

1989 MINNESOTA WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD PROSPECTUS

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION:	Minneapolis, Minn.
FOUNDED:	1851
ENROLLMENT:	45,000
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SEASON OUTLOOK

When the Minnesota track and field team walked away from the University of Michigan's Ferry Field at the conclusion of the 1988 Big Ten Outdoor Championships, they had reason to be holding their heads high. The Gophers had doubled their 1987 point total of 29 by scoring a school record 58 points to place sixth, which tied the Gophers' best finish ever. Minnesota was only three points out of fifth place and 10 points out of fourth.

The Gophers also scored their best finish ever at the 1988 Big Ten Indoor meet, reaching their goal of 40 points, the most ever by a Minnesota team, to finish sixth. Gretchen Otto became Minnesota's second Big Ten indoor champion ever when she won the 600-meter dash in a time of 1:31.07, a Big Ten meet record. Minnesota's first indoor champion ever was Tracee Wolf, who won the Big Ten high jump title in 1988.

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Throws

Big Ten Champion Rachel Lewis (discus) returns to lead the Gopher throwing contingent that scored more points than any other event in the outdoor season. Scoring those points requires depth, which is something that is available to the Gophers this season.

Although Big Ten javelin champion Decia Agnew will likely be red-shirted due to a foot operation, junior Jean Schleusener returns and will try to move up a notch from her second-place finish in the discus at last year's Big Ten championships. Schleusener posted a total of seven second-place finishes in the discus and shot in 1988.

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Two other Gopher throwers who experienced success in the indoor season are sophomore **Stephanie Bostwick** and freshman **Nancy Wannamaker**. Bostwick recorded a personal indoor season best of 45-5 at the Big Ten meet while Wannamaker rewrote the freshman record book, scoring a throw of 46-11 1/4 at the Minnesota Reebok meet. Sophomore **Jenny Espe** can also score for Minnesota and placed second in the discus at the Drake Invitational and was second at the Oregon Twilight Open last season.

Middle Distances/Distances

Senior captain **Eileen Donaghy**, probably the epitome of the Gopher work ethic, ran her way to NCAA All-America status in the 10,000m outdoor last season. Donaghy had the top Gopher times in every event from 1,500m to 10,000m during the outdoor season and finished third in the 5,000-meter run and fifth in the 3,000-meter at the Big Ten indoor meet.

Donaghy will be backed up a wealth of experienced runners in **Laura Duffy**, **Chris Abbott**, **Tiffany Church**, **Heather Doyle** and **Jackie Hubbard**. Freshman **Kara Parker** and **Sarah Renk** both have the ability to score at Big Ten's.

The middle distances will be highlighted by senior **Gretchen Otto**, who set a Minnesota and Big Ten record in the 600m at the Minnesota Open on Feb. 18 when she won the race in a time of 1:30.41. Senior **Lisa Johnson**, who owns the Minnesota indoor record in the 800m run (2:11.44) and a personal record of 2:08.89 in the same event, will likely retire due to injuries that have caused her to spend a good part of each season on an exercise bike. **Kathy Gebeke** returns and will add strength to Gopher relay teams and also to the 800m and 1,000m fields. **Michele Johnson**, a transfer student and sophomore **Tami Callahan** also have the potential to score for the Gophers.

Jumps

After providing Minnesota with its first indoor Big Ten individual championship ever in 1988 and a third place finish in 1989, sophomore **Tracee Wolf** will be ready to soar to new heights when she begins to test the high jump bar again this season.

Junior **Leslie Revier**, who owns both the indoor and outdoor Minnesota triple jump records, placed fourth in the Big Ten indoor and fifth outdoors last season.

Robyn Hackbarth competed in ten meets last year and set the indoor high jump record of 5-7 1/4 at the Minnesota Invite before that record was broken by Wolf at Big Ten Championship.

Heptathlon

Sophomore **Stephanie Battier** will be counted on to take the reins after the departure of Beth Lindblad. Battier finished third in the pentathlon at the Big Ten Indoor with a total of 3,457 points, third best on the Gopher all-time list. She finished eighth in the heptathlon at the Big Ten Outdoor, scoring 4,026 points. She will be backed up by sophomore **Lisa Larson**, who competed in sprints and the high jump last season and freshman **Kari Mower**.

Hurdles

Junior **Krista Thyreen** returns to the Gopher lineup after posting the team's best time in the outdoor 400m hurdles (1:02.07) last season. Sophomore **Sue Loeck** is also back after competing in the outdoor 400m hurdles for the Gophers last season.

Sprints

For the first time in Minnesota history, the Gophers had a qualifier and a place winner in the 55-meter dash at the Big Ten indoor meet. Senior **Michelle Brown**, who has worked her way into the best shape of her life, ran a school record 7.21 in the semifinals and finished sixth in the finals with a time of 7.25.

Freshman **Heather Van Norman** made quite an impact on the Minnesota track scene in her rookie season. Van Norman won five straight races to open the season before finishing fourth in the 400-meter dash at Wisconsin. She finished the season as the owner of the Minnesota school record in the 200m dash (25.05) and the season's best time in the 400m (:57.46). Van Norman, a 12-time state champion, single-handedly led her Windom High School team to the 1987 state championship, scoring all 30 of Windom's team points. She completed her high school career without ever losing a race.

Van Norman and Brown will be challenged by one of the Gophers' top recruits, **Sam Caffey**, who was a national champion in the indoor 60-yard dash at Barton Community College (Great Bend, KS) when her team won the indoor national title and should become a streaking threat for the Gophers.

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE

MARCH

18-26 Spring Trip - Rice (Houston, Texas)
24-25 Texas A & M Relays (Aggieland, Texas)

APRIL

8 Sat. UC-Irvine Invitational (Irvine, CA)
14 Fri. St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)
14-15 Sat. Drake Invitational (Des Moines, IA)
22 Sat. Hamline Invitational (St. Paul, MN)
28-29 Fri-Sat. Drake Relays (Des Moines, IA)
29 Sat. Macalester Invitational (St. Paul, MN)

MAY

3 Wed. St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN)
6 Sat. Indiana Invitational (Bloomington, IN)
12 Fri. UW-LaCrosse (LaCrosse, WI)
19-20 Fri-Sat. Big Ten Outdoor Championships (Indianapolis, IN)
27 Sat. Last Chance Meet (Houston, TX)
31 - June 3 NCAA Outdoor Championships (Provo, Utah)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
1988-89 TRACK AND FIELD ROSTER

Head Coach: Gary Wilson

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Chris Abbott	So.	Distance	Winona, MN/Winona
Decia Agnew	Jr.	Javelin	Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park
Jenny Alby	Fr.	Distance	Appleton, WI/Appleton East
Wendy Babcock	Jr.	Distance	Iron Mountain, MI/Iron Mountain
Stephanie Battier	So.	Heptathlon	Robbinsdale, MN/Armstrong
Stephanie Bostwick	So.	Throws	Brown Deer, WI/Brown Deer
Michelle Brown	Sr.	Sprints	Pompano Beach, FL/Coral Springs
Patty Burns	Sr.	Distance	Menomonie, WI/Menomonie
Samantha Caffey	Jr.	Sprints	LeGrange, IL/Lyons Township
Tamara Callahan	So.	Distance	Wisconsin Rapids, WI/Lincoln
Rebecca Canner	Jr.	Distance	Baltimore, MD/Catonsville
Tiffany Church	Jr.	Distance	Appleton, WI/Appleton West
Marcy Denman	Jr.	Distance	Clinton, WI/Clinton
Eileen Donaghy	Sr.	Distance	St. Paul, MN/Highland Park
Heather Doyle	So.	Distance	Moorhead, MN/Moorhead
Laura Duffy	So.	Distance	Kennebunk, ME/Kennebunk
Jenny Espe	So.	Throws	White Bear Lake, MN/White Bear Lake
Kathy Gebeke	Jr.	Middle distance	White Bear Lake, MN/White Bear Lake
Gwen Gieneart	Sr.	Distance	New Hope, MN/Cooper
Stacy Goetz	Fr.	Distance	Kenosha, WI/Tremper
Robyn Hackbarth	Jr.	High jump	Roseville, MN/Kellogg
Jackie Hubbard	Sr.	Distance	Becker, MN/Becker
Cherste Johnson	Jr.	Distance	Oshkosh, WI/Oshkosh
Lisa Johnson	Sr.	Middle distance	LaCrescent, MN/LaCrescent
Michele Johnson	Jr.	Middle distance	Verona, WI/Verona
Lisa Larson	So.	High jump	Baraboo, WI/River Valley
Rachel Lewis	So.	Throws	Sioux City, IA/North
Sue Loeck	So.	Hurdles	Appleton, WI/Fox River Valley
Lynn Mishuk	Fr.	Distance	Mahtomedi, MN/Mahtomedi
Kari Mower	Fr.	Heptathlon	Chippewa Falls, WI/Chippewa Falls
Lori Nesvold	Jr.	Distance	Maple Plain, MN/Watertown
Gretchen Otto	Sr.	Distance	Rochester, MN/Lourdes
Kara Parker	Fr.	Distance	Olivia, MN/Olivia
Sarah Renk	Fr.	Distance	Winona, MN/Winona
Kristen Reuss	So.	Distance	Madison, WI/Memorial
Leslie Revier	Jr.	Jumps	Raymondville, NY/Norwood-Norfolk
Chris Rowe	Fr.	Distance	Sioux Falls, SD/O'Gorman
Jean Schleusener	So.	Throws	Tomah, WI/Tomah
Stephanie Scholtes	Fr.	Throws	Apple Valley, MN/Rosemount
Krista Thyreen	Jr.	Hurdles	Prospect Heights, IL/John Hersey
Bobbi Van Amber	So.	Distance	Alexandria, MN/Jefferson
Heather Van Norman	Fr.	Sprints	Windom, MN/Windom
Nancy Wannamaker	Fr.	Throws	Chico, CA/Pleasant Valley
Peggy Warkel	So.	Heptathlon	Roseville, MN/Alexander Ramsey
Tracee Wolf	So.	High jump	Cold Spring, MN/Rocori