

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
SPRING WOMEN'S GOLF PREVIEW

Old injuries are healed, the "new coach" syndrome is past, and different coaching techniques are in place as the Minnesota women's golf team prepares for the spring season. During a 30-day push from March 25 to April 24, the Gophers will play in four tournaments before heading to the Big Ten Conference Championship in May.

The Gophers, 30th in the NCAA pre-season college golf rankings, were third in the Big Ten last year. "We have a chance to finish first, second or third in the conference this year," says coach Nancy Harris. "Any lower than third and I'll be very disappointed."

The Gophers will spend two consecutive weekends in the Southeast, starting with the South Carolina Invitational on March 25-27, and then the Duke Invitational on April 1-3. Then, with a week's break, the team heads to Southern Alabama for a tournament on April 15-17. The final regular season outing for the Gophers before the Big Ten championship will be the Lady Boiler Spring Classic at Indiana on April 23-24.

Starting the second half of her first season as head golf coach, Harris is confident of her team's abilities. "We've been preparing for the spring season, both mentally and physically, since November. Winter practice is boring and our athletes are ready to play - if we can continue with their high motivation level, we should have a very good season," says Harris.

Senior MARY KUHLMANN (MONTEVIDEO, MN) and junior KATE HUGHES (WOODBURY, MN) were the top players last fall for the Gophers, having identical fall averages of 78.46. At the Sun Air Competition in February, Hughes averaged a three-round 75, while Kuhlmann averaged 78.5. Based on last fall's averages, junior JODI KRAFKA ALEXANDRIA, MN is the number three player on the squad with an average of 80.34.

Other Gophers to watch include junior LOUISE LINES (TIVERTON, DEVON, ENGLAND) (82.63 avg.) and seniors KAREN WEISS (ST. PAUL, MN) (81.43 avg.) and LYNDA OTNESS FARMINGTON, MN (91.00 avg.). Weiss has recovered from tendonitis in her wrist which plagued her game during the first half of the season, and Otness is healthy again after battling mononucleosis during the fall season.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GOLF
SPRING 1988 SCHEDULE

MARCH

25-27 Fri-Sun. at South Carolina Invitational (Columbia, SC)

APRIL

1-3 Fri-Sun. at Duke Invitational (Durham, NC)
15-17 Fri-Sun. at Southern Alabama (Gulf Shores, AL)
23-24 Sat-Sun. at Purdue (Lafayette, IN) - Tentative

MAY

6-8 Fri-Sun. at Big Ten Championships (Columbus, OH)
25-28 Wed-Sat. at NCAA Championships (Las Cruces, NM)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1987-88 GOLF SEASON -- FINAL FALL RESULTS

| DATE | TOURNAMENT | TEAM SCORES | PLACE | FALL | | | SEASON | | |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| | | | | STROKES/ | ROUNDS/ | AVERAGE | STROKES/ | ROUNDS/ | AVERAGE |
| 9/11-12 | Iowa Invitational | 313-302-315=930 | 1st/8 Teams | 930 / | 3 / | 310.00 | 930 / | 3 / | 310.00 |
| 9/18-20 | Lady Badger Invitational | 311-314-329=954 | 2nd/12 Teams | 1884 / | 6 / | 314.00 | 1884 / | 6 / | 314.00 |
| 9/25-27 | Lady Northern | 331-316-331=978 | 7th/16 Teams | 2862 / | 9 / | 318.00 | 2862 / | 9 / | 318.00 |
| 10/3-5 | U-HAZELTINE INVITATIONAL | 320-306-165=791 | 1st/5 Teams | 3653 / | 11.5 / | 317.65 | 3653 / | 11.5 / | 317.65 |
| 10/23-25 | Lady Tar Heel | 318-309-325=952 | 6th/18 Teams | 4605 / | 14.5 / | 317.59 | 4605 / | 14.5 / | 317.59 |
| 10/30-31 | Stanford Intercollegiate | 324-307-314=945 | 12th/18 Teams | 5550 / | 17.5 / | 317.14 | 5550 / | 17.5 / | 317.14 |

| MINNESOTA | (Iowa Invite) | (Lady Badger Inv.) | (Lady Northern Inv.) | (U-Hazeltine Inv.) |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Kris Furlong | DNC | DNC | DNC | 89-94-44=227 |
| Leigh Haugen | 94-91-91=276 | DNC | DNC | DNC |
| Kate Hughes | 76-81-75=232 (3rd) | 77-76-81=234(3rd) | 80-77-84=241 | 79-79-39=197(2nd) |
| Traci Johnson | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC |
| Jodi Krafka | 77-72-80=229 (2nd) | 79-74-85=238(6th) | 85-79-84=248 | 78-76-42=196(1st) |
| Mary Kuhlmann | 81-74-79=234 (6th) | 78-80-82=240(10th) | 84-82-82=248 | 82-73-44=199(3rd) |
| Louise Lines | 86-78-81=245 | 82-87-82=251 | 83-82-81=246 | 86-79-43=208(8th) |
| Julie Lovald | DNC | DNC | DNC | 89-94-57=247 |
| Lynda Otness | DNC | DNC | 90-92-WD | DNC |
| Karen Weiss | 79-78-81-238 (9th) | 77-84-84=245 | 84-78-85=247 | 81-78-41=200(4th) |

| MINNESOTA | (Lady Tar Heel) | (Stanford Inter.) | FALL | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| | | | STROKES/ | ROUNDS/ | AVERAGE |
| Kris Furlong | DNC | DNC | 227 / | 2.5 / | 90.80 |
| Leigh Haugen | DNC | DNC | 276 / | 3 / | 92.00 |
| Kate Hughes | 80-77-77=234 | 78-78-81=237 | 1373 / | 17.5 / | 78.46 |
| Traci Johnson | DNC | DNC | DNC | | |
| Jodi Krafka | 80-85-94=259 | 84-74-78=236 | 1406 / | 17.5 / | 80.34 |
| Mary Kuhlmann | 76-68-80=224 (3rd) | 80-75-73=228 (8th) | 1373 / | 17.5 / | 78.46 |
| Louise Lines | 82-84-83=249 | 84-81-82=247 | 1446 / | 17.5 / | 82.63 |
| Julie Lovald | DNC | DNC | 247 / | 2.5 / | 98.80 |
| Lynda Otness | DNC | DNC | 182 / | 2 / | 91.00 |
| Karen Weiss | 82-80-85=247 | 82-80-86=248 | 1425 / | 17.5 / | 81.43 |

DNC=Did not compete