



SPORTS NEWS

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MIAMI, AUBURN HIGHLIGHT NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL TEAM

The University of Minnesota baseball team will face both Auburn University and the University of Miami in their 2001 non-conference schedule. Both teams are ranked among the top 15 in numerous preseason top-25 polls. The Golden Gophers will play 29 games on the road over the next three months. Their first road trip will be in mid-Feb. when the Maroon and Gold travel to Mobile, Ala., for the Coca-Cola Classic. Minnesota will host its own tournament the weekend of March 2-4 when Miami, San Diego State and Arkansas visit Minneapolis for the 17th annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. WDGY-630 AM Radio will broadcast 35 games live this year.

The Golden Gophers open up the 2001 season with their annual Pro-Alumni game. This year's match-up is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at the HHH Metrodome. First pitch will be at 6:35 p.m. Former major leaguer and future hall-of-famer Paul Molitor will be in attendance, along with current major league stars Kerry Lightenberg, Denny Neagle and Dan Wilson. Other returning players include Greg Olson, Mark Merila, Kai Freeman, Robb Quinlan, Craig Selander and Aron Amundson.

Inaugurated in 1992, the Pro-Alumni Game has brought back Major Leaguers who have donned the Maroon and Gold, including members of the 3,000-hit club in Hall of Famer Dave Winfield and 1993 World Series MVP Paul Molitor and Major League All-Stars in Denny Neagle, Greg Olson and Dan Wilson. Proceeds from the game go to the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund.

University of Minnesota 2001 Baseball Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game #	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Central Michigan #	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	1:00 p.m.

COCA-COLA CLASSIC at Mobile, Ala.

Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 23	at South Florida	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	at South Florida #	12:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	at South Florida # (TD)	12:00 p.m.

HORMEL FOODS BASEBALL CLASSIC at HHH Metrodome

Mar. 2	Miami vs. San Diego State	12:15 p.m.
	Arkansas vs. Minnesota	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 3	Miami vs. Minnesota #	1:30 p.m.
	Arkansas vs. San Diego State	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Arkansas vs. Miami	11:00 a.m.
	San Diego State vs. Minnesota #	3:00 p.m.

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Mar.	7	St. Cloud State	6:30 p.m.
Mar.	9	Connecticut	6:30 p.m.
Mar.	10	Connecticut	2:00 p.m.
Mar.	11	Connecticut #	1:00 p.m.
Mar.	16	at Oregon State #	6:00 p.m.
Mar.	17	at Oregon State #	2:00 p.m.
Mar.	18	at Oregon State # (TD)	1:00 p.m.
Mar.	23	at Purdue* #	3:00 p.m.
Mar.	24	at Purdue (2)* #	1:00 p.m.
Mar.	25	at Purdue* #	1:00 p.m.
Mar.	27	at Butler	3:00 p.m.
Mar.	28	at Ball State	3:00 p.m.
Mar.	30	at Indiana* #	3:00 p.m.
Mar.	31	at Indiana (2)* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	1	at Indiana* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	4	at Northern Iowa	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	6	Michigan State* #	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	7	Michigan State (2)* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	8	Michigan State* # (TD)	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	11	MSU, Mankato	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	13	Michigan* #	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	14	Michigan (2)* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	15	Michigan* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	18	at Iowa State	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	20	at Iowa* #	3:00 p.m.
Apr.	21	at Iowa (2)* #	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	22	at Iowa* # (TD)	1:00 p.m.
Apr.	24	Southwest State	4:00 p.m.
Apr.	25	Iowa State	6:00 p.m.
Apr.	27	at Ohio State* #	6:30 p.m.
Apr.	28	at Ohio State (2)* #	4:00 p.m.
Apr.	29	at Ohio State* # (TD)	1:00 p.m.
May	2	St. Scholastica	6:00 p.m.
May	6	St. Thomas #	2:00 p.m.
May	11	Northwestern* #	6:30 p.m.
May	12	Northwestern (2)* #	4:00 p.m.
May	13	Northwestern* #	1:00 p.m.
May	17-20	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May	25-27	NCAA Regional Finals	TBA
Jun.	1-3	NCAA Super Regional Finals	TBA
Jun.	8-16	College World Series at Omaha, Nebraska	

All times are CST

*Big Ten Conference game

Broadcast on WDGY-630 AM Radio

(TD) Tape Delay - games will air later that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Home games in February & March at HHH Metrodome

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DUSTY RYCHART NAMED BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

University of Minnesota junior forward Dusty Rychart has been named the Big Ten Player of the Week for his performances in Minnesota's wins over Purdue and Indiana. Rychart led the Golden Gophers in points and assists against Purdue and points and rebounds against Indiana.

In Wednesday's 70-67 victory over Purdue, Rychart scored 23 points, 14 in the second half. He also recorded a team-high five assists and five rebounds. Rychart earned his third double-double of the season against Indiana, scoring 21 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. He once again had a big second half to lift the Golden Gophers to victory with 11 points and 10 rebounds in the second half. He added his final six points and a rebound in the overtime period.

This is the second time in his career Rychart has been named Big Ten Player of the Week. He also received the honor on November 22, 1999. This is the first such honor for a Golden Gopher this season.

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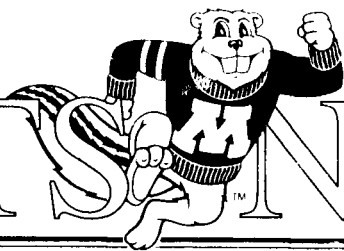
January 22, 2001

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR WEDNESDAY'S BASKETBALL GAME

The University of Minnesota men's athletic department announced that approximately 1,200 tickets remain for Wednesday's Big Ten match-up with No. 17 Iowa at 7 p.m. at Williams Arena. Tickets for the game are \$25 for the general public and \$10 for all U of M students with a valid university ID.

Iowa has started the season with a 14-4 record and is tied with Minnesota in the Big Ten standings with a 3-2 record. The Gophers (15-3) are coming off close wins over Purdue and Indiana at Williams Arena last week. Minnesota holds a 51-28 edge over Iowa at home and has a 85-72 lead in the overall series against the Hawkeyes.

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GOLDEN GOPHER BRAD PIKE NAMED BIG TEN WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Minnesota senior wrestler Brad Pike has been named the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, following his dominating performances in leading the Golden Gophers to the National Duals title last weekend.

Pike, currently ranked third in the nation at 165 pounds, went 4-0 in the tournament defeating No. 10 Noel Thompson of Hofstra 3-1 in first round, Nebraska's Ryan Schultz in a 17-6 major decision in the quarterfinals and No. 8 Ben Shirk of Iowa 11-4 in the semifinals. Then, in the title meet, Pike proved to be the unlikely hero, pinning Oklahoma State's Billy Gabriel at 6:34 to lead the Golden Gophers over the top-ranked Cowboys. Pike, a native of Brownsdale, Minn., is 23-2 overall and 11-0 in dual meets.

* **In other news** – The Minnesota vs. Michigan dual meet at the Sports Pavilion this Friday, Jan. 26, will be broadcast live on Midwest Sports Channel (MSC) at 7:30 p.m.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: At Iowa, Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m. in Iowa City, Iowa; vs. Ohio State, Saturday, February 3, 7 p.m. at Williams Arena.

LAST WEEK: 87-74 loss to Iowa and 83-68 loss at Purdue.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Versus Michigan Tech, Friday-Saturday, February 2-3 at Mariucci Arena; Friday at 7:05 p.m., Saturday at 3:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: 3-1 win over Brown and 5-1 win over Bemidji State at Mariucci Arena.

TRACK & FIELD

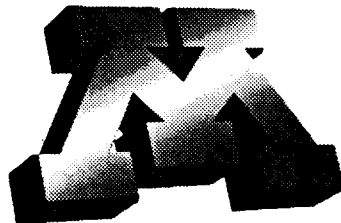
NEXT UP: At the Northern Iowa Classic in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Thursday, February 1.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota hosted the Gold Country Open at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Alumni Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz., February 16-21

LAST WEEK: None



TENNIS

NEXT UP: At the Rolex Indoors in Dallas, Texas, Saturday-Tuesday, February 3-6

LAST WEEK: None

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: Versus Michigan State University at the Sports Pavilion, Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK: 209.325-205.600 loss to the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: Minnesota Challenge at the Aquatic Center, Friday-Saturday, February 2-3

LAST WEEK: 255.5-94.5 win over Wisconsin and 235-117 win over Purdue in Madison, Wis.

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: At Indiana, Friday, February 2, 7 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.; at Illinois, Sunday, February 4, 1 p.m. in Champaign, Ill.

LAST WEEK: 29-6 win over Michigan at the Sports Pavilion and 31-6 win over Purdue at Williams Arena.

JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3, 2001

GYMNASTICS

GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S GYMNASTICS FALLS TO IOWA

The ninth ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team lost to sixth-ranked Iowa Saturday night in Iowa City, Iowa. Minnesota finished with a score of 205.600, while Iowa posted a 209.325.

Leading the way for the Golden Gophers was sophomore Clay Strother. Strother, the nation's top-ranked gymnast in the all-around, captured the all-around with a score of 53.900. The Jasper, Texas native won the floor exercise (9.225), the pommel horse (9.550) and the parallel bars (8.675). He also took fifth on the rings (8.775), third on the vault (9.025) and third on the horizontal bar (8.650).

Freshman Eric Steele also performed well on the night, finishing first on the vault with a score of 9.350, third on the floor (8.900) and fourth on the rings (8.825).

The Golden Gophers open their home meet season, Saturday, Feb. 3, versus Michigan State at 1 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion.

Team Scores

1. Iowa, 209.325 2. Minnesota, 205.600

Floor Exercise: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.225; 2. Don Jackson, Iowa, 8.925; 3. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 8.900. Other Minnesota finishers: 6. Bob Goss, 8.700; 9. Josh Nitzberg, 8.400; 10. Bill Callahan, 8.250; 12. Tim Koehler, 7.700.

Pommel Horse: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.550; 2. Antonio Cesar, Iowa, 9.000; 3. Don Jackson, Iowa, 8.750. Other Minnesota finishers: 5. Allen Sopko, 8.450; 6. Bob Goss, 8.200; 7. Eric Steele, 8.100; 10. Mitch Griffin, 7.650; 12. Todd Guilbeau, 6.000.

Still Rings: 1. Brian Christie, Iowa, 9.375; 2. Kevin Agnew, Iowa, 8.925; 3. S. deFreitas, Iowa, 8.850. Minnesota finishers: 4. Eric Steele, 8.825; 5. Clay Strother, 8.775; 7. Tim Koehler, 8.575; 8. Allen Sopko, 8.100; 9. Todd Guilbeau, 8.050; 9. Gabe Suarez, 8.050.

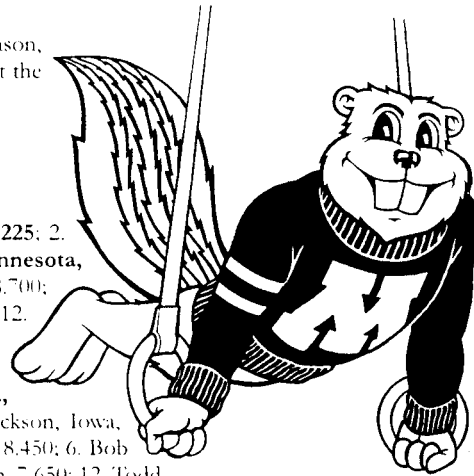
Vault: 1. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.350; 2. Bill Callahan, Minnesota, 9.100; 3. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.025. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bob Goss, 9.000; 5. Justin Conner, 9.000; 7. Tim Koehler, 8.900.

Parallel Bars: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 8.675; 2. Antonio Cesar, Iowa, 8.600; 2. Todd Guilbeau, Minnesota, 8.600. Other Minnesota finishers: 9.

Bob Goss, 7.750; 10. Tim Koehler, 7.650; 11. Bill Callahan, 7.600; 12. Justin Conner, 7.450.

Horizontal Bar: 1. Antonio Cesar, Iowa, 8.750; 2. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 8.700; 3. Justin Leavitt, Iowa, 8.650; 3. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 8.650. Other Minnesota finishers: 8. Bill Callahan, 8.050; 10. Josh Nitzberg, 7.250; 11. Todd Guilbeau, 7.100; 12. Tim Koehler, 6.600.

All-Around: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 53.900.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Jan. 13	Windy City Invitational	5th of 7 teams
Jan. 20	Illinois	1, 204.350-208.150
Jan. 27	Iowa	1, 205.600-209.325
Feb. 3	Michigan State	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 10	Winter Cup	Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 16	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 24	Michigan	Sports Pavilion
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 Dieren	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.

SWIMMING & DIVING

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING CRUISES PAST WISCONSIN AND PURDUE

The University of Minnesota's men's swimming and diving team (5-1, 5-0 Big Ten) defeated Wisconsin and Purdue in a Big Ten triple dual meet last weekend at the UW Natatorium in Madison, Wis. Minnesota defeated Wisconsin 255.5-94.5 and Purdue 235-117.

The Golden Gophers won all four relays during the two-day meet, beginning with the 200 medley relay, the first event of the meet. The team of Todd Smolinski, Jeff Hackler, Chad Krastins and Ricardo Dornelas was victorious in 1:31.47. The 800 freestyle relay team of Justin Mortimer, Matt Taylor, Brandon Crook and Alex Massura won the last event of the first day in 6:42.02, winning by over three seconds. The 200 freestyle relay team of Dornelas, Massura, Grant Butler and Allen Ong was victorious in 1:22.82 while the 400 freestyle relay team ended the meet with a win on 3:03.05.

Dan Croaston dominated the diving events and was one of three individuals that won multiple events. He won the one-meter by almost a 100 points with a 367.9 score. He was almost as impressive on the three-meter board, winning by over 60 points with a 369.95 score. Ong claimed wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. He won the 50 in 20.99 and the 100 in 45.54. Keam Ang was the other multiple-event winner, touching the wall first in the 100 and 200 butterfly with times of 49.16 and 1:47.17 respectively.

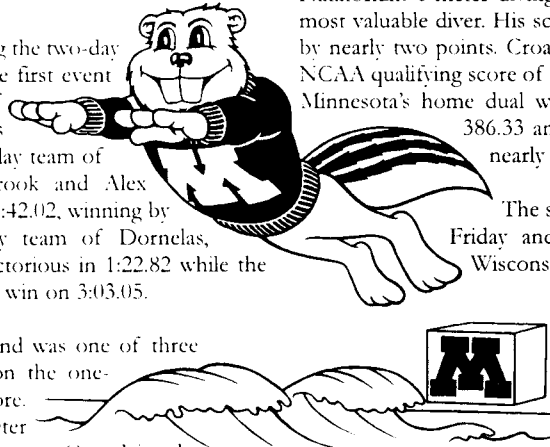
The Golden Gophers most productive swimming event was the 200 backstroke where they posted the top four finishers. Massura led the way in 1:48.19, followed by Smolinski in 1:49.61. Other individual winners for Minnesota included Mortimer in the 1000 freestyle (9:15.46), Smolinski in the 100 backstroke (49.07) and Martin Gustavsson in the 200 breaststroke (2:02.00).

DAN CROASTON NAMED BIG TEN DIVER OF THE WEEK

University of Minnesota senior diver Dan Croaston has been named the Big Ten Diver of the Week for the third time this season.

Croaston set a new Dallas Morning News Invitational and SMU Perkins Natatorium 1-meter diving record on his way to being named the meet's most valuable diver. His score of 374.45 beat the former record of 372.85 by nearly two points. Croaston also won the 3-meter competition with an NCAA qualifying score of 361.75. He also won both diving competitions in Minnesota's home dual with Iowa on Sunday with a 1-meter score of 386.33 and a 3-meter score of 393.00. Both scores were nearly 100 points over his nearest competitor.

The swimming and diving teams are back in action on Friday and Saturday in a triple dual with Purdue and Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.



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	Aquatic Center
Feb. 22-24	Big Ten Championships	Aquatic Center
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	

TRACK & FIELD

GERDING, MEYER AND POLSON TAKE TOP HONORS AT GOLD COUNTRY CLASSIC

The University of Minnesota men's track and field team had another successful performance at the Minnesota Gold Country Classic Saturday at the U of M Fieldhouse. A trio of seniors took top honors in their respective events to lead the team.

Tom Gerding won the 600m with a time of 1:19.09 in his first appearance of the 2001 season. Jeremy Polson placed first the 3000m with a time of 8:24.20. Ben Meyer took top honors in the 800m with a 1:54.17. Another senior, Marc Johannsen, took top honors on the high jump with a height of 6-10 3/4 as an unattached athlete.

In addition to these top performances two Golden Gophers set new team records in throwing events. Michael Ehlers set a new record in the shot put with a throw of 59-10 1/2. Mark Fahey followed suit in the weight throw with a team record toss of 59-10 1/2.

Minnesota continues their indoor season at the Northern Iowa Classic in Cedar Falls, Iowa on Feb. 1. They will host their final home meet of the season, the Snowshoe Open, on Feb. 16 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

Minnesota finishers:

60 meter dash - 4. Matt Taylor, 6.90; 5. Ben Taylor, 6.91; 6. Steve Burkholder, 6.93.

200 meter dash - 2. Matt Taylor, 21.91; 5. Steve Burkholder, 22.06; 11. Bob Quade, Unattached, 22.87; 12. Andy Wiberg, 22.94; 16. Scott Ferguson, Unattached, 23.40.

600 meter dash - 1. Tom Gerding, 1:19.09; 4. Toby Henkels, 1:20.38; 5. Adam Steele, 1:20.91; 7. Andy Wöhlin, 1:23.04; 8. Lyndon McDowell, 1:23.53; 12. Jesse Madsen, 1:30.55.

800 meter run - 1. Ben Meyer, 1:54.17; 4. Ryan Ford, 1:54.97; 6. Jason Owen, 1:56.68; 8. Zach Edmonson, 1:56.80; 13. Jon Ortloff, Unattached, 1:57.85.

1 mile Run - 2. Martin Robeck, Unattached, 4:14.14; 4. Andrew McKessock, 4:15.94; 5. Neil Hanson, 4:16.16.

3000 meter run - 1. Jeremy Polson, 8:24.20; 3. Josh DoBell, Unattached,

8:27.15; 5. Joe Corr, 8:34.01; 6. Will McComb, 8:35.95; 12. Andy Kummer, 8:46.07; 14. Micahel Bialick, Unattached, 8:49.99; 15. Brent Loberg, 8:50.03; 24. Erik Quam, 9:11.86.

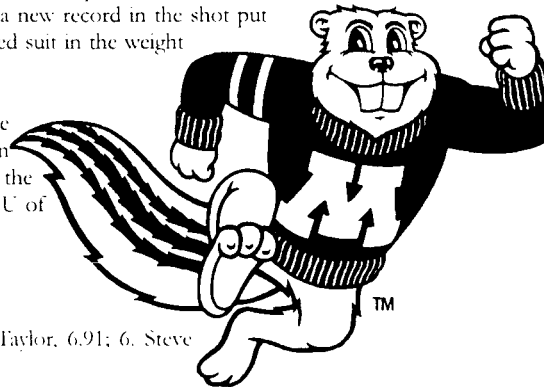
Long Jump - 2. Omar Clemmons, Unattached, 22-7 1/4.

Shot Put - 3. Michael Ehlers, 59-10 1/2; 7. Jesse Madsen, 46-0 3/4.

Weight Throw - 3. Mark Fahey, 59-10 1/2; 4. Ben Meyer, 56-9 1/4; 7. Michael Ehlers, 51-6 1/2; 8. Lynden Reder, 51-2 1/4.

High Jump - 1. Marc Johannsen, Unattached, 6-10 3/4; 2. Scott Berggren, 6-8 3/4; Josh Paulson, Unattached, 6-4 3/4.

Pole Vault - 2. Eric Svensson, 15-5 3/4; 3. Steve Slattery, 15-0; 5. Lyndon McDowell, 14-0.



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	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	Ames, Iowa
Feb. 16	Snowshoe	UM Fieldhouse
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	State College, Pa.
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, 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



MINNESOTA WRESTLERS CRUSH MICHIGAN 29-6 IN BIG TEN OPENER

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team crushed sixth-ranked Michigan 29-6 at the Sports Pavilion Friday night behind a pin by Jared Lawrence and major decisions by Luke Becker and Brad Pike to close the Big Ten opener in dominating style. The Golden Gophers improve to 12-1 on the night that heavyweight Garrett Lowney made his home debut in a Maroon and Gold uniform.

The meet started at 174 pounds with Wolverine Otto Olson, ranked No. 2, downing No. 14 Jacob Volkman to give Michigan an early 3-0 lead. But the Maize and Blue wouldn't see the lead for the remainder of the meet as Minnesota won eight of the final nine matches. At 184 pounds, fourth-ranked Damion Hahn improved to 21-2 on the season with his 5-3 win over No. 8 Andy Hrovat. Owen Elzen, ranked ninth at 197 pounds, then gave the Golden Gophers the lead good at 6-3, defeating No. 16 Joe DeGain 6-1. Elzen ended the match with a whopping 3:08 of advantage time.

Olympic bronze medal winner, heavyweight Garrett Lowney, debuted at home in style, posting a convincing 6-3 triumph over fourth-ranked Matt Brink. Lowney, ranked eighth, led the entire match and only gave up points to Brink on escapes. At 125 pounds, third-ranked Leroy Vega gave Gold Country three more team points with his 8-7 win over No. 6 A.J. Grant. Vega trailed 6-4 early in the third period, but scored a takedown and a two-point near fall to push his overall record to 20-4 on the year.

Golden Gopher Brett Lawrence's slump continued in the 133-pound match as he lost to Foley Dowd 7-4 for his third-straight defeat. Lawrence falls to 17-4 on the season. Minnesota rebounded at 141 pounds with Ryan Lewis' thrilling overtime victory over No. 19 Clark Forward. With the score tied at one after regulation and sudden victory overtime, the wrestlers went to the 30-second tiebreaker with Forward choosing down. Lewis, filling in for the injured Chad Erikson, rode Forward for 30 seconds to get the win.

Minnesota then began piling on the points in the final three matches. At 149 pounds, No. 3 Jared Lawrence pinned No. 9 Mike Kulczewski in 4:10 to give the Golden Gophers a commanding 21-6 lead. At 157 pounds, No. 4 Luke Becker dominated Pat Owen and notched a 14-0 major decision triumph to move to 21-4 on the year. Then, No. 3 Brad Pike closed out the meet at 165 pounds with a 19-7 major decision over No. 7 Charles Martelli.

TOP-RANKED GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS ROUT PURDUE 31-6

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team routed unranked Purdue 31-6 at Williams Arena Saturday night, winning eight of ten matches to improve to 13-1 on the season, including a 2-0 mark in Big Ten dual meets. The Golden Gophers won four of their matches by major decision and lost one match in double overtime.

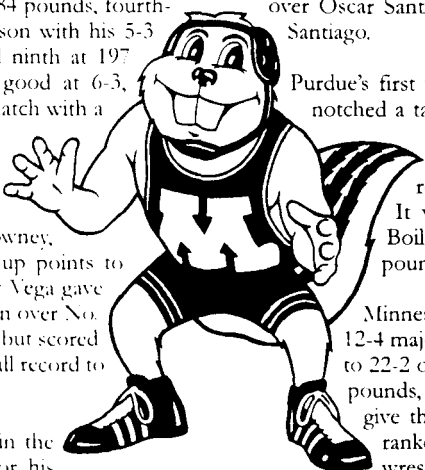
The meet started at 141 pounds with Golden Gopher Brett Lawrence winning by forfeit. At 149 pounds, third-ranked Jared Lawrence dominated Purdue's Brad Harper, winning a 20-7 major decision. Lawrence, now 22-3 on the season, scored eight takedowns in the match. Fourth-ranked Luke Becker gave Gold Country four more team points with his 18-9 triumph over Oscar Santiago. Becker ended with 2:52 of advantage time over Santiago.

Purdue's first win of the night came at 165 pounds as Kirk Moore notched a takedown of Brad Pike with four seconds remaining in regulation to force the match to overtime. Neither wrestler scored in sudden victory overtime and Moore rode Pike for the 30-second tiebreaker to win the match. It was Pike's first loss in a dual meet this season. The Boilermakers won their second and final match at 174 pounds as Ryan Lange downed Jacob Volkman 10-6.

Minnesota rebounded at 184 pounds behind Damion Hahn's 12-4 major decision victory over Jared Williams. Hahn improved to 22-2 on the year, including a 12-1 mark in dual meets. At 197 pounds, ninth-ranked Owen Elzen dropped Jon Bush 11-4 to give the Golden Gophers a commanding 21-6 lead. Eighth-ranked heavyweight Garrett Lowney continued his excellent wrestling, defeating No. 20 Jake Vercelli 10-7.

At 125 pounds, No. 3 Leroy Vega posted a 6-1 decision on No. 13 Jason Silverstein to improve to 21-4 on the year. Vega led throughout the match and ended with 2:38 advantage time. Unranked 133-pounder Ryan Lewis provided meet-ending excitement, upsetting eighth-ranked Evan Robinson convincingly with a 12-4 major decision. Lewis nearly pinned Robinson in the second period and cruised to victory with 2:49 advantage time. Lewis has now defeated ranked opponents in three of his last four matches.

The Golden Gophers face No. 24 Indiana, Friday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind., and No. 5 Illinois, Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. in Champaign, Ill.



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, 33-5
	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/Resultss
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	Bloomington, Ind.
Feb. 4	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.
Feb. 9	Michigan State	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 11	Penn State	Williams Arena
Feb. 16	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 18	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 3-4	Big Ten Championships	Evanston, Ill.
Mar. 15-17	NCAA Championships	Iowa City, Iowa



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Pro-Alumni Game at the Metrodome, Monday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota announces baseball endowed scholarship news and television broadcast dates.

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: At the Winter Cup Challenge in Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday, February 10, 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: 209.875-208.825 win over Michigan State University at the Sports Pavilion.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa, Friday-Saturday, February 9-10.

LAST WEEK: Fahey sets new Minnesota record at Firststar Invitational in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: At Northwestern, Tuesday, February 6, 8:30 p.m. in Evanston, Ill.; vs. Michigan State, Saturday, February 10, 7 p.m. at Williams Arena.

LAST WEEK: 64-55 loss at Iowa and 73-66 loss to Ohio State.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: At Minnesota State, Mankato, Friday-Saturday, February 9-10 in Mankato, Minn.; both games at 7:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: 8-3 & 5-1 wins over Michigan Tech at Mariucci Arena.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: At the Rolex Indoors in Dallas, Texas, Saturday-Tuesday, February 3-6

LAST WEEK: None

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Alumni Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz., February 16-21

LAST WEEK: None

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: Big Ten Championships at the Aquatic Center, Thursday-Saturday, February 22-24

LAST WEEK: Minnesota swimmers dominate the Minnesota Challenge at the Aquatic Center.

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: Versus Michigan State, Friday, February 9, 7 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion; vs. Penn State, Sunday, February 11, 1 p.m. at Williams Arena

LAST WEEK: 25-12 win at Indiana and 22-12 win at Illinois.

FEBRUARY 4-10, 2001

BASEBALL

2001 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NAMED; NEW TELEVISION DATES SET FOR GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL ENDOWMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota baseball office announced the 2001 recipients of the Dick Siebert Endowed Scholarship Program. The fund was introduced in 1993 with the intent of endowing all of the 11.7 baseball scholarships allowable under NCAA rules. Catcher Darren Grass was awarded the inaugural Calvin Griffith scholarship and Bill Mobilia received the inaugural Paul Molitor scholarship in 1993. Currently there are three endowed baseball scholarships with a fourth to be announced tomorrow at the 10th Annual pro-Alumni game at the Metrodome. Doors open at 4:30 and all proceeds from the Pro-Alumni Game benefit the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome and admission is \$6.

The 2001 Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Program recipients are:

Calvin Griffith Scholarship	Josh Holthaus
David Weiner Scholarship	Mike Kobow
Paul Molitor Scholarship	Luke Appert



Midwest Sports Channel has agreed to televise four University of Minnesota baseball home games throughout the 2001 season. Minnesota is the only school in the Big Ten Conference with regularly scheduled television games. The broadcast schedule will open up with the game against the fourth-ranked University of Miami (Fla.) in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic. The detailed schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 3rd, 1:30pm vs. Miami (Fla.)
 Friday, April 6th, 3:00pm vs. Michigan State
 Saturday, April 14th, 1:00pm vs. Michigan
 Saturday, May 12th, 3:00pm vs. Northwestern

Minnesota opens up the 2001 schedule with the annual Gaylan's Pro-Alumni Game. This year's match-up is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at the HHH Metrodome. First pitch will be at 6:55 p.m. For the past nine years, former Maroon and Gold greats have returned to the field to take on the current Minnesota squad in an event that celebrates the rich tradition of Golden Gopher baseball. Former major leaguer and future hall-of-famer Paul Molitor will be on hand to manage the Alumni dugout. Other current major league stars Kerry Ligtenberg, Denny Neagle and Dan Wilson will also be in attendance. Other returning players include Greg Olson, Mark Merila, Kai Freeman, Robb Quinlan, Craig Selander, Jason Dobis, Kelly Werner, Andy Persby, Frank Wagner, Brad Pautz, Brian Raabe, Matt Scanlon, Steve Huls, and Aron Amundson. Former long-time assistant coach Herb Isakson will act as an assistant coach for the Alumni team.

Tickets for the game are \$6 and can be purchased by calling the University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGO-PHER. A two-for-one coupon is available at the Galyan's Trading Company's metro area locations in Minnetonka, Richfield or Woodbury. Those coupons can be redeemed at the ticket gates on the day of the game.

2000-01 SCHEDULE

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

GYMNASTICS

GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S GYMNASTICS DOWN'S MICHIGAN STATE FOR FIRST BIG TEN DUAL WIN SINCE 1997

The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 7 Michigan State 209.875-208.825 at the Sports Pavilion for the Golden Gophers' first Big Ten dual meet win since a Feb. 8, 1997 win over Michigan and Michigan State.

The nation's top-ranked all-arounder, sophomore Clay Strother, captured the all-around title with a score of 54.2250. The Jasper, Texas native won the pommel horse (9.750), floor exercise (9.575), and horizontal bar (8.900). He also took third on the vault (9.300), sixth on the still rings (8.550) and ninth on the parallel bars (8.150).

Freshman Eric Steele also competed in the all-around, tallying a score of 50.100. Steele, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., finished second on the rings (8.850), second on the vault (9.500),

The Golden Gophers travel to Las Vegas, Nev., Saturday, Feb. 10 for the Winter Cup Challenge.

Team Scores

1. **Minnesota, 209.875** 2. Michigan State, 208.825

Floor Exercise: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.575; 2. Brad Golden, Michigan State, 9.075; 3. Tom Housley, Michigan State, 8.600. Other Minnesota finishers: 6. Bob Goss, 8.400; 7. Eric Steele, 8.250; 8. Bill Callahan, 8.100; 9. Randy Direen, 7.900; 10. Justin Conner, 7.850

Pommel Horse: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 9.750; 2. Jonathan Plante, Michigan State, 9.550; 3. Bob Goss, Minnesota, 9.050. Other Minnesota finishers: 8. Todd Guilbeau, 8.450; 10. Mitch Griffin, 7.600; 11. Bill Callahan, 7.500; 12. Eric Steele, 7.450.

Still Rings: 1. Mark Chiappetta, Michigan State, 9.050; 2. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 8.850; 3. Brigham Dorman, Michigan State, 8.825. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Gabe Suarez, 8.750; 5. Tim Koehler, 8.700; 6. Clay Strother, 8.550; 9. Todd Guilbeau, 8.250; 11. Bill Callahan, 8.200.

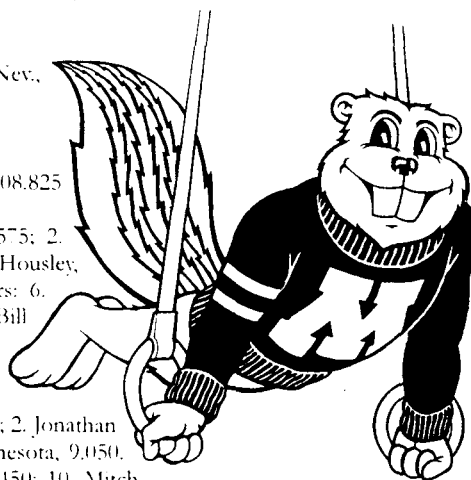
Vault: 1. Justin Conner, Minnesota, 9.550; 2. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 9.500; 3. Clay Strother, 9.300. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Bill Callahan, 9.250; 4. Tim Koehler, 9.250; 7. Bob Goss, 9.050

Parallel Bars: 1. Brad Golden, Michigan State, 8.750; 1. Bob Goss, Minnesota, 8.750; 3. Andrew Davis, Michigan State, 8.700; 3. Todd Guilbeau, Minnesota, 8.700. Other Minnesota finishers: 9. Clay Strother,

8.150; 10. Justin Conner, 8.100; 11. Eric Steele, 8.000.

Horizontal Bar: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 8.900; 2. Jamie Shepard, Michigan State, 8.675; 3. Bill Callahan, Minnesota, 8.600. Other Minnesota finishers: 4. Todd Guilbeau, 8.500; 8. Tim Koehler, 8.100; 9. Eric Steele, 8.050; 10. Justin Conner, 7.400.

All-Around: 1. Clay Strother, Minnesota, 54.225; 2. Eric Steele, Minnesota, 50.100.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS			2000 ROSTER		
Date	Event	Site/Result	Name	Yr.	Hometown
Jan. 13	Windy City Invitational	5th of 7 teams	Bill Callahan	Fr.	Marshfield, Mass.
Jan. 20	Illinois	1, 204.350-208.150	Jeff Cohen	Fr.	Lexington, Miss.
Jan. 27	Iowa	1, 205.600-209.325	Justin Conner	Jr.	Dalls, Texas
Feb. 3	Michigan State	W, 209.875-208.825	Randal Direen	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 10	Winter Cup	Las Vegas, Nev.	Bob Goss	Sr.	Kenosha, Wis.
Feb. 16	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	Mitchell Griffin	Fr.	Morrow, Ga.
Feb. 24	Michigan	Sports Pavilion	Todd Guilbeau	Jr.	Houston, Texas
Mar. 6	Temple	Sports Pavilion	Bryan Hutchinson	So.	Floodwood, Minn.
Mar. 9	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	Tim Koehler	So.	North Bergen, N.J.
Mar. 11	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	Panagiotis Nikolaidis	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
Mar. 23-24	Big Ten Championships	State College, Pa.	Joshua Nitzberg	Fr.	Lincoln, Calif.
Apr. 5-7	NCAA Championships	Columbus, Ohio	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.

SWIMMING & DIVING

MINNESOTA SWIMMERS SUPERB IN SECOND DAY OF MINNESOTA CHALLENGE

The University of Minnesota men's and women's swimming and diving teams continued their strong performances in the second day of the Minnesota Challenge. The women won 12 of 14 events, while the men won 12 of the 13 they entered.

Senior divers Tracy LaVoi and Dan Croaston set the pace for their teams by starting both of today's sessions with wins in the 3-meter and 1-meter diving competitions. Croaston beat former Gopher and eight-time Big Ten Champion and 3-time NCAA champion P.J. Bogart in both events.

The women claimed top spots in the 200 medley relay, 400 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke and the 800 freestyle relay in the first session. The only event they did not win was the 100 breaststroke, which was won by the College of St. Benedict's Katie Kuhlmann. They had it just as easy in the second session, winning the 1650 free, 200 back, 100 free, 200 fly and 400 free relay. The only event they did not win was the 200 breast, which was won by Shana Letnes.

The men also claimed victories in the 200 medley relay, 400 IM, 200 free, 100 breast and the 100 back in the first session. They did not enter a team in the 800 free relay. In the second session the Golden Gopher men won every event. The only event the men did not win all day, the 100 butterfly, was won by former Golden Gopher and national champion, John Cahoy with a time of 49.20 for the Iron Fish swim team. Following just behind him was another Iron Fish and former Gopher, 2000 Israeli Olympian, Yoav Meiri.

Neither the men or women will compete again until the Big Ten Championship meets. The women's Big Ten meet is Feb. 15-17 in Bloomington, Ind. The Big Ten Men's Swimming and Diving Championships will be held at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center on Feb. 22-24.

MINNESOTA SWIMMERS DOMINATE MINNESOTA CHALLENGE

The University of Minnesota men's and women's swimming and diving teams dominated the first session of the 2001 Minnesota Challenge at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center. The women won all five of the evening's events, while the men won four and did not compete in the fifth in the unscored meet.

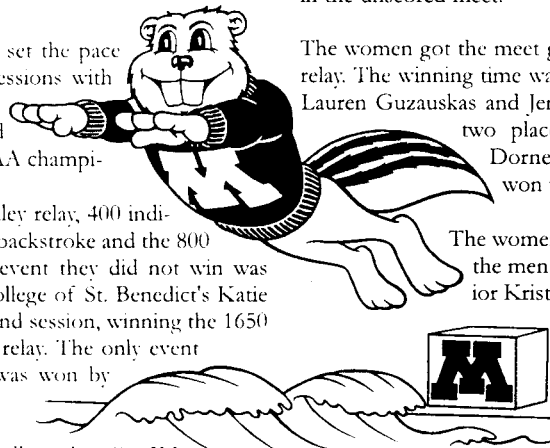
The women got the meet going, taking the top three places in the 200 free relay. The winning time was a 1:39.25 by Sara Rutkowski, Elizabeth Pierce, Lauren Guzauskas and Jen Power. The men followed suit, taking the top two places in the same relay. The team of Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Grant Butler and Allen Ong won with a time of 1:21.12.

The women took the top five places in the 500 freestyle and the men took the top seven. The women were led by junior Kristin Rygg with a time of 5:03.89. Sophomore Ryan L'Roy led the men with a time of 4:38.25.

Junior Jinny Smedsted led the group of Golden Gopher women to the top eight places in the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.34. Sophomore Todd Smolinski led the Minnesota men to the top eight finishes in the same event with a 1:52.83.

The Minnesota women took the top seven spots in the 50 freestyle, led by junior Jen Power with a 23.94. The top 11 spots in the same event went to the Minnesota men, led by senior Olympian Allen Ong with a 20.52.

The final event of the evening was the 400 medley relay, in which the Minnesota women took the top three honors. The team of Kim Harrod, Emily Deppe, Dana Caum and Jessica Crawford won with a 4:00.79. The Golden Gopher men did not enter a 400 medley relay team.



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	Aquatic Center
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

TRACK & FIELD

FAHEY SETS NEW MINNESOTA RECORD AT FIRSTAR INVITATIONAL

University of Minnesota senior Mark Fahey broke the Minnesota school record in the weight throw that he set just last week at today's Northern Iowa Firstar Indoor track Invitational at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Fahey's toss of 60-3 bested the previous mark of 59- 10 1/2, as he took second place to Northern Iowa's Dave Jennings.

Mitch Potter and Toby Henkels each won events for Minnesota. Potter took first in the 400m with a career-best time of 47.72. Henkels won the 800m in 1:53.47.

Several other Golden Gophers fared well at the meet with host Northern Iowa, Big Ten rival, Wisconsin, and the Big 12's Iowa State. The Golden Gophers placed three in the 60m. Steve Burkholder took second with a season-best time of 6.89. Ben Taylor and Matt Taylor cross the line at the same time to finish tied for third with a time of 6.90. Andy Wohlin and Andy Wiberg took fourth and sixth respectively in the 400m. Zach Edmonson, Brian Meyer and Jason Owen finished close behind Henkels in the 800m, finishing third, fourth and sixth. Neil Hanson and Martin Robeck took second and third in the mile run. Lyndon McDowell and newcomers, Mikael Jakobsson and Eric Svennson, both natives of Sweden, performed well in the 60-meter high hurdles. Jakobson finished fourth and McDowell and Svennson finished sixth and seventh.

In the field events, Derek Sykes took fifth in the high jump. Jayme Pantekoek also placed fifth in the pole vault. Eric Svennson and Lyndon McDowell came in eighth and ninth in the long jump. Michael Ehlers placed in both throwing events, taking sixth in the shot put and eighth in the weight throw. Also placing in the weight throw was Lynden Reder, with a career-best toss of 54-8 3/4.

The Golden Gophers next meet is next Friday and Saturday in Ames, Iowa at the Cyclone Classic.

Minnesota Results 60m - 2. Steve Burkholder, 6.89; 3. Ben Taylor, 6.90; 3. Matt Taylor, 6.90.

400m - 1. Mitch Potter, 47.72; 4. Andy Wohlin, 49.81; 6. Andy Wiberg, 50.30.

800m - 1. Toby Henkels, 1:53.47; 3. Zach Edmonson, 1:54.31; 4. Brian Meyer, 1:54.43; 6. Jason Owen, 1:56.59.

Mile - 2. Neil Hanson, 4:17.00; 3. Martin Robeck, 4:17.42.

60m High Hurdles - 4. Mikael Jakobsson, 8.09; 6. Lyndon McDowell, 8.28; 7. Eric Svennson, 8.29.

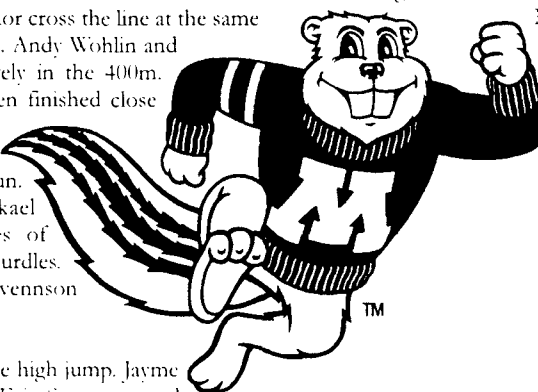
High Jump - 5. Derek Sykes, 6-5 1/2.

Pole Vault - 5. Jayme Pantekoek, 15-1.

Long Jump - 8. Eric Svennson, 22-3; 9. Lyndon McDowell, 21-8 1/4.

Shot Put - 6. Michael Ehlers, 51-0 3/4; 8. Jesse Madsen, 46-6 3/4; 10. Lyndon McDowell, 42-3 1/4.

Weight Throw - 2. Mark Fahey, 60-3; 6. Lynden Reder, 54-8 3/4; 8. Micahel Ehlers, 53-2 1/4; 10. Ben Meyer, 51-1 1/2.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS			2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS		
Date	Event	Site	Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores	Apr. 12-14	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores	Apr. 14	Hamline Quad	St. Paul, Minn.
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores	Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	Austin, Texas
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores	Apr. 21-22	Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	Ames, Iowa	Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	Northfield, Minn.
Feb. 16	Snowshoe	UM Fieldhouse	Apr. 25	Macalester	St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	State College, Pa.	Apr. 27-28	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	May 4	Cardinal Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	Fayetteville, Ark.	May 4	Hamline	St. Paul, Minn.
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	College Station, Texas	May 5	Iowa Twilight Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	College Station, Texas	May 12	Home Meet	Bierman Field
Mar. 22-23	Mesa CC (Decathletes)	Mesa, Ariz.	May 18-20	Big Ten Outdoor Champs.	Bloomington, Ind.
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.	May 30-	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	June 2		



WRESTLING



No. 1 MINNESOTA WRESTLERS DOWN NO. 23 INDIANA 25-12

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team defeated No. 23 Indiana 25-12 in Bloomington, Ind., winning seven of ten matches. The Golden Gophers won four of their matches by major decision.

The meet started at 184 pounds, the featured match of the night, with fourth-ranked Damion Hahn facing Indiana's fifth-ranked Viktor Sveda. With the score tied at one, Sveda scored a takedown with two seconds remaining in the third period to defeat Hahn 3-1. Hahn fell to 22-3 overall and 12-1 on dual meets. Minnesota rebounded at 197 pounds as No. 9 Owen Elzen posted a dominating 12-0 major decision on No. 17 Ty Matthews. Elzen tallied a three-point near fall in each period to cruise to victory. Heavyweight Garrett Lowney remained undefeated on the year, downing Mike Dixon 2-1. Lowney, now 9-0, gained the match-winning point at the end of regulation with his 1:10 of advantage time.

At 125 pounds, Indiana's Greg Schaefer, ranked 16th, pulled off a major upset, downing third-ranked Leroy Vega 6-1. Schaefer used a three-point near fall in the second period to roll to the win. The Golden Gophers responded once again behind third-ranked Brett Lawrence's 4-2 triumph over Brian Smiley at 133 pounds. Lawrence moved to 19-4 on the year with a 10-3 record in duals. The Hoosiers gained six team points at 141 pounds, as Chad Erikson was forced to forfeit for failing to make weight. IU's Coyte Cooper was credited with the victory.

Trailing 12-10, the Maroon and Gold won the meet's final four matches to remain unbeaten in the Big Ten. Third-ranked Jared Lawrence gave the Golden Gophers four team points with his 14-5 major decision triumph over Gabe Cook at 149 pounds. Lawrence scored six takedowns and ended with 2:02 of advantage time. At 157 pounds, fifth-ranked Luke Becker posted an 18-6 major decision on IU's Alex LaPointe, tallying six takedowns, one reversal, a three-point near fall and 4:28 of advantage time in the victory. Becker improved to 23-4 on the year and stayed undefeated in Big Ten duals at 3-0.

Third-ranked Brad Pike kept Minnesota on the major decision win streak with his 12-4 triumph over No. 12 Kevin Stanley. Pike never trailed and only allowed points to the Hoosier on escapes. Jacob Volkmann closed the meet at 174 pounds, snapping a four-match losing streak with his 9-4 defeat of Jack Wade. Volkmann, ranked 16th, ended with 2:47 of advantage time in the win.

No. 1 GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS DROP NO. 6 ILLINOIS 22-12

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team defeated No. 6 Illinois 22-12 Champaign, Ill., to win its 10th consecutive dual meet and improve to 15-1 on the season, including a 4-0 mark in Big Ten dual meets. The Golden Gophers won five straight matches from 197 to 141 pounds to roll to victory.

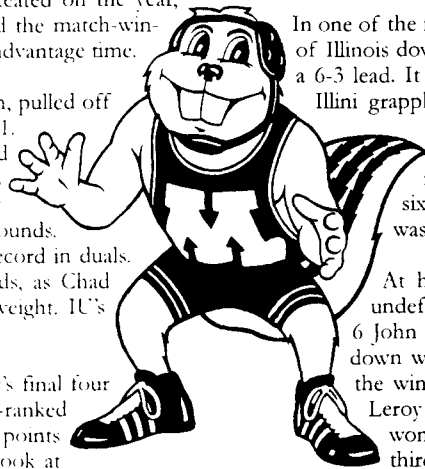
The meet started at 165 pounds with third ranked Brad Pike falling to Illinois' No. 9 Matt Lackey 5-3. Minnesota responded at 174 pounds, tying the team score at three, behind No. 16 Jacob Volkmann's 7-2 triumph over No. 15 Ben King. Following a King takedown in the first period, Volkmann scored six unanswered points to ensure the win.

In one of the featured matches of the day, second-ranked Nate Patrick of Illinois downed No. 4 Damion Hahn 5-3 to give the Fighting Illini a 6-3 lead. It was Hahn's second loss of the season to Patrick. The Illini grappler defeated the Golden Gopher 4-3 at the Midlands

Tournament. Minnesota rebounded in a big way at 197 pounds as ninth-ranked Owen Elzen pinned eighth-ranked Pat Quirk at 5:49 to give the Maroon and Gold six team points and a 9-6 lead. Elzen, now 18-1 on the year, was leading 5-2 at the time of the pin.

At heavyweight, second-ranked Garrett Lowney remained undefeated on the season with his 3-1 overtime win over No. 6 John Lockhart. Lowney, 10-0 on the season, scored a takedown with five seconds remaining in sudden victory to clinch the win. Minnesota stayed in the win column as third-ranked Leroy Vega defeated Ryan Escobar 3-2 at 125 pounds. Vega won the match with 1:29 of advantage time. At 133 pounds, third-ranked Brett Lawrence took the lead in the second period and never looked back, defeating David Stoltz 5-4 to give Minnesota a commanding 18-6 lead.

At 141 pounds, Chad Erikson clinched the team victory with his 11-2 major decision triumph over Mike Castillo. Erikson ended with 2:01 of advantage time. In the other featured match of the meet, second-ranked Adam Tirapelle of Illinois defeated third-ranked Jared Lawrence 3-2. Lawrence nearly scored a last-second takedown to win, but he did not fully take Tirapelle down to get the needed two points. Lawrence drops to 23-4 on the year with an 11-4 mark in dual meets. An overtime match closed out the meet as Griff Powell downed fifth-ranked Luke Becker 3-1 in extra time in the 157-pound match. Powell scored a takedown with 18 seconds remaining in overtime to defeat Becker.



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	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 11	Penn State	Williams Arena
Feb. 16	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 18	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 3-4	Big Ten Championships	Evanston, Ill.
Mar. 15-17	NCAA Championships	Iowa City, Iowa



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT SIGNEES

Head Football Coach Glen Mason announced today that 22 student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Minnesota and play football for the Golden Gophers.

“One of our main goals in the recruiting process was to add speed and athleticism to the roster and I think we’ve done a good job with that,” said Head Coach Glen Mason. “We signed 12 players on defense and 10 on offense, enabling us to fill some needs on both sides of the ball. We are very excited about the players that have committed to our program and look forward to seeing them in a Minnesota uniform.”

Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown (Last School)
Marion Barber III	RB	5-11	195	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata H.S.)
Jerry Barnes Jr.	DL	6-6	230	Detroit, Mich. (Kettering H.S.)
Matthew Bass III	DB	6-0	170	Miramar, Fla. (McArthur H.S.)
Terrance Campbell	LB	6-2	185	Atlanta, Ga. (Frederick Douglass H.S.)
Diamos Demeritt	RB	5-11	197	Miami, Fla. (Norland H.S.)
Jared Ellerson	WR	6-2	181	Copley, Ohio (Copley H.S.)
Richard Ellman	OL	6-5	275	Oconto, Wis. (Oconto H.S.)
Brandon Hall	OL	6-5	270	Detroit, Mich. (Finney H.S.)
Damian Haye	DL	6-2	245	Miami, Fla. (Hialeah-American H.S.)
Charlton Keith	LB	6-5	220	Akron, Ohio (Buchtel H.S.)
Rob Kraemer	OL	6-4	285	White Bear Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake H.S.)
Keith Lipka	DL	6-4	265	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek H.S.)
Mark Losli	DL	6-7	240	Spring Lake Park, Minn. (Spring Lake Park H.S.)
Kason Love	DL	6-2	260	Perris, Calif. (Chaffey Junior College)
Trevor McCulloch	OL	6-4	300	Brainerd, Minn. (Brainerd H.S.)
Mike Nicholson	OL	6-5	285	River Falls, Wis. (River Falls H.S.)
Jarod Posthumus	QB	6-4	215	St. Cloud, Minn. (Becker H.S.)
Derrick (Dee) Saunders	DB	5-10	170	Belle Glades, Fla. (SUNY College-Morrisville)
Danny Upchurch	DB	5-9	170	Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven H.S.)
Bradley Vance	LB	6-1	211	Calumet City, Ill. (Thornwood H.S.)
Jakari Wallace	WR	5-8	170	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (Boyd Anderson H.S.)
Ken Williams	DB	6-1	175	Oakwood Village, Ohio (Bedford H.S.)

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Marion Barber III, 5-11, 195, RB, Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata H.S.)

A *SuperPrep* All-Midwest Team selection and a *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection...rushed for 1,778 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior...excellent defensive back as well...led his team with 10 interceptions, three of which came against Cretin-Derham Hall's Joe Mauer...son of former NFL and All-Big Ten Golden Gopher running back Marion Barber Jr....consensus all-state selection...led his team to a 10-2 record and an appearance in the state tournament...posted an 18-4 two-year record at Wayzata...an honorable mention all-conference performer in baseball as a center fielder...gifted athlete who makes plays on both sides of the ball...plans to major in business at Minnesota...high school coach was Brad Anderson...son of Marion and Karen Barber...born 6-10-83.

Jerry Barnes Jr., 6-6, 230, DL, Detroit, Mich. (Kettering H.S.)

Athletic defensive lineman who had 20 sacks and 26 tackles for loss in 10 games his senior season...*Detroit News* honorable mention All-American...garnered honorable mention All-America honors from *Blue Chip* magazine...second team all-city selection...multi-sport athlete who also competed in volleyball and basketball in high school...high school coach was Robert Hunt...son of Denise C. Barnes...born 8-19-83.

Matthew Bass III, 6-0, 170, DB, Miramar, Fla. (McArthur H.S.)

Registered 38 solo tackles, 56 assists, 17 pass-breakups and three fumbles recovered in his senior season...tallied three interceptions, two of which he returned for TDs...first team All-Broward County selection...second team all-state selection in Division 5A...also returned kickoffs with a long return of 98 yards...was selected to play in the Broward-Dade All-Star Game...competed in the 4x400 relay and 200-meter dash for the track team...cousin of NFL player Darren Smith (Dallas/New Orleans)...plans to major in art or business...also competed in track and field and wrestling...high school coach was Keith Franklin...son of Laura D. Smith and Matt Bass Jr...born 3-11-83.

Terrance Campbell, 6-2, 185 LB, Atlanta, Ga. (Frederick Douglass H.S.)

First team All-Atlanta selection...tallied 60 solo tackles with 20 assisted in 11 games as a senior...had 12 tackles for loss, including eight sacks...also broke up 12 passes and had five interceptions...goes by the nickname "T-Bone"...attended the same high school as Jamal Lewis of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens...high school coach was Butch Climmons...son of Deborah Campbell and Nate Crump...born 3-28-83.

Diamos Demerritt, 5-11, 197, RB, Miami, Fla. (Norland H.S.)

Honorable mention all-state, all-county selection and all-conference selection...rushed for 1,167 yards with 11 TDs in seven games...also had 18 receptions for 149 yards and a TD...his most memorable sports thrill was breaking a 98-yard TD run, the longest in Dade County last year...also competed in track and field and basketball...plans to major in engineering...high school coach was Nigel Dunn...son of Cassandra James...born 4-1-83.

Jared Ellerson, 6-2, 181, WR, Copley, Ohio (Copley H.S.)

Multi-sport athlete who has excellent athletic ability...tallied 120 receptions in two years with 22 TDs...hauled down 81 catches for 12 TDs and 1,383 yards and an average reception of 17.1 yards as a senior...registered 23 punt returns for a 12.7 yard average with one TD...fielded 14 kickoffs for an average return of 26.9 yards and one TD...first team Suburban League selection...AP all-

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state first team selection...NEO Inland District Offensive Player of the Year...first-team Ohio Prep selection for all divisions...*Cleveland Plain Dealer* Seven County All-Star Team selection...first team *Akron Beacon Journal* selection...Akron Touchdown Club All-Star selection...Offensive Player of the Year for Summit, Medina and Portage Counties...selected to play in Ohio/Penn Big 33 All-Star game...led his team to the Ohio Division III Final Four...also competed in the high jump, 4x100 relay and long jump in track and field...lettered in track and field, basketball and football...finished third in the high jump at the 2000 state track and field meet...was a Merit Roll student...high school coach was Dan Boarman...son of Jerry R. and Karen A. Ellerson... born 5-9-83.

Richard Ellman, 6-5, 275, OL, Oconto, Wis. (Oconto, H.S.)

Offensive and defensive lineman of the year in his conference his senior year...earned first team all-state honors his senior year...tallied 81 tackles on defense with 4.5 sacks...two-time all-conference, all-area, all-county and all-city selection...earned letters in football, wrestling and track and field...all-conference selection in wrestling...posted a 34-2 record last year and is 29-0 so far this season...honor roll student...rumbled for an amazing 73-yard touchdown run after stripping the ball from a running back...high school coach is Bill Hass...son of Tracey Ellman... born 11-7-82.

Brandon Hall, 6-5, 270, OL, Detroit, Mich. (Finney H.S.)

Big offensive line prospect who played as a tackle on both sides of the ball in high school...tallied 60 tackles with 12 sacks and 15 tackles for loss as a senior...also competed in track and field and basketball...plans to major in business management...high school coach was Darrel Rich...son of Dorothy M. Hall...born 7-8-83.

Damian Haye, 6-2, 245, DL, Miami, Fla. (Hialeah-American H.S.)

Associated Press all-state selection who has tremendous quickness and athleticism...*PrepStar* All-Southeast selection...*Rivals.com* All-America selection... first team All-Dade County selection...considered the top player on one of Dade County's top defenses...All-Florida Friday Night Team selection...*Florida Prep Football* magazine top 100 player who is ranked 48th in the state...tallied 45 tackles, 15 for loss with nine sacks this past season...hard hitter who forced seven fumbles and recovered six...high school coach was Marty Bernstein...son of Christine Baxter...born 11-25-82.

Charlton Keith, 6-5, 220, LB, Akron, Ohio (Buchtel H.S.)

Talented linebacker prospect who was the state of Ohio Division II Player of the Year...all-state and all-county selection...two-time all city selection...also won all-conference and all-area honors as a senior...only the second player in the history of Akron City Series Football to win player of the year honors on both sides of the ball...tallied 71 tackles and 10 sacks with two interceptions...threw for 1,307 yards with 11 TDs and 61 completions on 125 attempts as the quarterback...was also an all-conference selection in basketball averaging 11.0 points per game...lettered in the high jump for the track and field team...is the cousin of NBA starter Eric Snow and NFL linebacker Percy Snow...high school coach was Claude Brown...son of Charles and Sherri Keith...born 5-4-83.

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Rob Kraemer, 6-4, 285 OL, White Bear Lake, Minn. (Forest Lake H.S.)

Big-time prospect who was a *SuperPrep* All-Midwest selection and a *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection...consensus all-state pick who had 50 tackles, 13 of them for loss and 12 sacks on the defensive side of the ball...was the Twin Cities Suburban Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...all-conference and all-area selection as a senior and was an honorable mention all-conference selection as a junior...has excellent quickness for a player his size...forced two fumbles and recovered three...saw some action as a tight end and caught six passes for 111 yards...was also his team's punter...has a very good 4.9 time in the 40-yard dash for a future 300-pounder...lists beating Mounds View High School 19-6 as a senior as his most memorable sports thrill...high school coach was former Golden Gopher football player Jim Herman...son of Mary Kay Wyland and Warren Langston...born 11-5-82.

Keith Lipka, 6-4, 265, DL, Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek H.S.)

Two-time all-state selection who is a *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection...two-time all-city, all-conference and all-area selection...played end on both sides of the ball...an All-Midwest Team selection and the 37th-best prospect in the Midwest according to *SuperPrep* magazine...tallied 72 tackles, 21 of them for loss as a senior...also notched eight sacks, broke up six passes, forced four fumbles and notched a safety...helped lead his team to a state title as a senior...*PrepStar* magazine calls Lipka "the best defensive lineman recruited by Minnesota since Bobby Bell and Carl Eller"...Lipka stood out on a defensive line that was one of the best in the Midwest...rated the ninth-best defensive lineman prospect in the Midwest by *PrepStar*...also earned three letters in track as a shot putter...qualified for the state meet in the shot put and discus...plans to major in education...honor roll student...high school coach was Joe Koch...son of Richard and Sherry Lipka...born 7-30-83.

Mark Losli, 6-7, 240, DL, Spring Lake Park, Minn. (Spring Lake Park H.S.)

Outstanding student-athlete who was a *PrepStar* All-Midwest selection on the defensive line...has a very good 4.7 time in the 40...*SuperPrep* All-Midwest selection...played end on both sides of the ball...named the most valuable defensive lineman in his conference...tallied 87 tackles with three sacks on defense...caught 24 passes for 402 yards and three TDs as a senior...all-state selection as a senior...two-time all-conference and all-area selection...a standout player on the hard court as well, earning all-conference and team MVP honors as a junior center...averaged 16 points and 18 rebounds as a junior...an academic all-state and all-conference selection...four-year academic letter winner...National Honor Society member...is on pace to graduate in the top five percent of his class...plans to major in management information systems in the Carlson School of Management where he was admitted directly out of high school...high school coach was Jeff Schlieff...son of Lila and Paul Losli...born 2-17-83.

Kason Love, 6-2, 260 DL, Perris, Calif. (Chaffey Junior College)

Extremely athletic defensive lineman who was a *J.C. Gridwire* top 100 selection at Chaffey Junior College...All-Foothill Conference first team selection...has excellent speed and quickness...originally signed with Washington State University out of high school...led his team to a 9-2 record and the Southern California Bowl Championship with a win over Palomar C.C....tallied 48 tackles, 11 of them for loss in 11 games in 2000...notched eight sacks and forced three fumbles...led his team in total defensive points...made the Dean's list at Chaffey College...junior college coach was Carl Beach...attended Notre Dame High School in Riverside, Calif....was his team's MVP and an all-league selection...all-county and All-CIF linebacker as a prep player...led his team to the Big Bear Conference title as a senior...tallied a school-record 143 tackles...earned letters in four different sports in high school (FB, BKB, BSB and TR)...high school coach was Hal Pfeiffer...grandson of Ethel Davis...born 3-20-81.

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Trevor McCulloch, 6-4, 300, OL, Brainerd, Minn. (Brainerd H.S.)

Tremendous offensive line prospect who has excellent size and strength...three-time all-conference selection who earned first-team all-state honors as a senior...four-year letterwinner in football at left tackle...two-time all-area selection who also earned, all-conference and all-section honors in wrestling...qualified for the state wrestling meet as a junior...track letterwinner in the hammer throw event...lists winning the section title his sophomore season as his most memorable sports thrill...high school coach was Ron Stolski...son of Budd McCulloch...born 3-5-82.

Mike Nicholson, 6-5, 285, OL, River Falls, Wis. (River Falls H.S.)

Excellent offensive line prospect who had an outstanding senior year, earning all-conference, all-area and all-state second team honors...named to the All-Northwest Wisconsin Team...had 51 tackles, nine for loss and four sacks on the defensive side of the ball...also competed in track and field, earning two letters...competes in the shot put and discus events...plans to major in kinesiology...high school coach was Bill Forster...son of Rick and Beth Nicholson...born 3-9-83.

Jarod Posthumus, 6-4, 215, QB, St. Cloud, Minn. (Becker H.S.)

Outstanding quarterback prospect who threw for 5,844 yards in his prep career...*PrepStar* All-Midwest Team selection and one of the top 10 quarterback prospects in the Midwest...all-state as a senior, two-time all-area and three-time all-conference selection...threw for over 3,400 yards and 30 TDs the past two seasons...completed 60 percent of his passes as a prep QB...played safety on the defensive side of the ball...tallied 79 tackles with four pass breakups and four interceptions...set the school record for career interceptions...earned 12 letters in high school in three sports (FB, BKB, TR)...led the football team to a 30-13 record in his four years as a starter...averaged 19.3 points and 10 rebounds in basketball and has tallied 1,500 points heading into his senior season...four-time first-team all-conference selection on the hardwood...also finished second in the state in the discus...excellent student who was on the honor roll and is in the top 10 percent of his class...high school coach was Dwight Lundeen...his brother Kyle plays football at Augustana College (NCC)...son of Virginia Posthumus...born 8-29-82.

Dee Saunders, 5-10, 170, DB, Belle Glades, Fla. (SUNY College-Morrisville)

Junior college defensive back who has excellent speed (4.49) and cover ability...a *SuperPrep* magazine Juco Top 100 selection...named the second-best J.C. cornerback available by *Blue Chip Illustrated*...*J.C. Gridwire* and *PrepStar* magazine All-America selection...signed with Miami out of high school...tallied 36 tackles, 29 of them solo with 11 pass breakups and three interceptions at SUNY-Morrisville...junior college coach was Terry Dow...transferred to Morrisville after redshirting a year at Coffeyville C.C....a *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-Southeast selection at Glades Central High School...all-state, all-area and all-conference selection...team was ranked #1 in Class 4A...posted a 14-1 record, losing in the state title game...returned 29 punts for an average of 16.5 yards and took two of them the distance for TDs...high school coach was Milton Watson...son of Oliver Saunders and Beatrice King...born 2-7-80.

Danny Upchurch, 5-9, 170, DB, Columbus, Ohio (Brookhaven H.S.)

Ranked the sixth-best defensive back prospect in the Midwest by *PrepStar* magazine...*SuperPrep* All-Midwest Team selection...all-state selection and three-time all-city selection...highly regarded as a cover man, he tallied 55 tackles and eight interceptions...multi-talented player, he played quarterback and threw for 1,001 yards with 10 TDs and also punted, posting a 36.8 yard average in 22 punts...a breakaway threat as a punt returner, he averaged 21.5 yards per return and brought one back the distance...named a Buckeye Blue Chip player by the Touchdown Club of Columbus...led his team to a 9-2 record as a junior and a 10-2 mark as a senior, both years reaching the state playoffs...also lettered in basketball and baseball...high school coach was Gregg Miller...son of June Upchurch...born 11-2-81.

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Bradley Vance, 6-1, 211, LB, Calumet City, Ill. (Thornwood H.S.)

Very athletic linebacker who tallied 107 tackles as a senior...forced five fumbles and had five pass breakups to go with four sacks in nine games...second team *Champaign Gazette* all-state team...all-area and all-conference as a senior...high school coach was Andre Collins...son of Bradley Vance...born 3-2-83.

Jakari Wallace, 5-8, 170, WR, Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. (Boyd Anderson H.S.)

Talented offensive player who played running back and wide receiver in high school...honorable mention all-state selection...all-county selection as a junior and senior...has a 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash and a 33 inch vertical leap...tallied nine TD receptions as a senior...*Florida Prep Football* magazine top 100 selection (89th)...named to the All-Florida Friday Night Team...returned six punts for 237 yards, four of them for TDs...has a personal best of 10.67 in the 100 meter dash...was a member of his team's 4x100 relay team which won the county title...high school coach was Ken Scott...son of Willard and Carolyn Wallace...born 9-11-82.

Ken Williams, 6-1, 175, DB, Oakwood Village, Ohio (Bedford H.S.)

Outstanding athlete who was a very good two-way player...has 4.4 speed...tallied 60 tackles and one interception in his two years at defensive back...excellent track athlete who is a state champion in the 110-meter high hurdles and is ranked second in the nation in that event...has a personal best of 10.8 in the 100-meter dash...was selected to play in the Ohio/Penn Big 33 All-Star Classic...was his team's MVP as a senior...two-time All-Lake Erie League selection...plans to major in business at Minnesota...high school coach was Jim Hodakievic...loves to draw and sing in his spare time...older brother played football at Toledo...son of Kevin and Julia Williams...born 11-15-82.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Versus Central Michigan (2 games) at the Metrodome, Monday, February 12, at 1 p.m.; at the Coca Cola Classic in Mobile, Alabama, Friday-Sunday, February 16-18.

LAST WEEK: 18-9 loss to Central Michigan at the Metrodome.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: Versus Penn State at Williams Arena, Wednesday, February 14, 7 p.m.; at Michigan, Saturday, February 17, 11:15 a.m. in Ann Arbor, Mich..

LAST WEEK: 66-59 win at Northwestern and 94-83 loss to Michigan State.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Alumni Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz., February 16-21

LAST WEEK: None

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: Versus Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion, Friday, February 16 at 7 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Clay Strother, Eric Steele and Bill Callahan compete at the Winter Cup Challenge in Las Vegas, Nev.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Versus Colorado College, Friday-Saturday, February 16-17 at Mariucci Arena; both games at 7:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: 4-1 & 3-1 wins over Minnesota State, Mankato in Mankato, Minn.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: Big Ten Championships at the Aquatic Center, Thursday-Saturday, February 22-24

LAST WEEK: None

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: Minnesota hosts the Snowshoe Open, Friday, February 16 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

LAST WEEK: Gerding sets school record at the Iowa State Classic.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: Versus Kansas, Friday, February 16 at the 98th Street Athletic Club in Bloomington, Minn.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota drops two of three matches at Boise State Invitational.

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: At Wisconsin, Friday, February 16, 7 p.m. in Madison, Wis.; at Iowa, Sunday, February 18, 12:30 p.m. in Iowa City, Iowa.

LAST WEEK: 32-3 win over Michigan State and 37-3 win over Penn State.

FEBRUARY 11-17, 2001

BASEBALL

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS DOWN GOLDEN GOPHERS 18-9 IN SEASON OPENER

The University of Minnesota baseball team lost their first game of the 2001 season 18-9 to Central Michigan University Sunday night at the Metrodome. Three hundred and fourteen fans were on hand to watch, as the Chippewas littered the field with 17 hits – eight of them for extra bases. Junior south-paw Nick Zastrow battled for the win, while sophomore Nick McCauley tallied the loss.

The game opened well for the Maroon and Gold, as they took a quick 2-0 lead after the first inning, thanks to RBI singles from juniors Jack Hannahan and Jason Kennedy. Central Michigan responded immediately, however, with two runs of their own in the top half of the second. The two teams would trade hits and runs until the visiting half of the seventh. The Chippewas rallied for eight runs on just four hits, as the Golden Gophers burned themselves with mistakes.

Hannahan highlighted the Minnesota offense with a 3-for-5 performance, including a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to give his team a two-run lead. Kennedy also knocked out three hits for the home team.

Minnesota and Central Michigan will go at it again tomorrow at the HHH Metrodome. The two teams will finish the series with a double header beginning at 1 p.m. CST.



PRO-ALUMNI DOWNS VARSITY 4-0 IN FIRST NO-HITTER

The pre-game ceremonies led most to believe it was going to be a night of celebration at the tenth annual Galyan's Golden Gopher Pro-Alumni game. The 2000 Big Ten Champion Golden Gophers were on hand to accept their title trophy and rings, and Denny Neagle was also applauded for his generous offer of \$180,000 to the University to begin the fourth endowed scholarship for the baseball program. However, the celebration was one-sided, as the Pro-Alumni team dropped the 2001 varsity squad 4-0 for the first no-hitter in the history of the event.

The visiting veterans opened up the game by tallying three runs in the top half of the first inning and never looked back. Rick Brosseau started the Alumni off with a single to right. Matt Scanlon shortly followed with a single of his own. Rob Quinlan picked up right where he left off in a Golden Gopher uniform by doubling in Brosseau and Scanlon, and putting the Pro-Alumni team on the board first. Seattle Mariner Dan Wilson backed up Quinlan with another double, and just like that, the former greats were ahead 3-0. Both sides would trade swings, but the vets added one more insurance run in the eighth for good measure, thanks to a Quinlan home run, as the 2001 Maroon and Gold surrendered nine hits and yet another game to the Pro-Alumni team.

Senior Dan McGrath started for the Pro-Alumni team and recorded the win. Freshmen Jeff Moen, Craig Mollidrem, Chad Drexler, James Rollins and sophomore C.J. Woodrow also took the mound for the veterans, and combined with McGrath to allow just three walks. Junior ace Mike Kobow took credit for the loss. He was joined by sophomore Nick McCauley, freshmen Jay Ganger and Josh Krogman and seniors Jason Amidon and Jason Shupe on the hill for the varsity team. The Pro-Alumni now lead the series 6-3-1.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

TENNIS

GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP TWO OF THREE MATCHES AT BOISE STATE INVITATIONAL

The 38th-ranked Golden Gopher men's tennis team won one of three matches last weekend at the Boise State Invitational. Minnesota dropped a pair of matches by scores of 4-3 to 13th-ranked SMU and 33rd-ranked Clemson. The Golden Gophers defeated #39 Boise State by a score of 4-3.

Against 13th-ranked SMU, the Golden Gophers won three of the six singles matches, but lost two of the three doubles matches. The Mustangs' Genius Chidzikwe and Ryan Mauck defeated Minnesota's Tyson Parry and Eric Robertson 9-7 at No. 2 doubles.

Minnesota narrowly defeated host and 39th-ranked Boise State by a score of 4-3. The Golden Gophers won four of six singles matches highlighted by Harsh Mankad's 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Guillaume Bouvier at No. 1 singles.

In the final match against #33 Clemson, the Golden Gophers and the Tigers split the six singles matches, but Clemson claimed two of the three doubles matches.

Boise State Invitational

#13 SMU 4, #38 Minnesota 3

Singles

1. Harsh Mankad, (UM) def. Genius Chidzikwe (SMU), 7-5, 6-4
2. Jon Wallmark (SMU) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 6-3, 6-1
3. Alexis Rudzinski (SMU) def. Chris Wettengel (UM), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2
4. Jon Svensson (UM) def. Johan Brunstrom (SMU), 6-3, 6-3
5. Aleksey Zharinov (UM) def. Lukasz Senczyszyn (SMU), 7-5, 6-1
6. Ryan Mauck (SMU) def. Eric Robertson (UM), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

1. Mankad/Duenas (UM) def. Wallmark/Brunstrom (SMU), 9-8 (7)
2. Chidzikwe/Mauck (SMU) def. Parry/Robertson (UM), 9-7
3. Rudzinski/Senczyszyn (SMU) def. Wettengel/Svensson (UM), 8-4

#33 Minnesota 4, #39 Boise State 3

Singles

1. Harsh Mankad (UM) def. Guillaume Bouvier (BSU), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4

2. Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Marcus Berntson (BSU), 6-3, 7-6
3. Mark Roberts (BSU) def. Chris Wettengel (UM), 6-2, 6-3
4. Alexi Zharinov (UM) def. Jonny Biorkman (BSU), 6-3, 6-2
5. Jon Svensson (UM) def. Rio Kuharski (BSU), 6-4, 6-1
6. Mahmoud Rezk (BSU) def. Eric Robertson (UM), 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

1. Duenas/Mankad (UM) def. Berntson/Roberts (BSU), 8-6
2. Bouvier/Kuharski (BSU) def. Svensson/Robertson (UM), 8-5
3. Biorkman/Rezk (BSU) def. Sloss/Wettengel (UM), 8-6.

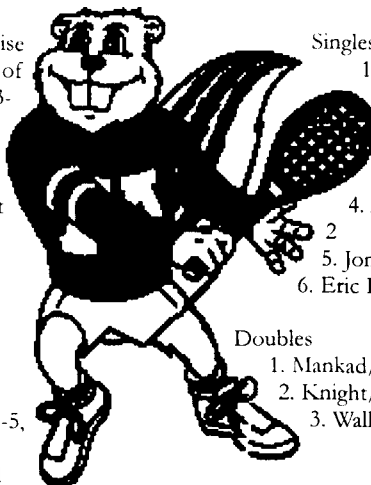
#33 Clemson 4, #38 Minnesota 3

Singles

1. Josh Goffi (CU) def. Harsh Mankad, (UM), 6-4, 6-4
2. Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Marko Gojanovic (CU), 7-5, 7-5
3. Micah Thompson (CU) def. Aleksey Zharinov (UM), 6-2, 6-4
4. Lee Taylor Walker (CU) def. Chris Wettengel (UM), 6-3, 6-2
5. Jon Svensson (UM) def. Damiisa Robinson (CU), 6-1, 6-3
6. Eric Robertson (UM) def. James Calhoun, 7-6, 6-3

Doubles

1. Mankad/Duenas (UM) def. Goffi/Gojanovic (CU), 8-4
2. Knight/Cohn (CU) def. Svensson/Robertson (UM), 8-4
3. Walker/Thompson (CU) def. Sloss/Zharinov (UM), 8-3



2000-01 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Site
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	South Bend, Ind.
Jan. 13-15	Big Ten Singles Champs	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Jan. 19-20	Ice Volleys	Bloomington, Minn.
Feb. 3-6	Rolex Indoors	Dallas, Texas
Feb. 10-11	Boise State Invite	Boise, Idaho.
Feb. 16	Kansas	Bloomington, Minn.
Feb. 17	Pennsylvania	Bloomington, Minn.
Feb. 18	Indiana	Bloomington, Minn.

2000-01 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 23	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 25	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
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.

TRACK & FIELD

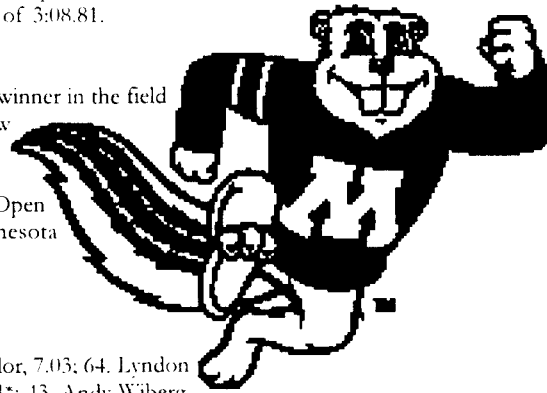
GERDING SETS SCHOOL RECORD AT IOWA STATE CLASSIC

University of Minnesota senior sprinter Tom Gerding was Minnesota's highest finisher at the 2001 Iowa State Indoor Classic in Ames, Iowa. Gerding finished fourth of 78 in the 400 meter dash with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 46.96, a career best. Gerding's time also set a new school record. He set the previous record last season with a 47.10.

Sophomore Toby Henkels also recorded a career-best time with a 1:50.57 in the 800m, finishing sixth overall. Freshman Will McComb took 10th of 64 in the 3,000m with a career-best time of 8:20.74. Jeremy Polson also had a top 10 finish in the 5,000m, finishing seventh with another career-best 14:22.43. The 4x400m relay team of Mitch Potter, Andy Wohlin, Mikael Jakobsson and Gerding took third place with an NCAA provisional and Minnesota school record time of 3:08.81.

Senior Mark Fahey was the lone top ten place winner in the field events. Fahey took ninth in the weight throw with a toss of 60-1 3/4.

The Golden Gophers host the Snowshoe Open next weekend at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse.



Minnesota Results:

60m – 29. Steve Burkholder, 7.02; 31. Ben Taylor, 7.03; 64. Lyndon McDowell, 7.38. 200m – 34. Ben Taylor, 22.44*; 43. Andy Wiberg, 22.78; Lyndon McDowell, 23.02*.

400m – 4. Tom Gerding, 46.96@*^; 800m – 6. Toby Henkels, 1:50.57*; 37. Zach Edmonson, 1:53.91*; 80. Jason Owen, 1:58.00.

Mile – 16. Neil Hanson, 4:10.08*; 45. Martin Robeck, 4:18.68. 3000m – 10. Will McComb, 8:20.74*; 18. Joe Corr, 8:27.17.

5000m – Jeremy Polson, 14:22.43*. 60m High Hurdles – 13. Mikael Jakobsson, 8.10; 22. Eric Svensson, 8.32; 26. Lyndon McDowell, 8.37; 35. Jayme Pantekoeck, 8.47; 51. Jesse Madsen, 8.96.

4x400m Relay – 3. Potter, Wohlin, Jakobsson, Gerding, 3:08.81@^.

Distance Medley Relay – 9. Henkels, Potter, Brian Meyer, Robeck, 9:53.46; 12. Owen, Wiberg, Edmonson, Hanson, 10:01.74.

High Jump – Scott Berggren, 6-6 3/4.

Pole Vault – Jayme Pantekoeck, 15-1.

Weight Throw – 9. Mark Fahey, 60-1 3/4; Ben Meyer, 53.6 1/4.

* – New Career best

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^ – Minnesota school record

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	UM Fieldhouse
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	State College, Pa.
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, 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



No. 1 GOLDEN GOPHERS PUMMEL No. 11 MICHIGAN STATE 32-3

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team destroyed No. 11 Michigan State 32-3 at the Sports Pavilion, winning nine of ten matches with five of the victories coming by major decision. The Golden Gophers did not allow a takedown for four straight matches, from 149 to 174 pounds.

The meet opened at 125 pounds with third-ranked Leroy Vega downing No. 4 Chris Williams 9-3 in one of Vega's most impressive performances on the year. Minnesota's lone loss on the night came at 133 pounds as No. 3 Brett Lawrence fell to MSU's fifth-ranked Pat McNamara 6-0. Lawrence never got going in the match and gave up 2:22 of advantage time to the Spartan.

The Golden Gophers responded in a big way, winning the meet's final eight matches. At 141 pounds, seventh-ranked Chad Erikson defeated No. 17 Mike Castillo 9-8. Erikson tallied an escape with 19 seconds remaining to earn the eventual match-winning point. The Maroon and Gold then put together a string of domination in the next four matches, winning all four by major decision and not allowing a Spartan takedown. Third-ranked Jared Lawrence started the streak of mastery, dropping No. 18 Karl Nadolsky 17-6. Lawrence notched seven takedowns during the match.

Next, at 157 pounds, fifth-ranked Luke Becker overwhelmed Charlie Sageman, cruising to a 16-5 major decision. Becker led the entire match and ended with 1:44 advantage time. Brad Pike gave Minnesota another four team points with his 16-7 triumph over Cory Posey at 165 pounds. Pike tallied seven takedowns and improved to 26-4 overall on the season. At 174 pounds, No. 12 Jacob Volkmann dominated Nate Mesyn with a 10-0 victory to move Minnesota to 22-3 on the scoreboard. Volkmann ended the match with an astonishing 4:13 of advantage time.

The Golden Gophers' major decision win streak stopped at 184 pounds, but No. 5 Damion Hahn proved victorious with his 9-7 decision over John Wechter. With the score tied at six in the third period, Hahn tallied an escape and takedown to break his two-match losing streak. At 197 pounds, sixth-ranked Owen Elzen provided some match-ending excitement in his 5-3 win over No. 9 Nik Fekete. Trailing 3-2 in the third, Elzen scored a takedown with eight seconds left and gained a point by advantage time to defeat the Spartan. Second-ranked heavyweight Garrett Lowney gave Minnesota four more team points in the closing bout with his 9-0 major decision win over Matt Lamb.

TOP-RANKED MINNESOTA TROUNCES No. 21 PENN STATE 37-3

On Senior Day at Williams Arena, the top-ranked Minnesota wrestling team thrashed No. 21 Penn State 37-3, winning nine of ten matches with three of the wins coming by technical fall and four by major decision. The Golden Gophers, winners of 12 consecutive dual meets, tallied 46 takedowns to the Nittany Lions' six to improve to 17-1 overall and 6-0 in the Big Ten.

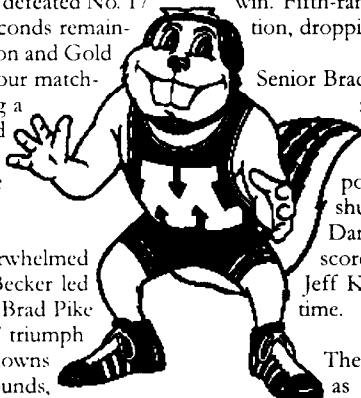
The meet opened at 141 pounds with seventh-ranked Chad Erikson posting a technical fall on Eric Narkiewicz. The match, which featured an Erikson three-point near-fall in each period, was terminated at 5:43 with the score at 20-4. At 149 pounds, third-ranked Jared Lawrence gave Minnesota another five team points with his 21-5 (6:35) technical fall triumph over Brent Narkiewicz. Lawrence notched seven takedowns and two near-falls in the win. Fifth-ranked Luke Becker maintained the Golden Gopher domination, dropping Aaron Wright with a 13-5 major decision at 157 pounds.

Senior Brad Pike closed out his home career at Minnesota with a commanding 22-7 (5:31) technical fall victory over the Nittany Lions' Doc Vecchio at 165 pounds. Pike, ranked third in the nation, notched eight takedowns and a near-fall. At 174 pounds, No. 12 Jacob Volkmann kept the Maroon and Gold shutout going with his 8-3 win over Mark Becks. Minnesota's Damion Hahn, ranked No. 5 at 184 pounds, moved the team score to 26-0 with his 14-4 major decision triumph over No. 14 Jeff Knupp. Hahn never trailed and ended with 1:42 of advantage time.

The Golden Gophers' lone loss of the meet came at 197 pounds as true freshman Eli Ross fell to Pete Mielnik 10-3. Gold Country rebounded at heavyweight behind second-ranked Garrett Lowney's exciting 6-3 win over PSU's Bob Jones. Lowney, up 4-3 in the third period, scored a takedown with six seconds remaining to ice the match. The redshirt freshman remains undefeated on the year at 12-0.

At 125 pounds, third-ranked Leroy Vega dropped Josh Moore 10-2 to move the Golden Gophers to 33-3 on the scoreboard. Vega tallied a reversal with seven seconds left to earn the major decision. Senior Brett Lawrence ended the meet and his home career in the Maroon and Gold with a 14-6 major decision of Marat Tomaev at 133 pounds. Lawrence, ranked third, scored four takedowns and a near-fall to gain the victory.

The Golden Gophers, winners of 26 of their last 27 Big Ten dual meets, hit the road for duals against No. 24 Wisconsin and No. 4 Iowa this weekend.



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	Madison, Wis.
Feb. 18	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 3-4	Big Ten Championships	Evanston, Ill.
Mar. 15-17	NCAA Championships	Iowa City, Iowa



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The University of Minnesota Football Office announced today that two new assistants had been hired, filling the remaining openings on the staff. David Turner has been named the defensive ends coach and Richard Wilson has been named the wide receivers coach. In addition, Minnesota moved eight-year coaching staff veteran Gordon Shaw back to the offensive side of the ball where he began his career at Minnesota. Shaw, who spent his first four seasons at Minnesota as the offensive line coach, will coach the guards and centers.

“We are excited to have these two new additions to the staff and have a full complement of coaches as we head in to spring practice,” said Head Coach Glen Mason. “David (Turner) is a 14-year veteran of the coaching ranks who has been a successful defensive coach at a number of programs. Richard (Wilson) is a veteran wide receivers coach who can step in right away and help us improve our ability to catch the ball.”


Turner comes to Minnesota from the University of Virginia where he served as defensive tackles and linebackers coach during his four-year stint with the Cavaliers. Prior to that he spent two years at North Carolina State (defensive ends and linebackers), two years at Kentucky (defensive ends) and two years at James Madison (linebackers). He also had stints at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1990), North Carolina State (1988-89) and Davidson (1986-87).

Wilson joins the Golden Gopher staff after spending the last six seasons at Oklahoma State University as the wide receivers coach. Prior to his stint at OSU, he was assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Eastern Michigan (1993-94), wide receivers coach at Clemson (1990-92) and Arkansas (1989-90). He also has coached at The Citadel (1987-88) and Missouri (1984-86).

The final change to the Golden Gopher Football staff is the naming of Greg Hudson as recruiting coordinator. Listed below are the staff assignments heading into the 2001 spring football practice session.

Tony Peterson	Co-offensive Coordinator/quarterbacks coach
Mitch Browning	Co-offensive Coordinator/tackles and tight ends coach
Vic Adamle	Running backs coach
Gordon Shaw	Centers and guards coach
Richard Wilson	Wide receivers coach
Moe Ankney	Defensive Coordinator/secondary coach
Greg Hudson	Linebackers coach/recruiting coordinator
Tom Sims	Defensive line coach
David Turner	Defensive ends coach
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MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST ILLINOIS SELECTED BY CBS

The University of Minnesota men's basketball game against Illinois has been selected by CBS and will move to Sunday March 4 at 3 p.m. at Williams Arena. This is Minnesota's second nationally televised game this season. The first was a 66-59 win over Northwestern on ESPN2. Minnesota has not played a game on CBS since the first round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament against Gonzaga.

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 3 at 3:30 p.m.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: At South Florida (3 games), Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25, in Tampa, Fla.; 6 p.m. on Friday, 12 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 0-3 at the Coca Cola Classic in Mobile, Ala., with losses to South Alabama, Auburn and North Carolina.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: At Wisconsin, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. in Madison, Wis.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 82-62 to Penn State at home and won 93-75 at Michigan.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Mar, P.R., Sunday-Tuesday, Feb. 25-27

LAST WEEK: None

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: Versus Michigan at the Sports Pavilion, Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Eighth-ranked Minnesota fell to No. 2 Ohio State 211.325-209.775; Clay Strother won the all-around.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: At Minnesota-Duluth, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 in Duluth, Minn.; both games at 7:05 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota swept Colorado College with 6-1 and 4-1 wins at Mariucci Arena.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: Minnesota hosts the Big Ten Championships at the Aquatic Center, Thursday-Saturday, February 22-24

LAST WEEK: None

TRACK & FIELD

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

LAST WEEK: Minnesota hosted the Snowshoe Open at the U of M Fieldhouse

TENNIS

NEXT UP: At Michigan State, Friday, Feb. 23; at Michigan, Sunday, Feb. 25; at the National Indoors, Friday-Tuesday, Feb. 24-27.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 3-0 with home wins over Kansas, Penn and Indiana.

WRESTLING

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

LAST WEEK: Top-ranked Minnesota defeated No. 21 Wisconsin 33-6 and No. 4 Iowa 17-16 on the road.

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BASEBALL

GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL UPDATE: The University of Minnesota baseball team dropped three games over the weekend to fall to 2-4 on the season. The Golden Gophers lost to eighth-ranked Auburn 14-6, host South Alabama 12-5 and a young North Carolina team 7-6. Minnesota has participated in the tournament three times, spanning five years, and has compiled a 1-6 record in that time.

Head Coach John Anderson and company will travel to Tampa, Fla., this coming weekend for a three-game series with the University of South Florida. They will return home to host the Hormel Foods baseball Classic March 2-4. San Diego State, Arkansas and fourth-ranked Miami highlight this year's tournament schedule. For more information, visit www.gopher-sports.com. For tickets, call (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

TIGERS POUND MINNESOTA 14-6: Minnesota lost the first of its three games at the Coca-Cola Classic in Mobile, Ala. The Golden Gophers surrendered 14 runs on 16 hits and three errors vs. eighth-ranked Auburn. Sophomore Scott Welch and senior Kurt Haring both had multi-hit performances to lead Minnesota. Mailon Kent and Gabe Gross combined for five hits, including a home run and two doubles, as the pair was responsible for all 14 of Auburn's runs.

The Tigers jumped on the board first, after Kent worked for a two-out hit, stole second and came around on a Trent Pratt single. Minnesota held Auburn to just one run for the first four innings, but could only manage two hits of their own. The Tigers broke the game open in the fifth and sixth innings by bringing 17 batters to the plate. Thanks in part to a two-RBI double and a three-run home run by Gross, seven runs crossed home in the two innings. Minnesota showed that they still had some heart by putting together five runs in the seventh and eighth innings, but it would be all for not. Auburn sealed the three-hour and twenty-two minute ordeal by retiring the meat of Minnesota's lineup in the ninth, and walking away with a 14-6 victory. Junior Mike Kobow earned his first loss of the season for the Golden Gophers, and Hayden Gliemmo bettered his 2001 record to 3-0 for the Tigers.

MINNESOTA FALLS TO SOUTH ALABAMA 12-5: Minnesota lost its second game of the weekend and third game overall to South Alabama by a score of 12-5 at the Coca-Cola Classic in Mobile, Ala. Juniors Jason Kennedy, Rob LaRue and Scott Howard each collected two hits for the

Golden Gophers, while sophomore Luke Appert added a two-RBI single. Brett Parker turned in a 4-for-4 performance and three others had three-hit games, as the Jaguars rallied for 16 hits.

Minnesota jumped on top early thanks to a RBI single from Howard in the second inning. The Golden Gophers looked as though they were going to add to that lead, as they loaded the bases in the second. However, Jaguar starting pitcher Tim Davis was yanked after just 27 pitches, and Melvin Spivey came on and stifled the rally. South Alabama quickly responded to Minnesota's threat with three runs of their own in the lower half of the second inning. They added three more runs by the end of the sixth, and Minnesota was looking at a five-run deficit with just nine outs to go. The Golden Gophers pushed their first three batters across the plate in the seventh and closed the Jaguar lead to just two runs, but that would be their last spark. South Alabama rocked Minnesota pitching for five runs in the eighth, and ran away with the victory. Senior Ben Birk took the loss for Minnesota, and Spivey garnered the win for South Alabama.



GOLDEN GOPHERS LOSE TO NORTH CAROLINA 7-6:

Minnesota lost its third game of the weekend Sunday afternoon, and finished 0-3 at the Coca-Cola Classic. Sophomore C.J. Woodrow started for the Maroon and Gold, and it looked as though Minnesota's pitching woes would continue. Woodrow walked North Carolina's lead-off man and gave up a ground-rule double down the left field line to start the game. The Tar Heels loaded the bases by drawing another walk and scored on a double-play ball. They would get one more run off of a RBI triple by Ralph Roberts before Minnesota could retire the inning. The Golden Gopher offense answered in the top half of the second by punching in two runs of their own. Junior Jason Kennedy lined a RBI single to right, scoring sophomore Scott Welch, and freshman David Roach stole home to tie the game.

Then Woodrow went to work. Sitting down 15 of the next 16 batters he faced, the righthander no-hit the boys in baby-blue for four straight innings. Chad Drexler came on in relief in the bottom of the seventh and picked up where Woodrow left off by striking out the side. In that time, the Minnesota bats found a way to make a little noise. They tallied four runs on seven hits and carried a four run lead into the eighth inning. That is when it all fell apart. North Carolina rallied for two runs in the eighth inning and three in the ninth, as their bats could be silenced no more. They accumulated six hits, two of them for extra bases, and diminished Minnesota's lead.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

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FALL SEASON RECAP: The University of Minnesota men's golf team began the 2000-01 season with some impressive team and individual performances in fall tournaments.

The Golden Gophers opened the year with a first-place finish at the PSINet Intercollegiate Golf Invitational at Dellwood Hills Golf Club in Dellwood, Minn. The Maroon and Gold fired a two-over par team score of 290 to overcome second round leaders Virginia Tech and Purdue to claim the team title. Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman of Djursholm, Sweden posted a two-under par score of 70 for a 54-hole total of four-under par 212 and his first collegiate championship. Schauman was the only golfer in the field to break par in each of the three rounds on the 7,118-yard, par 72 track.

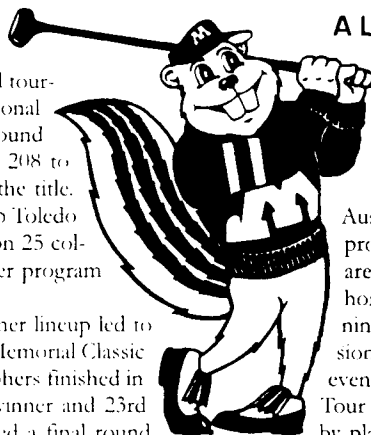
Schauman and the Golden Gophers won their second tournament title in less than a week at the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Schauman carded a final round three-over par 74 for a 54-hole total of five-under par 208 to claim individual medalist honors and lead the team to the title. Minnesota finished four strokes ahead of team runner-up Toledo in the 13-team field. The Golden Gophers have now won 25 collegiate events in the last 10 seasons, more than any other program in the Big Ten.

Steady play by all five members of the Golden Gopher lineup led to a third-place finish in a strong field at the 2000 Windon Memorial Classic at The Knollwood Club in Chicago, Ill. The Golden Gophers finished in a third-place tie with Toledo, 12 strokes behind team winner and 23rd ranked Oklahoma in the 12-team field. Schauman carded a final round score of even par 72 for a 54-hole total of 215. The finish was good for a tie for fourth individually.

To close out the fall season, the Golden Gophers fired a final round score of six-under par 282 to move past four teams into a tie for 14th place at the conclusion of the 54-hole Golf World-Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Invitational. The 15th-ranked Golden Gophers, mired in 18th place in the 18-team event, moved past fourth-ranked Arizona State, seventh-ranked UNLV and 17th-ranked Florida on the tournament's final day.

SCHAUMAN NAMED GOLF WORLD PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Wilhelm Schauman was named Golf World's Men's Collegiate Player of the Week in the September 29 issue of the world's leading weekly golf publication.

A sophomore from Djursholm, Sweden, he captured his first and second collegiate wins in back-to-back events in leading the Golden Gophers to a pair of team titles. Schauman fired a 71-71-70—212 at the PSINet Collegiate Invitational for a two-stroke victory. For an encore performance, Schauman carded a 67-67-74 at the Wolverine Invitational for another two-shot victory.



A LOOK AHEAD: Minnesota has finished in the top 12 at the NCAA Championships in each of the last three seasons — led by upperclassmen and seasoned veterans. This year's squad returns only five players with college tournament experience, with the players having participated in a grand total of 33 events.

Sophomore Ben Meyers of Frankston, Victoria, Australia, and Wilhelm Schauman of Djursholm, Sweden provide the most returning experience and proved that they are more than capable of leading the team. Meyers claimed honors in the state of Minnesota's top summer event, winning the State Open while defeating the state's best professional and amateur golfers in the process. Schauman won two events in the fall and played in a number of European PGA Tour events as an amateur this past summer, gaining experience by playing with some of the world's top players. The Golden Gophers are currently ranked 22nd in the nation in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings.

NEXT UP: The Maroon and Gold head south to sunny Rio Mar, Puerto Rico, for the Puerto Rico Classic on Sunday-Tuesday, Feb. 25-27. The 54-hole tournament annually fields many of the nation's best teams.

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	Widon 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

GYMNASTICS

GOLDEN GOPHERS FALL TO NO. 2 OHIO STATE 211.325-209.775

The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team lost to second-ranked Ohio State 211.325-209.375 at the Sports Pavilion. The meet was highlighted, however, by another impressive performance in the all-around by Golden Gopher sophomore Clay Strother.

The nation's top-ranked all-arounder, Strother captured the all-around title with a score of 54.575, a season high for him and the Minnesota team. The Jasper, Texas native won the floor exercise (9.600) and pommel horse (9.700), finished second on the vault (9.125) and horizontal bar (8.800), and third on the parallel bars (8.650). He also placed sixth on the still rings with a score of 8.700. Strother is also the top-ranked gymnast on the pommel horse and the second-ranked gymnast on the floor.

With his all-around score, Strother improves upon his nation-leading average of 54.062. Ohio State's Raj Bhavsar, ranked second, coming into the meet, finished third in the all-around with a score of 52.575. His teammate, Jamie Natalie placed second with a 53.425.

Freshman Eric Steele, the nation's top-ranked gymnast in the vault, also had a solid performance for the Maroon and Gold. A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Steele won the vault (9.375) and finished third on the floor exercise (8.800).

The Golden Gophers host third-ranked Michigan Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion in Big Ten dual meet action.

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). Freshman Eric Steele took second-place honors on both the floor exercise (8.800) and vault (9.150).

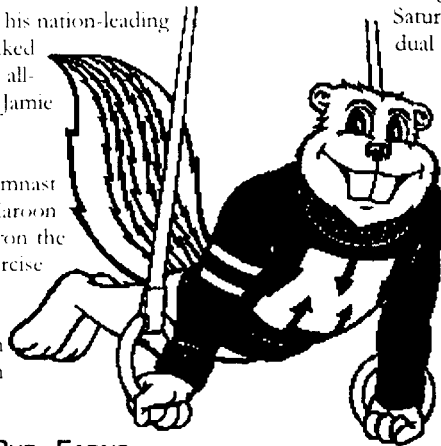
In the all-around competition on day two, Strother took top honors on the

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. Freshman Bill Callahan competed on day one, but failed to advance to the second day of competition.

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.

The 2001 Winter Cup featured nearly 100 collegiate stars from Ohio State, Penn State, Stanford, California-Berkeley, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Washington. The gymnasts gathered in Las Vegas for the Winter Cup in their first attempt to compete under the new Code of Points for the present Olympic quadrennium.

NEXT UP: The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers host third-ranked Michigan Saturday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Sports Pavilion in Big Ten dual meet action.



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	Sports Pavilion
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 Kochler	So.	North Bergen, N.J.
Panagiotis Nikolaides	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.

SWIMMING & DIVING

SEASON REVIEW... BRIEFLY: The No. 17 Golden Gopher swimming and diving team successfully competed another undefeated Big Ten dual meet season. This was the third-consecutive season Minnesota fought off defeat at the hands of another Big Ten foe. The Gophers have now won 16 consecutive Big Ten dual meets. Mixed in with the Big Ten duals was a dual meet loss to North Carolina, first place finishes at the Minnesota Invitational and the Georgia Invitational and a third place finish at the Dallas Morning News Invitational.

MINNESOTA AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Golden Gophers have won five Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships in its 81 years as an intercollegiate athletic team. The first was in 1922, the last was in 1998. Three of Minnesota's Big Ten Championships have been in the last 10 years, 1992, '96 and '98. Minnesota has also been the runner-up 11 times. The Golden Gophers have finished either first or second every year since 1990. Minnesota has also tallied 100 individual and relay champions since 1920.

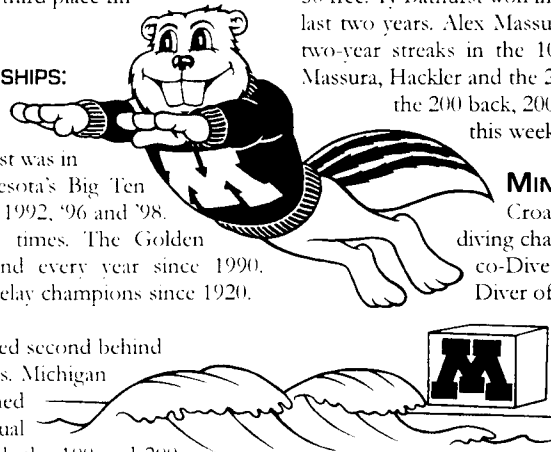
LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS:

Minnesota finished second behind Michigan at last year's Big Ten Championships. Michigan finished with 682 points, while Minnesota earned 601. The Golden Gophers won five individual events and four relays. Alex Massura won both the 100 and 200 backstrokes, Ricardo Dornelas won the 50 freestyle, Jeff Hackler won the 200 breaststroke, Dan Croaston won 3-meter diving and Minnesota won the 200, 400 and 800 free and 400 medley relays. All of those champions return this season, except Max vonBodungen who was a member of the 400 and 800 free relays. In addition, three Minnesota swimmers received additional honors. Massura was named Big Ten Swimmer of the Year, Croaston was Diver of the Year and co-Diver of the Championships, and Hackler earned Freshman of the Year honors. All three as well as vonBodungen, Keam Ang, Grant Butler, Brandon Crook, Ricardo Dornelas, Allen Ong and Matt Taylor received All-Big Ten honors.

DEFENDING THE TITLES: The Golden Gophers have several titles to defend this weekend at the Big Ten Championships. Some of the titles also include long Minnesota winning streaks. Minnesota has won the 400 freestyle relay for five years and should extend that streak to six this season. The Gophers also have two-year streaks going in the 800 free relay and the 400 medley relay. The longest streak in individual events is three years in the 50 free. Ty Bathurst won in 1998 and Ricardo Dornelas has won each of the last two years. Alex Massura and Dan Croaston will be looking to defend two-year streaks in the 100 backstroke and 3-meter diving, respectively. Massura, Hackler and the 200 free relay team will attempt to start streaks in the 200 back, 200 breast and 200 free relay with their second wins this weekend.

MINNESOTA SWIMMERS TO WATCH:

Dan Croaston - two-time defending Big Ten three-meter diving champion, last year's Big Ten Diver of the Year and co-Diver of the Championships. He has earned Big Ten Diver of the Week honors four times this season and has taken first in every event this season except one. Justin Mortimer - promising freshman distance freestyler. He took two first-place finishes in his first collegiate meet and has continued strong ever since. He has top 25 times in four events, the 500, 1000 and 1650 freestyle and the 400 individual medley. Keam Ang - 2000 Olympian for Malaysia. He returned to the Gophers for the second semester. Since then he has recorded the sixth best time in the nation in the 200 butterfly with a 1:46.21. Alex Massura - 2000 Olympian for Brazil and defending Big Ten Swimmer of the Year. Alex has two titles to defend in the 100 and 200 backstrokes. Although he only rejoined the team in January he has already recorded the tenth best time in the country in the 100 back. Jeff Hackler - the 2000 Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Jeff shattered Minnesota's school records in the 200 breast last season and looks to improve upon that performance at the year's championships. He has recorded top 25 times in both breaststroke events.



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	Aquatic Center
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

THIS WEEK: Minnesota continues league play with a road trip to Michigan to face Michigan State (Friday) and Michigan (Sunday). The Golden Gophers lead the series with the Spartans 30-14 and have won 27 of the last 28 meetings. Minnesota has lost just once against the Spartans since 1971. The Wolverines lead the series with Minnesota by a 43-16-1 margin. Minnesota defeated Michigan 7-0 last year.

INJURIES HIT THE GOLDEN GOPHERS: Minnesota has been hampered this season by numerous injuries. Junior Thomas Haug has not seen action since winning the Region IV title in late October. Several others including Jon Svensson, Chris Wettengel, Tyson Parry and Jorge Ducnas have missed time.

SEVERAL STEP UP: Despite the injuries, several Golden Gophers have stepped up in their place. Against Penn on Saturday, junior Karl Sloss teamed with sophomore Steve Solberg to earn a victory at No. 3 doubles. Against Indiana in the Big Ten opener on Saturday night, he clinched the 4-3 team victory with a thrilling three-set victory at No. 6 singles. Trailing 3-5 in the third-set tiebreaker, he stormed back with four straight points to defeat Bernard Tsepelman, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6.

FROM RUSSIA, WITH LOVE: Minnesota welcomed a new addition to its squad in January in Aleksey Zharinov. The freshman from Novosibirsk, Russia has seen extended action since enrolling. He has won five of his past six single matches, including an important 7-5, 6-2 win over Indiana's Paul Jacobson at No. 3 singles on Saturday night.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DEFEAT #62 KANSAS 5-2: The 37th-ranked University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated 62nd-ranked Kansas 5-2 at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. Minnesota captured five of the six singles matches as Harsh Mankad, Jorge Ducnas, Aleksey Zharinov, Jon Svensson and Eric Robertson all posted victories. Kansas captured the doubles point with two victories. Robertson and Chris Wettengel captured the Golden Gophers' lone victory at No. 3 doubles.

MAROON AND GOLD DROPS PENN 6-1: The 37th-ranked University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Pennsylvania by a score of 6-1 at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn., on Saturday morning. Minnesota swept all six singles matches, highlighted by Aleksey Zharinov's win at No. 2 Singles over Fonda Stejskal. After splitting the first two sets,

Zharinov captured the super-tiebreaker by a score of 10-8. The Quakers captured the doubles point with two wins out of the three matches. For the Golden Gophers, the tandem of Steve Solberg and Karl Sloss defeated Penn's Andrew Kolker and Kevin Strouse by a score of 8-2 at No. 3 Doubles.

#37 MINNESOTA DOWNS #24 INDIANA 4-3: The 37th-ranked University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated 24th-ranked Indiana Saturday night at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn., in the Big Ten opener for both teams. The Golden Gophers improve to 5-4 on the season and 1-0 in the Big Ten. The match came down to No. 6 Singles and sophomore Karl Sloss for the Golden Gophers pulled out a thrilling 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (5) victory over Ricardo Jordan to clinch the win. Sloss trailed 3-5 in the third-set tie-breaker, but rallied to win four straight points. Minnesota took four of the six singles matches, but dropped the doubles point after Indiana won two matches.



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	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 25	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
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.

TRACK & FIELD

GOLDEN GOPHER TRACK & FIELD NOTEBOOK

LAST WEEK: Minnesota won all events except the 200m dash and the pole vault at the 2001 Snowshoe Open, Friday, February 16 at the University of Minnesota Field House. Seniors Steve Burkholder, Tom Gerding and Jeremy Polson ran season-best times in the 60m, 600m and Mile with times of 6.89, 1:18.35 and 4:09.54, respectively. Minnesota took the top four spots in the weight throw. Senior Mark Fahey and Ben Meyer finished first and second, freshman Lynden Reder took third and sophomore Mike Ehlers was fourth.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers will travel to State College, Pa. for the 2001 Big Ten Indoor Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The Gophers have finished in the top three each of the last five years. The last time Minnesota won a Big Ten Indoor title was in 1998 when they swept both the indoor and outdoor titles.

DEFENDING THEIR TITLES: Minnesota had three individual and relay champions at last year's Big Ten Indoor Championships. Tom Gerding will be back this season to defend his 600m title. The Distance Medley Relay team will also be defending their title. Toby Henkels is the only member of that team that will be returning this year. Nate Clay graduated and Bob Quade and Andrew McKessock are redshirting the indoor season. McKessock earned the other Minnesota title in the mile run, but due to a broken toe, he will not be able to defend his title.

ATHLETES TO WATCH: Senior Tom Gerding, a two-time All-Big Ten honoree, has only competed in three races this season due to a minor injury, but is healthy and rested for Big Tens. He will be defending his 600m title and adds a strong kick to the 4x400m relay. He set a new school record in the 400m at the Iowa State Classic with a 46.96. Freshman Mitch Potter is a valuable member of the 4x400m relay team. Potter is right on Gerding's tail in the 400m and should gain valuable points for the Minnesota squad. He gives the Gophers a quick start as the lead-off runner in the 4x400. Toby Henkels is strong in the 800m. He has recorded Minnesota's three top times in that event. As the only returning member of the 2000 Big Ten Champion distance medley relay team, he gives leadership to that group. Mark Fahey has been consistently improving in the weight throw throughout the season. He set a new school record at the Gold Country Open with a toss of 59-10 1/2. He broke that record a week later and the Northern Iowa Invitational with a throw of 60-3.

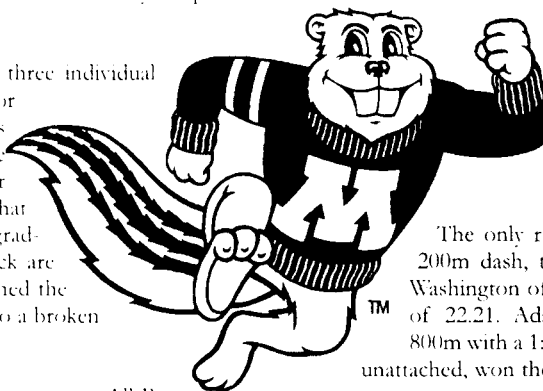
GOPHERS GET GOOD WARM-UP FOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Golden Gopher men's track and field team held their final indoor home meet of the season and their final meet before Big Ten Championships tonight and the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse. Several local teams including, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline, Augsburg, Northwestern College and North Central University participated in Minnesota's Snowshoe Open.

Minnesota performed very well in the meet. Senior captain Steve Burkholder won the 60m dash, tying his season-high time of 6.89. Freshman Ben Taylor finished right behind him with a 6.91. Mitch Potter took first in the 400m with a time of 48.50. Senior captain Tom Gerding took first in the 600m with a new season-best time of 1:18.35. Senior Jeremy Polson won the mile with a season team-best of 4:09.54. Sophomore Erik Quam won the 3000m with a time of 8:42.37.

The Minnesota Gold 4x400m relay team of Potter, Andy Wohlin, Gerding and Adam Steele finished just one second behind the Fieldhouse record with a 3:13.93. The Minnesota Distance Medley relay team of Jason Owen, Toby Henkels, Joe Corr and Will McComb also took first with a 10:14.90.

The only running events Minnesota did not win were the 200m dash, the 800m run and the 60m high hurdles. Jerry Washington of Gustavus Adolphus won the 200m with a time of 22.21. Adam Gellerstadt of Minnesota-Duluth won the 800m with a 1:52.78. Jasmin Alvarez of Michigan State, running unattached, won the hurdles with a time of 7.96.



Minnesota also fared well in the field events. Omar Clemmons, competing unattached, won the long jump with a leap of 22-8. Jack Brewer, who is also a member of the Golden Gopher football team won the triple jump with a jump of 46-10 3/4. Mike Ehlers won the shot put with a season-best 53-3 1/2. Mark Fahey won the weight throw with a toss of 57-7 3/4. Marc Johannsen, competing unattached, won the high jump with a leap of 6-11 1/2.

The only field event Minnesota did not win outright was the pole vault. The Golden Gophers' Jayme Pantekoek tied with Dan Madden of Minnesota-Duluth with a vault of 15-0.

The Golden Gophers travel to State College, Pa., next weekend to compete in the Big Ten Indoor Championships hosted by Penn State. The meet begins on Saturday and wraps up on Sunday.

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.	State College, Pa.
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

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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.
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WRESTLING



No. 1 MINNESOTA DROPS No. 4 IOWA IN 17-16 THRILLER

The top-ranked Minnesota wrestling team defeated fourth-ranked Iowa 17-16 in an electrifying dual meet in front of 10,048 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa. The Golden Gophers stormed out to a 14-0 lead and held on to hand the Hawkeyes their fourth loss of the season and snap their 15-dual meet home winning streak. The Maroon and Gold, winners of 14 consecutive dual meets and 28 of their last 29 Big Ten dual meets, finish the regular season 19-1 overall and 8-0 in Big Ten competition.

Golden Gopher redshirt freshman Damion Hahn, ranked fifth at 184 pounds, got Minnesota off to a good start, defeating No. 9 Jessman Smith 5-3 in sudden victory overtime. Trailing 3-1, Hahn scored a takedown with seven seconds remaining in regulation to push the match to overtime where he took Smith down early in the extra period for the win. At 197 pounds, sixth-ranked Owen Elzen gave Gold Country much-needed bonus points with his 15-0 (5:00) technical fall triumph over Hawkeye Ryan Fulsaa. Elzen scored four near-falls in the first period to cruise to the win. Second-ranked heavyweight Garrett Lowney remained undefeated on the year at 13-0 overall with his 6-2 win over Josh Liddle.

In one of the meet's most exciting matches, third-ranked Leroy Vega defeated No. 2 Jody Strittmatter 6-4 in overtime for his first-ever win over the Hawkeye in six meetings. With the match tied at four after regulation, Vega tallied a takedown halfway through the extra period to move Minnesota to 14-0 on the scoreboard. It was only Strittmatter's second loss of the year. Iowa rebounded, however, winning the meet's next four matches to pull within one point of the Golden Gophers. Top-ranked Eric Juergens posted a 14-3 major decision at 133 pounds to start the Hawkeyes on their roll.

At 141 pounds, No. 1 Doug Schwab eked out a 5-4 win over No. 7 Chad Erikson in a tight match. With the Minnesota bench pleading for stall warnings, Schwab scored a takedown midway through the third period to gain the eventual winning points. Iowa then posted a minor upset at 149 pounds as No. 8 Mike Zadick downed No. 3 Jared Lawrence 3-1 in overtime. The Hawkeyes pulled to 14-13 with a controversial 8-6 T.J. Williams win over Luke Becker at 157 pounds. Becker appeared to score two takedowns, one in the first period and one late in the match, but was not awarded the points and fell to the top-ranked Hawkeye in a thrilling match.

At 165 pounds, No. 3 Brad Pike widened the Minnesota lead to four points with his crucial 9-4 win over No. 9 Ben Shirk. Iowa's Gabe McMahan,

ranked fourth at 174 pounds, downed No. 12 Jacob Volkman 9-6 in the meet's final match, but it was not enough as the Golden Gophers dropped the Hawkeyes for the fourth time in their last five meetings.

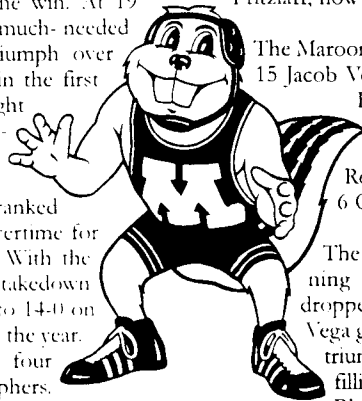
No. 1 GOLDEN GOPHERS BATTER No. 21 WISCONSIN 33-6

The top-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team pounded No. 21 Wisconsin 33-6, winning eight of ten matches. A Wisconsin forfeit at 149 pounds began the meet, giving Minnesota a lead it would never relinquish. Wrestling began at 157 pounds with No. 5 Luke Becker posting a 23-7 (5:36) technical fall on P.J. Dowling to give Gold Country an early 11-0 lead. Becker registered nine takedowns and a three-point near fall in the win. The Badgers responded in the featured match of the night as top-ranked Don Pritzlaff of Wisconsin downed third-ranked Brad Pike 8-6 at 165 pounds. Pritzlaff, now 4-0 against Pike, led throughout the match.

The Maroon and Gold rebounded in a big way at 174 pounds behind No. 15 Jacob Volkman's pin at 4:33 of Ryan Lewis. Fifth-ranked Damion Hahn kept Minnesota in the win column at 184 pounds, dropping No. 15 Ralph DeNisco 10-3. The Badgers, however, responded at 197 pounds as Jareck Horton downed Eli Ross 6-3. Ross, a true freshman, filled in for regular starter No. 6 Owen Elzen.

The Golden Gophers won the meet's final four matches beginning at heavyweight where second-ranked Garrett Lowney dropped No. 17 Justin Staebler 6-2. At 125 pounds, No. 3 Leroy Vega gave Minnesota four team points with his 12-3 major decision triumph over No. 19 Tony Black. Big-time backup Ryan Lewis, filling in for Brett Lawrence at 133 pounds, upset No. 15 Kevin Black 13-6 to move the team score to 30-6. Lewis, unranked, has defeated ranked opponents in four of his last five matches. Seventh-ranked Chad Erikson closed out the meet with the closest match of the competition with his 5-4 victory over No. 14 Grant Hoerr in the 141-pound bout. Erikson moves to 23-3 on the year overall, including a 14-1 mark in duals and a 4-0 record in Big Ten meets.

UP NEXT: The top-ranked Golden Gopher grapplers look to unseat perennial conference-powerhouse Iowa at the Big Ten Championships on Saturday-Sunday, Mar. 3-4 in Evanston, Ill.



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

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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