



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Minnesota hosts the Hormel Classic at the Metrodome, Friday-Sunday, March 2-4.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 1-2 vs. South Florida with an 8-7 loss and two 8-4 wins last weekend in Tampa, Fla..

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: Versus Temple at the Sports Pavilion, Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Eighth-ranked Minnesota downed No. 3 Michigan 217.175-216.175; Clay Strother won the all-around.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Qualifying Meet, Friday, March 2 in Ames, Iowa.

LAST WEEK: At the Big Ten Indoor Championships, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 24-25 in State College, Pa.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: At Indiana, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.; vs. Illinois, Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. at Williams Arena

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 64-54 to Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Vs. St. Cloud State, Friday-Saturday, March 2-3; Friday at Mariucci Arena, Saturday in St. Cloud, Minn.; both games at 7:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 5-4 (ot) and won 4-0 versus Minnesota-Duluth in Duluth, Minn.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: Vs. Wisconsin, Friday, March 2 at Moore Lake Athletic Club in Fridley, Minn.; vs. Ohio State, Saturday, March 3 at Norwest Racquet Club in Burnsville, Minn.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota beat Michigan State 6-1 and Michigan 4-3 on the road.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Mar, P.R., Sunday-Tuesday, Feb. 25-27; at the Southwestern Intercollegiate in Westlake Village, Calif, Monday-Tuesday, March 5-6

LAST WEEK: Golden Gophers are in fourth place after day two of the Puerto Rico Classic.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: Go-Pher-It Invitational Sunday, March 4, at the Aquatic Center

LAST WEEK: Minnesota won the 2001 Big Ten Championship with 797 points.

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: At the Big Ten Championships Saturday-Sunday, Mar. 3-4 in Evanston, Ill.

LAST WEEK: None

FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3, 2001

TRACK & FIELD

AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's track and field team took fourth at the 2001 Big Ten Indoor Championships hosted by Penn State. Minnesota was in eighth with only 12 points at the end of the first day, but made a valiant comeback in day two to finish with 83 points. Wisconsin won the event with 114 points.

THE CHAMPS: Seniors Tom Gerding and Marc Johannsen won Big Ten Titles for Minnesota. Johannsen won the high jump with a career-high leap of 7-2 1/4. Gerding won the 600m with a time of 1:16.19.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST: Tom Gerding is unquestionably the best in the 600m this season. His time of 1:16.19 at the Big Ten Championships blew away the school and Big Ten records. More importantly, it was the fastest time in the world this season and the fastest time in the world in since 1999. Unfortunately, the 600m is not contested at the NCAA Championships.

FALLING RECORDS: In addition to Gerding's records, Minnesota athletes broke two more school records at the Big Ten Championships. Freshman Mitch Potter broke the 400m record set by Gerding two weeks ago. Potter ran a 46.45 to beat Gerding's record of 46.96. Sophomore Toby Henkels set a new school record in the 800m with a 1:49.29. The previous record was 1:50.35 set by Mike Moran in 1983.

PROVISIONALLY QUALIFYING: The Golden Gophers have had athletes provisionally qualify for NCAA Championships in five events; 400m (Potter and Gerding), 800m (Henkels), 3000m (Will McComb), high jump (Marc Johannsen) and 4x400m relay (Potter, Gerding, Mikael Jakobsson, Andy Wohlin). Head Coach Phil Lundin and his team will find out on March 5 how many of these athletes will be allowed to enter the championship. Those who do qualify will compete in the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 9-10 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers have one more chance to either reach automatic or provisional qualifying times Friday at the NCAA Qualifying meet hosted by Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Minnesota runs well at Iowa State, many of the athletes recorded their top performances before Big Tens at the Cyclone Classic on Feb. 9-10.

INDOOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEWS: Senior sprinter Tom Gerding ran a 1:16.19 in the 600 meter dash to take first place and set new Big Ten and Minnesota records at the 2001 Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships. Gerding beat the previous Big Ten record of 1:17.35, held by Bobby True of Illinois by over a second. The previous school record was

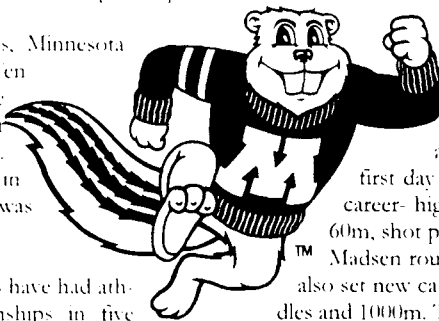
1:17.55. Fellow senior, high jumper, Marc Johannsen captured the Big Ten title in the high jump with a NCAA provisional qualifying leap of 7-2 1/4. The two first place finishes helped lead the Golden Gophers to a fourth place finish in the team standings. Minnesota was in eighth place with 12 points after the first day of competition. The added 71 points today with outstanding performances by several other athletes to move to their fourth place finish.

Freshman Mitch Potter also set a new Minnesota record with his time of 46.45 in the 400m dash. His time was good enough for second place in the meet and was an NCAA provisional qualifying time. Gerding just two set the previous record of 46.96 just two weeks ago. Sophomore Toby Henkels was the third Minnesota recordbreaker. Henkels ran a 1:49.29 in the 800m to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships and break the Minnesota record. The previous record was 1:50.35 set by Mike Moran in 1983.

Three of Minnesota's four heptathletes scored points for the team. Junior Lyndon McDowell led the way, finishing second with a career-high 5,593 points. He achieved career bests in the long jump, pole vault and first day totals. Freshman Erik Svensson finished fourth with a career-high total score of 5,398. He reached career bests in the 60m, shot put, high hurdles, 1000m and first day totals. Junior Jesse Madsen rounded out the heptathlete scoring with 5,041 points. He also set new career highs in total points, day one points, shot put, hurdles and 1000m. The Golden Gopher heptathletes won four of the seven events. McDowell took first on the long jump and high jump, Svensson won the hurdles and Madsen won the shot put.

Senior Steve Burkholder took seventh in the 60m dash with a time of 6.86. Sophomore Andy Wohlin scored for Minnesota with an eighth place finish in the 400m. Freshman Adam Steele grabbed four points for the Gophers with a fifth place finish and a career-best time of 1:18.86 in the 600m. In addition to Henkels, fellow sophomore Zach Edmonson and senior Brian Meyer all earned points in the 800m. Both ran career-best times of 1:51.57 and 1:52.23, respectively. Freshman Ryan Melena placed eighth in the 60m high hurdles with his career-best time of 8.08. The Minnesota 4x400m relay provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships with their time of 3:08.85.

Minnesota only scored in two other field events, besides the high jump. Jack Brewer took seventh place in the triple jump with a career-best leap of 48-8. Senior Mark Fahey took eighth in the weight throw with a toss of 59-7.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 13 | Northwest Open | No team scores |
| Jan. 20 | Minnesota Open | No team scores |
| Jan. 27 | Gold Country Open | No team scores |
| Feb. 1 | Northern Iowa Classic | No team scores |
| Feb. 9-10 | Cyclone Classic | No team scores |
| Feb. 16 | Snowshoe Open | No team scores |
| Feb. 24-25 | Big Ten Indoor Champs. | 4th of 11 teams |
| Mar. 2 | NCAA Qualifying Meet | Ames, Iowa |
| Mar. 9-10 | NCAA Indoor Champs. | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Mar. 15-16 | Texas A&M (Decathletes) | College Station, Texas |
| Mar. 17 | Texas A&M Invite | College Station, Texas |
| Mar. 22-23 | Mesa CC (Decathletes) | Mesa, Ariz. |
| Mar. 31 | Stanford Invitational | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| Apr. 5-7 | Texas Relays | Austin, Texas |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Apr. 12-14 | Sea Ray Relays | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Apr. 14 | Hamline Quad | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Apr. 20-21 | Texas Team | Austin, Texas |
| Apr. 21-22 | Mt. Sac Relays | Walnut, Calif. |
| Apr. 21 | Carleton Relays | Northfield, Minn. |
| Apr. 25 | Macalester | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Apr. 27-28 | Drake Relays | Des Moines, I. |
| May 4 | Cardinal Invitational | Palo Alto, Ca |
| May 4 | Hamline | St. Paul, Minn. |
| May 5 | Iowa Twilight Invitational | Iowa Cit |
| May 12 | Home Meet | Bierme |
| May 18-20 | Big Ten Outdoor Champs. | Bloo |
| May 30- | NCAA Outdoor Champs. | Eu |
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WRESTLING



NEXT UP...THE BIG TENS: The top-ranked Golden Gopher wrestling team finished the 2000-01 dual meet schedule with a 19-1 overall record and an 8-0 mark in the Big Ten. Minnesota competes at the Big Ten Championships on Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4 at Welsh-Ryan Arena on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The conference tournament will be held in three sessions over the two-day period. The first session starts at noon on Saturday, March 3, and will include competition through the quarterfinals and round one of the consolation bracket. Session two will start at 7 p.m. later that day and consist of the championship semifinals and matches up to the consolation semifinals. Session three starts at noon on Sunday, March 4, and will showcase the championship match. Also slated for session three are matches for third, fifth and seventh place as well as the consolation semifinals and championship rounds.

LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS: Coming into the 2000 Big Ten Championships, it was clear that the battle for the conference title would be between the No.1 Hawkeyes and No. 2 Golden Gophers, with the "Favorites" label lying solely on the Iowa grapplers. When the dust cleared, the Hawkeyes had taken the crown with 140.5 points to Minnesota's 132.5.

In the Big Ten meet, five Golden Gophers blew through the brackets to reach the title match. Seniors Brandon Eggum at 184 pounds and Brock Lesnar at heavyweight each won their second Big Ten title. Jared Lawrence (149), Luke Becker (157) and Brad Pike (165) placed second. With his performance, Lawrence was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, the first Golden Gopher to earn such an honor since Keith Nix in 1988. Four other wrestlers placed in the meet and qualified for the NCAA Championships. Leroy Vega placed third at 125 pounds, Brett Lawrence took fifth at 133 pounds, senior Delaney Berger finished fifth at 174 pounds and Owen Elzen placed fifth at 197 pounds.

MINNESOTA'S TEAM HISTORY AT THE BIG TENS: Minnesota has won seven Big Ten team titles in school history. The Golden Gophers won their first three crowns in the Western Intercollegiate Wrestling, Gymnastics and Fencing Association (the predecessor to the Big Ten) in 1910, 1912 and 1913. The Maroon and Gold won the 1941 Big Ten title in Columbus, Ohio, winning by a point over Iowa and Indiana. Minnesota followed that up with crowns in 1957 in Evanston, Ill., and in 1959 in Iowa City, Iowa, under legendary Head Coach Wally Johnson.

Gold Country last claimed the Big Ten Championship in 1999, unscat-

ing perennial conference- and national-power Iowa with 139 points to the Hawkeyes' 121. The win snapped Iowa's 25-year conference title win streak, said to be the longest such streak for any school in any sport. It was also the first Big Ten crown Minnesota had won in 40 years. After winning the 1999 conference crown, the Golden Gophers went on to finish second at the NCAA tournament behind the Hawkeyes.

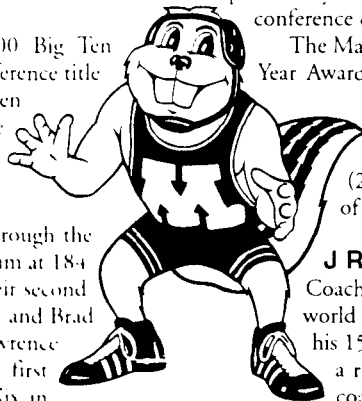
MINNESOTA'S INDIVIDUAL HISTORY AT THE BIG TENS: Overall, Minnesota has claimed 63 Big Ten individual titles and has had one four-time conference champion in Verne Gagne (1944, 1947-49). The Golden Gophers have also had three three-time Big Ten champions in Dick Mueller (1953, 1957-58), Larry Zilverberg (1974-75, 1976) and Tim Hartung (1997-99). Gold Country has had twelve wrestlers who have won two Big Ten titles. In the past four years, Minnesota has had at least one Golden Gopher capture a conference crown.

The Maroon and Gold has had four wrestlers earn the Wrestler of the Year Award in the Big Ten - Ed Giese (1986), Dave Zuniga (1990), Marty Morgan (1991) and Tim Hartung (1999). The

Golden Gophers have claimed two Big Ten Freshman of the Year Awards in Keith Nix (1988) and Jared Lawrence (2000). Minnesota has also had two grapplers named Wrestler of the Championships - Giese (1986) and Zuniga (1990).

J ROBINSON'S MINNESOTA HISTORY AT THE BIG TENS: Head Coach J Robinson has built Minnesota into a powerhouse in the world of collegiate wrestling during his tenure in Gold Country. In his 15th season, Robinson has one of his best teams poised to make a run at the Big Ten and NCAA Championships. As the head coach at Minnesota, the Golden Gophers have finished in the top three at the Big Ten Championships eight times, including 1999's conference title. Minnesota has finished in the top-six in 13 of 14 seasons during Robinson's tenure. Robinson, a four-time Big Ten Coach of the Year (1989, 1994, 1997, 1999), has also coached 17 individual Big Ten Champions during his time in Gold Country. The Golden Gophers look to capture their second conference crown under Robinson this year.

MULTIPLE BIG TEN CHAMPIONS: Minnesota has had more than one individual Big Ten Champion in 14 different years. In 1948, 1981, 1990 and 1999, the Golden Gophers had three individual champions. The Maroon and Gold had two individual champions in 1937, 1949, 1953, 1963, 1964, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1989 and 2000.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Results |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Nov. 11 | Bison Open | Nine titles |
| Nov. 18 | North Dakota State | W, 44-0 |
| | Kaufman-Brand Open | Two titles |
| Nov. 24 | Northern Open | Nine titles |
| Nov. 26 | Northern Iowa | W, 36-3 |
| Dec. 2 | UNI Open (non-varsity) | Two titles |
| Dec. 10 | Hofstra | W, 33-3 |
| | Princeton | W, 45-0 |
| | Seton Hall | W, 37-2 |
| Dec. 29-30 | Midlands | One title |
| Jan. 7 | Oklahoma State | L, 25-12 |
| Jan. 11 | Nebraska | W, 26-12 |
| Jan. 12 | Boise State | W, 22-14 |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Results |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 20-21 | National Duals | State College, Pa. |
| | Hofstra | W, 22-9 |
| | Nebraska | W, 30-9 |
| | Iowa | W, 20-17 |
| | Oklahoma State | W, 20-12 |
| Jan. 26 | Michigan | W, 29-6 |
| Jan. 27 | Purdue | W, 31-6 |
| Feb. 2 | Indiana | W, 25-12 |
| Feb. 4 | Illinois | W, 22-12 |
| Feb. 9 | Michigan State | W, 32-3 |
| Feb. 11 | Penn State | W, 37-3 |
| Feb. 16 | Wisconsin | W, 33-6 |
| Feb. 18 | Iowa | W, 17-16 |
| Mar. 3-4 | Big Ten Championships | Evanston, Ill. |
| Mar. 15-17 | NCAA Championships | Iowa City, Iowa |

BASEBALL

The University of Minnesota baseball team took two out of three games from the University of South Florida this past weekend in Tampa, Fla. The Golden Gophers (4-5) racked up 23 runs on 30 hits. All in all, the Maroon and Gold had 10 players with multi-hit games. Junior Jack Hannahan led the team with six hits on the weekend. Senior Josh Holthaus drove in five RBI on Sunday, and sophomore Luke Appert scored five times in the three games. Senior lefthander Ben Birk and sophomore righthander C.J. Woodrow both collected their first wins of the season.

Minnesota will stay home this weekend to host Arkansas, San Diego State and Miami in its annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic tournament. The four teams will play six games in the round-robin tournament March 2-4. For a complete schedule of events, please visit www.gophersports.com.

THE 2001 GOLDEN GOPHERS:

Minnesota, ranked 22nd in the country in *Street and Smith's* preseason poll, returns 11 of 23 lettermen from last season's Big Ten championship team. Seven Golden Gophers return to this year's starting lineup, including six of the top seven run producers from 2000. Offense will surely be one of the strengths to this year's team.

One of the uncertainties for future success will be the development of an inexperienced bullpen. The Golden Gophers lost seven arms that accounted for 19 wins and nine saves on last season's pitching staff. This year, they will try and reload with some young and talented freshman.

THE PROGRAM:

The Golden Gopher baseball program is one filled with a history of success and pride. Among the facts:

- 2,035 wins in school history
- 86 winning seasons
- 38 consecutive winning seasons
- Only five losing seasons in the last 64 years
- 18 Big Ten Championships, 16 in the last 44 seasons
- 24 NCAA appearances
- Five College World Series appearances
- Three NCAA titles

LEADER OF THE PACK:

In 19 seasons leading the Golden Gophers, Head Coach John Anderson has guided the program to a record of 689-426-5-618, including a Big

Ten record of 293-157 (.651). He is just three wins shy of becoming Minnesota's winningest Big Ten coach and surpassing Golden Gopher legend Dick Siebert for the most wins in Big Ten Conference history.

Anderson has twice been honored with the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year Award, most recently last season for leading the Golden Gophers to a 20-8 conference record and a regular season conference crown. That allowed Minnesota to host its first Big Ten post-season tournament since 1986. His teams have made appearances in the Big Ten Tournament in 16 of his 19 seasons, winning four championships. He has led Minnesota to 11 NCAA postseason appearances including last year's NCAA Regional, which the Golden Gophers hosted. It was the first time since 1977 that the Golden Gophers have played the role of host to a regional tournament. Anderson has not had a losing season in his tenure, and only twice has he failed to guide his team to a record at least five games over the .500 mark. His teams



have reached the 40+ win plateau in five of the last nine seasons.

Game #7 South Florida 8, Minnesota 7 Friday, Feb. 23, 2001 ■ Tampa, Fla.

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| UM | 210 | 000 | 022 | — | 7 | 6 | 2 |
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UM - Kobow, Drexler (8), Shupe (9). USF - Fuller, Royal (4), Livingston (8), Richtberg (9). WP - Richtberg.
LP - Drexler. SV - none. HR - Eylward (USF), Leslie (USF).
Att: 410. T: 3:13.

Game #8 Minnesota 8, South Florida 4 Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001 ■ Tampa, Fla.

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| USF | 101 | 101 | 000 | — | 4 | 16 | 2 |

UM - Birk, Molldrem (7). USF - Gorham, Bartz (8), Strickland (9). WP - Birk. LP - Gorham. SV - Molldrem.
HR - none.
Att: 325. T: 2:54.

Game #9 Minnesota 8, South Florida 4 Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 ■ Tampa, Fla.

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| UM | 210 | 000 | 023 | — | 8 | 13 | 0 |
| USF | 010 | 000 | 120 | — | 4 | 9 | 0 |

UM - Woodrow, Krogman (8), Gagner (8). USF - Vigue, Livingston (8). WP - Woodrow. LP - Vigue. SV - Gagner.
HR - none.
Att: 385. T: 3:00.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result | Location |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Mon, Feb. 5 | Pro-Alumni Game | L, 4-0 | Muncie, Indiana |
| Sun, Feb. 11 | Central Michigan | L, 18-9 | Bloomington, Indiana |
| Mon, Feb. 12 | Central Michigan (2) | W, 5-4, W, 6-3 | Bloomington, Indiana |
| Fri, Feb. 16 | vs. Auburn | L, 14-6 | Bloomington, Indiana |
| Sat, Feb. 17 | vs. South Alabama | L, 12-5 | Waterloo, Iowa |
| Sun, Feb. 18 | vs. North Carolina | L, 7-6 | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Feb. 23 | at South Florida | L, 8-7 | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Feb. 24 | at South Florida | W, 8-4 | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Feb. 25 | at South Florida | W, 8-4 | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Mar. 2 | Arkansas | HHH Metrodome | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Mar. 3 | Miami | HHH Metrodome | Ames, Iowa |
| Sun, Mar. 4 | San Diego State | HHH Metrodome | Iowa City, Iowa |
| Wed, Mar. 7 | St. Cloud State | HHH Metrodome | Iowa City, Iowa |
| Fri, Mar. 9 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome | Iowa City, Iowa |
| Sat, Mar. 10 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Mar. 11 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Mar. 16 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon | Columbus, Ohio |
| Sat, Mar. 17 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon | Columbus, Ohio |
| Sun, Mar. 18 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon | Columbus, Ohio |
| Fri, Mar. 23 | at Purdue | West Lafayette, Ind. | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Mar. 24 | at Purdue (2) | West Lafayette, Ind. | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Mar. 25 | at Purdue | West Lafayette, Ind. | Siebert Field |
| Tues, Mar. 27 | at Butler | Indianapolis, Indiana | Siebert Field |
| Wed, Mar. 28 | at Ball State | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Mar. 30 | at Indiana | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Mar. 31 | at Indiana (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Apr. 1 | at Indiana | | Siebert Field |
| Wed, Apr. 4 | at Northern Iowa | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Apr. 6 | Michigan State | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Apr. 7 | Michigan State (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Apr. 8 | Michigan State | | Siebert Field |
| Wed, Apr. 11 | MSU, Mankato | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Apr. 13 | Michigan | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Apr. 14 | Michigan (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Apr. 15 | Michigan | | Siebert Field |
| Wed, Apr. 18 | at Iowa State | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Apr. 20 | at Iowa | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Apr. 21 | at Iowa (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Apr. 22 | at Iowa | | Siebert Field |
| Tues, Apr. 24 | Southwest State University | | Siebert Field |
| Wed, Apr. 25 | Iowa State | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, Apr. 27 | at Ohio State | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, Apr. 28 | at Ohio State (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, Apr. 29 | at Ohio State | | Siebert Field |
| Wed, May 2 | St. Scholastica | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, May 6 | St. Thomas | | Siebert Field |
| Fri, May 11 | Northwestern | | Siebert Field |
| Sat, May 12 | Northwestern (2) | | Siebert Field |
| Sun, May 13 | Northwestern | | Siebert Field |

SWIMMING & DIVING

AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota won the 2001 Big Ten Championships by a landslide. The Gophers were hoping to be behind by no more than 30 points after the first day before the meet started. They did much better than their goal, as they were ahead by 70 points after the first day. By the end of day two, Minnesota had the title all but locked up. Minnesota finished the meet with 797 points, the highest point total in a Big Ten meet since the format change in 1991. It was also the highest point total since 1974. The Golden Gophers were 248 points over the runner-up Michigan Wolverines.

FALLING RECORDS: The Golden Gopher swimmers set 11 new school records, six freshman records, one Aquatic Center record and six Big Ten records at the Big Ten Championships. Justin Mortimer started the trend, setting a new school and freshman record in the preliminary 500 free with his time of 4:17.18. That night the Gophers started and ended the first session of finals with Big Ten and Minnesota record-breaking performances in the 200 freestyle and 400 medley relays. The 200 free relay of Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Grant Butler and Allen Ong with a time of 1:18.41. The 400 medley relay (Todd Smolinski, Jeff Hackler, Chad Krastins and Massura) broke the Big Ten and school records with their time of 3:10.79.

Freshman Martin Gustavsson set a new school record in the 100 breast with his time of 55.85 in prelims. He also set the Big Ten record, but it was broken later in the evening in the finals. Sophomore Todd Smolinski tied the Big Ten record in prelims in the 100 back, then broke that record and the Minnesota record in finals with a time of 46.91. Mortimer set another school record in the 400 IM with his prelim time of 5:49.20, he bettered that time in finals to a 5:48.05. In Friday's finals, the 200 medley relay (Smolinski, Hackler, Krastins and Dornelas) set a new Big Ten record with a 1:27.21. The 800 free relay team (Mortimer, Matt Taylor, Brandon Crook and Massura) set a new school record with their time of 6:28.17.

Hackler started the final day of the Championships with a school record time of 1:56.55 in the 200 breaststroke. That record was bested in the finals by Martin Gustavsson with a 1:56.04 in the finals. Kean Ang swam an unbelievable 200 butterfly to take the Minnesota, Big Ten and Aquatic Center records with his time of 1:44.25. Mortimer broke his third

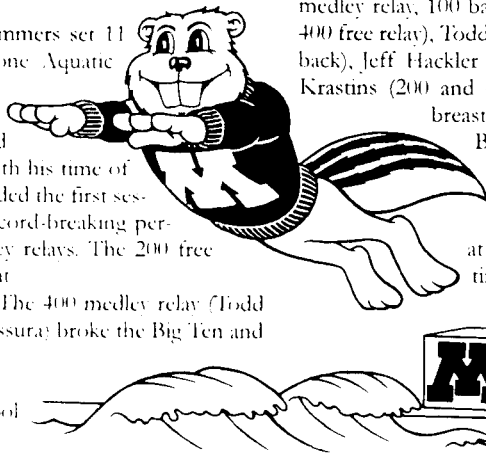
Minnesota record of the Championships with his 1650 free time of 14:53.68.

MAKING THE CUT: After having the meet of their lives at the Big Ten Championships, nearly everyone on the team has qualified for the 2001 NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas, March 22-24. Those who made A cuts automatically qualify for those events at NCAAs. They are: Justin Mortimer (500 and 1650 free, 400 IM), Ricardo Dornelas (200 and 400 free relay, 200 medley relay), Alex Massura (200 and 400 free relay, 400 medley relay, 100 back), Grant Butler (200 free relay), Allen Ong (200 and 400 free relay), Todd Smolinski (200 and 400 medley relay, 100 back and 200 back), Jeff Hackler (200 and 400 medley relay, 100 and 200 breast), Chad Krastins (200 and 400 medley relay), Martin Gustavsson (100 and 200 breast), Kean Ang (200 fly), Ben Bartell (200 back) and Brandon Crook (400 free relay).

All the athletes that got A times in at least one event and got B times in other events will swim those events at NCAAs as well. Those with A times and additional B times are: Brandon Crook (100, 200 and 500 free), Ben Bartell (200 IM, 100 back), Todd Smolinski (200 IM), Alex Massura (50 free, 200 back), Ricardo Dornelas (50 free), Allen Ong (50 and 100 free, 100 fly), Kean Ang (100 fly) and Chad Krastins (100 and 200 fly).

The swimmers who just achieved B times will still have a chance to make the championships. If their times are fast enough they could be added if the list of athletes with A times is not more than 18. They also have one more chance to get A times at the Go-Pher-It Invitational. These athletes are the 800 free relay (Crook, Massura, Matt Taylor, Mortimer), Matt Taylor (200 and 500 free, 200 fly) Ryan L'Roy (500 free), Tim Sheely (500 free), Adam Apprill (500 free), Ryan Plummer (200 and 400 IM), Dov Malnik (200 IM, 100 and 200 breast), Diego Urreta (400 IM, 200 back), and Chris Forrest (100 and 200 breast)

GO-PHER-IT INVITATIONAL: The Go-Pher-It Invitational is one of the few NCAA certified last chance meets. It is the last chance for swimmers to meet the times they need to qualify for NCAA Championships. Prelims start at 1 p.m. and finals are at 3 p.m. So far the only school that has confirmed they are coming is Purdue.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Oct. 14 | Intrasquad Meet | No team scores |
| Oct. 27 | Alumni Meet | No team scores |
| Oct. 28 | Northwestern & Indiana | W 80-60, W 91-49 |
| Nov. 3-4 | North Carolina | L 171.5-198.5 |
| Nov. 17-19 | Minnesota Invitational | 1st of 7 teams |
| Dec. 1-3 | Georgia Invitational | 1st of 7 teams |
| Jan. 19-20 | Dallas Morning News Invite | 3rd of 6 teams |
| Jan. 21 | Iowa | W, 175-112 |
| Jan. 26-27 | Purdue | W, 255.5-94.5 |
| | Wisconsin | W, 235-117 |
| Feb. 2-3 | Minnesota Challenge | No team scores |
| Feb. 22-24 | Big Ten Championships | 1st of 11 teams |
| Mar. 4 | Go-Pher-It Invitational | Aquatic Center |
| Mar. 8-10 | NCAA Diving Zone Qualifying | Bloomington, Ind. |
| Mar. 22-24 | NCAA Championships | Athens, Ga. |
| | Home Meets in Bold | |

TENNIS

WIN STREAK GROWS TO FIVE: Minnesota extended its win streak to five matches with victories at Michigan State and Michigan this weekend. The Golden Gophers improve to 3-0 in the league. Minnesota hosts 64th-ranked Wisconsin and 28th-ranked Ohio State this weekend.

HOME MATCHES SWITCH LOCALES: This weekend's Big Ten dual matches have been moved from the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. Friday's match against Wisconsin will be held at Moore Lake Racquet Club in Minneapolis, while Saturday's contest against Ohio State will be played at Norwest Racquet Club in Burnsville.

THE SERIES: Minnesota leads the all-time series against Wisconsin by a 49-40 margin. Last year, the Golden Gophers defeated the Badgers 6-1. Minnesota has won 11 of the past 12 matches. The Golden Gophers own a 38-11 edge over Ohio State, including a 5-2 victory last season. Minnesota has won four of the past five matches.

THE CLINCHER: Junior Karl Sloss has been thrown into the fire with all of the injuries Minnesota has endured and he has delivered. Sloss is 4-0 in singles action in the past two weeks and has won the deciding match in victories over Indiana and Michigan. Against the Wolverines, he defeated Chris Shaya by a score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

MINNESOTA DEFEATS MICHIGAN STATE 6-1: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated host Michigan State 6-1 in East Lansing, Mich.

Minnesota won five of the six singles matches, all in straight sets, including Harsh Mankad's 6-1, 6-4 victory over Goran Topalo at No. 1 singles.

The Golden Gophers took two of the three doubles matches as Mankad and Jorge Duenas earned an 8-3 victory at No. 1 doubles over Mike Jonckheere and Jimmy McGuire.

MINNESOTA 6, MICHIGAN STATE 1

Singles

- No. 1 - Harsh Mankad (UM) def. Goran Topalo (MSU), 6-1, 6-4
- No. 2 - Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Eric Simonton (MSU), 6-3, 7-6
- No. 3 - Chris Mitchell (MSU) def. Aleksey Zharnov (UM), 6-4, 6-4
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Jimmy McGuire (MSU), 6-3, 6-4
- No. 5 - Eric Robertson (UM) def. Mike Hodge (MSU), 7-6, 6-3
- No. 6 - Karl Sloss (UM) def. Rodrigo Abucham (MSU), 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1 - Mankad/Duenas (UM) def. Mike Jonckheere/McGuire (MSU), 8-3
- No. 2 - Svensson/Tyson Parry (UM) def. Rodrigo/Topalo (MSU), 8-4
- No. 3 - Robertson/Sloss (UM) def. Mitchell/Simonton (MSU), 8-4

GOLDEN GOPHERS TOP MICHIGAN 4-3: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Michigan 4-3 in Ann Arbor, Mich. The 32nd-ranked Golden Gophers improve to 7-4 and 3-0 in Big Ten play. Minnesota has won five consecutive dual matches.

For the second time in the past three big meets, junior Karl Sloss clinched the team victory at No. 6 singles. Sloss defeated Chris Shaya in three sets by a score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Aleksey Zharnov earned a singles victory at No. 3, while senior Jon Svensson defeated Greg Novak at No. 4 by a score of 6-0, 6-1.

Minnesota earned the doubles point with two victories in the three matches. Svensson and Tyson Parry defeated Denny McCain and Greg Novak at No. 2 doubles by an 8-3 margin. At No. 3, Eric Robertson and Sloss defeated Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson 8-5.

MINNESOTA 4, MICHIGAN 3

Singles

- No. 1 - Henry Beam, Jr. (MI) def. Harsh Mankad (UM), 7-6, 6-4
- No. 2 - Ben Cox (MI) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 6-2, 6-2
- No. 3 - Aleksey Zharnov (UM) def. Denny McCain (MI), 6-4, 6-4
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Greg Novak (MI), 6-0, 6-1
- No. 5 - Anthony Jackson (MI) def. Eric Robertson (UM), 7-6, 6-4
- No. 6 - Karl Sloss (UM) def. Chris Shaya (MI), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 - Beam/Shaya (MI) def. Mankad/Duenas (UM), 8-6
- No. 2 - Svensson/Tyson Parry (UM) def. McCain/Novak (MI), 8-3
- No. 3 - Robertson/Sloss (UM) def. Cox/Jackson (MI), 8-5



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 16-17 | RazorRacket Invitational | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Sept. 16-25 | National Clay Courts | Baltimore, Md. |
| Sept. 29 | Pepperdine Invitational | Malibu, Calif. |
| Oct. 6-15 | All-American Tourney | Athens, Ga. |
| Oct. 27-30 | Regional Championships | Madison, Wis. |
| Nov. 3-5 | UNLV Invite | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Jan. 12 | Notre Dame | L., 7-0 |
| Jan. 13-15 | Big Ten Singles Champs | Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| Jan. 19-20 | N.C. State - Ice Volleys | W, 6-1 |
| | Indiana State - Ice Volleys | L, 4-3 |
| Feb. 10-11 | Southern Methodist | L, 4-3 |
| | Boise State | W, 4-3 |
| | Clemson | L, 4-3 |
| Feb. 16 | Kansas | W, 5-2 |
| Feb. 17 | Pennsylvania | W, 6-1 |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Feb. 18 | Indiana | W, 4-3 |
| Feb. 23 | Michigan State | W, 6-1 |
| Feb. 25 | Michigan | W, 4-3 |
| Feb. 24-27 | National Indoors | Louisville, Ky. |
| Mar. 2 | Wisconsin | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Mar. 3 | Ohio State | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Mar. 9 | Purdue | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Mar. 16-18 | Blue Grey Tournament | Montgomery, Ala. |
| Mar. 24 | Penn State | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Apr. 14 | Northwestern | Chicago, Ill. |
| Apr. 15 | Illinois | Champaign, Ill. |
| Apr. 20 | Iowa | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Apr. 26-29 | Big Ten Championships | Madison, Wis. |
| May 12-13 | NCAA Regionals | TBA |
| May 18-27 | NCAA Championships | Athens, Ga. |

GYMNASTICS

GOLDEN GOPHERS CAPTURE SECOND BIG TEN DUAL MEET WIN OF THE SEASON

The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 3 Michigan 217.175-216.175 at the Sports Pavilion for the Golden Gophers' second Big Ten dual meet win of the season, the first being over Michigan State on February 3.

Sophomore Clay Strother captured the all-around title with a score of 55.550. The Jasper, Texas native won the pommel horse (9.650) and the floor exercise (9.700). He also took second on the still rings (9.200), tied for second on the parallel bars (8.900), fifth on the horizontal bar (9.000), and sixth on the vault (9.100).

The Golden Gophers host Temple on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. for their last home meet of the season.

Team Scores

1. Minnesota, 217.175 2. Michigan, 216.175

Floor Exercise: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.700; 2. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.200; 3. Daniel Diaz-Luong, Michigan, 9.000. Other Minnesota finishers: 8. Todd Guilbeau, 8.750; 9. Bob Goss, 8.700; 9. Josh Nitzberg, 8.700; 12. Bill Callahan, 8.350.

Pommel Horse: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.650; 2. Scott Vetere, Michigan, 9.200; 3. Jamie Hertz, Michigan, 9.150. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bob Goss, 9.100; 8. Mitch Griffin, 8.750; 9. Allen Sopko, 8.600; 11. Todd Guilbeau, 8.250; 12. Eric Steele, 8.050.

Still Rings: 1. Scott Vetere, Michigan, 9.550; 2. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.200; 3. Conan Parzuchowski, Michigan, 9.175; 3. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 9.175. Other Minnesota finishers: 5. Tim Koehler, 9.000; 8. Gabe Suarez, 8.950; 9. Eric Steele, 8.900; 11. Todd Guilbeau, 8.700; 12. Allen Sopko, 8.550.

Vault: 1. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 9.450; 1. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.450; 3. Tim Koehler, Minnesota, 9.350. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bob Goss, 9.250; 6. Clay Strother, 9.100; 9. Bill Callahan, 8.750.

Parallel Bars: 1. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 9.050; 2. Bob Goss, Minnesota, 8.900; 2. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 8.900; 2. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 8.900. Other Minnesota finishers: 5. Justin Conner, 8.800; 6. Mitch Griffin, 8.600; 9. Todd Guilbeau, 8.500; 12. Tim Koehler, 6.950.

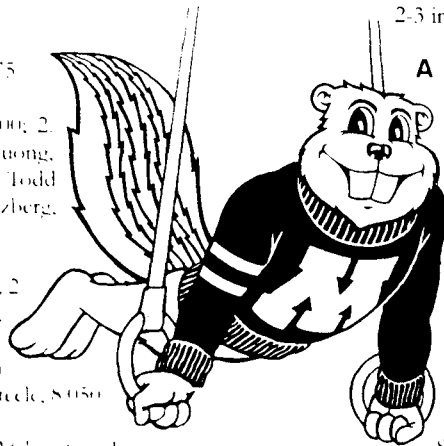
Horizontal Bar: 1. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 9.200; 2. Scott Vetere,

Michigan, 9.125; 3. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 9.075. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bill Callahan, 9.025; 5. Clay Strother, 9.000; 7. Todd Guilbeau, 8.875; 8. Josh Nitzberg, 8.750; 9. Tim Koehler, 8.700.

All-Around: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 55.550; 2. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 54.400; 3. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 53.725.

NEXT UP: The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers host 12th-ranked Temple Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion for the final home dual meet of the season.

UPSET SPECIAL: The Maroon and Gold have posted two upsets so far this season in what is a year for rebuilding with a roster full of underclassmen. Before their significant one-point upset of third-ranked Michigan, the No. 8 Golden Gophers downed seventh-ranked Michigan State 209.875-208.825 on February 3 at the Sports Pavilion. Minnesota is 4-7 overall and 2-3 in the Big Ten.



A CLAY MODEL: Sophomore Clay Strother has been a model of consistency and excellent performance this year for the Golden Gopher flippers. He is currently ranked as the top collegiate gymnast in the all-around with an average of 53.400. Strother has captured the all-around title in each Big Ten dual meet so far this season, and impressive feat considering the caliber of gymnasts in the conference.

STROTHER PLACES SECOND AT WINTER CUP, EARNS U.S. SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM SPOT

Minnesota sophomore gymnast Clay Strother placed second in the all-around at the 2001 Winter Cup in Las Vegas, Nev., earning a spot on the 2001 U.S. Senior National Team. Strother, currently ranked first in the NCAA in the all-around, finished with a score of 52.075, second only to two-time Olympian and five-time National Champion Blaine Wilson.

In the individual event competition on the first day of the Winter Cup, Strother, a native of Jasper, Texas, captured first place on the floor exercise (9.275) and third place on the vault (9.100). In the all-around competition on day two, Strother took top honors on the floor (9.325) and pommel horse (9.250) en route to his second-place all-around finish. Steele placed 29th in the all-around with a score of 46.500.

With his podium finish, Strother now has the opportunity to compete for the United States in the World University Games, the Goodwill Games and/or the 2001 World Championships.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 13 | Windy City Invitational | 5th of 7 teams |
| Jan. 20 | Illinois | L, 208.150-204.350 |
| Jan. 27 | Iowa | L, 209.325-205.600 |
| Feb. 3 | Michigan State | W, 209.875-208.825 |
| Feb. 10 | Winter Cup | No team scores |
| Feb. 16 | Ohio State | L, 211.325-209.775 |
| Feb. 24 | Michigan | W, 217.175-216.175 |
| Mar. 6 | Temple | Sports Pavilion |
| Mar. 9 | Illinois-Chicago | Chicago, Ill. |
| Mar. 11 | Nebraska | Lincoln, Neb. |
| Mar. 23-24 | Big Ten Championships | State College, Pa. |
| Apr. 5-7 | NCAA Championships | Columbus, Ohio |

2000 ROSTER

| Name | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Bill Callahan | Fr. | Marshfield, Mass. |
| Jeff Cohen | Fr. | Lexington, Miss. |
| Justin Conner | Jr. | Dalls, Texas |
| Randal Dircen | Fr. | Colorado Springs, Colo. |
| Bob Goss | Sr. | Kenosha, Wis. |
| Mitchell Griffin | Fr. | Morrow, Ga. |
| Todd Guilbeau | Jr. | Houston, Texas |
| Bryan Hutchinson | So. | Floodwood, Minn. |
| Tim Koehler | So. | North Bergen, N.J. |
| Panagiotis Nikolaidis | Fr. | Dallas, Texas |
| Joshua Nitzberg | Fr. | Lincoln, Calif. |
| Allen Sopko | Sr. | Brookfield, Wis. |
| Eric Steele | Fr. | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Jason Stingl | So. | Waukesha, Wis. |
| Clay Strother | So. | Jasper, Texas |
| Gabriel Suarez | Fr. | Forest Lake, Minn. |

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MINNESOTA REMAINS IN FOURTH AFTER DAY TWO OF PUERTO RICO CLASSIC

Led by sophomores Ben Meyers and Wilhelm Schauman, the 22nd-ranked Minnesota men's golf team remained in fourth place after the second round of the Puerto Rico Classic at Rio Mar Country Club in Palmer, P.R. Meyers and Schauman each shot under par for a 36-hole total of 143 (-1) to move into fourth place in the 54-hole event. The tournament, hosted by Purdue University, concludes Tuesday.

Following his first round even par 72, Meyers, a native of Frankston, Victoria in Australia, shot a one under 71 to remain in the hunt for the individual title. Schauman, of Djursholm, Sweden, shot a two under par 70 after firing a one over 73 on the first day of competition. Clemson's Lucas Glover remains in the lead with a two-day total of 138 (-6). Freshman Simon Nash also remained in the top 10 at 145 (+1) with his second round 71 to follow his first day 74.

As a team, Minnesota is alone in fourth place with a two-day total of 585 (+9). The Golden Gophers are six strokes behind top-ranked Georgia and third-ranked Georgia Tech who lead the tournament at three over par 579. Second-ranked Clemson, the day one leader, falls to third at 580.

Puerto Rico Classic

36-Hole Team Results

| Team | Scores |
|--------------|---------------|
| Georgia | 293 286---579 |
| Georgia Tech | 296 283---579 |
| Clemson | 289 291---580 |
| Minnesota | 296 289---585 |
| Oklahoma | 301 289---590 |
| Colorado | 294 298---592 |
| Texas A&M | 299 294---593 |

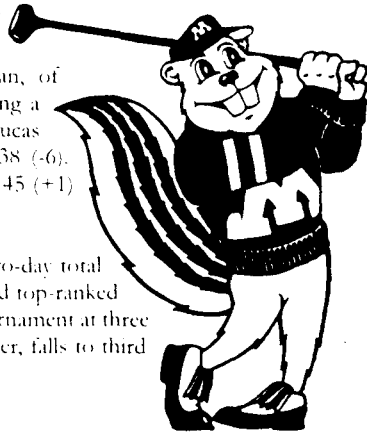
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| Duke | 298 297---595 |
| North Carolina State | 307 293---600 |
| East Tennessee State | 301 299---600 |
| Northwestern | 299 301---600 |
| Virginia | 299 305---604 |
| Kent State | 309 298---607 |
| Wake Forest | 307 303---610 |
| Purdue | 318 310---628 |

36-Hole Team Results

| Player | School | Scores |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Lucas Glover | Clemson | 68 70--138 |
| Bryce Molder | Georgia Tech | 71 71--142 |
| Ryan Hybl | Georgia | 72 70--142 |
| Ben Meyers | Minnesota | 72 71--143 |
| Wilhelm Schauman | Minnesota | 73 70--143 |
| Jon Mills | Kent State | 69 74--143 |
| Casey Cronin | Texas A&M | 71 70--143 |
| Wes Latimer | Georgia Tech | 73 70--143 |
| Simon Nash | Minnesota | 74 71--145 |
| David Sanchez | NC State | 71 74--145 |
| Cody Freeman | Oklahoma | 72 73--145 |

Golden Gopher Scores

| Place | Player | Scores |
|-------|------------------|------------|
| T4 | Ben Meyers | 72 71--143 |
| T4 | Wilhelm Schauman | 73 70--143 |
| T9 | Simon Nash | 74 71--145 |
| T56 | Zach Faulds | 77 78--155 |
| T65 | Justin Smith | 80 77--157 |



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 18-19 | PSINet Intercollegiate | 1st of 12 teams |
| Sept. 23-24 | Wolverine Invitational | 1st of 13 teams |
| Oct. 2-3 | Windon Memorial Classic | 3rd of 12 teams |
| Nov. 3-5 | Golf World/Palmetto Dunes | T14th of 18 teams |
| Feb. 25-27 | Puerto Rico Classic | Rio Mar, P.R. |
| Mar. 5-6 | Southwestern Intercollegiate | Westlake Village, Calif. |
| Mar. 9-11 | Las Vegas Intercollegiate | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Mar. 24-25 | Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate | Sherman, Texas |
| Apr. 14-15 | The "Intercollegiate" | Cary, N.C. |
| Apr. 28-29 | Fossum/Spartan Invitational | East Lansing, Mich. |
| May 4-6 | Big Ten Championships | Champaign, Ill. |
| May 17-19 | NCAA Regionals | Stillwater, Okla. |
| May 30- | NCAA Championships | Durham, N.C. |
| June 2 | | |

2000-01 ROSTER

| Name | Yr. | Hometown |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Joe Affrunti | So. | Crystal Lake, Ill. |
| David Evenson | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| Zachary Faulds | So. | Wardsville, Ontario, Canada |
| Santiago Fernandez | Sr. | Bogota, Columbia |
| Matthew Gibb | So. | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Ben Greve | Fr. | Annandale, Minn. |
| Bradley Kirton | Fr. | Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada |
| Ben Meyers | So. | Frankston, Victoria, Australia |
| David Morgan | So. | Rochester, Minn. |
| Ethan Otterlei | So. | Edina, Minn. |
| Bryan Santee | Sr. | Hudson, Ohio |
| Wilhelm Schauman | So. | Djursholm, Sweden |
| Justin Smith | Fr. | Moon Township, Pa. |
| Andrew Tank | Sr. | Des Moines, Iowa |



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GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL TO HOST SEVENTH ANNUAL HORMEL FOODS BASEBALL CLASSIC THIS WEEKEND

The University of Minnesota baseball team will host its seventh Hormel Foods Baseball Classic tournament this weekend, March 2-4. The 2001 tournament features three very talented teams - the University of Arkansas, the University of Miami and San Diego State University. All three have winning records and are coming off of weekend sweeps of their opponents. Miami (fourth) and Arkansas (21st) are both recognized as top 25 teams in the nation, and San Diego State enters the tournament with their best 13-game start since 1997. Minnesota (4-5) enters the tournament fresh off of a 2-1 series victory over the University of South Florida this past weekend.

A complete game schedule follows:

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Friday | | |
| | Miami vs. San Diego State | 12:15 p.m. |
| | Arkansas vs. Minnesota | 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | | |
| | Miami vs. Minnesota | 1:30 p.m. |
| | Arkansas vs. San Diego State | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | | |
| | Arkansas vs. Miami | 11:00 a.m. |
| | San Diego State vs. Minnesota | 3:00 p.m. |

The first game on Saturday, between Miami and Minnesota, will air live on Midwest Sports Channel. Both Golden Gopher games on Saturday and Sunday will be broadcast live on WDGY-AM 630, home of Golden Gopher baseball. Ticket information can be obtained by calling (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER. More information on this weekend's tournament can also be found at www.gophersports.com.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. St. Cloud State Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.; vs. Connecticut, Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.; all games at the Metrodome

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 1-2 at the Hormel Classic with a win over Arkansas (6-0) and losses to Miami (1-10) and San Diego State (2-3).

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: Versus Temple at the Sports Pavilion, Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: None

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Indoor Championships, Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 in Fayetteville, Ark.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota's 4x400 relay team clocked the third-best time in the nation at the NCAA Qualifying Meet in Ames, Iowa.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Purdue at the Big Ten Tournament, Thursday, March 8, 1 p.m. at the United Center in Chicago, Ill.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 89-53 at Indiana and 67-59 to Illinois at Williams Arena.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Vs. Michigan Tech, Friday-Sunday (if necessary), March 9-11 in the first round of the WCHA playoffs; all games at 7:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 6-1 and 5-2 in a home-and-home series against St. Cloud State.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: Vs. Purdue, Friday, March 9 at 98th Street Athletic Club in Bloomington, Minn., at 6 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 5-2 to Wisconsin and 4-3 to Ohio State.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Southwestern Intercollegiate in Westlake Village, Calif., Monday-Tuesday, March 5-6; At the Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Las Vegas, Nev., Friday-Sunday, March 9-11.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers finished in third place at the Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Mar, P.R.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: At NCAA Diving Zone Qualifying, Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10 in Bloomington, Ind.

LAST WEEK: Swimmers hit "B" qualifying times at the Go-Pher-It Inivitational, a last chance meet.

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Championships Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17 in Iowa City, Iowa.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota captured the 2001 Big Ten Championship. Jared Lawrence (149 pounds) and Garrett Lowney won individual titles.

MARCH 4-10, 2001

BASEBALL

MINNESOTA SHUTS OUT #21 ARKANSAS 6-0 IN FIRST NIGHT OF HORMEL CLASSIC: The University of Minnesota baseball team shut down the University of Arkansas 6-0 in the second game of the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. Arkansas, ranked 21st in the country, was shutout for the first time since March 12, 2000. Junior ace Mike Kobow went the distance for the Golden Gophers for his first career complete-game shutout. Kobow, with the help of his defense, allowed just five hits and struck out seven. Sophomore Luke Appert and senior Josh Holthaus each had two hits for the Golden Gophers.

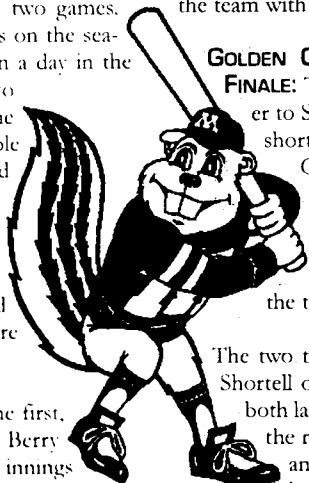
Minnesota tallied the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning, when junior Jack Hannahan laced a two-out double to left field and Holthaus punched a single to center, scoring Hannahan. It was Holthaus' first of two RBI on the night, and his sixth of seven in two games. Hannahan's double extended his hitting streak to six games on the season. The third baseman from St. Paul, Minn. also turned in a day in the field. In the top of the fourth, Hannahan stretched out to make a spectacular diving catch on Cody Clark's sharp line drive. Hannahan completed one of four Minnesota double plays by tagging up Arkansas's Nick Pitts. The Maroon and Gold scored three more runs in the sixth inning thanks to sophomore Scott Welch's two-out triple, scoring Holthaus and junior Jason Kennedy. Welch battled back from a 0-2 count to drive the 3-2 pitch to right-center field. Kennedy added a double in the eighth - his fourth of the season - and Minnesota capitalized on two wild pitches to score two more against Arkansas.

Razorback southpaw Layne Berry gathered himself after the first, and went on to shut the Golden Gophers out until the sixth. Berry struck out a season-high nine batters in his six and one-third innings of work.

GOLDEN GOPHERS FALL TO FOURTH-RANKED MIAMI; LOSE BIRK FOR SIX WEEKS: The University of Minnesota baseball team lost its sixth game of the 2001 season by a score of 10-1 to the fourth-ranked University of Miami in the second day of the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. Junior left-hander Brian Walker held the Golden Gophers to just three hits through seven innings, striking out five. Walker earned his fifth consecutive win and helped improve the Hurricanes to 14-3 on the year. Junior Javy Rodriguez led the way for the visitors with four hits and three RBI on the afternoon. Three other Miami batters each recorded a multi-hit game.

Senior Josh Holthaus, junior Scott Howard and sophomore Luke Appert each tallied a hit for Minnesota. Junior Jack Hannahan, whose six-game hitting streak came to an end, scored the lone run for the Maroon and Gold.

Senior Ben Birk started the game for the Golden Gophers. The senior left-hander looked magnificent through his first two innings of work, but was forced to leave the game in the third after being struck in the face by Kevin Howard's line drive return. Birk walked off of the field and was immediately taken to Fairview University Hospital where x-rays showed three fractures in his sinus and above his left eye. Birk will have surgery to repair the fractures as soon as the swelling over his eye goes down. It will be at least six weeks before he will be able to return to action for the Golden Gophers. Birk is 1-2 with a 4.76 ERA thus far in 2001, and he is currently second on the team with 15 strikeouts in 17.0 innings pitched.



GOLDEN GOPHERS LOSE TO SAN DIEGO STATE 3-2 IN HORMEL FINALE: The University of Minnesota baseball team lost a heartbreaker to San Diego State University by a count of 3-2. San Diego State shortstop Taber Lee scored in the top of the ninth on a single by Carlo Cota to give the Aztecs the winning run. Four different batters collected two hits each for San Diego State, as the Aztecs dropped in 14 against the Golden Gophers. Sophomore Luke Appert and junior Jeremy Beaulieu recorded Minnesota's RBI, as the Maroon and Gold finished 1-2 for the tournament.

The two teams traded runs for six innings, as the two starters - Rory Shortell of San Diego and sophomore C.J. Woodrow of Minnesota - both lasted eight innings and struck out six batters. Woodrow entered the ninth with a 2-2 tie, but surrendered a one-out double to Lee and the two-out RBI single to Cota. Shortell retired 18 of his last 22 batters faced before being relieved in the ninth by Royce Ring. Ring shut down the Golden Gophers in order to earn his second save of the season.

Immediately following the final game of the tournament, the 2001 Hormel Foods Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team was announced. Senior Josh Holthaus and junior Mike Kobow both earned recognition for their participation in the round-robin event. Holthaus finished 4-11 (.364) with 2 RBI, and Kobow hurled a complete-game shutout victory Saturday night against Arkansas. Kobow gave up just five hits and struck seven.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mon, Feb. 5 | Pro-Alumni Game | L, 4-0 |
| Sun, Feb. 11 | Central Michigan | L, 18-9 |
| Mon, Feb. 12 | Central Michigan (2) | W, 5-4; W, 6-3 |
| Fri, Feb. 16 | vs. Auburn | L, 14-6 |
| Sat, Feb. 17 | vs. South Alabama | L, 12-5 |
| Sun, Feb. 18 | vs. North Carolina | L, 7-6 |
| Fri, Feb. 23 | at South Florida | L, 8-7 |
| Sat, Feb. 24 | at South Florida | W, 8-4 |
| Sun, Feb. 25 | at South Florida | W, 8-4 |
| Fri, Mar. 2 | Arkansas | W, 6-0 |
| Sat, Mar. 3 | Miami | L, 10-1 |
| Sun, Mar. 4 | San Diego State | L, 3-2 |
| Wed, Mar. 7 | St. Cloud State | HHH Metrodome |
| Fri, Mar. 9 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome |
| Sat, Mar. 10 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome |
| Sun, Mar. 11 | Connecticut | HHH Metrodome |
| Fri, Mar. 16 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon |
| Sat, Mar. 17 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon |
| Sun, Mar. 18 | at Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon |
| Fri, Mar. 23 | at Purdue | West Lafayette, Ind. |
| Sat, Mar. 24 | at Purdue (2) | West Lafayette, Ind. |
| Sun, Mar. 25 | at Purdue | West Lafayette, Ind. |
| Tues, Mar. 27 | at Butler | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| Wed, Mar. 28 | at Ball State | |
| Fri, Mar. 30 | at Indiana | |
| Sat, Mar. 31 | at Indiana (2) | |
| Sun, Apr. 1 | at Indiana | |
| Wed, Apr. 4 | at Northern Iowa | |
| Fri, Apr. 6 | Michigan State | |
| Sat, Apr. 7 | Michigan State (2) | |
| Sun, Apr. 8 | Michigan State | |
| Wed, Apr. 11 | MSU, Mankato | |
| Fri, Apr. 13 | Michigan | |
| Sat, Apr. 14 | Michigan (2) | |
| Sun, Apr. 15 | Michigan | |
| Wed, Apr. 18 | at Iowa State | |
| Fri, Apr. 20 | at Iowa | |
| Sat, Apr. 21 | at Iowa (2) | |
| Sun, Apr. 22 | at Iowa | |
| Tues, Apr. 24 | Southwest State University | |
| Wed, Apr. 25 | Iowa State | |
| Fri, Apr. 27 | at Ohio State | |
| Sat, Apr. 28 | at Ohio State (2) | |
| Sun, Apr. 29 | at Ohio State | |
| Wed, May 2 | St. Scholastica | |
| Sun, May 6 | St. Thomas | |
| Fri, May 11 | Northwestern | |
| Sat, May 12 | Northwestern (2) | |
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MINNESOTA GOLFERS FINISH IN THIRD PLACE AT THE PUERTO RICO CLASSIC

Behind sophomore Wilhelm Schauman's final round five-under 67 and strong performances from the other four Minnesota golfers, the 22nd-ranked Golden Gophers surged into third place on the final day of competition at the Puerto Rico Classic at Rio Mar Country Club in Palmer, P.R. With his impressive final-round shooting, Schauman finished in second place with a six-under 210 in the 54-hole event. Clemson's Lucas Glover led from wire-to-wire and won the tournament with an 11-under 205.

Four of the five Maroon and Gold golfers turned in scores at or under-par 72 to vault the Golden Gophers from fourth to third place. In addition to Schauman's 67, Gold Country was paced by Simon Nash's 72, Zach Faulds' 70 and Justin Smith's 71. Ben Meyers came into the final round tied for fourth place with Schauman, but fired a final-round 80 to finish in a tie for 31st.

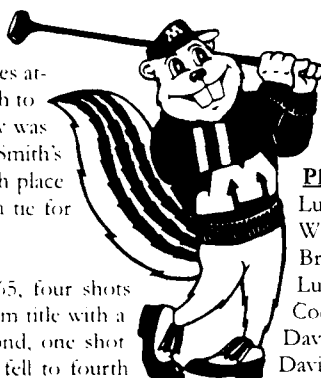
Minnesota finished with a combined team score of 865, four shots behind third-ranked Georgia Tech who captured the team title with a three-under 861. Second-ranked Clemson finished second, one shot behind the Yellow Jackets at 862. Top-ranked Georgia fell to fourth with a final-round 290. The Golden Gophers, final-day 280 was the lowest team score of the tournament.

The Maroon and Gold has now finished in the top three in four of its past five tournaments, including two wins during the fall season. Minnesota next competes at the Southwestern Intercollegiate in Westlake Village, Calif., on March 5.

54-Hole Team Results

| Team | Scores |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Georgia Tech | 296 283 282---861 |

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|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Clemson | 289 | 291 | 282---862 |
| Minnesota | 296 | 289 | 280---865 |
| Georgia | 293 | 286 | 290---869 |
| Oklahoma | 301 | 289 | 289---879 |
| Duke | 298 | 297 | 289---884 |
| North Carolina St. | 307 | 293 | 284---884 |
| Texas A&M | 299 | 294 | 294---887 |
| Colorado | 294 | 298 | 298---890 |
| Northwestern | 299 | 301 | 292---892 |
| East Tennessee St. | 301 | 299 | 297---897 |
| Virginia | 299 | 305 | 299---903 |
| Wake Forest | 307 | 303 | 293---903 |
| Kent State | 309 | 298 | 306---913 |
| Purdue | 318 | 310 | 299---927 |



54-Hole Individual Results

| Player | School | Scores |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Lucas Glover | Clemson | 68 70 67--205 |
| Wilhelm Schauman | Minnesota | 73 70 67--210 |
| Bryce Molder | Georgia Tech | 71 71 70--212 |
| Luke Donald | Northwestern | 76 70 68--214 |
| Cody Freeman | Oklahoma | 72 73 71--216 |
| David Miller | Georgia | 76 70 70--216 |
| David Sanchez | NC State | 71 74 71--216 |
| John Engler | Clemson | 73 73 70--216 |
| Matt Call | Colorado | 74 72 70--216 |

Golden Gopher Scores

| Place | Player | Scores |
|-------|------------------|---------------|
| 2 | Wilhelm Schauman | 73 70 67--210 |
| T10 | Simon Nash | 74 71 72--217 |
| T31 | Ben Meyers | 72 71 80--223 |
| T40 | Zach Faulds | 77 78 70--225 |
| T48 | Justin Smith | 80 77 71--228 |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 18-19 | PSINet Intercollegiate | 1st of 12 teams |
| Sept. 23-24 | Wolverine Invitational | 1st of 13 teams |
| Oct. 2-3 | Windon Memorial Classic | 3rd of 12 teams |
| Nov. 3-5 | Golf World/Palmetto Dunes | T14th of 18 teams |
| Feb. 25-27 | Puerto Rico Classic | 3rd of 15 teams |
| Mar. 5-6 | Southwestern Intercollegiate | Westlake Village, Calif. |
| Mar. 9-11 | Las Vegas Intercollegiate | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Mar. 24-25 | Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate | Sherman, Texas |
| Apr. 14-15 | The "Intercollegiate" | Cary, N.C. |
| Apr. 28-29 | Fossum/Spartan Invitational | East Lansing, Mich. |
| May 4-6 | Big Ten Championships | Champaign, Ill. |
| May 17-19 | NCAA Regionals | Stillwater, Okla. |
| May 30- | NCAA Championships | Durham, N.C. |
| June 2 | | |

2000-01 ROSTER

| Name | Yr. | Hometown |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Joe Affrunti | So. | Crystal Lake, Ill. |
| David Evenson | Fr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| Zachary Faulds | So. | Wardsville, Ontario, Canada |
| Santiago Fernandez | Sr. | Bogota, Columbia |
| Matthew Gibb | So. | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Ben Greve | Fr. | Annandale, Minn. |
| Bradley Kirton | Fr. | Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada |
| Ben Meyers | So. | Frankston, Victoria, Australia |
| David Morgan | So. | Rochester, Minn. |
| Ethan Otterlei | So. | Edina, Minn. |
| Bryan Santee | Sr. | Hudson, Ohio |
| Wilhelm Schauman | So. | Djursholm, Sweden |
| Justin Smith | Fr. | Moon Township, Pa. |
| Andrew Tank | Sr. | Des Moines, Iowa |

GYMNASTICS

GOLDEN GOPHERS CAPTURE SECOND BIG TEN DUAL MEET WIN OF THE SEASON

The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 3 Michigan 217.175-216.175 at the Sports Pavilion for the Golden Gophers' second Big Ten dual meet win of the season, the first being over Michigan State on February 3.

Sophomore Clay Strother captured the all-around title with a score of 55.550. The Jasper, Texas native won the pommel horse (9.650) and the floor exercise (9.700). He also took second on the still rings (9.200), tied for second on the parallel bars (8.900), fifth on the horizontal bar (9.000), and sixth on the vault (9.100).

The Golden Gophers host Temple on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. for their last home meet of the season.

Team Scores

1. Minnesota, 217.175 2. Michigan, 216.175

Floor Exercise: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.700; 2. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.200; 3. Daniel Diaz-Luong, Michigan, 9.000. Other Minnesota finishers: 8. Todd Guilbeau, 8.750; 9. Bob Goss, 8.700; 9. Josh Nitzberg, 8.700; 12. Bill Callahan, 8.350.

Pommel Horse: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.650; 2. Scott Vetere, Michigan, 9.200; 3. Jamie Hertz, Michigan, 9.150. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bob Goss, 9.100; 8. Mitch Griffin, 8.750; 9. Allen Sopko, 8.600; 11. Todd Guilbeau, 8.250; 12. Eric Steele, 8.050.

Still Rings: 1. Scott Vetere, Michigan, 9.550; 2. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.200; 3. Conan Parzuchowski, Michigan, 9.175; 3. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 9.175. Other Minnesota finishers: 5. Tim Koehler, 9.000; 8. Gabe Suarez, 8.950; 9. Eric Steele, 8.900; 11. Todd Guilbeau, 8.700; 12. Allen Sopko, 8.550.

Vault: 1. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 9.450; 1. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.450; 3. Tim Koehler, Minnesota, 9.350. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bob Goss, 9.250; 6. Clay Strother, 9.100; 9. Bill Callahan, 8.750.

Parallel Bars: 1. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 9.050; 2. Bob Goss, Minnesota, 8.900; 2. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 8.900; 2. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 8.900. Other Minnesota finishers: 5. Justin Conner, 8.800; 6. Mitch Griffin, 8.600; 9. Todd Guilbeau, 8.500; 12. Tim Koehler, 6.950.

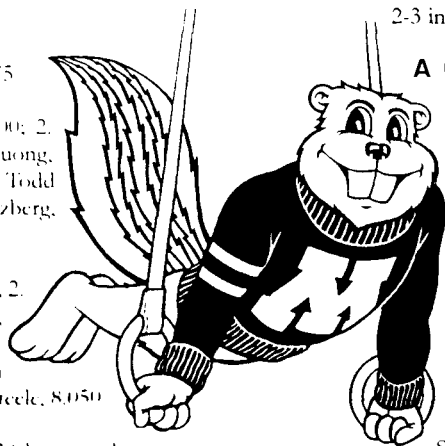
Horizontal Bar: 1. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 9.200; 2. Scott Vetere,

Michigan, 9.125; 3. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 9.075. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bill Callahan, 9.025; 5. Clay Strother, 9.000; 7. Todd Guilbeau, 8.875; 8. Josh Nitzberg, 8.750; 9. Tim Koehler, 8.700.

All-Around: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 55.550; 2. Kris Zimmerman, Michigan, 54.400; 3. Brad Kenna, Michigan, 53.725.

NEXT UP: The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers host 12th-ranked Temple Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion for the final home dual meet of the season.

UPSET SPECIAL: The Maroon and Gold have posted two upsets so far this season in what is a year for rebuilding with a roster full of underclassmen. Before their significant one-point upset of third-ranked Michigan, the No. 8 Golden Gophers downed seventh-ranked Michigan State 209.875-208.825 on February 3 at the Sports Pavilion. Minnesota is 4-7 overall and 2-3 in the Big Ten.



A CLAY MODEL: Sophomore Clay Strother has been a model of consistency and excellent performance this year for the Golden Gopher flippers. He is currently ranked as the top collegiate gymnast in the all-around with an average of 53.400. Strother has captured the all-around title in each Big Ten dual meet so far this season, and impressive feat considering the caliber of gymnasts in the conference.

STROTHER PLACES SECOND AT WINTER CUP, EARNS U.S. SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM SPOT

Minnesota sophomore gymnast Clay Strother placed second in the all-around at the 2001 Winter Cup in Las Vegas, Nev., earning a spot on the 2001 U.S. Senior National Team. Strother, currently ranked first in the NCAA in the all-around, finished with a score of 52.075, second only to two-time Olympian and five-time National Champion Blaine Wilson.

In the individual event competition on the first day of the Winter Cup, Strother, a native of Jasper, Texas, captured first place on the floor exercise (9.275) and third place on the vault (9.100). In the all-around competition on day two, Strother took top honors on the floor (9.325) and pommel horse (9.250) en route to his second-place all-around finish. Steele placed 29th in the all-around with a score of 46.500.

With his podium finish, Strother now has the opportunity to compete for the United States in the World University Games, the Goodwill Games and/or the 2001 World Championships.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 13 | Windy City Invitational | 5th of 7 teams |
| Jan. 20 | Illinois | L, 208.150-204.350 |
| Jan. 27 | Iowa | L, 209.325-205.600 |
| Feb. 3 | Michigan State | W, 209.875-208.825 |
| Feb. 10 | Winter Cup | No team scores |
| Feb. 16 | Ohio State | L, 211.325-209.775 |
| Feb. 24 | Michigan | W, 217.175-216.175 |
| Mar. 6 | Temple | Sports Pavilion |
| Mar. 9 | Illinois-Chicago | Chicago, Ill. |
| Mar. 11 | Nebraska | Lincoln, Neb. |
| Mar. 23-24 | Big Ten Championships | State College, Pa. |
| Apr. 5-7 | NCAA Championships | Columbus, Ohio |

2000 ROSTER

| Name | Yr. | Hometown |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Bill Callahan | Fr. | Marshfield, Mass. |
| Jeff Cohen | Fr. | Lexington, Miss. |
| Justin Conner | Jr. | Dalls, Texas |
| Randal Direen | Fr. | Colorado Springs, Colo. |
| Bob Goss | Sr. | Kenosha, Wis. |
| Mitchell Griffin | Fr. | Morrow, Ga. |
| Todd Guilbeau | Jr. | Houston, Texas |
| Bryan Hutchinson | So. | Floodwood, Minn. |
| Tim Koehler | So. | North Bergen, N.J. |
| Panagiotis Nikolaidis | Fr. | Dallas, Texas |
| Joshua Nitzberg | Fr. | Lincoln, Calif. |
| Allen Sopko | Sr. | Brookfield, Wis. |
| Eric Steele | Fr. | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Jason Stingl | So. | Waukesha, Wis. |
| Clay Strother | So. | Jasper, Texas |
| Gabriel Suarez | Fr. | Forest Lake, Minn. |

TENNIS

MINNESOTA LOSES A PAIR AT HOME: The 32nd-ranked Golden Gophers dropped a pair of dual matches this past weekend. On Friday, #73 Wisconsin defeated Minnesota 5-2. The Badgers took four of the six singles matches, including three three-set victories. On Saturday against #28 Ohio State, the Golden Gophers were defeated 4-3. Minnesota hosts Purdue on Friday.

THE SERIES VS. PURDUE: Minnesota leads the all-time series with the Boilermakers 36-7. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 5-2 last year. Minnesota has won 21 of the past 23 meetings.

GOLDEN GOPHERS HAMPERED BY INJURIES: With hopes of claiming a Big Ten Championship and advancing deep into the NCAA Tournament, the Golden Gophers have been beset by injuries. Three of the top six players are currently sidelined. Tyson Parry has played sparingly at doubles, while freshman Chris Wettengel has not seen action since mid-February. Thomas Haug has not played since winning the Region IV Championship in October. Despite that, he is still ranked 58th in the nation.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior captain Jon Svensson has led the Minnesota effort recently. He has won seven of his past eight singles matches and is currently 12-5 on the season. He owns a stellar 83-30 record for his career.

#73 WISCONSIN UPSETS #32 MINNESOTA 5-2: The University of Wisconsin men's tennis team defeated 32nd ranked Minnesota 5-2 at Moore Lake Racquet Club in Fridley, Minn. The loss snaps Minnesota's five-game match winning streak.

The Badgers took four of the six singles matches, including three three-set victories. At No. 1 singles, the Golden Gophers' Harsh Mankad defeated Danny Westerman, 6-4, 6-4. Senior Jon Svensson claimed the other Minnesota victory at No. 4. He defeated the Scott Rutherford, 6-0, 6-1.

Wisconsin swept the three doubles matches to earn the doubles point. At No. 1 doubles, Rutherford and Scott Green defeated Mankad and Jorge Duenas 8-4.

Singles

- No. 1 - Harsh Mankad (UM) def. Danny Westerman (UW), 6-4, 6-4
- No. 2 - Stefan Reist (UW) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 6-2, 1-6, 6-4
- No. 3 - Dustin Friedman (UW) def. Aleksey Zharnov (UM), 6-3, 6-2

- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Scott Rutherford (UW), 6-0, 6-1
- No. 5 - Dustin Taylor (UW) def. Eric Robertson (UM), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4
- No. 6 - Blake Baratz (UW) def. Karl Sloss (UM), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4

Doubles

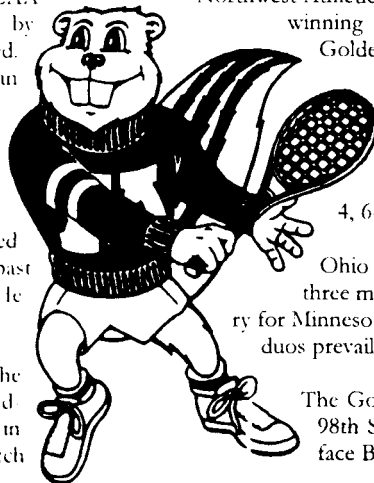
- No. 1 - Rutherford/Green (UW) def. Mankad/Duenas (UM), 8-4
- No. 2 - Westerman/Jason Gonzaga (UW) def. Svensson/Tyson Parry (UM), 8-3
- No. 3 - Friedman/Baratz (UW) def. Sloss/Robertson (UM), 8-6

#28 OHIO STATE DEFEATS #32 MINNESOTA 4-3: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team was defeated by No. 32 Ohio State 4-3 at the Northwest Athletic Club in Burnsville, Minn. After having their five-match winning streak snapped against Wisconsin, the 28th-ranked Golden Gophers dropped their second straight contest.

Both teams earned three victories in the six singles matches, as Jon Svensson, Aleksey Zharinov and Eric Robertson posted wins. Zharinov defeated Andrew Carlson of Ohio State at No. 4 singles by a score of 6-4, 6-7, 11-9 (super tiebreaker).

Ohio State clinched the doubles point with two victories in the three matches. Harsh Mankad and Jorge Duenas earned a victory for Minnesota at No. 1 doubles, but at No. 2 and No. 3, the Buckeye duos prevailed by identical scores of 8-4.

The Golden Gophers return to action next Friday night at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn., when they face Big Ten foe Purdue. The match will begin at 6 p.m.



Singles

- No. 1 - Phil Metz (OSU) def. Harsh Mankad (UM), 6-2, 6-3
- No. 2 - Chris Porter (OSU) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 7-5, 6-2
- No. 3 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Adrian Bohane (OSU), 6-4, 6-7, 11-9
- No. 4 - Aleksey Zharinov (UM) def. Andrew Carlson (OSU), 6-4, 6-7, 11-9
- No. 5 - Eric Robertson (UM) def. Bob Wellstein (OSU), 7-6, 6-4
- No. 6 - Vincent NG (OSU) def. Karl Sloss (UM), 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1 - Mankad/Duenas (UM) def. Carlson/Scale (OSU), 8-6
- No. 2 - Del'Alco/Wellstein (OSU) def. Zharinov/Svensson (UM), 8-4
- No. 3 - Metz/Porter (OSU) def. Robertson/Sloss (UM), 8-4

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Result |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 16-17 | RazorRacket Invitational | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Sept. 16-25 | National Clay Courts | Baltimore, Md. |
| Sept. 29 | Pepperdine Invitational | Malibu, Calif. |
| Oct. 6-15 | All-American Tourney | Athens, Ga. |
| Oct. 27-30 | Regional Championships | Madison, Wis. |
| Nov. 3-5 | UNLV Invite | Las Vegas, Nev. |
| Jan. 12 | Notre Dame | L., 7-0 |
| Jan. 13-15 | Big Ten Singles Champs | Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| Jan. 19-20 | N.C. State - Ice Volleys | W, 6-1 |
| | Indiana State - Ice Volleys | L, 4-3 |
| Feb. 10-11 | Southern Methodist | L, 4-3 |
| | Boise State | W, 4-3 |
| | Clemson | L, 4-3 |
| Feb. 16 | Kansas | W, 5-2 |
| Feb. 17 | Pennsylvania | W, 6-1 |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Feb. 18 | Indiana | W, 4-3 |
| Feb. 23 | Michigan State | W, 6-1 |
| Feb. 25 | Michigan | W, 4-3 |
| Feb. 24-27 | National Indoors | Louisville, Ky. |
| Mar. 2 | Wisconsin | L, 5-2 |
| Mar. 3 | Ohio State | L, 4-3 |
| Mar. 9 | Purdue | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Mar. 16-18 | Blue Grey Tournament | Montgomery, Ala. |
| Mar. 24 | Penn State | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Apr. 14 | Northwestern | Chicago, Ill. |
| Apr. 15 | Illinois | Champaign, Ill. |
| Apr. 20 | Iowa | Bloomington, Minn. |
| Apr. 26-29 | Big Ten Championships | Madison, Wis. |
| May 12-13 | NCAA Regionals | TBA |
| May 18-27 | NCAA Championships | Athens, Ga. |

TRACK & FIELD

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The 4x400m relay set a new school record, recorded the third best time in the nation and, more importantly, automatically qualified for the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. The team of Mitch Potter, Adam Steele, Mikael Jakobsson and Tom Gerding clocked a 3:06.61 at the NCAA Qualifier in Ames, Iowa on March 2. Gerding also provisionally qualified in the 400m with his career-best time of 46.53.

TRAVELING TO FAYETTEVILLE: The 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships are this weekend, March 9-10 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. Minnesota will send a total of seven athletes to compete in four events. The 4x400m relay automatically qualified, so the four who ran the event at the NCAA Qualifier will run at NCAAAs with Andy Wohlin going as an alternate. Additionally, Potter and Gerding were accepted as provisional qualifiers in the 400m, Toby Henkels in the 800m and Marc Johannsen in the high jump. This is the most athletes Minnesota has had compete in the indoor championships in several years.

MINNESOTA HISTORY AT NCAAAs: Minnesota's last automatic qualifier for the NCAA Indoor Championship was Vesa Rantanen in the pole vault in 1998. He was also Minnesota's last NCAA Indoor champion. Minnesota has only had three indoor national champions, Rantanen and Martin Eriksson in the pole vault and Ron Backes in the shot put.

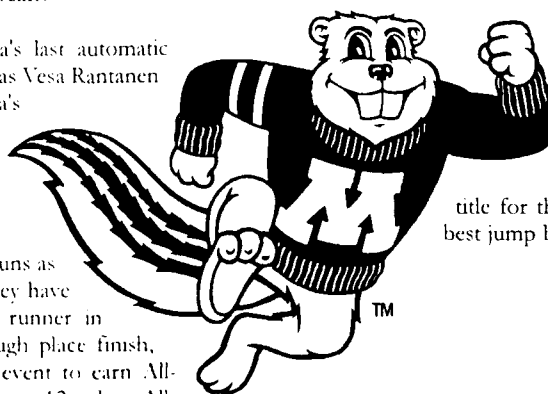
INDOOR ALL-AMERICANS: If the 4x400m relay runs as well as they have been the last couple meets, they have the chance to do something only one other runner in Minnesota history has done. With a high enough place finish, they will be part of only the second running event to earn All-America honors. Minnesota has had 10 athletes earn 12 indoor All-America honors, but Garry Bjorklund was the only runner, with his honor in the two mile. All the other Minnesota indoor All-Americans have been in field events.

FALLING RECORDS: Minnesota school records have been broken and rebroken several times this season. Mark Fahey was the first to break a record when he threw the 35-pound weight 59-10 1/2 at the Gold Country Open. He broke his own record a week later at the Northern Iowa Invitational with a toss of 60-3. At the Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa, Tom Gerding broke the 400m record with a time of 46.96. That record was broken with Mitch Potter's time of 46.45 at Big Ten Championships. That battle is not over, as both are running the 400m at NCAA Championships. The 4x400m relay (Potter, Wohlin, Jakobsson, Gerding) first broke the school record with a 3:08.81 at the Cyclone Classic. Last weekend at the NCAA Qualifier, Potter,

Steele, Jakobsson and Gerding shattered that record with their time of 3:06.61. Gerding shattered another record at the Big Ten Championships with his time of 1:16.19. He broke both the Minnesota record (1:17.55) and the Big Ten record (1:17.35). Sophomore Toby Henkels wiped away the previous record of 1:50.35 in the 800m with his time of 1:49.29.

GO GERDING GO: Senior sprinter Tom Gerding is unquestionably the best in the 600m this season. His time of 1:16.19 at the Big Ten Championships blew away the school and Big Ten records. With that time he also won his second consecutive Big Ten title in the 600m. More importantly, it was the fastest time in the world this season, and the fastest time in the world since 1999. Unfortunately, the 600m is not contested at the NCAA Championships. Gerding will have a chance to garner honors at NCAAAs, however. He will run the 400m and serve as the anchor leg in the 4x400m relay.

ANOTHER CHAMP: Senior high jumper Marc Johannsen joined the elite group of great Minnesota high jumpers with his Big Ten Championship performance of 7-2 1/4. Johannsen became the ninth Golden Gopher to win a Big Ten Indoor high jump title. Al Peterson won the first for Minnesota with his leap of 5-8 in 1911. Staffan Strand won the title for three consecutive years from 1997-99, with his best jump being 7-4 1/2 in 1997 and 1998.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 13 | Northwest Open | No team scores |
| Jan. 20 | Minnesota Open | No team scores |
| Jan. 27 | Gold Country Open | No team scores |
| Feb. 1 | Northern Iowa Classic | No team scores |
| Feb. 9-10 | Cyclone Classic | No team scores |
| Feb. 16 | Snowshoe Open | No team scores |
| Feb. 24-25 | Big Ten Indoor Champs. | 4th of 11 teams |
| Mar. 2 | NCAA Qualifying Meet | No team scores |
| Mar. 9-10 | NCAA Indoor Champs. | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Mar. 15-16 | Texas A&M (Decathletes) | College Station, Texas |
| Mar. 17 | Texas A&M Invite | College Station, Texas |
| Mar. 22-23 | Mesa CC (Decathletes) | Mesa, Ariz. |
| Mar. 31 | Stanford Invitational | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| Apr. 5-7 | Texas Relays | Austin, Texas |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Apr. 12-14 | Sea Ray Relays | Knoxville, Tenn. |
| Apr. 14 | Hamline Quad | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Apr. 20-21 | Texas Team | Austin, Texas |
| Apr. 21-22 | Mt. Sac Relays | Walnut, Calif. |
| Apr. 21 | Carleton Relays | Northfield, Minn. |
| Apr. 25 | Macalester | St. Paul, Minn. |
| Apr. 27-28 | Drake Relays | Des Moines, Iowa |
| May 4 | Cardinal Invitational | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| May 4 | Hamline | St. Paul, Minn. |
| May 5 | Iowa Twilight Invitational | Iowa City, Iowa |
| May 12 | Home Meet | Bierman Field |
| May 18-20 | Big Ten Outdoor Champs. | Bloomington, Ind. |
| May 30- | NCAA Outdoor Champs. | Eugene, Ore. |
| June 2 | | |

WRESTLING

GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS CAPTURE 2001 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP:

In a demonstration of balance and determination, the top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team captured the 2001 Big Ten Wrestling Championship at Northwestern University, scoring 154 points and winning individual titles at 149 pounds (Jared Lawrence) and heavy-weight (Garrett Lowney). With the victory, Gold Country overthrew perennial conference-power Iowa and Big Ten-upstart Illinois and earned the program's second conference title in the past three years.

All 10 Maroon and Gold grapplers placed, proving that balance was a key ingredient in winning the Big Ten crown. Minnesota had two individual champions, three runners-up, three third-place finishers, one fourth-place finisher and one fifth-place grappler. Rounding out the top five were Illinois (130.5 pts.), Iowa (129.5 pts.), Michigan (109 pts.) and Ohio State (104.5 pts.)

The Golden Gophers earned their eighth conference title overall. Minnesota last captured the Big Ten Championship in 1999 in Ann Arbor, Mich., with 139 points to Iowa's 121. Last year, Gold Country took second place, falling to the Hawkeyes by an eight-point margin, 140.5-132.5. Minnesota's 2001 Big Ten crown was the program's fourth-straight finish in the top three at the Big Ten tournament. With the exceptional team performance, all 10 Golden Gopher grapplers qualified for the 2001 NCAA Championships.

NEXT UP...THE NAAs: The top-ranked Golden Gopher wrestling team finished the 2000-01 dual meet schedule with a 19-1 overall record and an 8-0 mark in the Big Ten. The Maroon and Gold then prevailed at the 2001 Big Ten Championships, winning the conference crown with 154 points. Minnesota competes at the NCAA Championships on Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City Iowa.

GOLDEN GOPHER CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET FINALS HIGHLIGHTS:

125 - No. 1 seed Jody Strittmatter (IOWA) dec. No. 2 seed Leroy Vega (MINN), 6-0

Second-seeded Leroy Vega fell to top-seeded Jody Strittmatter of Iowa 6-0 in the title match at 125 pounds. Strittmatter led throughout, did not allow a Vega takedown and ended with over two minutes of advantage time. A junior from Portage, Ind., Vega is now 1-6 in his career versus Strittmatter, the 2000 125-pound Big Ten Champion. Vega, a two-time All-American advances to his third-straight NCAA Championships. He improved upon his past two third-place finishes in the 1999 and 2000 Big Ten tournaments. Vega now looks to gain his third All-America honor and improve on his fifth-place finishes at the past two national tournaments.

141 - No. 1 seed Doug Schwab (IOWA) dec. No. 2 seed Chad Erikson (MINN), 9-6

Second-seeded Chad Erikson lost 9-6 at the hands of Doug Schwab of Iowa, the Big Ten's top-seeded and nation's top-ranked wrestler at 141 pounds. Schwab led the entire match and did not allow an Erikson takedown until late in the third period. Schwab also finished the match with 2:24 of advantage time. Nevertheless, Erikson's runner-up finish is an immense improvement on his past two Big Ten Championship performances where he failed to place in 1999 or 2000. With his second-place finish, Erikson qualifies for his first NCAA Championships.

149 - No. 2 seed Jared Lawrence (MINN) dec. No. 1 seed Adam Tirapelle (ILL.), 9-5

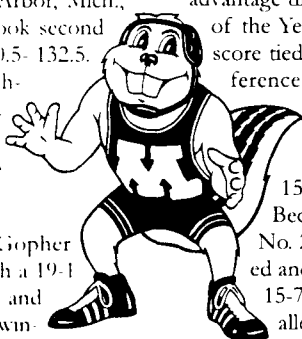
Second-seeded sophomore Jared Lawrence captured his first Big Ten individual crown, downing archrival Adam Tirapelle of Illinois, the top seed at 149 pounds, 9-5 in the title match. Lawrence, the 2000 Big Ten runner-up to Tirapelle, tallied three takedowns and ended the match with 1:22 of advantage time to cruise to victory. Lawrence, the 2000 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, scored a key takedown early in the second period with the score tied at two and did not look back en route to the individual conference championship. Lawrence moves on to the NCAA Championships with hopes on building on his All-American sixth-place finish at the 2000 national tournament.

157 - No. 1 seed T.J. Williams (IOWA) maj. dec. No. 2 seed Luke Becker (MINN), 15-7

No. 2 seed Luke Becker failed to post his first victory on top-seeded and top-ranked T.J. Williams of Iowa, falling to the Hawkeye in a 15-7 major decision. Williams scored six takedowns and only allowed a Becker reversal in the match. The eight-point deficit was Becker's largest losing margin on the season. With his second-place finish, Becker matches his performance from last year's conference tournament where he was also the runner-up to Williams. Becker advances to the 2001 NCAA Championships looking to improve upon last year's All-American sixth-place finish.

HWT - No. 2 seed Garrett Lowney (MINN) dec. No. 4 seed John Lockhart (ILL.), 5-2

Second-seeded heavyweight Garrett Lowney added a Big Ten individual title to his trophy case with his 5-2 win over No. 4 seed John Lockhart of Illinois. Lowney scored a takedown late in the first period and did not allow more than an escape to Lockhart in the title match. The bronze medal winner at Greco-Roman 213 pounds at the 2000 Olympics, Lowney advances to the NCAA Championships in his first full season with the Golden Gophers.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Results |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Nov. 11 | Bison Open | Nine titles |
| Nov. 18 | North Dakota State | W, 44-0 |
| | Kaufman-Brand Open | Two titles |
| Nov. 24 | Northern Open | Nine titles |
| Nov. 26 | Northern Iowa | W, 36-3 |
| Dec. 2 | UNI Open (non-varsity) | Two titles |
| Dec. 10 | Hofstra | W, 33-3 |
| | Princeton | W, 45-0 |
| | Seton Hall | W, 37-2 |
| Dec. 29-30 | Midlands | One title |
| Jan. 7 | Oklahoma State | L, 25-12 |
| Jan. 11 | Nebraska | W, 26-12 |
| Jan. 12 | Boise State | W, 22-14 |

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Event | Site/Results |
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| Jan. 20-21 | National Duals | State College, Pa. |
| | Hofstra | W, 22-9 |
| | Nebraska | W, 30-9 |
| | Iowa | W, 20-17 |
| | Oklahoma State | W, 20-12 |
| Jan. 26 | Michigan | W, 29-6 |
| Jan. 27 | Purdue | W, 31-6 |
| Feb. 2 | Indiana | W, 25-12 |
| Feb. 4 | Illinois | W, 22-12 |
| Feb. 9 | Michigan State | W, 32-3 |
| Feb. 11 | Penn State | W, 37-3 |
| Feb. 16 | Wisconsin | W, 33-6 |
| Feb. 18 | Iowa | W, 17-16 |
| Mar. 3-4 | Big Ten Championships | 1st of 11 teams |
| Mar. 15-17 | NCAA Championships | Iowa City, Iowa |