

# GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL

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## Minnesota (3-0, 0-0) vs. Purdue (0-3, 0-1)

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1996 • Ross-Ade Stadium (67,861)  
 Kickoff: 11:20 a.m. (Central) • West Lafayette, Ind.

**The Series:** Minnesota leads 30-21-3.

**The Series at Purdue:** Purdue leads 13-4.

**Last Meeting:** Minnesota won 39-38 before 39,343 on Oct. 7, 1995 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

**Last Week:** The Golden Gophers scored a 35-33 victory over No. 23 Syracuse at the Metrodome. Purdue lost 20-6 to West Virginia at Ross-Ade Stadium.

**TV:** WCCO-TV (4) (live, Creative Sports) (Wayne Larivee play-by-play; Randy Wright analyst; Jim Barbar sidelines).

**Radio:** WCCO-AM (830) (Ray Christensen play-by-play; Paul Flatley analyst).

### WINNINGEST DIVISION I-A ACTIVE COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES LIST\*

Coach	Wins	Coach	Wins
1. Joe Paterno, Penn State	282	10. Bill Mallory, Indiana	166
2. Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	261	12. <b>Jim Wacker, Minnesota</b>	159
3. Tom Osborne, Nebraska	232	13. George Welsh, Virginia	155
4. LaVell Edwards, BYU	217	14. John Cooper, Ohio State	149
5. Hayden Fry, Iowa	215	15. Jackie Sherrill, Miss. State	135
6. Lou Holtz, Notre Dame	211	16. Jim Hess, New Mexico St.	133
7. Jim Sweeney, Fresno State	196	17. Dick Tomey, Arizona	125
8. Johnny Majors, Pittsburgh	182	18. Ken Hatfield, Rice	121
9. Don Nehlen, West Virginia	172	19. Larry Smith, Missouri	117
10. Al Molde, West. Michigan	166	20. Danny Ford, Arkansas	114

\* At least five years in Division I-A (includes record at all four-year colleges)

## SHOOTOUT - PART IV?

Purdue and Minnesota have combined to score 278 points and rack up 3,356 yards of total offense in their last three meetings. That's an average of 92.7 points and 1,118.7 yards of total offense per game. In 1993 at the 'Dome, U of M receiver Omar Douglas set a new Big Ten record with five TD receptions in a 59-56 Golden Gopher victory. Minnesota had 625 yards and the Boilermakers 559. In 1994 at Ross-Ade Stadium, Mike Alstott had 183 yards rushing and scored four TDs to lead the Boilermakers to a 49-37 win. The Golden Gophers had 616 total yards in defeat, including 234 yards rushing by Chris Darkins, while the Boilermakers had 549. In 1995 at the 'Dome, Darkins had a school record 294 yards rushing to pace the Gophers to a 39-38 win. Purdue racked up 543 total yards, including 133 yards rushing and three TDs by Alstott, while the Gophers had 464 net yards in the game.

### MINNESOTA SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sept. 7	at NE Louisiana (MSC)	30-3 W
Sept. 14	BALL STATE (MSC)	26-23 W
Sept. 21	SYRACUSE (ESPN2)	35-33 W
Oct. 5	at Purdue (Creative)	11:20 a.m.
Oct. 12	at Northwestern	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	MICHIGAN STATE*	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	MICHIGAN	6 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Ohio State	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
Nov. 16	ILLINOIS	6 p.m.
Nov. 23	IOWA	6 p.m.

All times are Central

\* Homecoming

Head Coach: Jim Wacker (Valparaiso '60)

Career (Seasons): 159-123-3 (26th season)

Minnesota (Seasons): 15-32 (5th season)

Wacker vs. Purdue: 2-2

### PURDUE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 31	at Michigan State (ESPN)	52-14 L
Sept. 14	at Notre Dame (NBC)	35-0 L
Sept. 21	W. VIRGINIA (Creative)	20-6 L
Sept. 28	N.C. STATE (Creative)	11:20 a.m.
Oct. 5	MINNESOTA (Creative)	11:20 a.m.
Oct. 12	at Penn State	Noon
Oct. 19	OHIO STATE (ABC)	2:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Wisconsin	2 p.m.
Nov. 9	MICHIGAN	1 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Northwestern	2 p.m.
Nov. 23	INDIANA	1 p.m.

All times are EST

Head Coach: Jim Colletto (UCLA '67)

Career (Seasons): 35-75-4 (11th season)

Purdue (Seasons): 18-37-3 (6th season)

Colletto vs. Minnesota: 2-3

### DID YOU KNOW?

Minnesota's Chris Darkins, now with the NFL's Green Bay Packers, registered 226 yards rushing (181.3 yards per game) on 107 attempts and scored six TDs in four games vs. the Boilermakers. Purdue's Mike Alstott, now with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, collected 517 yards rushing (129.3 yards per game) on 39 carries and scored 12 TDs vs. the Gophers. Alstott also had a receiving TD in the '93 game.

Fact Box



All Games Conference/Non-Conference Home/Away

RECORD: (W-L-T) Overall (3-0-0) Home (2-0-0) Away (1-0-0) Conf. (0-0-0) Non-Conf. (3-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RUSHING	NO	GRS	NEG	NET	AVG	LG	TD	GP	AVG	
09/14	Ball State Cardinals	W	26-23	41,007	Thomas Hamner	65	361	7	354	5.4	32	2	3	118.0	
09/21	Syracuse Orangemen	W	35-33	45,756	Byron Evans	23	134	8	126	5.5	20	1	3	42.0	
09/07	Northeastern La. Indians	W	30-3	24,842	Tommy Watson	6	22	0	22	3.7	13	0	3	7.3	
<b>TEAM STATISTICS Minnesota Golden Gophers</b>					<b>Opponents</b>										
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FIRST DOWNS		63		49	Tutu Atwell	1	11	0	11	11.0	11	0	3	3.7	
Rushing		31		33	Billy Cockerham	1	7	0	7	7.0	7	0	1	7.0	
Passing		29		15	Steve Kempf	1	0	14	-14	-14.0	0	0	2	-7.0	
By Penalty		3		1	Cory Sauter	17	20	51	-31	-1.8	9	1	3	-10.3	
RUSHING YARDAGE		453		663	TEAM	1	0	35	-35	-35.0	0	0	1	-35.0	
Yards Gained Rushing		568		689	Golden Gophers TOTALS	116	568	115	453	3.9	32	4	3	151.0	
Yards Lost Rushing		115		26	Opponents TOTALS	149	689	26	663	4.4	41	3	3	221.0	
Rushing Attempts		116		149	<b>RECEIVING</b>										
Average Per Rush		3.9		4.4	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	GP	AVG				
Average Per Game		151.0		221.0	Tutu Atwell	18	265	14.7	50	2	3	6.0			
TD's Rushing		4		3	Ryan Thelwell	17	358	21.1	57	1	3	5.7			
PASSING YARDAGE		741		389	Greg Nelson	9	82	9.1	14	0	3	3.0			
Att/Comp/Pct/Int	82/ 51/ 62.2/ 1	63/ 28/ 44.4/ 6													
Average Per Catch		14.5		13.9	Lee Hutton	3	14	4.7	8	0	3	1.0			
Average Per Game		247.0		129.7	Thomas Hamner	2	4	2.0	4	0	3	0.7			
TD's Passing		4		3	Troy Duerr	2	18	9.0	9	1	3	0.7			
Sacked/Yards Lost	11/ 48	1/ 6													
TOTAL OFFENSE		1194		1052	Golden Gophers TOTALS	51	741	14.5	57	4	3	17.0			
Total Plays		198		212	Opponents TOTALS	28	389	13.9	46	3	3	9.3			
Average Per Play		6.0		5.0	<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>										
Average Per Game		398.0		350.7	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	GP	YDS/G					
FUMBLES/LOST	9/ 7	11/ 5													
PENALTIES/YARDS	10/ 56	19/ 124													
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	12/ 34/ 35.3	18/ 49/ 36.7													
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	2/ 5/ 40.0	4/ 6/ 66.7													
TIME OF POSSESSION	86:03	93:57													
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SCORE BY QTRS	Minnesota Golden Gophers	Opponents													
FIRST QUARTER	13	17													
SECOND QUARTER	26	15													
THIRD QUARTER	32	7													
FOURTH QUARTER	20	20													
FIRST OVERTIME	0	0													
FINAL	91	59													
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					<b>PUNTING</b>										
					NO	YDS	AVG	LNG	TB	I20					
					Steve Kempf	4	164	41.0	46	0	0				
					Tim Grate	4	146	36.5	48	0	3				
					Golden Gophers TOTALS	8	310	38.8	48	0	3				
					Opponents TOTALS	16	738	46.1	62	1	4				

1996 FOOTBALL STATISTICS FOR Minnesota Golden Gophers

09/24/96

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RECORD: (W-L-T) Overall (3-0-0) Home (2-0-0) Away (1-0-0) Conf. (0-0-0) Non-Conf. (3-0-0)

PASSING	ATT	COMP	YDS	CP%	YD/ATT	TD	TD/ATT	INT	INT/ATT	LNG	SK/YDS	GP	RATING
Cory Sauter	82	51	741	62.2	9.0	4	0.049	1	0.012	57	11 48	3	151.76
Golden Gophers TOTALS	82	51	741	62.2	9.0	4	0.049	1	0.012	57	11 48	3	151.76
Opponents TOTALS	63	28	389	44.4	6.2	3	0.048	6	0.095	46	1 6	3	92.98

SCORING	TOUCH DOWNS					FUMBLES			P.A.T.				2pt PAT D. KICK D. INT				STY	PTS	GP	AVG		
	PASS	RUSH	RECV	PRET	KRET	INT	OPP	OWN	FGM/FGA	MADE/ATT	MADE/ATT	MADE/ATT	MADE/ATT	MADE/ATT	MADE/ATT							
Adam Bailey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	3	9.0	
Thomas Hamner	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	3	4.7	
Tutu Atwell	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	4.0	
Tyrone Carter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	4.0	
Byron Evans	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	2.7	
Cory Sauter	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	2.0	
Ryan Thelwell	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	2.0	
Troy Duerr	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	2.0	
Golden Gophers TOTALS	4	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	7	9	6	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	91	3	30.3	
Opponents TOTALS	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	3	19.7

All Purpose Yards	RUSH	RECV	INT	PRET	KRET	TOTAL	GP	AVG	PUNT RETURNS					TD
									NO	YDS	AVG	LNG	PC	
Ryan Thelwell	0	358	0	0	0	358	3	119.3	Rodney Heath	9	38	4.2	11	3
Thomas Hamner	354	4	0	0	0	358	3	119.3	Golden Gophers TOTALS	9	38	4.2	11	3
Tutu Atwell	11	265	0	0	0	276	3	92.0	Opponents TOTALS	4	21	5.2	12	1
Byron Evans	126	0	0	0	0	126	3	42.0	KICKOFF RETURNS					TD
Rishon Early	0	0	0	0	123	123	3	41.0	NO	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	
Tyrone Carter	0	0	0	0	104	104	3	34.7	Rishon Early	4	123	30.8	43	0
Greg Nelson	0	82	0	0	0	82	3	27.3	Tyrone Carter	5	104	20.8	33	0
Rodney Heath	0	0	43	38	0	81	3	27.0	Golden Gophers TOTALS	9	227	25.2	43	0
Don Williams	0	0	43	0	0	43	3	14.3	Opponents TOTALS	17	294	17.3	40	0
Tommy Watson	22	0	0	0	0	22	3	7.3						
Crawford Jordan	0	0	20	0	0	20	3	6.7						
Troy Duerr	0	18	0	0	0	18	3	6.0						
Lee Hutton	0	14	0	0	0	14	3	4.7						
Jim Bean	13	0	0	0	0	13	3	4.3						
Billy Cockerham	7	0	0	0	0	7	1	7.0						
Cory Sauter	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	3	-10.3						
Golden Gophers TOTALS	453	741	106	38	227	1565	3	521.7						
Opponents TOTALS	663	389	34	21	294	1401	3	467.0						

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DEFENSE	TAK/AST/TOTAL			LOSS		SACK/YDS		FUM		PASS		PASS		FORCE		GP
				TAK/YDS				REC	INT/YDS	DEF.	BLOCKS	FUMBLE	SAFETY			
Parc Williams	17	7	24	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Ben Langford	10	11	21	1	6	1.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Crawford Jordan	13	5	18	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	20	2	0	0	0	0	3
Jerome Davis	14	4	18	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rishon Early	8	8	16	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Don Williams	9	6	15	1	1	0.0	0	0	1	43	1	0	0	0	0	3
Craig Scruggs	10	3	13	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3
Rodney Heath	7	5	12	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	43	5	0	0	0	0	3
Tyrone Carter	8	3	11	0	0	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Mark Cross	7	3	10	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Antoine Richard	6	4	10	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mari Moore	5	3	8	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Ogun Akbar	5	2	7	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lamanzer Williams	3	4	7	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Raymond Baylor	5	2	7	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Luke Braaten	6	0	6	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tim Grate	2	3	5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Michael Barrett	3	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rufus Smith	3	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jon Michals	3	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jon Moore	2	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nate Pearson	2	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lee Hutton	0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Fred Rodgers	0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jimmy Myrick	1	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Byron Evans	1	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Golden Gophers TOTALS	150	75	225	8	14	1.0	6	5	6	106	15	0	5	0	0	3
Opponents TOTALS	144	56	200	19	71	11.0	48	7	1	34	10	0	5	1	0	3

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LMG	TD	GP	AVG
Rodney Heath	2	43	21.5	43	0	3	0.7
Don Williams	1	43	43.0	43	0	3	0.3
Crawford Jordan	1	20	20.0	20	0	3	0.3
Rishon Early	1	0	0.0	0	0	3	0.3
Mari Moore	1	0	0.0	0	0	3	0.3
Golden Gophers TOTALS	6	106	17.7	43	0	3	2.0
Opponents TOTALS	1	34	34.0	34	0	3	0.3

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