



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: At Oregon State, Friday-Sunday, March 16-18 in Corvallis, Ore.; Friday's game at 6 p.m., Saturday's at 2 p.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 3-0 over Connecticut with 13-6, 6-3 and 14-8 wins over the Huskies at the Metrodome.

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: At the Big Ten Championships, Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 in State College, Pa.

LAST WEEK: Golden Gophers defeated Illinois-Chicago and Nebraska on the road to close out the regular dual meet season.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the Texas A&M Invite, Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17 in College Station, Texas.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota had three events place in the top eight at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Villanova in the first round of the NIT, Wednesday, March 14, 8:30 p.m. at Williams Arena.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota lost 91-77 to Purdue in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament in Chicago, Ill.

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Vs. St. Cloud State, Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the semifinal of the WCHA Final Five.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota swept Michigan Tech 7-2 and 3-1 in the first round of the WCHA playoffs.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: At the Blue-Grey Tournament, Friday-Sunday, March 16-18 in Montgomery, Ala.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota beat Purdue 5-2 in home dual match action.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate, Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25, in Sherman, Texas.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers finished in 14th place at the Las Vegas Intercollegiate.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Championships, Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24 in Athens, Ga.

LAST WEEK: Dan Croaston won the 3-meter and platform diving titles at the Zone C Diving Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

WRESTLING

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

LAST WEEK: None

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BASEBALL

A BUMPY ROAD:

The 2001 Golden Gophers are currently in their longest winning streak this season. Winning their last four games, and seven of their last nine, the Maroon and Gold are pressed to keep up their victorious habits and carry them into next weekend's Big Ten Conference opener against a difficult Purdue team.

Minnesota (9-7) has struggled at times. As a matter of fact, in each of their seven losses, the Golden Gophers have either surrendered the winning run in the ninth inning, or fallen behind early to lose by seven runs or more.

Four of Minnesota's seven losses in 2001 have come to teams that are currently ranked among the nation's top 30. The Golden Gophers lost to Auburn, South Alabama and Miami - all of which are top 20 teams. They also dropped a heartbreaker to the University of North Carolina in their finale at the Coca-Cola Classic in Mobile, Ala.

WINNING WAYS:

Head Coach John Anderson, currently 698-433-3 (.617) in his career and 293-157 (.651) in Big Ten competition, is just two wins shy of reaching the 700 mark. Ranked 40th in the nation amongst active coaches for career victories and 49th for career winning percentage, Anderson has not had a losing season in his tenure of 19-plus years. Only twice has he failed to guide his team to a record at least five games over the .500 mark. His teams have reached the 40+ win plateau in five of the last nine seasons, and he is just three conference wins shy of becoming Minnesota's winningest Big Ten coach - surpassing Golden Gopher legend Dick Siebert for the most wins in Big Ten Conference history. Anderson has twice been honored with the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year Award, most recently last season for leading the Golden Gophers to a 20-8 conference record and a regular season conference crown. That allowed Minnesota to host its first Big Ten post-season tournament since 1986. His teams have made appearances in the Big Ten Tournament in 16 of his 19 seasons, winning four championships. He has led Minnesota to 11 NCAA postseason appearances including last year's NCAA Regional, which the Golden Gophers hosted. It was the first time since 1977 that the Golden Gophers have played the role of host to a regional tournament.

ALL JACK'D UP:

Junior third baseman Jack Hannahan has opened the 2001 season with an offensive eruption. Hannahan batted .700 (7-10) in the three game series against Central Michigan, including two doubles, a triple and a home run. He drove in five runs and scored four times. In the three game series against

South Florida two weekends ago, Hannahan batted .500 (6-12) with two doubles, four RBI and three runs scored.

Hannahan currently leads the team in 12 different offensive categories, including Batting average (.386), Slugging percentage (.632), on base percentage (.527), his (22) and total bases (36). He is also flawless on the base paths with a team-leading seven stolen bases in seven attempts. Hannahan, who was a leader on the team in offensive production last season, is one of Minnesota's top candidates for postseason accolades this year.

BURNIN' DOWN THE "HAUS":

Senior Josh Holthaus has been on a tear as of late. Since beginning the 2001 season 5-for-27 (.185) with two RBI, Holthaus has made a dramatic turnaround. In his last eight games, Josh has gone 11-for-26 (.423) with a home run, two triples, three doubles, 16 RBI and seven runs scored. He is batting .419 with runners on base, and .440 with men in scoring position.

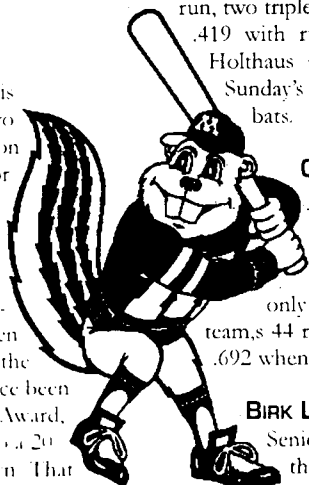
Holthaus also rode a team-high eight-game hitting streak into last Sunday's game versus Connecticut, before going hitless in his three at-bats.

CAN-DO "KENDO":

Junior Jason Kennedy has found his swing in the last four games. Batting a scorching .600 (9-15), "Kendo" belted his first home run of the year, roped two doubles, stole two bases, scored seven times, knocked in six RBI and struck out only once last week. The right fielder was responsible for 13 of the team's 44 runs, and is hitting .304 with runners in scoring position, and .692 when leading off an inning.

BIRK LOST FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS:

Senior lefthander Ben Birk will miss the next six to eight weeks of the 2001 season, after being struck in the face by a line drive over the weekend. Birk, who started the game against fourth-ranked Miami, delivered a 1-2 pitch to Hurricane third baseman Kevin Howard that was returned at 99 miles per hour, hitting Birk just over his left eye. Birk suffered multiple fractures to his face and will undergo surgery to repair the injuries this Friday (3/16). The Golden Gophers are hopeful that he will be able to return for the series against Michigan in April. Birk is currently ranked as one of the "Top 100 College Prospects" by *Baseball America*.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

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MINNESOTA STRUGGLES, FINISHES 14TH AT LAS VEGAS INTERCOLLEGIATE

The 13th-ranked Golden Gopher men's golf team closed out the Las Vegas Intercollegiate at Rio Secco Golf Course in 14th place, finishing with a 40-over par 904 in the 15-team, 54-hole tournament. Third-ranked Georgia Tech led from wire-to-wire and won the team title with a 20-under 844, 24 shots better than second-place Georgia's four-over 868.

The Golden Gophers fired their best round of the event as a team with a six-over 294, but could not overcome a slow start versus numerous highly-ranked teams. Sophomore Ben Meyers shot a two-under par 70 in the final round and finished in a team-best 31st place with a six-over 222. He was followed by Simon Nash at 230 (1-61st), and Wilhelm Schauman, David Morgan and Zach Faulds at 231 (1-65th). Jeff Quinney of Arizona State fired his third-consecutive round under par with a five-under 67 in the 75-player tournament with a 13-under 203.

The tournament, hosted by UNLV, featured 14 ranked teams according to the latest Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings, including No. 1 Georgia, No. 2 Clemson and No. 3 Georgia Tech.

54-Hole Team Results

Team	Scores
Georgia Tech	292 279 273—844 -20
Georgia	300 288 280—868 +4
Clemson	293 287 289—869 +5
North Carolina St.	299 287 285—871 +7
TCU	294 295 285—874 +10
Arizona State	307 282 286—875 +11
Florida	297 292 287—876 +12
Oklahoma State	300 286 292—878 +14
Houston	301 291 292—884 +20

South Carolina	312 293 283—888 +24
New Mexico	311 287 293—891 +27
UNLV	316 292 284—892 +28
Texas	310 290 296—896 +32
Minnesota	311 299 294—904 +40
Kent State	319 292 296—907 +43

Golden Gopher Scores

Place	Player	Scores
T31	Ben Meyers	76 76 70—222
T61	Simon Nash	84 75 71—230
T65	Wilhelm Schauman	76 74 81—231
T65	David Morgan	81 74 76—231
T65	Zach Faulds	78 76 77—231

SCHAUMAN RANKED 16TH IN NATION: Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman, a native of Djursholm, Sweden, has made a name for himself in his second season as a Golden Gopher golfer. With his stellar play this year, Schauman has been ranked as the nation's 16th-best collegiate golfer in the Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings. He is the second-highest ranked golfer in the Big Ten, behind Northwestern's Luke Donald at No. 8. This season, Schauman has maintained a stroke average of 72.15 and has finished in the top five in four of the season's seven events.



UP NEXT: Minnesota next competes at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate on Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25, in Sherman, Texas.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	114th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	15th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
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.
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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

MINNESOTA WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT, DEFEATS NEBRASKA 207.550-205.650

The tenth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team downed No. 13 Nebraska 207.550-205.650 in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday afternoon, extending its dual meet winning streak to four. It is the Golden Gophers' longest consecutive win streak since the 1995 season when the Big Ten Champion Minnesota team won five straight.

The Maroon and Gold produced a full-team effort in defeating the Cornhuskers, but were led by freshman Eric Steele's performance as he won two events and finished third in the all-around with a 51.200. Steele, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., won the floor exercise (9.300) and vault (9.550), and finished in fourth on both the pommel horse (8.200) and still rings (8.700).

The Golden Gophers, as a team, won four of six events, and swept the top-three places in winning the vault. Behind Steele was sophomore Tim Koehler in second with a 9.250 and Bill Callahan in third with a 9.100. Callahan also captured the horizontal bar title with a score of 8.900.

Minnesota has now posted wins in the past four meets over Michigan, Temple, Illinois-Chicago and Nebraska to move to 7-7 overall on the year and 2-3 in the Big Ten.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 211.800-201.350

The tenth-ranked University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 19 Illinois-Chicago 211.800-201.350 in Chicago, Ill., with Golden Gopher gymnasts winning individual titles on all six events. Sophomore Clay Strother captured the all-around title, extending his streak of winning the all-around to seven-straight dual meets.

The nation's top-ranked all-arounder, Strother won the all-around with a score of 54.500. The Jasper, Texas native won the floor exercise (9.650), pommel horse (9.650) and parallel bars (8.750). He also finished tied for second on the still rings (8.850), third on the horizontal bar (8.600) and sixth on the vault (9.000).

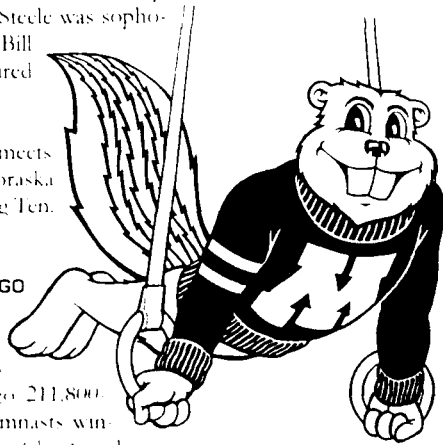
Freshman Eric Steele captured the still rings (8.900) and vault (9.350) titles to help lead the Golden Gophers to the convincing win. Junior Todd Guilbeau also fared well, winning the horizontal bar (8.900) and finishing second in the all-around with a score of 51.550.

UP NEXT: The Maroon and Gold men's gymnastics team next competes at

the 2001 Big Ten Championships on Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, at Penn State University. The Golden Gophers will be looking to improve upon their seventh-place finishes at the past three Big Ten Championships.

A CLAY MODEL: Sophomore Clay Strother has been a model of consistency and excellent performance this year for the Golden Gopher flippers. He is currently ranked as the top collegiate gymnast in the all-around with an average of 54.200. Strother captured the all-around title in each Big Ten dual meet, an impressive feat considering the caliber of gymnasts in the conference. He is also ranked at No. 2 in the floor exercise (9.450) and pommel horse (9.600), and No. 9 in the parallel bars (8.825).

Unfortunately, in the meet versus Nebraska, Strother severely sprained his ankle and is questionable for the Big Ten Championships. He would be sorely missed on a team comprised mainly of underclassmen. Nevertheless, Minnesota has an excellent athlete in Strother who looks to help build Golden Gopher gymnastics back to the level of national prominence.



GYMINFO NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS:

1. Oklahoma	215.650
2. Michigan	214.637
3. Ohio State	213.600
4. Illinois	213.250
5. California	212.450
6. Michigan State	212.100
7. Iowa	210.837
8. Minnesota	209.675
9. Penn State	208.325
10. Massachusetts	206.200
11. Stanford	205.287
12. Temple	204.300
13. Army	203.925
14. Nebraska	203.525
15. William & Mary	200.425

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Jan. 13	Windy City Invitational	5th of 7 teams
Jan. 20	Illinois	L, 208.150-204.350
Jan. 27	Iowa	L, 209.325-205.600
Feb. 3	Michigan State	W, 209.875-208.825
Feb. 10	Winter Cup	No team scores
Feb. 16	Ohio State	L, 211.325-209.775
Feb. 24	Michigan	W, 217.175-216.175
Mar. 6	Temple	W, 210.300-202.800
Mar. 9	Illinois-Chicago	W, 211.800-201.350
Mar. 11	Nebraska	W, 207.550-205.650
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 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

CROASTON WINS THREE-METER AND PLATFORM AT ZONE DIVING: University of Minnesota senior diver Dan Croaston won both the 3-meter and platform diving competitions today at the Zone C Diving Championships in Bloomington, Ind. He will now be eligible to compete in both these events, as well as the 1-meter at the NCAA Championships.

Croaston earned a score of 572.20 in the 3-meter competition, beating Aaron Forgy of Wisconsin by almost 30 points. He continued his strong performance with a 454.40 on the platform. He defeated Ohio State's Chris Monson by just 14 points.

MEN'S SWIMMING RECEIVES HIGH MARKS IN POLLS: The University of Minnesota's mens swimming and diving team is ranked no. 8 in the nation according to the most recent College Swimming Coaches Association of America/Speedo America Poll. The poll, released on March 8, is the final poll before NCAA Championships on March 22-24 in College Station, Texas.

Minnesota also has several swimmers ranked in the top 25 in their respective individual events by Swiminfo.com. Freshman Justin Mortimer is ranked in four different events. He is currently fourth in the 500 freestyle, third in the 1000 free, fifth in the 1650 free and 15th in the 400 individual medley. Sophomore Todd Smolinski is third in the 100 backstroke and 13th in the 200 back. Senior Alex Massura is also ranked in both backstroke events at seventh and 16th in the 100 and 200, respectively. Ben Bartell is the third Golden Gopher ranked in the 200 back at 12th. Three Gophers are also ranked in the 200 breast. Freshman Martin Gustavsson is third, sophomore Jeff Hackler is fourth and junior Dov Malnik is 17th. Gustavsson and Hackler are ranked seventh and 10th, respectively in the 100 breast. Senior Keam Ang is ranked in both the butterfly events. He is 25th in the 100 fly and sixth in the 200 fly. Junior Chad Krastins is the final ranked individual Minnesotan, holding the 14th spot in the 100 fly.

All five of Minnesota's relays are ranked in the top 10. The 400 medley relay holds the highest ranking in fourth. Both the 200 and 800 freestyle relays are ranked fifth and the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay each hold the sixth place spot.

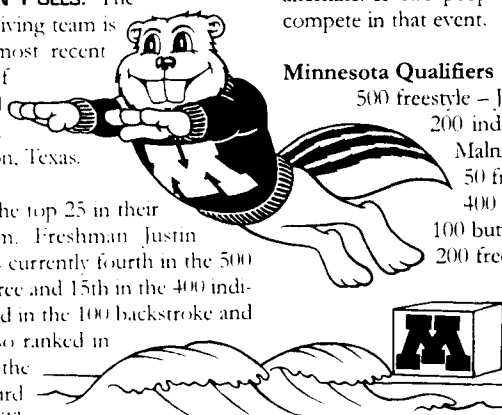
PSYCHE SHEETS RELEASED FOR NCAA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS: The NCAA released the psyche sheets for the 2001 Men's Swimming and Diving Championships on March 8. The University of Minnesota has 14 swimmers

in 13 individual events and five relays. Only two other schools, Texas and Auburn, last season's top two teams, qualified more individuals. Stanford also had 14 individuals invited.

At least three Minnesota athletes were invited in every individual event, except the 400 individual medley, and the 100, 200 and 1650 freestyles. Every Minnesota relay qualified and is seeded in the top 10. Freshman Justin Mortimer, sophomores Matt Taylor, Todd Smolinski and Allen Ong, juniors Brandon Crook, Ben Bartell and Dov Malnik, and senior Alex Massura each qualified in three individual events. A complete list of Minnesota swimmers participating in the championships follows. Chris Forrest is also listed as an alternate. If two people drop from the 200 breaststroke, he will be able to compete in that event.

Minnesota Qualifiers

500 freestyle – Justin Mortimer, Brandon Crook, Matt Taylor
 200 individual Medley – Ben Bartell, Todd Smolinski, Dov Malnik
 50 freestyle – Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Allen Ong
 400 individual Medley – Justin Mortimer
 100 butterfly – Chad Krastins, Keam Ang, Allen Ong
 200 freestyle – Brandon Crook, Matt Taylor
 100 breaststroke – Martin Gustavsson, Jeff Hackler, Dov Malnik
 100 backstroke – Todd Smolinski, Alex Massura, Ben Bartell
 1650 freestyle – Justin Mortimer
 200 backstroke – Ben Bartell, Todd Smolinski, Alex Massura
 100 freestyle – Allen Ong, Brandon Crook
 200 breaststroke – Martin Gustavsson, Jeff Hackler, Dov Malnik
 200 butterfly – Keam Ang, Chad Krastins, Matt Taylor
 200 freestyle relay – Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Grant Butler and Allen Ong
 400 medley relay – Todd Smolinski, Jeff Hackler, Chad Krastins and Alex Massura
 200 medley relay – Todd Smolinski, Jeff Hackler, Chad Krastins and Ricardo Dornelas
 800 freestyle relay – Justin Mortimer, Matt Taylor, Brandon Crook and Alex Massura
 400 freestyle relay – Allen Ong, Alex Massura, Brandon Crook and Ricardo Dornelas
 1-meter diving – Dan Croaston
 3-meter diving – Dan Croaston
 Platform diving – Dan Croaston



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

Home Meets in Bold

TENNIS

THE SCOOP: Minnesota improved to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the Big Ten with a 5-2 victory over Purdue last weekend. The Golden Gophers snapped a two-game slide with the win. Minnesota takes a break from Big Ten play and will compete at the Blue-Grey Classic this weekend in Montgomery, Ala., March 16-18. The Maroon and Gold returns home on March 24th to face Penn State.

MINNESOTA TRAVELS SOUTH: The Golden Gophers will compete at the Blue-Grey Classic in Montgomery, Ala. The 19-team tournament will crown a champion on Sunday. Minnesota will open play against Auburn, a team that was ranked 28th as of last week. The event features several ranked teams, including No. 13 Virginia Commonwealth, No. 20 Miami and No. 23 Fresno State.

MANKAD GETS BIG WIN: Sophomore Harsh Mankad had dropped to No. 53 in the national rankings after winning just two of his last five matches. He will undoubtedly move up this week after an impressive 5-7, 7-6, 7-6 victory over 29th-ranked Jason Marshall of Purdue. Mankad is 23-10 this season for Minnesota. He was Big Ten and Region IV Rookie of the Year last season.

SVENSSON KEEPS ROLLING: Senior captain Jon Svensson continued his strong play as he earned his 10th victory in his last 11 matches, including five straight in league play. He improved his career record to 84-30.

SEVERAL STILL SIDELINED: Minnesota has been hampered for most of the season by a rash of injuries. Three of the top six players are currently sidelined with their respective returns still unclear. Tyson Parry has played sparingly at doubles, while freshman Chris Wettengel has not seen action since mid-February. Wettengel began his collegiate career with nine wins in his first 10 matches. Junior Thomas Haug has not played since winning the Region IV Championship in October. Despite that, he is still ranked 42nd in the nation.

#45 GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S TENNIS TEAM DEFEATS #43 PURDUE 5-2: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Purdue 5-2 in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers won five of the six singles matches to clinch the victory.

Four of the five singles wins for Minnesota ended in three sets, highlighted by Harsh Mankad's 5-7, 7-6, 7-6 victory at No. 1 singles over Jason Marshall. Marshall entered the match ranked 29th in the nation, while Mankad is 53rd. Jon Svensson, Aleksey Zharinov, Eric Robertson and Karl Sloss also earned

singles victories.

Purdue earned the doubles point by taking two of the three matches. At No. 2, Svensson and Robertson defeated the Boilermakers duo Carl McCafferty and Laith Al-Agba 9-8 to earn Minnesota's lone victory.

The Golden Gophers improve to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the Big Ten.

MINNESOTA 5, PURDUE 2

Singles

No. 1 - Harsh Mankad (UM) def. Jason Marshall (PU), 5-7, 7-6, 7-6

No. 2 - Scott Mayer (PU) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

No. 3 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Carl McCafferty (PU), 6-2, 6-2

No. 4 - Aleksey Zharinov (UM) def. Derek Miller (PU), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4

No. 5 - Eric Robertson (UM) def. Andrew Wakefield (PU), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2

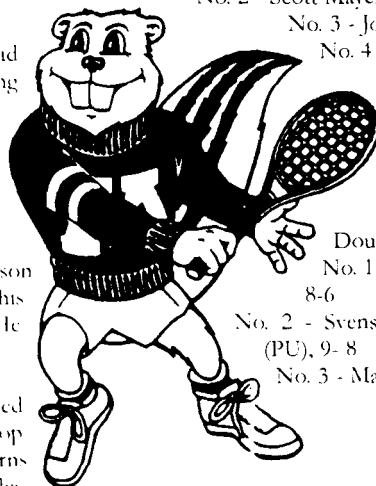
No. 6 - Karl Sloss (UM) def. Troy Havens (PU), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1 - Marshall/Dan Swan (PU) def. Mankad/Duenas (UM), 8-6

No. 2 - Svensson/Robertson (UM) def. McCafferty/Laith Al-Agba (PU), 9-8

No. 3 - Mayer/Miller (PU) def. Sloss/Zharinov (UM), 8-5



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 18	Indiana	W, 4-3
Feb. 23	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Feb. 24-27	National Indoors	Louisville, Ky.
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
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

THREE EVENTS PLACE IN TOP EIGHT AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's track and field team had three events place in the top eight at the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior Marc Johannsen was the highest placing Golden Gopher, finishing sixth in the high jump with a leap of 7-1 1/2. Sophomore Mitch Potter took seventh in the 400m dash with a time of 46.50. Potter also ran the lead off leg of the 4x400m relay that took eighth place with a time of 3:07.97. Adam Steele, Mikael Jakobsson and Tom Gerding were the other members of the relay.

Minnesota tied for 38th overall in the team standings.

INDOOR ALL-AMERICANS: With his seventh place finish in the 400m, freshman Mitch Potter did something only one other runner in Minnesota history has been able to do. He earned Indoor All-America honors. The 4x400m relay joined him later in the evening, becoming Minnesota's third running event to earn All-America honors with their eighth place finish.

Marc Johannsen became the third high jumper from Minnesota to win All-America honors with his sixth place finish.

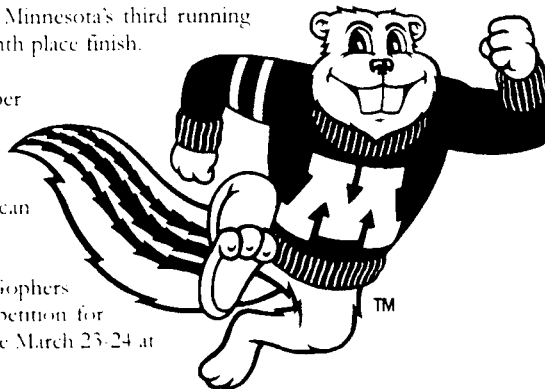
Minnesota had not had an indoor All-American since Vesa Rantanen won the pole vault in 1998.

BEGINNING OUTDOOR SEASON: The Golden Gophers will have this week off before they begin competition for the outdoor season. Minnesota's first meet will be March 23-24 at the Baldy Castillo Relays in Tempe, Arizona.

FALLEN RECORDS: Minnesota school records have been broken and rebroken several times this season. Mark Fahey was the first to break a record when he threw the 35-pound weight 59-10 1/2 at the Gold Country Open. He broke his own record a week later at the Northern Iowa Invitational with a toss of 60-3. At the Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa, Tom Gerding broke the 400m record with a time of 46.96. That record was broken with Mitch Potter's time of 46.45 at Big Ten Championships. That battle is not over, as both are running the 400m at NCAA Championships. The 4x400m relay (Potter, Wohlin, Jakobsson, Gerding) first broke the school record with a 3:08.81 at the Cyclone Classic. Last weekend at the NCAA Qualifier, Potter, Steele, Jakobsson and Gerding shattered that record with their time of 3:06.61. Gerding shattered another record at the Big Ten Championships with his time of 1:16.19. He broke both the Minnesota record (1:17.55) and the Big Ten record (1:17.55). Sophomore Toby Henkels wiped away the previous record of 1:50.35 in the 800m with his time of 1:49.29.

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

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



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans
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

The 2001 Big Ten Champion Golden Gopher wrestling team competes at the NCAA Championships on Thursday-Saturday, March 15-17 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on the campus of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Minnesota is in search of its first NCAA team title and is poised for the battle to the national crown with a full lineup entering the tournament. Gold Country, along with Oklahoma State and Iowa, are widely considered the favorites for the 2001 NCAA Championship.

A PERFECT 10: With Minnesota's exceptional team and individual performance at the Big Ten tournament, Minnesota advanced the entire starting lineup to the NCAA Championships. All 10 wrestlers placed in the top seven, earning the right to qualify for the national tournament. Oklahoma State, the 2001 Big XII Champion, and Ohio State are the only other teams in the nation to qualify all 10 wrestlers.

Minnesota's 10 qualifiers is not a school record as Gold Country sent a full lineup to the 1997 NCAA Championships where it finished third. The Golden Gophers have qualified eight or more wrestlers for the NCAA Championships in each of the past five years, including this season. The Maroon Gold advanced eight in 1998, nine in 1999 & 2000, and 10 in 1997 and 2001.

AN EMERGING NATIONAL POWER: A national powerhouse. The words to describe the Golden Gopher wrestling program ring true now more than ever, following Minnesota's stellar performances in the past four NCAA Championships. Since finishing 19th in the nation in 1995-96, Minnesota placed third in the country in 1996-97, second in both 1997-98 and 1998-99, and third last season. In addition to the team's successes on the national scene, the program has produced three individual national titles in the past three NCAA Championships - Tim Hartung's crowns in 1998 and 1999, and Brock Lesnar's heavyweight championship in 2000. Clearly, the Golden Gophers have earned the right to be feared as a national powerhouse in the world of collegiate wrestling with their dominant team and individual performances.

LAST YEAR AT NCAAs: The Golden Gophers entered the 2000 NCAA meet with a No. 2 ranking and hopes of bringing home Minnesota's first NCAA wrestling team title. With their third-place finish, the Maroon and Gold would go home with a top-three finish for the fourth consecutive year, an outstanding accomplishment in the highly-competitive world of college wrestling. Minnesota proved that it belongs in the upper echelon of NCAA wrestling and vowed to reposition themselves for another thrilling run to the Big Ten and NCAA titles.

The 2000 NCAA meet marked the third straight year with a Golden Gopher individual national champion. Brock Lesnar, the senior heavyweight, won his first NCAA crown, defeating arch-rival Wes Hand of Iowa 3-2 in the final match via a tiebreaker. The national meet also produced six

All-Americans, tying the school record set in 1998 and 1999. At 184 pounds, senior Brandon Eggum earned his third All-America honor, finishing in third place. With the honor, Eggum became just the seventh Golden Gopher wrestler to earn at least three All-America citations during a career at Minnesota. Sophomore Leroy Vega placed fifth at 125 pounds, gaining his second All-America honor in as many years, freshman Jared Lawrence finished sixth at 149 pounds, freshman Luke Becker took sixth at 157, junior Brad Pike placed seventh at 165 and senior Lesnar earned his second All-America honor at heavyweight.

MINNESOTA'S TEAM HISTORY AT THE NCAAs: Minnesota has never won the NCAA team title in school history. The Golden Gophers have placed in the nation's top-ten 23 times in the history of the program. Minnesota has finished in the top-three for the last four years with third-place finishes in 1997 & 2000, and runner-up finishes in 1998 & 1999. At the 1999 national meet, Gold Country fell just short of attaining its ultimate goal, placing second to perennial national power Iowa by just two points (100.5-98.5).

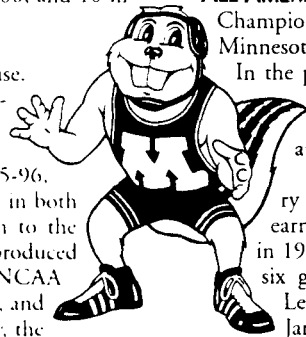
ALL-AMERICAN GOLDEN GOPHERS: The top eight places at the NCAA Championships are awarded All-America honors. In the history of Minnesota wrestling, 46 Golden Gophers have been named All-America.

In the past three seasons, Gold Country owned six All-Americans, a school record. With 10 NCAA qualifiers this year and nine of 10 ranked in the nation's top 10, the Maroon and Gold have an excellent chance at breaking the All-America school record.

Minnesota has had one four-time All-American in the history of the program. Chad Kraft is Gold Country's lone wrestler to earn the honor each year of his career, placing fifth in 1996, third in 1997, second in 1998 and fifth in 1999. Minnesota currently has six grapplers with a shot at matching Kraft's accomplishments.

Leroy Vega, a junior at 125 pounds, is a two-time All-American; Jared Lawrence, a sophomore at 149 pounds, and Luke Becker, a sophomore at 157 pounds each earned All-America honors in their freshman season; and freshmen Jacob Volkman, 174 pounds, Damion Hahn, 184 pounds, and Garrett Lowney, heavyweight, will be looking for the first of four All-America honors this year.

MINNESOTA'S NCAA INDIVIDUAL HISTORY: Overall, Minnesota has claimed 12 NCAA individual titles, dating back to 1937. In each of the past three years, Minnesota has had one national champion. The Golden Gophers have had two two-time NCAA Champions in Verne Gagne (191 lbs/Hwt; 1949-48) and Tim Hartung (190/197 lbs; 1998-99). Minnesota's other NCAA Individual Champions are Brock Lesnar (Hwt; 2000), Marty Morgan (177; 1991), Pat Neu (137 lbs; 1977), Evan Johnson (190 lbs; 1976), Dick Mueller (123 lbs; 1953), Leonard Levy (Hwt; 1941), Dale Hanson (128 lbs; 1939) and John Whitaker (175 lbs.; 1937).



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

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GOLDEN GOPHERS TO HOST NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT GAME WEDNESDAY

The University Minnesota men's basketball team will host Villanova at Williams Arena in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament Wednesday night. Tip off is set for 8:30 p.m. central and will be aired live on ESPN2.

Tickets for the game will be available online at www.gophersports.com beginning at ten o'clock tonight. They will also be available by phone (1-800-UGOPHER or 612-624-8080) and at the ticket office beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. Tickets are \$25 for adults and only \$5 for all University of Minnesota students. All tickets are reserved. Good tickets are available in all sections.

The Villanova Wildcats have an 18-12 record and finished 8-8 in the Big East conference. The winner of Wednesday night's game will face the winner of the University of California, Irvine and Tulsa game.

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GOPHER TICKET OFFICE EXTENDS HOURS FOR NIT SALES

The University of Minnesota men's athletics ticket office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 to accommodate fans still needing to purchase tickets for Monday night's NIT game against Tulsa at 7 p.m.

Plenty of good tickets still remain. Fans can buy tickets at the Mariucci Arena ticket office, by phone at 1-800-UGOPHER or (612) 624-8080 or online at gophersports.com. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for U of M students.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: At Purdue, Friday-Sunday, March 23-25 in West Lafayette, Ind.; Friday's game at 3 p.m., Saturday's two games at 1 p.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 0-3 at Oregon State with 2-0, 8-4 and 6-5 losses to the Beavers in Corvallis, Ore.

BASKETBALL

NEXT UP: Season completed

LAST WEEK: Minnesota won 87-78 over Villanova and lost 76-73 (ot) to Tulsa in the NIT at Williams Arena.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate, Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25, in Sherman, Texas.

LAST WEEK: None

GYMNASTICS

NEXT UP: At the Big Ten Championships, Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 in State College, Pa.

LAST WEEK: None

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: Vs. Maine, Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the first round of the NCAA East Regional.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota 3-0 to St. Cloud State and 5-4 to Colorado College in the WCHA Final Five.

SWIMMING & DIVING

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Championships, Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24 in Athens, Ga.

LAST WEEK: Golden Gopher men head to NCAA Championships.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At Baldy Castillo Invite, Thursday-Sunday, March 22-24 in Tempe, Ariz.

LAST WEEK: None

TENNIS

NEXT UP: Vs. Penn State, Saturday, March 24 at 98th Street Athletic Club in Bloomington, Minn., at 6 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 1-1 at the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., with a 4-1 win over Clemson and a 4-0 loss to Tulane

WRESTLING

NEXT UP: Season completed

LAST WEEK: Minnesota won the 2001 NCAA Championship with 138.5 points and 10 All-Americans.

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BASEBALL

MINNESOTA ERRS TWO GAMES TO OREGON STATE, 2-0, 8-4

The University of Minnesota baseball team committed six errors and gave up 10 runs on 15 hits in last Saturday's double-header against Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore. The Golden Gophers (9-9) dropped both games to the Beavers (15-9) 0-2 and 4-8. In total, Minnesota left 17 runners on base, 10 in scoring position. Minnesota has now left 141 runners on base in 18 games this year.

Freshman Jay Gagner made his first start in a Golden Gopher uniform in the first game of the double-header. Gagner allowed just three hits in five shutout innings of work. Senior Jason Shupe, who came on in relief for Gagner, gave up the two Beaver runs and lost his first game of the season.

The Golden Gophers had their best opportunity to score in the top of the eighth, when sophomore Scott Welch and senior Kurt Haring each singled, allowing junior Jack Hannahan to come to the plate as the leading run. Hannahan fell behind to Nicholson 0-2, but fought off a handful of foul balls, before driving a long fly ball to left field. Beaver left fielder Chris Biles ran all the way to the wall before making the catch to end the Maroon and Gold threat. Hannahan, who went 0-for-2 in the first game, hit two balls to deep left field, but both were caught in front of the wall.

Senior lefthander Scott Nicholson went the distance for Oregon State. It is the first time Minnesota has been blanked in 2001. Nicholson improved to 4-1 on the year, while Shupe fell to 1-1. Junior Jason Kennedy entered the weekend batting .600 with seven runs and eight RBI in his last four games, but finished 1-for-8 without a run or a RBI.

Sophomore Andy Jarvis hit his ninth home run of the season, a solo shot in the bottom of the second, to give the Beavers the early lead, in the second game. The Golden Gophers tied the game up in the top of the fourth on a RBI ground-out by senior Josh Holthaus, but Oregon State answered in the bottom of the inning to take a two-run lead, 3-1.

Minnesota clawed back into the game in the top of the fifth inning on RBI singles from Haring and senior Josh Holthaus, but in the bottom of the fifth, the Golden Gophers committed three errors and allowed five runs, as the Beavers took a commanding 8-3 lead.

Despite the deficit, Minnesota threatened in seventh. With two outs, Hannahan, finally sailed one over the left field fence for his second home run of the year, and Holthaus and Kennedy both walked, bringing the tying run into the on-deck circle. Welch, who went 2-for-7 and had three errors on the day, flied out to left to end the inning. The Golden Gophers rallied again in the eighth by loading the bases, but ran themselves out of the inning when junior Scott Howard got caught in a run-down trying to advance on a wild pitch.

Freshman Craig Molldrem took the loss for the Golden Gophers, lasting four-plus innings and giving up five earned runs. Junior Mike Kobow hurled four innings of scoreless relief, surrendering just two hits and striking out four.

BASEBALL LOSES 6-5, GETS SWEEPED BY OREGON STATE

The Golden Gopher baseball team lost its third game in a row Sunday by a score of 5-6, falling to 9-10 on the year. The Beavers from Oregon State improved to 16-9 with the weekend sweep of the Golden Gophers. Minnesota jumped ahead early with three runs in the third inning, thanks to two errors by Beaver first baseman Andy Jarvis; but the Golden Gophers committed two errors of their own in the bottom of the fifth, and helped Oregon State rally for five runs in the inning. OSU would muscle one more run in the sixth to take a three run advantage. Minnesota got back in the game in the eighth on a two-run pinch-hit double by senior Kurt Haring, but that would be all they could gather, as junior Chris Guetzlaff was thrown out at the plate trying to score on a single by sophomore Luke Appert. C.J. Woodorw retired 13 of his first 14 batters, before allowing four consecutive hits in the fifth and giving up the six Beaver runs. Woodorw falls to 2-3 on the year.

Minnesota travels to West Lafayette next weekend to open up Big Ten play with Purdue. That series will be the start of a 10-game road trip for the Golden Gophers.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4, W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 3-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	West Lafayette, Ind.
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	Indianapolis, Indiana

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	Muncie, Indiana
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	Bloomington, Indiana
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	Bloomington, Indiana
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	Bloomington, Indiana
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	Waterloo, Iowa
Fri, Apr. 6	Michigan State	Siebert Field
Sat, Apr. 7	Michigan State (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State	Siebert Field
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Siebert Field
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	Siebert Field
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	Siebert Field
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	Iowa City, Iowa
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State University	Siebert Field
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	Siebert Field
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	Columbus, Ohio
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	Siebert Field
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Siebert Field
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	Siebert Field
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	Siebert Field

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MINNESOTA STRUGGLES, FINISHES 14TH AT LAS VEGAS INTERCOLLEGIATE

The 13th-ranked Golden Gopher men's golf team closed out the Las Vegas Intercollegiate at Rio Secco Golf Course in 14th place, finishing with a 40-over par 904 in the 15-team, 54-hole tournament. Third-ranked Georgia Tech led from wire-to-wire and won the team title with a 20-under 844, 24 shots better than second-place Georgia's four-over 868.

The Golden Gophers fired their best round of the event as a team with a six-over 294, but could not overcome a slow start versus numerous highly-ranked teams. Sophomore Ben Meyers shot a two-under par 70 in the final round and finished in a team-best 31st place with a six-over 222. He was followed by Simon Nash at 230 (T61st), and Wilhelm Schauman, David Morgan and Zach Faulds at 231 (T65th). Jeff Quinney of Arizona State fired his third-consecutive round under par with a five-under 67 win the 75-player tournament with a 13-under 205.

The tournament, hosted by UNLV, featured 14 ranked teams according to the latest Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings, including No. 1 Georgia, No. 2 Clemson and No. 3 Georgia Tech.

54-Hole Team Results

Team	Scores
Georgia Tech	292 279 273—844 -20
Georgia	300 288 280—868 +4
Clemson	293 287 289—869 +5
North Carolina St.	299 287 285—871 +7
TCU	294 295 285—874 +10
Arizona State	307 282 286—875 +11
Florida	297 292 287—876 +12
Oklahoma State	300 286 292—878 +14
Houston	301 291 292—884 +20

South Carolina	312 293 283—888 +24
New Mexico	311 287 293—891 +27
UNLV	316 292 284—892 +28
Texas	310 290 296—896 +32
Minnesota	311 299 294—904 +40
Kent State	319 292 296—907 +43

Golden Gopher Scores

Place	Player	Scores
T31	Ben Meyers	76 76 70—222
T61	Simon Nash	84 75 71—230
T65	Wilhelm Schauman	76 74 81—231
T65	David Morgan	81 74 76—231
T65	Zach Faulds	78 76 77—231



SCHAUMAN RANKED 16TH IN NATION:

Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman, a native of Djursholm, Sweden, has made a name for himself in his second season as a Golden Gopher golfer. With his stellar play this year, Schauman has been ranked as the nation's 16th-best collegiate golfer in the Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings. He is the second-highest ranked golfer in the Big Ten, behind Northwestern's Luke Donald at No. 8. This season, Schauman has maintained a stroke average of 72.15 and has finished in the top five in four of the season's seven events.

UP NEXT: Minnesota next competes at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate on Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25, in Sherman, Texas.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	Sherman, Texas
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	Carv, 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

MINNESOTA HEADS TO STATE COLLEGE, PA., FOR THE 2001 BIG TEN GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota travels east to State College, Pa., and the campus of Penn State University for the 2001 Big Ten Championship. The Golden Gophers will be looking to improve upon their seventh-place finishes at the past three Big Ten Championships. The Maroon and Gold gymnasts have shown marked improvement during the season, posting the team's first Big Ten dual meet win since 1997 in their 209.875-208.825 defeat of No. 7 Michigan State.

Minnesota enters the 2001 conference meet with expectations of heightened performance in comparison to prior years. The Golden Gophers have compiled a 2-3 conference mark this season in the Big Ten, their best conference record since the 1996 and 1997 seasons when Minnesota finished 2-2. The last time Gold Country had a winning Big Ten dual meet mark was in 1995 when the eventual conference-champion Golden Gophers posted a 4-1 record.

The 2001 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championship will be held at Penn State's Recreation Hall on Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24.

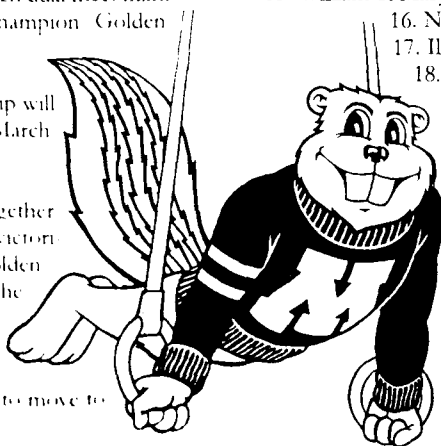
ON A STREAK: The Golden Gophers have put together a rather impressive winning streak of late, proving victorious in their past four dual meets. It is the Golden Gophers' longest consecutive win streak since the 1995 season when the Big Ten Champion Minnesota team won five straight. Minnesota has now posted wins in the past four meets over Michigan, Temple, Illinois-Chicago and Nebraska to move to 7-7 overall on the year and 2-3 in the Big Ten.

A CLAY MODEL: Sophomore Clay Strother has been a model of consistency and excellent performance this year for the Golden Gopher flippers. He is currently ranked as the top collegiate gymnast in the all-around with an average of 54.200. Strother captured the all-around title in each Big Ten dual meet, an impressive feat considering the caliber of gymnasts in the conference. He is also ranked at No. 2 in the floor exercise (9.450) and pommel horse (9.600), and No. 9 in the parallel bars (8.825).

Unfortunately, in the meet versus Nebraska, Strother severely sprained his ankle and is questionable for the Big Ten Championships. He would be sorely missed on a team comprised mainly of underclassmen. Nevertheless, Minnesota has an excellent athlete in Strother who looks to help build Golden Gopher gymnastics back to the level of national prominence.

GYMINFO NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS:

1. Oklahoma	215.650	
2. Michigan	214.637	
3. Michigan State	213.700	
4. Ohio State	213.600	
5. Illinois	213.250	
6. California	213.150	
7. Iowa	210.837	
8. Minnesota	209.675	
9. Penn State	208.562	
10. Massachusetts	206.600	
11. Stanford	205.287	
12. Temple	204.625	
13. Army	203.925	
14. Nebraska	203.525	
15. William & Mary	202.950	
16. Navy		200.000
17. Illinois-Chicago		199.300
18. Air Force		199.100
19. Santa Barbara		198.975
20. Arizona State		198.337



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Jan. 15	Windy City Invitational	State College, Pa.
Jan. 20	Illinois	L, 208.150-204.350
Jan. 27	Iowa	L, 209.325-205.600
Feb. 3	Michigan State	W, 209.875-208.825
Feb. 10	Winter Cup	No team scores
Feb. 16	Ohio State	L, 211.325-209.775
Feb. 24	Michigan	W, 217.175-216.175
Mar. 6	Temple	W, 210.300-202.800
Mar. 9	Illinois-Chicago	W, 211.800-201.350
Mar. 11	Nebraska	W, 207.550-205.650
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.
Iett Cohen	Fr.	Lexington, Miss.
Justin Conner	Jr.	Dalls, Texas
Randal Dreeen	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.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota hosts Penn State on Friday at 6 p.m. at the Northwest Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers lead the all-time series 8-0. Last Minnesota claimed a 7-0 victory in a match over the visiting Nittany Lions. The two teams first met in 1993 with the Maroon and Gold prevailing 5-2.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota dropped two of three matches this past weekend at the Blue-Gray Invitational in Montgomery, Ala. The Golden Gophers lost to #18 Auburn, 4-0, and to #44 Tulane, 4-0. Minnesota avenged a loss earlier this season with a 4-1 victory over #46 Clemson.

PLAYING SHORTHANDED: Since the start of the new year, Minnesota has yet to put its full lineup out on the court. Freshman Chris Wettengel began the season with eight wins in his first nine matches, but has been hampered recently due to injury. He made his return to singles play last week and is working himself back into shape. Tyson Parry has played sparingly at doubles and Thomas Haug has not seen any action since winning the Region IV Title in October. Their status remains uncertain.

STEPPING UP: With all of the injuries, several players have stepped up to keep Minnesota afloat. Senior captain Jon Svensson has won 11 of his past 12 matches and sports a 16-5 record. Sophomore Eric Robertson played in a total of 16 singles matches as a freshman, but has already seen action in 20 singles matches. He is 12-8 on the season.

MINNESOTA DEFEATS CLEMSON 4-1: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Clemson 4-1 at the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

Minnesota won three of the four singles matches that were completed. Harsh Mankad defeated the Tigers' Marko Gojanovic, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. Also posting victories for Minnesota were Jon Svensson and Eric Robertson.

The Golden Gophers captured the doubles point with a pair of victories. Svensson and Robertson were victorious at No. 2 doubles with an 8-5 decision over Gojanovic and Kevin Gottfried. Karl Sloss and Aleksey Zharinov earned an 8-1 victory at No. 3 doubles.

MINNESOTA 4, CLEMSON 1

Singles

No. 1 - Harsh Mankad (UM) defeated Marko Gojanovic (CU), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1

No. 2 - Jorge Duenas (UM) vs. Brad Emendorfer (CU), suspended
 No. 3 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Micah Thompson (CU), 6-4, 6-3
 No. 4 - Lee Taylor Walker (CU) def. Aleksey Zharinov (UM), 7-5, 7-6
 No. 5 - Eric Robertson (UM) def. Kevin Gottfried (CU), 6-1, 6-1
 No. 6 - Chris Wettengel (UM) def. Damusa Robinson (CU), suspended

Doubles

No. 1 - Mankad/Duenas (UM) vs. Knight/Cohen (CU), suspended
 No. 2 - Svensson/Robertson (UM) def. Gojanovic/Gottfried (CU), 8-5
 No. 3 - Karl Sloss/Zharinov (UM) vs. Thompson/Walker (CU), 8-1

TULANE TOPS GOLDEN GOPHERS 4-0: Tulane defeated Minnesota 4-0 at the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala. The Green Wave earned victories in three singles matches and earned the doubles point with two wins. Minnesota returns to action next Friday against Penn State.

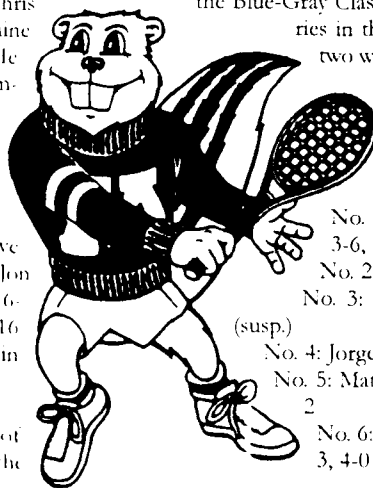
TULANE 4, MINNESOTA 0

Singles:

No. 1: No. 44 Michael Kogan (TU) vs. Harsh Mankad (UM): 3-6, 6-1, 4-1 (susp.)
 No. 2: Victor Romero (TU) def. Jorge Duenas (UM): 7-6, 6-4
 No. 3: Mikko Viljanen (TU) vs. Jon Swenson (UM): 3-6, 2-4 (susp.)
 No. 4: Jorge Lievano (TU) def. Aleksey Zharinov (UM): 6-3, 6-3
 No. 5: Martias Westerberg (TU) def. Eric Robertson (UM): 6-1, 6-2
 No. 6: Goran Vasiljevic (TU) vs. Chris Wettengel (UM): 3-6, 6-3, 4-0 (susp.)

Doubles:

No. 1: Kogan/Viljanen (TU) def. Mankad/Duenas (UM): 8-2
 No. 2: Robertson/Swenson (UM) def. Derya Rose/Westerberg (TU): 8-6
 No. 3: Romero/Lievano (TU) def. Sloss/Zharinov (UM): 8-5



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 18	Indiana	W, 4-3
Feb. 23	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Feb. 24-27	National Indoors	Louisville, Ky.
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
Mar. 16-18	Blue-Gray 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

THREE EVENTS PLACE IN TOP EIGHT AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's track and field team had three events place in the top eight at the 2001 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior Marc Johannsen was the highest placing Golden Gopher, finishing sixth in the high jump with a leap of 7-1 1/2. Sophomore Mitch Potter took seventh in the 400m dash with a time of 46.50. Potter also ran the lead off leg of the 4x400m relay that took eighth place with a time of 3:07.97. Adam Steele, Mikael Jakobsson and Tom Gerding were the other members of the relay.

Minnesota tied for 38th overall in the team standings.

INDOOR ALL-AMERICANS: With his seventh place finish in the 400m, freshman Mitch Potter did something only one other runner in Minnesota history has been able to do. He earned Indoor All-America honors. The 4x400m relay joined him later in the evening, becoming Minnesota's third running event to earn All-America honors with their eighth place finish.

Marc Johannsen became the third high jumper from Minnesota to win All-America honors with his sixth place finish.

Minnesota had not had an indoor All-American since Vesa Rantanen won the pole vault in 1998.

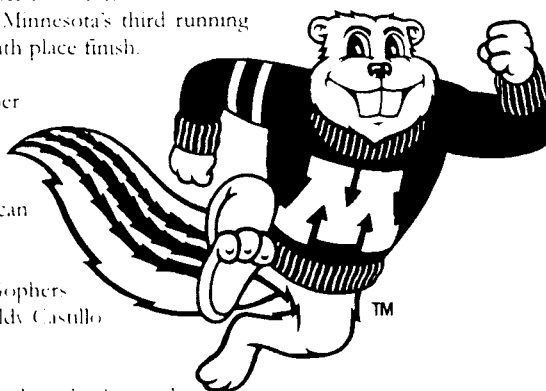
BEGINNING OUTDOOR SEASON: The Golden Gophers open the outdoor season March 23-24 at the Baldy Castillo Relays in Tempe, Arizona.

FALLEN RECORDS: Minnesota school records have been broken and rebroken several times this season. Mark Fahey was the first to break a record when he threw the 35 pound weight 59-10 1/2 at the Gold Country Open. He broke his own record a week later at the Northern Iowa Invitational with a toss of 60-3. At the Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa, Tom Gerding broke the 400m record with a time of 46.96. That record was broken with Mitch Potter's time of 46.45 at Big Ten Championships. That battle is not over, as both are running the 400m at NCAA Championships. The 4x400m relay (Potter, Wohlin, Jakobsson, Gerding) first broke the school record with a 3:08.81 at the Cyclone Classic. Last weekend at the NCAA Qualifier, Potter, Steele, Jakobsson and Gerding shattered that record with their time of 3:06.61. Gerding shattered another record at the Big Ten Championships with his time of 1:16.19. He broke both the Minnesota record 1:17.55 and the Big Ten record 1:17.35. Sophomore Lyle Henkels wiped away the previous record of 1:50.35 in the 800m with his time of

1:49.29.

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

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



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans
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- June 2	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.

WRESTLING

"Ten, ten, ten, ten, ten..." - Minnesota wrestling fans at the 2001 NCAA Championships

The 2001 NCAA Wrestling Championships will long be remembered as a national tournament with impressive firsts and as a stunning breakthrough for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers. With the event held in Iowa, the nation's hotbed of amateur wrestling, the stage was set for the momentous occasion. The venue, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, was labeled the "Lion's Den" and served as an ideal location for the eventual storybook result. That result, an improbable one, vaulted Minnesota into the national spotlight, long reserved for the Iowas and Oklahoma States of the world. And the way in which the Golden Gophers captured the 2001 NCAA crown can be appropriately classified as groundbreaking and extraordinary.

Unorthodox? Yes, the road to the national title for Minnesota was not typical of the path taken in years past. Remarkable? You bet. Fans and followers of collegiate wrestling will look back at the 2001 NCAA Championships as a national tournament with unprecedented qualities. Record-breaking? In more ways than one. The Golden Gophers broke several school and national records along the way to the team crown. A full-team effort? Without a doubt. The national title was won for the Maroon and Gold grapplers, not on the backs of two or three dominant individuals, but through the hard work, will and determination of all 10 members of the squad.

To adequately examine what led Minnesota to the national title, one must look to what defined the 2001 edition of Golden Gopher grappling. First, this was a group of wrestlers and coaches that embodied the word *team*. The Maroon and Gold wrestling squad won the national championship on the strength of a full lineup contributing points toward the team total. Next, Minnesota can be characterized as a team with exceptional *depth*. It was a deep team that was the key ingredient toward the ultimate success of the Golden Gophers. Finally, the 2001 edition of Golden Gopher wrestling ended the year with the one moniker that all teams aspire to - *champion*.

'team \ˈti:m\ *n. vt. adj* **1**: a number of persons associated together in work or activity **a**: a group on one side; **2**: to put together in a coordinated ensemble; **3**: marked by devotion to teamwork rather than individual achievement

Minnesota won the national crown utilizing a full team effort to earn an NCAA-record 10 All-Americans. It was the first time in the 71 year history of the NCAA Championships that 10 wrestlers earned the prestigious All-American honor in one NCAA tournament. The 10 All-Americans also is a Minnesota school record, breaking the previous mark of six, set in 1998, 1999 and 2000. No team in the history of the national tournament had won the team title without a finalist, but Gold Country captured the national crown despite not placing a wrestler in the championship matches.

"We knew that the only way that we could win the title was to have a team effort," Minnesota Head Coach J Robinson said. "We had a game plan from last year. We knew that we couldn't win with a lot of ones and twos, but we thought we could win with 10 All-Americans. And that's what we did. It had to be something extraordinary."

"True, wrestling is largely an individual sport," senior 135-pounder Brett Lawrence said. "We had to come into the tournament thinking about our own matches, but we knew that if we did what we had to do in our individual matches, then the team result would take care of itself."

depth \ˈdɛpθ\ *n* **1**: the quality of being complete or thorough

All 10 Golden Gopher grapplers finished in the top eight, earning All-America status and giving Minnesota significant team points. Gold Country had three wrestlers finish in third place (Leroy Vega, Owen Elzen, Garrett Lowney), three in fourth place (Luke Becker, Brad Pike, Jacob Volkmann), one finish in fifth place (Damion Hahn), one sixth-place finisher (Jared Lawrence) and two finish in eighth place (Brett Lawrence, Chad Erikson).

"I was saying all year that we needed 10 guys to come together for us to do well," junior Leroy Vega said. "That's exactly what happened at the NCAAs. And now we're national champs. It doesn't get any better."

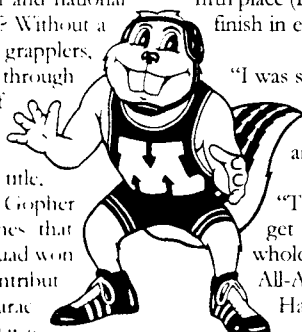
"This is like a journey," Robinson said. "You chase the prize and you get it. You just want to share it with everybody. The beauty of this whole thing is that all 10 guys did something to get us here. To have 10 All-Americans and nobody in the finals, and to do it in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, it's a special thing. I can't stop smiling."

'cham•pi•on \ˈtʃam-peɪn\ *n* **1**: WARRIOR, FIGHTER **2**: one that does battle for another's right or honor; **2**: a winner of first place in competition; *also*: one who shows marked superiority

On the strength of a full-team effort based on a foundation of depth, the University of Minnesota reached its ultimate goal and came back to Gold Country with the 2001 NCAA Championship. Now the Golden Gophers have a full year to bask in the glow of being national champions, a long-sought goal for the school and the program.

"Maybe we'll get the respect now," said 184-pound redshirt freshman Damion Hahn. "We won the National Duals. We won our duals against Iowa. Now we came in and took the title in [the Hawkeyes'] own house."

"It's just fricking amazing, fricking amazing," Robinson said. "Everybody earned this championship. Everybody. That was the key."




2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

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MINNESOTA ATHLETICS IN SEARS CUP TOP 25

The University of Minnesota athletic department is currently in 20th place in the most recent 2001 Sears Directors' Cup standings, released March 22. The Golden Gophers moved up from 33rd place in the previous set of rankings on the strength of the wrestling team winning the national championship.

This is the first set of winter standings and includes rifle, skiing, women's swimming, men's and women's indoor track, and men's wrestling. Complete Sears Cup standings and scoring structure can be found on www.nacda.com.

Minnesota has finished in the top 25 each of the last five years and six of the seven years of the competition.



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NCAA CHAMPION WRESTLING TEAM CELEBRATES SEASON AT AWARDS BANQUET

The 2001 NCAA Champion University of Minnesota wrestling team held its annual awards banquet at the Four Points Sheraton in Minneapolis, Minn., to honor the athletes that led the Golden Gophers to their first national title in the sport of wrestling. Appropriately, all 10 of Gold Country's starters were recipients of an individual award on the night. In March, Minnesota captured the national title on the backs of 10 grapplers that earned All-America honors.

Highlighting the award winners for the 2000-01 season were Leroy Vega, named the Most Valuable Wrestler, and Jared Lawrence, the season's Most Outstanding Wrestler. A complete list of the award winners is below.

Most Valuable: Leroy Vega

Most Outstanding: Jared Lawrence

Fraser Dean Award Most Courageous: Owen Elzen

Most Dedicated: Brett Lawrence and Brad Pike

Chris Berglin Most Improved: Jacob Volkmann

Most Exciting: Luke Becker

Most Falls Award: Chad Erikson (10)

Outstanding Freshman: Garrett Lowney and Damion Hahn

Freshman Outstanding Academic Award: Eric Anderson

Upperclassman Outstanding Academic Award: Owen Elzen

Verne Gagne Scholarship/Leadership Award: Ryan Lewis

All-American Awards: Leroy Vega (3rd - 125 pounds), Brett Lawrence (8th - 133 pounds), Chad Erikson (8th - 141 pounds), Jared Lawrence (6th - 149 pounds), Luke Becker (4th - 157 pounds), Brad Pike (4th - 165 pounds), Jacob Volkmann (4th - 174 pounds), Damion Hahn (5th - 184 pounds), Owen Elzen (3rd - 197 pounds), Garrett Lowney (3rd - Hwt)

Senior Awards: Brett Lawrence (133 pounds), Josh Krebs (141 pounds), Brad Pike (165 pounds)

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The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with a white "M" on the chest and a white scarf. It is holding a football in its right hand and has its left hand raised in a fist. The mascot is smiling and looking towards the viewer.

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FOOTBALL TEAM RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND; BREAKFAST HUDDLE SET FOR APRIL

Head Football Coach Glen Mason, his wife Kate and the entire Golden Gopher football team have renewed their partnership with the Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) for the 2001 season. The Minnesota gridiron program is once again committed to helping children and assisting the CCRF in raising money for cancer research at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center.

To kick off the Golden Gophers' involvement with CCRF for the second-straight year, Mason and his wife, Kate, host the second annual Breakfast Huddle with the Gophers on Saturday, April 28, at 8:30 a.m. The event takes place at the Metrodome prior to the spring football game at 11 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children age 12 and under in advance, and \$25 per adult or child at the door. The event includes a hot breakfast with Coach Mason, an appearance by Goldy Gopher and a 2001 football poster. Last year's breakfast raised \$10,000.

The Chu Laser Eye Institute is serving as the spring game and associated event sponsor. The food for the breakfast is provided by A Season to Taste Catering, Inc.

The Golden Gophers are also committed to the "First Down for CCRF" pledge drive for the second year. Last year's program raised \$15,000.

For more information, contact CCRF at (952) 893-9355 or at www.childrenscancer.org.



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MINNESOTA RANKED 16TH IN DIVISION I SEARS DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota is in 16th position in the second set of winter standings of the Division I Sears Directors' Cup. The Golden Gophers, with 398 points, are sixth among Big Ten teams in the standings with Wisconsin (2), Michigan (3), Ohio State (4), Penn State (5) and Indiana (15) ahead of Minnesota. The Maroon and Gold finished in 19th place in the final 1999-2000 standings with 627 points.

The Sears Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. It is administered by NACDA and sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

The standings include men's and women's basketball, fencing, men's gymnastics, men's and women's ice hockey, rifle, skiing, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling. Complete standings and the scoring structure can be found on NACDA's web site at www.nacda.com. Points are awarded on each of the institution's finish in up to 20 sports – 10 for men and 10 for women. Each national champion receives 100 points.

Rank, institution	Pts.
1. Stanford	781.5
2. Wisconsin	641.5
3. Michigan	595.5
4. Ohio State	568.5
5. Penn State	561.5
6. Nebraska	535.5
7. Arizona	529.5
8. North Carolina	514
9. UCLA	500.5
10. Florida	482
11. Notre Dame	466.5
12. Texas	447.5
13. Oklahoma	419.5
14. Colorado	408
15. Indiana	407.5
16. Minnesota	398
17. Arkansas	394
18. Brigham Young	389.5
19. Arizona State	383.5
20. Duke	381
20. Georgia	381
22. Michigan State	360.5
23. Boston College	354.5
24. Southern California	351
25. Tennessee	348.5

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HANNAHAN NAMED GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL MVP

Junior Jack Hannahan was named the recipient of the Dick "Chief" Siebert Memorial MVP Award at the 18th Annual Dugout Club Awards Banquet tonight at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Hannahan is batting .373 with a team leading 63 runs, 81 hits, 20 doubles, 15 homers and 81 RBI. Hannahan was selected as the Big Ten Player of the Year last week leading into the Big Ten Tournament where he notched Big Ten Tournament MVP honors as he led the Golden Gophers to the postseason crown.

In other awards, junior Mike Kobow won the David Winfield Pitcher of the Year Award with a 10-3 record and a 4.41 ERA. Freshman Sam Steidl won the Paul Molitor Batting Champion Award with a .399 average. Senior Kurt Haring won the George Thomas Most Improved Player Award for hitting .347 with 10 homers and 38 RBIs in his first season in the field after spending his first four years as a Golden Gopher pitcher.

Paul Molitor Batting Champion Award—Sam Steidl

David Winfield Pitcher of the Year Award—Mike Kobow

Paul Fortin Scholarship/Athlete Award—Jason Shupe

Golden Gopher Dugout Club Player of the Year—Josh Holthaus

George Thomas Most Improved Player Award—Kurt Haring

David Chelesnik Scholarship Award – Dan McGrath

Richard "Chief" Siebert Memorial MVP Award—Jack Hannahan



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Southwest St., Tuesday, April 24, 4 p.m.; vs. Iowa St., Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m.; at Ohio State (4 games), Friday-Sunday, April 27-29 in Columbus, Ohio.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 4-0 at Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.



TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the Drake Relays, Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, in Des Moines, Iowa.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota placed fifth at the Texas Team Invitational.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Fossum / Spartan Invitational, Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, in East Lansing, Mich.

LAST WEEK: None

FOOTBALL

NEXT UP: Spring Football Game, Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m., at the Metrodome.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers continue spring practice at Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: At Big Ten Championships, Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29, in Madison, Wis.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota defeated Iowa 6-1 at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn.

APRIL 22-28, 2001

BASEBALL

GOLDEN GOPHERS DEFEAT IOWA 23RD TIME IN A ROW; HOLD ON TO FIRST PLACE

Minnesota defeated the University of Iowa Sunday afternoon by a score of 9-3. It was the 23rd straight time the Golden Gophers have beaten the Hawkeyes, dating back to 1996. Freshman Chad Drexler earned his first collegiate victory and sophomore Scott Welch led the offensive charge by knocking four hits in five at bats.

Minnesota jumped on top of Iowa early and never looked back to complete the weekend sweep, and keep the top spot in the Big Ten Conference - one half game over Purdue University. Freshman Josh Krogman got the nod to start for the Maroon and Gold, and allowed just two runs through nearly five innings of work. Senior Jason Shupe finished the game for Minnesota, as all three hurlers surrendered just nine hits in the nine-inning contest. The Golden Gopher defense also came up big, turning two double plays and making countless gold-glove digs and catches.

Minnesota, now 27-15 overall and 15-4 in conference play, returns home for two nonconference games on Tuesday and Wednesday at Siebert Field, before traveling to Ohio State next weekend.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DOMINATE HAWKEYES

Minnesota ran on all cylinders versus the University of Iowa, extending the Maroon and Gold winning streak to 22 games versus the Hawkeyes, dating back to 1996. Golden Gopher pitching combined for 18 strikeouts and allowed just seven hits in the double-header. Minnesota's offense, conversely, exploded on Hawkeye pitching for 19 runs on 30 hits in the two games. The Golden Gophers have accrued 51 runs on 48 hits in the three games thus far versus the Hawkeyes.

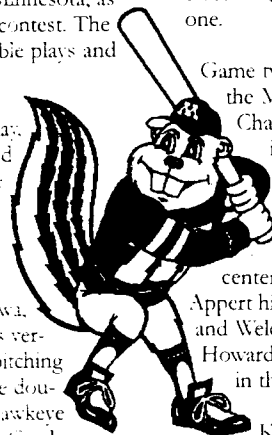
Sophomore C.J. Woodrow struck out a career-high 10 batters, including six of his last ten, en route to his second complete game victory of 2001. Woodrow hurled all seven innings of game one, allowing just two earned runs on six scattered hits.

Senior Kurt Haring, as he did yesterday, sparked the Golden Gopher bats. Trailing 2-1 in the third inning, Haring led off the inning with a home run to right field - his second bomb in as many games and his fifth of the season. Now tied at 2-2, junior Jason Kennedy hustled to third for a one-out triple and scored on sophomore Scott Welch's single into center field, giving Minnesota

the 3-2 lead.

It was more of the same in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, as the Golden Gophers tacked up five more runs on eight more hits, including a RBI triple by junior Jack Hannahan, a two-RBI double by junior Chris Guetzlaff and a RBI single by junior Scott Howard. Howard finished the first game 3-for-5 with two walks, making him 8-for-8 in the first two games of the series.

Woodrow retired 11 of the last 14 men he faced and allowed just eight base runners all game. He walked only one Hawkeye - the leadoff batter, inching his season total to a mere 11 in his 66-plus innings of work. Woodrow leads the team with a 5-plus strikeout to walk ratio. Six Golden Gophers collected multi-hit games, including Kennedy, Hannahan and Howard who each had three hits, as Woodrow and the Minnesota offense dropped Iowa 8-3 in game one.



Game two began as a pitchers duel. Freshman Jay Gagner took the hill for the Maroon and Gold, throwing pitch-for-pitch against senior Hawkeye Chad Blackwell. Blackwell shushed the Minnesota metal for the first five innings, allowing only four hits and two runs - one unearned. But as they did in the first two games, the Golden Gophers brought out the whooping sticks in inning number six; and for the third consecutive game, Haring has gotten them started... with a home run. Haring sent the very first pitch of the inning into orbit over the center field wall, increasing the Minnesota lead to 3-0. Sophomore Luke Appert hit the next pitch into left-center field for his 11th double of the year, and Welch followed suit by drilling the third pitch of the inning to center. Howard drew his third walk of the series to load the bases and make room in the box for Kennedy.

Kennedy entered the day 2-for-his last 11 at bats, but on the 1-0 pitch from Blackwell, he launched his fifth consecutive hit - a grand slam down the right field line. It was Kennedy's seventh home run of the season and his first career grand slam. Minnesota scored three more runs in the inning on, as Haring, Appert and Welch each connected for their second hit of the inning. In total, the Golden Gophers scored nine runs on eight hits in the sixth to take an 11-0 lead.

Gagner, who carried a no-hitter one out into the fifth inning, struck out the side in the sixth to complete his six-strikeout, one-hit, shutout performance. Gagner retired 17 of the 20 batters he faced, including a stretch of 10 in a row. His six strikeouts was a career-high and his 20 batters faced was just two over the minimum. Sophomore Nick McCauley came on and struck out the last two batters to close the game in the seventh, as Minnesota went on to demolish Iowa 11-1.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 3-5
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 5-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-5
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 5-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-5
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	Siebert Field
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	Siebert Field
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	Columbus, Ohio
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	Siebert Field
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Siebert Field
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	Siebert Field
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	Siebert Field

GOLDEN GOPHERS CLOSE OUT REGULAR SEASON THIS WEEKEND

The 51st-ranked Minnesota men's golf team closes out the 2000-01 regular season this weekend at the 2001 Bruce Fossum TeamGearOnline.com Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

The Golden Gophers are coming off a disappointing finish at The Intercollegiate Golf Tournament. Minnesota placed 11th of 12 teams.

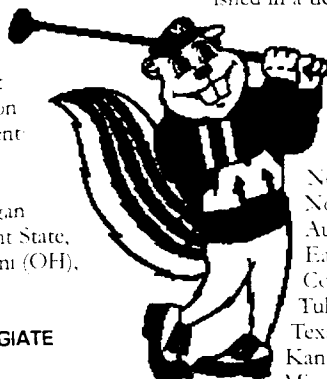
The field is set for the 2001 Bruce Fossum/TeamGearOnline.com Invitational on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th. The event is hosted by Michigan State University and held at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing. As the NCAA Golf Season nears its end, fans and teams will be monitoring this event closely to determine year-end standings.

The prestigious field includes: Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, Michigan, Indiana, Northwestern, Minnesota, Kent State, Ohio State, Missouri, Marshall, Illinois, Wisconsin, Miami (OH), Iowa and Xavier.

MINNESOTA FINISHES 11TH AT THE INTERCOLLEGIATE

The Minnesota men's golf team finished 11th out of 12 teams at The Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, hosted by the University of North Carolina at the par-72, 7,927-yard Finley Golf Course. The Golden Gophers' top finisher after the 54-hole event was sophomore David Morgan who placed in a tie at 23rd with a three-over 219.

The Maroon and Gold shot their best round as a team for the event on the second day, firing a 288 to finish the tournament with a 23-over par score of 887. Duke surged from second place after the first day to win the event with an eight-under 856. The Blue Devils were followed in the standings by Wake Forest (861) and first-day leader North Carolina State (863).



Duke's Kevin Streebman used a final-round 69 to capture individual medalist honors with his seven-under 209. First-day leader David Sanchez of NC State faltered down the stretch, tallying a final-round 75 to finish in a shot behind Streebman at 21.

The final round was the kindest to the Golden Gophers as three of five Gold Country golfers turned in scores of par or better. Morgan registered his second-straight round of par while sophomore Wilhelm Schauman fired a 70 and freshman Justin Smith shot a team-best 68. Schauman finished in a tie for 26th at 220 and Smith placed in a tie for 30th at 221.

The Intercollegiate 54-Hole Team Results

Team	Scores
Duke	282 287 287--856
Wake Forest	283 288 290--861
North Carolina State	283 284 296--863
North Carolina	290 283 292--865
Augusta State	293 287 286--866
East Tennessee State	288 292 289--869
Colorado	289 286 298--873
Tulsa	284 290 300--874
Texas A&M	288 303 288--879
Kansas	299 292 289--880
Minnesota	296 303 288--887
Vanderbilt	298 308 302--908

Golden Gopher Scores

Place	Player	Scores
T23	David Morgan	75 72 72--219
T26	Wilhelm Schauman	73 77 70--220
T30	Justin Smith	75 78 68--221
T58	Ben Meyers	74 76 80--230
60	Simon Nash	74 79 78--231

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	T3rd of 17 teams
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	11th of 12 teams
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

TENNIS

GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S TENNIS TEAM DEFEATS IOWA 6-1

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Iowa 6-1 in its regular season finale in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers improved to 11-10 and 6-4 in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers took five of the six singles matches. At No. 1 singles, No. 52 Harsa Mankad defeated No. 61 Tyler Cleveland, 7-5, 6-3. Jorge Duenas, Jon Svensson, Aleksey Zharinov and Tyson Parry earned victories for Minnesota.

The Maroon and Gold earned the doubles point with three victories. Mankad and Duenas, ranked 26th in the nation, clinched the doubles point with an 8-6 victory at No. 1 doubles over Cleveland and Stuart Waters.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Madison, Wis., next weekend for the Big Ten Championships.

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Singles

- No. 1 - Harsa Mankad (UM) def. Tyler Cleveland (IA), 7-5, 6-3
- No. 2 - Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Stuart Waters (IA), 6-3, 6-0
- No. 3 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Petar Mandic (IA), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2
- No. 4 - Aleksey Zharinov (UM) def. Jake Wilson (IA), 6-2, 6-2
- No. 5 - Hunter Skogmar (IA) def. Chris Wettengel (UM), 6-4, 6-4
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (UM) def. Tom Bucnikofer (IA), 6-3, 6-2



Doubles

- No. 1 - Mankad/Duenas (UM) def. Cleveland/Waters (IA), 8-6
- No. 2 - Parry/Svensson (UM) def. Bucnikofer/Mandic (IA), 8-4
- No. 3 - Robertson/Wettengel (UM) def. Pete Rose/Skogmar (IA), 9-7

INJURIES DEplete: Injuries have severely dampened a season in which Minnesota was set to compete for the Big Ten title and an extended NCAA postseason run. Junior Thomas Haug is ranked 51st in the nation despite not playing since October when he won the Region IV Championships. Seniors Tyson Parry and Ed Marques have also seen their share of time on the sidelines due to injuries.

BIG TENS UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers travel to Madison, Wis., for the Big Ten Championships, April 26-29. Last year, Illinois captured the title with a 4-1 victory over the Golden Gophers in the finals.

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	UNIX 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. 25	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Feb. 24-27	National Indoors	Louisville, Ky.
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
Mar. 16-18	Blue-Gray Tournament	Montgomery, Ala.
Mar. 24	Penn State	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	Northwestern	L, 5-2
Apr. 15	Illinois	L, 5-2
Apr. 20	Iowa	W, 6-1
Apr. 26-29	Big Ten Championships	Madison, Wis.
May 12-15	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 18-27	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.

TRACK & FIELD

FAHEY WINS DISCUS TO LEAD GOLDEN GOPHERS AT TEXAS TEAM

Senior Mark Fahey won the discus with a throw of 177-11 at the Texas Team Invitational in Austin, Texas this weekend. Fahey was the top finisher for Minnesota who finished fifth in the team standings.

The Golden Gophers had 13 people finish in the top ten in nine events. Brian Meyer and Zach Edmonson finished second and seventh, respectively, in the 800-meter run. Freshman Martin Robeck continued his success from the indoor season and placed fourth in the 1500m with a career-best time of 3:53.87. Senior Bob Quade took third among stiff competition in the 400m hurdles with a time of 52.44. Steve Slattery and Jayme Pantekoek placed ninth and tenth in the pole vault, both with vaults of 15-5. Scott Berggren and Lyndon McDowell also placed right after one another in the high jump with equal jumps of 6-6.

Several athletes also competed in more than one event. In addition to winning the discus, Fahey took third in the hammer with a toss of 187-6. Mike Ehlers took fourth in the shot out and tenth in the discus. Lynden Reder placed fourth in the hammer and ninth in the discus. Senior Ben Meyer also finished in the top of the pack in the hammer with a toss of 170-7 and took fifth. Lyndon McDowell was the other Golden Gophers competing in multiple events. In addition to high jump, McDowell took ninth in the long jump with a leap of 21-10 1/4.

That Golden Gophers continue the outdoor season next weekend at the Drake Relays, one of the largest outdoor meets in the country.

UNDERCLASSMEN OUTSTANDING AT CARLETON RELAYS

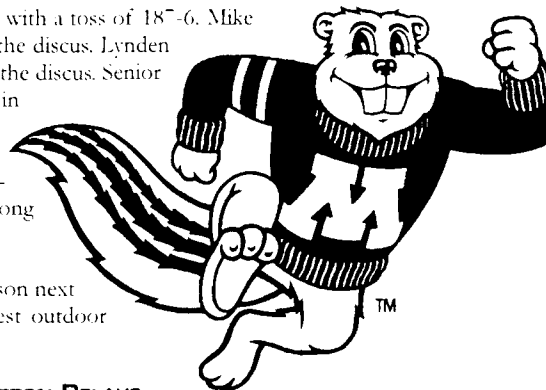
Sixteen freshman and sophomores on the Minnesota men's track and field team placed in the top ten at the 55th annual Carleton Relays on Saturday. Freshman Ryan Ford and Josh Paulson won the 1500-meter run (3:56.77) and high jump (6-5), respectively, while competing as unattached athletes. Toby Henkels also won the 400m (48.78).

Three Golden Gophers also notched second-place finishes. Freshman Neil Hanson took second in the 800m (1:54.78), while freshman redshirts, Josh DeBell and Scott Ferguson were the runners up in the 5000m (15:04.15) and 400m hurdles (54.75). Vince Donahue took fourth in the 400 hurdles with a 55.76. Michael Bialick was the second Gopher finisher in the 5000m in fifth place with a 15:13.95.


Ferguson and Travis Brandstatter each placed in the top ten in two events. In addition to the 400 hurdles, Ferguson took 10th in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.37. Brandstatter took eighth in both the 110 hurdles (16.11) and the 400m (50.71).

Other Minnesota underclassmen performing well were: Erik Quam, third, 3000m steeplechase (9:41.93); Andy Kummer, third, 1500m (3:59.45); Derek Sykes, third, 110 hurdles (15.38); Joronne Williamson, fourth, 110 hurdles (15.45); Curt Schoenfelder, third, shot put (47-8 1/2); Andy Tesra, fifth, shot put (44-11 1/2).

Jesse Madsen and Jason Owen were the only two upperclassmen to compete. Madsen took 14th in the 400 and ninth in the 200m. Owen took third in the 400 with a time of 49.85.



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	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores	Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	5th of 5 teams
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores	Apr. 21-22	Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores	Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	Northfield, Minn.
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores	Apr. 25	Macalester	St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores	Apr. 27-28	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams	May 4	Cardinal Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores	May 4	Hamline	St. Paul, Minn.
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans	May 5	Iowa Twilight Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	No team scores	May 12	Home Meet	Bierman Field
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	No team scores	May 18-20	Big Ten Outdoor Champs.	Bloomington, Ind.
Mar. 22-23	Baldy Castillo Invite	No team scores	May 30-	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	No team scores	June 2		
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	No team scores			



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GREAT GOPHER SPORTS AUCTION SATURDAY AT WILLIAMS ARENA

The sixth annual Great Gopher Sports Auction will take place Saturday, April 28 at Williams Arena. The event begins with a social hour at 4 p.m. The silent auction begins at 5 p.m., followed by the live auction.

Many unique items from 10 different categories will be available for Gopher fans to bid on in the silent auction. Following is a list of those categories and a key item in each of them: Artwork - signed Tom Lehman print, Lunches and Dinners - lunch for two with Ray and Ramona Christensen, Gopher Experience - Zamboni driving lessons, Lessons/Camps/Matches - spot in Glen Mason's football camp, Golf - golf with Dan Monson at Interlachen Country Club, Gopher Equipment - Dan Wilson Minnesota autographed signed jersey, Tickets and Passes - 2002 Big Ten Tournament VIP package, Parties/Trips/Hotels - overnight stay at FourPoints Sheraton, Apparel - Minnesota sweater and Miscellaneous - set of Timberwolves bobbleheads.

The live auction features six items ranging in price from \$350 to 3,500. They are: two tickets to the 2002 Final Four, Rose Bowl Package, two tickets to the 2002 Super Bowl, two Gopher basketball season tickets, Muhammad Ali autographed oversized glove and a Terrance Fogarty Hockey "Salute" original print.

In addition, to the auction there will be autographs by many Golden Gopher celebrities, as well as pictures with Goldy Gopher and Minnesota student-athletes. Complimentary food and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

All proceeds from the Great Gopher Sports Auction will go to fund scholarships for the 400 student-athletes. In the last five years, this event has raised over \$300,000 for Minnesota Men's Athletics scholarships.

Tickets to the event are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 5-12. Kids four and under are free. Tickets are available from the Golden Gopher ticket office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER or the Williams Fund Office at (612) 625-1001. For more information click on the Great Gopher Sports Auction logo on www.gophersports.com.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. St. Scholastica, Wednesday, May 2, 6 p.m.; vs. Bethel, Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.; vs. St. Thomas, Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m. - all games at Siebert Field

LAST WEEK: Minnesota downed Southwest State and Iowa State at home, and went 0-4 at Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.



TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the Cardinal Invite in Palo Alto, Calif., Friday, May 4; at Hamline in St. Paul, Minn., Friday, May 4; at the Iowa Twilight in Iowa City, Iowa, Saturday, May 5.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota had a strong showing at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the Big Ten Championships, Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, in Champaign, Ill.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota placed second at the Fossum/TeamGearOnline.com Invitational. Wilhelm Schauman finished second in the individual competition.

FOOTBALL

NEXT UP: At Toledo, August 31, 2001, in Toledo, Ohio, to kick off the 2001 season.

LAST WEEK: Maroon defeated White 24-19 in the Golden Gopher Spring Football Game.



CHECK OUT MINNESOTA'S OFFICIAL ATHLETIC WEB SITE - WWW.GOPHERSPORTS.COM.

This week:

- Feature stories from the Minnesota spring football season.
- Live play-by-play audio of Golden Gopher baseball games.
- Up-to-date results and statistics for all Maroon and Gold sports.

TENNIS

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Regionals, Saturday-Sunday, May 12-13, site TBA.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 1-1 at the Big Ten Championships with a win over Michigan and a loss to Illinois in Madison, Wis.

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BASEBALL

GOLDEN GOPHERS TAKE A WEEK OFF FROM CONFERENCE PLAY:

The Minnesota baseball team will take a one week hiatus from Big Ten opponents, before closing the 2001 season against Northwestern May 11-15. This week, the Golden Gophers will host St. Scholastica Wednesday night and Bethel College Friday night. They will then wrap up their nonconference schedule versus St. Thomas University Sunday afternoon. All three games will be played at Siebert Field.

WWW.BASEBALLGAMESONTHEWEB.COM: Golden Gopher baseball can now be heard from anywhere on the globe by logging on to www.gophersports.com. Whenever Minnesota's host station, WDGY-AM 630 broadcasts the game, www.gophersports.com will provide a link to the broadcast, enabling listeners to enjoy Golden Gopher baseball wherever they are.

BIRK HOPES TO RETURN FOR GAME VERSUS ST. THOMAS:

Senior lefthander Ben Birk, who was lost for most of the 2001 season with an injury, hopes he can be ready to pitch versus St. Thomas University on Sunday. Birk was struck in the face by a line drive in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic tournament in March. He started the game against fourth-ranked University of Miami and delivered a 1-2 pitch to Hurricane third baseman Kevin Howard that was returned at 99 miles per hour, hitting him just over his left eye. Birk suffered multiple fractures to his face and underwent surgery to repair the injuries on Friday, March 16. He has been cleared to play by his doctors, but needs to do more conditioning before he will be ready to participate in live competition.

OFFENSE, OFFENSE, OFFENSE: Heading into the Ohio State series, Minnesota's offense was tops in the Big Ten. Now hitting .319 as a team, the Golden Gophers have scored in double figures 14 times this year and won every game. Minnesota has won 38 straight games, dating back to 1999, when they racked up 10 runs or more. The last time Minnesota lost a game when they tallied 10-plus runs was May 23, 1999 when they lost to Michigan 12-11 in the second game of a double-header. Minnesota won the first game 13-10, but dropped the second game, and the Big Ten tournament title to the Wolverines.

SLAMMIN' SAMMY: Freshman outfielder Sam Steidl has made a strong bid for Big Ten freshman of the year this season. Currently batting .402, Steidl has led the team in average nearly the entire stretch, and has been near

the top in on-base percentage. Steidl has the team's longest hit streak of the season at 22 games. In those 22 games, Steidl batted .476 (30-63) with 18 RBI and 19 runs scored, including three three-hit performances and six other multi-hit contests.

ALL JACK'D UP: Junior third baseman Jack Hannahan is also making a bid. Hannahan is a legitimate candidate for Big Ten Player of the Year with the type of numbers he is producing. A powerful presence at the plate, Hannahan leads the conference in countless offensive categories, including home runs (12), runs scored (50) and total bases (126). Besides his intimidating bat, Hannahan has made an infinite number of plays at third base for the Golden Gophers, saving runs from scoring and teams from getting runners on base.

HOW ABOUT THAT: Junior Scott Howard is batting .419 (13-31) over his last nine games. "Howie" has been battling at the plate most of the season, but as of late, he has improved his batting average to .275 - up from .234 before the nine-game stretch. Howard has scored eight times, knocked in six RBI and walked on five other occasions. At one point, he was hitting .900 in the streak, including a string of eight consecutive hits and ten consecutive trips on base.

GOING, GOING, GONE!: Minnesota has been smashing the cover off of the ball in 2001, belting home runs at a rapid pace. In the first 19 games of the season, the Golden Gophers lifted just five round trippers over the wall. Since then, they have smashed 39. That includes a string of 25 games in which the Maroon and Gold blistered 33 automatics. Collectively, the Golden Gophers have hit 44 home runs in 2001. Hannahan leads the team with 12, and the surprising Kurt Haring follows with eight. The power surge began when Minnesota hit the road for a stretch of games in Indiana for the annual "spring trip."

ROAD WARRIORS: Minnesota wrapped up its Indiana road trip with a 4-3 extra inning victory over Indiana University. The Golden Gophers won seven of nine games in the Hoosier state by taking three of four from Indiana, two of three from Purdue and two non-conference wins against Butler and Ball State. As a team, the Golden Gophers hit .348 (114-528) over the trip. They scored 66 runs and launched 36 extra-base hits, including 15 home runs. In the field, the Maroon and Gold committed just nine errors in less than favorable (and sometimes less than playable) conditions. Pitching struck out 72 batters, while walking just 36. Minnesota returned home with an 8-2 record in its last 10 road games.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 3-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-3
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 3-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-3
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	W, 11-2
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	W, 9-0
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	L, 7-2
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	L, 4-3; L, 5-3
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	L, 5-1
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	Siebert Field
Fri, May 4	Bethel	Siebert Field
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Siebert Field
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	Siebert Field
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	Siebert Field

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GOLDEN GOPHERS HEAD TO BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 53rd-ranked Minnesota men's golf team heads to Champaign-Urbana, Ill., this weekend for the 2001 Big Ten Championships at the par 72, 7,117-yard track of Stone Creek Golf Club.

The Maroon and Gold will be aiming for their fourth Big Ten title in school history. Minnesota last captured the conference crown in 1972. In 1999, the Golden Gophers narrowly missed winning the Big Ten tournament, placing second to Northwestern by only three strokes. Minnesota has finished in the top half of the conference in the past five years.

In last season's conference tournament, the Golden Gophers, hampered by a mysterious injury to top player James McLean, struggled to a fifth-place finish. Wilhelm Schauman, however, finished 10th for a strong rookie showing.

Gold Country will look for a strong full-team performance at this weekend's Big Tens with hopes of overthrowing two-time defending champion Northwestern. The Wildcats come into the tournament as the favorite with several highly-ranked golfers, but Minnesota has the talent to overtake NU and gain the conference title.

The Golden Gophers are led by sophomore Schauman, the nation's 50th-ranked collegiate golfer. Schauman, a native of Djursholm, Sweden, has finished in the top 10 in six tournaments during the 2000-01 season, including wins at the PSINet Collegiate Invitational and Wolverine Invitational.

Big Ten Championships Facts

2000 Team Champion:

Northwestern (281-286-3003-290=1160)

2000 Individual Champion:

Luke Donald, Northwestern (72-68-73-74=287)

Team 72-hole record:

1113, Northwestern, 1999 (284-281-284-282)

Individual record:

271, Joey Sindelar, Ohio St., 1981 (70-64-8-69)

Schedule:

Friday	First Round	12:30 p.m.
Saturday	Second Round	7:30 a.m.
	Third Round	12:30 p.m.
Sunday	Final Round	7:30 a.m.

Results will be available on www.bigten.org and www.fightingillini.com.

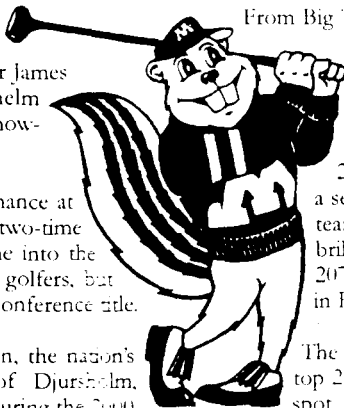
From Big Tens, Minnesota moves on to the NCAA Central Regional in Stillwater, Okla., on May 17-19.

GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH SECOND AT FOSSUM INVITATIONAL:

The 53rd-ranked University of Minnesota men's golf team closed out its regular season schedule at the 2001 Bruce Fossum/ TeamGearOnline.com Invitational with a second-place finish, ending the 54-hole event with a nine-over team score of 861. Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman performed brilliantly to the tune of a second-place finish with a six-under 207 on the par 71, 6,900-yard track at Forest Akers West Course in East Lansing, Michigan.

The Golden Gophers placed three of their five competitors in the top 25 to move from third place after day one into the runner-up spot. Minnesota fired a final round 287 to finish 10 strokes behind tournament champion Northwestern. The Wildcats placed three golfers in the top 10 and captured the team title with a one-under 851. Host Michigan State finished third with an 11-over 865. Minnesota's second-place finish was the Golden Gophers' best finish during the spring season.

Schauman, the 50th-ranked collegiate golfer in the country, fired a final-round 70 to finish second to sixth-ranked Luke Donald of Northwestern who ended the event with an eight-under 205. Rounding out the Maroon and Gold results were Justin Smith at 211 (+6), Simon Nash at 220 (+7), Ben Meyers at 221 (+8) and Joe Affrunti at 223 (+10).



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 15-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	T3rd of 17 teams
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	11th of 12 teams
Apr. 28-29	Fossum/Spartan Invitational	2nd of 15 teams
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.
Simon Nash	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Ethan Otterlei	So.	Edina, Minn.
Bryan Santee	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio
Wilhelm Schauman	So.	Djursholm, Sweden
Justin Smith	Fr.	Moan Township, Pa.
Andrew Tank	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa

TENNIS

GOLDEN GOPHERS FALL IN SEMIS: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (12-11, 6-4) was defeated by top-ranked Illinois 4-0 in the semi-finals of the Big Ten Championships in Madison, Wis. The Fighting Illini were upset by second-seeded Ohio State in the finals by a score of 4-2. The loss ended Illinois' hope for a fifth-straight league title.

THE WAITING GAME BEGINS: Minnesota will have to wait until Sunday to find out if they will be selected to the 64-team NCAA Tournament. Based on the Golden Gophers' tie for third place in the Big Ten and their ranking of No. 50, as of last week, odds appear to be in the team's favor.

A CONSTANT STRUGGLE: Minnesota had high hopes entering this year's dual-match schedule. Ranked 18th in the preseason, the Golden Gophers were never able to field a complete squad. Junior Thomas Haug won the Region IV Championship in October and would give the Golden Gophers' a formidable one-two punch in singles. Haug suffered a pair of knee injuries and has been sidelined since October. Injuries to freshman Chris Wettengel and Tyson Parry also played a role during Big Ten play.

HARSH NAMED ALL-BIG TEN; SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR: Harsh Mankad was named to the All-Big Ten team for the second consecutive year. The sophomore from India was 6-4 in Big Ten play and 25-11 overall while playing at No. 1 singles for the Golden Gophers. Mankad was also named the Big Ten's Sportsman of the Year. The award is presented to a player that exhibits a high standard of behavior and sportsmanship during the regular season. He is only the second player from Minnesota to earn the award in its 15th year of existence. Former Golden Gopher Kevin Merwie won the award in 1991.

GOLDEN GOPHERS ELIMINATED BY ILLINOIS AT BIG TENS: The University of Illinois men's tennis team defeated Minnesota 4-0 in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals at Madison, Wis. Illinois won the doubles point and three singles wins to advance to the finals of the tournament.

Illinois got off to a strong start in the doubles portion of the match. The Illini claimed victories at No. 5 doubles and also at No. 1. Ranked second in the nation, Illinois' Amer Delic and Graydon Oliver avenged an earlier loss to Minnesota's Harsh Mankad and Jorge Duenas with an 8-4 victory.

Needing just three singles victories, Illinois received wins at No. 2, 3 and 6. Phil Stolt clinched the match for the Illini when he beat Jon Svensson 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3. Big Ten Freshman of the Year Delic got by Duenas at No. 2 singles with a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

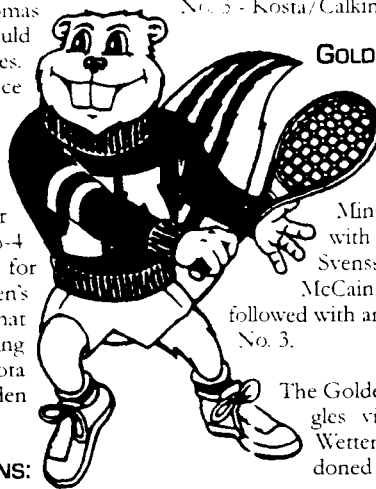
#9 ILLINOIS 4, #50 MINNESOTA 0

Singles:

- No. 1 - Graydon Oliver (ILL) vs. Harsh Mankad (MINN), suspended
- No. 2 - Amer Delic (ILL) def. Jorge Duenas (MINN), 6-4, 6-4
- No. 3 - Phil Stolt (ILL) def. Jon Svensson (MINN), 6-2, 6-3
- No. 4 - Mike Kosta (ILL) vs. Aleksey Zharinov (MINN), suspended
- No. 5 - Michael Calkins (ILL) vs. Chris Wettengel (MINN), suspended
- No. 6 - Nathan Zeder (ILL) def. Tyson Parry (MINN), 6-3, 6-1

Doubles:

- No. 1 - Oliver/Delic (ILL) def. Mankad/Duenas (MINN), 8-4
- No. 2 - Stolt/Parker (ILL) vs. Svensson/Parry (MINN), suspended
- No. 3 - Kosta/Calkins (ILL) def. Wettengel/Robertson (MINN), 8-5



GOLDEN GOPHERS ADVANCE TO SEMIFINALS AT BIG TENS: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Michigan 4-0 in the quarter-finals of the Big Ten Championships in Madison, Wis.

Minnesota got on top early by taking the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles. Tyson Parry and Jon Svensson defeated Michigan's Henry Beam and Danny McCain, 8-3, at No. 2. Erik Robertson and Chris Wettengel followed with an 8-3 victory over Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson at No. 3.

The Golden Gophers closed out the win with straight-set singles victories from Jorge Duenas, Jon Svensson and Wettengel. The three other singles matches were abandoned after Minnesota clinched the win.

#4 MINNESOTA 4, #5 MICHIGAN 0

Singles

- No. 1 - Harsh Mankad (MINN) vs. Henry Beam (MICH), abd.
- No. 2 - Jorge Duenas (MINN) def. Ben Cox (MICH), 6-3, 6-2
- No. 3 - Jon Svensson (MINN) def. Danny McCain (MICH), 6-4, 6-2
- No. 4 - Aleksey Zharinov (MINN) vs. Anthony Jackson (MICH), abd.
- No. 5 - Chris Wettengel (MINN) def. Greg Novak (MICH), 6-3, 6-2
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (MINN) vs. Chris Shaya (MICH), abd.

Doubles

- No. 1 - Mankad/Duenas (MINN) vs. Shaya/Rolf (MICH), abd.
- No. 2 - Parry/Svensson (MINN) def. Beam/McCain (MICH), 8-3
- No. 3 - Robertson/Wettengel (MINN) def. Cox/Jackson (MICH), 8-3

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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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

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 18	Indiana	W, 4-3
Feb. 23	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
Mar. 24	Penn State	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	Northwestern	L, 5-2
Apr. 15	Illinois	L, 5-2
Apr. 20	Iowa	W, 6-1
Apr. 26-29	Big Ten Championships	Madison, Wis.
	Michigan	W, 4-0
	Illinois	L, 4-0
May 12-13	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 18-27	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.

TRACK & FIELD

THREE CHAMPS: Minnesota had a very successful weekend at the Drake Relays. Senior Marc Johannsen started the trend on Friday, winning the university high jump for the second time in three years. He also took the title in 1999. Tom Gerding followed suit, winning the special invitational 400m with a NCAA provisional time of 45.63. Freshman Mikael Jakobsson, a freshman from Sweden, won the collegiate special invitation 400m hurdles with another provisional time of 51.09.

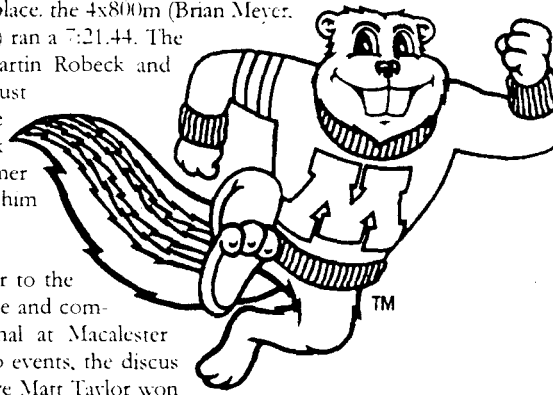
OTHER GREAT DRAKE PERFORMANCES: In addition to his university high jump win, Johannsen also took third in the special invitational high jump. The winner of that event was Nathan Leeper, who took 11th place at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia this summer. Sophomore Toby Henkels also took third in a heated special invitational 800m race. He ran a 1:51.16. The Golden Gopher 4x400m relay (Gerding, Jakobsson, Adam Steele and Andy Wohlin) provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships with their prelim time of 3:06.79. They finished fourth in the finals. Both the 4x800m and 4xMile relays took second place. The 4x800m (Brian Meyer, Henkels, Jason Owen and Zach Edmonson) ran a 7:21.44. The 4xMile (Jeremy Polson, Will McComb, Martin Robeck and Neil Hanson) ran a close race, finishing just two-hundredths of a second in front of the third place team, Alabama. Senior Mark Fahey set a new school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 190-5, which earned him 10th place.

BEFORE THERE WAS DRAKE: Just prior to the Drake Relays, the team stayed close to home and competed in the Bolstorff Twilight Invitational at Macalester College. There, senior Mark Fahey won two events, the discus (169-5) and the hammer (188-1). Sophomore Matt Taylor won the 200m with a career-best time of 21.44. Freshman Ryan Ford, competing as an unattached runner, won the 800m with a time of 1:55.68. Josh DoBell, another Minnesota unattached freshman, ran 1500m in 4:00.99 to take first. Minnesota took the top two places in both the high jump and the pole vault. Sophomore Scott Berggren won the high jump and Josh Paulsen took second. Steve Slattery and Jayme Pantekoeck went one, two in the pole vault. Sophomore Omar Clemmons won the long jump with a leap of 22-5. Mike Ehlers took first in the shot put with a toss of 50-2 1/2. Jason Swenson, competing unattached, won the javelin with a throw of 185-4.

QUALIFYING MARKS: The Golden Gophers should make a good showing at the NCAA Championships on May 30-June 2. So far, they only have one automatic qualifier in freshman Mitch Potter, who qualified in the 400m. Several other Golden Gophers have provisionally qualified and will

continue to improve their marks to give them a better chance of being accepted into the meet. Junior Lyndon McDowell was only 27 points under the automatic qualifying score in the decathlon, so should have no problem getting in. Senior Tom Gerding has clocked provisional qualifying times twice in the 400m dash. Senior Marc Johannsen hit a provisional qualifying mark in his first meet of the season in the high jump. This weekend the 4x400m relay and Mikael Jakobsson (400m hurdles) also achieved provisional marks.

THE WEEK AHEAD: The Minnesota track and field team will be roaming all over the countryside this week. Assistant coach Steve Plasencia will escort a group to the Cardinal Invitational hosted by Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. on Friday. Another group will stay home and compete at Hamline on Friday. And still, yet another group will travel to the Iowa Twilight Invitational in Iowa City on Saturday.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS


Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	No team scores
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	No team scores
Mar. 22-23	Baldy Castillo Invite	No team scores
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	No team scores
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	No team scores

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Apr. 12-14	Sea Ray Relays	No team scores
Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	5th of 5 teams
Apr. 21-22	Mt. Sac Relays	No team scores
Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	No team scores
Apr. 25	Macalester	No team scores
Apr. 27-28	Drake Relays	No team scores
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		

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SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a stylized gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white scarf. It has its right arm raised in a fist and its left hand on its hip. The mascot is facing forward with a slight smile.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 1, 2001

COUGHLIN NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS FOR MEN'S ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has announced that Kyle Coughlin has been named Assistant Director of Media Relations. He will serve as the media relations contact for the Golden Gopher men's basketball team.

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Coughlin was the Interim Director of Media Services at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. In that capacity, he served as the media contact for the Wildcat football team, which won the 2000 Big Ten regular season title and advanced to the Alamo Bowl.

Prior to being named interim director in September, 2000, Coughlin was the Associate Director of Media Services and the media contact for the Wildcat men's basketball team. He also oversaw all publications and marketing promotion pieces for the athletic department.

Coughlin began his post-collegiate career with the University of Minnesota men's media relations department in 1994. He served as Assistant Director of Publications for two years.

Coughlin is a 1993 graduate of the University of St. Thomas (Minn.), where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.



This Week In

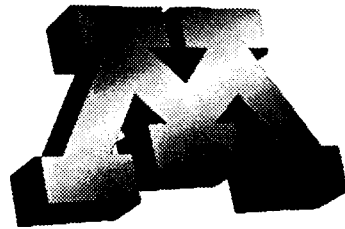


GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Northwestern, Friday-Sunday, May 11-13 at Siebert Field; Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday (2) at 4 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota defeated St. Scholastica 9-2 and Bethel 13-2 at Siebert Field.



TENNIS

NEXT UP: Vs. Alabama at the NCAA Regionals, Saturday-Sunday, May 12-13, Coral Gables, Fla.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

A
Spotlight
On...

CLAY STROTHER

In early April, sophomore Clay Strother became a two-time NCAA Champion and three-time All-American, winning national titles in the floor exercise and pommel horse, and finishing fifth in the country in the all-around at the 2001 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Columbus, Ohio. Read more inside.

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Central Regional, Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19, in Stillwater, Okla.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota placed fourth at the 2001 Big Ten Championships. Wilhelm Schauman was named to the All-Big Ten Team.



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This week:
•Feature stories from the Minnesota spring football season.
•Live play-by-play audio of Golden Gopher baseball games.
•Up-to-date results and statistics for all Maroon and Gold sports.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: Minnesota Classic/Last Chance Meet at the Bierman Track, Saturday, May 12, 4 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota had strong showings at the Cardinal Invite in Palo Alto, Calif., and at the Iowa Twilight in Iowa City, Iowa.

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BASEBALL

SERIES INFORMATION: Minnesota has defeated Northwestern 128 times since 1893, making the Wildcats the Golden Gophers' second oldest conference opponent, only to Iowa by one season. Minnesota has dominated the series, winning 68 percent of the games (128-60), including 15 of the last 20. At Siebert Field, the Golden Gophers have won 18 of the past 20 games played, sweeping the Wildcats three times.

The last time out, Minnesota rebounded from a frustrating Saturday and slammed Northwestern 12-5 in Evanston, Ill. to earn a weekend split with the Wildcats. The two teams then met up at the Big Ten Conference tournament in Minneapolis, where the Golden Gophers quickly disposed of the 'Cats 8-4 winning the season series 3-2. Luke Appert led Minnesota's offensive attack with a 3-for-3 performance at the plate that included two home runs, three runs scored and four RBI.

BIRK MAKES RETURN IN INTRASQUAD GAME: Senior left-hander Ben Birk, who was lost for most of the 2001 season with an injury, returned to pitch in Sunday's intrasquad game. The Golden Gophers were scheduled to play the University of St. Thomas - the number one ranked school in division III baseball, but the game was cancelled for scheduling reasons. He returned to the mound Sunday, lasting two and two-thirds innings, striking out two of his teammates.

Birk was struck in the face by a line drive in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic tournament in March. He started the game against fourth-ranked University of Miami and delivered a 1-2 pitch to Hurricane third baseman Kevin Howard that was returned at nearly 100 miles per hour, hitting him just over his left eye. Birk suffered multiple fractures to his face and underwent surgery to repair the injuries on Friday, March 16.

SLAMMIN' SAMMY: Freshman outfielder Sam Steidl has made a strong bid for Big Ten Freshman of the Year this season. Currently batting .421, Steidl has led the team in average nearly the entire stretch, and has been near the top in on base percentage. Steidl has the longest hit streak in the Big Ten this season at 22 games. In those 22 games, Steidl batted .476 (30-63) with 18 RBI and 19 runs scored, including three three-hit performances and six other multi-hit contests.

ALL JACK'D UP: Junior third baseman Jack Hannahan is also making a bid for post-season recognition. Hannahan is a legitimate candidate for Big Ten Player of the Year with the type of numbers he is producing. A powerful presence at the plate, Hannahan leads the conference in countless offensive categories, including home runs (13), runs scored (51) and total bases (131).

Besides his intimidating bat, Hannahan has made an infinite number of plays at third base for the Golden Gophers, saving runs from scoring and teams from runners reaching base safely.

"HOWIE" ABOUT THAT: Junior Scott Howard is batting .394 (13-33) over his last ten games. "Howie" has been battling at the plate most of the season, but as of late, he has improved his batting average to .271 - up from .234 before the ten-game stretch. Howard has scored eight times, knocked in six RBI and walked on five other occasions. At one point, he was hitting .900 in the streak, including a string of eight consecutive hits and ten consecutive trips on base.

TOUCH 'EM ALL! Minnesota has been smashing the cover off of the ball in 2001, belting home runs at a rapid pace. In the first 19 games of the season, the Golden Gophers lifted just five round trippers over the wall. Since then, they have smashed 41. That includes a string of 25 games in which the Maroon and Gold blistered 34 automatics. Collectively, the Golden Gophers have hit 46 home runs in 2001. Hannahan leads the team with 13, and the surprising Kurt Haring follows with eight. The power surge began when Minnesota hit the road for a stretch of games in Indiana for the annual "spring trip".

STEIDL, GOLDEN GOPHERS PEPPER BETHEL 13-2: Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate Sam Steidl belted three hits, including his 12th double of the season, as the Golden Gophers racked up 15 hits on the night, defeating Bethel College for the third consecutive time. Junior ace Mike Kobow carried a perfect game into the fifth inning, retiring the first 12 batters he faced to collect his seventh win of the season.

The Golden Gopher offense made the game a one-inning contest, belting seven consecutive hits in the second inning and burning Royal pitching for seven straight runs. Minnesota scored eight runs in the second, and never looked back. Steidl finished 3-for-3 on the night with two RBI and a run scored. It was Steidl's 17th multi-hit performance of 2001 and his sixth multi-RBI game.

Freshman Gary Dick extended the Golden Gopher lead in the bottom of the seventh inning, with his second home run of the season. The pinch-hit blast was a three-run shot down the right field line, making the score 13-2. Dick is now 4-for-6 on the season as a pinch hitter with six RBI.



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 3-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-3
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 3-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-3
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	W, 11-2
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	W, 9-0
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	L, 7-2
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	L, 4-3; L, 5-3
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	L, 5-1
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	W, 9-2
Fri, May 4	Bethel	W, 13-2
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Cancelled
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	Siebert Field
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	Siebert Field
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	Siebert Field

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MINNESOTA FINISHES FOURTH AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS; SCHAUMAN NAMED ALL-BIG TEN: The 33rd-ranked University of Minnesota men's golf team finished in fourth place at the 2001 Big Ten Championships at the par 72, 7,118-yard Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, Ill., firing a final-round 284 to post a 72-hole score of 1152. The Golden Gophers finished 20 strokes behind Northwestern who captured the conference title for the third consecutive year. Northwestern's Luke Donald took the individual title with a nine-under 279.

Freshman Simon Nash led the Maroon and Gold with his sixth-place finish at a three-under 285. Nash shot a final-round 71 and ended tied with Indiana's Steve Wheatcroft in sixth. Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman fired his fourth-consecutive round of par golf and finished in a tie for 14th place with an even 288. After the tournament, Schauman was named to the 2001 All-Big Ten Team. Sophomore Joe Affrunti also finished in 14th place, following his final-round 71. Rounding out the Minnesota results are sophomore Ben Meyers in 28th at 293 and freshman Justin Smith in 44th at 300.

Northwestern's Donald captured his second-straight Big Ten title, firing a final-round 71 to finish two shots ahead of Mike Austin of Ohio State and three shots ahead of Iowa's Bo Anderson. Donald was named the 2001 Player of the Year for the third-straight time. He also won his third-straight Les Bolstad Award with a stroke average of 70.58. Teammate Tom Johnson took Freshman of the Year honors and NU's Pat Goss won his third consecutive Coach of the Year award.

In the team competition, Northwestern registered a final round of 279 to finish with a final score of 1132, 13 strokes ahead of runner-up Purdue and 19 shots up on third-place Ohio State. The Wildcats' score of 1132 was only one stroke off the team record they set in 1999. Northwestern had four golfers finish in the top ten. Iowa ended the weekend in fifth place with an 1153, followed by Michigan State (1161), Wisconsin and Michigan (1168), Penn State (1169), Illinois (1173), and Indiana (1205).

Minnesota next competes at the NCAA Central Regional in Stillwater, Okla., Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19.

72-Hole Team Results

Team	Scores	
Northwestern	289-289-284-279=1132	-20
Purdue	286-283-285-291=1145	-7
Ohio State	289-287-284-291=1151	-1
Minnesota	291-291-286-284=1152	E
Iowa	300-292-284-277=1153	+1
Michigan State	285-294-292-290=1161	+9
Wisconsin	301-287-292-288=1168	+16
Michigan	296-293-294-285=1168	+16
Penn State	293-291-289-296=1169	+17
Illinois	294-291-294-294=1173	+21
Indiana	302-304-305-294=1205	+53

72-Hole Individual Results

Player	School	Scores	
Luke Donald	Northwestern	70-65-73-71=279	-
Mike Austin	Ohio State	74-69-66-72=281	-7
Bo Anderson	Iowa	71-69-71-71=282	-6
Tom Johnson	Northwestern	76-69-68-71=284	-4
Chris Thayer	Northwestern	72-74-71-67=284	-4
Steve Wheatcroft	Indiana	71-69-77-68=285	-5
Simon Nash	Minnesota	72-74-68-71=285	-5
Todd Anderson	Wisconsin	75-69-71-71=286	-2
Scott Harrington	Northwestern	71-72-73-70=286	-2
Ryan Miller	Purdue	69-69-76-72=286	-2

Golden Gopher Scores

Place	Player	Scores	
T6	Simon Nash	72-74-68-71=285	-3
T14	Wilhelm Schauman	72-72-72-72=288	E
T14	Joe Affrunti	72-70-75-71=288	E
T28	Ben Meyers	75-75-72-71=293	+5
T44	Justin Smith	79-76-74-71=300	+12



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	T3rd of 17 teams
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	11th of 12 teams
Apr. 28-29	Fossum/Spartan Invitational	2nd of 15 teams
May 4-6	Big Ten Championships	4th of 11 teams
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.
Simon Nash	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
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



A SPOTLIGHT ON... CLAY STROTHER



A LONE STAR IN THE NORTH STAR STATE

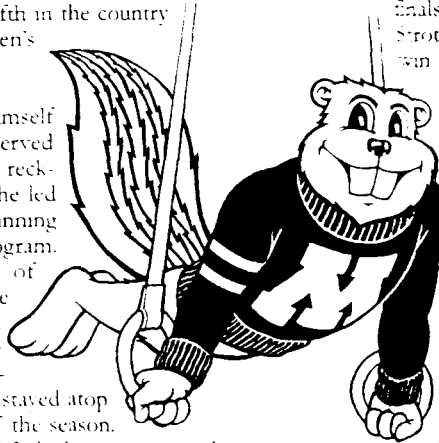
It was a year for extraordinary team performances for the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department. An NCAA Championship in wrestling, a second-straight bowl appearance by the football program, a Big Ten title for the men's swimmers and divers, and a return to the NCAA tournament for the men's hockey team all indicated that Gold Country possessed exceptional squads worthy of national respect. But in the sea of sports news pertaining to Minnesota's team success, one significant individual accomplishment by a Golden Gopher men's gymnast was unjustly overlooked. In early April, sophomore Clay Strother became a two-time NCAA Champion and three-time All-American, winning national titles in the floor exercise and pommel horse, and finishing fifth in the country in the all-around at the 2001 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Strother, a native of Jasper, Texas, established himself on the elite level of collegiate gymnastics and served notice that Minnesota is, once again, a force to be reckoned with. A Lone Star in the North Star State, he led the Golden Gophers in a season that saw the beginning of a rejuvenation of the Minnesota gymnastics program. Strother captured the all-around titles in each of Minnesota's dual meets before suffering a severe ankle sprain in the final meet of the regular season versus Nebraska. A dominating performer on the floor exercise and pommel horse, and an above-average gymnast on each remaining apparatus, he stayed atop the national all-around rankings for the majority of the season. Strother was certainly Minnesota's catalyst to its 5-3 dual meet season, the Golden Gophers' best dual record since their 5-2 mark in 1995. With Gold Country's underclassman-heavy roster, Strother provided a note of consistent leadership and stellar performance in competition to clearly place himself as a headliner on the Minnesota team.

With Strother unable to compete in a full capacity at the Big Ten Championships due to his injury, the Golden Gophers struggled, placing seventh for the fourth consecutive year. Strother's abilities at 100 percent were missed, but the conference meet provided several young Maroon and Gold athletes the opportunity to shine. The most notable performance came from freshman Eric Steele who captured the conference vault title and was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. The Golden Gophers left Big Tens disappointed but hopeful of a strong showing at the national meet with a lineup at full-strength.

With two weeks to recover and train, Strother's sights were set on the NCAA Championships. As the Golden Gophers descended on Columbus, Ohio, for the national meet, Strother's ankle still was not fully healed, but he was determined to help the team and, along the way, shoot for individual accomplishments. Unfortunately, Minnesota narrowly missed advancing to the team finals, placing fourth in their qualifying session by just 0.175 points to Michigan State. The silver lining for Gold Country was the fact that Strother advanced to the all-around finals and several other Golden Gophers moved on to individual event qualifying.

In the all-around, Strother finished fifth in the nation, registering a score of 54.150, earning All-America honors, and advancing to the individual event finals in the floor exercise and pommel horse. The next night, Strother became the first Golden Gopher in school history to win two NCAA event crowns in the same national meet, capturing the floor and pommel individual titles. He won the floor exercise with a score of 9.525 and the pommel horse crown with a score of 9.662, and was the only competitor to capture two event crowns. Minnesota's last individual event champion was John Roethlisberger on the pommel horse in 1993. Roethlisberger also won the all-around title that year.



Although Strother reached tremendous heights at the national meet, garnering three All-America citations, he maintained the role of the consummate team player. "I really wanted to help our team make the finals," Strother said. "It was sad to lose it by about a tenth of a point. This is nice, but it doesn't really make up for it. This makes me happy, but I wish my teammates were here on the floor with me."

The 2001 season will be remembered as a breakthrough year for Minnesota's Lone Star gymnast, Clay Strother. A season where extraordinary individual performances helped lead a rebuilding Golden Gopher team back to the brink of national prominence. In 2000-01, the University of Minnesota saw outstanding team results in several sports, but it was Strother's accomplishments that were Gold Country's most significant individual achievements of the new millennium.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Jan. 13	Windy City Invitational	5th of 7 teams
Jan. 20	Illinois	L, 208.150-204.350
Jan. 27	Iowa	L, 209.325-205.600
Feb. 3	Michigan State	W, 209.875-208.825
Feb. 10	Winter Cup	No team scores
Feb. 16	Ohio State	L, 211.325-209.775
Feb. 24	Michigan	W, 217.175-216.175
Mar. 6	Temple	W, 210.300-202.800
Mar. 9	Illinois-Chicago	W, 211.800-201.350
Mar. 11	Nebraska	W, 207.550-205.650
Mar. 23-24	Big Ten Championships	7th of 7 teams
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 Dierck	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.
Panagiotes Nikolaidis	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
Joshua Nitzberg	Fr.	Lincoln, Calif.
Allen Sopke	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.
Eric Steele	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Jason Stungl	So.	Waukesha, Wis.
Clay Strother	So.	Jasper, Texas
Gabriel Suarez	Fr.	Forest Lake, Minn.

TENNIS

UP NEXT: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team received its eighth consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament and its 14th bid overall. The Golden Gophers will face 15th ranked Alabama in Coral Gables, Fla., on Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. The University of Miami is host of the four-team regional and will face Charleston Southern in the other first-round matchup. The winners will meet on Sunday.

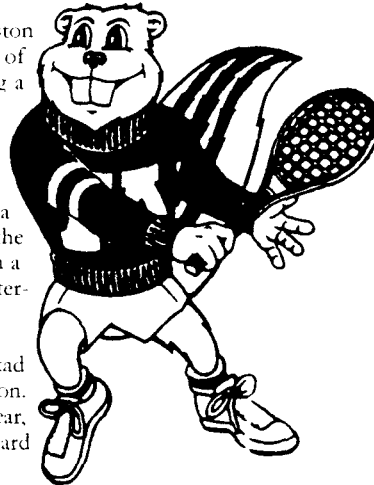
Minnesota is one of five teams from the Big Ten to reach the NCAA Tournament. Big Ten champion Illinois is the highest seed from the league. The Fighting Illini is seeded 10th and will host its first and second round matches.

THE SERIES VS. THE CRIMSON TIDE: Alabama leads the all-time series with Minnesota by 3-2 margin. The teams last met in 1995 with the Golden Gophers prevailing 5-2. Minnesota also won in 1994 by a score of 6-1. The two teams first met in 1972 with the Crimson Tide prevailing in a pair of matches, 9-0 and 7-1. The only other matchup was in 1987 with Alabama winning 5-1.

VS. THE OTHERS: While Minnesota has never faced Charleston Southern, the Golden Gophers have faced Miami, Fla., a total of six times. The Hurricanes have won all six meetings, including a 5-1 decision in the last meeting in 1989.

LAST YEAR IN THE NCAA'S: The Golden Gophers cruised through the 2000 NCAA First and Second Rounds, before falling in the quarterfinals. In Terre Haute, Ind., Minnesota defeated Columbia 4-0 and Indiana State 4-0 to advance to the Round of 16. Stanford ended the Maroon and Gold's run with a 4-0 victory in Athens, Ga. Minnesota has advanced to the quarterfinals in three of the past five seasons.

MANKAD NAMED ALL-BIG TEN: Sophomore Harsh Mankad earned All-Big Ten honors for the second consecutive season. Mankad was also named the Big Ten's Sportsman of the Year, which goes to the men's tennis player that exhibits a high standard of behavior and sportsmanship during the regular season.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S TENNIS TEAM EARNS BID TO NCAA TOURNAMENT:

The Golden Gopher men's tennis team (12-11) earned an at-large bid to the 64-team NCAA Tournament. Minnesota will face No. 15 Alabama on Saturday, May 12, in Coral Gables, Fla. The University of Miami, Fla., is the host of the four-team regional and is ranked 11th in the nation. The Hurricanes will face Charleston Southern. The winners will meet in the second round on Sunday, May 13.

In addition, sophomore Harsh Mankad earned a bid to the NCAA Singles Championships. Mankad also earned a bid to the NCAA Doubles Championships with teammate Jorge Duenas. The duo is currently ranked 29th in the nation. The seedings for the singles and doubles championships will be determined on May 22.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 18	Indiana	W, 4-3
Feb. 23	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
Mar. 24	Penn State	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	Northwestern	L, 5-2
Apr. 15	Illinois	L, 5-2
Apr. 20	Iowa	W, 6-1
Apr. 26-29	Big Ten Championships	Madison, Wis.
	Michigan	W, 4-0
	Illinois	L, 4-0
May 12-13	NCAA Regionals	Coral Gables, Fla.
May 18-27	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.

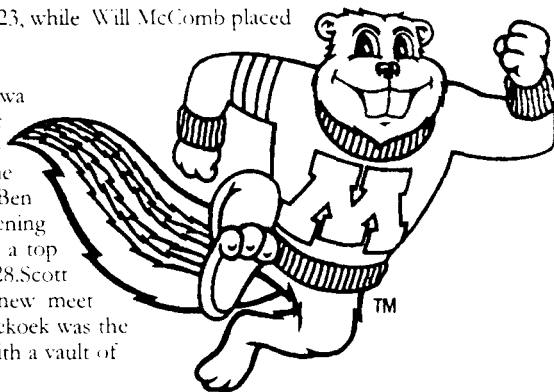
TRACK & FIELD

RUNNING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY: The Minnesota track and field team competed at four different meets last week. At Hamline, the Golden Gophers had eight event winners. Sophomore Erik Quam won the steeplechase with a career-best 9:39.61. Sophomore Mike Ehlers won the shot put with a toss of 51-11 1/4. Senior Mark Fahey won both the discus and the hammer with throws of 163-7 and 180-7, respectively. The other winners were all freshmen competing as unattached athletes. Joronne Williamson won the 110m hurdles with a career-best 14.81. Ryan Ford ran a career-best 1:52.45 to win the 800m. Josh DoBell won the 3000m with a time of 8:32.37 in his first time running the event this season. Josh Paulson had a career-best leap of 6-10 1/4, an improvement of four inches, to win the high jump.

fiers grows every week. This week's addition was Jason Owen in the 800m. So far, the Gophers only have one automatic qualifier in freshman Mitch Potter, who qualified in the 400m. Several other Golden Gophers have provisionally qualified and will continue to improve their marks to give them a better chance of being accepted into the meet. Junior Lyndon McDowell was only 27 points under the automatic qualifying score in the decathlon, so should have no problem getting in. Senior Tom Gerding has clocked provisional qualifying times twice in the 400m dash. Senior Marc Johannsen hit a provisional qualifying mark in his first meet of the season in the high jump. The 4x400m relay and Mikael Jakobsson (400m hurdles) also achieved provisional marks.

Four distance athletes traveled to Palo Alto, Calif. to compete at the Cardinal Invite. Jason Owen, Jeremy Polson, Toby Henkels and Will McComb all recorded new career-bests in their respective events. Owen took second place in the 800m and provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships with his time of 1:48.46. Henkels took sixth in the same event. Polson took second in the 5000m with his time of 14:15.23, while Will McComb placed fourth.

The team had a large contingent at the Iowa Musco Twilight Invitational. Despite rather wet conditions, the Gophers had some outstanding individual performances. The 4x100m relay (Matt Taylor, Andy Wiberg, Ben Taylor and Tom Gerding) started off the evening winning their event. Gerding followed with a top finish in the 200m with a career-best 21.28. Scott Berggren won the high jump and set a new meet record with his leap of 6-8 3/4. Jayme Pantekoek was the final event winner, winning the pole vault with a vault of 14-6.



The final meet of the busy week was the Northern Iowa open. Only the Minnesota throwers competed at this meet. Mike Ehlers took third in the shot put with a throw of 52-9 1/4. Mark Fahey took fourth in the discus with a 172-10 and fifth in the hammer with a 183-5. Lynden Reder and Ben Meyer were right behind him in sixth and seventh with tosses of 181-11 and 180-04, respectively.

COMING HOME: The Golden Gophers will be at home this weekend for the Minnesota Last Chance/Classic. It is a co-ed meet. The meet is the men's last chance for competition before the Big Ten Championships. Most of the team will be competing, and as it is the only men's home meets of the outdoor season, it is the only chance for many local fans to see them in action.

THE LIST IS GROWING: The list of Minnesota provisional NCAA quali-

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 Fair Relays	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores	Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	5th of 5 teams
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores	Apr. 21-22	Mt. SAC Relays	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores	Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores	Apr. 25	Macalester	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores	Apr. 27-28	Draze Relays	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams	May 4	Cardinal Invitational	No team scores
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores	May 4	Hamline	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans	May 5	Iowa Twilight Invitational	No team scores
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	No team scores	May 12	Home Meet	Bierman Field
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	No team scores	May 18-20	Big Ten Outdoor Champs	Bloomington, Ind.
Mar. 22-23	Baldy Castillo Invite	No team scores	May 30-	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	No team scores	June 2		
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	No team scores			

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MINNESOTA PUNTER PRESTON GRUENING SELECTED PLAYBOY PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

For the third-straight year, a University of Minnesota football athlete has been invited to be represented on *Playboy's* Preseason All-America Football Team, the most prestigious of the numerous preseason all-star squads. Golden Gopher junior punter Preston Gruening has been invited by *Playboy* to be a member of its to the 2001 Preseason College All-America Football Team. This weekend, he is attending the Dream Team photo session in Phoenix, Ariz.

Named an All-American in 2000 by the *Football News*, Gruening led the nation in punting average from start to finish of the regular season with a 45.2 average. A Ray Guy Award finalist last season, he enters the season as the top returning punter in the nation.

Gruening becomes the third Golden Gopher player in the past three years to be invited to the Preseason All-America Team and the second player to accept the invitation. In 1999, strong safety Tyrone Carter represented Minnesota on the notable team. Last year, center Ben Hamilton declined his invitation to the team for personal reasons.



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Penn State in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament, Wednesday, May 16, at 11 a.m. in Columbus, Ohio; tournament continues through Sunday, May 20.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota went 4-0 versus Northwestern at Siebert Field.



TENNIS

NEXT UP: Season completed.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota defeated Alabama 4-1 and lost to Miami 4-1 at the NCAA Championships in Coral Gables, Fla.

A
Spotlight
On...

RON JOHNSON

It was one of the hardest decisions wide receiver Ron Johnson, a student-athlete in college football's upper echelon, has had to make. Sure, the money and fame of the National Football League beckoned him to leave, but finishing his degree, graduating and helping the University of Minnesota to a third-straight bowl game was certainly an attractive option. Read on inside...

GOLF

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Central Regional, Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19, in Stillwater, Okla.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota earned a bid to the NCAA Central Regional.



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This week:

- Spring sport season championship information.
- Live play-by-play audio of Golden Gopher baseball games.
- Up-to-date results and statistics for all Maroon and Gold sports.

TRACK & FIELD

NEXT UP: At the Big Ten Championships, in Bloomington, Ind., Friday-Sunday, May 18-20.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota closed out the regular season at the Minnesota Classic at the Bierman track.

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BASEBALL

THE GOLDEN GOPHERS IN THE BIG TEN TOURNAMENT: Heading into this year's tournament, Minnesota is 34-24 overall in conference/postseason play. Over the past three seasons, Minnesota has accumulated a 7-3 record in the Big Ten Tournament, including a 3-1 record in 1999, when the tournament was last held in Columbus, Ohio. That year, after losing in the first round, Minnesota recovered to force a final game for the tournament title with Michigan. They lost that game 12-11. It is the last time the Golden Gophers have lost a game when they scored in double figures.

THE FIELD: The Golden Gophers postseason record versus the 2001 Big Ten Tournament field is 22-22 overall (Michigan 5-8, Ohio State 7-8, Penn State 1-1, Purdue 4-3, Illinois 5-2). Minnesota's potential first round matchups are Penn State or Illinois. The Maroon and Gold are 7-2 in postseason history against those two teams, and have scored a combined 65 runs versus the two rivals.

OFFENSE, OFFENSE, OFFENSE: Minnesota's offense is currently tops in the Big Ten. Now hitting .321 as a team, the Golden Gophers have scored in double figures 17 times this year and won every game. Minnesota has won 41 straight games, dating back to 1999, when they tack up 10 runs or more. The last time Minnesota lost a game when they tallied 10-plus runs was May 23, 1999 when they lost to Michigan 12-11 in their rubber match for the title of the Big Ten Tournament. Minnesota won the first game 13-10, but dropped the second game, and the Big Ten tournament crown to the Wolverines.

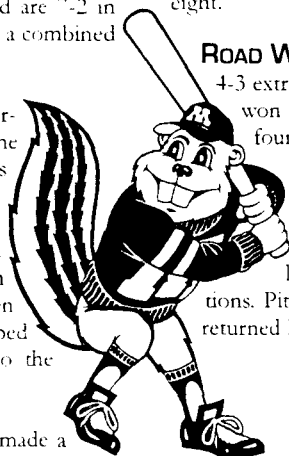
SLAMMIN' SAMMY: Freshman outfielder Sam Steidl has made a strong bid for Big Ten Freshman of the Year this season. Currently batting .397, Steidl has led the team in average nearly the entire stretch and flirted with the top spot in the Big Ten. He among the leaders in the conference with a .492 on base percentage. Steidl has the longest hit streak in the Big Ten this season at 22 games. In those 22 games, Steidl batted .476 (30-63) with 18 RBI and 19 runs scored, including three three-hit performances and six other multi-hit contests.

ALL JACK'D UP: Junior third baseman Jack Hannahan is also making a bid for post-season recognition. Hannahan is a legitimate candidate for Big Ten Player of the Year with the type of numbers he is producing. A powerful presence at the plate, Hannahan leads the conference in countless offensive categories, including runs scored (59) and total bases (139). He leads the

team in nine offensive columns that include a .678 slugging percentage, 75 hits, 52 RBI and 14 stolen bases. Besides his intimidating bat, Hannahan has made an infinite number of plays at third base for the Golden Gophers, keeping opposing runners off base and runs from scoring.

TOUCH 'EM ALL! Minnesota has been smashing the cover off of the ball in 2001, belting home runs at a rapid pace. In the first 19 games of the season, the Golden Gophers lifted just five round trippers over the wall. Since then, they have smashed 42. That includes a string of 25 games in which the Maroon and Gold blistered 34 automatics. Collectively, the Golden Gophers have hit 47 home runs in 2001. Hannahan leads the team with 13, Jason Kennedy is second with nine and the surprising Kurt Haring follows with eight.

ROAD WARRIORS: Minnesota wrapped up its Indiana road trip with a 4-3 extra inning victory over Indiana University. The Golden Gophers won seven of nine games in the Hoosier state by taking three of four from Indiana, two of three from Purdue and two non-conference wins against Butler and Ball State. As a team, the Golden Gophers hit .348 (114-328) over the trip. They scored 66 runs and launched 36 extra-base hits, including 15 home runs. In the field, the Maroon and Gold committed just nine errors in less than favorable (and sometimes less than playable) conditions. Pitching struck out 72 batters, while walking just 36. Minnesota returned home with an 8-2 record in its last 10 road games.



FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

TEAM	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	T Pct.
Ohio State	20	7	.741	41	14	0 .745
Purdue	19	7	.720	31	21	0 .596
Minnesota	19	8	.704	35	19	0 .648
Penn State	15	11	.577	28	27	0 .509
Illinois	13	14	.459	28	26	0 .510
Michigan	10	14	.417	26	26	0 .500

Northwestern	11	17	.393	24	32	0 .429
Michigan State	9	17	.346	29	27	0 .518
Iowa	8	16	.333	19	28	0 .404
Indiana	6	18	.261	24	31	1 .442

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 3-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-3
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 3-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-3
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	W, 11-2
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	W, 9-0
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	L, 7-2
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	L, 4-3; L, 5-3
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	L, 5-1
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	W, 9-2
Fri, May 4	Bethel	W, 13-2
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Cancelled
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	W, 16-7
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	W, 11-0; W, 7-3
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	W, 4-3

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MINNESOTA LOOKS FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BID THIS WEEKEND: The 35th-ranked Minnesota men's golf team heads to the 2001 NCAA Central Regional in Stillwater, Okla., Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19. The Golden Gophers will be looking for their fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships with a top 10 finish in the regional. Minnesota, ranked second in District IV, received a bid to compete in the Central Regional which features defending NCAA Champion Oklahoma State, fifth-ranked Texas, 11th-ranked Augusta State, WAC Champion TCU and Big Ten Champion Northwestern. A total of 15 of the 27 squads in the tournament are ranked in the top 50 in the nation in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings.

MAROON AND GOLD FINISHES FOURTH AT BIG TENS: Minnesota finished in fourth place at the 2001 Big Ten Championships at the par 72, 7,118-yard Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana, Ill., firing a final-round 284 to post a 72-hole score of 1152. The Golden Gophers finished 20 strokes behind Northwestern who captured the conference title for the third consecutive year. Northwestern's Luke Donald took the individual title with a nine-under 279.

Freshman Simon Nash led the Maroon and Gold with his sixth-place finish at a three-under 285. Nash shot a final-round 71 and ended tied in sixth. Sophomore Wilhelm Schauman fired his fourth-consecutive round of par golf and finished in a tie for 14th place with an even 288. After the tournament, Schauman was named to the 2001 All-Big Ten Team. Sophomore Joe Affrunti also finished in 14th place, following his final-round 71. Rounding out the Minnesota results were sophomore Ben Meyers in 28th at 293 and freshman Justin Smith in 44th at 300.

GOLDEN GOPHERS 36TH IN LATEST RANKINGS: The Golden Gophers are ranked 35th according to the May 9, 2001 edition of the Mastercard Collegiate Golf Rankings. Minnesota is one of only two Big Ten teams ranked in the top 50. Northwestern, the 2001 Big Ten Champion, is ranked 21st. The Golden Gophers and Wildcats are also the only two Big Ten teams ranked in the top 50 of the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index Team Ratings. Northwestern is listed 24th with Minnesota 32nd.

HEAD COACH JOHN MEANS: In his 11th year at the University of Minnesota, Head Coach John Means has guided the Golden Gopher golf program to

nine-straight NCAA appearances, three consecutive top 15 placings at the NCAA Championships, and upper-division finishes in the Big Ten nine times during his tenure in Gold Country. This season, Means has led the Maroon and Gold to top 10 finishes in eight of 11 tournaments, including wins at the PSINet Collegiate Invitational and Wolverine Invitational in the fall. Prior to coming to Gold Country, Means headed the golf program at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He led the Army squad to 10 straight conference championships from 1981-90.

SCHAUMAN SHINES: Throughout the 2000-01 season, sophomore Wilhelm Schauman has made a name for himself in the world of collegiate golf. A native of Djursholm, Sweden, Schauman had a stellar year, winning two tournaments, finishing in the top 10 six times and earning All-Big Ten honors with his impressive play. On the year, he has maintained a team-low 71.97 scoring average and has been the leader of a young Golden Gopher squad. Schauman stormed out of the gate in the fall, winning consecutive medalist titles at the PSINet Collegiate Invitational and Wolverine Invitational. Ranked as the nation's 44th-ranked collegiate golfer, Schauman looks to lead the Maroon and Gold to another strong finish at NCAAs.

YOUTH IS SERVED: The 2000-01 Maroon and Gold roster is loaded with underclassmen that have made significant contributions during the season. The Golden Gophers' probable starting five golfers for the Central Regional are all freshman or sophomores. In addition to sophomore Schauman, the likely starters for Minnesota will be sophomores Joe Affrunti and Ben Meyers, and freshmen Justin Smith and Simon Nash. In all the Gold Country roster has three seniors, no juniors, seven sophomores and five freshmen.

SPANNING THE GLOBE: The Golden Gophers are well-represented from all corners of the earth on their 2000-01 roster. Schauman is a native of Sweden, with senior Santiago Fernandez (Bogota, Colombia), sophomores Zach Faulds (Wardsville, Ontario, Canada), Matt Gibb (Toronto, Ontario, Canada), and Ben Meyers (Frankston, Victoria, Australia), and freshman Simon Nash (Brisbane, Queensland, Australia) all hailing from outside the United States. States represented on the roster include Minnesota (3), California (1), Illinois (1), Iowa (1), Ohio (1) and Pennsylvania (1).



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	T3rd of 17 teams
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	11th of 12 teams
Apr. 28-29	Fossum Spartan Invitational	2nd of 15 teams
May 4-6	Big Ten Championships	4th of 11 teams
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.
Simon Nash	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
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

TENNIS

GOLDEN GOPHERS UPSET NO. 15 ALABAMA IN NCAA FIRST ROUND

The 46th-ranked University of Minnesota men's tennis team upset No. 15 Alabama 4-1 in the first round of the NCAA Championship in Coral Gables, Fla. The Golden Gophers moved on to face the winner of 11th-ranked Miami and Charleston Southern match.

Sophomore Harsh Mankad earned a straight-set victory at No. 1 singles with his upset of 15th-ranked Maxim Belski by a score of 6-3, 7-5. Minnesota also earned wins from senior Jon Svensson and freshmen Aleksey Zharinov and Chris Wettengel. Svensson defeated Chris Gostek at No. 3 in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. Alabama earned the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles.

The Golden Gophers entered the match with an 0-7 record against teams ranked in the nation's top-50.

#46 MINNESOTA 4, #15 ALABAMA 1

Singles

1. Harsh Mankad (UM) def. Maxim Belski (UA) 6-3, 7-5
2. Susheel Narla (UA) vs Jorge Duenas (UM) DNF
3. Jon Svensson (UM) def. Chris Gostek (UA) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1
4. Aleksey Zharinov (UM) def. Stephen Mitchell (UA) 6-4, 6-2
5. Chris Wettengel (UM) def. Chris McRae (UA) 6-3, 7-6 (3)
6. Christian Brodersen (UA) vs Eric Robertson (UM) DNF

Doubles

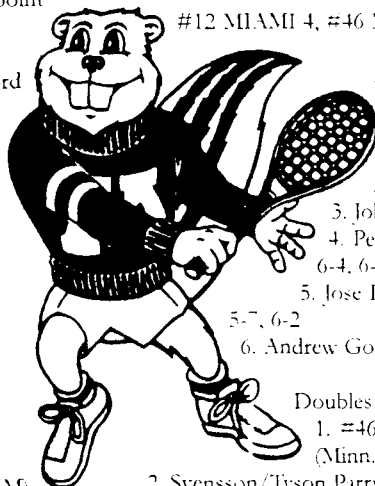
1. Belski/Narla (UA) vs Mankad/Duenas (UM) DNF
2. Mitchell/William Boyles (UA) def. Svensson/Tyson Parry (UM) 8-6
3. Gostek/McRae (UA) def. Robertson/Wettengel 8-3

Tomas Smid upset the Golden Gophers' Harsh Mankad and Jorge Duenas at No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-5. Mankad and Duenas are ranked 29th in the nation.

Miami finished the victory with three victories in singles play. Jose Lieberman's three-set victory over Minnesota's Chris Wettengel clinched the win for the Hurricanes. Jorge Duenas earned the lone win for the Golden Gophers with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Smid at No. 2 singles.

Despite not being able to field its full lineup at any point during the season due to a rash of injuries, Minnesota finishes the season with a 13-12 record and earned its eighth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

#12 MIAMI 4, #46 MINNESOTA 1



Singles

1. #46 Michael Lang (UM) vs #44 Harsh Mankad (Minn.) DNF
2. Jorge Duenas (Minn.) def. Tomas Smid (UM) 6-2, 6-3
3. Johan Lindqvist (UM) vs Jon Svensson (Minn.) DNF
4. Peter Hofiman (UM) def. Aleksey Zharinov (Minn.) 6-4, 6-1
5. Jose Lieberman (UM) def. Chris Wettengel (Minn.) 6-0, 5-7, 6-2
6. Andrew Golub (UM) def. Eric Robertson (Minn.) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

1. #46 Hoffman/Smid (UM) def. #29 Mankad/Duenas (Minn.) 8-5
2. Svensson/Tyson Parry (Minn.) def. Lang/Lieberman (UM) 8-3
3. Lindqvist/Golub (UM) def. Robertson/Wettengel 8-6

MIAMI OUSTS GOLDEN GOPHERS FROM NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of Miami defeated the Golden Gopher men's tennis team 4-1 in the second round of the NCAA Championship in Coral Gables, Fla. A day after upsetting 15th-ranked Alabama, Minnesota was unable to repeat the feat against 12th-ranked Miami.

The Hurricanes got on top early by claiming the doubles point with victories at No. 1 and 3. Ranked 46th in the nation, the duo of Michael Lang and

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 18	Indiana	W, 4-3
Feb. 23	Michigan State	W, 6-1
Feb. 25	Michigan	W, 4-3
Mar. 2	Wisconsin	L, 5-2
Mar. 3	Ohio State	L, 4-3
Mar. 9	Purdue	W, 5-2
Mar. 24	Penn State	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	Northwestern	L, 5-2
Apr. 15	Illinois	L, 5-2
Apr. 20	Iowa	W, 6-1
Apr. 26-29	Big Ten Championships	Madison, Wis.
	Michigan	W, 4-0
	Illinois	L, 4-0
May 12-13	NCAA Regionals	Coral Gables, Fla.
May 18-27	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.

TRACK & FIELD

GOLDEN GOPHERS DOMINATE MINNESOTA CLASSIC

The University of Minnesota men's track and field team had an outstanding day at their only home outdoor meet of the season. Golden Gopher athletes won 12 of 18 events on a beautiful, sunny day on Bierman Track.

Minnesota athletes went one, two, three in both the 1500m and the hammer. Senior Jason Owen won the 1500m with a time of 3:52.06. Neil Hanson was right on his heels at 3:52.32 and Josh DoBell, running unattached, finished in 3:53.06.

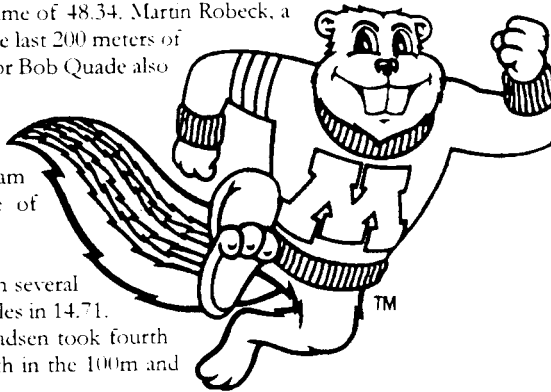
In the hammer, Mark Fahey tossed the ball 186-8, Lynden Reder finished second in 177-9 and Ben Meyer placed third with a 173-2. Freshman Jason Swenson, competing unattached, won the javelin with a throw of 188-5, showing promise for the future of the Golden Gopher track team. Sophomore Omar Clemmons won the long jump with a leap of 23-10 1/4. Andy Wiberg took first in the 400m with a time of 48.34. Martin Robeck, a Minnesota freshman came from behind in the last 200 meters of the 800m to win with a time of 1:51.63. Senior Bob Quade also won the 400 hurdles in 51.96.

Tom Gerding won the 200m for the second week in a row with a time of 21.04. Erik Quam won the 3000m steeplechase with a time of 9:32.82.

Minnesota's multi-event athletes fared well in several events. Lyndon McDowell won the 110 hurdles in 14.71. He also took second in the javelin. Jesse Madsen took fourth in the shot put with a toss of 46-9 1/2, 15th in the 100m and seventh in the pole vault.

Minnesota relays were on fire. The 4x100m (Matt Taylor, Andy Wiberg, Ben Taylor and Tom Gerding) relay opened the meet winning with a time of 40.69. The 4x400m relay (Bob Quade, Martin Robeck, Tom Gerding and Andy Wohlin) closed the meet for the Gophers with a winning time of 3:11.69.

Two of the events Minnesota athletes did not win were won by Minnesota alumni. Staffan Strand, a six time Big Ten champion while at Minnesota, won the high jump with a leap of 7-4 1/2. Tyrone Minor took first in the 100m dash with a time of 10.42. Olympian and former Gopher Keita Cline took second with a time of 10.54.



UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers head to the 2001 Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Bloomington, Ind., from May 18-20. A full set of Minnesota Big Ten Championships notes will be released later this week.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	No team scores
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	No team scores
Mar. 22-23	Baldy Casullo Invite	No team scores
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	No team scores
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	No team scores

Date	Event	Site
Apr. 12-14	Sea Ray Relays	No team scores
Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	5th of 5 teams
Apr. 21-22	Mt. Sac Relays	No team scores
Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	No team scores
Apr. 25	Macalester	No team scores
Apr. 27-28	Drake Relays	No team scores
May 4	Cardinal Invitational	No team scores
May 4	Hamline	No team scores
May 5	Iowa Twilight Invitational	No team scores
May 12	Minnesota Classic	No team scores
May 18-20	Big Ten Outdoor Champs.	Bloomington, Ind.
May 30-	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.
June 2		

A SPOTLIGHT ON... RON JOHNSON

It was one of the hardest decisions wide receiver Ron Johnson, a student-athlete in college football's upper echelon, has had to make. Pros and cons for both sides of the decision abounded. Sure, the money and fame of the National Football League beckoned him to leave, but finishing his degree, graduating and helping the University of Minnesota to a third-straight bowl game was certainly an attractive option. Like the song by the band The Clash, Johnson continually asked himself, "Should I stay or should I go?"

In the end, the Detroit, Mich., native decided that he would return for his senior season with the Golden Gophers. After all, a professional career in the NFL would still be waiting for him a year later.

The decision, however, was not an easy one. There were times when Johnson would wake up in the middle of the night, debating whether or not to jump to the professional ranks. But he decided to stay and finish what he started. Johnson wanted to complete his degree and graduate. He wanted to firmly entrench his name in the Golden Gopher record book by breaking all of Minnesota's receiving records. And he wanted to put a cap on a great career in the Maroon and Gold with a strong senior season.

With the issue decided, Johnson now looks to build upon a highly-successful junior season which saw him break several school records, establishing himself as one of the Big Ten's and nation's best wide-outs.

A Biletnikoff Award candidate in 2000 who was a First-Team All-Big Ten selection by the media and second-team All-Conference by the coaches, Johnson set school records for receiving yards (1,125), TDs (11) and career TDs (22). And his list of accomplishments goes on from there: second in the Big Ten and 14th in the country in receiving yards per game (95.8) o named the team Co-MVP in 2000 with Ben Hamilton (Bronko Nagurski Award) o has caught at least one pass in all 35 games of his career o streak of consecutive games with a reception is the longest in school history and the fifth-best in the nation o the only Golden Gopher to catch at least one pass in each game of the 1998, '99 and '00 seasons o his 61 receptions was one shy of the school record set by Tutu Atwell in 1996 o stands in second place on the school's career receptions list with 142 o moved into third place on the Golden Gopher all-time list for receiving yards (2,144).

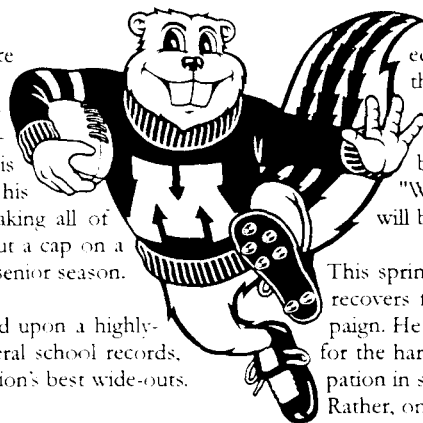
Named a team captain for the 2001 season by his teammates, Johnson now sets his sights on his swan song, his senior season with the Golden Gopher gridders. A certain Biletnikoff Award candidate again in 2001, he sits just 29 catches and 496 yards away from breaking the career records in those categories. Johnson will undoubtedly leave Minnesota as the most prolific wide receiver in school history.

In the upcoming season, Johnson will certainly be a major player in the high-powered Minnesota offense. Coaches look for this extremely talented receiver to, once again, be an overwhelming weapon for the Golden Gophers. The passing game for the 2001 edition of Maroon and Gold football definitely runs through Ron Johnson.

"Ron is one of our most consistent performers and our big-play, go-to receiver," said Head Coach Glen Mason. "We feel that he is as good as any receiver in the Big Ten and will be one of our keys to our offense."

This spring, Johnson is sitting out the majority of practices as he recovers from the bumps and bruises from the tough 2000 campaign. He is using the spring practice season to recondition himself for the hard-hitting Big Ten. But do not expect his lack of participation in spring drills to take away from his performance in the fall. Rather, one can look for Johnson to pick up where he left off and lead the Golden Gophers to their third-straight bowl game.

With the decision made and the future ahead of him, Ron Johnson can focus on building his status as one of Minnesota's all-time greats before moving on to the big stage of the NFL. The 2001 campaign of Golden Gopher football exists as the farewell tour for the most dominating wide receiver that Gold Country has ever seen.




2000 RESULTS

Sept. 2	UL MONROE	W, 47-10
Sept. 9	OHIO	L, 23-17
Sept. 16	at Baylor	W, 34-9
Sept. 23	at Purdue	L, 38-24
Sept. 30	ILLINOIS	W, 44-10
Oct. 7	PENN STATE	W, 25-16
Oct. 14	at Ohio State	W, 29-17
Oct. 21	at Indiana	L, 51-43
Oct. 28	NORTHWESTERN	L, 41-35
Nov. 4	at Wisconsin	L, 41-20
Nov. 18	IOWA	W, 27-24
Dec. 28	North Carolina State	L, 38-30
	(Micronpc.com Bowl)	

2001 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	at Toledo	Toledo, Ohio
Sept. 8	UL LAFAYETTE	Metrodome
Sept. 15	BAYLOR	Metrodome
Sept. 29	PURDUE	Metrodome
Oct. 6	at Illinois	Champaign, Ill.
Oct. 13	at Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.
Oct. 20	MICHIGAN STATE	Metrodome
Nov. 3	OHIO STATE	Metrodome
Nov. 10	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Nov. 17	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
Nov. 24	WISCONSIN	Metrodome



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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S SWIMMING ADDS TWO


University of Minnesota head swimming Dennis Dale announced the addition of two more swimmers for the 2001-02 season. Nathan Bernier and Lucas Petersen have both received letters of acceptance to attend the University of Minnesota and compete with the Golden Gophers.

Bernier, a senior at Inglemoor High School in Woodinville, Wash., was a finalist in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes at the Spring West Sectionals in Washington. He is a member of the WAVE Aquatics club and is coached by Bret Williams. He plans to major in engineering at Minnesota.

Petersen was a three-time Alaska state champion in the 100 butterfly and a two-time NISCA All-American. He also won the 200 individual medley at the 1999 state championships and the 100 backstroke in 2001. He was the first high school swimmer in Alaska to ever swim under 51 second in the 100 fly (50.97). He is a member of the National Honor Society and carries a 4.0 GPA. Petersen plans to major in engineering at the U of M.

"Both of these young men have the talent to produce and excel at both the Big Ten and NCAA levels," Dale said. "Nathan should have every opportunity to develop while swimming with our current group of breaststrokers. Lucas has great credentials coming out of Alaska. We are looking forward to improving his butterfly and watching him produce at this level."

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SPACE FILLING FAST AT DAN MONSON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BASKETBALL CAMPS

There is still some space available for the Dan Monson High School Team Basketball Camp June 14-17 and June 28-July 1, but openings are filling up fast. Both sessions will be held at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Some of the high school teams already committed to play include, Mount Carmel (Chicago, Ill.), Park Center, Wadena-Deer Creek, Verndale, Houston, Richfield, Breck, Highland Park, Canton (S.D.), Tracy-Milroy Bulaton, Park Rapids, Stillwater, Benilde-St. Margaret, Hopkins, Edina and Patrick Henry high schools. For more information, call Coach Monson at 612-710-2267.

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TOM GERDING NAMED BIG TEN ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The Big Ten announced that University of Minnesota senior sprinter Tom Gerding has been named the Big Ten men's track and field athlete of the week for his performance at the Minnesota Classic last weekend. Gerding is a native of Waconia, Minn.

Gerding pleased the home crowd at the Minnesota Classic this past weekend, earning three first-place crowns. His first top performance came as the anchor leg of the 4x100-M relay team, which finished with a time of 40.69 seconds. Gerding then captured an individual title in the 200-M dash, clocking a time of 21.04. He ended the day running the third leg of the first place 4x400-M relay team which finished eight seconds ahead of its nearest competitor, Iowa State, with a time of 3:11.69.



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THREE GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS NAMED TO AMATEUR WRESTLING NEWS ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Three members of the 2001 NCAA Champion University of Minnesota wrestling team, Jacob Volkmann, Damion Hahn and Garrett Lowney, have been named to the 2001 *Amateur Wrestling News* All-Rookie Team. Volkmann and Hahn were tabbed for the First Team while Lowney garnered Second Team honors. The All-Rookie Teams were announced in the latest issue (May 4) of *Amateur Wrestling News*.

From Henning, Minn., Volkmann was named to the First Team at 165 pounds for his impressive breakthrough in 2000-01. Volkmann, wrestling at 174 pounds for most of the season, had an exceptional year for the Golden Gophers, going 33-14, placing fourth at the Big Ten Championships and capturing All-America honors with his fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. A grappler with a tireless work ethic, Volkmann began the year as a backup, but moved into the starting role at National Duals and never looked back. His stunning performance at NCAAs was a key factor in Minnesota's march to the national crown. Volkmann wrestled above his No. 10 seed and gave the Golden Gophers significant team points with his fourth-place finish.

Hahn, hailing from Lakewood, N.J., earned the First Team 184-pound honor following an outstanding season in the Maroon and Gold. Hahn's 35-7 season included tournament titles at the Bison and Northern Opens, a third-place finish at Midlands and the Big Ten Championships, and a fifth-place finish at NCAAs. Along the way, Hahn defeated Daniel Cormier of Oklahoma State, Indiana's Viktor Sveda and Michigan's Andy Hrovat, all wrestlers who finished ahead of him at the national tournament. At NCAAs, Hahn lost his first-round match, but battled back to win six of his next seven bouts to earn his first All-America citation.

Lowney, a native of Freedom, Wis., garnered Second Team honors at heavyweight, as First Team Tommy Rowlands of Ohio State was named *AWN's* Rookie of the Year. Lowney got a late start due to not being eligible until National Duals, but the Olympic bronze medal winner stormed onto the college wrestling scene, winning 17-straight matches before losing to eventual NCAA Champion John Lockhart of Illinois in the NCAA semifinals. On the year, Lowney compiled a 33-1 record, capturing the Big Ten title and placing third at NCAAs.

2001 Amateur Wrestling News All-Rookie Team

First Team

Wt.	Name	School
125	Jason Powell	Nebraska
133	Johnny Thompson	Oklahoma State
141	Mike Maney	Lock Haven
149	Jesse Jantzen	Harvard
157	Labe Black	Buffalo
165	Jacob Volkmann	Minnesota
174	Tyrone Lewis	Oklahoma State
184	Damion Hahn	Minnesota
197	Jon Trengue	Lehigh
Hwt	Tommy Rowlands	Ohio State



This Week In



GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Vs. Louisiana State in the first round of the NCAA Regional, Friday, May 25, at 2 p.m. in Baton Rouge, La.; tournament continues through Sunday, May 27.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota won the 2001 Big Ten Tournament.



TENNIS

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships in Athens, Ga., Wednesday-Monday, May 23-28.

LAST WEEK: None

A
Spotlight
On...

JOHN ANDERSON

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GOLF

NEXT UP: At the NCAA Championships, Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2, in Durham, N.C.

LAST WEEK: Minnesota finished fourth at the NCAA Central Regional and advanced to the NCAA Championships.



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This week:

- Spring sport season championship information.
- Live play-by-play audio of Golden Gopher baseball games.
- Up-to-date results and statistics for all Maroon and Gold sports.

TRACK & FIELD

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LAST WEEK: Minnesota finished fourth at the 2001 Big Ten Championships.

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BASEBALL

THE GOLDEN GOPHERS IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT: The Golden Gophers will be making their 25th NCAA Tournament trip this weekend. Of the 64 teams in the tournament, Minnesota is tied for seventh for most appearances. Both the Golden Gophers and Arizona State will participate for the 25th time. Texas leads the way with 45 appearances.

In their 24 previous appearances, the Golden Gophers sport a record of 48-46. Minnesota hosted a regional last season for the first time since 1977. The Maroon and Gold won its opener against Wichita State, but their bats went silent, as the team fell to Nebraska and in the rematch against the Shockers. It was the seventh time that Minnesota hosted a regional.

THE FIELD: This season, the Golden Gophers have a 3-8 record this season against teams in the NCAA Tournament. Minnesota took two of three from South Florida in late February and defeated Ohio State 6-5 in the Big Ten Tournament. The Golden Gophers dropped games to Auburn, South Alabama and Miami and were swept by Ohio State in league play. Here is a look at Minnesota versus its regional opponents:

- **LOUISIANA STATE:** Minnesota has a 3-13 lifetime record vs. the Tigers and 1-11 in games played at LSU. The two teams last met in 1995. The Tigers and the Golden Gophers met in the 1995 Hormel Classic at the Metrodome with LSU winning 14-2. The two teams met 15 times between 1931-41. Minnesota and LSU have never met in the postseason. The Golden Gophers are 12-17 all-time in the state of Louisiana.
- **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH:** Minnesota and Virginia Commonwealth have never met on the baseball diamond. The two teams have met once on the basketball court with host VCU winning 63-56 in overtime on Dec. 28, 1970.
- **CALIFORNIA:** Minnesota and California have met five times with the Golden Bears holding a 4-1 advantage. The teams last met in 1998 in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic at the Metrodome. Cal defeated Minnesota 9-7 en route to winning the tournament title. Four of the five meetings in the series occurred between 1938-1941. The two teams have never met in the postseason.

THE CONFERENCE MATCH-UP: The Golden Gophers have a 21-41 record (.339) against teams from the Southeastern Conference. Minnesota has faced LSU more than any other team from the league. Mississippi State is second with 14 games vs. the Golden Gophers. Minnesota holds a 30-32-1 record (.484) against teams from the Pac-10 Conference. The Golden Gophers have faced Arizona the most times and hold a 16-10-1 edge (.611)

over the Wildcats. The Golden Gophers have never faced a team from the Colonial Athletic Conference.

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE: As Minnesota found out last season, home-field advantage in the NCAA Regionals doesn't always equate to victories, but it usually helps. In 1999, 12 of the 16 teams that hosted advanced to the Super Regionals. Three of the four that failed to move on from their own Regionals were No. 1 seeds. Three of the 12 hosts that did advance were No. 2 seeds.

Last season, 10 of the 16 hosts advanced to the Super Regionals. Three of the six that failed to advance were top-seeds. Of the ten hosts that advanced, all were top-seeds except No. 2 UL-Lafayette. In the past two seasons, the host institutions have gone a collective 82-31 (.726) in Regional play.

THE BATTLE 'FOUR' SUCCESS: Minnesota will have a challenge this weekend. Not only will the Golden Gophers face the defending national champion LSU Tigers in the opening game, they will be fighting history. No fourth seed has ever advanced past the Regionals since the current four-team format was introduced in 1999. In 32 four-team regionals the past two years, the top seed has advanced 23 times. The second seed has moved on seven times and two third seeds have advanced. San Jose State and Penn State advanced to the Super Regionals as third seeds last year.

UPHILL BATTLE: In the past two years under the current format, teams seeded fourth have tallied a cumulative record of 12-64 (.158) in the Regionals.

Out of 32 Regionals, only twice has a fourth-seed won two games. In 1999, Michigan lost its opening game against top-seeded Cal-State Fullerton, then defeated Creighton and host Notre Dame, before falling in the finals to the Titans, 9-4. In 2000, Middle Tennessee State lost its opener to host Clemson, then defeated Old Dominion and Illinois, before falling to the Tigers, 21-3, in the finals.

The following is a breakdown of the combined records of the seeds in the Regional (Indicates how many times they advanced out of 32 total Regionals):

- #1 Seeds (22): 87-27 (.702)
- #2 Seeds (8): 70-54 (.565)
- #3 Seeds (2): 38-62 (.380)
- #4 Seeds (0): 12-64 (.158)



2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 5-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 15-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-3
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 3-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-3
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	W, 11-2
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	W, 10-0
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	L, 7-2
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	L, 4-3; L, 5-3
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	L, 5-1
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	W, 9-2
Fri, May 4	Bethel	W, 13-2
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Cancelled
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	W, 16-7
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	W, 11-0; W, 7-3
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	W, 4-3

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MINNESOTA HEADS TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The 35th-ranked University of Minnesota men's golf team heads to the 2001 NCAA Championships in Durham, N.C., Wednesday-Saturday, May 30-June 2. The Golden Gophers are making their fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships following their fourth-place finish at the Central Regional. The Maroon and Gold will be looking for their fourth-straight top 15 finish in the 50-team tournament.

The national tournament will be held at the par 72, 7,088-yard Duke University Golf Club in Durham, N.C. The course served as host of the NCAA Men's Golf Championships in 1962, with Rees Jones participating in the event as a member of the Yale University team

MINNESOTA'S NCAA HISTORY: The Golden Gophers have a strong history at the NCAA Tournament, especially considering the challenges that northern schools face in competing against the traditional golf powerhouses from the South. Overall, the Maroon and Gold has sent 28 teams to compete in the national tournament. Minnesota has qualified for four-straight NCAA Championships and nine-straight Regionals. Minnesota's best-ever finish at the NCAA Championships came in 1944 when it was the runner-up. In recent years, the Golden Gophers' 1998 performance ranks among the best. Gold Country placed seventh in the national tournament behind James McLean who became Minnesota's second NCAA individual champion in school history.

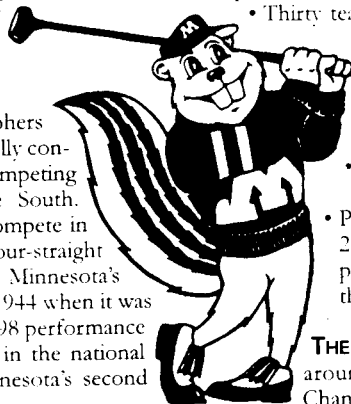
Last year, Minnesota fired a final round score of one-under par 287 to move into 12th place at the conclusion of the national tournament at Grand National Golf Course in Opelika, Ala. With their finish, the Golden Gophers posted their third consecutive top 12 finish. It marked the first time in 56 years (1942-44) that the program had logged three-straight top 12 national finishes.

GOLDEN GOPHER ALL-AMERICANS: In the history of Golden Gopher golf, 17 Minnesota golfers have earned 25 All-America honors. Gold Country's all-time All-Americans are Louis Lick (1944), Gene Hansen (1960), Rolf Deming (1961), Dave Gumila (1963, '65), Jim Carlson (1966), Dave Haberle

(1970, '71), Jim Bergeson (1972, '73), Rick Ehrmanntraut (1973), John Harris (1973, '74), Tom Lehman (1979, '80, '81), Bill Brask (1967, '68), Joe Guillon (1993), Aaron Barber (1996), Rob Kerr (1996), James McLean (1998, '99), Adam Dooley (1999) and Martin LeMesurier (1999).

2001 NCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS QUICK FACTS:

- Duke University and the Duke Golf Club will host the 104th annual NCAA Division I Golf Championships on May 30-June 2.
- The Championships is a four-day, 72-hole event with 156 total participants.
- Thirty teams advance from three regional tournaments (East, Central & West) plus six individuals (two from each regional) not on those teams
- After two rounds, the field will be cut to the top 15 teams (no ties) and nine top individuals not on those teams.
- The individual championship is determined by stroke play.
- The team scoring is figured by using the low four scores out of the five players on each team per round.
- Practice rounds are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 28-29; On Monday, there will be an East-West match, with one player from each team participating while the other players play their practice round.



THE 2001 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS FIELD: Thirty teams from around the country will compete at the 2001 NCAA Championships. Broken down by regional qualifying tournament,

- those teams are:
- East Regional qualifiers** - East Tennessee State, North Carolina State, Florida, Clemson, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern, UAB, Mississippi.
 - Central Regional qualifiers** - Kent State, Oklahoma, Purdue, Minnesota, Charleston, Oklahoma State, Augusta State, Toledo, Southern Methodist, Houston.
 - West Regional qualifiers** - Arizona State, Arizona, UC Irvine, Pacific South Carolina, Oregon State, Stanford, UCLA, Wake Forest, Washington.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 18-19	PSINet Intercollegiate	1st of 12 teams
Sept. 23-24	Wolverine Invitational	1st of 13 teams
Oct. 2-3	Windon Memorial Classic	3rd of 12 teams
Nov. 3-5	Golf World/Palmetto Dunes	T14th of 18 teams
Feb. 25-27	Puerto Rico Classic	3rd of 15 teams
Mar. 5-6	Southwestern Intercollegiate	T5th of 15 teams
Mar. 9-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate	14th of 15 teams
Mar. 24-25	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	T3rd of 17 teams
Apr. 14-15	The "Intercollegiate"	11th of 12 teams
Apr. 28-29	Fossum/Spartan Invitational	2nd of 15 teams
May 4-6	Big Ten Championships	4th of 11 teams
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals	T4th of 27 teams
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.
Simon Nash	Fr.	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
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

A SPOTLIGHT ON... JOHN ANDERSON

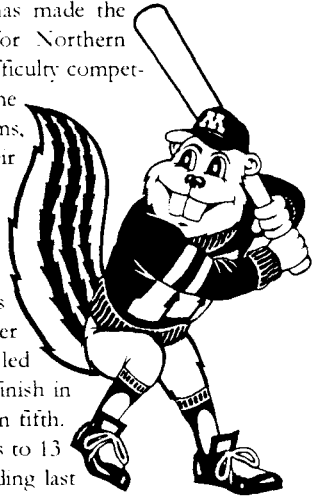
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Currently at 728 career victories, Anderson is on the verge of completing his 20th consecutive winning season, and led the Golden Gophers to the 2001 Big Ten Tournament title. Now he leads Gold Country to the school's fourth-straight NCAA tournament, making Minnesota the only Big Ten school to accomplish the feat. He has made the University of Minnesota an icon for Northern school baseball programs that have difficulty competing with Southern schools; and as some schools begin to fold their programs, Anderson and Minnesota maintain their run for success.

A two-time Big Ten Coach of the Year award-winner, Anderson has not had a losing season in his tenure, and only twice has he failed to guide his team to a record at least five games over the .500 mark. Sixteen times he has led Minnesota to a first or second place finish in the Big Ten, never finishing lower than fifth. Anderson has led the Golden Gophers to 13 NCAA postseason appearances, including last season's NCAA Midwest Regional, which was held at Siebert Field.

This season, Anderson added to his already well-padded portfolio with career victory 700, and Big Ten victories 296 and 300. On March 30, 2001, Anderson surpassed his hero - the legendary Dick Siebert for most wins versus a conference opponent in Big Ten history with win number 296. He is the only coach in the league to reach 300 conference wins, and is currently the second winningest NCAA Division I baseball coach age 45 or younger.

Anderson has also won five Big Ten regular season championships and



THE JOHN ANDERSON LEDGER

Year	Overall Record			Big Ten Conference		Playoffs	
	W	L	T	W	L		
1982	33	22	1	8	8	2nd; West	1st
1983	27	21	0	12	2	1st; West	3rd
1984	31	20	0	11	5	1st; West	3rd
1985	33	23	0	9	7	2nd; West	1st
1986	40	19	0	10	5	1st; West	2nd
1987	36	25	0	12	4	1st; West	4th
1988	38	28	0	17	11	2nd*	1st
1989	31	22	1	15	12	5th	—
1990	36	24	1	19	9	2nd (tie)	4th
1991	37	27	0	18	10	2nd	2nd
1992	42	21	0	18	10	2nd	1st
1993	43	18	0	17	9	2nd	1st
1994	42	21	0	21	7	2nd	3rd
1995	31	28	0	16	12	2nd	2nd
1996	30	26	0	15	12	5th	—
1997	30	24	0	15	10	5th	—
1998	45	15	0	19	9	2nd	1st
1999	46	18	0	21	7	2nd	2nd
2000	38	24	0	20	8	1st	3rd
2001	39	19	0	19	8	3rd	1st
Total	728	445	3	312	165		

* Big Ten discontinued use of divisions in 1988

seven Big Ten Tournament titles to add to his long resume. His teams have reached the 40+ win plateau in five of the last nine seasons, and in 2000, Anderson coached his team to the 2,000th victory in school history. Minnesota is only the 14th school in NCAA history to reach the 2,000 win mark. Much of that credit goes to Anderson for his success throughout his time at Minnesota.

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Mon, Feb. 5	Pro-Alumni Game	L, 4-0
Sun, Feb. 11	Central Michigan	L, 18-9
Mon, Feb. 12	Central Michigan (2)	W, 5-4; W, 6-3
Fri, Feb. 16	vs. Auburn	L, 14-6
Sat, Feb. 17	vs. South Alabama	L, 12-5
Sun, Feb. 18	vs. North Carolina	L, 7-6
Fri, Feb. 23	at South Florida	L, 8-7
Sat, Feb. 24	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Sun, Feb. 25	at South Florida	W, 8-4
Fri, Mar. 2	Arkansas	W, 6-0
Sat, Mar. 3	Miami	L, 10-1
Sun, Mar. 4	San Diego State	L, 5-2
Wed, Mar. 7	St. Cloud State	W, 11-2
Fri, Mar. 9	Connecticut	W, 13-6
Sat, Mar. 10	Connecticut	W, 6-3
Sun, Mar. 11	Connecticut	W, 14-8
Fri, Mar. 16	at Oregon State	L, 2-0
Sat, Mar. 17	at Oregon State	L, 8-4
Sun, Mar. 18	at Oregon State	L, 6-5
Fri, Mar. 23	at Purdue	W, 6-4
Sat, Mar. 24	at Purdue (2)	W, 11-10; L, 4-2
Sun, Mar. 25	at Purdue	Cancelled, cold
Tues, Mar. 27	at Butler	W, 11-5

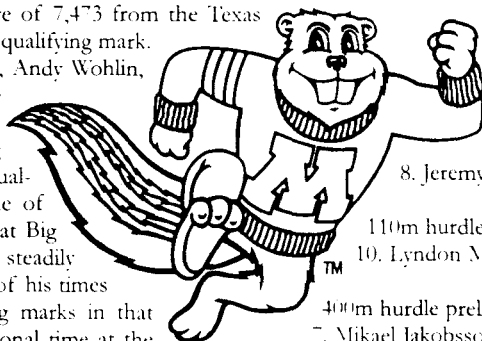
Wed, Mar. 28	at Ball State	W, 15-11
Fri, Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 7-3
Sat, Mar. 31	at Indiana (2)	L, 6-5; W, 15-6
Sun, Apr. 1	at Indiana	W, 4-3
Wed, Apr. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 16-9
Sun, Apr. 8	Michigan State (2)	W, 14-2; W, 3-0
Mon, Apr. 9	Michigan State (2)	L, 5-2; W, 10-1
Wed, Apr. 11	MSU, Mankato	Cancelled, rain
Fri, Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 5-3
Sat, Apr. 14	Michigan (2)	W, 7-6; W, 4-3
Sun, Apr. 15	Michigan	W, 26-8
Wed, Apr. 18	at Iowa State	L, 5-1
Fri, Apr. 20	at Iowa	W, 12-9
Sat, Apr. 21	at Iowa (2)	W, 8-3; W, 11-1
Sun, Apr. 22	at Iowa	W, 9-3
Tues, Apr. 24	Southwest State	W, 11-2
Wed, Apr. 25	Iowa State	W, 9-0
Fri, Apr. 27	at Ohio State	L, 7-2
Sat, Apr. 28	at Ohio State (2)	L, 4-3; L, 5-3
Sun, Apr. 29	at Ohio State	L, 5-1
Wed, May 2	St. Scholastica	W, 9-2
Fri, May 4	Bethel	W, 13-2
Sun, May 6	St. Thomas	Cancelled
Fri, May 11	Northwestern	W, 16-7
Sat, May 12	Northwestern (2)	W, 11-0; W, 7-3
Sun, May 13	Northwestern	W, 4-3

TRACK & FIELD

WAITING: All but a few Golden Gophers have finished the 2001 track season with the Big Ten Championships. Now the men who have provisionally qualified for NCAA Championships have to wait and see if they will be accepted into the meet or not. The official lists of those accepted into the meet will be available on the NCAA website at <http://www.ncaa.org/champ/admin/trackandfield> by 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. Following is a break down of Minnesota's automatic and provisional qualifiers

AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Tom Gerding ran a school record time of 45.38 to place second in the 400m at the Big Ten Championships. This time assured him a spot in the race at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore. May 30-June 2. Mitch Potter automatically qualified for NCAAs in the same event when he ran a 45.40 at the Sea Ray Relays earlier this year.

PROVISIONAL QUALIFIERS: Lyndon McDowell has all but automatically qualified for the NCAA decathlon. His score of 7,473 from the Texas Relays is only 27 points shy of the automatic qualifying mark. The 4x400m relay (Potter, Mikael Jakobsson, Andy Wohlin, Gerding) is just over a second short of the NCAA automatic qualifying mark. They provisionally qualified with their Big Ten winning time of 3:05.07. Gerding also provisionally qualified in the 200m with a school-record time of 20.78 that earned him second-place honors at Big Ten Championships. Jakobsson has been steadily improving his time in the 400m hurdles. All of his times this season have been provisional qualifying marks in that event. Jason Owen achieved his best provisional time at the Cardinal Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. with a career-best time of 1:48.46.



2. Tom Gerding, 20.78; 7. Matt Taylor, 21.52
400m prelims
2. Tom Gerding, 46.57; 5. Adam Steele, 46.93; 8. Andy Wohlin, 47.32;
15. Andy Wilberg, 48.10
400m finals
2. Tom Gerding, 45.38; 4. Andy Wohlin, 46.90; 7. Adam Steele, 47.57

800m prelims
5. Jason Owen, 1:48.94; 6. Toby Henkels, 1:50.77; 12. Brian Meyer, 1:51.73; 13. Zach Edmonson, 1:52.27

800m finals
3. Jason Owen, 1:48.61; 5. Toby Henkels, 1:49.97

1500m prelims
5. Marty Robeck, 3:49.33; 7. Neil Hanson, 3:49.40
1500m finals
10. Marty Robeck, 3:53.45; 12. Neil Hanson, 4:06.60

5,000m finals
10. Will McComb, 14:47.53; 15. Jeremy Polson, 15:04.66

10,000m finals
8. Jeremy Polson, 30:28.10

110m hurdle prelims
10. Lyndon McDowell, 14.55

400m hurdle prelims
7. Mikael Jakobsson, 51.20; 10. Bob Quade, 51.53

400m hurdle finals
5. Mikael Jakobsson, 50.99

4x100m Relay
2. Minnesota (M. Taylor, Burkholder, B. Taylor, Gerding), 40.34

4x400m Relay
1. Minnesota (Mitch Potter, Jakobsson, Wohlin, Gerding), 3:05.07

High Jump
3. Marc Johannsen, 6-11 1/2; 6. Lyndon McDowell, 6-9 3/4; 13. Scott Berggren, 6-6 3/4

Long Jump
2. Omar Clemmons, 24-7 3/4; 4. 5. Lyndon McDowell, 23-4 1/2

Discus
2. Mark Fahey, 173-7

Hammer
8. Mark Fahey, 182-5; 9. Lynden Reder, 178-4; 10. Ben Meyer, 174-1.

Final Big Ten Championships Team Standings: 1. Wisconsin - 135, 2. Ohio State - 117.50, 3. Penn State - 98.83, 4. Minnesota - 93, 5. Iowa - 91, 6. Indiana - 81.67, 7. Purdue - 75, 8. Michigan State - 43, 9. Michigan - 43, 10. Illinois - 41

Minnesota's compete results

100m prelims
5. Matt Taylor, 10.71; 9. Steve Burkholder, 10.81; 11. Ben Taylor, 10.85

100m finals
6. Matt Taylor, 10.57; 7. Steve Burkholder, 10.58

200m prelims
4. Tom Gerding, 21.28; 9. Matt Taylor, 21.51


200m finals

2000-01 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site
Jan. 13	Northwest Open	No team scores
Jan. 20	Minnesota Open	No team scores
Jan. 27	Gold Country Open	No team scores
Feb. 1	Northern Iowa Classic	No team scores
Feb. 9-10	Cyclone Classic	No team scores
Feb. 16	Snowshoe Open	No team scores
Feb. 24-25	Big Ten Indoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
Mar. 2	NCAA Qualifying Meet	No team scores
Mar. 9-10	NCAA Indoor Champs.	T38th, 5 All-Americans
Mar. 15-16	Texas A&M (Decathletes)	No team scores
Mar. 17	Texas A&M Invite	No team scores
Mar. 22-23	Baldy Castillo Invite	No team scores
Mar. 31	Stanford Invitational	No team scores
Apr. 5-7	Texas Relays	No team scores

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Date	Event	Site
Apr. 12-14	Sea Ray Relays	No team scores
Apr. 20-21	Texas Team	5th of 5 teams
Apr. 21-22	Mt. Sac Relays	No team scores
Apr. 21	Carleton Relays	No team scores
Apr. 25	Macalester	No team scores
Apr. 27-28	Drake Relays	No team scores
May 4	Cardinal Invitational	No team scores
May 4	Hamline	No team scores
May 5	Iowa Twilight Invitational	No team scores
May 12	Minnesota Classic	No team scores
May 18-20	Big Ten Outdoor Champs.	4th of 11 teams
May 30-	NCAA Outdoor Champs.	Eugene, Ore.
June 2		



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MOTZKO NAMED ASSISTANT COACH OF GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

The University of Minnesota men's hockey office has announced that Bob Motzko has been named assistant coach. Motzko will replace John Hill, who was recently named head coach at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

Motzko joins Minnesota after serving as head coach and general manager of the Sioux Falls Stampede in the United States Hockey League (USHL) for two years. He led the Stampede to a 77-31-6 overall record in the first two years since the franchise's inception. Motzko was named USHL General Manager of the Year after the Stampede finished 37-17-4 and advanced to the playoffs in the inaugural year of the franchise in 1999-2000.

Motzko was no stranger to the USHL when he joined Sioux Falls. He spent four seasons with the North Iowa Huskies and served as head coach and general manager. Motzko led the Huskies to the 1989 U.S. National Junior "A" Championship.

Inbetween his stints in the USHL, Motzko spent one year as the Associate Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator with the Denver Pioneers from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) in 1993-94. He then served in the same capacity with Miami of Ohio for six years and helped lead the Redhawks to the NCAA Tournament twice, along with four conference playoff appearances.

Motzko began his coaching career as an assistant under then-Head Coach Herb Brooks at his alma mater, St. Cloud State University. He graduated from St. Cloud State in 1987. Motzko is originally from Austin, Minn.

"Bob had what I was looking for," Head Coach Don Lucia said. "He was a head coach in the USHL for seven years, earning a national title with North Iowa in 1989 and helping start the Sioux Falls franchise from scratch. He has had a unique experience at the junior level, along with his seven years of coaching in the collegiate ranks."

"It's a tremendous opportunity for me to work with Don (Lucia) and (assistant coach) Mike (Guentzel)," Motzko said. "I consider it one of the top hockey jobs in the country. It's also a chance for me and my family to move back to the state of Minnesota. I feel very fortunate for the opportunity."

"Bob is very excited about the chance to come home," Lucia added. "With the contacts that he has made and the vast amount of experience he brings to the table, we are confident that he will help us elevate the program to the next level."

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SIXTH ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY RUN COMING SOON

The Golden Gopher men's and women's athletics departments will wind down the 2000-01 season with the sixth annual Gold Country Run and Gopher Fan Fest on Saturday, June 2. The day will be filled with fun activities and a chance to interact with Minnesota student-athletes and coaches for Golden Gopher fans of all ages.

The day will kick off in Dinkytown with a 5K Run/Walk at 9:30 a.m. followed by Goldy's Gallop for Kids at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following both races is the Gopher FanFest, a joint fan-appreciation party featuring student-athletes and coaches from all 23 men's and women's sports. Complimentary food and beverages, interactive games, face painters and Gopher sports posters will be available.

For more information or to receive a Gold Country Run brochure, call the Athletic Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER or log onto www.gophersports.com and click on the Gold Country Run logo.

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U OF M ANNOUNCES SALE OF MEN'S BASKETBALL COURTSIDE SEATS


The University of Minnesota has announced that courtside seating will once again be available in Williams Arena for the 2001-02 Golden Gopher men's basketball season. It marks the eighth consecutive season that front row seats are being made available for auction.

The seats, located directly behind the scorers table at courtside, will be awarded to winning fans with a minimum starting bid of \$2,500 per seat, plus the price of the season ticket. With very high renewal rates among season ticket holders in Williams Arena, these seats are the only seats guaranteed to be available each year.

Written bids for the courtside seats will be accepted starting Wednesday, May 23, with bids closing at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Information and bid forms are available by calling Mike Bjorkman at (612) 626-8030.

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J ROBINSON NAMED NWCA COACH OF THE YEAR

Two months after leading the Golden Gophers to the 2001 NCAA Wrestling Championship, University of Minnesota Head Coach J Robinson has been named the Head Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA).

Robinson guided the Maroon and Gold grapplers to the school's first NCAA wrestling title in record-setting fashion. Minnesota won the national crown utilizing a full-team effort to earn an NCAA-record 10 All-Americans. It was the first time in the 71-year history of the NCAA Championships that 10 wrestlers earned the prestigious All-American honor in one NCAA tournament. In addition, no team in the history of the national tournament had won the team title without a finalist, but Gold Country captured the national crown despite not placing a wrestler in the championship matches.

Minnesota finished the 2000-01 season as the number one ranked dual team with a 19-1 record and won titles at Midlands, National Duals and the Big Ten Championships. Robinson's team also excelled off the mat as they placed three wrestlers on the NWCA All-Academic Team.

During his 15-year tenure at Minnesota, Robinson has a 219-81-3 (.728) overall record and a mark of 74-41-2 (.641) in Big Ten dual meets. Under his watch, 32 wrestlers have earned 56 All-America honors and 11 Golden Gophers have won 17 Big Ten individual titles.

"J Robinson has produced tremendous results in all areas of Minnesota's program, topped off by a thrilling NCAA Team Championship this year," said NWCA President Roger Reina. "Congratulations are in order on behalf of the NWCA Board of Directors."

Robinson will be honored at the NWCA Convention in Chicago, Ill., on August 11, and at the 2002 NCAA Championships banquet in Albany, N.Y.

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MINNESOTA WRESTLING LEGEND ALAN RICE ELECTED AS DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

University of Minnesota wrestling legend, Olympic athlete and Olympic coach Alan Rice will be inducted on Saturday, June 2, as a Distinguished Member into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla. A longtime supporter of Golden Gopher grappling, Rice joins former wrestling greats Kurt Angle, Tom Brands, Kenny Monday and Rick Tucci as Distinguished Members of the Hall's 25th class.

Rice used his versatile wrestling ability to excel in both freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. As a wrestler, Rice was a two-time state champion in high school and captured two Big Ten titles for Minnesota in 1948 and '49. He also became Gold Country's 10th All-American with his place finish at the 1949 NCAA tournament. In addition, Rice was elected as the Golden Gophers' team captain as a senior.


Upon graduating in 1950, Rice embarked on his international career, competing at the Pan American Games, the World Championships and the 1956 Olympics. He finished fifth in freestyle at the 1954 World Championships and fifth at the Olympics in Greco-Roman. Rice claimed national AAU championships in both freestyle and Greco-Roman in 1956 before founding the highly successful Minnesota Amateur Wrestling Club (now the Gopher Wrestling Club), which has placed at least one wrestler on every U.S. Olympic team since 1964.

In 1972, Rice served as coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman Olympic team, which included eventual Minnesota Head Coach J Robinson. Off the mat, Rice was one of the leading pioneers of Greco-Roman wrestling and his continued support has helped develop the U.S. wrestlers into world contenders, winning a gold, silver and bronze medal in the 2000 Olympics.

A significant contributor to the University of Minnesota wrestling program, Rice is currently spearheading a major fundraising effort for the Gopher Wrestling Club.

According to the Hall, a Distinguished Member is a wrestler who has achieved extraordinary success in national and/or international competition, a coach who has demonstrated great leadership in the profession and has compiled an outstanding record, a contributor whose long-term activities have substantially enhanced the development and advancement of the sport, or any combination of the above qualifications. Rice, a native of St. Paul, Minn., has also been inducted into the University of Minnesota 'M' Club Hall of Fame, the Minnesota Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Helms Hall of Fame.

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30 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MALE ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN HONORS

A total of 30 University of Minnesota male student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten recognition for the spring 2001 academic term. To be eligible for academic honors, an athlete must be in at least his second academic year at the institution and carry a career grade-point-average of 3.0 or higher. Men's Athletics had 58 student-athletes honored academically by the Big Ten during the 2000-01 school year.

Of the 30 student-athletes honored during the spring semester, eight are members of the men's golf team including All-Big Ten performer Wilhelm Shauman, a sophomore from Djursholm, Sweden.

The men's track and field team had seven athletes garner the honor, while baseball and tennis had six each. Three members of the men's hockey team, Dylan Mills, Johnny Pohl and Chad Roberg, were at-large selections.

BASEBALL

Jason Amidon, Sr., 3.07, Computer Science, Cottage Grove, Minn.

Ben Birk, Sr., 3.325, Finance, St. Paul, Minn.

Jason Kennedy, Jr., 3.25, Commercial Recreation, Minnetonka, Minn.

David Roach, So., 3.097, Accounting, Clearwater, Fla.

Jason Shupe, Sr., 3.37, Elementary Education, Spencer, Wis.

C.J. Woodrow, So., 3.699, Economics, Plymouth, Minn.

GOLF

Matthew Anderson, Jr., 3.59, Finance, Edina, Minn.

Zach Faulds, So., 3.04, Kinesiology, Wardsville, Ontario

Santiago Fernandez, Sr., 3.88, Management Info. Services, Bogota, Columbia

Ben Meyers, So., 3.25, Social Studies, Frankston, Australia

Dave Morgan, So., 3.40, Finance and General Management, Rochester, Minn.

Bryan Santee, Sr., 3.28, Marketing, Hudson, Ohio

Wilhelm Shauman, So., 3.26, Journalism, Djursholm, Sweden

Andrew Tank, Sr., 3.72, Accounting and Finance, Des Moines, Iowa

TENNIS

Jorge Duenas, Sr., 3.00, Pre-Business, Santo Domingo, D.R.

Thomas Haug, Jr., 3.57, Finance Management, Zurich, Switzerland

Harsh Mankad, So., So., 3.76, Economics, Mumbai, India

Ed Marques, Sr., 3.45, Business, Brasilia, Brazil

Eric Robertson, So., 3.31, Computer Science, Milwaukee, Wis.

Jon Svensson, Sr., 3.46, Psychology, Kristianstad, Sweden

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TRACK AND FIELD

Steve Burkholder, Sr., 3.42, Accounting and Finance, Superior, Wis.

Joe Corr, Jr. 3.62, Political Science, Redmond, Wash.

Mike Ehlers, So., 3.12, Education, Red Wing, Minn.

Andy Kummer, So., 3.53, Biology/Pre-Medicine, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Luke Mullranin, So., 3.26, Engineering, Bemidji, Minn.

Matt Taylor, So., 3.54, Mechanical Engineering, Duluth, Minn.


Andy Wiberg, Jr., 3.03, Electrical Engineering, Roseville, Minn.

AT-LARGE

Dylan Mills, Sr., 3.16, Geography/Management, Duluth, Minn., Hockey

Johnny Pohl, Jr., 3.14, Marketing, Red Wing, Minn., Hockey

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GOLDEN GOPHER GOLFERS SCHAUMAN AND NASH NAMED PING ALL-AMERICA

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Schauman, a 2001 All-Big Ten Team selection, led the Golden Gophers in nearly every tournament on the year, winning two events and placing in the top five six times in the 13 tournaments of the season. Ranked in the top 50 for much of the season, Schauman stormed out of the gate in the fall, winning consecutive medalist titles at the PSINet Collegiate Invitational and Wolverine Invitational. On the year, he maintained a team-low 72.19 scoring average and was the leader of a young Golden Gopher squad.

A latecomer to the Golden Gopher golf team, Nash joined the Maroon and Gold in the second semester and quickly earned a spot in the starting lineup. The lone Minnesota golfer to advance to the final two rounds of the 2001 NCAA Championships, Nash finished in a tie for 13th place, firing a two-under 286. He was one of only four golfers in the national tournament to record four consecutive rounds of par or better, shooting scores of 71, 72, 72 and 71. Nash's top-15 placing is the best for a Minnesota golfer since Adam Dooley finished tied for 12th at the 1999 NCAA tournament. On the season, he maintained a 73.64 scoring average and placed in the top 20 in four of the eight tournaments in which he competed.

The Golf Coaches Association of America All-America Committee selected the individuals based upon play throughout the 2000-01 season, including the NCAA Championships. To be named to the PING All-America teams, a player must be named to one of the PING All-District teams or finish in the top 15 at the NCAA Championships.

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Jimmy Walker	Sr.	Baylor
Oliver Wilson	So.	Augusta State

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Scott Lander	Sr.	Nevada-Las Vegas
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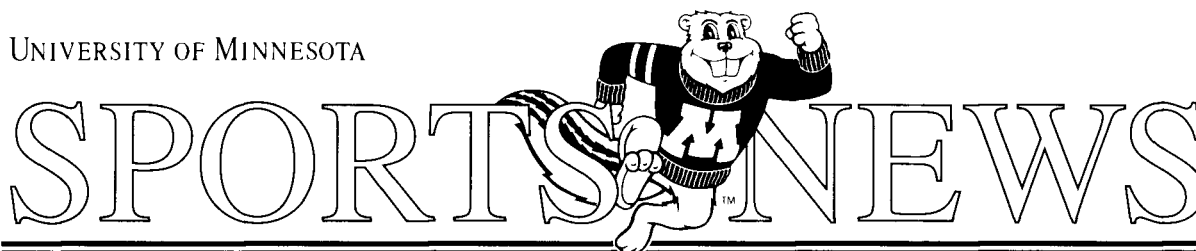
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KOBOW JOINS HANNAHAN; DRAFTED BY TIGERS IN 27TH ROUND

Junior right-handed pitcher Mike Kobow joined teammate Jack Hannahan as a selection by the Detroit Tigers in Major League Baseball's amateur draft. Hannahan was selected by the Tigers Tuesday afternoon in the third round. Kobow was a 27th round choice - 807th overall - by Detroit, and becomes the 34th Golden Gopher to be drafted in the last 10 years. He is the 130th player to be drafted from the University of Minnesota.

A native of Hutchinson, Minn., Kobow went 10-3 in 2001 and maintained a 4.60 earned run average. He led Minnesota in wins (10), strikeouts (88), and innings pitched (108.1) and held opponents to a .265 batting average.

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SPACE STILL AVAILABLE AT DAN MONSON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BASKETBALL CAMPS

There is still some space available for the Dan Monson High School Team Basketball Camp June 14-17 and June 28-July 1. Both sessions will be held at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota. For additional information call the Minnesota basketball office at (612) 710-CAMP (2267)

Some of the teams scheduled to play include: Mount Carmel (Chicago, Ill.), Canton, S.D., and high school teams from Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek, Eagle Valley, Houston, Park Center, Richfield, Breck, Highland Park, Tracy-Milroy Bulaton, Park Rapids, Stillwater, Benilde-St. Margaret, Hopkins, Edina and Patrick Henry in Minnesota.

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HOLMAN NAMED A FINALIST FOR USA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS TEAM

Minnesota basketball player Jerry Holman was named a finalist for the 2001 Tournament of the Americas Team, it was announced today by USA Basketball. Holman, a National Junior College All-American, is one of 19 finalists invited to training camp Aug. 8-13 at Vincennes University (Ind.). The squad will be pared down to 10 and will compete in the COPABA Tournament of the Americas that is being held Aug. 15-26 in Neuquen, Argentina.

The 2001 COPABA Tournament of the Americas serves as the championship tournament for North, South and Central Americas, and will determine the five nations from the Americas zone that will qualify for the 2002 FIBA World Championships for men that is being held in Indianapolis, Ind.

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STEIDL COLLECTS THIRD ALL-AMERICA HONOR

Golden Gopher center fielder Sam Steidl was named to his third Freshman All-America team Monday. *Baseball America* honored Steidl as a second-team selection, joining Ohio State's Doug Deeds as the only two Big Ten representatives. Steidl was also listed by *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball Weekly* as an All-American rookie.

A redshirt freshman from Alexandria, Minn., Steidl led Minnesota in batting average nearly the entire stretch, finishing the season with a .401 mark, and flirted with the top spot in the Big Ten. He was also among the leaders in the conference with a .488 on base percentage, aiding the Golden Gophers to a Big Ten Conference Tournament title. Steidl had the longest hit streak in the Big Ten this season at 22 games. In those 22 games, Steidl batted .476 (30-63) with 18 RBI and 19 runs scored, including three three-hit performances and six other multi-hit contests.

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June 21, 2001

MINNESOTA WRESTLER GARRETT LOWNEY SET TO COMPETE AT 2001 WORLD TEAM TRIALS

2001 U.S. National Champion and 2000 Olympic bronze medalist Garrett Lowney of the University of Minnesota wrestling team is set to compete this weekend at the 2001 World Team Trials in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 22-24. Lowney, a native of Freedom, Wis., will compete in the Greco-Roman division at 213.75 pounds.

The best freestyle, Greco-Roman and women wrestlers in the nation will battle at the World Team Trials for the right to represent the United States in the 2001 World Championships, held at Madison Square Garden in New York City, September 26-29.

Lowney, a redshirt freshman for the Golden Gophers in 2000-01, won the 2001 Big Ten heavyweight title and earned his first All-America honor with a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

The World Team Trials features a two-day challenge tournament and a championship finals series. The Challenge Tournament in all three styles will be held on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. This includes all of the competitors except for the 2001 U.S. National Champions who are automatically in the finals. On Sunday, June 24, the championship finals in each weight class will be held, featuring the national champion facing the challenge tournament winner in a best-of-three series. There are eight weight classes in each style in men's wrestling and six weight classes in women's freestyle wrestling.

Former Golden Gopher wrestlers Brandon Eggum and Tim Hartung also placed at the U.S. Nationals and will compete at the World Team Trials. Eggum (187.25 pounds) and Hartung (213.75 pounds) competed in the Freestyle Nationals and both took fourth place in their respective weight class.



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June 26, 2001

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL SEASON OPENER AGAINST TOLEDO MOVED TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department announced today that the Golden Gopher football season opener at Toledo has been moved to Thursday, August 30. The game was originally scheduled to be played on Friday, August 31 on ESPN2. Game time is slated for 6 p.m. Central time.

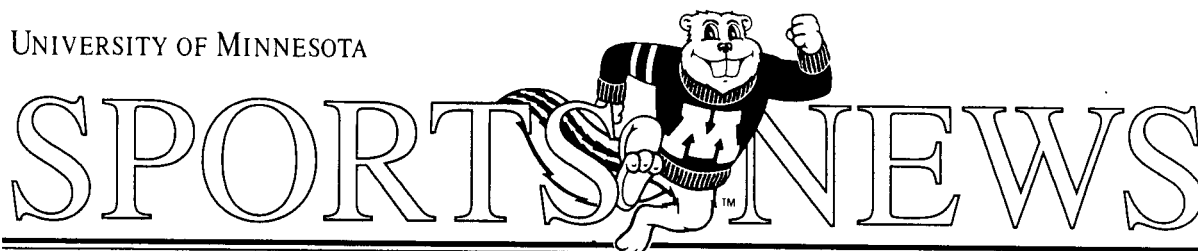
"We are very pleased that we have been able to reschedule the Toledo game from Friday night to Thursday night," head coach Glen Mason said. "The game was initially scheduled for Saturday, however it was changed to a Friday game to accommodate national television. After considering the potential negative impact that Friday night college football could have on high school football both locally and nationally, we took the position to play the game on Saturday as the original contract called for. The University of Toledo requested that the game be played on Thursday and we obliged."

This will only be the second meeting all-time between Minnesota and Toledo. The Golden Gophers defeated the visiting Rockets 38-12 at Memorial Stadium in 1978. Minnesota is entering the 2001 season as one of only four Big Ten teams to reach a bowl game in each of the past two years. Toledo finished 10-1 in 2000 and opened its season with a 24-6 win at Penn State.

2001 GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at Toledo
Sept. 8	UL LAFAYETTE
Sept. 15	BAYLOR
Sept. 29	PURDUE
Oct. 6	at Illinois
Oct. 13	at Northwestern
Oct. 20	MICHIGAN STATE (homecoming)
Nov. 3	OHIO STATE
Nov. 10	at Michigan
Nov. 17	at Iowa
Nov. 24	WISCONSIN

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July 3, 2001

J ROBINSON NAMED *W.I.N. MAGAZINE'S* DAN GABLE COACH OF THE YEAR

Three and a half months after leading the Golden Gophers to the 2001 NCAA Wrestling Championship, University of Minnesota Head Coach J Robinson has been named the 2001 Dan Gable Coach of the Year by the *W.I.N. Magazine*.

"To get something with Dan's name on it makes it very special for me," Robinson said when he was notified of winning the top coaching award. "This was a different kind of breakthrough year for us. It was like a story book."

Robinson guided the Maroon and Gold grapplers to the school's first NCAA wrestling title in record-setting fashion. Minnesota won the national crown utilizing a full-team effort to earn an NCAA-record 10 All-Americans. It was the first time in the 71-year history of the NCAA Championships that 10 wrestlers earned the prestigious All-American honor in one NCAA tournament. In addition, no team in the history of the national tournament had won the team title without a finalist, but Gold Country captured the national crown despite not placing a wrestler in the championship matches.

Minnesota finished the 2000-01 season as the number one ranked dual team with a 19-1 record and won titles at Midlands, National Duals and the Big Ten Championships. Robinson's team also excelled off the mat as they placed three wrestlers on the NWCA All-Academic Team.

During his 15-year tenure at Minnesota, Robinson has a 219-81-3 (.728) overall record and a mark of 74-41-2 (.641) in Big Ten dual meets. Under his watch, 32 wrestlers have earned 56 All-America honors and 11 Golden Gophers have won 17 Big Ten individual titles.

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July 9, 2001

FOOTBALL TO HOST "GAME DAY WITH THE GOPHERS" AT MALL OF AMERICA

The University of Minnesota football team will be at the Mall of America on Saturday, July 14th to host "Game Day with the Gophers." The event will take place in Sam Goody Central - formerly the Rotunda from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. Golden Gopher players and coaches will be on hand to sign autographs and participate in demonstrations on a simulation indoor turf field. Goldy Gopher will be there with cheerleaders, members of the dance team and a pep band to create "Game Day" excitement. Along with interactive games and website presentations, there will also be ticket specials for those who have not yet purchased their 2001 tickets. For further information about "Game Day with the Gophers" please contact Deborah Diamond at 612-625-4582.

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GOLDEN GOPHERS AND WCCO RADIO SIGN FIVE-YEAR, MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RIGHTS DEAL FOR FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL; DAVE LEE ANNOUNCED AS PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER.

The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics and WCCO AM Radio announced today a five-year, multi-million dollar agreement for the broadcast rights to Golden Gopher football and basketball. The deal extends a long-term relationship between the two parties. WCCO has been broadcasting Golden Gopher football every year since 1923 and Golden Gopher basketball since the 1930's. The new agreement extends through the 2005-06 academic year.

The contract also calls for extended pre-game and post-game coverage of football and basketball. The football pre-game show will now begin a minimum of one hour before kickoff and the post-game show will run at least an hour in length as well. Basketball's pre-game and post-game shows will run at least one half hour in length. All of those shows will feature interviews with Head Football Coach Glen Mason and Head Basketball Coach Dan Monson, as well as other guests.

"We are excited to continue our outstanding partnership for five more years," said Director of Men's Athletics Tom Moe. "When people think of the Golden Gophers on the radio, they think of WCCO. We are thrilled to continue that tradition. The agreement provides us with additional compensation and stability that we need to continue our department's overall success."

"We at WCCO are delighted to extend a partnership that is older than WCCO itself," said Brian Whittemore, Vice President and General Manager of WCCO Radio. "This agreement further solidifies a relationship between two great Minnesota institutions. WCCO Radio has been synonymous with Golden Gopher athletics since 1923, one year before the station took its current call letters. We have been a strong partner with the athletics program, and our commitment to the University as a whole extends beyond athletics to the overall campus life experience."


The deal also includes the naming of Dave Lee as the play-by-play announcer for football and basketball. Lee is the co-host of the popular WCCO Morning Show broadcast from 5-9 a.m. daily. A three-time winner of the state Associated Press sports play-by-play award, Lee has served as the public address announcer for Golden Gopher football for the past three seasons and has filled in on occasion on WCCO broadcasts, including Golden Gopher football.

"I'm a firm believer in the traditions of the game and Minnesota football tradition is linked to WCCO," said Head Football Coach Glen Mason. "I'm excited to have Dave Lee join our broadcast team and look forward to working with him."

"One of the things that has impressed me about Minnesota since I arrived is the loyalty of the fans toward our program," said Head Basketball Coach Dan Monson. "WCCO has been a big part of building that following and they have demonstrated again their commitment to our program by this partnership. I'm very excited about the direction of our basketball program and this agreement is another positive step forward for us."

In addition to the broadcasts of the games, the contract also includes weekly in-season coach's shows for Glen Mason and Dan Monson on Sundays.

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July 16, 2001

MIKE SCHAAF NAMED DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic's Department has announced that Mike Schaaf as the new Director of Video Services. Schaaf, who has been with the department since 1996, replaces Bob Marcus who accepted a position with the Minnesota Vikings following the 2000-2001 Golden Gopher season. Schaaf, a Twin Cities native, began producing independent sports videos as a sophomore at Apple Valley High School. He later joined the Golden Gopher staff as a part-time student assistant in the spring of '96, and has since worked his way through the ranks. He spent last season as the full-time video assistant, after earning his bachelor's degree from the University in 1999. He and his wife, Misti, reside in Rosemount.

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GOLDEN GOPHER TOM GERDING QUALIFIES FOR WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

University of Minnesota track & field athlete Tom Gerding qualified for the World University Games and the World Championships with his impressive performance last month at the 2001 USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. Gerding, an outgoing senior, will compete in the 400-meter dash and 4x400-meter relay at the World University Games and in the 4x400 at the World Championships. Teammate Mitch Potter, a freshman in 2000-01, will serve as an alternate for the 4x400 at the World University Games.

At the USA Championships, Gerding posted 400 times of 45.55, 45.62 and 45.79 to qualify for the world competitions. He will compete at the 2001 IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Aug. 3-12, and at the 2001 World University Games in Beijing, China, Aug. 22-Sept. 1.

During his time at Minnesota, Gerding captured five Big Ten titles (individual and relay events) and four All-America distinctions. During his junior year, he became Minnesota's first All-American in a sprint event when he earned national honors in the 400-meter dash. In the indoor season this year, he set new Big Ten and Minnesota records in the 600-meter dash at the indoor conference meet, earned All-America honors as a member of the 4x400m relay team and consistently finished strong in the 400, 600 and relay events. In the outdoor season, Gerding captured All-America citation in the 400, was a member of the Big Ten champion 4x400 relay team, placed second at Big Tens in the 200, 400 and 4x100 relay, and earned significant points throughout the year for the Golden Gophers.

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July 23, 2001

GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR AUGUST 8

The 2001 University of Minnesota Football Media Day will be held on Wednesday, August 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge. Media parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building.

After lunch is served, Head Coach Glen Mason will be on hand to visit with the media and discuss the upcoming season. Following that, all members of the Golden Gophers' coaching staff and squad will be available for interviews and photos on the outdoor practice field. If there is inclement weather, the interview/photo session will shift to the indoor practice facility.

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page to Bill Crumley, Media Relations Director, so we can estimate our luncheon count and prepare 2001 media credentials. You can fax your response to (612) 625-0359 or Email it to CRUML001@tc.umn.edu or mail it to: 516 15th Ave SE, 208 Bierman Building, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

No, _____ will not be able to attend Media Day.

Yes, _____ will attend Media Day.

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We will be represented by:

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for the University of Minnesota football season, and we would like to pick up those credentials at the Gibson-Nagurski Complex on Media Day.

NOTE: If you requested such credentials a year ago and did not pick them up as directed or did not use them for every game, please does not make a similar request for 2001. If you are not able to cover all home games, please request your credentials on an individual game basis.



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MARK COYLE NAMED DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND SALES FOR MEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

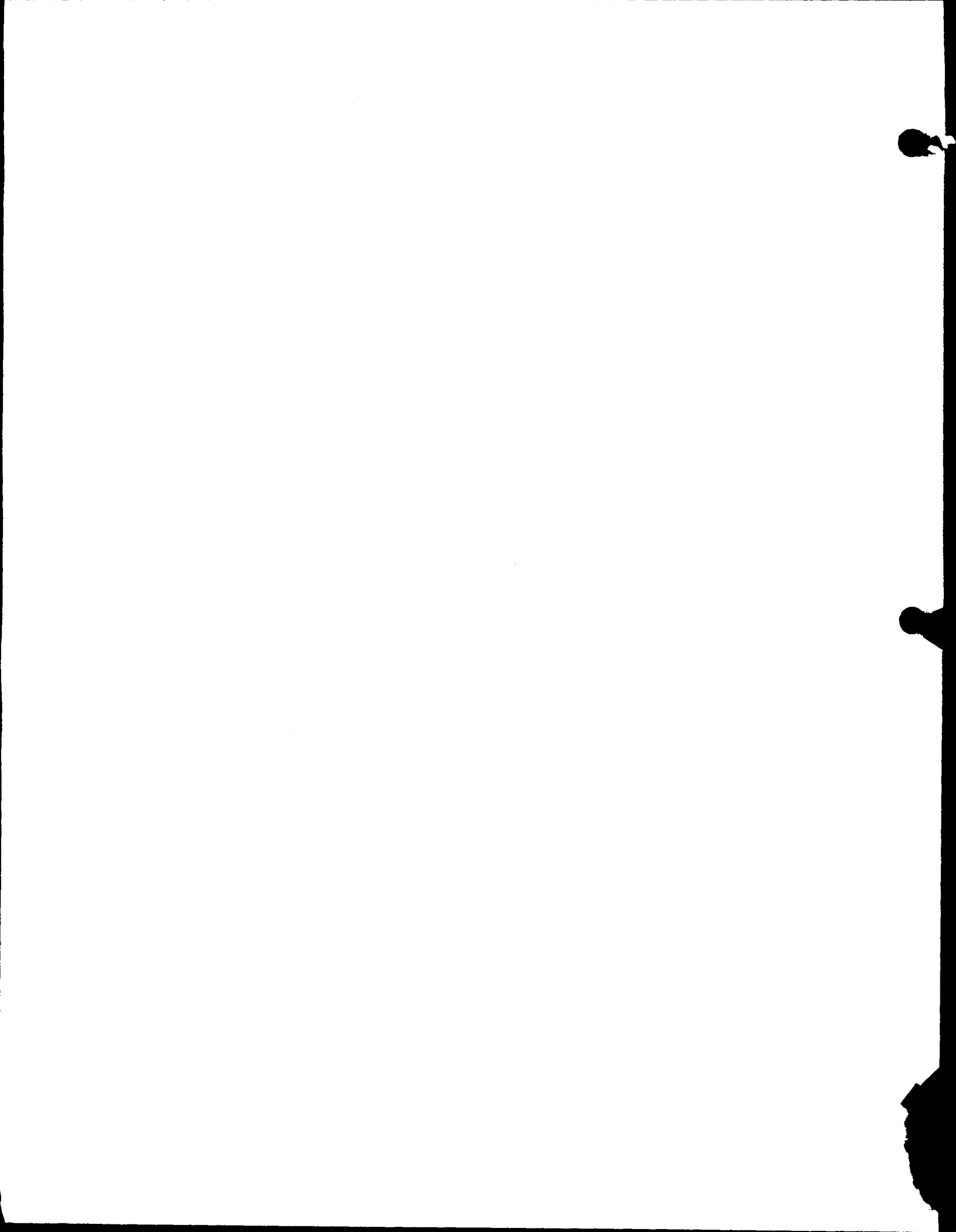
The University of Minnesota department of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics announced today that Mark Coyle has been named director of marketing and sales. Coyle, a native of Iowa and 1991 graduate of Drake University, has been Vice President of Host Communications' collegiate sports group division in Lexington, Ky. He was responsible for a multi-million dollar annual budget and his group was in charge of the companies' multi-media marketing agreements with several Division I universities and conferences including, Notre Dame, Florida State, Purdue, Tennessee and the Southeastern Conference.

"We are very excited to add Mark to our staff," said Director of Athletics Tom Moe. "He has really risen through the ranks at Host Communications and is very knowledgeable about the marketing and sales landscape in collegiate athletics today. We feel his experience and contacts across the country will be a tremendous asset to our program."

Coyle began his career in collegiate athletics in 1992 at Florida State University in the Seminole's marketing and ticket operations. He followed that with a stint at the University of Miami where he worked in a similar capacity. He joined Host Communications in October of 1994 and spent two and a half years in Host's publications' office. In March of 1997, he left Host to work for Edelman Public Relations Worldwide in Chicago, Ill. Six months later, Host recruited him back to Lexington where he has been working ever since.

"I am very excited to get the opportunity to join a top-flight Big Ten institution like the University of Minnesota and get back to my Midwestern roots," said Coyle. "Growing up in Iowa, I was always a fan of the Big Ten and I have followed the University of Minnesota closely. One of the things that impressed me the most was how they consistently finish in the top 20 in the Sears Cup rankings and at or near the top of the Big Ten all-sports rankings. That is a clear indication of the quality of the program across the board."

Coyle will oversee all Men's Athletics marketing and sales efforts and will work under Senior Associate Athletics Director Jeff Schemmel. He is scheduled to begin working at the U of M on August 13. In addition to his undergraduate degree, he also earned a Masters degree in secondary education from Drake University in 1992 and a Masters of Science degree in sports administration, Summa Cum Laude, from Florida State University in 1993.





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GOLDEN GOPHERS ANNOUNCE 2001-02 MEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE Minnesota To Host NCAA Frozen Four at Xcel Energy Center

The University of Minnesota has released its 37-game regular season men's hockey schedule for the 2001-2002 campaign. The season opens on Fri., Oct. 5 with a rare non-conference matchup with North Dakota in the Hall of Fame Game in Grand Forks, N.D. The home slate opens two weeks later, Oct. 19-20, as Minnesota hosts Bemidji State at Mariucci Arena. The Golden Gophers open WCHA play on Nov. 2-3, in Houghton, Mich., against Michigan Tech.

Providence, Western Michigan, and Ferris State will visit Mariucci Arena for the 11th annual Mariucci Classic on Dec. 28-29 at Mariucci Arena. The Golden Gophers will travel to Michigan and Michigan State in the ninth annual College Hockey Showcase on Nov. 23-25. In addition, Minnesota will host nonconference games against Colgate (Oct. 26-27) at Mariucci Arena. The 28-game WCHA schedule has kept its unbalanced format, meaning Minnesota will not travel to Minnesota State, Mankato or Colorado College, and will not host Alaska-Anchorage or Michigan Tech during the 2001-02 regular season.

Game times for all home contests are scheduled for 7:05 p.m., with game times still subject to change. The home series against North Dakota will be played on Sat., Jan. 5 and Sun., Jan. 6. The 2002 WCHA Final Five will be held for the second straight season at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn., from March 14-16, 2002. The Golden Gophers will also host the 2002 NCAA Frozen Four on April 4-6 at Xcel Energy Center. Potentially as many as 18 games this season will be played against teams that made the 2001 NCAA Tournament. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 5	# @ North Dakota (Hall of Fame)	Grand Forks, N.D.	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 19-20	# BEMIDJI STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 26-27	# COLGATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	@ Michigan Tech	Houghton, Mich.	6:05/7:05 p.m.
Nov. 9-10	MSU, MANKATO	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 16-17	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 23	# @ Michigan (CHS)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	# @ Michigan State (CHS)	East Lansing, Mich.	12:35 p.m.
Nov. 30	ST. CLOUD STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 7-8	@ Denver	Denver, Colo.	8:05 p.m.
Dec. 28-29	# MARIUCCI CLASSIC (Providence vs. Western Michigan, Minnesota vs. Ferris State)	MARIUCCI ARENA	4:05/7:05 p.m.
Jan. 5-6	NORTH DAKOTA	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 11-12	@ Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	@ Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10:05 p.m.
Jan. 25-26	DENVER	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 28	* FRENCH OLYMPIC TEAM	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 1-2	@ Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 8-9	@ North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 15-16	COLORADO COLLEGE	MARIUCCI ARENA	6:35/6:05 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	WISCONSIN	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
March 1	@ St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
March 2	ST. CLOUD STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Fri., March 8 - Sun., March 10	WCHA First Round	TBA	TBA
Thurs., March 14 - Sat., March 16	WCHA Final Five	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	TBA
Fri., March 22 - Sun., March 24	NCAA Regionals	Ann Arbor, Mich./Worcester, Mass.	TBA
Thurs., April 4	NCAA Semifinals	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	TBA
Sat., April 6	NCAA Championship	Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul	TBA

All game times Central and subject to change #-Nonconference games *-Exhibition



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SEVEN CURRENT OR FORMER GOPHERS TO COMPETE AT WORLD TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seven current and former University of Minnesota Track & Field athletes, including Golden Gopher sophomore Mikael Jakobsson, will be competing in the 2001 IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This is the most Golden Gopher athletes to compete at a single World Championship. The event begins today and will run through August 12th.

Jakobsson will be a part of Sweden's 4x400 relay team. As a freshman, Jakobsson ran on Minnesota's Indoor and Outdoor All-American 4x400 relay teams. He also set a school record in the 400-meter hurdles clocking a 50.99 at the Big Ten Championships.

Tom Gerding, a four-time All-American and Minnesota's first in a sprint event, will be representing the United States in the 4x400 relay. Along with teaming with Jakobsson on the 2001 relay teams, Gerding, a native of Waconia, garnered All-American accolades in the 400-meter dash at both the 2000 and 2001 Outdoor National Championships. Preliminary Heats for the 4x400 will begin August 11th at 3:40.

Staffan Strand and Martin Eriksson will also be competing for Sweden. Strand was a four-time All-American and three-time national runner-up in the high jump. Strand is the Minnesota school record holder with a leap of 7-7.

Eriksson, along with Finland's Vesa Rantanen, are two of Minnesota's top pole vaulters in school history. They are two of just three Golden Gophers to ever win Indoor National titles, with Eriksson's coming in 1993 and Rantanen taking the 1998 crown. Both former Golden Gopher vaulters have personal bests of over 18-0.

Ben Jensen, who was an All-American Decathlete and school record holder, will be competing in the Decathlon for Norway, while two-time All-American Keita Cline will be running the 200-meter dash for Tortola of the British Islands. He competed in the same event at the 2000 Olympics. Cline is the school record holder in both the long jump and triple jump.

For complete results, check www.2001.edmonton.com.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS TO GO ON SALE MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2001.

The Athletics Ticket Office will begin accepting NEW season ticket orders for 2001-02 Men's Basketball Monday, August 13, 2001. All orders placed between August 13 - 17 will be randomly assigned the best seats available. Any orders taken after that will be assigned locations on a first come first served basis. All seats are \$522 per season ticket. Orders may be placed in person or over the phone by calling (612) 624-8080 or 800 U GOPHER. Visa, MasterCard, NOVUS and American Express accepted.

Most locations have some degree of obstruction and are located between the baskets in the top three rows of the upper deck or behind the basket in the lower deck. New season ticket holders can try their seats during the first two games of the season. If the seats are unsatisfactory, they may be returned before the third game for a full refund.

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TO: Sports Editors/Directors of Media Outlets Covering Minnesota Football

FROM: Marc Ryan, Assistant Athletics Director

RE: Media Parking Permits for the 2001 Season

This memorandum is to inform you that there will be a new policy regarding media parking permits starting with the 2001 University of Minnesota football season.

There will be a \$90 charge for each full season (six games) media parking permit for the Norm McGrew lot (located just north of the Metrodome). Your organization may request multiple parking permits to handle the needs of your staff, but each season pass will be \$90. A limited number of individual game parking permits will be available for \$20 each. Please note that the Metrodome will continue to provide us with complimentary parking permits for satellite trucks.

Rest assured we are committed to continuing to secure reserved parking for the media that is adjacent to the Metrodome. The above fees simply cover our costs associated with purchasing and reserving space in this privately owned and operated parking lot.

Payment for the parking permit(s) should be made by check or money order only and made payable to the **University of Minnesota**. Payment for season permits must be received no later than **Friday, August 24**, so that we know how many spaces we need to reserve in the Norm McGrew lot. Payment for individual game permits must be received no later than 10 days prior to the home game requested. The earlier the better because, once again, the individual permits are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please fill out the form below to order your parking permit(s). Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Name _____

Media Outlet _____

Number of Season Parking Permits at \$90 each _____

Number of Individual Parking Permits at \$20 each
Sept. 8 vs. UL Lafayette _____ Sept. 15 vs. Baylor _____ Sept. 29 vs. Purdue _____
Oct. 20 vs. Michigan State _____ Nov. 3 vs. Ohio State _____ Nov. 24 vs. Wisconsin _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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GOLDEN GOPHER CLAY STROTHER SET TO COMPETE AT U.S. GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two-time NCAA event champion and three-time All-American Clay Strother of the University of Minnesota gymnastics team is set to compete at the 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Philadelphia, Pa., August 8-11. Strother, a member of the 2001 U.S. Senior National Team, will compete for the coveted national title and a berth on the World Championship Team at Temple University's Liacouras Center and McGonigle Hall in Philadelphia.

Also expected to compete in the 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships is Blaine Wilson, five-time defending national champion and two-time Olympian. The meet will crown national champions in both all-around and individual event finals for artistic and rhythmic gymnastics. The competition will name the 2001 World Championship Teams along with the 2001-02 Senior and Junior National Teams who will represent the U.S. in international competition throughout the year.

In 2000-01, Strother, a native of Jasper, Texas, earned three All-America citations with his stellar performance at the NCAA Championships. In addition to his fifth-place all-around finish, he captured the floor exercise and pommel horse individual event titles to become the first Golden Gopher in school history to win two event crowns in the same national meet.

The U.S. Gymnastics Championships have a rich history of past champions, including Olympians Bart Conner, Kurt Thomas, former Golden Gopher John Roethlisberger, Blaine Wilson, Mary Lou Retton, Kim Zmeskal, Dominique Dawes, Dominique Moceanu and Shannon Miller.

Following the U.S. Championships, Strother has the opportunity to compete for the United States in the World University Games, the Goodwill Games in addition to the 2001 World Championships.

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SCHILLING LEADS BIG TEN TEAM TO 3-0 START

University of Minnesota basketball player Shane Schilling scored 10 points, while making a pair of three pointers, lifting the Big Ten Men's Basketball Foreign Tour team to a 107-82 victory over the London Towers. The victory upped the team's tour record to 3-0 in London, England.

The Big Ten opened the tour with a 110-83 defeat of the Ealing Tornados, as Schilling was 4-of-5 from the field including hitting both of his three point attempts. To go along with his 10 points, the junior from Minnetonka also had four rebounds, three assists and a steal in the victory. Schilling missed the Tour team's 98-76 victory over the Islington White Heat due to illness.

The Conference squad outscored its first three opponents by an average of more than 25 points in London.

The Big Ten Men's Basketball Foreign Tour team will begin the second half of its schedule on Tuesday in Ireland against the Waterford Crystal Basketball Club. The team will then take the next two days off before wrapping up the tour with games on August 17 and 18.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS ANNOUNCE 2001-02 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

The 2001 NCAA Champion University of Minnesota wrestling team has released its regular season schedule for the 2001-02 campaign. The Golden Gophers play host to eight dual meets on the season, including the highlight on the schedule - a battle versus the arch-rival Iowa Hawkeyes at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., Friday, Feb. 1.

The season opens Nov. 10 when the Golden Gophers travel to Fargo, N.D., to compete in the Bison Open. Minnesota will then compete in both the Omaha Open (Nov. 17) and Northern Open (Nov. 23) before returning home to host Boise State (Nov. 25). On December 2, Minnesota heads for an early-season showdown with perennial national contender Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla., before hosting Hofstra on Dec. 6. The Maroon and Gold then travel to Virginia for a pair of first-ever match-ups against Virginia Tech and James Madison. Minnesota then defends its Midlands team title on Dec. 29-30, in Evanston, Ill.

Following home meets versus Oregon State and Nebraska, and the National Duals in Columbus, Ohio, the Golden Gophers open the Big Ten season at Michigan on Jan. 25. Minnesota hosts four conference meets this season at both the Sports Pavilion and Williams Arena. The Big Ten Championships are Mar. 9-10, in Champaign, Ill., and the NCAA Championships take place Mar. 21-23, in Albany, N.Y.

2001-02 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 10	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 17	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 23	Northern Open	River Falls, Wis.	All Day
Nov. 25	Boise State	Sports Pavilion	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	Hofstra	Sports Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.	1:00 p.m.
	at James Madison	Harrisonburg, Va.	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	Midlands	Evanston, Ill.	All Day
Jan. 6	Oregon State	Sports Pavilion	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19-20	National Duals	Columbus, Ohio	All Day
Jan. 25	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Iowa	Target Center	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Purdue	West Lafayette, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	Wisconsin	Williams Arena	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Illinois	Sports Pavilion	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Ohio State	Williams Arena	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 9-10	Big Ten Championships	Champaign, Ill.	All Day
Mar. 21-23	NCAA Championships	Albany, N.Y.	All Day

All match times Central and subject to change

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MASON TO CHAIR CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason and his wife Kate will chair the annual fund drive in 2001 for the Catholic Charities, the Twin Cities' largest private provider of social services. The Masons will be introduced as chairs at a news conference Thursday, Aug. 23, at 5:45 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Home for Children in Minneapolis. The Golden Gopher football team will join Coach Mason and the kids for a picnic following the announcement.


In the past three years, Glen and Kate Mason have dedicated an increasing amount of their time furthering the work of Catholic Charities. As chair of the annual fund, Mason will recruit community leaders to join the effort to raise \$6,000,000 for Catholic Charities. The campaign publicly launches in mid-November.

"Since I first stepped foot on St. Joe's campus three years ago, I knew I wanted to do something to support Catholic Charities' work with kids in crisis," said Mason. "Kate and I understand the impact that poverty has on the lives of many children. We want to shed light on the issue and garner support for these kids."

With more than 75 programs in 50 locations, Catholic Charities serves more than 170,000 people annually in the Minneapolis /St. Paul metropolitan area. The agency works with families and individuals of all faiths and none to reduce the causes and effects of poverty.

"Coach and Kate's heart for the poor and their influence in the Twin Cities community are invaluable in garnering the financial support we need to continue serving the poorest of the poor," said Fr. Larry Snyder, executive director of Catholic Charities.

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GOLDEN GOPHER GOLFER SIMON NASH ADVANCES IN MATCH PLAY AT THE U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Minnesota men's golfer Simon Nash won his first round match 3 and 2 against Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland Wednesday. Nash advances to the second round of match play on Thursday at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Ga.

Nash won the first two holes of the match and never trailed. He was 3 up at the turn, after shooting a 33 on the front nine. The sophomore from Pullenvale, Australia gave one back with a bogey 5 on 12, but went dormie on 15 when McDowell bogeyed the par-4 15th. Both players parred the 16th hole and the match was over.

Nash will face Michael Sims of Bermuda in the round of 32. The third round will also be contested tomorrow

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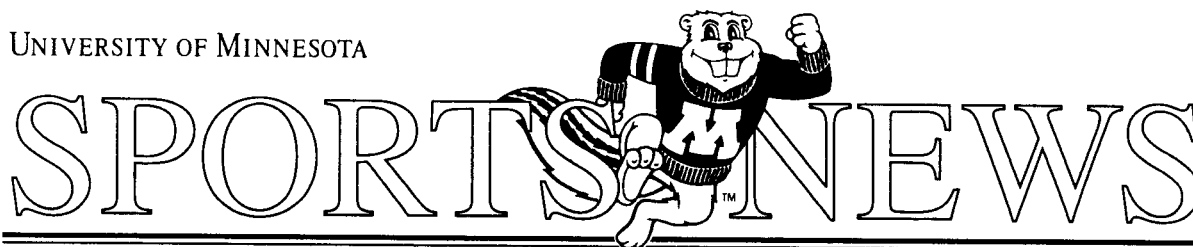
GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL PEPFEST SET FOR DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL

The University of Minnesota takes over downtown St. Paul on Tuesday, Aug. 28, for Golden Gopher football festivities in the state capital. Activities during the day will showcase the Minnesota gridiron program with Gold Country's coaches, players and cheerleaders in attendance.

The Golden Gopher football kickoff rally and University of Minnesota Marching Band parade will take place at the Sixth Annual Employee/Tenant Appreciation Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater St. Paul, the festivities will be located on Robert Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets. The parade starts at 11:15 a.m., beginning at Rice Park, marching down Fourth Street to Mears Park and ending at the party site. Free pizza and beverages will be served at the rally.

Included in the parade and pepfest will be a number of local dignitaries and celebrities, including University President Mark Yudof, Governor Jesse Ventura, St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman, Athletics Director Tom Moe, Golden Gopher Football Coach Glen Mason, the Golden Gopher cheerleaders and Goldy Gopher.

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MINNESOTA GOLFER SIMON NASH FAILS TO HOLD ON DURING MATCH PLAY OF U.S. AMATEUR

University of Minnesota men's golfer Simon Nash was 2-up heading to the 16th tee of the U.S. Amateur Thursday afternoon during second round match play. At that point Nash's opponent, Bermuda's Michael Sims, won the final three holes to take the match 1-up.

Nash, a sophomore from Brisbane, Australia, finished in a tie for 13th at last year's NCAA Championships.

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SMOLINSKI TAKES THIRD PLACE AT WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

University of Minnesota swimmer Todd Smolinski took third place in the 50-meter backstroke during the World University Games in Beijing, China. Smolinski, a junior from St. John, Ind., clocked a 25.99, while America's Peter Marshall and Poland's Mariusz Siembida tied for top honors in 25.79.

Former Golden Gopher track athlete Tom Gerding competed in the 400-meter preliminaries, but failed to make the finals.



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GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL FINALIZES 2002 SCHEDULE; ADDS BUFFALO AS 12TH GAME

The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics announced today that the University of Buffalo has been added to the 2002 football schedule. The addition of Buffalo completes the 2002 schedule and gives Minnesota its allowable 12 games. The University of Buffalo has been a member of the Mid-America Conference since 1999. They finished 2-9 last season. The Bulls have also added Iowa to their 2003 schedule.

The 2002 Golden Gopher Football schedule is listed below.

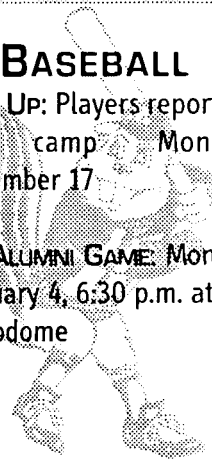
Aug.	31	SW TEXAS STATE
Sept.	7	at Louisiana-Lafayette
Sept.	14	TOLEDO
Sept.	21	BUFFALO
Sept.	28	at Purdue
Oct.	5	ILLINOIS
Oct.	12	NORTHWESTERN
Oct.	19	at Michigan State
Nov.	2	at Ohio State
Nov.	9	MICHIGAN
Nov.	16	IOWA
Nov.	23	at Wisconsin

This Week In GOPHER SPORTS

BASEBALL

NEXT UP: Players report for fall camp Monday, September 17

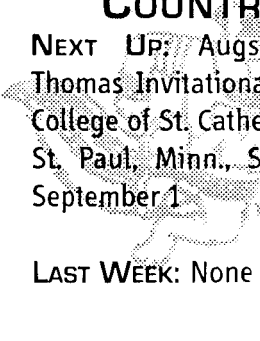
PRO-ALUMNI GAME: Monday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome



CROSS COUNTRY

NEXT UP: Augsburg/St. Thomas Invitational at the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul, Minn., Saturday, September 1

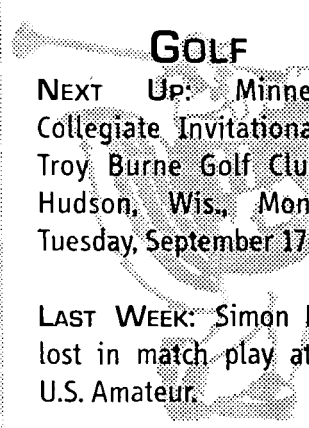
LAST WEEK: None



GOLF

NEXT UP: Minnesota Collegiate Invitational at Troy Burne Golf Club in Hudson, Wis., Monday-Tuesday, September 17-18.

LAST WEEK: Simon Nash lost in match play at the U.S. Amateur.



FOOTBALL

NEXT UP: At Toledo University, Thursday, August 30, 6 p.m.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers prepared for the season-opener versus the Toledo Rockets.



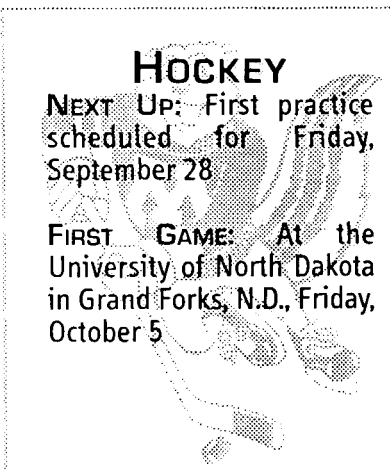
THIS WEEK ON THE GOLDEN GOPHER WEBLINE AT WWW.GOPHERSPORTS.COM:

- Aug. 27: K Dan Nystrom
- Aug. 28: WR Antoine Burns
- Aug. 29: Defensive coordinator Moe Ankney
- Aug. 30: CB Mike Lehan
- Aug. 31: Mason's postgame Toledo news conference

HOCKEY

NEXT UP: First practice scheduled for Friday, September 28

FIRST GAME: At the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D., Friday, October 5



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A LIVING HISTORY

The University of Minnesota football program is steeped in tradition. The Golden Gopher gridders have a long history of victory, leadership, talent and competition. And one fan of the Maroon and Gold has been there for much of the team's highs and lows. Harold Sween, at age 97, has been anointed as Minnesota's oldest living season ticket holder. Read on inside....

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

CROSS → COUNTRY →

The 2001 Golden Gopher cross country team is looking to continue the upward climb the program has established in recent years. Following a school record fourth consecutive NCAA appearance, the Gophers are aiming for a fifth-straight berth. Head Coach **Steve Plasencia**, in his sixth season at the helm of the Golden Gophers, sees this season as one with promise. "It will be a goal for us to make our fifth national meet in a row and we also want to improve on where we were last year in the Big Ten (5th place)," Plasencia said.

Like last season, the 2001 squad, which includes 17 underclassmen, will be a young one. Despite the youth and inexperience, Plasencia feels this year's team can be stronger than previous years. "We definitely have running talent, even though they are young," Plasencia said. "The talent level has increased each year that I have been here. It's up to me to do a good job and put a team out there that reflects our talent."

Even with all its youth, the team has several veterans to lead the charge. Junior **Will McComb** was the team's top runner last season and he will combine with senior **Andrew McKessock**, and juniors **Neil Hanson** and **Luke Mullranin** to form the foundation of the team. McComb was the Gophers' most consistent runner in 2000 and was the team's top finisher at the Griak Invitational, the Big Ten Championships, the Midwest Regionals and the NCAA Championships. He had a 25:04 time at the Griak Invitational, setting the ninth-best time ever for an 8K race on a University of Minnesota course. Additionally, his time of 30:47 at the Midwest Regional tied the ninth-best time for a 10K race on any course. McKessock was one of the team's best runners at the end of the year despite having a foot problem that caused him to eventually miss the track and field season. He now is healthy and looks to continue his solid running in 2001.

Hanson will be another key component. He won the 1998 Minnesota State Cross Country meet as a high school senior at Fairmont High School and has been a consistent runner for the Gophers in his first two seasons. Mullranin heads into his junior season after having been a top-seven performer for the Gophers last season. Last season he claimed the title at the Lester Park Invitational with a time of 26:51.4.

Joining the team for the 2001 season are several newcomers that will add even more strength to the Gopher squad. **Andy Carlson**, **Erik Grumstrup**, **Trent Riter** and **Ben Hanson** will be some of the key fresh faces for Coach

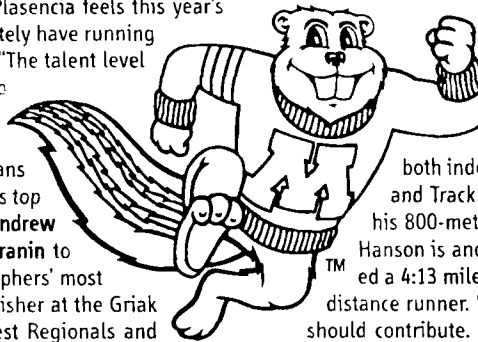
Plasencia, while redshirt freshman **Josh DoBell** will also add depth. "We are excited about the new guys we have coming in," Plasencia said. "There is definitely some potential with them."

Carlson, a transfer from top-15 University of Arizona, was a top-seven runner for the Wildcats last season. He will play a big role for the Gopher team this year. Grumstrup was a key recruit for the team. He was a three-time state cross country champion in South Dakota. He also finished 19th in the Footlocker Championship, the national high school cross country championship.

Grumstrup has an excellent future ahead for him at Minnesota. Riter broke the Minnesota state high school record for the 800 meters in track and field last spring, clocking a 1:49.76 to win the state title his senior year. He also finished in the top-five in the country in that event, being named All-America both indoors and out by National Scholastic Sports Foundation and Track & Field News. The team will look for him to transfer his 800-meter running into the longer distances of cross country. Hanson is another accomplished high school runner who has posted a 4:13 mile time. The team looks for him to be more of a middle-distance runner. DoBell, a redshirt freshman, is another new face who should contribute. As an unattached runner, he placed highly at NCAA races last year, including a second-place finish at the USATF Minnesota Open 5K Championship.

With the Big Ten Conference looking just as strong as in years past, the Gophers know they are facing some tough competition in the league. Perennial powers Wisconsin and Michigan are joined by several Big Ten schools that Coach Plasencia sees as ranking with some of the best in the country. "There are many Big Ten schools that have a chance of finishing well at the end of the season," Plasencia said. "Last year, Ohio State finished sixth in our conference but finished 14th overall at the NCAAs. So the Big Ten has toughened up in cross country and is going to continue to do so."

Under the guidance of the skillful Plasencia, the blend of youth and experience has the Golden Gophers primed for a school record fifth consecutive NCAA Championships appearance.



2001 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Site/Result
Sept. 1	Augsburg/St. Thomas Invite	St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 15	Brigham Young Invitational	Ogden, Utah
Sept. 29	Roy Griak Invitational	Les Bolstad
Oct. 13	Pre-NCAA Meet	Greenville, S.C.
Oct. 20	Marathon Sports 5K	Les Bolstad
Oct. 28	Big Ten Championships	Champaign, Ill.
Nov. 10	Midwest Regional	Carbondale, Ill.
Nov. 19	NCAA Championships	Greenville, S.C.

Home Meets in Bold

2001 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Michael Bialick	So.	Wayzata, Minn.
Andrew Carlson	So.	Fargo, N.D.
Aaron Castleberg	Fr.	Stoughton, Wis.
Josh DoBell	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Zach Edmondson	Jr.	Ballwin, Mo.
Ryan Ford	Jr.	St. Cloud, Minn.
Erik Grumstrup	Fr.	Black Hawk, S.D.
Ben Hanson	Fr.	Montrose, Minn.
Neil Hanson	So.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Brent Loberg	So.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Malmin	Fr.	Minnetonka, Minn.
Will McComb	Jr.	Port Elgin, Ontario
Andrew McKessock	Sr.	Owen Sound, Ontario
Luke Mullranin	Jr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Caleb Olsen	Fr.	Maplewood, Minn.
Eric Quam	Jr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Trent Riter	Fr.	Shoreview, Minn.
Martin Robeck	So.	St. Michael, Minn.

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The 2001-02 Golden Gopher golf team is poised to launch an attack to the top of the Big Ten standings. Four of five starters return, including two All-Americans, from last year's NCAA Championship qualifying team. Head Coach **John Means**, enters his 12th season with the only Big Ten team to qualify for four straight NCAA Championships.

"It's a tremendous accomplishment for this program to qualify for four straight NAAs," said Means. "That consistency is what we've been working for since I took the job. It's a credit to our players and our staff. We feel we have a tradition of winning here that is unmatched in the upper midwest and we will continue to make strides, that frankly, not a lot of people thought we could. Our next step is to be one of the teams in the hunt on the last day of the national championship. That goal will definitely be our most challenging to date, but we don't think we're that far away."

The Maroon and Gold will be led by third team All-American **Wilhelm Schauman** and honorable mention All-American **Simon Nash**. Schauman led the team with a 72.19 stroke average and won the PSINet Invitational and the Wolverine Invitational, the opening two events of last season. His scoring average was the third-best in Golden Gopher golf history. The All-Big Ten honoree was ranked 29th in the *GolfWeek* final rankings and finished 31st in the Golfstat Cup standings. "Wilhelm emerged last season as our go-to guy and one of the top golfers in the conference," said Means. "We expect him to continue his improvement and contend for tournament titles and lead this team again."

Nash joined the Gopher squad in January of last season and made an immediate impact. In his first tournament in Puerto Rico, he tied for 10th. Nash was the only Gopher to make the cut at NAAs and tied for 13th with a 2-under-par 286. He was one of four golfers in the championships to shoot four rounds of par or better (71-72-72-71). Nash was also the Gophers top finisher at the Big Ten Championships where he tied for sixth at 3-under-par. This past summer, Nash made the Round of 32 at the 2001 United States Amateur. "The more Simon played last year the better he scored" said Means. "He really got it rolling at the end of the year. We expect him to have a great season. He gives us a player at No. 2 that can win a lot of tournaments."

The top two positions in the lineup are secure and there will be a competitive battle for the final three. Four other letterwinners return to the Gopher lineup — juniors **Joe Affrunti**, **Zach Faulds** and **David Morgan** and sophomore **Justin Smith**. Smith played the most rounds of the four, registering a scoring average of 74.97 in 12 tournaments. His best finish was a tie for 12th at the Windon Memorial, but his most impressive tournament was a 4-over-par 220 in the NCAA Central Regional, tying him for 20th place. He was one of three Minnesota golfers to qualify to play in the U.S. Amateur. "Justin's a key guy for us this year," said Means. "He saw a lot of action as a freshman and with that experience we expect to see significant strides in his game."

Affrunti played in nine events carding the fourth best stroke average on the team at 74.69. The Illinois native saved his best play for his home state, shooting an even-par 288 at the Big Ten Championships in Urbana. Affrunti tied Schauman for 14th place and joined the two All-Americans in the top 15. "Joe improved steadily all year," said Means. "He played well at Big Tens and should be more comfortable with tournament action at the beginning of this season."

Morgan played in seven tournaments and tied for eighth at the PSINet Invitational. He averaged 75.8 strokes on the season and was the Gophers top finisher at the Intercollegiate.

tying for 20th in Chapel Hill, N.C. "David showed flashes last year, but struggled to put together a complete tournament," said Means. "His play has already improved and we expect him to be a consistent contributor."

Faulds played in five tournaments, twice as an individual and recorded a stroke average of 75.23. His two best finishes were playing as an individual, tying for ninth at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate and tying for 14th at the PSINet Invite. "Zack has tremendous potential to shoot low scores," said Means. "His 70 in Puerto Rico was an indication and we need more of that from him."

An unexpected surprise for Means and the Gophers has been **Matt Anderson**. Anderson made the team last season during walk-on tryouts, but did not see any action. However, Anderson's game came along so well this past summer that he qualified for the U.S. Amateur in August, won a collegiate players tour event at Purdue and was a semifinalist in the Minnesota State Amateur. "Matt's game has took-off this summer," said Means. "It would be difficult to keep him out of the starting lineup based on the way he's played the last couple of months."

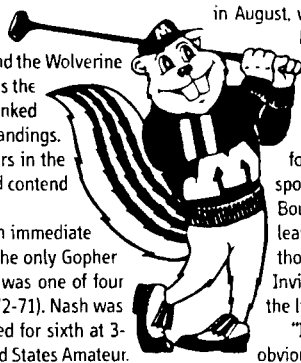
A sophomore who will be looking for their first collegiate playing time is **Ben Greve**. Greve played in the PSINet Invitational as an individual and tied for 53rd. "Ben has improved over the summer and will challenge for the No. 5 spot," said Means. Another sophomore on this year's team is **Garrett Clegg** from Bountiful, Utah. Clegg played in two events during the 1998-99 season before leaving for two seasons on a Mormon mission. Clegg had a 72.3 stroke average in those two events and finished tied for 13th at the 1998 Northern Collegiate Invitational with a 2-under 211. He has the talent to contribute at the bottom of the lineup, it will depend on how quickly he can shake the rust off his game.

"It's a bonus for us to have Garrett back in Maroon and Gold," said Means. "He obviously needs to get back to playing on a regular basis, but he's got talent and could help us this year."

Fifth-year senior **Andrew Tank** competed as an individual in the PSINet Invitational in 2000 and finished tied for 24th. The only senior on this year's squad, Tank will add depth and leadership to the Golden Gophers.

Again this season, Means recruited a talented freshmen class that will add depth to his squad. Both players, Bradley Kirton and Ryan Paulson arrive in Gold Country with stellar resumes and high expectations. Paulson led his Holy Angels team to two state titles and was a two-time all-state selection. He lettered an impressive five straight years, each year being named all-conference. Kirton was one of the top junior players in Canada and was a member of Manitoba's Villingdon Cup team that placed second at the 97th Canadian Amateur Championship. He tied for 10th in stroke play at the Canadian Amateur and finished fourth at the Clarica Manitoba Men's Amateur Championship. "These are two very talented players that with some experience will contribute to our program," said Means. "How soon that happens will depend on how well they adjust to college and collegiate golf."

The schedule is once again one of the toughest in the country. The Gophers open the fall portion playing host to the Minnesota Collegiate Invitational, this year being played for the first time at Troy Burne Golf Club in Hudson, Wis. The course was designed by former Golden Gopher and PGA Professional Tom Lehman.



MINNESOTA COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL INFO

Date: Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 17-18

Location: Troy Burne Golf Club in Hudson, Wis.

Course Info: Par 71, 7,003 yds

Teams: Duke, Georgia St., Iowa St., Memphis, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, St. John's (N.Y.), Swedish National Team, Tulsa, UCLA, Virginia Tech

2001 FALL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Site
Sept. 17-18	Minnesota Collegiate Invite	Hudson, Wis.
Sept. 27-29	Wolverine Invitational	Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 1-3	Adams Cup	Newport, R.I.
Oct. 21-23	Tillinghast Invitational	Scarsdale, N.Y.

2001 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Joe Affrunti	Jr.	Crystal Lake, Ill.
Matt Anderson	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Garrett Clegg	So.	Bountiful, Utah
Zachary Faulds	Jr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Ben Greve	So.	Annandale, Minn.
Bradley Kirton	So.	Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
David Morgan	Jr.	Rochester, Minn.
Simon Nash	So.	Pullenvale, Brisbane, Australia
Ryan Paulson	Fr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Jr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Justin Smith	So.	Moon Township, Penn.
Andrew Tank	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa

A SPOTLIGHT ON... HAROLD SWEEN - A LIVING HISTORY

The University of Minnesota football program is steeped in tradition. The Golden Gopher gridders have a long history of victory, leadership, talent and competition. And one fan of the Maroon and Gold has been there for much of the team's highs and lows. Harold Sween, at age 97, has been anointed as Minnesota's oldest living season ticket holder.

For 76 years, Sween, affectionately known as Uncle Hud, has seen it all - six national championships, Bronko Nagurski, Butch Larson, Bruce Smith, Bobby Bell, 45 All-Americans, 10 Big Ten titles and 378 wins since 1925, and the list goes on. He was there when Memorial Stadium was built and when it was torn down. He saw the Golden Gophers at their apex, winning conference and national titles, and in their struggling years, failing to reach the postseason. He watched from the stands as the Maroon and Gold experienced roller-coaster seasons, from the building of a national powerhouse to the lean years to the rejuvenation of the program in recent seasons. To put it into perspective, the United States has had 14 presidents during the time that Sween has owned Minnesota season tickets.

Earlier this year, at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex, Sween met with Head Coach Glen Mason and was recognized for his unwavering support of the University of Minnesota and its football program. His memories of the early days of Golden Gopher football may be a little hazy now, but Sween is obviously a dedicated fan of the Maroon and Gold.

He remembers that his first season ticket cost \$3-3.50 in 1925. He has been a Minnesota season ticket-holder ever since. "I was there through the thick and the thin," Sween said. "There were years when they even sold tickets to sit in the aisles. They also had seats on the field on the track where you couldn't see a thing."

Sween first owned season tickets as a student at the University and he clearly remembers one of his first games. "Memorial Stadium was just built and they

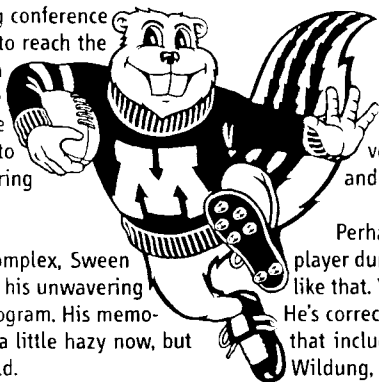
had a grand opening when we beat Red Grange and Illinois," he said. "It was a big day, a tremendous day. Grange was nationally-known and we thought we were going to get drubbed, but we beat those guys. I think Grange spent half the game on the bench. And, in his years as a TV commentator, he never talked about that game."

Sween also had things to say about the heated rivalry with the University of Iowa. "Iowa's not a friendly team to meet with. I remember when they started this trophy," Sween explained, pointing to Floyd of Rosedale, the trophy given to the winner of the annual Minnesota-Iowa game. "There was quite a squabble when that all started."

Sween also recalls his seats after he graduated from the University. "My first public season tickets were in the third row behind the opposing team," he explained. "I have a loud voice and I remember one game, the head coach turned around and shook his fist at me because of all my yelling."

Perhaps the toughest thing to ask of Sween is to choose his favorite player during his time as a season ticket-holder. "You can't pin me down like that. You go to all those years of football games and pick just one." He's correct, of course. How could someone pick just one player on a list that includes such names as Nagurski, Lund, Larson, Widseth, Smith, Wildung, Nomellini, Grant, Giel, Bell, Stephens, Eller, Carter, and Hamilton?

From the days when he went to the games in a "coonskin coat" at Memorial Stadium to the time during the Great Depression where he won tickets to see the Golden Gophers defeat No.1 Ohio State to the national championship years to the move to the Metrodome, Sween has been in the stands cheering on the Minnesota football team. Harold Sween is a legend of Gold Country football who embodies the rich and storied history of the University of Minnesota gridiron program.



RECENT GOLDEN GOPHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Three Minnesota golfers, Simon Nash, Justin Smith and Matt Anderson, competed in the 2001 U.S. Amateur Championships in Atlanta, Ga. Nash advanced to match play, falling to Bermuda's Michael Sims. Nash was 2-up heading to the 16th tee. At that point, Sims won the final three holes to take the match 1-up.
- Several Golden Gopher swimmers made excellent showings at the U.S. National Swimming Championships in Fresno, Calif. Jeff Hackler led the way, finishing second in the 100 breaststroke, qualifying him for the Goodwill Games. Todd Smolinski finished sixth in the 100 backstroke, Justin Mortimer took sixth in the 400 freestyle and eighth in the 1500 freestyle, and Matt Taylor finished 12th in the 100 butterfly.
- Golden Gopher gymnast Clay Strother finished in 14th place in the all-around at the 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Philadelphia, Pa. Strother, a member of the 2001 U.S. Senior National Team, was 23rd after the prelims and individual event finals, but posted a solid score in the finals to move into the top 15. In the finals, Strother notched a score of 51.425 in the all-around, including a competition-best 9.450 in the pommel horse.
- Minnesota wrestler Garrett Lowney won the Greco-Roman title at 213.75 pounds at the 2001 World Team Trials in Cincinnati, Ohio. With the win, Lowney earned a place on the United States team for the 2001 World Championships, held at Madison Square Garden in New York City, September 26-29. Lowney, competing for the Minnesota Storm Wrestling Club, posted 5-0 and 3-0 (OT) decisions over Jason Loukides of the U.S. Army in the best-of-three finals.
- Third baseman Jack Hannahan and right-handed pitcher Mike Kobow were selected by the Detroit Tigers in Major League Baseball's amateur draft. Chosen 87th overall by Detroit, Hannahan was the first player picked from the Big Ten Conference, and the sixth third baseman overall. Kobow was a 27th round choice - 807th overall - by Detroit, and became the 34th Golden Gopher to be drafted in the last 10 years. He was the 130th player to be drafted from the University of Minnesota.
- Seven current and former Minnesota track & field athletes, including sophomore Mikael Jakobsson, competed at the 2001 IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. It was the most Golden Gopher athletes to compete at a single World Championship. Jakobsson was a part of Sweden's 4x400 relay team, that failed to make the finals. Tom Gerding, a graduated senior, represented the U.S. in the 4x400 relay. Staffan Strand, Martin, Vesa Rantanen, Ben Jensen and Keita Cline were the other former Golden Gophers competing.