine. He also was a first-team All-Big Ten selection, named Big Ten Player of the week, co-MVP of the Big Ten regular season, and co-MVP of the Big Ten Tournament where he hit home runs in every game. His 39 RBI in conference action tied the single-season Big Ten record set by Jamie Taylor of Ohio State in 1991.

## JUSTIN PEDERSON



(RHP, R/R, 6-1, 160, JR., Chippewa Falls, Wis.) IS AN E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his four-hit shutout performance in the first game of a doubleheader against Michigan State in which the Gophers won, 7-0.

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Pederson walked just one and fanned eight in the win. It was his second win of three this past season. On the season, Pederson was 5-4 overall, 4 saves, and 46 strikeouts in 44 innings pitched. In Big Ten play he was 3-2 with a 4.05 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 26.2 innings pitched. Opponents hit only .244 against him overall and .243 in conference action.

Last season Pederson stepped in and performed well when injuries hit the pitching staff, posting a perfect 5-0 record and 4.37 ERA in 35 innings pitched. He is the son of Stephen and Jackie Pederson and will be 21 years old on September 21.

## CHRIS BRINKWORTH



(SR., SHOT/DISCUS, Bloomington, Minn.) becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his performances in the Big Ten Outdoor Championship and Drake Relays. In the Big Ten meet, Brinkworth took

the shot put with a winning toss of 61-3 and finished second in the discus, missing the gold medal with a toss that was just two centimeters short of the winner's toss of 178-10. In the Drake Relays Brinkworth became the first Golden Gopher thrower ever to win both the shot and discus events. He won the discus with a throw of 183-11 and the shot put with a toss

of 58-6 3/4. He was the first Gopher to win the Drake Relays discus event since Bryl Thompson won with a throw of 158-6 1/8 in 1950.

Brinkworth, the son of Robert and Connie Brinkworth, was the team's co-captain this past season.

## ROB SMITH



(IF, R/R, 6-1, 195, SR., Menomonie, Wis.) was named an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his phenomenal play in a weekend series against the Michigan Wolverines. Smith was

8-for-22 with two home runs, two doubles, and 10 RBI. He singled home the winning run with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning leading the Gophers to a 5-4 win. In the other game, he was responsible for breaking a 2-2 deadlock in the bottom of the third inning with a three-run home run to left field into a stiff wind which put the Gophers on the road to a 5-2 victory. That wasn't all! He also made two great defensive plays in the field in the first game, saving Michigan runs on both occasions. In the overall four-game series, Smith was 5—for 12 with seven RBI.

For the season, Smith hit .318 overall (third on the team) with 8 home runs and 35 RBI. He was second on the team with nine multiple-RBI games, tied for third on the team with 11 multiple-hit games, and committed just one error at first base (.991 fielding percentage).

Smith, the son of Jim and Colleen Smith, was a member of the Gopher football team in 1991 and 1992. Last year he "got noticed" as he slammed his first collegiate hit and drove in three runs as the Gophers defeated Creighton on March 30, 9-1.



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## BARNEY AND HALVERSON LED GOLFERS IN BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP; TEAM FINISHES 14TH AT NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL

The Golfers of the Maroon and Gold, led by freshman Jeff Barney of Appleton, Minn. and sophomore Mark Halverson of Fargo, N. D., climbed over four teams on the final round to finish sixth at the Big Ten Championship in Madison, Wis. Minnesota fired a team score of 290 on the final round to finish at 1,206 and climbed over Indiana (1,222), Penn State (1,212), host Wisconsin (1,210) and Iowa (1,207) on the final day. Ohio State won the Tournament with a score of 1,175, 22 strokes ahead of Purdue at 1197. Michigan finished third at 1,200, Northwestern was fourth at 1,202, and Illinois was fifth at 1,203.

Barney and Halverson both finished 20th overall with scores of 302, followed by junior Aaron Barber of New London, Minn., and senior Mark Hanson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were 25th with a score of

303. Barber was honored with All-Big Ten honors for his efforts throughout the season.

Minnesota ended its season with a 14th place finish at the NCAA Regional. Jon Kelly led the Gophers with a score of 220 (28th), followed by Aaron Barber (36th). Mark Hanson and Jeff Barney were at 228 (77th) while Mark Halverson rounded out the scoring with a 235 (100th).

For the season, Barber finished as the team leader in stroke average with a 74.575 mark in 40 rounds. He narrowly beat out Hanson who had a 74.578 mark in 38 rounds. Kelly was next at 74.9 in 40 rounds, followed by Halverson at 76.6 in 40 rounds, and Barney at 77.1 in 37 rounds. Kelly led the team with three sub-70 rounds, while Barber, Kelly and Brink were all tied with the low round of the year at 68.

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### MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCILMAN DENNIS SCHULSTAD

Pam, my wife of 25 years, was raised in Pasadena. On our first date, I took her to the Gopher vs. USC football game. We wagered a steak dinner, she supporting USC and their running back O. J. Simpson and me thinking the big strong Minnesota defensive line would shut him down. For three and a half quarters I was right, but Simpson won the game with a last minute run up the middle. I lost the bet, but converted her into a Gopher fan. Since then we have attended nearly every home game. As each season begins, I assure her we'll be in Pasadena for the Rose Bowl. She's beginning to doubt me, but optimism always runs strong and we'll be there with our friends cheering for the Maroon and Gold and enjoying every minute of the game.

Dennis Schulstad has been a member of the Minneapolis City 12 Council since 1976. He represents Ward which covers the Lake Nokomis/Minnehaha Falls area and is the only Republican on the City Council. Councilman Schulstad is also a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force Reserve.

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE WES SKOGLUND



My best memories of the Gophers are in the days before the big league pro teams came. I remember the enthusiasm before the Rose Bowl games and cars driving around with roses (probably made of plastic) attached to the antennas and door handles.

It's nice to have teams that fans can be loyal to for life. Teams that don't have to be bribed to stay. There will never be a Texas Gopher hockey team or a Los Angeles Gopher basketball team. I feel fortunate to live in a state with a quality school like the University and to have teams that I can root for forever.

Wes Skoglund, State Representative, District 62B, represents a portion of south Minneapolis. Rep. Skoglund is the chairman of the Minnesota House Judiciary Committee.

### STATE SENATOR JIM METZEN



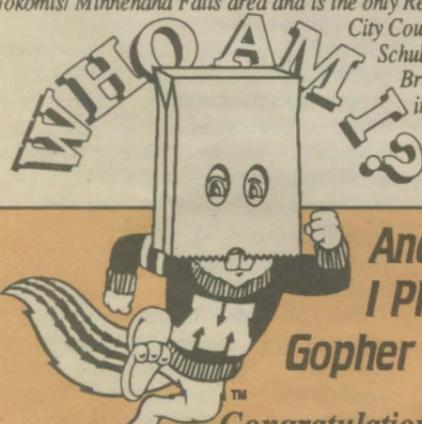
When I think of Golden Gopher sports, my memories go back a long way. I remember my father taking me to Gopher football and hockey games when I was just a kid- and I remember what a thrill it was. From that point on and to this day, University

of Minnesota sports has remained important to me.

Throughout my life, there have been many ties to the University, but perhaps the strongest tie in the last few years has been my lifelong friend-Gopher Hockey Coach, Doug Woog. We grew up together in South St. Paul, we both still live in South St. Paul and we have remained friends for life. Believe it or not, Doug and I were teammates as young boys when we both played for the South St. Paul hockey team. As South St. Paul's goalie, I dreamed of having an opportunity to play for the Gophers and was lucky enough to do so for a few years. As you can probably tell, I'm not only a big fan of Gopher hockey, but I am a big fan of Doug Woog's- who I think has done a tremendous job for the University's hockey program. I haven't missed many hockey games since Doug started coaching the U's hockey team eight years ago and look forward to next year's season already.

The Golden Gopher tradition here in Minnesota is strong and proud. Whether the action is at center ice, center field, or center court, Golden Gopher athletics is always exciting and has always been important to me. We have great coaches, players, fans, and alumni and all together that has made for one fine tradition at the University of Minnesota. I'm proud to be a Golden Gopher fan.

Jim Metzen is a Minnesota State Senator representing Senate District 39 which includes West St. Paul, South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights and Sunfish Lake.



### And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Congratulations to Greg Jurkovich of Aurora, MN, a "Who Am I?" Winner

I went to Nashwauk-Keewatin High School on Minnesota's Iron Range where I was a pitcher on the high school baseball team. I enrolled at Minnesota the following year and became a pitcher for Dick Siebert's Gopher baseball team. An arm injury ended my playing days but I maintained my association with the program as a student coach and was voted the MVP of the Golden Gophers' 1977 squad.



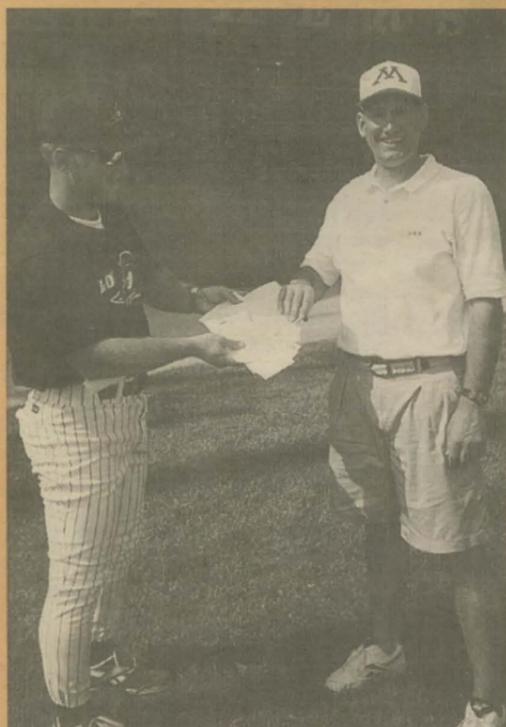
John Anderson

I began my coaching career as an assistant under Siebert in 1978, then served three seasons as an assistant to George Thomas (after Siebert's death). In the fall of 1981 I became the head varsity baseball coach—at the age of 26, making me the youngest baseball coach in Big Ten history.

I am now in my 14th season as head coach and my record looks like this: 43 wins in 1993—7 NCAA post-season appearances since 1982. In my 13 seasons as head coach, I've compiled the following record: 469-291.

My teams have won Conference titles in 1981, 1985, 1988 and 1992. We have had 21 NCAA tournament appearances (fourth consecutive) and third straight 40-win season while ending last season ranked 25th in the nation by Baseball America.

In 1982 I was honored as the Big Ten Coach of the Year.



Greg Olson, former Gopher basketball great and currently the manager of the Minneapolis Loons baseball team, holding the stack of cards and letters from which John Anderson picked the winner.

I grew up in South St. Paul and played a lot of my sports in the neighborhood. At South St. Paul High School I played football and hockey learning all-state honors as a tailback in football my senior year and was all-state three out of four years in hockey. Our South St. Paul Packers team played in four consecutive state tournaments with our best campaign coming in 1961 when we reached the state title game only to lose 1-0 to Roseau.

I played hockey for the Gophers under that great coach, John Mariucci. Our best season came in 1964-65 when I led our team in scoring with 26 goals and 21 assists in 29 games. I ended the year third in scoring in the WCHA with 33 points in 18 league games and in the process gained first team All-America honors.

After leaving the U of M I played on the 1967 U. S. National Hockey Team and the following season was a member of the U. S. Olympic "B" team.

In 1968 I started teaching at Hopkins West Junior High School and also coached football and hockey at the junior high level. In the fall of 1968 I moved back home to South St. Paul High School where I became the head soccer coach and assisted with JV hockey and junior high baseball. My soccer teams won six conference championships and were twice runner-up for the state AA championship.

From 1971 through 1977 I coached the St. Paul Vulcans and the Minnesota Junior Stars. We made it to league playoff and national championships twice at each level. In 1978 I became the head varsity hockey coach at South St. Paul High School where I stayed until 1983. My teams won two conference trophies and reached the State Tournament four times. In 1984 I served as a special assistant coach for the U. S. Olympic Team and the following year I became the head coach for the U. S. National Junior team. In the mid '80s I took on a new college coaching assignment and led my first team to a school-record 35 wins and a spot among the nation's final four at Providence, RI. We finished with the third place trophy and posted a winning percentage of .729, the third best ever posted among previous coaches at this major University. I've had a great career in this position and have coached some of the finest hockey players in the country. I have accomplished a lot and the future looks bright. There's much more I could say but I don't want to make this too easy. Good Luck—

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linebackers and defensive backs, this aspect of summer is vital for the team's success next season. "Coaches can be the greatest in the world and players can be in great shape, but if we don't throw and catch the ball, it's tough to win games," says Yoxall. "When things get tough, some guys think that we're the only school doing this. Most schools in the Big Ten are doing similar things. We're not the only ones."

Yoxall says he "demands" that "guys have to push themselves when they are tired and have the discipline to do extra." He adds, "Not making this sacrifice will make us 3-8. This is the last go around for the seniors. They have to do what they can to be the best they can be and have a successful season."

### LOEL FINISHES TENNIS SEASON WITH 32-6 RECORD

Ross Loel, the Big Ten Player of the Year and a standout for John Means' tennis team all year, finished the season with an impressive 32-6 record. He closed out the season with a loss in the first round of the NCAA Championships losing to the 15th seed Chris Pressley of Duke 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2.

Loel finished the season ranked 61st in the country and the top ranked player in the

Big Ten Conference. He made the incredible jump this past season from the No. 4 singles position to the top singles spot. Earlier in the spring, he won the Big Ten Singles Championship.

Loel is the only player in the history of Golden Gopher tennis to be a member of a Big Ten Championship team in each of his four years.

## Seen at the "M" Club's Annual Dinner:



L to R: Assistant football Coach Kevin Sumlin, senior wrestler (Heavyweight) Billy Pierce, former "M" Club President and sprint star of the 60s, Len Levine, and new U of M VP and former Director of Men's Athletics, Dr. McKinley Boston



L to R: Assistant Head Wrestling Coach Dave Grant, Head Coach J Robinson, Alan Rice, former Gopher wrestling great, who coached J Robinson in 1972 and recent Gopher wrestling two-time All American, Tim Harris



L to R: Senior running back and Heisman candidate, Chris Darkins, Assistant Director of Men's Athletics Mark Dienhart, and Head Football Coach Jim Wacker

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was struggling financially and turned it into a major success.

When Boston took over the program four years ago, the men's athletic department was \$2 million in debt. For the past three years, he has guided the department through three straight years with a balanced budget of close to \$15 million.

In fundraising, he gets more high marks. When he took over the program, his predecessor was raising about \$800,000 annually. This year the athletic department, under Boston's leadership, will raise \$3.2 million.

He points with pride to the academic performance of all men's teams. In each quarter since he became athletic director, academic performance has risen to last spring's cumulative GPA of 2.83, an all-time high.

Boston, 49, and a former Gophers All-Big Ten First Team football player in the late 1960s, can take pride in the competitiveness of all the teams and their ranking in the Big Ten overall standings.

In the last three out of four years, the Gopher men's teams finished second to Michigan in overall sport accomplishment.

Boston says "the environment for the student athletes, both in and outside the University, has been a healthy one. It shows that the people are feeling good about the program as evidenced by their financial support and general community cooperation. Nationally, the program is being recognized as being in the forefront of integrating student development as part of the overall management philosophy of the athletic program."

As Boston assumes his new post he gives credit to his athletic department staff. "The people that I have worked with in the athletic department have made all the difference. We've got outstanding coaches, outstanding administrators and just very excellent support people. Collectively they have provided me with the kind of efforts that I have been extremely proud of and while I have challenged and led them they have responded in an extraordinary manner."

## 24 OF LAST YEAR'S LEADING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS WILL WEAR MAROON AND GOLD THIS FALL

Jim Wacker, Minnesota's Head Football Coach, is all smiles when he talks about the 24 new student-athletes who will enroll in Minnesota this fall and wear the Maroon and Gold as members of the football team. They will join what many observers are calling one of the best football teams to take the field for the Gophers in many years. The 24 former prep standouts, who hail from across the country, include: Eight from Minnesota, six from Texas, three from Wisconsin, two each from California, Michigan and Ohio, and one from Florida. Included in the group are six defensive backs, five defensive linemen, three quarterbacks, three receivers, three offensive linemen, two running backs and two linebackers.

"We had some specific areas that we wanted to fill, but at the same time we wanted to have a complete group that filled all positions on both sides of the ball," Wacker said. "I feel as though we accomplished that goal with some outstanding student-athletes. This will be our third full recruiting class here at Minnesota and it ranks favorably with last year's excellent class."

### The New Faces:

**Michael Barrett, 5-11, 165, DB, Arlington, Texas**—A *Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star Telegram* Top 100 recruit.

**Luke Braaten, 6-4, 215, LB, Litchfield, Minn.**—Registered 76 tackles and an interception on defense and rushed for 701 yards on 128 carries, had 14 receptions for 220 yards and scored four touchdowns his senior year.

**Quincy Brooks, 5-11, 174, DB, Austin, Texas**—Two-year starter who helped lead the school to the '94 district football crown. He has great speed and was a member of the school's 4x400 meter relay which placed third at the '94 state meet.

**Ansel Carter, 6-0, 165, DB, Converse, Texas**—Honored as the '94 San Antonio Prep Defensive Player of the Year. Second-team all-state choice as a senior when he registered 10 interceptions and returned two of those for touchdowns. In his three years as a starter he registered 336 career tackles.

**Tyrone Carter, 6-5, 225, DE, Pompano Beach, Fla.**—Sun Sentinel all-county defensive first team choice as a senior when he registered four interceptions and had 67 tackles. Miami Herald all-county offensive first team selection as a running back when he rushed for 1,349 yards and scored an amazing 23 touchdowns during his senior year. He was nicknamed "Touchdown Tyrone."

**Mike Cernoch, 6-5, 225, DE, Burnsville, Minn.**—*Pioneer Press* and *Star Tribune* all-state selection as a senior when he registered 56 tackles, five sacks and eight hurries.

**Billy Cockerham, 6-2, 206, QB, Oakland, Calif.**—First-team all-Bay Area selection as a senior. He scored nine touchdowns rushing, registered 18 touchdown passes and threw for 1,500 yards with only four interceptions during his senior season.

**Thomas Hamner, 6-1, 175, RB, Hamilton, Ohio**—First-team all-region and all-state selection as a senior when he rushed for 970 yards, had 320 yards receiving out of the backfield and scored a total of 14 touchdowns. He has run the 100 meters in a very fast 10.8 seconds.

**Alex Hass, 6-6, 220, TE, St. Peter, Minn.**—*Star Tribune* all state selection as a senior when he had 29 receptions for 420 yards and scored four touchdowns.

**Pat Hau, 6-5, 300, OT, Edina, Minn.**—*Pioneer Press* and *Star Tribune* first-team all-state choice as a senior who played on both sides of the ball for the Homets.

**Kris Hoffarth, 6-5, 290, OT, St. Paul, Minn.**—Collected all-state, all-city and all conference honors as a senior who collect-

ed numerous letters in basketball and track also.

**Jon Michals, 6-1, 165, DB, Oak Creek, Wis.**—Ranked as the seventh best collegiate prospect in the state by the *Milwaukee Journal*.

**Mari Moore, 6-1, 165, DB, Converse, Texas**—Member of the school's '92 and '93 Texas 5A state championship teams and the '94 state semifinalist. He has run the 100 meters in a blazing 10.67 seconds.

**Jason Murdock, 6-3, 225, QB, Merced, Calif.**—All central Valley Conference selection and team offensive MVP last fall for Merced College when he completed 130 of 220 pass attempts (.591 completion percentage) for 1,900 yards and 21 touchdowns. He was honored as the team's offensive MVP as he had just seven interceptions. He will be eligible to participate in '95 spring practice and will have two seasons of eligibility remaining.

**Nate Pearson, 6-2, 205, LB, Hutchinson, Minn.**—WCCO all state choice in '94 who also collected *Star Tribune* all-metro honors during his final prep campaign. He registered 921 yards rushing, 419 yards receiving and scored 15 touchdowns on offense. He had six interceptions and returned two of those for touchdowns on defense.

**Josh Rawlings, 6-5, 262, DT, Port Huron, Mich.**—Named one of the top 25 players in Michigan by the *Detroit Free Press*. He was an outstanding performer on the school's basketball and track teams as well and was a state qualifier in the shot put.

**Fred Rodgers, 5-10, 165, DB, Hamilton, Ohio**—First-team all-region and second-team all-state selection as a senior. He set a school record with 11 career interceptions. He had 860 return yards and scored four touchdowns as a senior. This three-sport star has turned in a lighting fast 10.5 in the 100 meters.

**Dyron Russ, 6-2, 266, DT, Oak Creek, Wis.**—First-team all-conference selection and an honorable mention all-state choice as a senior. He was impressive as a two-way performer who averaged 5.1 yards rushing at halfback and scored 56 points during his final prep season.

**Tony Vann, 6-4, 190, WR, Detroit, Mich.**—First-team all-metro and all-city selection as a senior who collected honorable mention all-state honors. He had 40 receptions for 640 yards and scored nine touchdowns last fall. He is another speedster who has run a 47.4 in the 400 meters and 21.4 in the 200 meters.

**Theron Von Behren, 6-5, 240, DE, South St. Paul, Minn.**—All-metro, all-conference and honorable mention all-state selection as a senior. He had 17 receptions for 274 yards and scored five touchdowns on the offensive side of the ball.

**Verdis Webb III, 5-8, 192, RB, St. Paul, Minn.**—Two-time all-city and all-conference selection for the Cretin Raiders who rushed for over 4,000 yards and scored 51 touchdowns during his prep career. He averaged an impressive 7.3 yards per carry.

**Spergon Wynn III, 6-4, 205, QB, Bellaire, Texas**—Registered 917 yards passing, 300 yards rushing and scored eight touchdowns as a senior en route to capturing all-conference honors. He threw for 1,401 yards, rushed for 200 yards and tallied 10 touchdowns as a junior.

**Jimmy Wyrick, 5-9, 165, SB, De Soto, Texas**—*Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star Telegram* Top 100 recruit who had 45 receptions during his final two prep seasons. He averaged 12 yards per catch and had three touchdowns receiving in '94. He also returned three punts for touchdowns.

**Jason Zander, 6-5, 260, OG, Sun Prairie, Wis.**—Collected all-state honors as a senior and was a two-time all-area and all-conference selection.

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Gophers gymnast Brian Yee, swimmer Kenji Sudoh and football player Chris Fowlkes are this year's winners of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar award. The award honors student-athletes of color who exemplify scholarship, athletic talent and community participation. Yee is a psychology and speech communications major with a cumulative GPA of 3.23. Fowlkes, a philosophy major with a cumulative GPA of 3.39, plans to attend the University of Minnesota Law School this fall. Sudoh is a chemistry/pre-med major with a cumulative GPA of 3.11.

**HOCKEY PLAYER HELPS GOLF  
TEAM FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR**

For the third consecutive year, a letterman from the Gopher hockey team has given the golf team a boost down the stretch. For the past two years it was Jeff Nielsen, who is now playing hockey in the New York Rangers farm system. This year, Andy Brink joined the golf team after a very successful hockey season. Brink, a two-sport standout at Bemidji High School, came to Minnesota to play golf and was redshirted his freshman year when the hockey itch hit him. Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog gave Brink a tryout and he made the most of it, lettering three straight years. Following the hockey season this year, Brink asked Head Golf Coach John Means if he could tryout for the golf squad. Brink beat freshman Jeff Barney (Fr., Appleton, Minn.) in a four-round qualifying match which then allowed him to compete. He responded with a 10th place finish in the match and carded the second lowest round of the tournament (68) on the final day.

**MULTI-EVENT TRACK STAR WILL  
COMPETE FOR MINNESOTA**

The men's track and field Gophers will have Vesa Rantanen of Virrat, Finland, a multi-event athlete, competing for them next season. Rantanen recently signed a national letter of intent. He won the 1993 Finnish 18-and-under



indoor heptathlon and ranks 10th in the world among juniors in the pole vault with a personal best of 17-4 1/2. He also has high jumped 7-1.

**THREE FOOTBALL GOPHERS TO  
PLAY PROFESSIONAL**

Three key players from the 1994 University of Minnesota football season have signed to play professionally next year. Quarterback Tim Schade, defensive tackle Ed Hawthorne, and slot-back Chuck Rios should all have good chances of making their respective teams. Schade, who was rated as high as the 15th best quarterback available in the NFL draft, signed as a free agent with the Cleveland Browns. Hawthorne, Minnesota's all-time leader in tackles-for-loss, signed as a free agent with the Miami Dolphins. And taking a slightly different route, Rios, Minnesota's all-time leading receiver, signed with Hamilton of the Canadian Football League.

**BOB JOHNSON SET PERSONAL  
RECORDS EACH TIME HE RAN IN  
RELAY MEETS**

Senior trackman Bob Johnson set a personal record (PR) each time he went on the track this season. His first PR came at the Alabama Relays in March when he clocked a 1:53.13 in the 800-meter run. At the John Jacobs Invitational on April 15 he set a new best time in the 800 with a 1:52.08. His 1500-meter personal was lowered at the Veisha Invitational on April 22 when he ran a 3:56.2. His personal-record setting year continued at the Jessie Owens Classic when he cut more than a second off his 800 personal best running a 1:51.00. Johnson was an integral part of the 4x800 meter relay team as well. During their fifth place effort at the Drake Relays, the senior blazed a 1:50 split-time.



Roy Griak says thanks and good by to fans attending the Big Ten Track & Field Championship

**GRIAK ENDS 32 YEARS OF  
COACHING TRACK IN THE BIG TEN**

Head Track and Field Coach Roy Griak led the Gopher Track & Field team for his 32nd and final Big Ten Track & Field Championships on May 21-22. Retiring after over three decades, the "Dean of Big Ten Coaches" has coached 43 All-Americans in cross country and track & field, including three national champs. He will remain as the head coach of the Minnesota Cross Country team. We wish Coach Griak the best of luck in the future and THANK HIM FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

**SENIORS SAY FAREWELL IN STYLE**

Five Gopher baseball seniors said farewell in style against Michigan State in their last Big Ten regular season game played at Siebert Field. Left-hander Andy Hammerschmidt was the winning pitcher in the first game of the weekend series, scattering eight hits while walking no one and fanning four. Wes Denning, Tony Bender, Shane McCarthy and Mark Vandersall combined to go 12-for-29 (.414) with 12 RBI and 11 runs scored in the following day's twinbill sweep. Denning, who was 5-for-8 with four RBI, scored 10 runs in the four-game series.

**FIVE PREP SWIMMERS SIGN  
LETTERS OF INTENT**

Gophers Head Swimming Coach Dennis Dale is all smiles these days since the recent signing of letters of intent by five high school swim stars. Bob Hayes, a native of Scarborough, Ontario, heads the list of signees. He was second at the Canadian Short Course Senior Nationals this past March in the 100 back and the 200 back, a national finalist in the 100 back, the 200 back, and 100 free. Jeff Miller is another top recruit who hails from Central High School in Brookfield, Wis. He was second in the 200 IM as well as the 500 free at the Wisconsin state championships. Damon Williams from Berkeley, Calif., is also on the list. He is a junior national qualifier in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and is considered one of the top high school swimmers in California. Dale also signed two great local swimmers: Jeremy Witikko, from Hastings, who was the state champ in the 100 freestyle in

**BASEBALL TEAM LOSES  
IN CHAMPIONSHIP OF  
BIG TEN TOURNAMENT**

The Gophers baseball team saw the curtain drop on the 1995 season and their NCAA Tournament hopes vanish when they lost a pair of games to Ohio State in the championship of the Big Ten Tournament by the scores of 19-13 and 11-6.

The Gophers were spectacular in defeat as they hit .387 with 16 home runs during the Tournament (65-for-168). Leading the way was catcher Shane Gunderson who was 10-for-20 (.500) with a home run in each game, a double, a triple, and nine RBI. Left fielder Shane McCarthy closed out his career with an 8-for-18 effort (.444) with four doubles and two round-trippers on the weekend. Second baseman Bob Keeney was 7-for-21 (.333) with six RBI, three doubles, and two home runs, while first baseman Rob Smith finished the tournament 8-for-19 (.421) with three homers and four RBI.

Gunderson, McCarthy, Smith and center-fielder Wes Denning were all honored on the all-tournament squad. Gunderson, along with Ohio State's Scott Kaczmar, were named co-MVP's of the tournament.

March. He was also the state runner-up in the 200 freestyle. Gavin Thorton, of Apple Valley, placed second in the 200 IM and 100 fly at the state championships. Add this list of five to the two previous signees, Bloomington Jefferson's Martin Zielinski and John Cahoy, from Hudson (Wis.) High School, and you can see why Dale is excited. Zielinski is ranked No. 1 in the nation in the 100 butterfly and third in the 100 backstroke while Cahoy is ranked No. 3 nationally in the 100 freestyle and fourth in the 200 freestyle.

**MOOSE JUNCTION CLOTHING IS  
HOT ITEM**

One of the newest and hottest clothing lines to hit the stores in several years has a connection to the University of Minnesota. Moose Junction Clothing Company is a small company whose management team, consisting of local men and women who make their decisions over lunch in an informal setting, has produced a variety of outer wear such as shirts, sweaters, caps, etc. The clothing line is on sale at Nordstroms in the Mall of America and at a kiosk near Macy's, also in the Mall. Every time a purchase of Moose Junction Clothing is made, a portion of the profit is given to the University of Minnesota Children's Cancer Research Fund.

**ANDERSON GETS 200TH CAREER  
BIG TEN WIN**

Head baseball coach John Anderson notched his 200th career Big Ten victory as skipper of the Golden Gopher baseball team on May 6 with a doubleheader sweep of Michigan State. He became only the second active Big Ten coach to accomplish that feat. He also earned his 500th career win in grand style with Minnesota's lopsided 26-3 win over Purdue. In his 14 seasons at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Anderson is now 500-319-3 (.610).

**PITCHERS GET SHUTOUT RECORD**

The Gophers' pitching staff had five shutouts in Big Ten action this season which tied the most Minnesota has had in the Big Ten Conference in a single season. The last time the Maroon and Gold fired six shutouts in the Big Ten was in 1988.

**SCHOLAR-ATHLETES HONORED**

There were 117 men honored at the sixth annual Scholar-Athletes Awards reception which combined with the women's honorees (105) established a new school record.

To be honored, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better and be a member of an athletic team.

The men's (and women's) athletic department also recognized the five students with the highest grade-point averages with a Top Five Award. Only students in at least their third year were eligible for the award.

Men's Top Five Award winners: Matt Burns of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jason Rathe of Maple Grove and Clint Schmidt of Fargo, N. D., all seniors, and juniors Neal Janquart of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Bernie Zeruhn of Hamburg, Germany.

Burns (3.90 GPA) and Janquart (3.80 GPA) were members of the track and field team and Rathe (3.83) was on both the track and cross country teams. Zeruhn (3.90 GPA) was a member of the swimming team, and Schmidt (3.98) played football until his career was cut short by an injury.

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## A GREAT BEGINNING; THIS COULD BE THE YEAR!

You had to see the Gophers totally dominate Ball State in the football opener to really appreciate just how good this Jim Wacker coached team is. From the opening kickoff it was clear Minnesota will be a team to be reckoned with in the Big Ten Conference.

Before a crowd of close to 50,000 screaming fans in the Metrodome, which was rocking all night, the Gophers were impressive in all departments as they defeated Ball State 31-7. The defense was first to shine holding Ball State in their initial drive and going to 12 seconds left in the game before Ball State scored. As it was, Ball State only made 176 yards on offense.

Quarterback Cory Sauter completed 17 of 31 passing attempts for 260 yards and three touchdowns, all to wide receiver Ryan Thelwell (Sauter and Thelwell are named E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETES OF THE MONTH—see inside). There were no fumbles, no botched handoffs, no interceptions and in fact, the Gophers didn't commit a single turnover. Overall, it was a solid Gophers team that was on the field and it is clear from this performance, this could be the start of one of the best seasons in Golden Gopher football history.

As we go to press the Gophers are on their way to Syracuse and will be back in the Dome the following week against Arkansas State. This win over Ball State was truly a team victory.

Coach Jim Wacker has reason to smile now

Mike Chalberg is one of the best placekickers in the country. In the Ball State game he kicked a 42-yard field goal and four extra points. Last season he finished third in the Big Ten in kick scoring and sixth in overall scoring by connecting on 17 of 23 field goals attempts and 25 of 26 extra point attempts.

because of the play in the Ball State game and because he says his roster is well balanced with a nice blend of tested veterans and a talented and experienced crew of underclassmen.



Chris Darkins

A total of 38 letterwinners, including 32 that were listed on the two-deep for the '94 season finale against Iowa, have returned this fall. A closer look reveals that 21 of those 32 on the two-deep versus the Hawkeyes were either freshmen or sophomores last year. The results of the Ball State game shows that this group should be even more productive this season.

Also for the first time in many years, maybe in the school's history, the Gophers will have speed, real speed. Wacker says, "Improving the speed and quickness of our football team has been a top priority from day one. We've come a long way, that's for sure."

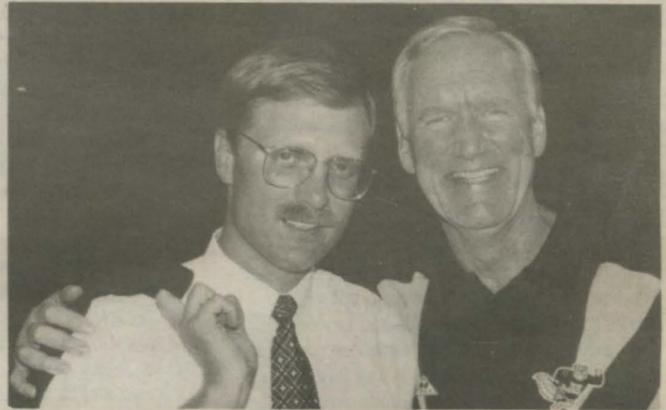
As the season develops, Gopher fans can look for these players to do more of what they did in the Ball State game: Leading the way for the Gophers will be Darkins. He is one of only two '94 Doak Walker Award finalists returning this season and is a true All-America candidate who finished the '94 season ranked third in the Big Ten and seventh in the country in rushing with an average of 131.2 yards per game.

He tied for second in the league and sixth in the country in all-purpose yardage with an average of 158.4 yards per

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## MARK DIENHART TAKES OVER AS MEN'S DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS; HE STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUCCESS IN ALL 11 SPORTS

Mark Dienhart, 41, has taken over as the Director of Men's Athletics at the University of Minnesota from the person who made his selection, Dr. McKinley Boston, former Director and now Vice President for Student Development and Athletics.



Mark Dienhart with head football coach Jim Wacker

Shortly after assuming his new position, Dienhart told Sportsnews that he hopes the University of Minnesota will "continue to be among the top programs in the conference in overall athletic success and will ultimately be able to be the top in the Big Ten all-sports standings for men once our football team comes of age." He said that finding answers that will return the University of Minnesota to prominence within the Big Ten and nationally in football is important, but he made it clear that it is equally important for the University of Minnesota "to be successful in all of our 11 sports."

Dienhart says, "We have an important role in representing this institution and reflecting its quality. We do that in all of our sports, not just in football." He says it will be his "responsibility to make sure we are providing the very best educational experience for our student-athletes in gymnastics, swimming and tennis as well as football, basketball and hockey."

Dienhart, a lifelong Minnesotan, came to the U of M in 1990 after 15 years in a variety of capacities at the University of St. Thomas, including executive director of public and alumni affairs, head football coach and head men's track and field coach. He has a bachelor's degree from St. Thomas in philosophy, master's degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota and doctorate degree in higher education which he earned in 1988, also from the University of Minnesota. In 1989 he was awarded a Bush Leadership Fellowship for post-doctoral work at both Harvard and Stanford. In 1975 he was drafted and played briefly for the Buffalo Bills of the NFL.

Among Dienhart's biggest boosters throughout the selection process was Dr. McKinley Boston,

who preceded Dienhart in the position and who made the final selection in his new position as Vice President. "I kept an open mind throughout the process and was pleased when Mark's name was given to me. His work, over the past three years, has been high quality. What really makes me excited is that this appointment maintains the continuity of a successful program," said Boston.

Boston was referring to Dienhart's work in assisting him in balancing the budget in each of the last three years which significantly reduced a \$2 million deficit. In addition, under their leadership, the men's program placed second in the Big Ten men's all-sports standings three of the last four years. Dienhart served as media relations director for the 1991 NCAA Basketball First and Second Rounds and the 1992 Final Four.

Dienhart brings more than just administrative experience to his new position. As a football coach at St. Thomas, his teams ranked in the nation's top 20 each year and amassed a record of 44-14-1, ranking him among the top 10 active NCAA Division III coaches in the nation in winning percentage (.758). Dienhart has to his coaching credit four consensus all-American football players and two players who successfully competed for NFL teams.

Track and field boosters are especially pleased with Dienhart's appointment. As the head Tommies coach in 1983 he led them to their first conference track and field title in 30 years. His teams successfully defended that title each of the next three seasons. His 1985 team won the NCAA indoor championship and finished third in the outdoor championship. In all, Dienhart developed 21 All-American Track and Field athletes in his six years as head coach.

Dienhart, a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, and his wife Kate live in St. Paul and are the parents of three daughters: Mary, Alissa and Carolyn.

## CROSS COUNTRY VETERANS BOON, OBLEMAN, MICHALEK LEAD YOUNG SQUAD

It will be a young Golden Gophers Cross Country team this fall with 16 runners that are either freshmen or sophomores on its pre-season 21-man roster, but that won't deter Coach Roy Griak's runners from setting their sights high when the Big Ten Meet is held on October 28.

The youthful runners will be led by senior

Jason Boon and juniors Rick Obleman and Paul Michalek. Boon, a team co-captain in '95, finished 24th at the Big Ten Championships last season and then took a team-leading 26th at the District Four Championships.

Obleman, a two-year letterwinner who is also a team co-captain, paced the team last year

with a 22nd place finish at the Big Ten Championships and then came back with a 39th place showing at the District Four meet. Michalek, 40th at last fall's Big Ten meet, is coming off an outstanding indoor and outdoor track season and is looking to carry that success into cross country.

Look for the following sophomores to give strength to the Gophers: Tony Riter, Kevin Dunbar, Allen Broderius and Pat Markey. They all ran in the '94 Big Ten meet with Riter leading the group with a 41st place finish.

Head Coach Roy Griak, entering his 33rd season at the helm of the program, says this year's recruiting class is one of his finest. Heading the list of newcomers are Brendon O'Brien of Rhinelander (Wis.) High School and Charles McClure of Brookfield (Wis.) Central High School. O'Brien won last year's

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game and set a new single-season school record with 1,443 yards last season en route to collecting All-Big Ten honors.

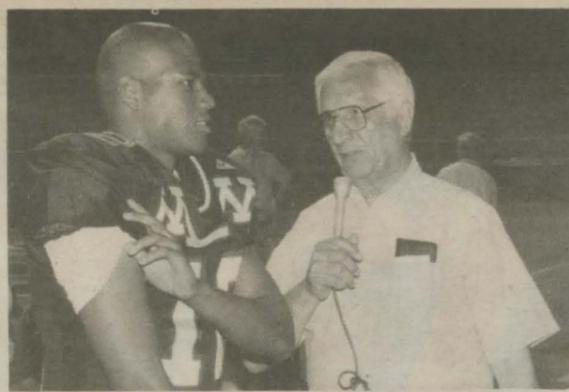
Darkins will be joined by speedsters Javon Jackson (6-0, 187) and Rafael Cooper (5-11, 194) both sophomores who are multi-talented running backs. Jackson gained 208 yards on 41 carries, an average of 5.1 yards per attempt. Cooper had 99 yards on 16 carries for an impressive average of 6.2 yards per attempt. Junior Tommy Watson (6-1, 215) and freshman Byron Evans (5-11, 195) will help provide depth to the position.

Much has been said about the quarterback position since last year and this year Coach Wacker has made it clear he is going with just one starter. He has selected Cory Sauter (6-5, 226) who played in five games last season and completed nine of 21 passes for 80 yards. Sauter has all the makings of a top college quarterback who will be backed up by Jason Murdock (6-3, 228), junior Rob Jones (6-2, 212) and sophomore Dan Moore (6-4, 178).

In the receiving department look for seniors Johnny Woodson (6-2, 180) and Tony Levine (5-10, 198) to carry the Gophers into the end zone. Woodson finished third on the team last season with 28 receptions for 326 yards and Levine (5-10, 198) made 19 catches for 239 yards despite suffering muscle injuries and a broken foot (after setting up the first score in the upset victory over Wisconsin). Woodson and Levine will be backed up by sophomores Ryan Thelwell (6-2, 186), Tutu Atwell (5-9, 165), Greg Nelson (6-2, 206) and redshirt freshman Lee Hutton (5-11, 165).

At tight end, the Gophers have some of the best in the conference in juniors Mark Tangen (6-2, 246), Paul Kratochvil (6-4, 246), and Matt Reem (6-6, 276). On the offensive line it will be a trio of veterans that will lead the way for Minnesota. Senior center Todd Jesewitz (6-5, 290) was a Football News first-team All-Big Ten choice last year and is a team captain this season. Senior left tackle Mike Giovinetti (6-6, 301) and junior right tackle Gann Brooks (6-6, 301) have already begun to turn in outstanding performances.

Providing depth on the left side of the line will be junior guard Chris Bergstrom (6-3, 297), sophomore guard Luke Glime (6-4, 295), redshirt fresh-

**THE PRESS WANTS TO KNOW**

Sid Hartman, well-known Star Tribune sports writer, is seen here interviewing quarterback Billy Cockerham. Cockerham, a 6-2, 206 freshman, is from Clayton, Calif.

man guard Tim Socha (6-6, 315), sophomore tackle Jeff Baldauf (6-6, 306) and redshirt freshman tackle Jim Gail (6-6, 275). Backing up Jesewitz at center will be sophomores Gregg James (6-4, 275) and James Elizondo (6-4, 270). On the right side, senior tackle Chris Fowlkes (6-5, 320) and sophomore guard Luke Herkenhoff (6-5, 284) are the two main returnees to keep an eye on. They are joined by redshirt freshman Jon Albrecht (6-6, 313).

The linebacker position gives the Gophers some real strength on defense. Senior outside linebacker and co-captain Craig Sauer (6-2, 230) finished last season ranked second on the team with 95 tackles, which included a team-leading 11 tackles for losses and three sacks. Another co-captain, outside linebacker Justin Konzemius (6-2, 225) was an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection last fall when he registered a team leading 113 tackles. He was also a first team Academic All-America choice.

Junior Ben Langford (6-2, 220) is the returning starter at middle linebacker. He finished fourth on the team last fall with 78 tackles, including eight tackles for losses. Redshirt freshman Rufus Smith (6-2, 214) and Deon White (6-2, 226) on the outside, and sophomore Dave Watson (6-5, 234) in the middle, will also see extended playing time this season.

The Gophers will have speed, speed, speed. It will probably be most evident in the secondary where junior Rodney Heath (5-10, 170) at right corner, and sophomore Crawford Jordan (5-11, 181), who moved from free to strong safety this season will

patrol the field. Heath had 40 tackles and a team-leading 10 pass breakups last fall, while Jordan ranked third on the team with 85 tackles, including 57 solos. Junior Terrance Blayne (5-11, 188) appeared in all 11 games last season and will see a lot of action this year at left cornerback.

Junior Rishon Early (6-1, 175) is one of the best at free safety in the Big Ten. He played in all 11 games last season and had 35 tackles. Junior Don Williams (6-2, 196) and redshirt freshman Tim Grate (6-0, 194) at strong safety, and junior Jermel Carr (5-10, 190) at free safety, will provide all-important depth. Junior Joe Justice (5-10, 177) is a talented returnee at right cornerback, while redshirt freshman Craig Scruggs (5-9, 170) is a promising newcomer at left cornerback.

Junior right tackle Kevin Holmes (6-2, 287), who played in all 11 games last season, and sophomore left tackle Raymond Baylor (6-2, 280) will both see a lot of action. Look for senior Ralph Green (6-1, 280) at right tackle along with redshirt freshman Antoine Richard (6-4, 266) to bolster up the defensive line. Redshirt freshman Troy Duerr (6-4, 247) should do well at left defensive tackle.

Juniors Jerome Davis (6-5, 270) and Ogun Akbar (6-2, 247) along with sophomore Lamanzer

Williams (6-4, 247), headline the returnees at defensive end and they will be joined by sophomore Mark Cross (6-3, 238) a former linebacker. Akbar will be joined on the left side by senior Peter Hiestand (6-3, 246) and sophomore Tony Aitkin (6-4, 228).

Mike Chalberg (5-11, 170) will be one of the finest placekickers in the country once again this season. He was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award and a second-team All-Big Ten selection last season. He finished third in the Big Ten in kick scoring and sixth in overall scoring by connecting on 17 of 23 field goal attempts and 25 of 26 extra point attempts.

Punting will be handled by senior Garrison Harmann (6-2, 206) and sophomore Ryan Hubbard (6-2, 205). Senior Scott Williams (6-4, 239), who has covered the snapping duties on punts and placekicks since his sophomore year, is known as one of the best long snappers in the country.

In the punt and kick return category, look for Heath and Early to carry the load for the Gophers. Heath finished last season fifth in the Big Ten and 25th in the nation with an average of 9.4 yards per punt return, while Early ranked fourth in the conference with an average of 23.6 yards per kickoff return.

That's a look at this year's Gophers. It's a talented and experienced team. The coaching is among the best in the country. All of the pieces are there for a successful season if the ball bounces the right way.

**REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Syracuse	Sept. 23	11 a.m. CDT	Carrier Dome Syracuse, N.Y.
Arkansas State	Sept. 30	6 p.m. CDT	Metrodome
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Walter McGee  
Stillwater

**GRIAK IS PRAISED**

I've been a track fan of the Gophers going all the way back to the days when Jim Kelly coached Fortune Gordien and the

great team of 1948. I can't say enough about the coaching talent and leadership of Roy Griak who retired last season. We're lucky to have had him and his legacy will not only be the athletes he coached but the direction and guidance he gave them.

Gary McPartland  
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## Where Are They Now

## CHANCE RACE CHANGED THE COURSE OF LEVINE'S LIFE

By Andy Coleman

Len Levine's name is well known in Minnesota. He was a high school and U of M record-setting track star, was elected seven times to the St. Paul City Council, served for eight years on the Governor's Cabinet as head of the two largest agencies in state government and today is one of Minnesota's most successful business/government consultants.

The Len Levine story begins on St. Paul's old west side, just south of the downtown area, near the Mississippi River. He was the second son born to Israel H. "Riley" and Ann Levine (both deceased). He attended Lafayette Grade School, Roosevelt Jr. High School and Humboldt High School where he graduated in 1956.

"I knew he had leadership ability from the day he was selected to be the Lieutenant on the Lafayette School Police patrol when he was in the sixth grade. I'll never forget how proud he was to wear his badge and the way he carefully looked after the safety of the younger kids," says his older brother Marvin, a St. Paul accountant.

Levine took to sports early. "During the summer you could always find him on the local playground. When the playgrounds were not available, he and his friends used a city street as their ball field.

Levine's first major athletic success came in baseball, when as a ninth grader, he led his Roosevelt Jr. High team to the first school championship posting a .450 batting average. The following year, he was one of only three sophomores to make the Humboldt High School varsity baseball team. He also played varsity basketball. As a junior he was playing on both squads about half time and after the basketball season ended, he was gearing up for his final year of baseball.

With the weather beginning to cooperate, the baseball team was looking to play its first game of the season. Levine, the student council vice president, was picked to be the starting center fielder. Excused from practice so he could participate in a city wide television program for student council officers, he was told to be on the school's playground where he would be picked up for the ride to the tv studio.

While waiting for his ride, a member of the school's track team (who had finished sixth in the city's 100 yard dash championship the previous year) challenged him to a 100 yard race. Levine says, "I never saw a track race in my life. I didn't know what starting blocks were and I was wearing a sweater and dress pants on top of it. I knew I was fast and was always ready for a challenge. So I borrowed some track shoes while Coach Bob Ryan ran to the finish line with his stop watch. We ran the race and I won by at least ten yards. I was mobbed afterwards. Coach Ryan said he didn't want to talk me into something but asked if I would consider going out for track. He encouraged me to talk to Art Peterson, the baseball coach who was also my basketball coach.

"I remember going home that night and telling my parents about what had happened. My father had no experience with organized sports. He was an immigrant who came to this country as a youngster and worked as a printer all of his life. My mother, a Humboldt High graduate also, didn't know what advice to give so she brought in my brother Marvin. He urged me to talk to Coach Peterson.

"The next morning I was shocked when

Coach Peterson met me at my locker before the start of school and told me he had heard what had happened the day before. He said that because we had no pitchers of any merit he was doubtful we could win even one game. He said he knew how fast I was and that I should give track a try because,

"Maybe you can do something for your self." I didn't know what to do. I lived, ate and slept baseball since I was old enough to walk. I've never been a quitter. I don't remember how I arrived at my decision to quit the baseball team. It has been blurred with the passing of time, but two days later I joined the track team."

From that point on, the rest is history. Levine won every race he ran (100 and 220 yard dashes) the rest of the regular season and placed third in the state 100 yard dash. That fall (1956) Levine enrolled at the U of M. He says he knew he needed to get much stronger if he was to make it in Big Ten competition so he began a vigorous program of conditioning under the watchful eye of the legendary Head Trainer, Lloyd Stein. He worked out daily, running wind sprints, lifting weights and running up and down the 60 rows of stairs at Memorial Stadium. The following winter and spring, he competed in open track meets (freshmen were not eligible for Big Ten competition). "There were days I got discouraged. A lot of people were beating me. But, I liked my new life in sports and I worked even harder," says Levine.

He ran the 60 yard dash and anchored a leg on the mile relay team during the indoor season of his sophomore year. He was winning most of his races. His start was explosive and his speed carried him into many wins during the outdoor season (100, 220 and mile relay). He lettered that year and continued to train during the summer and into the fall. His strength and speed continued to improve. The following season a big break through occurred as he ran a 9.7 in the 100 yard dash in spring break competition in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The following year he continued to improve. He was clocked with a wind-aided 9.5 in the 100 yard dash, set a school record in the 60 yard dash of 6.2 (one-tenth of a second off of the American record at the time and one that lasted on the U of M books for 17 years) and won the silver medal (second place, just inches out of first) in the Big Ten 300 Yard Dash championship (breaking the record set there by Jessie Owens).

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Graduating from the University with a degree in Education, Levine began teaching English and Speech and coaching track and cross country at Fridley High School. After three years (he built the track program up from a team of 14 athletes to more than 120 by the time he

left) he accepted a similar position at St. Paul's Washington High School (the first year he was the head football and baseball tenth grade coach). The next three years he was the head varsity track coach and head tenth grade football coach. His football teams were always in the top quarter of the conference and he built the track team up to a major power in the state (a remarkable feat considering the school didn't even have a track!) His coaching highlight came in 1967 when his track team won the school's first and only city track and field title.

In 1968 Levine ran for a seat on the St. Paul City Council and lost. That fall he was appointed Community Relations Director for the St. Paul school system's City Center For Learning. In 1970 he ran again for the City Council and this time finished second in the city-wide race receiving the second highest vote total in the city's history. He was elected six more times (running three times unopposed) and was the Council's Vice President for many years.



Len Levine, recognized nationally for his work in transportation, was considered for the position of U. S. Secretary of Transportation in the administration of President Clinton.

During those years he held many government posts such as President of the St. Paul Water Utility, member of the city's Port Authority, member and Vice Chairman of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and member and Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Commission. He is the only person in Minnesota history to have served simultaneously on both the Airports and Transit Commissions.

In 1983 Levine became the state's Commissioner of Human Services in the administration of Governor Rudy Perpich. He was in charge of a workforce totalling more than 7,400 employees, ran the state's mental health facilities, and oversaw the \$1.2 billion state social service system. Four years later he was named to run the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) where he stayed until January of 1991. During his tenure at MN/DOT, he was recognized both locally and nationally as one of the leading transportation officials in the country. That same year he was considered by President Clinton for U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

Since leaving government service, Levine has been the president of Leonard W. Levine

& Associates, Inc., a national consulting firm which deals with government and the private sector. He has been called, "A Doctor of Networking," and recently was referred to as one of the most effective people in the state dealing with government at all levels.

Levine has a reputation for getting a job done. Former Governor Perpich says Levine "has a knack of how you deal with people. I've never known anyone as effective in building a consensus." Florida State Senator Ron Silver says Levine "knows how government works and has the uncanny ability to get to the heart of an issue and develop a consensus which he can carry through to a positive conclusion without offending anyone."

Levine says many people over the years have continually urged him to seek higher office. "While I've been flattered by this and have given it some thought, I think twenty years in government service is a pretty good run. I also was able to serve without a major disruption to our family and that's been a high priority also," Levine says. He adds, "I liked what I did and the people I worked with. I have no regrets."

**Mention the University of Minnesota to Levine and he becomes animated. "Some have said that the blood in me is maroon and gold. That may be. But, the one thing I know for sure is that the University of Minnesota played a very pivotal part in my life. It's hard to put it into words. It's the place where I fell in love with Carole (they recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary) and got a college education. The U of M gave me the chance to participate in Big Ten athletics, something I never dreamed of. That track experience gave me a tremendous boost in self confidence and helped me raise my self esteem. Summing it up, the U of M helped shape my life. I fell in love there, got a great education, and earned three varsity letters. It's all more than anyone could have predicated. I'm a very lucky person."**

What's ahead for Levine: He says, "I hope it's more of the same. I enjoy what I'm doing and continue to be involved with activities that have a positive influence on people's lives."

Levine has been active in a wide range of civic and community affairs, such as chairman of the American Cancer Society—Statewide Crusade; state board member of the American Lung Association and the American Diabetes Association, and president of the University of Minnesota "M" Club. He has also received many professional, community and national honors, such as Outstanding Young Educator of St. Paul, U.S. Environmental Quality Award, City of Hope (Medical Center) Spirit of Life Award, and Histadrut's Menorah Award. He was recognized by the Minnesota Government Engineers Council and the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers as their first-ever, Administrator of the Year. A highlight of his transportation career came on Feb. 20, 1991, when he was honored in New York City by the publisher and editors of McGraw Hill's Engineering News Record as a finalist for the prestigious "Construction Man of the Year" Award.

Levine lives with his wife Carole (an elementary school teacher) in St. Paul. They are the parents of three children: Mark, a Minneapolis attorney, Randi, in her third year of a joint program at the U of M's Law School and the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and Michele, who's working in an entrepreneurial training program for at-risk school-age children in Washington, D.C.



Len Levine, 1995

Len Levine, 1961



# Golden Gopher Athletes of the Month

Quarterback **CORY SAUTER** (6-5, 226) becomes an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the 31-7 win over Ball State. Sauter made his debut as a starting quarterback after being involved in only 51 plays the previous year. That didn't matter, though, the red-shirt sophomore was phenomenal. He completed 17 of 31 passing attempts for 260 yards and three touchdowns. He didn't fumble a snap, didn't mess up a handoff, and didn't throw an interception.



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Sauter, from Hutchinson, Minn., was a Blue Chip All-America selection as a senior. Playing for Hutchinson High School, he completed 175 of 330 career pass attempts for 2,414 yards and 24 touchdowns during his final two seasons when he led the school to a record of 17-5

overall. He also rushed for 868 yards and 15 TDs. Sauter, who turns 21 four days before the Iowa game, is the son of Sharon Sauter.

**RYAN THELWELL** (6-2, 186), also became an E. F. JOHNSON



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the Gophers win over Ball State. Thelwell, a sophomore from London, Ontario, caught three of quarterback Cory Sauter's passes (21, 36 and 32 yards) for touchdowns. In all, Thelwell caught eight passes for 167 yards. Last year, in the game against Northwestern, Thelwell had another great day as he hauled in 10 passes for 178 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Thelwell, a graduate of Catholic Central High School in London, Ontario, Canada, was a Canadian Football Quarterly All-Canada choice. His school won the '92 national title when he turned in 700 yards receiving. His speed on the football field is no accident. As a high school sprint star, he finished second in the city's 100 meter dash championship and was a member of the 400 meter relay team that won the Western Ontario title. He is the son of Trevor and Opal Thelwell.



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## SPORTS STUDIES OFFERED AT "U" THIS YEAR

The University of Minnesota will offer a degree in sports studies beginning this school year.

Michael Wade, director of the School of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, said Sport Studies probably will attract students, including athletes, who have spent a lot of time in high school and college sports. He said he feels this program will be very pop-

ular and expects that 40 to 50 juniors and 40 to 50 seniors will be enrolled next year. He said he "suspects less than 10 percent will be varsity athletes, certainly no more than 15 percent."

Wade said Sports Studies will admit students with a C average. This compares, for example, with students in Kinesiology who need a B-minus average to be accepted.

## CROSS COUNTRY from page 1

Wisconsin state large school cross country title with McClure right behind him in second.

Todd Landgraaf of Mankato (Minn.) West High School placed second at the '94 Minnesota Class AA Championships as a senior after a fourth-place finish as a junior, while Matt Radtke of Mesabi East High School in Gilbert, Minn., placed fifth in last season's Class A Championships.

Nathaniel Clay of Rochester (Mich.) Adams High School placed third in the Michigan state

small school meet last fall. Ron Hoffner from Park Center High School in Brooklyn Park, Minn., is a multi-talented all-state middle distance runner who has the ability to make his mark in cross country. Redshirt freshmen Todd Russell and Matt Anderson, a transfer from the University of Wisconsin, will also look to crack the Golden Gopher lineup this season.

Griak says he'll need some of the freshmen to step in right away but that should not be as big of a problem as in years past because he calls this freshmen class, "one of the best freshmen crops we've ever brought in."

## GOLDEN GOPHER 1995 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 23	Minnesota vs. Iowa-Drake (Iowa City, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 30	Minnesota Invitational (U of M Golf Course)	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 14	NCAA Pre Meet (Ames, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 21	Marathon Sports Open (U of M Golf Course)	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 28	Big Ten Championships (U of M Golf Course)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 11	District Four Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 20	NCAA Championships (Ames, Iowa)	11:00 a.m.

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St. Paul has been proud to be a part of that tradition by hosting the WCHA and NCAA hockey tournaments. Tournament time is magical, and the last two years have been no exception, as fans from across the city and across the state have come together in St. Paul to cheer-on the Gopher hockey team through their outstanding performance in the tournaments. It was a great thrill, as Mayor, to join capacity crowds at the Civic Center to rally around the Gopher Hockey team in the 1994 NCAA tournament and the 1995 WCHA Championship.

U of M athletes are valuable to our community both on and off the field. Whether it's basketball players working with young people in the Create A Memory program or former Gopher tennis star Kevin Werwie graciously sharing his time and skills with the young people of St. Paul's Urban Tennis program, Gopher athletes are consistently contributing to enriching the lives of youth in our community.

The people of St. Paul are proud to be strong supporters of Minnesota Gopher Athletics. Go Gophers!

Norm Coleman is in his first term as Mayor of St. Paul.

## WE SAW YOU—



Attending the Gophers' final indoor scrimmage were ninth graders Alissa Dienhart and Michele Stupka, students at St. Paul's Nativity Elementary School. Dienhart's father is Mark Dienhart, Director of Men's Athletics at the U of M.



After the LUNCH WITH COACH WACKER Dick Ames, one of the U of M's biggest sports boosters, visited with two of the greatest football players in Golden Gopher history, All-Americans Paul Giel (L) and Ed Widseth (R).



## FOOTBALL GREAT JIM ZORN ADDS DEPTH AND EXPERIENCE TO WACKER'S STAFF

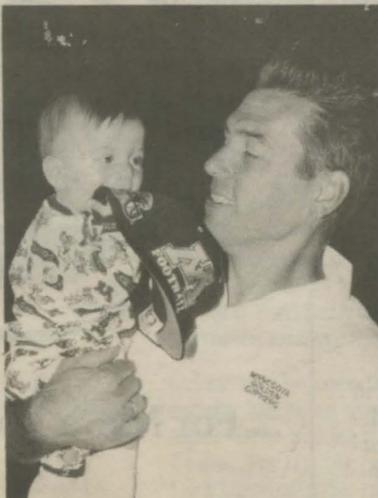


Jim Zorn, considered to be among the greatest quarterbacks in National Football League history, is one of the newest members of Jim Wacker's staff, adding to what many are now calling one of the finest football coaching staffs in the country.

Zorn, the all-time passing leader of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks, is in charge of the quarterbacks. He spent the past three years as the offensive coordinator at Utah State. In 1993 his team averaged 442.1 total yards per game ranking 15th in the country.

In nine seasons with the Seahawks from 1976-84,

Zorn threw for 20,122 yards in 126 games. He passed for 3,000 yards or more in three straight seasons (1978-79-80). In 1978, Zorn, a southpaw, was honored as the AFC Player of the Year by the Washington Touchdown Club. He became just the third player in league history to pass for 10,000 yards or more in his first four seasons in the league.



COACH JIM ZORN is seen here holding his young son, Isaac, who's teething on his dad's Gopher Football cap. Notice also the Gopher play suit Isaac is wearing.

Wacker had this to say about Zorn: "We're thrilled to have Jim Zorn come on board. He brings with him a tremendous amount of experience and expertise, and he will do a fine job with our young quarterbacks. Since the offense at Utah State is so similar to ours, his ideas will integrate well into our offensive scheme."

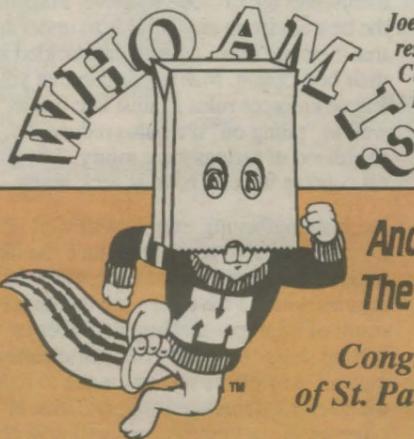


### SENATOR JOE BERTRAM

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Growing up in rural Minnesota my friends and I grew up dreaming of passing the ball down low to Kevin McHale to win the Big Ten Basketball title, of being in a two on one breakaway with Neal Broten skating in to win the NCAA Hockey Final and of throwing the key block to spring Marion Barber in a 4th quarter touchdown romp to beat Michigan and capture the Little Brown Jug.

As they play, we dream. As they give their all, we want to do the same. As they win, the entire state comes together in realization that with hard work, team effort and an irrepressible drive any and all obstacles to greatness can be removed. University of Minnesota athletics truly brings out the best in all Minnesotans.



Joe Bertram Sr. is a Minnesota State Senator who represents District 14 which includes cities such as St. Cloud, Cold Spring, Paynesville, Royalton, and Melrose. Senator Bertram has been in the State Senate for 15 years and is the Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

## And What Part Did I Play In The Golden Gopher Tradition?

Congratulations to David Waters of St. Paul, a "Who Am I?" Winner

I grew up in South St. Paul and played a lot of my sports in the neighborhood. At South St. Paul High School I played football and hockey earning all-state honors as a tailback in football my senior year and was all-state three out of four years in hockey. Our South St. Paul Packers team played in four consecutive state tournaments with our best campaign coming in 1961 when we reached the state title game only to lose 1-0 to Roseau.

I played hockey for the Gophers under that great coach, John Mariucci. Our best season came in 1964-65 when I led our team in scoring with 26 goals and 21 assists in 29 games. I ended the year third in scoring in the WCHA with 33 points in 18 league games and in the process gained first team All-America honors.

After leaving the U of M I played on the 1967 U. S. National Hockey Team and the following season was a member of the U. S. Olympic "B" team.

In 1968 I started teaching at Hopkins West Junior High School and also coached football and hockey at the junior high level. In the fall of 1968 I moved back home to South St. Paul High School where I became the head soccer coach and assisted with JV hockey and junior high baseball. My soccer teams won six conference championships and were twice runner-up for the state AA championship.

From 1971 through 1977 I coached the St. Paul Vulcans and the Minnesota Junior Stars. We made it to league playoff and national championships twice at each level. In 1978 I became the head varsity hockey coach at South St. Paul High School where I stayed until 1983. My teams won two conference trophies and reached the State Tournament four times. In 1984 I served as a special assistant coach for the U. S. Olympic Team and the following year I became the head coach for the U. S. National Junior team. In the mid '80s I took on a new college coaching assignment and led my first team to a school-record 35 wins and a spot among the nation's final four at Providence, RI. We finished with the third place trophy and posted a winning percentage of .729, the third best ever posted among previous coaches at this major University. I've had a great career in this position and have coached some of the finest hockey players in the country. I have accomplished a lot and the future looks bright. There's much more I could say but I don't want to make this too easy.



Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog is seen picking the WHO AM I? winner. Notice the hat which Woog used to pick the name. Woog's career record, 298-123-28, is one of the best winning performances of any collegiate coach in the country.



Doug Woog

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## Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director,  
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**Q** I have a 12 year old son who has played "little league" football for the past few years. He is of average size and weight for his age and hasn't gotten seriously injured to this point. That's what concerns me. He's been free of injury but now that he's about to begin football in junior high, I'm wondering what effect this "pounding" will have on his bones as he grows. What will happen to him later in his life as a result of this constant pounding?

T. P. Burnsville

**A** The issues raised by this question are intriguing. Children's growth, strength, and exposure to injury are considerations when examining sports participation. A less considerate issue and one which is difficult if not impossible to evaluate is a child's desire.

It is uncommon that any sport, football included, would negatively impact a child's growth potential or interfere with their regaining coordinated skills. A possible exception to this occurs when children are exposed to weight lifting or high impact loading activities (e.g. gymnastics) prior to maturation of their growing plates in the long bones. Typically this maturation will not begin prior to age 14 and it is recommended to delay strength training with weights for this specific reason.

The best way to avoid injury is conditioning in conjunction with proper equipment. Football is an exciting sport because of its speed and strength requirements. It is not surprising that football injuries far outnumber those seen in almost any other organized sports activity. Fortunately, training and good equipment will avoid the majority of these injuries. "Pounding" itself is unlikely to result in arthritis or other debilitating conditions as your child grows into an adult.

One exception to the constant pounding not being detrimental is the stress placed upon the lower back for football linemen. When constantly exposed to a forceful stress the lower back can occasionally develop a incomplete fracture. Thus, a complaint of lower back pain for greater than one week in any child should be fully evaluated to include a physical exam by the child's

pediatrician and likely an orthopaedic surgeon in addition to special x-rays.

This should hopefully avoid long term lower back pain as an adult as well as rule out other potentially serious conditions.

Other non-pounding injury concerns focus upon substantial injury to the knee which can occur in children 12 years of age and older as well as life threatening and career ending injuries to the neck. Knee injuries themselves are difficult to avoid. Potentially the best advice to any child is to understand that there are times when being tackled is their best option. Making certain that your league enforces rules against late hits as well as "piling on" may also reduce the likelihood of serious knee injury. The greatest concern which I have is neck injury.

Neck strengthening exercises as well as proper protective gear can reduce the likelihood of neck injury. However, many of the injuries which I have seen are the direct result of improper tackling activities or "cheap shots" by otherwise well meaning players. Any effort you can make to reduce the likelihood that spearing, late hits, or other unsafe activities occur will undoubtedly make the game more fun for your son as well as safe for all team members.

Football is an extremely popular American sport which deserves its reputation for excitement based upon speed, strength, and team play. By utilizing proper equipment, proper conditioning, proper game techniques and appropriate officiating, it is reasonable to expect that your child will have a fun filled and injury free football career.

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## GODBOUT MAKES COMPLETE RECOVERY FROM HEART SURGERY

Freshman defenseman Jason Godbout, a 5-11, 194-pounder from Woodbury, Minn., who suffered a stroke while playing in the NCAA regional hockey tournament in Madison, Wis. on March 24th, made such steady improvement in his recovery from heart surgery over the summer that Coach Doug Woog, who calls his recovery "complete" says, "he could be in a Gopher uniform this fall."



The stroke was caused by an opening—present since birth—between the left atrium and right atrium of his heart, which allowed a blood clot to pass to his brain.

Surgery to close the opening was done on May 4 at United Hospital in St. Paul and doctors immediately called the surgery a success. His father, Ken, said Jason told him shortly after he awoke that he felt like he got hit by a bus.

Godbout, who didn't take classes last spring quarter, played in 32 games for the Gophers this past season, scoring one goal and notching four assists before suffering the stroke. He has been called one of the smartest defensemen to wear the Maroon and Gold in many years. He has tremendous offensive ability and handles the puck extremely well.

Godbout was also quite an athlete in high school where he earned five varsity letters (4-hockey, 1-baseball) at Hill Murray High School. He was honored on the all-conference, all-metro and all-state teams for three consecutive years beginning in tenth grade. His senior season was his best as he scored 44 points (18 goals and 26 assists). He scored 144 career points (56 goals and 88 assists). He was a member of Team Minnesota that won the Chicago Showcase, which features the top high school-age players in the country.

Welcome back Jason. We're eagerly waiting to see you in action this season wearing the Maroon and Gold.

## CAMPBELL IS NEW ASSISTANT SWIMMING COACH

Clark Campbell is the new Assistant Men's Swimming Coach for the Golden Gophers. A professional triathlete from 1985-1992, Campbell spent the last two seasons as the Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

During his stint at West Virginia Wesleyan, Campbell had a hand in producing 24 NAIA and NCAA All-Americans, one national champ, set all school swimming records and compiled a winning dual meet record. In 1995, he was named NAIA Men's Swimming Coach of the Year.

Campbell's career began as the Assistant

Men's and Women's Coach at the U of Kansas from 1992-1993 and was the Head Coach of the USA Junior National Triathlon Team from 1992-1994. He has a BS degree in Physical Education-Exercise Science from the U of Kansas and completed his Masters of Science in Phy Ed and Coaching from West Virginia University this past summer.

Head Gophers Men's Swimming Coach, Dennis Dale said he was extremely excited about Clark's joining his staff. "Clark brings a wealth of scientific background in swimming and plenty of enthusiasm to the job," said Dale.

## BONIN IS ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP COLLEGE HOCKEY PLAYERS; HE'S A LEADING CONTENDER FOR THIS YEAR'S HOBEBY BAKER AWARD

Brian Bonin, the 5-10, 186 pound junior from White Bear Lake, a finalist last season for the Hobey Baker Award (given annually for the past 15 years to the top college hockey player in the United States) could be one of the greatest players ever to skate for the Gophers this coming season.

Brian Holzinger of Bowling Green State University was last year's winner.

Bonin, the WCHA Player of the Year, said it was "an honor just to be on that sheet with the winner and the nine other names." He led the WCHA in scoring this season with 62 points (32 goals, 30 assists), the first Gopher since Scott Bjugstad who recorded 56 points (21 goals, 35 assists) during the 1982-83 season.

Bonin is one of only six Gophers in the history of the WCHA to lead the league in scoring. John Mayasich led the conference the first three years of its existence in 1952-53, '53-'54 and '54-'55. Lou Nanne was the top scorer in 1962-'63. Tim Harer and Steve Ulseth led the league in back-to-back seasons in 1979-80 and 1980-81, respectively. Bjugstad and Bonin round out the list. Bonin, a U of M Scholar-Athlete, is the first Gopher to lead the WCHA in scor-

ing in Coach Woog's 10 seasons.

Only two Gophers have ever won the Hobey Baker Award. Neal Broten was the inaugural winner in 1981 and Robb Stauber was the first and only goal tender to take home the trophy in 1988.

### IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF SPORTSNEWS

□ Find out what former Golden Gopher quarterback and head coach Joe Salem is doing today. We'll trace his life from the beginning in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and how a football legacy was begun.

□ Read about a Boston the public doesn't know but who has been an important part of the "Boston Team." We'll look at the life of Magellia Boston, wife of the former Director of Athletics and now a University of Minnesota Vice President, McKinley Boston. She is a person who has been characterized as being quite and unassuming who has a strong sense of conviction and an unwavering determination to succeed. McKinley says his wife's "independence" has given him strength and encouragement.

### YEE WINS FIVE OLYMPIC FESTIVAL MEDALS

Brian Yee, Gopher gymnastics star, won five medals including a gold medal in the pommel horse at the U.S. Olympic Festival this summer.

What makes this achievement even more significant is that Yee entered the Festival competition just two months after undergoing wrist surgery and scored an incredible 9.8 on the pommel horse. He also won a silver medal on the vault, a bronze on the parallel bars and a bronze in the all-around. He was also part of the gold medal-winning North team.

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## THE LAST TIME

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a kickoff return: Oct. 17, 1992, split end John Lewis returned a Michigan kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown to tie the game 7-7 in the first quarter. Michigan went on to win the game 63-13 in Ann Arbor.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a punt return: Sept. 24, 1988, split end Chris Gaiters returned a Northern Illinois punt 79 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and Minnesota went on the win 31-20 at the Metrodome.

Minnesota blocked a field goal attempt and returned it for a touchdown: Oct. 21, 1989, free safety Frank Jackson blocked an Indiana field goal attempt and cornerback Fred Foggie returned it 98 yards for a fourth quarter touchdown. Indiana went on to win 28-18 at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on a blocked punt: Sept. 17, 1994, late in the second quarter, strong safety Justin Conzemius smashed through to block a San Diego State punt attempt, free safety Mose Taylor scooped it up at the nine-yard line, and then ran it into the end zone to give the Golden Gophers a 23-10 halftime advantage en route to a 40-17 victory.

Minnesota scored a touchdown on an interception: Sept. 17, 1994, on the first play of the fourth quarter, defensive end Jerome Davis batted a Tim Gutierrez pass in the air, caught it for his first career interception, and then rambled 75 yards for his first career touchdown to put the Golden Gophers up 37-10 en route to a 40-17 win over San Diego State.

## U OF M HOCKEY PLAYERS MAKE MARK IN U.S. OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Ten members of the University of Minnesota hockey team played in the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival, July 24-30 at Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo.

USA Hockey consisted of four teams. Team North had three Golden Gophers: forwards Ryan



Kraft of Moorhead, Minn, a sophomore, and incoming freshmen Mike Anderson of Bloomington, Minn. and Wyatt Smith of Warroad, Minn. Team South had seniors Dan Trebil of Bloomington and Hobey Baker Award candidate Brian Bonin of White Bear Lake, Minn.

Team East had Gophers sophomore forward Casey Hankinson of Edina, Minn., and incoming freshman forward and 1995 Minnesota Mr. Hockey recipient, Erik Rasmussen of St. Louis Park, Minn. Team West had three Gophers: sophomore defenseman Mike Crowley, and junior forward Nick Cheeco. Incoming freshman forward Reggie Berg was also on the team.

## MIDNIGHT MADNESS KICKS OFF BASKETBALL PRACTICE

The first official day of basketball practice for the 1995-96 basketball Gophers will be at midnight on Homecoming Saturday, October 14th.



Pat Forcica  
U of M Assistant  
Athletic Director

Pat Forcica, the dynamic Assistant Athletic Director, said Midnight Madness "is shaping up to be the most exciting fall homecoming day in the University's history."

Forcica said, "Midnight Madness" will be the final event of Magic Johnson's Blockbuster Weekend—a series of events designed to raise money for AIDS organizations across the state. Magic Johnson's "Stand Against AIDS" will take place Saturday with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. and an opening ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

## HAT BACKWARDS TELLS THE STORY

RYAN SCHMIDT, a member of the Minnesota Marching Band, who's a fourth year trombone player from Plymouth, Minn., was walking out of the Metrodome after the Ball State game when we caught this picture. Notice the hat turned backwards. It sums up the story about the Gophers big win over Ball State. When the football game is over and the Gophers have won, band members turn their hats backwards. It's a tradition which has existed as long as there's been a Marching Band.



The schedule of events for the special evening: 6:00 p.m. Gophers homecoming football game vs. Northwestern; 10:00 p.m. Rock concert at Williams Arena featuring Mick Sterling and the Stud Brothers; 11:00 p.m. Celebrity basketball events featuring Magic Johnson; Midnight—First basketball practice of the year.

## TREBIL AND ZERHUN NAMED ON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT V TEAM

Gophers junior hockey player Dan Trebil and junior swimmer Bernie Zerhun were selected to the men's GTE At-Large Academic All-District V Team.

Trebil finished last season with 10 goals and 31 assists, making him the top-scoring defenseman in the WCHA. He is a civil engineering/pre-med major with a 3.62 GPA.

Zerhun, a business management major with a 3.90 GPA, was an All-America in four events in 1995. He placed fifth in the 200 butterfly and 200 freestyle and eighth in the 500 freestyle at the NCAA Championships.

## BASEBALL TEAM WILL HAVE TWO TALENTED IN-STATE OUTFIELD PROSPECTS

The U of M signed two talented in-state recruits at the end of the last school year. Craig Selander from St. Paul, Minn., and Mike Arult from Lakeville, Minn., both outfielders, will help replenish the numbers in the outfield due to the graduation of Shane McCarthy, Wes Denning, and Mark Vandersall.

Selander, who graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, bats and throws left handed, is expected to step right in and compete for playing time, according to Head Coach John Anderson. "Craig is an excellent athlete with the added bonus of being left-handed," said Anderson. "We've been looking to add more left-handed sticks to our outfield, and Craig brings us that dimension."

Arult hit 388 in his career at Lakeville High School, hitting 24 extra-base hits and driving in 45 runs for the Panthers. He played center field as a prep athlete, and will challenge for the void created in center field by Denning's departure.

"Mike is a three-sport athlete who will also have the opportunity to step in and have an immediate impact on our team in 1996," said Anderson. "Another big factor in our wanting these two people in our program is that they are both good students and representative of the type of individuals we want associated with Golden Gopher baseball."

## HAVE LUNCH WITH WACKER

The U of M Goal Line Club will host lunch with Coach Wacker at the Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center in Bloomington, Minn. the Friday before each of the six home football games this season.

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The luncheons are scheduled for Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, and Nov. 3 and 10. The cost is \$13 per luncheon from this date on. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Gina Leonard in the Gopher football Office at (612) 624-1344 the Wednesday prior to each luncheon.

## WACKER ON THE AIRWAYS

Listen to Coach Jim Wacker on WCCO-AM (830) on Sundays throughout the season at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:20 a.m. and pre-game and post-game shows. He will also be on Midwest Sports Channel with "The Jim Wacker Show" at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and on KARE-TV with the "Gopher Sports Extra" at 11:05 p.m. Saturdays.

## FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE UP

A total of 253, 851 fans attended the six Gopher home football games at the Metrodome last season for an average of 42, 309 a game. Those were the highest attendance figures since 1988 when 312, 656 fans attended seven home games for an average of 44,665 per game. Attendance at the Ball State game was 48,420, one of the best season openers in many years.

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Fogarty, who is donating one half of the proceeds to the Williams Fund, says each print comes with a certificate of authenticity. He has done other nostalgic prints of Mariucci and Williams Arena and has been commissioned to do works by many well known sports personalities.

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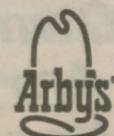
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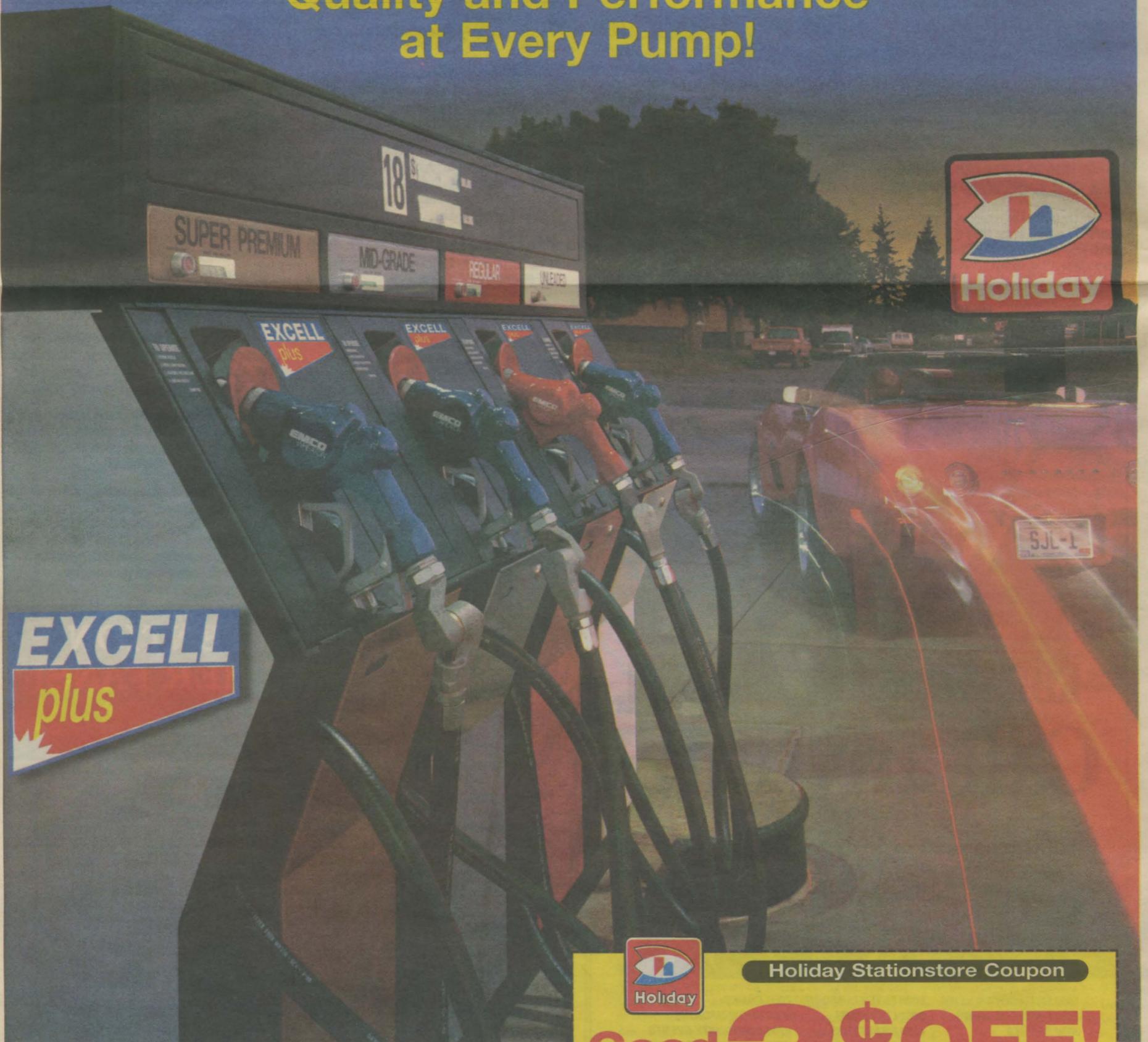
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## FOOTBALL PROGRAM ON THE UPSWING; IMPROVEMENT SEEN AT ALL POSITIONS

As we go to press the football Gophers are on their way to Ann Arbor, Michigan to take on the Michigan Wolverines in the most famous of all college rivalries. No other contest matches the fight for The Little Brown Jug. In many ways, The Little Brown Jug represents the history of college football. It overflows with historic battles for national and conference championships. The results of 77 games between the Gophers and Wolverines are embossed on its sides, 54 won by Michigan, 21 by Minnesota and two ties. Minnesota's last victory over Michigan came at Michigan Stadium, in front of more than 100,000 stunned fans, as Chip Lohmiller kicked a 30-yard field goal as time ran out to give the Gophers a 20-17 win.

The football program at the U of M is definitely on the upswing. With a couple of plays in each game that could have gone the other way, the Gophers might now be 6-0.

In the last game against Michigan State, Minnesota dropped a heartbreaker 34-31 in East Lansing. Faced with a fourth and two late in the game deep in MSU territory, the Gophers were turned back when Cory Sauter's pass fell incomplete.

Sauter had another great game as he connected on 24 of 37 pass attempts for a career high 404 yards and four TD's. His 404 yard effort ranks No. 3 on the all-time school single-game list. A trio of receivers—Ryan Thelwell, Tutu Atwell and Tony Levine—had six receptions each. Thelwell had two TD's while Atwell and defensive tackle/short yardage tight end Troy Duerr had one apiece. It was Duerr's first career reception.

It was a big day also for senior slotback Tony Levine who had a season-high six receptions for 119 yards ranking him third on the team with 16 catches for 185 yards.

Chris Darkins, who moved past Marion Barber into No. 2 on the all-time school rushing list, went to the sidelines early in the second quarter with an ankle injury. In his absence, Rafael Cooper racked up 58 yards on 12 carries.

Here's how the rest of the season has gone since the last issue of SPORTSNEWS. Starting with the Syracuse game, the Gophers looked good but mistakes were costly. Playing their second game in the Carrier Dome, the Gophers came away with a 27-17 loss. Bright spots for the Minnesota included Chris Darkins who rushed for 205 yards on 33



Garrison Harmann

carries and scored one touchdown.

The Gophers were victimized by three turnovers and a 94-yard punt return for a touchdown by Syracuse senior star Marvin Harrison. The first Minnesota turnover, an interception early in the second half, led directly to a Syracuse touchdown. A fumble in the third quarter and an interception in the fourth quarter stopped Minnesota drives deep in Syracuse territory.

Quarterback Cory Sauter was 17 of 27 for 205 yards through the air on the day, which included a 13-yard scoring strike with Greg Nelson late in the third quarter.

The Gophers returned home for game three and posted a 48-point win over visiting Arkansas State. With Chris Darkins limited to three carries due to a hamstring strain, Javon Jackson (120) and Rafael Cooper (102) became the first U of M duo to each rush for 100-plus yards in a single game since 1987.

Cory Sauter was 13 of 17 passing for 168 yards and three TD's. Tutu Atwell had five receptions for 130 yards and a TD. He also added another TD on a reverse from 17 yards out. The defense picked off four ASU passes, including two by Rodney Heath.

On the game's first series, Crawford Jordan intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards

to give the Gophers a 7-0 lead. On the next series, Ben Langford's interception set up the second score of the game and the Gophers coasted home with the win.

It's always a tough game when the Gophers take on Purdue and this year's contest was no exception. The two teams have now combined to score 278 points and rack up 3,356 yards of total offense in their last three meetings. In this game it was Chris Darkins who starred. He set a new single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead the Gophers to a 39-38 win. Mike Alstott paced Purdue with 133 yards on 28 carries and scored three touchdowns.

The Boilermakers dominated the first half with a 291-120 advantage in net yards and an 18-6 bulge in first downs. The Gophers, however, scored on all five possessions in the second half when they racked up 344 yards of total offense. Cory Sauter's one-yard sneak with 1:38 remaining brought the Gophers to within a point at 38-37. Then Sauter hit Ryan Thelwell over the middle for the two-point conversion that proved to be the game-winner.

Hardly anyone left the Dome until the final 21 seconds when a 42-yard Purdue field goal just missed to the left and the game was over with the Gophers getting the win.

Then it was homecoming and Northwestern. Wildcats' running back Darnell Autry rambled for 169 yards on 28 carries and scored three touchdowns to pace his 14th-ranked team to a 27-17 victory before 50,504 fans in the Metrodome.

After a Northwestern field goal of 20 yards gave the 'Cats a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, the Gophers came charging back with two straight TD's to take a 14-3 lead. The first score was a four-yard pass from Cory Sauter to tight end Paul Kratochvil, his first career TD reception. The second TD, a six-yard run by Chris Darkins, came after Sean McMenomy blocked a punt deep in Northwestern territory. The Wildcats, behind a 29-yard field goal and Autry's three TD's, then reeled off 24 straight points to take command of the game.

Sauter was 29 of 50 for 303 yards on the night. His favorite target was Ryan Thelwell who had 10 receptions for 105 yards. Senior punter Garrison Harmann had a good night averaging 40.5 yards on six punts in the game, which included a career-long 50-yarder in the third quarter.

## OBLEMAN TOP GOPHER FINISHER IN THREE STRAIGHT MEETS

Junior co-captain Rick Obelman got off to a quick start at the Iowa Cross Country Invitational, taking the individual title at the first meet of the season for Roy Griak's cross country team.



Rick Obelman

Obleman's time of 25:14 was outstanding as he defeated the next runner by 15 seconds. Iowa runners filled out the next top-five positions and also got six of the top eight spots. Minnesota senior Paul Michalek was the second Gopher to cross the line, finishing sixth in a time of 26:09 on the 8,000 meter course. The Gophers finished second as a team behind host Iowa.

Other Gopher finishers were: 9. Jason Boon, 26:16; 11. Todd Landgraff, 26:24; 17. Pat Markey, 26:48; 18. Allen Broderius, 26:52; 21. Todd Russell, 27:05; 23. Kevin Mason, 27:09; 24. Nate Clay, 27:11; 29. Brendan O'Brien, 27:29; 30. Ron Hoffner, 27:32; 34. Kevin Dunbar, 27:52; 35. Charles McClure, 27:52; 42. Tony Riter, 28:34; 44. Neil Janquart, 29:02.

In the next meet of the season, the Minnesota Invitational, held at the Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course, the Gophers finished 13th. Rick Obelman was the first Gopher harrier to complete the course for the second consecutive weekend as he finished 36th. Wisconsin retained the team title.

Minnesota finishers: 36. Rick Obelman, 26:00; 62. Todd Landgraff, 26:28; 106. Allen Broderius, 26:56; 125. Pat Markey, 27:05; 132. Tony Riter, 27:11; 134. Jason Boon, 27:12; 155. Todd Russell; 165. Paul Michalek, 27:37; 177. Kevin Mason, 27:46.

After a week off, the Gopher harriers returned to action in Ames, Iowa for the Iowa State Cross Country Memorial Classic and again Rick Obelman was the first Gopher across the finish line. Obelman placed 46th individually with a 5.3 mile time of 27:28. Two freshmen stepped up and scored for the Gophers, as Ron Hoffner finished 92nd in 28:14 and Todd Landgraff was 114th in 28:36. Minnesota finished 17th, while Stanford turned in a first-place team finish with 60 points.

Finishers for Minnesota in addition to Obelman, Hoffner and Landgraff included Tony Riter, 28:05 in 81st, Paul Michalek, 111 with 28:33, Al Broderius, 119 at 28:40, Brendon O'Brien in 144 at 29:10, Jason Boon, 146, at 29:14 and Charles McClure 150 at 29:27.

As we go to press the Gophers host the Marathon Open and then the Big Ten Championships, both at the Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course.

## THE FUTURE LOOKS PROMISING FOR HOCKEY GOPHERS; WOOG SAYS TEAM WILL HAVE BALANCED ATTACK

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog says the future looks promising and this year's Gophers could go all the way. "Our success this season will all depend on whether we'll get more offensive power, and I think we will," Woog said.

The Gophers started the season by splitting a pair of games with Michigan Tech in Houghton, Mich. winning the opener 4-2 and losing the second game 5-2. Gopher Dave Larson scored two goals in the Friday night game with senior defenseman and co-captain Dan Trebil assisting. Another standout Friday night was Brian Bonin who set up Minnesota's fourth goal with a great pass to linemate Casey Hankinson. The following night, freshman for-

ward Reggie Berg notched his first collegiate goal to put the Gophers ahead 1-0.

As we go to press the Gophers are preparing to play Alaska-Anchorage at Mariucci Arena.

Woog has every reason to be optimistic after seeing his team in the last four games. With a returning Hobey Baker Award Finalist, the loss of just four seniors from an NCAA Final Four team last season, and an outstanding class of recruits, Minnesota's Pride On Ice looks as ready as ever to make a serious run again this season at both the WCHA and NCAA titles.

With 17 returning lettermen, the Gophers will attempt to extend a string of 11 straight NCAA appearances, including 10 under head Coach

Woog. In addition to having gained NCAA berths in each year of his decade in Gold Country, Woog last season notched his 300th career win with a 5-2 victory over Colorado College in the NCAA quarterfinals.

Leading the returning skaters will be Brian Bonin, the WCHA scoring leader and Hobey Baker Award candidate. In addition to winning WCHA Player of the Year honors, the league's scoring title, and being named the team MVP, Bonin became the Gophers' first All-American since Robb Stauber in 1988. He'll be joined by forwards Ryan Kraft, Nick Checco and Casey Hankinson. They'll be coupled with a freshman class that sports good size

and strength including the likes of Erik Rasmussen (St. Louis Park), Reggie Berg (Des Moines of the USHL), and Wyatt Smith (Warroad) plus Mike Anderson, the speedy skater from Bloomington Jefferson. In addition, Bill Kohn (St. Paul Vulcans) will give the team some important brawn on defense.

Woog feels the Gophers will have better speed and more shooting capacity, and adds, "It's not

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# MAGELLIA BOSTON: UNPRETENTIOUS AND STRAIGHTFORWARD; SHE STANDS UP FOR WHAT SHE BELIEVES IN

By Len Levine

The name Boston is well known in Minnesota. McKinley Boston was a star football player under Murray Warmath in the mid 1960's, later became the Director of Men's Athletics where he demonstrated an uncanny ability to lead a faltering department to record heights in every measurable area, and today is the University's Vice President for Student Development. Through all those career moves and each step along the way, Boston had his wife Magellia at his side. "If there was ever a team in marriage, ours is it," Boston says. This story is about the Boston the public doesn't know but who has been an important part of the "Boston team."

Magellia Boston by all outward signs is a very quiet and unassuming person. Contrary to what you see, though, is a person with a strong sense of conviction and unwavering determination to succeed.

McKinley Boston says each time in his adult life, when faced with the demanding decisions of making a career move, he turned to his wife. "I could always count on the strong support, sound advice and enthusiastic encouragement that Magellia gave me. She appears to the outside world as a quite and unassuming woman," McKinley says. "She is very unpretentious and straightforward. You don't have to try to figure her out. She is very independent and does things that she thinks are right. She stands up for what she believes in and has been a source of constant encouragement for me."

Who is Mrs. McKinley Boston?

For the remainder of this story I will refer to Mrs. Boston as Magellia. She truly is her own person. You'll soon see what I mean.

Magellia was born and raised in Williamston, N. C., the second child of Mary (deceased) and Arthur McIntyre's four children. She attended E. J. Hayes Elementary and High School and was active in school events such as cheerleading, playing saxophone in the school band, writing on the yearbook staff, elected Miss Senior and a member of the library club.

After graduating in 1963 she became very active in the struggle for civil rights. She was regularly

involved in sit ins, boycotts and marches. She doesn't hesitate to tell about her arrests during those turbulent times. In Williamston, she and 15 friends including her aunt (a woman at the time in her mid 30s) went into Griffin Quick Lunch, a restaurant designated "For Whites Only," and sat down in a booth. She says, "all we wanted was to be served just like everyone else. We asked if they would serve us and we were told, 'We don't serve niggers here. We were told to get out. Then some people who

were in the restaurant started to heckle us. One man even threw a ketchup bottle at our table." Magellia says she's a person not easily intimidated and her friends that day weren't about to be intimidated either. They refused to move and the police were called. They were arrested and locked in jail for three days living in conditions she describes as "horrible." She tells how food was slipped under the cell door and explains the treatment they received such as the use of only one toilet for all to share. "They stripped us of our dignity. We had no privacy. We had one toilet, one rusty sink and

one cot for sleeping which was chained to the wall. " Their cellmate was a woman who was there for murder. She says being jailed and living in those appalling conditions only made her more determined to fight for equality.

During the rest of that summer she continued to march and demonstrate. That fall she entered Elizabeth City State Teacher's College in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. During the school year she continued her peaceful demonstrations. Slowly, she says, "we started to see some change. We began to get into restaurants that were once segregated, even though, once inside, it took a quite a while for us to be served. But change was coming." The following summer (1964) she worked with migrant workers providing recreation in Elizabeth City. In 1967, Magellia graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Her first job was teaching sixth grade in the East End Elementary School in Robersonville, North Carolina.

The following summer she went to graduate school in Elizabeth City and "on the very first day of school I met McKinley and I knew he was something special," she says. Months passed until she saw him again. As she was about to leave campus at the end of the school year, she bumped into McKinley again and a romance began that "has continued for the past twenty six years. It was love at first sight," she says. They dated continuously for the next six months. During that time she went to Newark, New Jersey to be with her brother Arthur and McKinley was at the New York Giants (NFL) training camp. They were married in Newark on January 11, 1969.

The first year of their marriage was a busy one. Magellia was teaching and McKinley was playing football. On May 16, 1970 their first child, Lance, was born and on April 1, 1979 their daughter Kimberly was born. After a two year leave of absence after Lance was born, Magellia went back to teaching and stayed until December 1, 1989 when she "officially retired" and joined McKinley in Peacedale, Rhode Island where he was the athletic director at the University of Rhode Island. They stayed

there until McKinley was named the athletic director at the University of Minnesota in December of 1991. Magellia joined him the following August when school was out.

She says the idea of living in Minnesota was exciting. She adds that while she knew where Minnesota was from looking at a map, it was

hard "to get my bearings straight." She says it was hard to adjust to the cold climate. "My feet were always cold, but it really wasn't as cold as I had been led to believe. The people were nice and showed a real warmth and I made some good friends outside of the sphere of the

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Magellia and McKinley Boston, 1995

## Letters



### WACKER IS ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP COACHES; QUIT KICKING HIM AROUND

I have been concerned lately with all of the talk about Coach Jim Wacker either winning this year or go looking for another job. The sports writers who have fanned this talk should be ashamed of themselves, they should stop kicking him around. Coach Wacker has been one of the best football coaches the University of Minnesota has had and his past record proves he's one of the best college coaches in America today. To lose Wacker at any time in the future would be another blunder for the University's administration. Give him some time to turn this program around.

Alfonso Lantigua  
and Teresa Rodriguez  
Minneapolis

### STOP ROCK MUSIC DURING GOPHER FOOTBALL GAMES

I am thoroughly disgusted with the rock music that is now being played during Minnesota football games. At certain times, during what seems as a lull in the game, this ungodly loud and obnoxious music fills the air while the great Minnesota Marching Band sits silent.

What's happening here? Are we trying to copy the "entertainment" used at the Timberwolves games? Are we trying to copy the loud and rowdy behavior displayed by Vikings fans? Why not let the Marching Band play all through the game like they used to do? That's what made going to Minnesota football games such a big part of the tradition.

Eric Hanlon  
Minneapolis

### GET BETTER SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR GOPHER BAND

The University of Minnesota Marching Band is about as good as any band in the country. My wife and I sit on the same side of the field as the band and when they play, there are many times when it's hard to hear them. I've sat across the field and it makes quite a difference. Could the University install better microphones to pick up the sound of the band and also disburse speakers throughout the Dome so everyone can hear this great music?

Boris Rudinsky  
Minneapolis

### WISCONSIN FOOTBALL FANS ARE CRUDE

When Minnesota plays Wisconsin in football this year watch out for the Wisconsin fans who will fill about half of the seats in the Metrodome. They are a crude bunch. Last year in Madison many of the Wisconsin fans swore at every Minnesota fan that walked by. Many Wisconsin fans also wore shirts which read "F...k Minnesota." They certainly are an ill-mannered group of people who can only be worse this year after that humiliating upset last season. K. G. Connor St. Paul



Ed. note: It's a coincidence that you've written to us with your thoughts on the behavior of some Wisconsin football fans. We dug into our file and found this picture, which was taken at last year's game, and shows just what you've written in your letter. The two women in the picture said that if we ran the picture we should not show their faces.

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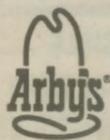
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## Where Are They Now

By Len Levine



Joe Salem is a name well known in Minnesota sports country. He played backup quarterback for the Golden Gophers in 1958-'59, '60 and became head football coach in 1979 where he stayed until 1983.

During his time as a player and coach, he was respected as a student of the game who was well liked and known for his sharp football mind, his quick wit, and infectious laugh. He became somewhat of a legendary sports figure in Minnesota and his star was rising until it all came to a crashing finish in 1983 when then Athletic Director Paul Giel, who originally hired Salem as head coach, released him from his contract with two years remaining after the disastrous season of 1984 which included the embarrassing loss to Nebraska 84-13.

Salem's love affair with the University of Minnesota started when he was barely old enough to walk. His late father, Nusier (he died three years ago), owned a very successful sportsman's bar in Souix Falls from which he would slip away in the afternoon and spend the next four hours as the volunteer head football coach at Cathedral High School. It was on that field that the Salem football legacy began and one that continues to this day. It started with Nusier taking his 6 year-old son Joe with him to almost every practice as his "general helper."

Joe Salem was born in Souix Falls, the second of four children (he was the only boy) of Nusier and Irene (she was a registered nurse who died in 1970). He attended Cathedral Elementary and High School where he graduated in 1956. Joe says he did as most young boys in his neighborhood did at the time, "play whatever sports we could on the neighborhood field" because there were no organized leagues. "I was a sand-lotter," Salem says. "I was up early in the morning and stayed out all day to play whatever sport was in season. I probably played more baseball and basketball than football in those days, because I never played on an organized football team until I was in eighth grade."

It was in high school where Joe got his first taste of team sports participating on the football and basketball teams and in the summer he played American Legion baseball. At Cathedral he was a standout quarterback leading his team to winning seasons in both his junior and senior years.

College football coaches in the midwest region knew that Salem had good football potential. He was offered scholarships and visited Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa State. But because he had designs on being an architect, he picked Iowa State and looked forward to quarterbacking there. He was only there one year Salem says because "math classes were not among my favorites, so I knew that being an architect was not in the cards for me. On top of that, there was a coaching change. I was a T-formation quarterback, but the new coach switched to the single wing." Salem says he didn't see any place for himself in that arrangement and adds, "I felt like a fish out of water. I had to go somewhere else"

"My dad had gotten to know Denver Crawford (a former Gophers line coach and chief recruiter for this area) over the years and Crawford urged me to give Minnesota a serious look.

"I went to Minneapolis and talked to Murray Warmath (former Head coach) and decided Minnesota was the place for me." Salem says,



Joe Salem, 1960

"It was after all a place where I really felt comfortable. On almost every Friday night, from about the time I was six years old, my father and I would travel to Minneapolis for the Minnesota football game on Saturday. Right after his game at Cathedral High School was over, we'd get in the car, drive the four and one-half hours to Minneapolis, stay overnight in the old Nicollet Hotel, and go the Memorial Stadium on Saturday for the game."

In 1957 Salem was one of 12 candidates for the quarterback spot and played with the freshmen running the other team's plays. As a sophomore



The Salem Coaches-1994-after the Michigan State win over Purdue 42-30 at Purdue. From L to R: Brent, Brad, Joe and Tim

he played behind Jim Reese but he had that rare ability to come off the bench in a tight situation and spark a team when it was needed. He even got to start a couple of games that year but he admits that he wasn't "quite ready." The Gophers lost to Indiana, 6-0, in his first start and later lost to Iowa 28-6, when he started again.

The following spring he found himself on the sixth team but he says that experience "kind of woke me up to football. Things really started to fall into place for me. I could look at a defense and know what to do against it." With this new found awareness, he still wasn't able to be more than a second-team quarterback because Sandy Stephens, who led the Gophers to back-to-back Rose Bowl appearances, had a lot to do with Salem playing the position of understudy.

Salem was a crowd favorite. When the Gophers offense bogged down, it was not unusual to hear thousands of fans chanting, "Smoky," for "Smoky Joe" the nick name he had acquired. "I got in at the strangest times," Salem says. In his junior season the Gophers had won only one of their first five games (Indiana, 24-6) when they played Vanderbilt. Salem came off the bench late in the game with Vanderbilt ahead 6-0. He threw a long pass which hit the shoulder pads of the defensive back and landed in the Gopher receiver's hands for a touchdown. That play sparked a Gophers resurgence and they came storming back in the final minutes to score two more touchdowns giving them a 20-6 victory for their only other win that year. It was one of the most unpleasant years in Gopher football history with fans calling openly for Warmath's firing and parading by his Minneapolis home throwing garbage on his front lawn.

The following year was the biggest turnaround in modern college football history. The Gophers finished the season with an 8-2-0 record, won the Big Ten and National Championships and played in the Rose Bowl, losing to Washington 17-7. Salem says one of his personal highlights came in the Iowa game after the Gophers had won their first six games. Minnesota was ranked number two in the national polls and Iowa was number one. This was the game to decide the national championship. Before a sell out crowd in Memorial

## FROM THE SANDLOTS OF SOUIX FALLS TO THE HALL OF FAME

Stadium the Gophers were losing the game when Warmath called Salem off the bench late in the third quarter. With the crowd going "wild" and chanting "Smoky, Smoky," Salem threw a pass "right on the money" to Roger Hagberg for a first down. Two plays later the Gophers scored. For some unknown reason, Warmath then took Salem out and replaced him with Stephens who took the Gophers to a 27-10 win.

Salem graduated in 1961 and joined Warmath's coaching staff working with the backs and assisting backfield coach Dick Larson as a Gopher scout. He stayed with Warmath the next five years with the Gophers compiling a 27-18-2 record. In 1965 he became the head football coach at the University of South Dakota, a team that had only won eight games in the previous six years. His first season the team posted a 5-5 record. The second year, South Dakota dropped to 2-8, but the third year the team had a 9-1

record. Injuries the next year were very damaging and Salem's team could only muster a 3-7 season. But he put it all together again the following season when South Dakota U finished with a 9-1 record. His team tied for the North Central Conference championship in 1972, '73 and '74, was ranked in the top 10 nationally in Division 2, and he was named District 6 Coach of the Year in 1972.

Salem also vaulted into second place on South Dakota's all-time coaching list with his overall record of 52-38-2. After that great '74 season, his reputation began to spread and he was offered the head coaching job at Northern Arizona, a supposed graveyard for coaches. He took it, he says, because they had a substantial budget for football, far different than at South Dakota.



Joe Salem and Alan Reid, a running back who played for Salem in 1982-'83-seen at the Metrodome after the Minnesota-Purdue game-1995

His first year at NAU was 1-9 but over the next three seasons, his teams posted records of 8-3, 9-3, 8-2 and they won one Big Sky Conference title. He was named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1978 and was selected as the District 8 Coach of the Year in 1977. At NAU Salem-coached players were named Big Sky Conference offensive or defensive players of the week on 20 occasions, and NAU received 22 coveted All-America player awards. Then Paul Giel called. Salem replaced Coach Cal Stoll after the Gophers finished with a 5-6 season and promised Gopher fans they'd see wide-open offensive football. Gopher players, at the time, said they were excited with the change because they were hopeful a change in style and attitude would help turn the program around.

Marion Barber, a star running back for the Gophers and the Big Ten's top rusher in 1978 said that before Salem came there "were a lot of separate groups on the team and each group had disputes with the others. Coach Salem ended all of that."

In Salem's first year the Gophers were 4-6-1. In 1980 they won 5 and lost 6, the following season they continued to improve posting a 6-5 record and wins over Iowa 12-10 and Ohio State 35-31,



Joe Salem as an assistant to Head Coach Murray Warmath-1965

both who tied for the Big Ten title. In addition, the Gophers lost in the last minute to Indiana 17-16 (when they were stopped inside the Hoosier 5), the last minute to Wisconsin 26-21 and were defeated by Michigan State

43-36 in the final 90 seconds of play (a roughing-the-punter penalty cost Minnesota the game). Had they won those three games, Salem would have taken his Gophers to the Rose Bowl. "I can't live on what could have been and it's hard to talk about those 3 1/2 minutes because we came so close. But that's football and that's the way it is," Salem says.

The following season the Gophers were loaded with veterans and it looked like a big year was underway after they beat Ohio 57-3, Purdue 36-10 and Washington State 41-11, but then Illinois came to Memorial Stadium, beat Minnesota 42-24, and the season fell apart. It was a slide backwards after that with the Gophers losing the next seven games and finishing with a 3-8 record.

Salem's final season found him playing with a heavily loaded freshman squad and a team with not much depth. He says after winning the first game against Rice (21-17) they got a "shellacking" every Saturday for the rest of the season. He says, "what was probably the worst day of my life and a coaches' nightmare was the loss to Nebraska 84-13. From there it all went down hill." The Gophers lost every game the rest of the season, some by lopsided scores such as the 69-18 loss to Ohio State, 56-17 to Wisconsin, 58-10 defeat by Michigan and finally a 61-10 beating by Iowa.

After being relieved of his coaching duties at Minnesota and being replaced by Lou Holtz, Salem went back to Souix Falls and became the head of Johnson Bros./Famous Brands (a wine and spirit distributorship) covering the state of South Dakota, where he still is today. He manages close to 70 employees with operations in Souix Falls and Rapid City.

Salem says, "I really enjoyed the University both as a student and coach. Coach Warmath was a great teacher of the game and I couldn't have asked for a better mentor. I got a degree and began a good career. I would have liked to have done better as a coach at Minnesota but overall, I can't complain. I had a great football career and I guess a person doesn't know if they can swim the river until they try it. I tried it and got along pretty well until the current became too rough. I have no regrets and I'm proud of what I've accomplished. I'm happy with my life today and everything has worked out just fine. I could have stayed in football but it was time to move on and try something else. In the end, I would have liked to have finished better at Minnesota, but that's how the ball bounces. We gave it a good try and then it was on to other things."

Salem and his wife Sue, who were married in 1961, are the parents of four boys: Tim, the offensive coordinator at Purdue, Wade, who

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Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1989.

# EFJohnson™ Golden Gopher Athletes of the Month

## Heisman Trophy candidate CHRIS DARKINS

(6-1, 215), a senior running back from Houston, Texas became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his sensational play against Purdue in the Gophers 39-38 win as he carried the ball 38 times for 294 yards, a new school record, eclipsing the mark set by fullback Kent Kitzmann in 1977. In what may be the finest run in the history of the Gophers football program, Darkins took the ball at Purdue's 45, ran into the line, over a couple of tacklers, got loose and then got stopped at the 30 where he hurdled the would-be tacklers, lost his shoe, fought off three more Purdue tacklers and then sprinted into the end zone. In all Darkins averaged 7.8 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns. He was also outstanding in the Syracuse game where he rushed for 205 yards, tied a career-high (to that date) with 33 carries and scored the Golden Gophers' first touchdown of the game. The 205 yards he ran that day was third on his all-time list.

Darkins was a first-team All-Big Ten selection and a Doak Walker finalist in '94 when he set the single-season school rushing record with



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1,443 yards. He was named to the '95 Sporting News pre-season Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year as well as several other preseason All-America and All-Big Ten teams.

Darkins, a team co-captain this season for the second straight year, is ranked fifth in the Big Ten and 10th in the nation with an average of 130.6 yards rushing per game. Darkins, ranked second on the all-time school rushing list with 3,096 yards, is also ranked fourth with 21 career rushing touchdowns and 8th in scoring with 156 career points.



Freshman **MATT DOYLE** (Simsbury, Conn.) became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his exciting play in the Wolverine

Golf Invitational. Doyle carded a final-round 73 to tie for medalist honors and his final round score was the lowest of all the leaders, giving him the victory over Jonathan Clark of Marshall and Kyle Voska of Miami because there was no playoff. Doyle's two round total of 218 led the Golden Gophers to their first victory of the season. The Gophers came from six shots behind Miami on the final day to win by two strokes, 897-899.

**RODNEY HEATH** (5-10, 170) is named an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his play in the Gophers first six football games of the season. The junior cornerback from Cincinnati, Ohio picked



off four passes, the most in the nation through the first week of October, added one more for a total of five, has returned eleven punts for 148 yards for an average of 13.5 yards (third best in the country), an interception in the season opener against Ball State, another interception against Syracuse in the end zone to prevent a touchdown, two interceptions and five punt returns, including run backs of 44 and 30 yards, against Arkansas State. He is alone in first in the Big Ten and fifth in the nation in interceptions (0.83), and is also third in the Big Ten and 8th in the country in punt returns (13.5). Last season, Heath was fifth in the Big Ten and 25th in the nation in punt returns, averaging 9.4 yards per return. He saw action in 696 plays registering 40 tackles and also led the Gophers and was fourth in the conference in breaking up passes. Rodney was named a preseason second-

team All Big Ten selection at cornerback by Sporting News.

**MIKE CHALBERG** (5-11, 170), a senior kicker joins the elite group of athletes this month who are named E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETES OF THE MONTH. Chalberg, a candidate for the Lou Groza Award which



honors the nation's top collegiate placekicker, has been nothing short of sensational through the first six games this season connecting on seven-of-eight field goals and a perfect 22 of 22 extra points. In the game against Northwestern he hit a 47-yarder and drilled a 45-yarder early in the second quarter at Michigan State. In the Purdue game, Chalberg nailed a career-long 48-yarder and four extra points. Against Arkansas State he hit two field goals and six extra points and in the season opener against Ball State he connected on a 42-yarder. He is currently ranked sixth on the all-time school list in overall scoring and fourth in kick scoring with 179 career points.

**CORY SAUTER** (6-5, 226) becomes E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his brilliant play at quarterback. In his first season as the starter, Sauter looks more like a seasoned veteran than a



rookie. Through six games, he has completed 61.2 percent of his passing attempts (115 of 188) for 1,482 yards and 12 TD's with just five interceptions. He is ranked third in the Big Ten and 16th in the nation in passing efficiency (143.1), and second in the Big Ten and 21st in the nation in total offense (243.8). He completed 24 of 37 passing attempts for a career-high 404 yards and four TD's against Michigan State. The 404-yard effort ranks No. 3 on the all-time school single-game passing list.

## COACH MEANS LOOKS FOR ANOTHER GOOD YEAR: FRESHMEN ARROYO AND DOYLE LEAD TEAM IN FINAL COMPETITION

The Golden Gopher men's golf team lost two starters from last year's squad which won four tournaments and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year. But Head Coach John Means doesn't consider this a building year.

"We lost some key individuals in Jon Kelly and Mark Hanson," said Means, "but the three returning starters are solid and the young players are all coming off outstanding summers. The depth that we have could make us a better team this year from top to bottom."

Means begins his sixth season as head coach and it's clear that his direction and the hard work of both coach and players is starting to pay off.

Leading the way for the Gophers this year are District IV All-America selection and team captain Aaron Barber. Barber, a fifth-year senior from New London, Minn., is a prime example of the growth of the Gopher program. Originally a walk-on, he competed for the junior varsity as a freshman and the following year was redshirted.

In 1993-94, Barber had a great year, competing in every tournament and finishing second on the team in stroke average (75.2). Last year he was the team leader in stroke average (74.58) and was an All-Big Ten selection in addition to his All-America honors. This past summer he was one of four Gophers to qualify for the U. S. Amateur in Newport, R. I. and advanced to the second round of the match play competition. Barber also qualified for the U. S. Publiclinks, was seventh at the Sunnehanna (Walker Cup Qualifier), and was sixth in the Minnesota State Amateur.

Means says Barber has worked "very hard to develop into an outstanding golfer and is now ready to position himself as one of the top collegiate players in the country."

With the season already under way, the Gophers are beginning to show how good they are and what can be expected of them. Barber is leading the team with a 73.0 stroke average after two tournaments followed by Matt Doyle (Fr., Simsbury, Conn.) at 73.8 Junior Mark

Halverson (Fargo, N.D.) is at 75.5, freshman Bill Thompson (Wayzata, Minn.) is at 75.5, Andy Komor (So., New Brighton, Minn.) is at 74.3, Rob Kerr (So., Pointe Claire, Quebec) is at 76.3 and sophomore Adam Dooley (Albany, Minn.) is at 76.8.

The Gophers won their first golf match of the season 897-899 over second place Miami in the Wolverine Invitational held in Ann Arbor, Mich. Freshman Matt Doyle (Doyle is named an E. F. Johnson Athlete of the Month for his performance—see page 3) carded a final-round 73 to tie for medalist honors and turning in a two round total of 218.

The Gophers came from six shots behind Miami on the final day. Doyle was followed in the scoring by senior All-American Aaron Barber who finished tied for ninth at 223, junior Mark Halverson, tied for 14th at 226, freshman Bill Thompson, 37th at 230, and sophomore Adam Dooley, 90th at 240. Miami finished second in the tournament with a score of 899, followed by Indiana at 900. Purdue was fourth at 902 and Ohio University was fifth at 905.

In the Windon Memorial the Gophers shot team scores of 314-306-308 for a three round total of 928 to finish 11th in the 12-team field. Florida won the tournament with a team score of 891 followed by Stanford at 895.

Aaron Barber led the Gophers with a score of 231, good for 23rd. Freshman Matt Doyle struggled in his final round with an 82 to fall to 31st. Mark Halverson had a 237 (45th) and Adam Dooley and Robert Keer had 238's (46th) to round out the Minnesota scoring.

And in the final competition of the fall season, the men's golf team finished fourth at the 54-hole Cup of Newport Tournament at Kingston, R. I. The Gophers were led by freshmen Daniel Arroyo and Matt Doyle.

Arroyo fired a final round 77 to finish in a six-way tie for seventh place with a score of 225. Doyle tied for 13th with a score of 226. Senior Aaron Barber, who shot a final round 73, tied for 19th at 228, while junior Mark Halverson tied for 28th at 233.



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← Mike and Sandy Conzemius, of Fargo, N.D., parents of senior linebacker and team captain, Justin Conzemius, were seen outside in the parking lot after the 39-38 win over Purdue. They had reason to smile since Justin had just finished the game with four tackles which gave him 14 tackles through the first four games of the season. Last season, Justin led the defense with 113 tackles, including 70 solos, and saw action in a team-leading 877 plays, ranking him seventh in the Big Ten with 10.3 tackles per game.

Dana Enriquez, a sophomore at the U of M in CLA → and a real Gopher football fan. She's Chris Darkins' fiancée. Enriquez stopped for this picture after the Purdue game in which Chris scored three touchdowns and set a new single-game school record with 294 yards rushing on a career-high 38 carries to lead the Gophers to a 39-38 victory. Enriquez and Darkins are both from Houston, Texas and have dated for the past 4 1/2 years. They plan to be married in Houston on April, 26, 1997 and then will have a small reception for their many friends in Minneapolis.



← Curt Sauer of Sartell, Minn., is the father of senior linebacker Craig who leads the Gophers with 40 total tackles after six games. He had seven tackles and a big fumble recovery in the win over Purdue and led the team with 10 tackles against Syracuse. This picture was taken after the Arkansas State game when Craig turned in three solo tackles pushing his solo total to 18 after five games. Craig is tied for fifth on the all-time school list with 24 tackles for losses, tied for 10th with six career sacks and led last year's team with 11 tackles for losses and three sacks.

**Correction:** This picture appeared in the last issue of SPORTSNEWS but the names were missing. They were sent to the printer but inadvertently omitted there. We are sorry for the error.

At the first LUNCH WITH → COACH WACKER hosted by the U of M's Goal Line Club on Sept. 15 at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington, Minn. From L to R: Craig Zemke, Bruce Holmes, Rod Wallace, Ray Hitchcock, Dewey White.



**TENNIS TEAM RANKED 21ST IN U.S.**

The U of M tennis team has been ranked 21st in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association/Rolux Collegiate rankings. The four-time defending Big Ten Champions, who finished 23-6 overall last year, were the highest rated Big Ten team on the top 50 list. Michigan was ranked 26th, with Northwestern at 46th.

In action against the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Minnesota won four of six singles matches on the way to a 6-3 victory in the final day of the Crimson Tide Tennis Classic at the Hank Crisp Indoor Facility in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Gophers, who dropped a 7-2 decision

to Mississippi State in the first outing of the weekend, finished second in the four-team invitational with a 2-1 record. The Maroon and Gold downed host-school Alabama 4-3 in opening day action.

On the weekend, the doubles team of junior Ben Gabler and freshman John Cheregi won all three matches, while junior Lars Hjarrand and senior Erik Donley teamed to win their two matches without a setback.

The Gophers will resume the fall portion of their 1995-96 schedule by participating in the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 27-29.



**THE PRESS WANTS TO KNOW**

Charlie Walters, long time St. Paul Pioneer Press sports writer, is seen here interviewing outside linebacker **JUSTIN CONZEMIUS** (6-2, 225). Conzemius, a senior from Fargo, N.D. is a co-captain who is one of the most durable athletes on the football team. He's

never missed a game during his career, playing in 39 straight contests. Conzemius, tied for seventh on the all-time school list with eight career interceptions, can squat 500-plus pounds. Last year, Justin, who led last year's defense with 113 tackles, including 70 solos and has registered 21 tackles this season through five games, was named last year to the honorable mention All-Big Ten team and was selected as a First-Team GTE Academic All-America. In the Northwestern game, Justin had a team-high seven tackles and had a pass breakup and recovered a fumble. He collected nine tackles against Michigan State.

**GRIAK CALLS MICHALEK A COMBINATION OF GREYHOUND AND PIT BULL**

Junior Paul Michalek, a middle distance runner on Coach Roy Griak's Cross Country team, had quite a summer of competition as he turned in some exceptional performances, including a new school record in the 1500 meters.

Michalek clocked a personal best of 1:48.78 in the 800 meters on July 8 in Montreal, a performance just off Ed Twomey's outdoor school record of 1:48.2 set back in 1969.

Two days later, also in Montreal, Michalek ran an incredible 3:40.80 in the 1500 meters and beat John Trautmann, a 1992 Olympian, in the process. Michalek's record-breaking performance broke two-time U.S. Olympian Steve Plasencia's school mark of 3:41.6 set in 1977 and also qualified Michalek for the '96 U. S. Olympic Trials. The time of 3:40.80 equates to about a 3:58 mile.

Michalek came to the U of M after winning the state Class AA title in the 1600 meters as a senior when he clocked a 4:02.73 mile at a regular season indoor meet before finishing fourth in the event at

the '95 Big Ten Indoor Championships.

Outdoors, he finished second in the 1500 meters at the Drake Relays with a then-personal best and NCAA provisional qualifying clocking of 3:44.39. He went on to place second in both the 800 and 1500 meters at the Big Ten Championships.

Griak says Michalek "has so much confidence now. I really think that it all started back at the Drake Relays when he blew by some outstanding runners. That was a big turning point for him. With his strong work ethic and great attitude, Paul has the ability to accomplish some great things during his career."

Griak adds this about Michalek: "Paul's improvement from the time he came to the U of M to now has been sensational, phenomenal really!" He adds, "He's such a tough competitor, a combination of a greyhound and a pit bull."



**HOCKEY from page 1**

unrealistic that some of the freshman will be on the top three lines."

Look for senior Jeff Moen and redshirt sophomore Steve DeBus, a comer who could be a star, to alternate at goal. Moen shared the goal tending job with Jeff Callinan (who led the WCHA with a 2.78 goals-against average) two years ago as a sophomore and had some good numbers, 11-8-1, 3.33 goals against and .884 saves percentage. He came into his own last season in the exhibition game against the Swedish Brynäs Tigers when he replaced Callinan midway through the second period with the Gophers trailing 2-1. He made 17 saves, including 12 in the final period. Woog called many of his third-period saves, "incredible."

Woog also believes the Gophers will be stronger on defense and that's a plus since that was one of the areas of greatest strengths last

season. The Gophers return all six defensemen who started against Boston U., in the NCAA hockey semifinals, Dan Trebil, Mike Crowley, Greg Zwakman, Andy Brink, Brian La Fleur, and Charlie Wasley. Jason Godbout, who appears to be completely recovered from the stroke he suffered last season, should also be ready. Add Jay Moser and newcomer Kohn and the maroon and gold will be a real threat.

Last season the Gophers finished with a 25-14-5 record, playing in their 11th straight NCAA tournament, an NCAA record. And, no matter how good the talent, a top-notch coach is still an important asset and the Gophers have that in Woog. His career record tells the story: 301-83-26 (.706) and a WCHA mark of 218-83-26 (.706), one of the best winning performances of any collegiate coach in the country. This season could be Woog's and the Gophers best ever!

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**REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Ohio State	Nov. 4	6 p.m. CDT	Metrodome
Wisconsin	Nov. 11	6 P.M. CDT	Metrodome
Illinois	Nov. 18	1 p.m. CDT	Memorial Stadium-Champaign, Ill.
Iowa	Nov. 25	1 p.m. CDT	Kinnick Stadium-Iowa City, Iowa

**REMAINING CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE**

Nov. 11	District Four Championships (West Lafayette, Ind.)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 20	NCAA Championships (Ames, Iowa)	11:00 a.m.

## Aches & Pains

Elizabeth A. Arendt, M.D., Director,  
University of Minnesota Sports Medicine Institute

**Q.** There are women in my family who have stooped shoulders or are bent at the shoulder with a hump that has developed. What can I do to prevent that from happening to me?

**A.** You are describing osteoporosis which is defined as loss of bone tissue that makes a bone weaker. When bones are weaker, they break more easily. Broken bones secondary to osteoporosis have a huge financial burden in regards to the cost of caring for fractures in the older age group. It also has a profound effect on the quality of life of these older individuals.

Physical activity has been proposed as one strategy to reduce broken bones by increasing the mass of bone. Although the exact way that exercise makes more bone is not clear, we know that bone responds to changes in mechanical loading. We see this in the bones of a person's pitching arm having greater bone than the same bone in that person's opposite side. We also know that lack of activity severely reduces bone mass such as the loss of bone with prolonged bed rest. It is speculated that the best exercise for people are those exercises that involve a weight bearing activity, and

one that increases muscle strength. For instance, the types of activity that one should do are those that require the full weight of the body, i.e. ones that are performed on ones' feet. Walking is this type of activity, with bicycle riding as an in between effect, i.e. some weight bearing capacity plus strong muscle stimulus of the lower legs.

There is a second and equally important effect of physical activity on osteoporosis. That is that those people who stay physically active can prevent falls by improved agility and balance, and have muscle strength which may protect against a fall or absorb the shock of a fall such that all of the impact is not transferred to bone. Therefore, keeping up some form of muscular strength in the upper arms and lower legs is important in the older age group.

If you have sports medicine related questions, please send them to:

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## THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENES—

*We know that the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, led by Head Coach Jim Wacker, is a well conditioned, highly trained and excellently prepared team each time they take the field. Much is known about Coach Wacker, but little is known about his assistant coaches, some of the best football coaching talent in the country. Read about, The Men Behind The Scenes:*

**Bob DeBesse** came with Jim Wacker in 1992 and has done an exceptional job as offensive coordinator. Under his direction the Gophers have averaged 390 yards of total offense per game over the past three seasons, compared to a 308-yard average the four seasons prior to his arrival. The improvement has been most notable in the passing game over that period with the Gophers going from an average of 156 yards ('88-'91) to an average of 257 yards through the air during that same period. DeBesse was a three football letter winner at Southwest Texas State where he played under Jim Wacker. In 1990 he was named the Southwest Conference Offensive Coordinator of the Year.

**Marc Dove** has coordinated the defense since he came with Coach Wacker in 1992. This season he is concentrating on working with all defensive positions. As a football player at Texas Tech University, he was a three varsity letter winner in football and was a two-time All-Southwest Conference selection. He was honored as the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1971. During his 22-year coaching career, Dove has been involved with teams that have made eight post-season bowl appearances. Scott Brown came to the U of M with Jim Wacker in 1992 and today is in charge of coaching the linebackers. He knows the position well. He was a defensive lineman and linebacker at Adams State in Colorado, where he was a two-year co-captain and a four-year letterwinner. In 1980 he was named the defensive line coach at Southwest Texas State, where he teamed up with Wacker. He's been with Coach Wacker ever since.

**Chip Garber** also came to Minneapolis with Coach Wacker in 1992 and took over duties as the defensive backfield coach. He was a two-year starter and a three-year letterwinner at the University of Maryland where he played on three Atlantic Coast Conference championship teams and participated in four post-season bowl games. In 1977 he started at defensive right end in the Hall of Fame Bowl against the Gophers. Three years later he started his coaching career at Southern Methodist University.

**Gordon Shaw** took over the offensive line coaching duties for the Gophers in 1993. The following year Shaw's offensive line helped pave the way for All-Big Ten running back Chris Darkins' successful assault on the Gophers' single-season rushing record. Shaw was quite a football player. He starred at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo from 1973-76 at offensive center. Since 1979 he's been coaching at the college level, first as defensive line coach at Cal State Northridge and then as the defensive line coach at Cal Poly. In 1980 Cal Poly won the NCAA Division II National Championship and Shaw was given much of the credit.

**Kevin Sumlin** became the wide receivers coach during the spring of 1993. He was a four-year starter for the Purdue Boilermakers and was a Sports Illustrated All-America selection in 1985. Sumlin's coaching career began as a graduate assistant at Washington State University in 1988. During the last two seasons, Sumlin has coached the top three wideouts on the all-time Minnesota career receiving list, Omar Douglas, Chuck Rios and Aaron Osterman.

**Mark Tommerdahl** is new to the Gophers' coaching staff, coming to Gold Country after spending the past 11 seasons as an assistant at the University of Wyoming. He is assisting Jim Wacker as recruiting coordinator and coaching the tight ends and special teams. Tommerdahl is a four-year letterwinner as an offensive tackle for Concordia College in Morehead, Minn. He was an all-conference pick and an honorable mention All-America selection as a senior.

**Buddy Wyatt** is another coach who came to Minneapolis with Jim Wacker in 1992. He is handling the entire defensive line coaching duties and is well acquainted with Coach Wacker's system since he played for him at Texas Christian University and later served as one of their graduate assistants. Wyatt earned four letters at TCU as a defensive tackle and then played two seasons of pro ball before returning to TCU as a graduate assistant.

**Kevin Yoxall** took over the strength and conditioning duties in the winter of 1993. Prior to that he had the same responsibilities at TCU under Jim Wacker. Yoxall is a competitive Olympic weightlifter and powerlifter. In addition, he is certified by the National Strength Coaches Association (NSCA) as a strength and conditioning specialist. He was a powerlifting collegiate All-America selection in 1983, a Region IX powerlifting record holder in 1982-1983, and a 242-pound class Texas State Drug-Free Powerlifting champion for three consecutive years (1988-90).

**Jim Zorn** is no stranger to football. He is the all-time passing leader of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks who was named to the Minnesota coaching staff in December of 1994, where he is in charge of the quarterbacks.

Zorn comes to Minnesota after spending the past three seasons as the offensive coordinator at Utah State where his team averaged 442.1 total yards per game in 1993 to rank 15th in the country.

Zorn was with Seattle for nine seasons (1976-84) where he threw for 20,122 yards in 126 games. He passed for 3,000 yards or more in three straight seasons (1978-79-80). In 1978 he was honored as the AFC Player of the Year by the Washington Touchdown Club. He became just the third player in league history to pass for 10,000 yards or more in his first four seasons in the league.

## MAGELLIA BOSTON from page 2

University's athletic department."

Magellia says she keeps "very busy these days being actively involved" in organizations like the African American Family Services (formerly known as the Institute on Black Chemical Abuse), and Sistah's, a social organization of women with like interests in her Golden Valley community. In addition she sits on three committees in the Hopkins School district and is a volunteer at Methodist Hospital serving as a patient representative.

As far as McKinley's new position which began on July 1st, she has this to say: "At least ten people recently asked me how it felt to be married to a vice president? And my answer was that it won't be any different. I'm just trying to get over the fact that anyone considers him a celebrity. To our children he's just dad and to

me he's a kind hearted and gentle person who is a workaholic. He loves his family. He has set long range role modeling as good examples for his family. Both McKinley and I have a like value system. It showed on McKinley when he was offered a big job in Florida State University. The job paid significantly more than Minnesota. Lance's advice to his father was go for the big money, but McKinley said money wasn't the only thing. He said that in order for us to get rich we'd have to hit the lottery and we don't play it that much. So you do the things that make you happy and do what's right and his major consideration was his family. It was really a family decision that kept him here in Minnesota."

McKinley says Magellia's independence "gives me the strength and encouragement to do the things that are important. I'd be lost without her."

## JOE SALEM from page 3

heads up the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the Erie, Pennsylvania area, and twins Brad who is working with the Michigan State football team while finishing work on a Masters degree and Brent, a graduate assistant coaching the tight ends at Purdue, who is also working on a Masters degree.

Sue says Joe is "really someone special. He's a very private person who has been an excellent husband and father. He's been a terrific role model for our sons and the legacy that his father started he continued. He took our boys with him to practice, they all ate in the locker rooms, sometimes they got to travel with his teams and what was really important was that they saw their father in a leadership position which they obviously hoped they could be in some day. I'm happy for what Joe accomplished and proud to say he's in the Hall of

Fame at the universities of South Dakota and Northern Arizona. I am also very happy that the Salem legacy of coaching continues. We're both real happy with our life today because our weekends are free and we can eat dinner together, something we couldn't do during all of those football seasons. One last thing, I believe Joe proved he was a good coach and teacher of the game. He had a good overall record. He taught some of the best coaches in the game such as Mike Shanahan (now the head coach of the Denver Broncos) and Pat Morris at Stanford, Dan Runkle at Mankato State and others. I'm so proud of him and the legacy which continues. Occasionally he offers his offensive plays to his sons just like his father did to him. It's a generation to generation thing. All four of our boys are married and we have four grandchildren. Maybe someday the legacy will continue into the next generation."

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Tickets for the Minnesota/California basketball game at the Metrodome on Dec. 16, are still on sale. The Metrodome will be set up similar to the NCAA Tournament layout and will accommodate 35,000 people. This will be a great opportunity for non-season ticket holders to see the Golden Gophers play. The basketball tickets are priced at \$10 and \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and youths 18 and under. Tickets are available through any TicketMaster outlet or at the Golden Gopher Athletics Ticket Office. For more information call the ticket office at (612) 624-8080.

## BAND DAY WAS MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

When the Football Gophers played Arkansas State in the Metrodome on Sept. 30, it was also the annual Band Day. Fans were treated to another gigantic musical extravaganza performed by the Gophers Marching Band and high school musicians from all across Minnesota. The event, which has been growing in numbers each year, attracted more than 1200 musicians who sat in their colorful high school uniforms in the upper deck in the south end zone. The musicians were led by Eric Becker, the talented Director of the University of Minnesota Marching Band.

## THE LAST TIME

**Minnesota scored a safety: Oct. 8, 1994,** Purdue quarterback Rick Trefzger ran out the back of the end zone with nine seconds remaining in the Boilermakers' 49-37 win over the Golden Gophers at West Lafayette, Ind.

**Minnesota shut out its opponent: Oct. 20, 1990,** Minnesota blanked Indiana 12-0 in the Metrodome behind a solid defensive performance to record its first shutout since 1977.

**Minnesota played to a scoreless tie: Sept. 29, 1962,** Minnesota and Missouri played to a scoreless tie in front of 60,133 fans at Memorial Stadium.



By Greg Jackson

## HOCKEY CLINIC HELD AT MALL OF AMERICA

The Mall of America's east rotunda was turned into a hockey arena for a day on Sept. 30 when Head Gophers Hockey Coach Doug Woog and the Gophers hockey team appeared on the ice there. Woog and the Gopher skaters put on a demonstration of hockey and skating skills and followed that with a short clinic.

## DON VAIA INDUCTED INTO HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Don Vaia, who played 33 games in the nets for the Gophers in 1956, '57 and '59 was recently inducted into the Hibbing Hockey Hall of Fame. Vaia, who served as a Gophers assistant hockey coach when his eligibility was finished, compiled the following stats during his Gopher career: GA-106, SV% .903, GAA 3.40.

## HASKINS HOSTS COACHING SEMINAR

As we go to press, Clem Haskins, men's basketball coach, and his staff will be hosting the "Play Hard" basketball seminar to be held at Williams Arena. Kansas coach Roy Williams was scheduled to be the guest speaker for the seminar which was designed to benefit college, high school and youth basketball coaches.

## DID YOU KNOW

In addition to playing the first five games of the '95 football season indoors, the football Gophers will play a grand total of just two games on grass this year—Oct. 28 at Michigan and Nov. 25 at Iowa.



The Gophers running with Paul Bunyan's Axe after their 17-14 win in Madison last year.

## PAUL BUNYAN'S AXE

When the Gophers and Badgers take the field on Nov. 11 in the Metrodome, it will mark the 104th time these two teams have squared off, making this series the longest in Division 1-A football.

Sports fans will remember the great upset win in Madison's Camp Randall Stadium last year as the Gophers took home Paul Bunyan's Axe after their 17-14 victory before more than 77,000 fans (only 200 were from Minnesota).

Paul Bunyan's Axe was conceived in 1948 by the Wisconsin "W" Club as a trophy. The two teams played so many games since that time, that the games final scores were printed smaller and smaller, scrunching the letters in order to avoid reaching the end of the axe's shaft until 1980 when the scores reached the broad face of the handle. The 14 games since then appear on the narrow side of the handle.

Wisconsin leads the series with 23 wins and the Gophers have 21. There have been three ties (1952, '53 and '56). Minnesota has won the last two games.

## HIGHLAND PARK NIGHT AT THE DOME

Saturday night, November 4, the U of M will recognize brothers Tony and Jeff Levine, graduates of St. Paul Highland Park High School. Tony, a senior, is the Gophers starting slot back and Jeff, a junior, is the lead trumpet player in the Marching Band.

The Levine brothers are both excellent athletes as well as musicians. In addition to Tony's exploits on the football field where he is currently ranked third on the team with 16 catches for 185 yards, he is also one of the top saxophone players in the state who was a member of the All-State Jazz Ensemble as a senior in high school. He was All-Conference in football and basketball and played on the Highland baseball team.

Jeff Levine, in addition to leading the trumpet section for the Marching Band, is also the Director of the Fan Fare Band (you see them during the football games playing Gopher fight songs along the sidelines). Jeff was also a member of the All-State Jazz Ensemble and played basketball and baseball in high school. He was All-Conference in basketball and led the league in 3-point shooting.

The St. Paul Highland Park area will be in the stands in force, cheering on their native sons.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MARCHING BAND TO PERFORM AT INDOOR CONCERT

The University of Minnesota's School of Music will host the 34th annual indoor concert at Northrup Auditorium on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m.

The Marching Band which is considered to be among the top five marching bands in the country, has 200 members who are recognized for their exceptional musical talent.

Seating for the concert will be reserved with seats costing \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. For group rates, please contact the Northrup ticket office or

the School of Music. For information on this event or other School of Music events call the Hotline at 62-MUSIC (626-8742).

As Eric Becher, the Marching Band Director said recently when describing the concert, "It will be the only thing to take the roof off of Northrup Auditorium besides a tornado."

## BRUCE SMITH: ONLY HEISMAN WINNER AT U OF M

Recently Bruce Smith was honored for his performances on the gridiron as Minnesota's only winner of the coveted Heisman Trophy. Who was this Minnesota sports legend?

Smith sparked sports writers attention across the country in a

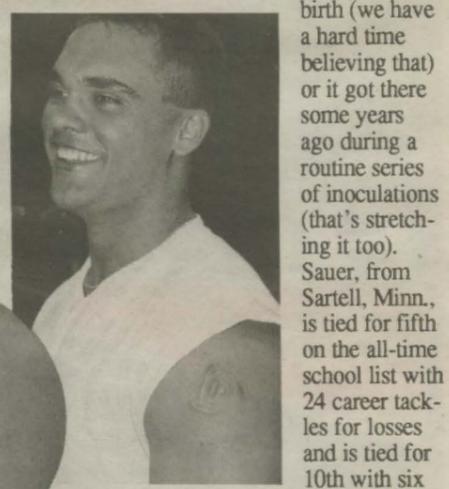
1940 game against Michigan played in Memorial Stadium on the Minneapolis campus. Late in the first half with the Gophers trailing 6-0, Smith took a handoff on a weak-side reverse. He ran into, around and through seven Michigan defenders before getting to daylight and sprinting 80 yards for a touchdown.

Smith played for the Gophers from 1939-41 and led the team to two undefeated national titles (1940 and '41). Three times in the '40 season he scored game-winning touchdowns when the Gophers were trailing.

Smith, who earned All-Big Ten and All-America honors and the only Minnesota player to ever receive the Heisman trophy, was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 47. For several months he fought the disease as his weight dropped from 200 pounds to a mere 90 before he died. But through it all, he never stopped working to improve the life of youngsters also afflicted with cancer. He went to their homes and camps encouraging them to fight their illness. His wife Gloria said he would have died three months sooner as doctors predicted but he "wanted to spend the summer with his kids." He died on August 26, 1967. Ten years later, his number 54 became the first Minnesota football number to be officially removed from the roster.

## AN UNUSUAL INOCULATION

Craig Sauer, football co-captain and senior linebacker, has an unusual mark (in the shape of an M) which we noticed on his upper left arm. Sauer says it's either been there since



birth (we have a hard time believing that) or it got there some years ago during a routine series of inoculations (that's stretching it too). Sauer, from Sartell, Minn., is tied for fifth on the all-time school list with 24 career tackles for losses and is tied for 10th with six

## EGELAND INDUCTED INTO AQUATIC HALL OF FAME

Dan Egeland, former Gopher swimmer, was inducted into the University of Minnesota Aquatic Hall of Fame during the season-opening meet held at the Aquatic Center.

Egeland swam for the Gophers from 1985 to 1989 and was a six-time All-American, four-time Big Ten champion and record holder, and the 1989 Big Ten Swimmer of the Year. He was the first Gopher Big Ten champion since Hall of Famer Art Griffith in 1981 and the first to win multiple titles since the 1960s.

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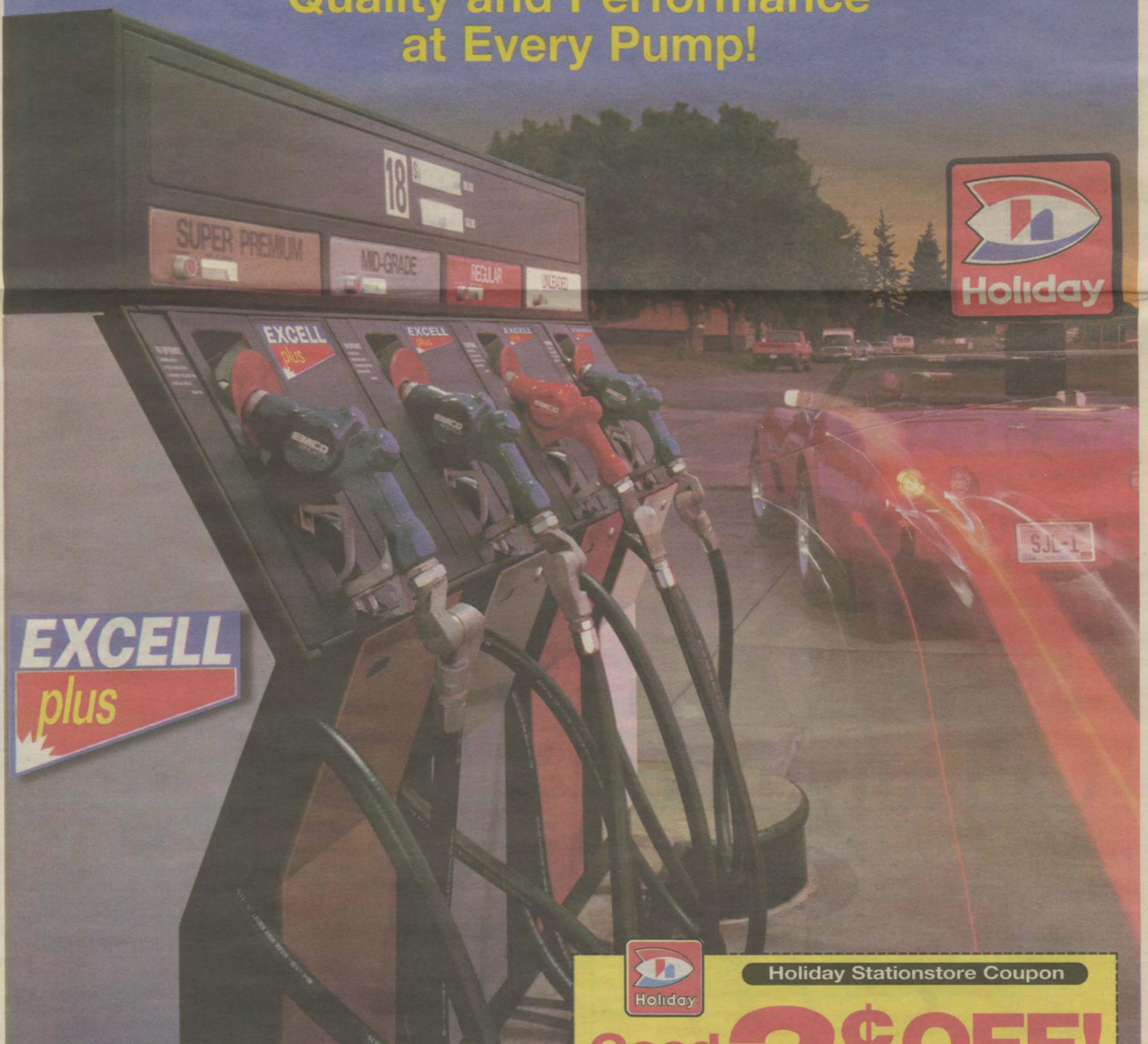
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## BILLY PIERCE LEADS WRESTLERS; COACH ROBINSON AND TEAM CONSIDERED AMONG THE BEST IN AMERICA GOPHERS SCORE BIG WIN OVER MISSOURI IN SEASON OPENER

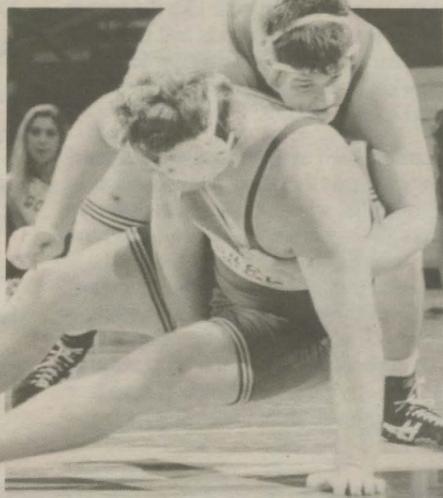
Coach J Robinson, one of the America's premier college wrestling coaches might just be having one of the best seasons in U of M history.

The 10th ranked Gopher wrestling team, led by senior, two-time All-American Billy Pierce from Minneapolis, has had a "hot" fall. Here's what's been happening in the fall season:

As we go to press, the Gophers, with seven freshman and a junior college transfer in the starting lineup, just defeated Missouri 29-6 in their dual meet season opener at the Sports Pavilion on the Minneapolis campus. Billy Pierce (13-1) scored a technical fall over Thomas Patterson in 5:44. Bart Golyer (118), Mauricio Mora (134), Jason Davids (142), Chad Kraft (150), Jesse Krebs (158), Gerald Carr (167), and Tim Hartung (177) were all winners.

In other action, the Gopher grapplers competed in the Northern Open held in Madison, Wisconsin and sophomore Jason Davids, earned his second tournament title of the unattached season, recording pins in the first two rounds and defeated Tony Pariano of Northwestern by a 5-3 margin to claim the 142 title.

Billy Pierce pinned his first three opponents and advanced to the weight class final where he dropped a 3-2 decision. Junior Gerald Carr advanced to the 167 semis before losing a 7-4 decision to eventual champion Kevin Wilmot of Wisconsin. Carr went on to take third place with a 7-5 overtime win over Jason Wedgebury of Northern Iowa.



Billy Pierce

In the team's second competition of the fall season, the Gophers were led by senior All-American Billy Pierce and freshman Brandon Eggum who claimed weight class titles at the Ryan Kaufman-Glen Brand Open, in Omaha, Neb.

Pierce claimed the open division heavyweight title and Eggum won the 20-and-under division title at 177. All athletes competed unattached and no team points were given.

Two other Gophers made appearances in the finals, as Gerald Carr and Jesse Krebs earned second-place finishes in the Open Division in their respective weight classes. The Minnesota grapplers had eight additional place winners in

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## HOCKEY GOPHERS OFF TO GREAT START; BIG WINS OVER MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN STATE IN COLLEGE HOCKEY SHOWCASE

By all indications, Doug Woog's Gopher hockey team could be the best the maroon and gold has put on the ice in the eleven years he has been the Head Coach. That says a lot for a program where the Gophers have finished first or second in the WCHA in nine of Woog's first 10 seasons and where the Gophers have played in 10 consecutive NCAA tournaments. Woog has an extraordinary coaching record as a Gopher varsity head hockey coach with a career record of 306-127-29 (.694) and a WCHA mark of 223-85-27 (.706). As we go to press, the Gophers are off to their best start in many years. In the season opener, Minnesota defeated Alaska-Anchorage 8-2 in a romp that matched the shine of the new, special-event gold jerseys worn by the team. Ryan Kraft showed his ability and what made him the WCHA's top freshman scorer last season. He clicked for three assists, and two of them were brilliant,

setting up Reggie Berg and Brian Bonin for goals that made a close 4-2 game a run-away in the second period.

After the weekend series against Michigan State, the Gophers are 9-3-1 and have won eight of their last nine games. It was the weekend series against UMD in Duluth that perhaps has defined the Gophers for this season. In the first game Brian Bonin and Reggie Berg knocked Duluth out of the game as they scored third-period goals. Jeff Moen was superb in the nets blocking all 23 shots and the Gophers won 2-0.

The crowd of 5,433 was stunned because in 571 previous UMD games at the Duluth Convention Center, the Bulldogs had been blanked only once, when Princeton beat them 1-0 in overtime on Dec. 20, 1980. Nick Checco's aggressive play contributed to the

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## BASKETBALL TEAM LOOKS GOOD IN FIRST FIVE GAMES

The men's basketball team looked good in starting out the season by taking a second place in the Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hawaii and then coming back to Minneapolis to defeat Charleston Southern, Bethune-Cookman.

In the first game of the Big Island Invitational, the Gophers fell behind by 16 points before beating Valparaiso after Coach Clem Haskins shuffled the lineup

and gave a stirring motivational halftime speech. In the second half of that game they shot 61.5 percent, more than double their performance of the first half.

In the second game, Minnesota trailed Wichita State by eight points at intermission but pulled out a 64-55 victory and a spot in the finals. Junior center John Thomas led the Gophers in scoring with 15 points followed by Quincy Lewis and Sam Jacobson with 13 each.

In the final game, Minnesota lost to Nebraska 96-85 after staying within four points of the senior dominated Cornhusker team through the first half. Then a 9-0 run a minute into the second half put Nebraska in full command. Quincy Lewis led the Gophers with 26 points, including four three-pointers.

Rebounding against Nebraska was not good as the Cornhuskers dominated the backboards with 43-24, including a 20-7 advantage in offensive rebounds.

After traveling more than 10,000 miles in eight days and fighting jet lag, the Gophers returned to Minneapolis and took on Charleston Southern, winners of the Big South Tournament last season, in

Williams Arena. The Gophers rallied for an 82-67 win in front of 13,735 happy fans.

Minnesota trailed Charleston by six at the half and then came storming back for a second half display that found them scoring 17 points in a row over a 7 1/2 minute stretch. Minnesota forced 25 turnovers and held Charleston Southern to 31 percent shooting in the second half. Sam Jacobson led the Gophers in scoring with 22 points. He also had six rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal in only the first 21 minutes of play. When the Gophers got hot in the second half, Jacobson was on the bench with four fouls.

In the 93-53 win over Bethune-Cookman, the Gophers committed four more turnovers (21-17), were outrebounded on the offensive boards (18-16) and still won handily by 40 points!

Sophomore Sam Jacobson had a career-high 26 points, and junior college transfer Mark Jones added 19 to lead the Gophers. Jacobson hit 10 of 18 field goals, including 4 of 5 from behind the three-point arc, and he also made two free throws. Jones made 8 of 11 from the field, 1 of 2 from three-point range, and added 2 of 3 foul shots. David Grim, with 12 points, was the only other Gopher in double figures. Center John Thomas had nine points and 10 rebounds.

Guards Bobby Jackson (fractured foot) and Charles Thomas (sprained ankle) watched from the sidelines as the Gophers took a 10-2 early lead, then ran it to 34-12 after 12 minutes and never by fewer than 13 the rest of the game. Bethune-Cookman shot only 27.5 percent.

Minnesota will not be in action again until Dec. 9 against Nebraska because of final exams. Coach Clem Haskins will use the break to return to his home in Campbellsville, Kentucky, where his high school and college jersey No. 22 officially will be retired.

## 18 NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN; FOOTBALL LEADS WITH 15, A SCHOOL RECORD

A total of 18 University of Minnesota men's student athletes have been named to the 1995 Fall Academic All-Big Ten Team.

The football team led all schools in the Big Ten for the third straight season with a school record 15 student-athletes honored. Iowa was second with 14 honorees. The Gophers' previous high in football was 12 set last year. That gives Head Coach Jim Wacker's program a total of 38 selections in the past three seasons. Seniors Justin Conzemius, Chris Fowlkes and Peter Hiestand collected the honor for the fourth time in their careers.

Wacker was obviously pleased as he said, "This is the most ever for any team in the Big Ten. You go down and you take a look at the different majors: Business, Natural Resources, Law School, Grad School, Sociology, Mechanical Engineering, Kinesiology. They're not Mickey Mouse courses and there's no place to hide them. They go in there with every other student and compete. And to do that and play football at the same time is incredible.

"I am proud of the kids. I am proud of the job they've done. They're great young men. We haven't made it happen on the field the way we'd like to, but at least we've made it happen in the classroom."

Head Coach Roy Griak's cross country team placed three student-athletes on the team. Senior Paul Michalek earned the distinction for the third time in his career.

### U OF M STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED:

Sport	Name/Hometown	Year	GPA	Major
CC	Neal Janquart Wauwatosa, Wis.	Jr	3.76	Biology/Physiology
CC	Paul Michalek Bloomington, Minn.	Sr	3.01	Spanish/Religious Studies
CC	Rick Obleman Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Jr	3.03	Kinesiology
FB	Mike Chalberg Auckland, New Zealand	Sr	3.50	Business/Design
FB	Justin Conzemius Fargo, N.D.	Sr	3.67	Business
FB	Troy Duer Buffalo, Minn.	Fr*	3.45	Natural Resources/ Environmental Studies
FB	Chris Fowlkes Milwaukee, Wis.	Sr	3.40	Law School
FB	Peter Hiestand Moorhead, Minn.	Sr	3.26	Grad School/MBA
FB	Todd Jesewitz Willow Springs, Ill.	Sr	3.00	Business
FB	Rob Jones Cincinnati, Ohio	Jr	3.20	Human Resources/ Sociology
FB	Tony Levine St. Paul, Minn.	Sr	3.09	Business
FB	Antoine Richard Houston, Texas	Fr*	3.19	Computer Science
FB	Craig Sauer Sartell, Minn.	Sr	3.26	Business
FB	Cory Sauter Hutchinson, Minn.	So	3.31	Kinesiology
FB	Jim Tallman Mondovi, Wis.	Jr	3.35	Mech. Engineering
FB	Dave Watson Bloomington, Minn.	So	3.37	Business
FB	Parc Williams Zumbrota, Minn.	Fr*	3.67	Kinesiology
FB	Scott Williams Plymouth, Minn.	Sr	3.05	Speech/Business- Industrial Education

\* Redshirt freshman

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## BORLAUG HONORED DURING HOMECOMING GAME

Dr. Norman Borlaug, 1970 winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace, was honored during halftime festivities of the Minnesota-Northwestern football game.

Borlaug, a former Gopher wrestler and member of the University of Minnesota "M" Club and National Collegiate Wrestling Halls of Fame, earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in forestry in 1937, his master's in plant pathology in 1940 and his Ph.D. in plant pathology in 1942.

Borlaug, who was presented the prestigious Big Ten Conference Centennial Medal of Honor Award by Men's Athletic Director Mark Dienhart and Big Ten Conference Commissioner Jim Delany during halftime of the football game, was awarded the Nobel Prize for his work in developing high-yield varieties of wheat. Since the 1960s, his work in this area has saved millions around the world from starvation. He is the leader in what is referred to as the Green Revolution.

Today Borlaug works as a distinguished professor of international agriculture at Texas A & M University. He continues to spend eight months each year working as a senior consultant to the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in El Batan, Mexico, where he has worked for 47 years. The



Dr. Norman Borlaug, Big Ten Conference Centennial Medal of Honor recipient, and Men's Athletic Director Mark Dienhart

Center is a research institution established by the Mexican government and two U.S. foundations. There is a building named in his honor at the Wheat Improvement Center headquarters in Mexico.

Borlaug, who has been awarded 35 honorary degrees, is a member of several international societies and has received hundreds of academic, government, civic and scientific honors. He lives in Texas with his wife, Margaret Gibson Borlaug, whose brother George was a football All-American at the University of Minnesota, and for whom the Gibson-Nagurski Football Building is named.

## GOOD BYE SENIORS AND THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

A total of 16 Golden Gopher senior football players played in the final game of their collegiate careers in the 45-3 loss to Iowa. While the win-loss record could have been much better over those years, the seniors did have some great games which will result in lasting memories. Looking back the past two years as examples, who will ever forget the 1993 season when the Gophers scored sensational wins over Purdue 59-56, Northwestern 28-26 and Wisconsin 28-21, all games that took your breath away. Yes, there were some heart breaking moments that year like the loss to Illinois in the last 12 seconds and the frustrating year-end loss to Iowa after leading the Hawkeyes in total yards passing 301-120 and total net yards 391-220.

The game which every senior will remember for ever was the game last season in Madison, Wis. when the Gophers upset the Badgers 17-14 before 77,745 stunned fans (there were 200 from Minnesota in the stands) and taking home the Paul Bunyan Axe. It was the persistent play of Coach Wacker's Gophers that put this game into the record book as one of the most surprising and satisfying upsets in the 104 year rivalry, and one to remember always.

The 16 seniors are as follows:

Toby Anderson	OG	Chaska, Minn.
Mike Chalberg	PK	Auckland, New Zealand
Justin Conzemius	LB	Fargo, N.D.
Chris Darkins	RB	Houston, Texas
Chris Fowlkes	OT	Milwaukee, Wis.
Mike Giovinetti	OT	Philadelphia, Pa.
Ralph Green	DT	Bladensburg, Md.
Garrison Harmann	P	Phoenix, Ariz.
Pete Hiestand	DE	Moorhead, Minn.
Todd Jesewitz	C	Willow Springs, Ill.
Scott Koelfgen	PK	Eagan, Minn.
Tony Levine	SB	St. Paul, Minn.
Matt Reem	TE	St. Paul, Minn.
Craig Sauer	LB	Sartell, Minn.
Scott Williams	LS	Plymouth, Minn.
Johnny Woodson	FL	Houston, Texas

## Letters



### GOPHER FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE EXCELLENT ROLE MODELS

In this day and age it's getting harder all the time to find something good to say about young people. Just about all we read in the papers is about drugs, shootings, etc. That's why it was particularly gratifying to see what University of Minnesota football players did in the Macalester-Groveland area of St. Paul.

There was a free football minicamp which was organized by Tony Levine and included Chris Darkins, Craig Sauer, Peter Hiestand, Mark Tangen, Ryan Hubbard, Ryan Thelwell, Crawford Jordan and Jason Murdock.

This minicamp was conducted during the last free weekend these football players enjoyed before practice began in earnest and was attended by more than 80 youngsters ranging in age from 7-15. It was a pleasure to see how the football players worked with the youngsters and how the kids reacted to the football players.

In addition to the young players there were many coaches in attendance. I am very proud to say the Minnesota Gopher players are excellent role models for young kids and they make the University proud as well as our entire state.

We, in St. Paul, were fortunate to have such an event in our neighborhood.

G. Edward Brewer  
St. Paul

### BROADCAST GOPHER SPORTS IN DULUTH AREA

I am writing to ask if there might be a way that University of Minnesota/Big Ten football and basketball can be broadcast on radio in the Duluth area. I have talked with people at the U of M and just don't seem to be able to get them to understand that we would very much enjoy Big Ten athletics on the radio here in northern Minnesota.

Everyone wants to recruit, sell and promote Gopher athletics. Doesn't it seem like there should at least be access to them on radio in the northern half of Minnesota? In the good old days we lived and died for Big Ten athletics on radio, as well as fishing, hunting, and raking leaves. Why can't that happen now?

Thank you for your support. Go Gophers!

Fred Tamowski  
Knife River, Minnesota

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## WRESTLING IS A BIG SPORT AT THE U OF M; NO DROP KICKS, NO TAG TEAMS, NO MASKS, NO RING DROPS, NO SLEEPER HOLDS; JUST WRESTLING AT ITS FINEST

Wrestling is a big sport at the University of Minnesota. Coach J Robinson and his assistant coaches Dave Grant and Mark Schwab, are considered the most knowledgeable coaches of the sport in the nation. Add that to the Gophers early season national ranking of tenth, the number one recruiting class (1995), two-time All-American Billy Pierce, and the 1996 NCAA Division 1 Wrestling Championships which will be held at the Target Center in

Minneapolis, and this season promises to be the best ever in this area.

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Jan. 20	Northwestern/University of Illinois	Evanston, Illinois .....	TBA
Jan. 26	Iowa—Showcase Meet	Sports Pavilion.....	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Oklahoma State	Williams Arena.....	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	University of Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.....	TBA
Feb. 9	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa .....	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	University of Michigan	Williams Arena.....	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Michigan State	Williams Arena.....	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio.....	TBA
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## Where Are They Now

By Len Levine



Few people had ever heard of Uniontown, Pennsylvania until Sandy Stephens made his mark at Minnesota. He went on to become one of the greatest football players in Golden Gopher history. His close boyhood

friend, and high school teammate, Bill Munsey, who was sought after by virtually every major football school in the country, followed him to Minneapolis where he too, carved out an illustrious career as one of the most explosive running backs ever to wear the maroon and gold.

Munsey was born May 5, 1941 and raised in Uniontown, Pennsylvania (60 miles SE of Pittsburgh). He was the second oldest child of George (who died in 1970) and Evelyn Munsey (she lives in San Diego today). He's a part of a very athletically prominent sports family. His oldest brother, George Jr., played on the taxi squad of the Vikings in the early years, his next brother Nelson played nine years for the Baltimore Colts as a defensive back, and his youngest brother, Chuck Muncie who played at California-Berkeley just missed winning the Heisman Trophy (Bill says he spelled his name Muncie because his father had signed the birth certificate by mistake after "too much celebrating" when Chuck was born. His name has been spelled differently ever since).

Sports came early in Munsey's life. "In Uniontown you got involved in sports almost at the time you were born," Munsey says. "It was around you all the time. If you couldn't play sports in Uniontown, you might as well have hit the road."

The Munsey family lived about 30 yards from a playground and Bill would go there every day. He says he practically lived there from morning until night. Even when he got older, it was a gathering place for some of the best athletes in the area. One summer when he was about 16, Jerry West came to the playground from his home in Morgantown, West Virginia (18 miles away) to play in a pick-up basketball game. Games like that always attracted large crowds, some exceeding 500 people.

Munsey got into organized sports in fifth grade playing basketball and football in East End Elementary School. He says that as a seventh grader at Lafayette Jr. High is where his athletic skills "really developed," playing basketball, football and track. "There were all kinds of guys in my hometown that were faster, bigger and much better than me, but I

## BILL MUNSEY FROM UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, BECAME ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST RUNNING BACKS

was a late bloomer so I worked hard at it and when I got into high school I knew I could compete with the big boys," Munsey says.

Uniontown High School was known as one of the toughest athletic schools in the state and was part of what was considered the most competitive high school conference (Western Pennsylvania Inner Athletic League—WPIAL) in the country. There was a lot of football big-name talent that came from that area (such as Joe Namath).

Munsey's major sport was football. He was a starter on the football team as a sophomore and in the three years he played, his team only lost one game. They were WPIAL champions two out of three years and Sandy Stephens calls that a bigger achievement than winning the state championship. In all, Uniontown High won the state basketball championship five out of eight years. Munsey was named All-State twice in football and his senior year was named to the All-American team as a running back. He was also on the track team competing in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, was a long jumper and ran a leg on many different relay teams. He was known for his speed out of the starting blocks and that explosive power won him the 60 yard dash in the Pittsburgh Relays.

Munsey graduated in 1959 and had 52 full college scholarships offered to him. Over the next few months, he spent every weekend visiting colleges across the country.

The late Woody Hayes, Ohio State's legendary football coach, wanted him so badly that he had him visit the school five weekends in a row and had Munsey as his house guest for three of those weekends.

"Minnesota though, had something different for me. I liked it right from the first time I visited the campus. It also helped that I had my friends Sandy (Stephens) and Judge (Dickson), there. I knew that Minnesota badly needed some speed and I looked at guys like Greg Larson and Frank Brixius and thought these guys ought to be able to open a hole a mile wide if they could find someone to run through it. I was so impressed with the cleanliness of Minnesota and the friendly people and when I added it up, Minnesota was way out in front," says Munsey.

Munsey arrived in Minnesota in 1959, shortly after one of Murray Warmath's worst years in coaching as the Gophers finished the season with a 1-8 record. The mood of the fans had turned ugly with Warmath being hanged in effigy and garbage thrown on his front lawn.

Because freshmen were not eligible for Big Ten play, Munsey says he was able to get his studies under control and worked out with the varsity. "I learned Coach Warmath's system and college wasn't as hard for me as I thought it might be. I was well prepared because my parents always insisted that my homework be done before I went out to play. Neither of

my parents had a college education but they knew that in order for me to do better in life, better than they had done, it could only be accomplished with a good education. They said often, that if I had a good education and had success in sports, it could be my ticket to success, and they were right."

Munsey's sophomore year was a big year for the Gophers (8-2) as they won the national championship and went to the Rose Bowl. Munsey's career was blossoming.

As a junior he scored both touchdowns against Michigan State in a 13-0 victory. The Spartans were ranked No. 1 in the nation before the game. Again the Gophers finished 8-2. Another game that Munsey says he will never forget came at the end of his senior year against Wisconsin, which they won 14-9. The Gophers, trailing going into the final seconds, gave Munsey the ball and he took it in for a touchdown. The referees called a penalty on Bobby Bell for "pushing" Munsey over the goalline. It was a disputed call and Minnesota's coaches vehemently protested and they too were given a penalty. That win would have allowed the Gophers to go the Rose Bowl.

Munsey's reputation spread as he was being mentioned as a possible Heisman candidate since he was ranked as one of America's best college running backs. As a senior he was a coaches' All-American and played in the East-West, and North-South games, the Hula Bowl and Copper Bowl.

After he left the U of M in 1963, just a few credits short of a degree, he was the number one draft choice of the B.C. Lions (in Vancouver, British Columbia), a third round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns, and was picked in the twelfth round by the New York Titans. He signed a five year contract with the B.C. Lions. In 1963, his first year, the Lions lost in the finals of the Grey Cup (Tom Brown, another Gopher All-American was also a member of that team).

After his first year of play, Munsey was chosen on the Canadian All Pro second team. The following year the Lions went to the Grey Cup again and played Hamilton. In the second quarter the Lions' starting fullback blew out his knee and Munsey, who was playing defensive cornerback, was given the offensive call. With Joe Kapp at quarterback, Munsey scored two touchdowns and another on defense when he picked up a fumble, and ran 79 yards for another TD. He was voted the game's MVP.

Munsey is remembered in Vancouver as one of their best-ever football players. He was

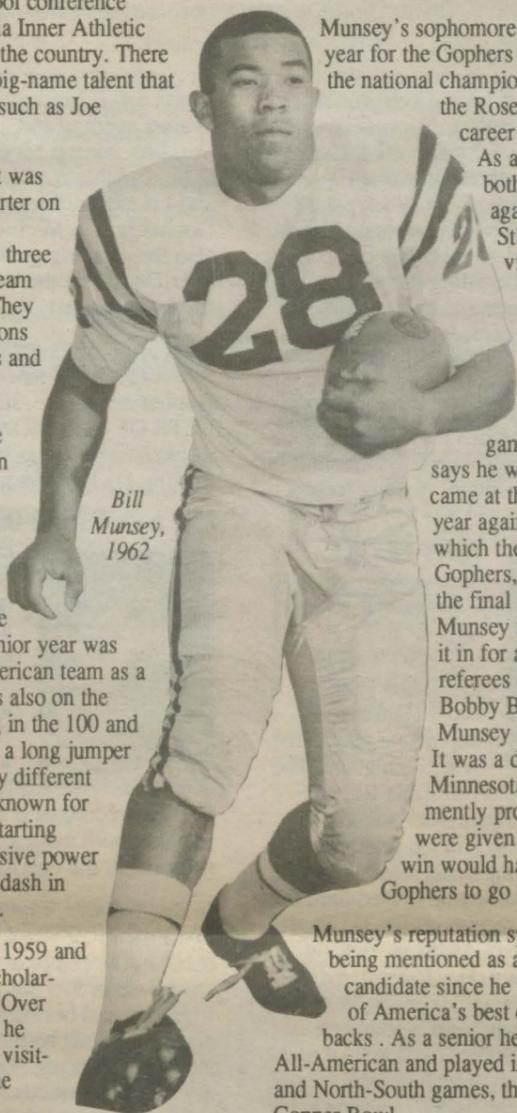
named to the All-Time Great BC Lions Team and was chosen to the All Canadian Best-of-the-Sixties Grey Cup squad as a defensive back.

In 1967, Munsey went back to Minneapolis to work as a stockbroker. He was just about to get his business underway when he was called by the Cleveland Browns on a Wednesday and asked if he could report to San Francisco, ready to play, two days later. He answered their call and played against the 49ers that Saturday. He saw sporadic action the rest of the season which turned out to be his last hurrah in football.

In 1968 he returned to Minneapolis again, this time to work for the Pillsbury Company as a Grain Merchandiser trainee. Once he learned the business he was transferred to Fresno, California where he worked as a grain commodity merchandiser. Four years later he became Pillsbury's western regional manager (in charge of a 19 state area) and stayed there until 1985 when he started his own grain commodity merchandising company, Val-Com (Value Commodities). Munsey says high interest rates and a "shortage of cash" caused him to close the business after three years. He then went to work for a private company in the area as their dairy feed buyer.

Tragedy struck in 1988 as Munsey suffered a near fatal heart attack. The following year, weak and unable to do virtually any amount of physical activity, he had open heart surgery. With his heart functioning at just 15% capacity, Munsey became a candidate for a heart transplant. Bill Munsey Funds were started all over the country to help defray his high medical costs. Doctors have said his heart damage was so severe that he would never be able to withstand the rigors of working regular hours again. He's been retired since the day he suffered his heart attack.

Today, Munsey lives in Apple Valley, California (near Palm Springs) because "the air is clear and it makes it easier for me to breathe," he says. He adds that his quality of life is good, although, he says he's "maintained by a lot of medication." He says he just won't "sit idle even though I've been advised to avoid hard physical activity." He says he keeps busy by playing golf at least two times a week and spending a lot of time with his family.



Bill Munsey, 1962



L to R: B.C. Lions Running Back, Willie Fleming, who was an All-American at Iowa, Sonny Homer, Flanker, B.C. Lions, and Bill Munsey at the B.C. Lions Reunion, 1994.

Munsey, the father of a son, Brian, 29, and a daughter, Michele, 28, was recently divorced after many years of marriage. Brian lives in Sacramento and works for a computer firm. Michelle, who was recently the assistant to the Secretary of Education for the State of California, is now in the process of getting another job.

Len Levine earned three varsity letters as a member of the Gopher track team and established several records, one of which (the 60-yard dash) stood for 17 years. He was the silver medal winner in the 1960 Big Ten 300-yard dash championship. Levine was President of the "M" Club in 1980

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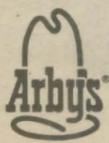
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In the first two issues of SPORTSNEWS this year, the following athletes were named E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETES OF THE MONTH: Cory Sauter, for his outstanding quarterback play in the 31-7 win over Ball State and then again for his performances in the first six football games this season; Ryan Thelwell, for his exceptional pass catching in the Ball State game; Chris Darkins, for his sensational play against Purdue and his outstanding performance in the game against Syracuse; Matt Doyle, for his exciting play in the Wolverine Golf Invitational; Rodney Heath, for his exceptional play in the Gophers first six football games; and Mike Chalberg, for his remarkable kicking during the first six football games.

This month the E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETES OF THE MONTH ARE:



**CRAIG SAUER**  
(senior linebacker, 6-2, 225, Sartell, Minn.), who leads the team with 68 tackles. In the Wisconsin game he had seven tackles, including one for a loss of two

yards. He registered a team-high 10 tackles, which included two tackles for loss and one sack, against Michigan and collected a team-high 11 tackles against Michigan State. He is tied for second on the all-time school list with 27 career tackles for loss, and is tied for eighth with seven career sacks.

**JEROME DAVIS**  
(junior defensive end, 6-5, 270, Detroit, Mich.) is named an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his exceptional play up front which includes 40 tackles, including four tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks, through the first 10 games. In the Wisconsin game, he registered six tackles and had a season-high seven tackles, including one tackle for loss, at Syracuse.



**TODD JESEWITZ**  
(senior center, 6-5, 290, Willow Springs, Ill.), is recognized as an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his consistent play at center. Jesewitz, a Football News first-team All-Big Ten selection, an honorable mention All-Big Ten choice by the coaches in '94, and a '95 team cap-



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tain, has delivered a solid performance in every game this season. Jesewitz saw action in 612 plays through 10 games this season. He was a three-time team Offensive Lineman of the Week award winner and two-time overall team Top Technician award winner. His finish grade was an outstanding 93 percent through nine games and his assignment grade was 99 percent. Jesewitz allowed just one sack in 293 passing situations through nine games. He currently is ranked second on the team with 800 total plays last season when he was a big factor in Chris Darkins' successful assault on the single-season school rushing record.



**TONY LEVINE**  
(senior slot back, 5-10, 198, St. Paul, Minn.), became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his impressive play in the Wisconsin game. The

speedy, sure-handed performer had six receptions for 105 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter. Levine, who had the finest season of his career, finished the season ranked third on the team with 25 receptions for 311 yards. In the 55-7 win over Arkansas State he scored a touchdown on a 16-yard reverse. Levine initially came to the U of M as a walk-on in 1991. He is an outstanding all-around athlete who runs the 40 in 4.4 and had a team-leading 38-inch vertical leap. He caught 71 passes for 876 yards in his five years as a Golden Gopher.

**JEFF MOEN**  
(senior goalie, 6-2, 191, Roseville, Minn.), became the first Gopher hockey player this season to become an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his extraordinary play in the Gophers shutout victory over UMD 2-0, before an overflow crowd of Bulldog partisans in Duluth. Moen, gained his second career shutout by blocking all 23 UMD shots (13 in the third period) and snapping a Minnesota-Duluth streak of 309 consecutive home games without being shutout. At this point in the season, Moen



sports a 4-1-1 record with a 2.47 goals-against average and a .901 saves percentage. Last season Moen, a U of M Scholar-Athlete, played in only six games and his top performance was in the 8-1 Gopher win at Michigan Tech. He was also the winning goalie in the 5-4 win over Denver in the WCHA Final Five third place game.

In an unprecedented action, editors of SPORTSNEWS named another hockey Gopher as an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH as a result of a weekend series that found the Gophers making hockey history in Duluth.

This time, **STEVE DE BUS**, a goalie from Rochester, Minn. (5-9, 167), was honored for his play in the second game against UMD and another shutout giving the Gophers a clean sweep in the weekend series.

Historians couldn't find any record of a WCHA team ever winning both games of a series by shutouts in the opposition's arena.

In this 7-0 win, which was only the second time in 52 years that UMD suffered consecutive shutouts and was only the third time in 573 home games the Bulldogs had been held scoreless. DeBus was brilliant as he took 21 shots and made all 21 saves, some were tough and hit with tremendous power. DeBus, who at press time is 4-2-0 with a 3.01 GAA and .891 SV%, was redshirted last season and didn't play in the previous season because of Proposition 48 regulations. As a high school star he earned three hockey varsity letters at Rochester Mayo and was named to the all-conference team in 1989-90 and 1990-91. He was a member of the Rochester Mustangs in the USHL where he played two seasons and played

in 36 games during the '92-93 season compiling a 3.47 GAA average and recording a .912 save percentage.

## MIKE GIOVINETTI

(senior offensive tackle, 6-6, 301, Philadelphia, Pa.) became an E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETE OF THE MONTH for his consistent play all season. The versatile performer who played on both the left and right side of

the line, saw action in 570 plays through nine seasons. He was a three-time team Offensive Lineman of the Week award winner, two-time overall team Top Technician award winner, honored with the team's "Hustle Award" twice this season and had an impressive finish grade of 92 percent through nine games. His assignment grade was a perfect 100 percent meaning that he made no mental errors during the season.

## MANOLIS LENTARIS

(So., Hania, Crete, Greece) joins the elite group of E. F. JOHNSON ATHLETES OF THE MONTH for his exceptional performances in dual competition against Northwestern and North Carolina and again in the Minnesota

Invitational against some of the top ranked swimmers in the nation. Lentaris was a triple winner in the duals, taking first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and the 400-yard individual medley. In the Minnesota Invitational he was sensational as he captured the 500, 200 and 1650 free titles and was on the 200, 400 and 800 free relay squads.

Lentaris is one of the best swimmers the U of M has ever had. He won three gold medals at the 1994 Balkan Games and was named Swimmer of the Year in Greece. He has his sights set on competing for Greece in the 1996 Olympic Games. He was named a high school All-American in 1994.

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the open division, including Tim Hartung finishing third at 177, Troy Marr and Chad Kraft finishing fourth, and Kipp Williamson and Brent Boeshans finishing sixth.

In the 20-and-under division, Ty Friedrichs and Tim Kinsella earned third place finishes and Josh Holiday claimed fourth place at 167.

In the season's first competition, the Bison Open, held on Nov. 11 in Fargo, N. D., senior heavyweight Billy Pierce earned his fourth consecutive Bison Open title. Four other Gophers earned titles as Kipp Williamson, Pat Connors, Jason Davids and Chad Kraft all claimed top honors in their weight classes.

Two of Minnesota's Bison Open champs, Connors and Kraft, defeated teammates in the finals, as Barrett Golyer and Carl Carlson earned two of Minnesota's five second-place finishes. The other three Gopher runner-up slots were earned by Mauricio Mora, Tony Farina and Tim Hartung.

Minnesota left the Bison Open with 11 additional placewinners. Ty Friedrichs finished fifth at 126, Nick Antilla was fifth at 134 and Troy Marr finished third at 142. Three Gophers placed at 158, as Delaney Berger was third, Tim Kinsella was fifth and Jesse Krebs was sixth. Two additional athletes earned fifth place finishes, as Josh Holiday earned the placing at 167 and Brandon Eggum did the same at 177. Two placewinners at 190 were Josh Dodd and Jeremy Goeden, and Brent Boeshans was fourth in the heavyweight division.

Brandon Paulson, the junior star at 118-pounds from Anoka, has taken the year off to concentrate on earning a spot on the U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman squad.

The Gophers are now studying for finals and will compete again on the afternoon of Dec. 10th against Fresno State/San Francisco State in Fresno, Calif., and then later that evening against California Bakersfield in Bakersfield.



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# PROMINENT MINNESOTANS Speak On Golden Gopher Sports



**STATE SENATOR LINDA BERGLIN**

How many times have you heard the phrase- "It's not if you win or lose, but how you play the game?"

While the business angle of sports has perhaps compromised this phrase, years ago this

was a popular perception held by many coaches, parents and players. The phrase pointed out that athletic events are about values as much as about winning or losing. Athletic competition teaches lessons about life. They are contests which promote teamwork and cooperation, challenge players to excellence and teach respect for the rules of the game.

With this in mind, I was very happy to recently read that Golden Gopher sports will soon include women's ice hockey. Adding women's ice hockey will provide college women more opportunities, challenges and educational alternatives.

And if sports are really about education, about learning lessons helpful later in life, then women must have equal access to these educational opportunities.

I commend all those responsible for bringing women's ice hockey to the University of Minnesota, and I wish our future women's ice hockey team the very best! Linda Berglin is a Minnesota State Senator in her fifth term. She represents District 61 which is in south Minneapolis.

## MEN & WOMEN'S SPORTS PROGRAMS TO HAVE JOINT PROMOTIONS

As we go to press, a joint promotion between the men's and women's athletic departments is being planned for Dec. 9, when the men's and women's basketball teams and the men's hockey team will play a tripleheader.

The men's basketball team will play Nebraska at Williams Arena starting at 6 p.m. and at 7:30, the women Gophers will face Wisconsin-Green Bay at the Pavilion. At 9, the men's hockey team will play North Dakota at Mariucci Arena.

Men's and women's basketball will team up again on Dec. 16-17 with the men playing California at the Metrodome on Dec. 16 and the women's team playing Western Illinois on Dec. 17 at the Pavilion.

On Jan. 12-14, women's basketball and men's basketball and hockey will share a pizza promotion, with fans eligible to win free pizza parties.

# WE SAW YOU—



**KWAME McDONALD**, Executive Director of the Inner City Youth League and one of the most ardent boosters of African-American youth involved in Minnesota sports and the sports editor of *Insight News*, is seen here with Billy Cockerham (6-2, 206), a freshman quarterback from Clayton, California, and Byron Evans (5-11, 195), a freshman running back from Texas City, Texas. Cockerham was a First-team All-Bay Area selection last football season and scored nine touchdowns rushing, 18 touchdowns passing and threw for 1,500 yards with only four interceptions. Evans did not play last season at his La Marque High School, but Coach Wacker believes he has great potential.

**CLAUDIA and CLARENCE DARKINS** from Houston,



Texas, parents of Gopher running back Chris Darkins. They came to Minneapolis to see the Gophers play the Badgers. Chris, who is second on the all-time school rushing list with 3,096 career yards on the ground,

fourth with 21 career rushing touchdowns, and eighth in scoring with 156 career points, had this to say about his parents: "My parents were instrumental in showing me the way as I was growing up. My mom doesn't drink, smoke or curse, and she goes to church three or four times a week. She is a relaxed person. She's always calm and doesn't let things get to her, and I think that has helped me a lot. My dad is an aggressive, charming person who taught me how to think things out rationally, that you are always responsible for your actions and how to be polite to people at all times; to always treat people with respect."

**TODD JESEWITZ**, senior center (6-5, 290) from Willow Springs, Illinois has his arm around his mother, **VIDA** who came from Willow Springs to see Todd and the Gophers play Wisconsin in the Metrodome. Todd, a team co-captain, was a consistent player all season who delivered a solid performance each and every game. He was a mainstay of the offensive line which helped quarterback Cory Sauter establish so many passing records this past season.



**RON HUBBARD**, father of Ryan Hubbard, the Gopher's split end who scored a touchdown in the third quarter of the Wisconsin game on a 63 yard pass from Cory Sauter, is seen here in the hall of the Metrodome after the Wisconsin game. Hubbard, a 6-2, 205 senior, had a good year. He has great size and good hands and has an excellent understanding of the game. He should have, because his father has been a successful football coach, at both the high school and college level, for many years. He spent seven years as the defensive line coach at the University of Florida and was the offensive line coach at both Kansas and Colorado. Ron Hubbard, who currently lives in Irvine, California, attended most of the Gopher home games this past season.



**MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCILMAN DENNIS SCHULSTAD** is seen sitting in the Metrodome as he has for almost every home game over the past 30 years. He's an avid fan. Notice the maroon shirt, gold sweater and M cap. Pam (Denny's wife of 25 years), who's sitting to his left, graciously moved back out of the picture so he could get photographed. Pam also has attended almost every game since their first date when they watched the Gophers play USC. Pam, who's from Pasadena, Calif., is continually assured by her husband that one day soon, they'll be going back to Pasadena to watch the Gophers play in the Rose Bowl.



Schulstad has been a member of the Minneapolis City Council since 1976. He represents the area which covers Lake Nokomis/Minnehaha Falls and is the only Republican on the Council. He is also a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force Reserve.



**AMY MARTINSON**, a junior at the U of M is from Hutchinson, Minnesota. She's seen here with her boyfriend, Cory Sauter, a sophomore who's also from Hutchinson, who just finished the season as one of the best quarterbacks ever to wear the maroon and gold. Sauter started every game this past season, completing 58.6 percent of his passing attempts for 2,600 yards and 18 TD's with just eight interceptions. He was ranked second in the Big Ten in total offense (234.6) and third in passing efficiency (141.0) averaging 240.7 yards passing per game.

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win. The Gophers outshot UMD 5-3 in the first period, 12-7 in the second and 19-13 in the exciting third period.

In game two the following night, it was Steve DeBus's goaltending that was nothing short of spectacular. Considering that DeBus was red-shirted last season and held out of competition the year before, his 21 saves on 21 shots led the Gophers to a 7-0 win, again before 5,433 stunned fans.

Seven players scored a goal for the Gophers (Brian Bonin, Erik Rasmussen, Mike Crowley, Reggie Berg, Ryan Kraft, Danny Hendrickson, Dan Trebil), but it was sophomore Mike Crowley who was the main cog in the offense. Crowley set up first-period goals by Bonin and Erik Rasmussen, and later fed Dan Trebil for a power-play score. Danny Hendrickson and Reggie Berg added goals for a 6-0 lead at the second intermission, and Ryan Kraft got the only goal of the third period as the Gophers outshot UMD 34-21 in sweeping UMD in this historic weekend which established the Gophers nationally and helped define them for the rest of the season.

In the series against Michigan State, the Gophers pulled out a win in the first game with a sudden-death overtime victory. Dan Trebil was the Gopher hero as he rolled out behind his own goal line and fired a 100-foot pass up the middle of the rink. Ryan Kraft

caught the pass at full stride and scored on the breakaway at 3:22 of overtime, giving the Gophers a 6-5 victory over the Spartans in the College Hockey Showcase.

Brian Bonin had two of Minnesota's first three goals and assisted on another. Other Gophers who scored include Reggie Berg, and Nick Checco. Jeff Moen had 10 shots and 7 saves before he was pulled out and replaced by Steve DeBus who wound up with 21 shots and 19 saves.

In the second game of the Hockey Showcase, the Gophers defeated Michigan 3-2 to unofficially win their second straight College Hockey Showcase.

It took a true team effort for the Gophers to beat the Wolverines which came into the game on a nine-game winning streak. Steve DeBus was superb in the nets with 31 shots and 29 saves.

Minnesota got scores from Mike Anderson on the fourth line and Casey Hankinson on the third line in the second period. Brian Bonin scored his 10th goal of the season in the third period when Erik Rasmussen flipped him a centering pass. For the game, Bonin, the team's top faceoff man as well as top scorer, was 12-8 on face-offs.

The Gophers also looked good on defense as they stopped Michigan on nine of 10 power plays with a switch to a more aggressive penalty kill.

## LUNCH WITH WOOG BEFORE HOME GAMES

The Blue Line Club will again host luncheons each Friday at noon (with the exception of the December 9 luncheon which is a Saturday) before home series featuring Head Coach Doug Woog and the opposing coach of that weekend's series, if available.

KSTP radio play-by-play man Al Shaver

and MSC's Frank Mazzocco will be the Master of Ceremonies. The remaining luncheon schedule is as follows:

December 9 .....	Sheraton Metrodome
January 12 .....	Jax Cafe
January 19 .....	Jax Cafe
January 26 .....	Jax Cafe
February 9 .....	Jax Cafe

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FINISHES 16TH IN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS; OBLEMAN IS TOP GOPHER FINISHER ALL SEASON

The Gopher cross country team concluded the 1995 season at the NCAA District IV Championships in West Lafayette, Indiana, with a 16th-place finish. Junior Rick Obleman (Regina, Sask.) finished a solid season with a 27th-place finish (32:07) on the 10,000 meter course on Purdue's North Golf Course. Obleman was the top finisher for the Gophers at every competition this season.

Minnesota finishers: 27. Rick Obleman, 32:07; Tony Riter, 33:08; 79. Todd Landgraff, 33:12; 98. Ron Hoffner, 33:31; 127. Allen Broderius, 33:59; 164. Pat Markey, 34:50; 195. Brendan O'Brien, 36:53.

Leading up to the NCAA competition, the Gophers turned in a disappointing ninth-place finish at the Big Ten Cross Country Championships. Rick Obleman was the top finisher for Minnesota, finishing 25th in a time of 25:49.6.

The remainder of the Minnesota team was closely grouped, as the 2-5 scoring runners all crossed the line during a 13-second time frame. Freshman Todd Landgraff was the second Golden Gopher to finish, turning in a time of 26:28.4 for a 50th-place finish. Minnesota Finishers: 25. Rick

Obleman, 25:49.6; 50. Todd Landgraff, 26:28.4; 51. Tony Riter, 26:29.9; 53. Paul Michalek, 26:34.8; 57. Jason Boon, 26:41.2; 62. Ron Hoffner, 26:56.0; 63. Brendan O'Brien, 26:57.4; 65. Pat Markey, 26:58.7; 81. Al Broderius, 27:48.8.



LaVonne Reedy and her son Noah are seen after the Ohio State football game this past season. Noah, who is 13, came to Minnesota and the Reedy family from the Philippines when he was 13 months old for extensive medical procedures which included brain surgery, and facial reconstruction.

Noah became an avid Golden Gopher football fan about the time he was old enough to walk. As he battled adversity, it was his fondness for the Gophers that carried him through. He has his bedroom decorated in maroon and gold with a huge Golden Gopher on a wall ringed with autographs of his football heroes.

Noah Reedy's story and his relationship with the Golden Gophers will touch you. It's a moving story of courage, love and friendship. Read about it in the January issue of SPORTSNEWS.

## GOPHER SWIMMERS WIN 15 FIRTS

The Golden Gopher swimmers won the Minnesota Invitational way out in front of the competition earning first-place honors in 15 of the 21 events. The tankers finished the three-day event with 1,160 points outdistancing runner-up Georgia with 931. Georgia was followed by Wisconsin with 543, Iowa State with 525, Florida St. with 448, St. Olaf with 130 and North Dakota with 65. Going into this competition Georgia, Florida State and Iowa State were ranked 13th, 19th and 20th, respectively, in the Speedo Americas' Top 25 Coaches Poll. Minnesota was ranked 10th.

Minnesota had several multiple winners: Manolis Lentaris (So., Hania, Crete, Greece) captured the 500, 200 and 1650 free titles and was on the 200, 400 and 800 free relay squads.

Isaac Bjorklund (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.) won all three diving events, the 1- and 3-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. Derek Williams (Sr., Lansdale, Pa.) claimed honors in his specialties, the 50 free and 100 fly and was also on the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams.

Matt Schlessman (Jr., Avon, Ohio) claimed an individual title in the 100 free and teamed in the 200 medley, 400 and 800 free relays and Mitch Henke (Jr., Mandan, N.D.) won the 100 breast and was on the 200 medley relay team. Also contributing to the multiple wins in the relays were Ty Bathurst (So., Rapid City, S.D.) in the 200 free and 200 medley and Bernie Zeruhn (Sr., Hamburg, Germany) and John Cahoy (Fr., Hudson, Wis.) in the 400 and 800 free.

Other winners included: Freshman standout Martin Zielinski (Fr., Bloomington, Minn.) capped a successful weekend claiming the 200 fly title and Duane Dobko (Sr., Ajax, Ontario, Canada) was a member of the first-place 200 medley relay squad.

In other action, the tankers won two duals defeating Northwestern 223-77 and North Carolina 180-120 at the U of M Aquatic Center. Manolis Lentaris was a triple winner, taking first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and the 400-yard individual medley. Bernie Zeruhn was first in the 200-yard butterfly and the 1000-yard freestyle, while Isaac Bjorklund was first in 1-meter diving and exhibition platform diving.

Individual winners were Duane Dobko in the 100-yard backstroke, Derek Williams in the 50-yard freestyle, Matt Schlessman in the 100-yard freestyle, Martin Zielinski in the 100-yard butterfly and Matthew Ninneman in 3-meter diving.

The Gophers will be back in action in Puerto Rico where they will compete against Sacred Heart College between Dec. 10-24 on a winter training trip.

### 1996 GOPHER SWIMMING AND DIVING SCHEDULE

January 6.....	Gold Country Invitational
January 13 .....	Kansas, Nebraska
January 19-20 .....	Quad Duals (Purdue, Notre Dame, S. Illinois)
January 27 .....	Iowa
February 2-3 .....	All Comers Open
February 15-17 .....	Big Ten Championships
February 25 .....	Go-Pher-It
March 6-12 .....	Olympic Trials
March 15-16 .....	NCAA Diving Zone Qualifying
March 28-30 .....	NCAA Championships
	<b>Home events in BOLD</b>

## A DISAPPOINTING FOOTBALL SEASON COMES TO AN END

A disappointing football season came to an end at Iowa City as the Gophers were defeated by a powerful Iowa team 45-3. It was the seventh straight loss for the Gophers who finished the season 10th in the Big Ten.

Football fans will talk about this season for some time, trying to figure out what went wrong. It's certain that the ankle injury to Heisman Trophy candidate Chris Darkins made a huge difference in the final outcome.

Darkins was leading the Gophers by the fourth week of the season and had rolled up 578 yards and five touchdowns despite missing one game and the Gophers were 3-1. From that point on it went from bad to worse. Darkins couldn't shake the injury missing three entire games and playing a short time in two others. He finished the season with 865 yards and six touchdowns which put him No. 2 on Minnesota's all-time rushing list with 3,235 yards and No. 4 in rushing touchdowns with 21.

Quarterback Cory Sauter, a redshirt sophomore with two seasons ahead, broke a Gophers' single-season passing record and came close on some others. He ended the season with 2,600 yards, beating the mark set by Mike Hohensee of 2,412 set in 1981. Sauter, who wound up with 204 completions and 18 TDs, finished the season with a completion percentage of 58.6, just under Mark Carlson's 1979 mark of 59 percent.

Since the last issue of SPORTSNEWS, this is what happened:

### MINNESOTA 3 IOWA 45

Iowa completely dominated the game getting 25 first downs to the Gophers 12, 182 yards rushing to 25, 262 yards passing to 192 and totaling 444 net yards to Minnesota's 217. In other categories it wasn't much better. Iowa returned the ball for 63 yards as compared to 5. The Hawkeyes were in such control of the game that their quarterback attempted only two passes in the second half and his replacement threw just four more in the final 30 minutes.

The Minnesota offense which had done well this season couldn't get it together. Minnesota rushed for only 75 yards and Chris Darkins, who was still nursing an ankle injury, produced 64 yards in 16 attempts. Quarterback Cory Sauter, who was sacked six times, threw three interceptions, completing 21 of 34 passes for 192 yards. The 217 total yards for Minnesota was their lowest of the season.

One bright spot was Tony Levine, a walk-on senior from St. Paul, who caught 10 passes for 74 yards which was his highest number in his career. That gave Levine 71 catches for 876 yards and three TDs for his career.

### MINNESOTA 14 ILLINOIS 48

It was bad right from the opening play for the Gophers as Illinois stormed out to a 17-0 lead and never looked back en route to a 48-14 victory over the Gophers before 45,421 at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.

Five costly errors (three interceptions and two fumbles) put the Gophers in a hole they never could recover from. Cory Sauter, who has played some great football for the

Gophers this season, completed 21 of 34 pass attempts for 242 yards and a pair of TD's. He connected on a 40-yard pass to Tutu Atwell in the second quarter and then from two yards out with Rafael Cooper late in the third quarter. Cooper led the Gopher ground attack with 94 yards on 24 carries.

### MINNESOTA 27 WISCONSIN 34

It's always a fierce battle when border rivals Minnesota and Wisconsin play football and this year was no exception. A last-minute Golden Gopher drive stalled at the Wisconsin 20-yard line enabling the Badgers to escape with a 34-27 victory before a sellout crowd of 64,016.

Cory Sauter completed 20 of 36 pass attempts for 355 yards and three TD's. Tutu Atwell had eight receptions for 148 yards, including a 51-yard scoring play in the second quarter. Two things happened in the game that meant the big difference for Wisconsin. First Aaron Stecker, who had a great day running for the Badgers, returned a kickoff 100 yards for a TD and on the final play of the first half, John Hall booted a 60-yard field goal which gave the Badgers a 13-10 halftime advantage. The Gophers had the edge in most statistics, including a total net yards of 525-422.

### MINNESOTA 21 OHIO STATE 49

Everyone knew it would be tough against Ohio State but Gopher fans were on the edge of their seats after Minnesota took a 14-7 first quarter lead. But then the undefeated and fourth-ranked Buckeyes scored 42 unanswered points en route to a 49-21 victory. Chris Darkins again had to sit out the game because of his ankle injury.

Minnesota scored first on a nine-yard run by Javon Jackson and Ohio State came roaring back and scored on a 39-yard aerial. On the next drive, Cory Sauter, who was seven-of-seven for 123 yards, was forced to the sidelines with a sprained left knee. Jason Murdock came on in relief and promptly hit Tutu Atwell on a 10-yard scoring pass for a 14-7 lead. Ohio State showed their power during the rest of the game as they cruised to their ninth consecutive win. Atwell finished the game with a career-high eight receptions for 116 yards.

### MINNESOTA 17 MICHIGAN 52

One of the low points in the season came at Ann Arbor when the No. 9 Wolverines racked up 623 yards of total offense en route to a 52-17 rout before 104,929 fans at Michigan Stadium and an ABC-TV regional audience. The Gophers were hurting because Chris Darkins was still out of action with a left ankle injury.

The Wolverines stormed out to a 21-0 lead, but the Gophers cut it to 21-10 at the half on a 30-yard field goal by Mike Chalberg and a two-yard TD run by Rafael Cooper, who finished the day with 68 yards on 14 carries. Michigan then scored six of the first seven times they had the ball in the second half. Minnesota closed out the scoring on a 13-yard pass from Cory Sauter (who completed 20 of 39 pass attempts for 206 yards) to Greg Nelson.

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## MIDWEST REGIONAL TICKET SALES ARE BRISK

Ticket sales for the NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional at the Metrodome continue to be moving well since they went on sale last month.

Orders are being processed according to the date received with tickets selling for \$60 (upper level, sections 221-229) and \$40 (upper level, outside sections 221-229), and include two games on Thursday, March 21 and one game on Saturday, March 23. Game times will be announced on Monday, March 18.

Single session tickets, if available, will not be sold until the day before the opening game. Only mail orders will be accepted. The tickets will be mailed after Feb. 1

For more information, call the U of M Athletic Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-Gopher.

## BASEBALL COACH ANDERSON IS ALL SMILES WITH COMMITMENTS FROM THREE TOP RECRUITS

John Anderson, U of M baseball head coach, is all smiles these days as he talks about receiving commitments from three top recruits. Infielder Matt Scanlon, from Richfield, Minn., and pitcher Frank Wagner, from Miles City, Mont., (Custer County High School) inked national letters of intent while Jason Shupe, from Spencer, Wis., accepted an offer of admission and will walk on for the Golden Gophers.

Scanlon, a 5-11, 185-pound third baseman, hit .424 for the Richfield Legion baseball team. The left-handed power hitter has 20 extra base hits, a .525 on-base percentage and has led his team in runs scored each of the last three seasons.

Wagner is one of the top pitchers in Montana and the left-handed pitcher had a 12-1 mark last season along with a strikeout to walk ratio of 4 to 1. The 6-2, 215-pounder had a 1.50 earned run average in



By Greg Jackson

99 1/3 innings of work along with a .360 batting average.

Right-handed Shupe, a 6-4, 215-pound pitcher, who has accepted an offer of admission and intends to walk onto the team, has compiled a two-year record of 15-4 with 149 strikeouts and only 27 walks. He had a 1.53 ERA his sophomore season and a 1.31 ERA last year as a junior.

## HOLMES SUSPENDED FROM FOOTBALL TEAM

Junior defensive tackle Kevin Holmes was suspended from the football team the week before the finale at Iowa and did not play in the final game. Coach Wacker took the action because Holmes violated a team policy.

"Kevin violated team policy," Wacker said and he immediately notified Athletic Director Mark Dienhart that he was suspended from the team.

Holmes played in all 10 games this season for the Gophers with nine starts. He recorded 33 total tackles, which included four tackles for loss.

## FLOYD OF ROSEDALE

In 1935, "Floyd of Rosedale" was a championship hog that became the object of a wager between Minnesota Governor Floyd Olson and Iowa Governor Clyde Herring hinging on the outcome of that year's game.

The wager was a diplomatic move to ease the tension between Golden Gopher and Hawkeye fans. Minnesota won the game 13-6 and brought home the prized hog, which had been donated by the owner of Rosedale Farms near Fort Dodge, Iowa, and named



The smiles on the faces of Mary Ann Moe (L) and Mary Jane Kasid (R), as they surround owner Frank Vescio, tells the story about the atmosphere in Vescio's Restaurant in Dinkytown.

after the Minnesota governor. Later, the spirit of good sportsmanship embodied by "Floyd" would live on in the form of a 15 1/2-inch high, 21-inch long bronze statue.

When Minnesota lost the final game of the season against Iowa at Kinnick Stadium, the Gophers' lead dropped to 35-24-2 in the battle for "Floyd of Rosedale."

## BASKETBALL TV SCHEDULE SET

The 1995-96 television schedule is set for the Gophers and all games are televised except for the games which were played at the Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hawaii on Nov. 24-26. Minnesota will be on ESPN four times: Dec. 13 at Cincinnati, Dec. 16 vs. California at the Metrodome, Jan. 11 at Penn State, and Feb. 6 vs. Indiana.

Minnesota will be the Creative Sports Regional Game of the Week five times; Jan. 13 vs. Purdue, Jan. 27 vs. Michigan State, Feb. 17 vs. Wisconsin, Mar. 2 vs. Penn State, and Mar. 9 at Illinois. Those five games can be seen locally on WCCO-TV. The remainder of the schedule will be on Midwest Sports Channel. All games on WCCO-TV or MSC will be produced in conjunction with Creative Sports Inc.

## HOCKEY TICKETS REMAIN FOR EXHIBITION GAME, BORDER BATTLE

All remaining home games for the Gopher hockey team are sold out with the exception of the Dec. 27 exhibition game against the Swedish National Team at Mariucci Arena, and the Jan. 20, 1996 game against Wisconsin in the annual Border Battle at the Target Center. Ticket information for those games can be obtained by calling the Golden Gopher Ticket Sales Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

## MARIUCCI CLASSIC SET FOR DEC. 29-30

The U of M will host the fifth annual Mariucci Classic on Dec. 29-30 at Mariucci Arena. This year's field once again will represent the best college hockey has to offer, with all four participating teams currently represented in most top 10 polls. The Gophers will entertain Harvard, New Hampshire, and Bowling Green in this season's Classic.

## STRAND WILL JUMP FOR GOPHERS

Staffan Strand of Upplands-Vasby, Sweden, has signed a national letter of intent to attend the U of M and will compete for the Gopher Track and Field Team according to Head Coach Phil Lundin.

Strand is the Swedish junior national champion in the high jump, and finished third at the European Junior Championships this past summer. He is the top-ranked high jumper among world juniors for 1995, with a personal-best high jump mark of 7 feet, 4 inches. Strand is an honors student in Sweden, and is interested in pursuing an engineering degree at Minnesota.

"Staffan is a top-notch high jumper," said Lundin. "He has produced tremendous performances both on the track and in the classroom, and will be a welcome addition to our program."

## VESCIOS, A FAMILY TRADITION: WHAT WOULD THE U OF M BE WITHOUT IT?

It's been nearly 40 years since Frank T. Vescio opened his first restaurant in Dinkytown on the U of M campus. Since that time, this restaurant, built on family tradition, has been feeding thousands of students and members of the community, home-made, hand-prepared foods such as salad dressings and sauces, delicious pizza, Italian sausage, spaghetti, meatballs and many other family favorites.

Vescios is a solid booster of Gopher sports. You'll see their ad in this paper. They've stood by the Gophers in the good years as well as the lean years.

Frank's parents came from Italy and brought with them a love for the hardy foods they had enjoyed so much in their own homes. They passed on to their son, Frank, the "joy of the meal" as an important part of their large family's daily gathering. When Frank's three sons were old enough, he carefully taught each one of them how to cook and prepare all the traditional recipes he so cherished. Now, four generations later, the family tradition continues. Frank's sons and grandchildren still handpick their own spinach, peppers, broccoli, eggplant, and all of the many other ingredients which they use to make some of the best tasting Italian food in the country.

Not only will you get good tasting food when eating at Vescios, but you'll be surrounded by sports fans talking Gopher sports in what's become the restaurant of choice for those going (or after) to Golden Gopher games. What would the tradition at the University of Minnesota be without Vescio's Restaurant?

## GOPHERS WCHA FAVORITE IN PRE-SEASON POLL

Minnesota was voted the favorite to win the WCHA in the 25th annual Grand Forks Herald WCHA Coaches pre-season poll. The Gophers received six of the 10 first place votes, with last season's champion and second place pre-season pick Colorado College receiving the other four first place votes. Colorado College was picked to finish second. Gopher senior returning All-American Brian Bonin was selected as the pre-season MVP.

## BIG TEN FOOTBALL IS IMPRESSIVE

The Big Ten charted an impressive 27-7-1 overall record (.786 winning percentage) in non-conference play this season, the finest mark since 1985 when conference teams were 24-6 (.800). Moreover, conference schools posted an 8-4 record this year against teams ranked in the top 25 nationally.

## MINNESOTA RANKED THIRD

Minnesota is ranked third overall with 18 Big Ten football championships. A complete listing follows: 1. Michigan 37 2. Ohio State 26 3. Minnesota 18 4. Illinois 14 5. Iowa & Wisconsin 9 7. Purdue & Chicago 7 9. Michigan State 6 10. Northwestern 5 11. Indiana 2 12. Penn State 1

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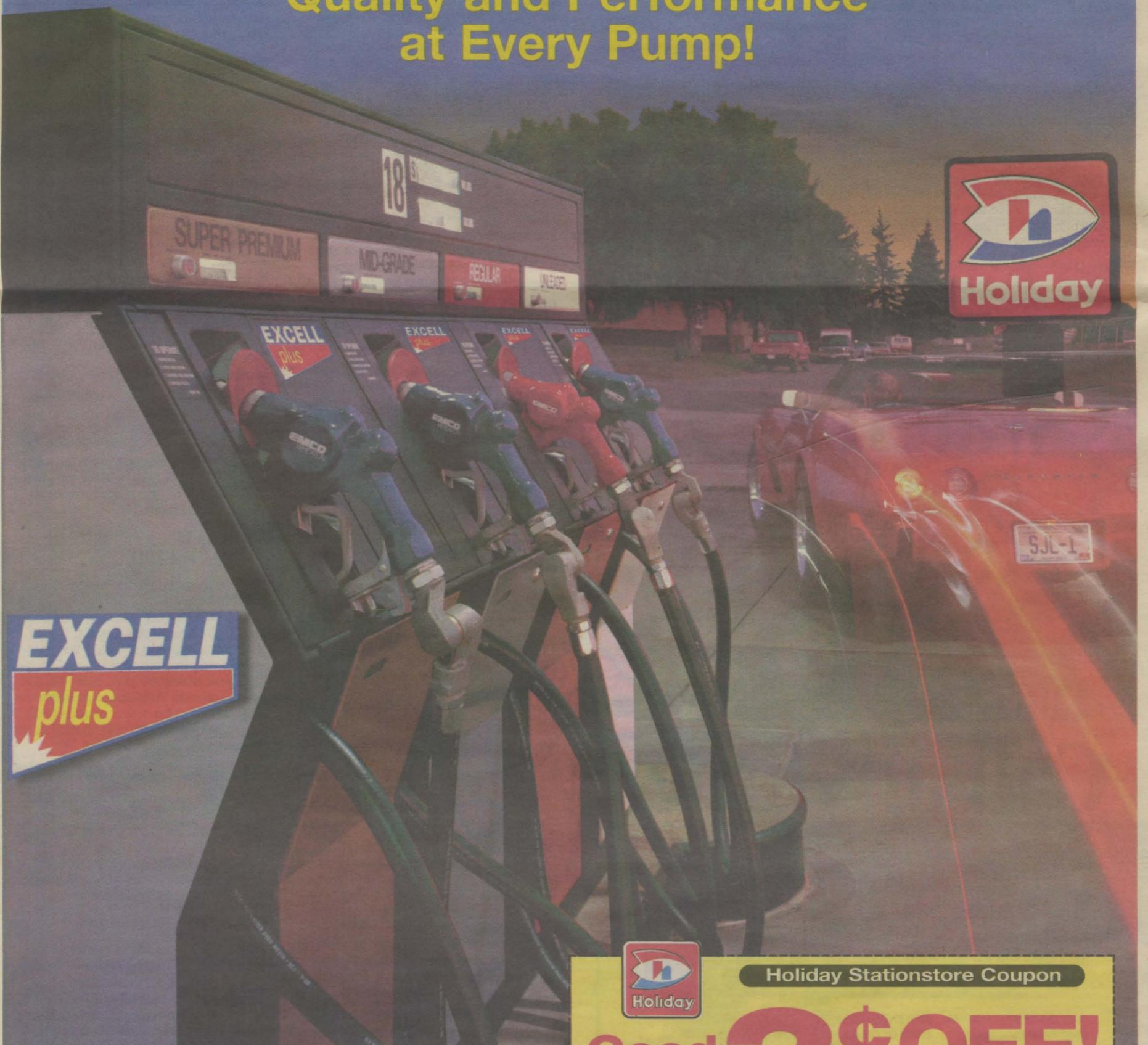
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