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**KILLEWALD LEADS GOPHERS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP;
Come From Behind Win Is Dramatic Turnaround
From Loss To Duluth For WCHA Title**

In one of the greatest turn of events in Golden Gophers sports history, the women's hockey team defeated top-seeded Brown 4-2 to win the American Women's College Hockey Alliance (AWCHA) championship game.

The victory gave the Gophers, who trailed 1-0 after the first period and then scored twice in each of the final two, the national championship. Minnesota got tremendous goaltending from Erica Killewald who stopped 34 shots and was named the tournament's MVP. She was mobbed by her teammates when she raised her arms in the air as the final buzzer sounded.

Gophers coach Laura Halldorson said the team showed a lot of heart and character and they were able to win because "We stuck together as a team."

It was a dramatic turnaround from 21 days before when the Gophers lost to Minnesota-Duluth 2-0 for the WCHA tournament title.

Minnesota advanced to the final game by beating Minnesota-Duluth 3-2 in the semifinal the night before. The always reliable Winny Brodt, a Minnesota defender, got a breakaway goal at 4:41 of the third period which gave the Gophers a 4-1 cushion. It caused a wild on-ice celebration and it was



Winny Brodt



Gophers goaltender Erica Killewald (arrow) concentrates on the puck, surrounded by teammates Angela Borek, left, Laura Slominski and Winny Brodt during the first period of the championship game.

looking good at that point for a major upset and a Minnesota win.

Brown, the ECAC regular-season and tournament champs, closed to within two points at 13:05, but their rally fell short. They had won 18 of their last 19 games and had four shutouts in their last eight games.

Correctly identify the following Golden Gopher hockey player and win



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He came to Minnesota in 1959 from Canada and played for the Gophers until he left in 1963 as an All-American and WCHA scoring champion. His name is synonymous with the game of hockey in Minnesota. In his senior year as a Gopher, this skating legend earned honors such as Captain of the Gophers and All-American gaining a total of 74 career-high points. He became the first defenseman to win a WCHA scoring title. He played for the Minnesota North Stars and was honored in 1998 by being inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

WHO AM I? For more on this great athlete and details on how to enter this SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES contest, see page 4.

**WRESTLERS FINISH SECOND AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS;
Eggum and Lesnar Win Titles**

The No. 2-ranked Golden Gopher wrestling team placed second at the 2000 Big Ten Championships hosted by Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. Iowa won the team title with 139.5 points, followed by Minnesota with 132.5 points and Illinois in third with 96.5 points. Minnesota had two individual title winners and qualified nine wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in St. Louis, Mo. Seniors Brandon Eggum and Brock Lesnar won individual Big Ten titles.

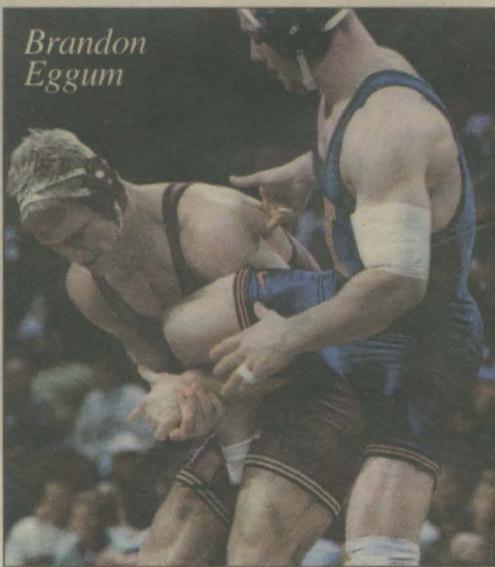
Minnesota's first championship match featured redshirt freshman Jared Lawrence at 149 pounds against the No. 3 seeded Adam Tirapelle of Illinois. In the first period, Lawrence and Tirapelle wrestled to a 0-0 tie. Lawrence struck first in the second period scoring a point on an escape to take the lead 1-0. Tirapelle scored an escape in the second period and then a takedown in the third to win the match with a 4-2 decision.

Following Lawrence's loss at 149 pounds was his counterpart redshirt freshman Luke Becker at 157 pounds vs. No. 1-ranked and No. 1-seeded T.J. Williams of Iowa. Williams, undefeated in the previous two seasons, was too much for Becker, defeating him with a 10-4 decision.

At 165 pounds junior Brad Pike, seeded second, faced the No. 1 seeded Don Pritzlaff of Wisconsin. Pike making his first appearance in the Big Ten Championships, wrestled Pritzlaff close, but did not have enough to beat him losing the match 6-2.

At 184 pounds, senior Brandon Eggum showed up ready to go to find out Nate Patrick of Illinois was unable to compete due to an injury suffered during his previous match. Eggum won his second consecutive Big Ten title by injury default.

The heavyweight final was a rematch



Brandon Eggum

between senior All-American Brock Lesnar and senior Wes Hand of Iowa. Two weeks ago Hand defeated Lesnar 5-3 in

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MINNESOTA WINS SECOND CONSECUTIVE TITLE IN WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

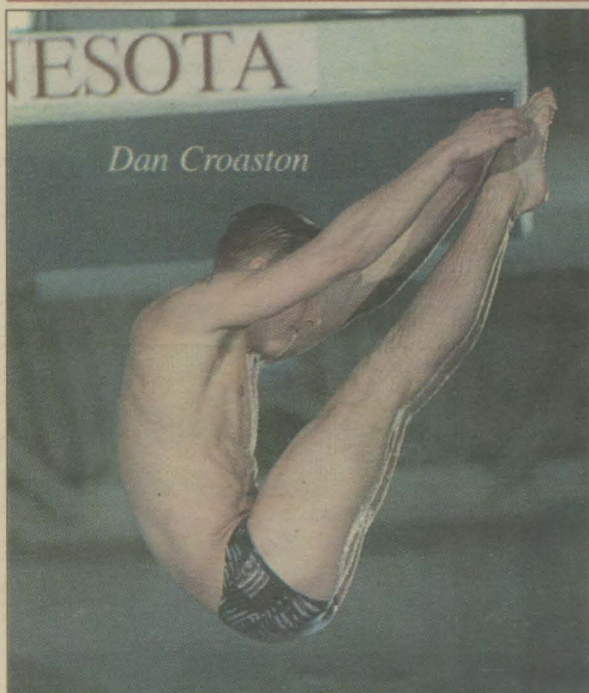
Using its superior depth in all events, the Minnesota women's swimming and diving team repeated as Big Ten champions at the IU Natatorium. The Gophers won the meet with 562.5 points, despite winning one of 20 events in the meet. Michigan finished second with 501 points, followed by Northwestern with 459 points.



Kelsey Hegener

The women's swimming and diving team is the 12th team in Minnesota history to

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Dan Croaston

**MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM GARNERS AWARDS AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS;
The Most of Any Big Ten School**

The men's swimming and diving team had four individuals that won awards after placing second at the 2000 Big Ten Championships as well as landing 10 athletes on the All-Big Ten team, the most of any Big Ten school. The Golden Gophers placed second at the 2000 Big Ten Championships with 601 points, behind Michigan who scored 682 points.

Junior Alex Massura was named Big Ten Swimmer of the Year for his accomplishments during the meet as well as during the year. Massura captured two individual events, winning the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:44.20 and setting a pool record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of

47.62. He was also a member of four first-place relay teams (200-yard freestyle, 400-yard medley relay, 800-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.)

Junior Dan Croaston received Big Ten Diver of the Year accolades as well as co-Diver of the Championships with Indiana's Tom Davidson. Croaston won the three-meter diving competition with a score of 631.40, his best ever on the three-meter and one point shy of former Golden Gopher P.J. Bogart's school record. Croaston placed second in the one-meter diving competition, scoring 562.95 points to finish behind Davidson's 574.05 points, who was also named co-Diver

of the Championship with Croaston.

Freshman Jeff Hackler was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. He won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:57.79 and placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 55.50.

In addition to the individual awards, 10 Golden Gophers were named to the All-Big Ten Team. Junior Keam Ang, junior Grant Butler, Croaston, sophomore Brandon Crook, freshman Ricardo Dornelas, who set a new Big Ten record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 19.60, Hackler, Massura, freshman Allen Ong, freshman Matt Taylor and sophomore Max von Bodungen.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ENDS SEASON WITH 10-19 MARK

The Minnesota women's basketball team ended its season with a 56-49 loss to Wisconsin in the first round of the Big Ten Conference Tournament. The Golden Gophers compiled a record of 10-198 overall and tied for 10th place with Northwestern in the Big Ten standings at 3-13 in league play.

Four Gophers seniors completed their collegiate careers: Antoinette Blevins, Moneeke Bowden, Brandi Harris and Erin Olson.

Olson had an outstanding career with the Gophers. She joined the Gopher squad midway through her sophomore season as a walk-on after transferring to Minnesota from Wyoming, earned a scholarship as a junior, and then as a senior served as a team co-captain. Olson led the team in scoring this season, averaging 11.4 points per game, and dished out 131 assists, becoming just the 10th player in Minnesota history to record over 100 assists in a season. She is seventh on the Minnesota career assists list with 248 and scored 534 career points (7.9 points per game). In December she was honored as a Big Ten Player of the Week, the first Gopher in five years to earn the conference's weekly award. A two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree, Olson earned her bachelor's degree last May in kinesiology, but returned for her fifth year to play basketball and pursue a master's degree in sports psychology.

Bowden saved the best basketball of her career for her senior season. She started 26 of 27 games for the Gophers and led the team in rebounding, pulling down 6.0 boards a game. Bowden finished her two-year Minnesota career with 296 points (7.3 points per game) and 264 career rebounds (4.9 rpg.) in 54 games. Bowden tallied three double-doubles during the season, including career-high 23 points and 13 rebounds against Michigan. After transferring to Minnesota from Cowley County Community College, Bowden missed just one game in her Gopher career. Last summer, she was selected to the Big Ten All-Star Team that toured Europe. Bowden finished second on that team in scoring and rebounding. She is pursuing a youth studies, educational psychology and social work major.

Harris transferred to Minnesota after two seasons at Cowley County Community College. Harris played in 50 games in two seasons and started 15 contests as a Golden Gopher. Nicknamed "Cali," Harris played important minutes off the bench, especially in a defensive role, this season. She finished her career with 160 career points (3.2 points per game). Harris is majoring in communications and marketing.

Blevins spent two seasons with the Gophers, transferring to Minnesota from Wallace State Community College. She started six games as a junior and began her senior season as the Gophers' starting point guard, but her season was cut short by a knee injury. Blevins finished her career with 121 points (4.8) in 25 games. A sports studies major, Blevins was the 1999 recipient of the Eloise M. Jaeger Endowed Scholarship for Women Athletes in Education.

With Minnesota's 75-71 overtime win over Michigan State to end the regular season, the



Erin Olson

Gophers accomplished their first double-figure victory total since the 1994-1995 season, when the Gophers posted a record of 12-15. The Gophers' 3-13 mark in Big Ten play is also most conference victories since the 1994-1995 season, when Minnesota posted a 7-9 record in league action.

Rookie long-range jumper artist Lindsay Lieser set the Minnesota single-season record for three pointers made with her 64th three-pointer of the season, late in the Iowa (Feb. 20) game. Lieser's total of 66 in 28 games broke the previous record held by Shannon Loeblein, who hit 63 treys in 27 games during the 1994-1995 season.

Senior Erin Olson edged sophomore Cassie VanderHeyden for the honor of finishing the season as the Gophers' top scorer. Olson outscored her teammate by just five points (318 to 313), averaging 11.4 points per game on the season, to VanderHeyden's 11.2 points per contest average. A year ago, the Gophers ended the 1998-1999 season without a single double-figure scorer.

Kim Prince proved she is a post player to reckon with in the future, as the first-year forward/center tallied double figures in five of the last six games of the season. She averaged 12.6 points a game in the stretch, more than double her season average of 5.8 points per game. Prince's best performance was against Northwestern, where she scored 16 points, hitting 8 of 9 field goal attempts. She scored 14 points in both games against Wisconsin (Feb. 10) and Iowa, 13 against Michigan State and 10 versus Wisconsin in the Big Ten Tournament.

Cassie VanderHeyden hit her last 20 straight free throws over the course of the last nine-plus games of the season, breaking the Minnesota record of 18 consecutive set by Cheri Stafford in the 1995-1996 season. The record will carry over to the 2000-2001 season. VanderHeyden ended her season making 26 of her last 27 free throw attempts, to improve her season percentage to a team-test 79.0 percent.

COMEBACK FALLS SHORT AS IOWA DEFEATS MINNESOTA IN MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Junior Terrence Simmons scored 20 points, 18 in the second half and sophomore Dusty Rychart added 18 points, but Iowa held off Minnesota's rally to win, 81-78, in the first round of the 2000 Big Ten Tournament.

In the first half, the Golden Gophers started out shooting well and went up by as much as seven before Iowa found the shooting touch and built a lead that they wouldn't give up and the two teams went into the locker room with Iowa up by 16 points.

In the second half, it looked at one point as though Iowa would run away with the game. The Hawkeyes held a 21-point lead with 13:09 left in the game. Then the Golden Gophers got down to business. At the 9:58 mark, Minnesota was down by 17 points and Terrance Simmons hit a three-pointer to cut Iowa's lead to 14 points. Iowa's Kyle Galloway hit two free throws to bring the Hawkeye lead back to 16. Iowa's Duez Henderson hit one free



Terrance Simmons

throw to bring the lead to 17. Dusty Rychart hit two free throws to cut the lead to 15. Simmons hit two more free throws to bring Iowa's lead to 13. Then Nick Sinville hit a free throw and Iowa's lead was 12. Kevin Bureson nailed a lay-up and suddenly the score was 72-62 in favor of Iowa. Simmons then stole the ball and fed Bureson for a quick lay-up and the Iowa lead was eight. Sinville then dunked and the lead was six. Iowa's Jacob Jaacks hit one free throw and the lead was seven. The Golden Gophers would pull within one, before Kyle Galloway, substituting for Jacob Jaacks, hit two free throws to win the game for the Hawkeyes, 81-78, and sending the Hawkeyes into the second round and a showdown with No. 4 Michigan State.

The Golden Gophers end the 1999-2000 season with a 12-16 overall record and a record of 4-12 in the Big Ten Conference.



Dusty Rychart

BEUCKENS BREAKS ALL AROUND RECORD AGAINST IOWA STATE; Team Total Is Season-High

Sophomore Megan Beuckens broke the school record in the all around as No. 17 Minnesota was edged by No. 10 Iowa State, 196.225-196.125, Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The team total is a season-high and ties the second-best score in team history.

Beuckens set or tied career highs on all four events in scoring a total of 39.450, surpassing the previous record of 39.325 set by sophomore teammate Mary Anne Kelley on Feb. 20. Beuckens tied for second on both the floor exercise (9.925) and balance beam (9.850). She tied for fifth on uneven bars with a personal-best 9.875 and on vault with a career-high 9.80.

Minnesota set a school record on the floor

GYMNAST CLAY STROTHER EARNS BIG TEN HONORS

Freshman gymnast Clay Strother was named as the Big Ten gymnast of the week for his performance in Minnesota's quadrangular meet at Ohio State.

The Jasper, Texas native scored a 9.95 on his pommel horse routine, breaking the Minnesota school record. The previous

exercise with a total of 49.50. Kelley won the event with a personal-best score of 9.95, which ties the school record. Beuckens was second at 9.925. Senior Jury Cavazos and freshman Jenny Alf each scored 9.90, while senior Melissa Chang scored 9.825.

Chang and Kelley tied for second on the uneven bars with identical scores of 9.925, the second-highest score in school history. Junior Megan Skokut tied her personal best with a 9.90. The Golden Gophers scored 49.0 on uneven bars.

Freshman Leigh Dixon tied the second-best vault score in team history in winning the event with a personal-best 9.90.

record was held by three gymnasts, including current volunteer assistant coach John Roethlisberger, who scored a 9.90 on Jan. 23, 1993. It is the second school record that Strother has broken this season as he set the school record on the floor exercise with a score of 9.95 on Feb. 4 in a triangular meet against Michigan and Penn State.

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ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH MAURICE BATIE DIES OF CARDIAC ARREST

University of Minnesota assistant volleyball coach Maurice Batie died of cardiac arrest in Minneapolis. He was 36.



Batie was playing basketball at the University Recreation Center, where he collapsed just after 8 p.m. He was taken by ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center and was pronounced dead at 8:56 p.m.

"Maurice's untimely death is an unthinkable shock and loss to us all," said Minnesota women's athletics director Chris Voelz. "Maurice was as close as it gets to being the best of intercollegiate athletics. He had special gifts as a teacher and coach, and he had a unique personality which endeared himself to everyone he met. This is a loss to the University of Minnesota and the whole world of intercollegiate athletics. Our thoughts go to Melissa, Madison and his entire family."

Batie came to the University of Minnesota in the winter of 1996 with current Minnesota head coach Mike Hebert. Batie coordinated the Gophers' recruiting efforts

and assisted with practice drills, scouting and match preparation. The Chicago native had previously worked with Hebert at the University of Illinois for two years before coming to Minnesota.

Batie was a member of the coaching staff of the 1997 U.S. Girls Youth National Team, a collection of the nation's elite players age 19 and under. He was widely known in volleyball circles for his ability to identify talent, recruit and train. One such case is Minnesota's Nicole Branagh, a player Batie identified and recruited, and who became an AVCA All-American in her junior season. Another example is Gopher Stephanie Hagen, a student-athlete Batie developed into an AVCA All-Region selection during her sophomore campaign.

"Maurice was one of the finest human beings I've ever known," said Hebert. "He was a prince." Everyone felt that way about him. He will be missed beyond words."

Batie is survived by his wife Melissa, and their 2-month-old daughter, Madison.

In lieu of flowers, it has been suggested by the family that memorials be sent to:

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM DEFEATS NEBRASKA; Strother Wins Two Events



Justin Conner

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated Nebraska with a season-high score of 227.275-224.550. This marks the highest team score for the Golden Gophers since the Big Ten Championships in 1997, when Minnesota scored a 227.450.



Clay Strother

Freshman Clay Strother won two events for the Golden Gophers including tying the school record on the floor exercise, which he set earlier this year scoring a 9.95. He also took first

place in the pommel horse with a 9.90. Minnesota dominated the pommel horse scoring 39.325 as a team sweeping the top three places in the event. Senior Chad Conner took second with a 9.875 and senior Lindsey Fang was third with a 9.850.

Sophomore Justin Conner also scored a career-high in the all-around with a score of 55.925, placing second behind Nebraska standout Derek Lieter with a 58.200. Conner took first place in the parallel bars with a 9.675 and was third on the floor exercise with a career-high 9.675. He was also third on the vault with a 9.425.

BAKKEN WINS PEGGY KIRK BELL GOLF INVITATIONAL, GOPHERS FINISH SIXTH

Junior Katie Bakken first place after the first round of the Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational in Winter Springs, Fla., leading Minnesota to second place. Bakken shot a two-under-par 70 in Monday's first round.

Minnesota recorded a 309, just four strokes behind leader Florida Southern. Freshman Karyn Stordahl is tied for 10th at 77. Sophomore Cindy Cannon and freshman Kristen Dooley are tied for 35th at 81, while sophomore Megan Stier recorded an 85.

AUBREY SCHMITT IS ALL-AMERICAN

Junior Aubrey Schmitt recorded All-American honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Minnesota tied for 50th place with two points in the team competition. UCLA won the team title with 51 points, easily outdistancing second-place South Carolina, 41 points, and host Arkansas, third with 37 points.

Schmitt had a season-best throw of 16.17 meters (53 feet, 3/4 inch) to place seventh in the shot put. The throw was the second-best of her career, only surpassed by her 16.58m (54-4 3/4) and the 1999 NCAA Championships.

She also competed in the weight throw along with senior teammate Beth Howard. Schmitt finished 12th, with a throw of 18.29m (60-0 1/4), while Howard was 14th, throwing (17.91m (58-9 1/4)).

Junior Corinne Nimtz competed in the 5,000-meter run, placing 16th in a time of 16 minutes, 52.87 seconds.

For two-time All-American Aubrey Schmitt, competing in two events at the NCAA Championships is nothing new.

The 2000 NCA Indoor Championships were her fourth national competition in three seasons at Minnesota and was the third time she qualified in two events. In each of her first two seasons, she has competed in both the discus and shot put at the outdoor championships. Last year, she qualified for the indoor championships for the first time, making the most of the occasion with a second-place finish. This year's competition was her first championship participating in the weight throw.

Head coach Gary Wilson is in his 15th season at Minnesota. He led the Gophers to their best-ever finish at the Big Ten

Indoor Championships this season, as the team scored 80 points to finish third.

Wilson guided the Golden Gophers to the NCAA Cross Country Championships for the third consecutive year in 1999, finishing 17th and tying for the team's highest finish in 17 years.



Aubrey Schmitt

Last spring, he led the track and field to a third-place finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, scoring the most points in school history while tying for the highest finish. Wilson also coached the Minnesota track and field team to top-25 finishes at the NCAA outdoor championships in 1990, 1991, 1995 and 1996.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Cortland State (N.Y.) in 1968 and 1974 respectfully.

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There's hardly a person who follows hockey in Minnesota that's never heard of him. He came to the University of Minnesota in 1959 from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and played hockey for John Mariucci until 1963. In his senior year he became an All-American and WCHA scoring champ amassing 22 goals and 52 assists. In 1963, as team captain, his 14 goals and 29 assists led the WCHA in scoring and he was named league MVP. After leaving the U of M he coached the Gopher freshmen team. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks but decided not to play for them. He took a five year leave from hockey but got back into it in a big way as the captain of the 1968 Olympic hockey team in Grenoble. When the NHL expanded he became a free agent and signed with the Minnesota North Stars where he played defense and winger through 1978, becoming the only player to play with the Stars for the first 11 years of the team's existence. He also represented the USA during the 1976 and 1977 World Championships, where he served as team captain. For his career, including playoffs, he tallied 72 goals and 167 assists for 239 points with the North Stars.

He went from player to coach in 1978 and finished his 24-year career with the Stars as the team's president from 1988-1990. He was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 1998.

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I was born in Conway, Arkansas on July 15, 1941. When I was two we moved to River Rouge, Mich. (a Detroit suburb) and then moved again to Ecorse, Mich. where we lived for many years. I graduated from high school in Ecorse in 1959.

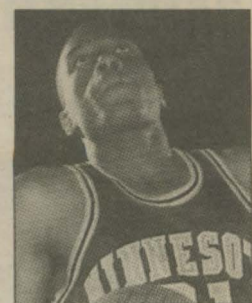
As a sophomore in gym class, a coach noticed my ability and asked me to try out for the basketball team. I was 5'7" and 119 pounds. I didn't think I was too good but I made the JV team. By the time the next season came I had grown to 6'0" and weighed 146 pounds.

I went into the Army after high school and stayed there for the next three years. I enrolled at the University of Minnesota when I was 21 years old. Freshman were ineligible so I sat out my first year. As a sophomore I joined with Lou Hudson and Don Yates and we became the first African-American athletes on scholarship to play for the Gophers.

My sophomore year was one of the best for the team as we finished the 1963-64 season with a 17-7, 10-4 record and a third place in the Big Ten standings. In my senior year, I was called to fill in for Lou Hudson when he broke his wrist. I led the team in scoring that year with a 28 point average per game and was a unanimous Big Ten selection. I was elected captain of the team it that was especially significant for me because it was the first time an African-American had ever been so honored with the captaincy of a varsity sport at Minnesota. I was also named the team's MVP my senior year and was named All-Big Ten by the Associated Press.

In 1966 I left the U of M to play basketball for the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers where I stayed for two years. I played with Jerry West, Gail Goodrich and Walt Hazard (all guards) and in December of that year I replaced Hazard and joined West as the starting guards for the rest of the season. By the end of the season I was averaging 18.5 points per game. In the playoffs I averaged 25 points per game.

The following year I did even better averaging 19.9 points per game. Before the start of the next season I was involved in the Wilt Chamberlain trade and wound up at Philadelphia where I played for the next three years. The first season I was the sixth man averaging 13 points per game and the following season I became a starter and averaged 19.6 points per game. The third year I averaged 21.3 points per game.



Archie Clark

The next year I played for the Washington Bullets where I averaged 25 points and 8 assists my first season. After a contract dispute the following year which caused me to get off to a slow start, I still averaged 18 points and 21 points per game in the playoffs.

Tragedy struck me the following year when I separated my shoulder during summer practice. When I got back on the court I was never quite the same. While I still averaged 13 points per game I was traded to Seattle for the 1974-75 season and my coach, Bill Russell, agreed to trade me to Detroit for what turned out to be my final year in the NBA (1975-76).

After several private sector and government ventures, in 1995 I became Deputy Director of the Wayne County Department of Jobs and Economic Development. I oversee administrative functions for the Department and its five divisions. I also am Wayne County's legislative liaison with the County Commission, the State Legislature and chief elected officials in the 43 communities of Wayne County.

I am a founding member and vice president of the NBA Retired Players Association and an active member of the Detroit area NAACP. I am the proud father of eight children and six grandchildren.

MALNIK, MASSURA, KRASTINS AND DORNELAS LEAD SWIMMERS

Sophomore Dov Malnik and the relay team of Alex Massura, Dov Maknik, Chad Krastins, Ricard Dornelas all provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships hosted by the University of Minnesota on March 23-25. Malnik qualified in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:58.87. His time was just .08 of the automatic time.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Alex Massura, Dov Malnik, Chad Krastins and Ricardo Dornelas swam a time of 1:28.03 to earn an NCAA provisional time. The time is currently the 12-ranked time in the country.

Junior Keam Ang clocked a time of 49.83 in the 100-yard butterfly. Chris Brunson swam a time of 58.77 in the 100-yard backstroke.

Penn State University had NCAA qualifying times in the 200 medley relay and the 800 free relay.



Dov Malnik

Alex Massura, Ricardo Dornelas, Jeff Hackler and Yoav Meiri all qualified for the NCAA's in their prospective events earlier in the year. Massura in the 100 and 200 backstroke, Dornelas in the 50 freestyle, Hackler in the 200 breaststroke and Meiri in the 200 butterfly.

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win a Big Ten championship, and the second to repeat as Big Ten champions. The women's gymnastics team won consecutive Big Ten championships in 1988 and 1989.

"It is an incredible accomplishment for this team," said Minnesota head coach Jean Freeman. "It is much more difficult to repeat, and the depth in this conference is getting better and better. I am so happy for this team."

Minnesota's top finisher on the final night was Kelsey Hegener. The senior finished second in the 200 breaststroke in a time of 2:15.23, behind Northwestern's Amy Balcerzak (2:12.40). Hegener was the only Gopher to finish as high as second place in

two events in the meet, as she finished second in the 100 breaststroke on Friday. Hegener joined teammates Terri Jashinsky and Katy Christoferson on the all-conference team.

The Gophers were the top scoring team in two events on the final night. Minnesota scored 33 points in the 200 breaststroke, led by Hegener's second-place finish, and 38 points in the 200 butterfly. Gopher seniors Jenny Hennen and Jashinsky finished 3-4 in the 200 butterfly.

Michigan pulled to within 18.5 points of Minnesota with three events remaining, but the Gophers outscored the Wolverines 71-18 in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 butterfly to clinch the team title.

MEN'S HOCKEY COMES ROARING BACK

The Golden Gophers won a pair of games in Colorado College (4-2, 3-2 ot) to advance to the NSP/WCHA Final Five. Minnesota tied game two of the series with the Tigers with just 8.8 seconds remaining in regulation before winning the series in the overtime session.

Sophomore Adam Hauser, who had missed Minnesota's final four regular season games with a bout of mononucleosis, returned to the nets last weekend for the first round of the WCHA playoffs by kicking away 54 of 58 shots in the two wins over Colorado College. Minnesota is 19-12-2 in Hauser's 33 starts this season, and winless (0-5-0) in the five games he has missed. Hauser currently has the third-highest save percentage in a season by a Golden Gopher goalie.



Adam Hauser

Ugly Streak Gone

With their come-from-behind win against Colorado College, the Golden Gophers broke a streak that had been haunting them for nearly three calendar years. Minnesota had been winless in its previous 43 games (0-38-5) when trailing after two period before erasing a 1-0 Tiger lead, eventually resulting in a 3-2 overtime win, after two frames.

Of the seven goals Minnesota scored, four clutch tallies were from players not known for their scoring prowess.



John Pohl

Sophomore Erik Wendell, freshman Matt DeMarchi, junior Stuart Senden and sophomore Mark Nenovich had combined for just 10 goals in 121 games before last weekend. Wendell's goal opened the scoring in Friday's win, with Nenovich's tally knotting Saturday's game late in the third period. Senden's overtime goal clinched the Final Five berth for the Golden Gophers.

Sophomore John Pohl assisted on a pair of goals in Saturday's win, including winning a key face-off to help set up Stuart Senden's game-winning goal. Pohl, who leads the Golden Gophers in scoring (17-35-52), is the first U of M sophomore forward to score 50 points or more in a single season since Craig Johnson had 19-39-58 during the 1991-1992 campaign. Pohl's 35 assists are the most by a Golden Gopher forward since Hobey Baker Award winner Brian Bonin had 47 assists in 1995-1996.

Senior Nate Miller has not only been a leader off the ice for the Golden Gophers as the 1999-2000 captain, but has also led by example with three game-winning goals this season. Miller netted a short-handed goal in Friday's win over Colorado College, which proved to be the margin of victory and has scored 10 of his 14 goals this season away from Mariucci Arena. Miller has played in 136 consecutive games and 160 of 162 possible games in his Golden Gopher career. Dating back to the days with the Twin Cities Vulcans of the USHL, Miller has played in 260 of his team's last 262 games.

BASEBALL GOPHERS COME FROM BEHIND TO DEFEAT NO. 13 WICHITA STATE SHOCKERS 17-9

Down 5-2 after the third inning, the Golden Gopher baseball team (6-7) scored 14 unanswered runs, and went on to defeat the No. 13 Wichita State Shockers (4-2) by a score of 17-9 at Lawrence Dumont Stadium in Wichita, Kan. on Saturday afternoon. The game was resumed in the second inning after being postponed due to snow on Friday afternoon.

With Wichita leading 1-0 when play resumed in the top of the second inning, Minnesota's Rick Brosseau singled to right field scoring Luke Appert and Mike Arlt to give the Golden Gophers a 2-1 lead. Wichita would take a 5-2 lead after scoring four runs in the bottom of the third.

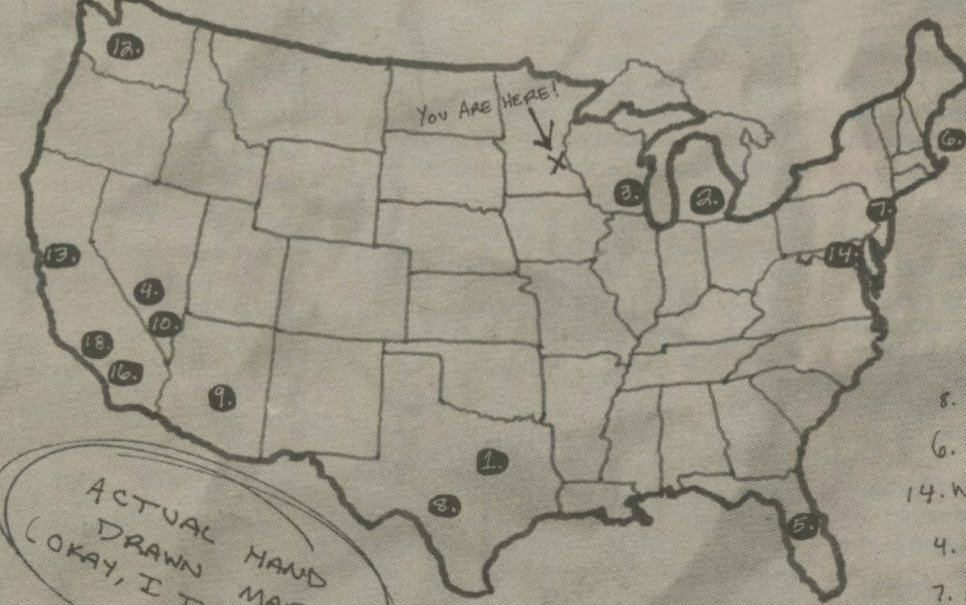
But from there it was all Minnesota, as the Golden Gophers put four runs on the board in the fourth, single runs in the sixth and seventh innings, and eight runs in the top of the eighth inning to open the game up. Leading 8-5 in the eighth, Minnesota sent 14 batters to the plate and forced the Shockers into three pitching changes in the inning. The eight runs in the eighth inning were the most runs scored in an inning by the Golden Gophers this year. Josh Holthaus, who doubled to center field scoring Scott Howard and Mike Arlt, delivered the big hit of the inning giving Minnesota's a 13-5 lead. The Golden Gophers would add three more runs in the inning to take a 16-5 lead. Holthaus would end the day going 2-for-5 with four RBIs.

Freshman pitcher C.J. Woodrow, who started the second inning for Friday starter Mike Kobow, pitched four innings, striking out five, to earn his first victory of his collegiate career. Woodrow worked out of a bases loaded jam in the bottom of the fourth inning to keep Wichita off the board. With only one out and the bases load, Woodrow struck out Wichita third baseman Koyie Hill and got first baseman Pat Magness to fly out to left field.

Rick Brosseau extended his season-high eight-game hitting streak by going 3-for-5 from the plate with two RBIs and four runs scored on the day. Brosseau reached base seven times in the game as he would reach on a Wichita State error on two occasions and walked on two others. Sophomore Jason Kennedy was 3-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

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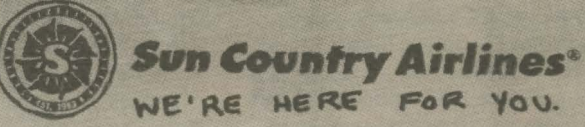
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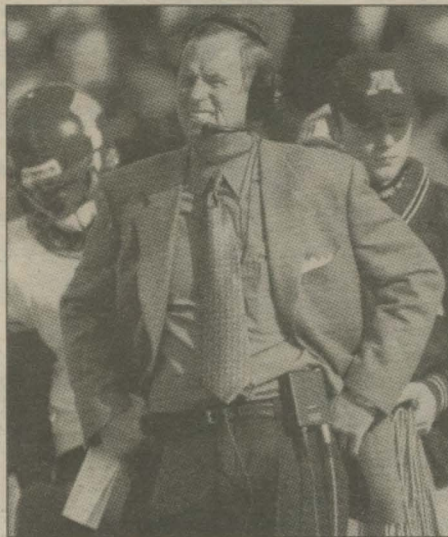
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24 STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN FOOTBALL LETTERS OF INTENT

Head Football Coach Glen Mason announced that 24 student-athletes signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Minnesota and play football for the Golden Gophers.

"We signed 14 on offense and 10 players on defense, so we are very pleased that we were able to fill some needs on both sides of the ball, particularly along the offensive and defensive lines," Mason said. "Our main priority is always to close the borders on the state of Minnesota and keep our in-state talent at home. We are very excited about the players who have decided to stay at home and play for the Golden Gophers. Our success last season enabled us to recruit some outstanding student-athletes to the University of Minnesota. I'm very happy with this recruiting class."



Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown (Last School)
Antoine Burns	WR	6-1	195	Milwaukee, Wis. (Rochester, Minn. CC)
Travis Cole	QB	6-3	210	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Foothill, Calif. JC)
Ukee Dozier	DB	6-1	170	Bradenton, Fla. (Southeast HS)
Justin Fraley	DB	6-1	198	Cleveland, Ohio (Benedictine HS)
Jason Green	DE	6-4	260	Orange, N.J. (Orange HS)
Brandon Harston	DL	6-3	290	Fort Worth, Texas (Crowley HS)
Terry Jackson, III	RB	5-10	193	Saginaw, Mich. (Saginaw HS)
Demetrus Johnson	RB	5-10	173	Milwaukee, Wis. (Homestead HS)
Keith Matthews	WR	6-3	188	Akron, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban HS)
Mark McElroy	OL	6-4	300	Roseville, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall HS)
Rian Melander	OL	6-6	238	Shoreview, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall HS)
Larry Pinson, Jr.	FB	6-2	225	Eagan, Minn. (Eagan HS)
Josh Plisch	OL	6-3	290	Rothschild, Wis. (D.C. Everest HS)
Peter Prudden	OL	6-5	270	Wayzata, Minn. (Breck HS)
Chad Redmann	TE	6-3	230	Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley HS)
Darrell Reid	LB	6-3	245	Farmingdale, N.J. (Freehold Boro HS)
Marcus Sanders	RB	6-0	186	Ravenna, Ohio (Ravenna HS)
Dominique Sims	DB	6-2	195	Minneapolis, Minn. (De La Salle HS)
Arthur Smith	OL	6-9	323	Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven HS)
Eric Stenzel	LB	6-3	230	Mankato, Minn. (West HS)
Mackenzey Toussaint	DB	6-0	177	Miami, Fla. (North Miami HS)
Timothy Ward	DL	6-3	255	Milwaukee, Wis. (Bay View HS)
Steven Watson	LB	6-3	215	Defiance, Mo. (Francis Howell HS)
Ricky Wymer	OL	6-9	325	Westerville, Ohio (North HS)

Antoine Burns, 6-1, 195, WR, Milwaukee, Wis. (Rochester CC) Named a junior college Gridwire All-American...listed in PrepStar's Super Juco 75 list...caught 58 passes for 1,100 yards last season at Rochester...scored 23 touchdowns (17 receiving, three on punt returns, and three on kickoff returns)...

Travis Cole, 6-3, 210, QB, Lake Oswego, Ore. (Foothill JC) In his two years as the starting quarterback at Foothill JC, he threw for 5,286 yards and 58 touchdowns...passed for 25 touchdowns this past season

Ukee Dozier, 6-1, 170, DB, Bradenton, Fla. (Southeast HS) Registered 38 solo tackles, 12 assists, four pass-breakups, and three tackles for loss in his senior season.

Justin Fraley, 6-1, 198, DB, Cleveland, Ohio (Benedictine HS) Two-time all-state selection...gained 922 yards in just 150 attempts as a senior (6.1 per carry)...amassed 2,450 yards during prep career and 41 touchdowns...racked up 210 tackles on the defensive side of the ball...intercepted 34 passes and forced 28 fumbles during his high school career.

Jason Green, 6-4, 260, DE, Orange, N.J. (Orange HS) SuperPrep all-Northeast team selection...ranked 22nd-best player in the state...named to the all-state team after a senior season where he collected 85 solo tackles, 20 assists, 18 tackles for loss and 12 sacks.

Brandon Harston, 6-3, 290, DL, Fort Worth, Texas (Crowley HS) Named to the SuperPrep all-Southwest team...one of the better defensive linemen recruits in the country according to Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report...amassed 120 career tackles, including 98 solos, despite playing just four games in his senior campaign due to a high ankle sprain... defensive career stats also include 15 sacks, 10 pass breakups, 15 forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and three interceptions... caught 50 career passes for 10 touchdowns from

his tight end position on the offensive side of the ball.

Terry Jackson III, 5-10, 193, RB, Saginaw, Mich. (Saginaw HS) Rushed for 1,774 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior when he helped lead his high school to its first-ever state championship...also pitched in with 18 solo tackles on defense.

Demetrus Johnson, 5-10, 173, RB, Milwaukee, Wis. (Homestead HS) Named Wisconsin State Player of the Year by the Wisconsin State Coaches Association and the Wisconsin Journal Sentinel...Named a two-time all-state selection after amassing 2,229 yards, 32 touchdowns, and an average of 7.0 yards per carry in his senior season...the yardage and touchdown totals set single-season school records...rushed for school-record 315 yards and five touchdowns in a single game...also returned nine punts for an average of 24 yards per tote and two touchdowns along with 14 kickoff returns for an average of 30 yards per runback.

Keith Matthews, 6-3, 188, WR, Akron, Ohio (Archbishop HS) Two-time all-state selection...outstanding player on both sides of the ball in high school...played wide receiver and safety...caught 92 career passes for a total of 1,605 yards and 19 touchdowns...averaged 17.4 yards per reception in his prep career...also rushed for 574 career yards and six touchdowns... logged 205 career tackles on defense...credited with 11 career sacks, seven fumble recoveries, and eight interceptions...returned two of the interceptions for touchdowns.

Mark McElroy, 6-4, 300, OL, Roseville, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall HS) Named one of the top 10 offensive lineman prospects in the Midwest according to PrepStar...listed on the SuperPrep all-Midwest team...named to the all-state squad after helping lead Cretin-Derham Hall to the Class AAAAA State Championship as a senior...three-year starter at offensive tackle...played strong-side tackle...known for his exceptional run-blocking ability.

MEN'S TRACK WINS SEVEN TITLES AT THE MINNESOTA TRIANGULAR

Sophomore Andrew McKessock won his third race of the season when he took first place in the 3,000m run with a time of 8:14.24 at the 2000 Minnesota Triangular, which featured Drake and Minnesota State, Mankato. Minnesota senior Nate Clay placed fourth in the same event with a time of 8:27.63.

Freshman Erik Foley placed first in the 400m dash with a time of 50.25 and junior Tom Gerding kept upping his times in the 600m dash, running a season-high 1:18.59. Teammate Bob Quade came in second with a time of 1:20.18.

Sophomore Joey Corr ran to a second place finish in the mile run with a personal-best time of 4:11.89.

Michael Ehlers placed first in the shot put with a throw of 53-9 3/4, while teammate Ben Meyer placed first in the weight throw with a heave of 54-7 1/2. Teammates Mark Fahey and Michael Ehlers came in second and third, respectively, with throws of 51-10 and 47-10 1/2.

Freshman Scott Berggren won the high jump with a jump of 6-4 3/4.

Rian Melander, 6-6, 238, OL, Shoreview, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall HS) Named to the all-state squad after helping lead Cretin-Derham Hall to the Class AAAAA State Championship as a senior...allowed only two sacks on his quarterback all season from his weak-side tackle position.

Larry Pinson, Jr., 6-2, 225, FB, Eagan, Minn. (Eagan HS) All-state selection who rushed for 1,327 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior...averaged 120 yards per game and seven yards per carry as a senior.

Josh Plisch, 6-3, 290, OL, Rothschild, Wis. (D.C. Everest HS) Named the seventh-best offensive line recruit in the Midwest by PrepStar...listed as the eighth overall best line prospect (offense or defense) in the Midwest by SuperPrep...One of the most sought-after linemen in the Midwest.

Peter Prudden, 6-5, 270, OL, Wayzata, Minn. (Breck HS) Named to the SuperPrep all-Midwest team... two-way player, he registered 195 career tackles, 20 sacks, 10 pass breakups, 11 forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries as a defensive end...allowed no sacks by the players he blocked as a senior on the offensive line...also handled long snapping duties and kickoffs.

Chad Redmann, 6-3, 230, TE, Burnsville, Minn. (Apple Valley HS) Played a number of positions (running back, fullback, safety, defensive end, punter) during his prep career...rushed for career totals of 1,445 and 31 touchdowns on the ground...caught 18 passes for 230 yards...ran the ball 111 times for 541 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior...had a career average of 39.0 yards per kick as a punter with a long boot of 65 yards...also returned four kicks for 120 yards.

Darrell Reid, 6-3, 245, LB, Farmingdale, N.J. (Freehold Boro HS) Ranked as the second-best linebacker prospect in the Northeast by SuperPrep... named one of the top linebacker prospects in the East according to PrepStar... rated the ninth-best player overall in the state... registered 99 tackles, including 36 solos, as a senior...also blocked five kicks, five pass breakups, and three forced fumbles in his final prep campaign... named to the New Jersey all-state team as well as being a three-time all-conference and all-area pick... played six games as a senior with a cast on a broken hand... rated one of the top players in the state despite his team's 0-10 mark during final prep campaign.

Marcus Sanders, 6-0, 186, RB, Ravenna, Ohio (Ravenna HS) Rushed for 2,374 yards (11.5 per carry) and scored 34 touchdowns as a senior...rushed for 6,688 career yards and scored 81 touchdowns...only fifth back in Ohio prep history to rush for more than 6,000 yards in his career...also caught six passes out of the backfield as a senior for 154 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Dominique Sims, 6-2, 195, DB, Minneapolis, Minn. (De La Salle HS) USA Today first-team All-America... named Minnesota State Player of the Year by the Associated Press after leading the Islanders to the state championship...rated one of the top 20 recruits in the Midwest according to SuperPrep...PrepStar calls him the top player in Minnesota this sea-

son...Parade Magazine All-America selection... As a safety, he recorded 130 tackles, 23 pass breakups, three sacks, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions as a senior...rushed for 1,409 yards and 17 touchdowns during final prep campaign...passed for 756 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Arthur Smith, 6-9, 323, OL, Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven HS) Helped lead his team to the state playoffs as a senior after winning the league championship his junior season...played on both sides of the ball, starting at both offensive and defensive tackle...teams combined for a record of 25-8 in his three seasons...logged 60 tackles as a senior, including three sacks, 10 tackles for loss, three pass breakups, nine forced fumbles, and four fumble recoveries...honored on the all-state, all-city, and all-conference squads...also lettered in basketball, wrestling, and track and field during his prep career...has shown an interest in majoring in pre-dentistry at the U of M...member of the high school honor roll...high school coach was Gregg Miller...son of Martie Johnston.

Eric Stenzel, 6-3, 230, LB, Mankato, Minn. (West HS) An all-state selection who led the Scarlets (Mankato West) to a 10-4 record and the Class AAAA state crown...also garnered all-state honors as a junior...set state records for assisted tackles (246) and total tackles (587) during his three-year varsity career despite playing half his senior season with a cast on a broken thumb...logged 163 tackles, including 96 solos, had five fumble recoveries and an interception in his senior campaign.

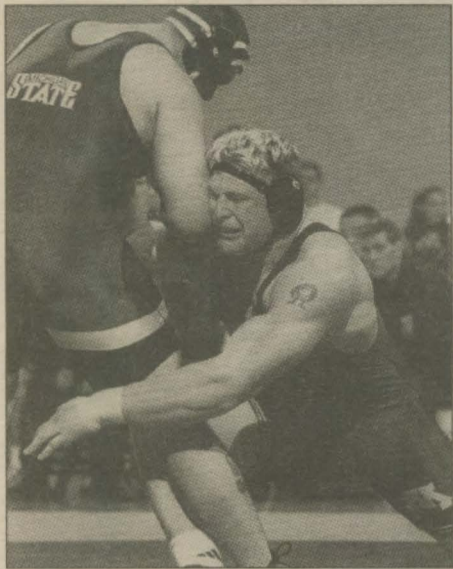
Mackenzey Toussaint, 6-0, 177, DB, Miami, Fla. (North Miami HS) Third-team All-Dade County selection...had 11 pass breakups, five fumble recoveries, two interceptions, and three tackles for loss as a senior.

Timothy Ward, 6-3, 255, DL, Milwaukee, Wis. (Bay View HS) Athletic two-way prep player who played middle linebacker and tight end in high school...collected 85 tackles, 45 of which were solos, as a senior...also logged three sacks and forced three fumbles...caught 11 passes, three of which were for touchdowns on the offensive side of the ball.

Steven Watson, 6-3, 215, LB, Defiance, Mo. (Francis Howell HS) Rated one of the top defensive end prospects in the Midlands according to SuperPrep...All-state selection who led his prep team to a combined record of 29-6 over the past three seasons...logged 115 tackles as a senior to accompany 12 sacks, six forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries...63 of his tackles were solos...played fullback on the offensive side of the ball, gathering 712 yards and eight touchdowns...registered six sacks as a junior.

Ricky Wymer, 6-9, 325, OL, Westerville, Ohio (Westerville North HS) Three-time all-conference and two-time all-area selection...rated 14th-best offensive lineman in the Midwest according to PrepStar...had surgery the day before Thanksgiving to repair torn knee ligaments, but still managed to play in every game his senior season while injured.

WRESTLERS from page 1



Brock Lesnar

Minneapolis, giving Lesnar his first loss on the season. Lesnar held on this time to beat Hand 2-1 and win his second consecutive Big Ten title, qualifying for his third NCAA Championships.

The morning began with consolation matches starting at 125 pounds. Sophomore All-American Leroy Vega, the third seed, found himself wrestling A.J. Grant of Michigan to compete for a spot in the third place match. Midway through the first period, Vega led the match 7-0. At the end of two periods, Vega increased his lead to 10-0. Vega finished the match shutting out Grant with a 14-0 major decision. Vega then faced the No. 5 seeded Pat Cassidy of Indiana for third place.

Vega struck first on Cassidy scoring a takedown to lead 2-0. At the end of the first period, Vega led the match 2-1. At the end of two periods, the score was tied at two. Vega chose the down position to start the third period and scored a quick point on the escape. Vega held on to win the match 3-2 to finish in third place. With the win, Vega

qualified for his second NCAA Championships.

At 133 pounds, junior Brett Lawrence, the fourth seed, found himself wrestling the No. 6 seeded Evan Robinson of Purdue for a spot in the third place match. After one period of wrestling, the score was tied at three. At the end of the second Robinson led the match 5-4. Robinson held on to win the match with a 9-5 decision. Lawrence's next opponent was No. 8 seeded David Stoltz of Illinois for fifth place.

In the first period of the fifth place match, the score remained tied at zero. After two periods of wrestling, Lawrence led the match 1-0, but Stoltz had over a minute of riding time advantage. Lawrence held on to a 1-0 lead late in the third period, but Stoltz scored four quick points to defeat Lawrence with a 4-1 decision. Lawrence finishes sixth place and qualifies for his first NCAA Championships.

At 174 pounds, senior Delaney Berger, the sixth seed, faced the No. 1 seed Kole Clauson of Wisconsin. Clauson led the match 1-0 after two periods receiving a point for an escape. Midway through the third period, Berger also scored a point on an escape to tie the score at 1-1. The score at the end of regulation was tied at 1-1. In the overtime session, Clauson got a hold of Berger and scored two points on the takedown to win the match 3-1. Berger faced Charles Martelli of Michigan for fifth place. Berger took fifth place on a medical forfeit by Martelli and will qualify for his second consecutive NCAA Championship.

The final consolation match in

the first round was sophomore Owen Elzen, seeded fifth, against No. 3 seeded Viktor Sveda of Indiana. At the end of the first period, Sveda led the match 2-1 after scoring the matches lone takedown. Sveda scored a series of quick takedowns to increase his lead to 8-3 with over two minutes of riding time in the third period. Sveda went on to win the match with a 10-5 decision over

Elzen. Elzen faced Illinois' Pat Quirk again for fifth place after upsetting him earlier in the tournament 6-5.

In the first period, Elzen led the match 2-1. At the end of two periods the score was tied at two. Elzen held on to win the match 3-2 over Quirk and place fifth. Elzen qualifies for his first NCAA Championship.

We Saw You At The Minnesota-Wisconsin Men's Basketball Game at Williams Arena

The Badgers of Wisconsin scored with just .8 seconds left on the clock edging the Gophers 66-64 in one of the most exciting games played in recent years in Williams Arena.

In the first half, Wisconsin jumped out to an 8-2 lead before Minnesota scored eight unanswered points to take a 9-8 lead. The score remained close until the Badgers went on a 8-0 run to go up 28-20. But again the Gophers came charging back

and pulled within four points.

The second half Wisconsin went wild and it looked like a rout in the making as they took a lead of 58-45. The Gophers scored eight straight down the stretch to tie the score at 58-58. It was close for the rest of the game with both teams trading points until Roy Boone of Wisconsin shot the final basket with .8 seconds left.



Akiva High School of St. Louis Park not only cheered for the Gophers in their near win over the Badgers but helped pass out Sportsnews to the more than 14,000 fans in attendance that night. Seen here from L to R: front row: Becky Plotsker and Alaina Appleman; back row, L to R: Michele Levine, principal, Dena Shapiro, Rafi Golberstein, Adam Altman, Adam Goldfarb, Jeremy Donath, Ben Abramson, Rabbi Yaakov Beasley, Michael Mintz, and David Baumgarten.



They start Golden Gopher fans early and that's what leads to the great tradition at the U of M. Seen here cheering the Gophers on are: Karta Kruse holding her new-born infant (two months at the time) Kasyn of White Bear Lake.

LEMESURIER FINISHES EIGHTH IN PUERTO RICO CLASSIC

University of Minnesota senior All-American Martin LeMesurier shot a final round 74 to finish in a tie for eighth place individually out of 75 golfers in the Puerto Rico Classic at the Rio Mar Country Club in Rio Mar, Puerto Rico. The 15-team tournament was hosted by Purdue University.

LeMesurier, who posted two consecutive rounds of two-under par 70 to begin the event, finished seven shots behind medallist and defending NCAA Champion Luk Donald of Northwestern.



Martin LeMesurier

GOPHERS DROP WCHA-WOMEN'S LEAGUE TITLE GAME TO BULLDOGS

In a battle of goaltenders, Minnesota-Duluth's Tuula Puputti bested Minnesota's Erica Killewald to lead the Bulldogs to a 2-0 win in the title game of the inaugural WCHA-Women's League Championship.

Puputti, who stopped all 31 Gophers shots, was named the tournament's most valuable player. Killewald earned all-tournament honors after stopping 53 of 55 shots, including 36 against UMD, in two games.

The champions scored at 13:42 of the opening period when Navada Russell's shot from the left point found its way through traffic and past a screened Killewald.

The Bulldogs clinched the game in the third period when Brittany Ralph tipped in a pass from Erika Holst with 10:50 to play in the game while on the power-play.

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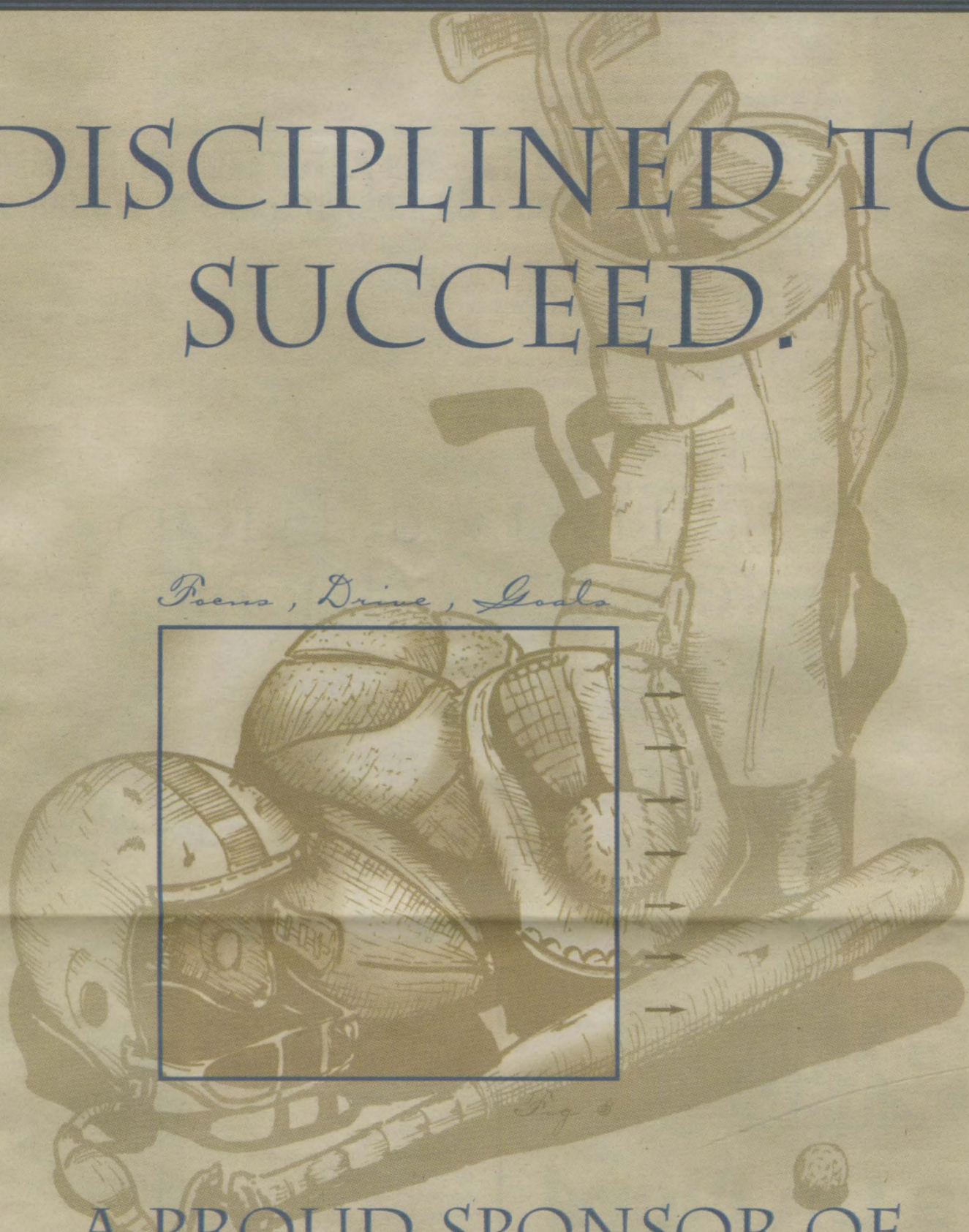
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