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GOPHERS SIGN ERIKSON TO LETTER OF INTENT

University of Minnesota Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson announced today that Chad Erikson of Apple Valley, Minn., has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Minnesota.

The 134-pound Erikson is a three-time Minnesota state champion at Apple Valley High School. He has posted a 149-15 career record with 69 pins and has led Apple Valley to state championships in 1994 and 1995. As a junior, Erikson sported a 38-1 record with 25 pins leading the Eagles to a state runner-up finish. Erikson needs two wins to become Apple Valley's all-time winningest wrestler. Former two-time Wisconsin NCAA champion Matt Demaray holds the mark with 150 career wins.

"We're very happy that Chad has decided to stay in-state and wrestle at Minnesota," said Robinson. "Chad has the aggressive style that fits at Minnesota. He will make a great impact on the team."

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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S SWIM TEAM MOVES UP IN POLL

The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked 11th in Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll released Wednesday. The Golden Gophers received 177 points while defending NCAA champion Texas is first with 319. Michigan (4), Indiana (22) and Ohio State (24) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and will take on No. 16 Nebraska at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 16, at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers are 1-0 after a 153-145 victory over North Carolina to open the season while the Cornhuskers come to Minneapolis with a 2-0 mark.

The complete preseason poll follows:

1. Texas, 319; 2. Auburn, 313; 3. Stanford, 295; 4. Michigan, 277; t4. Tennessee, 277; 6. Southern Cal, 260; 7. Arizona State, 219; 8. Southern Methodist, 217; 9. Georgia, 215; 10. California, 200; 11. Minnesota, 177; 12. Arizona, 163; 13. Florida, 161; 14. North Carolina, 157; 15. Louisiana State, 161; 16. Nebraska, 105; 17. Miami, 99; 18. Harvard, 90; 19. Texas A&M, 89; 20. Florida State, 77; 21. Alabama, 70; 22. Indiana, 56; 23. Kansas, 54; 24. Ohio State, 50; 25. N.C. State, 37.

Other teams receiving votes:

Iowa, Iowa St., Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Florida Atlantic, Penn St., Princeton, Virginia, South Carolina, Michigan State



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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, November 18:

Defensive Coordinator **Tim Rose**

Tuesday, November 19:

Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, November 20:

Offensive Coordinator **Bob DeBesse**

Thursday, November 21:

Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Friday, November 22:

Cornerback **Rodney Heath**

Saturday-Sunday, November 23-24:

Head Football Coach **Jim Wacker's** Iowa postgame comments

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<http://gophersports.umn.edu>

Information on every Big Ten school and the conference is also available via the Internet. The Big Ten's home page on ESPN I SportsZone will be available at the following address:

<http://espnct.sportszone.com>

This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,
Nov. 22

- **Wrestling** at North Dakota State Bison Sports Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Northern Michigan Lakeview Arena Marquette, Michigan Midwest Sports Channel, KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m.
- **Swimming** Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.

Saturday,
Nov. 23

- **Wrestling** at Nebraska-Omaha Open Omaha, Nebraska, All Day
- **Swimming** Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.
- **Basketball** vs. Stephen F. Austin Williams Arena Midwest Sports Channel WCCO-AM 830, Noon
- **Hockey** at Northern Michigan Lakeview Arena Marquette, Michigan Midwest Sports Channel, KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m.
- **Football** vs. Iowa Metrodome ESPN2 WCCO-AM 830, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday,
Nov. 24

- **Swimming** Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 2 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

1996 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT
Sept. 7	vs. Northern Iowa (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	1st, 26 pts.
Sept. 14	UMD Invitational (Duluth, Minn.)	1st, 21 pts.
Sept. 28	Minnesota Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	15th, 342 pts.
Oct. 19	Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	3rd, 97 pts.
Oct. 26	Marathon Sports Open (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	No scores
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	7th, 194 pts.
Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	9th, 241 pts.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

GOPHER END SEASON WITH NINTH-PLACE FINISH AT DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Minnesota Golden Gopher harriers ended their season with a ninth-place finish at the District IV Championships in Champaign, Ill., on Saturday, November 16. **TONY RITER** (Sr, Shoreview, Minn.) led the Gophers with a 37th-place finish. He covered the 10K course in 31:58. Senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) placed 40th with a time of 32:01 and sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd at 32:03. Sophomore **CHARLIE McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.) came in 60th and freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) finished 61st at 32:17. Also competing for the Gophers, but not counting in the team scoring were freshman **MIKE STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) and sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.). Stoick finished 83rd and Hoffner came in 118th.

NOTRE DAME SURPRISES AT DISTRICT IV:

Notre Dame used four top-10 finishes to claim the team title with 60 points. Wisconsin placed second with 63 and Michigan was third at 83. All three teams advance to the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Tucson, Arizona, on Monday, Nov. 25.

Michigan's John Mortimer claimed the individual title with a time of 30:35. Jason Rexing of Notre Dame was second at 30:38 and Barry Pearman of Illinois was third at 30:39. Pascal Dobert of Wisconsin was fourth at 30:43 and Josh Ritchie of Ohio University was fifth at 30:45.

Individual runners advancing to the NCAA Championships from Region IV were Pearman of Illinois, Ritchie of Ohio University, Jason Zieren of Illinois, Morris Giddens of Eastern Michigan and Bryan Hawkins of Miami (Ohio) University.

DISTRICT FOUR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP NOVEMBER 16, 1996

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BLUE CC COURSE
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

TEAM RESULTS

Place	School	Score	1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Notre Dame	60	=	2	8	9	10	31
2.	Wisconsin	63	=	4	12	14	15	18
3.	Michigan	83	=	1	6	21	23	32
4.	Central Michigan	169	=	16	19	41	46	47
5.	Michigan State	172	=	25	28	30	44	45
6.	Illinois	188	=	3	7	49	53	76
7.	Iowa	211	=	22	26	42	48	73
8.	Ohio University	238	=	5	27	52	72	82
9.	Minnesota	241	=	37	40	43	60	61
10.	Miami of Ohio	267	=	13	55	59	66	74
11.	Indiana	293	=	17	34	62	85	95
12.	Eastern Michigan	296	=	11	33	50	86	116
13.	Western Michigan	405	=	38	51	88	105	123
14.	Cincinnati	420	=	29	89	93	100	109
15.	Purdue	434	=	36	65	91	102	140
16.	Eastern Illinois	447	=	24	70	101	120	132
17.	Marquette	474	=	57	71	78	106	162
18.	Loyola	520	=	67	77	117	126	133
19.	Bowling Green	532	=	64	97	99	135	137
20.	Youngstown St.	535	=	39	104	112	134	146
21.	Kent State	569	=	75	107	114	118	155
22.	DePaul	576	=	35	69	141	158	173
23.	Butler	613	=	80	103	128	150	152
24.	Dayton	634	=	58	94	153	163	166
25.	Wis.-Milwaukee	681	=	111	130	131	149	160
26.	Wright State	682	=	84	90	138	176	194
27.	Western Illinois	768	=	125	143	157	169	174
28.	Xavier	836	=	122	164	180	184	186
29.	Detroit-Mercy	851	=	124	156	170	199	202
30.	Valparaiso	873	=	136	165	179	193	200
31.	Northeastern	924	=	87	172	211	226	228
32.	Ball State	936	=	168	177	187	196	208
33.	Evansville	1055	=	197	204	209	221	224
34.	Wis.-Green Bay	1078	=	205	213	215	222	223

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. John Mortimer (MICH), 30:35; 2. Jason Rexing (ND), 30:38; 3. Barry Pearman (ILL), 30:39; 4. Pascal Dobert (WIS), 30:43; 5. Josh Ritchie (OHIO), 30:45; 6. Kenneth MacDonald (MICH), 30:50; 7. Jason Zieren (ILL), 30:52; 8. Matthew Althoff (ND), 30:54; 9. Derek Seiling (ND), 30:57; 10. Joe Dunlop (ND), 31:00; 11. Morris Giddens (EMU), 31:09; 12. Anthony Escarcega (UW), 31:13; 13. Bryan Hawkins (Miami), 31:15; 14. Andrew Bosley (UW), 31:17; 15. Steven Fein (UW), 31:19; 16. Bill Schutt (CMU), 31:20; 17. Thomas Chorny (IU), 31:21; 18. Scott Brinen (UW), 31:23; 19. Richard Brinker (CMU), 31:24; 20. John Schoenfelder (UW), 31:27.

MINNESOTA FINISHERS: 37. Tony Riter, 31:58; 40. Rick Obleman, 32:01; 43. Todd Landgraff, 32:03; 60. Charlie McClure, 32:17; 63. Jeremy Polson, 32:17; 83. Michael Stoick, 32:33; 118. Ron Hoffner, 32:03.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	ESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	All Day
		- Rider	1:00 p.m.
		- Clarion	3:00 p.m.
		- Ohio U	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates in-state meets

WRESTLERS OPEN OFFICIAL SEASON AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE:

The University of Minnesota will open the 1996-97 dual meet season with a match against North Dakota State this Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: Friday's dual meet marks the first meet for both schools in 1996-97. NDSU finished the 1995-96 season with 13th in NCAA Division II. They also boasted an 8-3 overall dual meet record and 4-3 mark in the North Central Conference. Minnesota posted a 10-8-1 overall dual meet record and 2-5 mark in the Big Ten last season. The Gophers placed sixth at the Big Ten Championship and 19th at the NCAA Division I meet.

THE SERIES: Minnesota owns a 7-2 advantage over the Bison in dual meets. The Gophers defeated NDSU 22-18 in 1986 at Minnesota.

THE COACHES: NDSU'S Bucky Maughn (Moorhead State, '64) begins his 33rd year at the helm. Maughn has posted a 320-98-9 career record in Fargo.

Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) begins his 11th year at Minnesota. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 130-70-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champs and 23 NCAA All-Americans.

GOPHERS AT UNO TOURNEY: The Gophers also continue their unattached season this weekend with a tournament at Nebraska-Omaha this Saturday, Nov. 23. Coach Robinson will send 16 wrestlers to the open event.

GOPHER STARTING LINEUP VS. NDSU:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brandon Paulson	4-0, 0-0
126	Barrett Golyer	3-1, 0-0
134	Nick Antila	4-1, 0-0
142	Jason Davids	4-0, 0-0
150	Chad Kraft	0-0, 0-0
158	Jesse Krebs	1-2, 0-0
167	Delaney Berger	4-0, 0-0
177	Brandon Eggum	4-0, 0-0
190	Tim Hartung	3-0, 0-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	3-1, 0-0

UNO OPEN LINEUP BY WEIGHT CLASS:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brett Lawrence	4-1, 0-0
126	Ty Friederichs	3-1, 0-0
	Pat Connors	0-0, 0-0
134	Mauricio Mora	2-3, 0-0
142	Dustin Berger	4-2, 0-0
	Brad Pike	5-1, 0-0
	Troy Marr	4-1, 0-0
	Josh Krebs	4-1, 0-0
150	Eddie Pak	0-2, 0-0
158	Tim Kinsella	2-2, 0-0
	Josh Holiday	2-2, 0-0
167	Zac Taylor	4-0, 0-0
177	Kenny Howard	1-2, 0-0
190	Josh Dodd	2-1, 0-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	3-1, 0-0
	Jeremy Goeden	4-1, 0-0

HUNTER OUT: Freshman CHRIS HUNTER (Oshkosh, Wis.) will not wrestle at the UNO Open. The 167-pound Hunter has been out of action with a back injury.

GRAPPLERS GRAB SIX TITLES AT BISON

OPEN: The University of Minnesota wrestling team opened the 1996 unattached season in fine fashion by grabbing six individual titles and four second-place finishes at the Bison Open this past Saturday, Nov. 16.

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) decisioned Brian Kapusta (UNA) 11-4 to claim the title at 118. Paulson advanced to the finals by recording three pins. Paulson placed fourth at the Bison Open in 1993 and third in 1994.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) claimed his third straight Bison Open title by pinning sophomore teammate **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) in 35 seconds at 142. Davids recorded two pins in route to the title.

Freshman **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) earned his first Bison Open title by decisioning Mike Seeger of the University of Mary, 3-2 at 158. Berger, who redshirted in 1995, recorded one pin in the tournament.

Junior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) recorded his second Bison Open title at 167 with a 16-4 decision over NDSU's Brett Svendsen. Taylor muscled his way by recording two pins in route to the victory.

Freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won his first Bison Open title with a 17-7 decision over Wayne Harrison of Mary University. Eggum, also a 1995 redshirt, recorded one pin in the tournament.

Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) claimed his first Bison Open title by decisioning teammate **JOSH DODD** (So., Northwood, Iowa) 17-2. Hartung, who placed second a year ago at the BSO, pinned two opponents in the tourney.

Placing second for the Gophers were heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.), **BARRETT GOYLER** (So., Cedar, Minn.) at 126, Marr at 142 and Dodd at 190.

Third-place finishers for the Gophers were freshman **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) at 158, freshman **JOSH KREBS** (Minot, N.D.) at 142, freshman **TY FRIEDERICHS** (Maple Grove, Minn.) at 126, freshman **BRAD PIKE** (Browsdale, Minn.) at 142 and freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) at heavyweight.

The lone fourth-place finish went to sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158.

Fifth-place finishes went to freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) at 118, senior **NICK ANTI-LA** (Robbinsdale, Minn.) at 134 and junior **JEREMY GOEDEN** (Grand Rapids, Minn.) at heavyweight.

Sophomores **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) and **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Minn.) did not wrestle in the tournament.

BISON OPEN RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brandon Paulson (1st), Brett Lawrence (5th)
- 126 - Pat Connors (DNW), Ty Friederichs (3rd)
Barrett Golyer (2nd)
- 134 - Mauricio Mora (DNP), Nick Antila (5th)
- 142 - Jason Davids (1st), Dustin Berger (6th), Brad Pike (5th)
Troy Marr (2nd), Josh Krebs (3rd)
- 150 - Chad Kraft (DNW), Eddie Pak (DNP)
- 158 - Delaney Berger (1st), Tim Kinsella (3rd)
Josh Holiday (4th), Jesse Krebs (DNP)
- 167 - Zac Taylor (1st)
- 177 - Brandon Eggum (1st), Kenneth Howard (DNP)
- 190 - Tim Hartung (1st), Josh Dodd (2nd)
- HWT - Shelton Benjamin (2nd), Brent Boeshans (3rd)
Jeremy Goeden (5th)

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

Davids, Kraft and Paulson have earned preseason rankings. Davids' No. 2 ranking leads the way. The junior from Forest Lake, Minn., finished fifth overall last season in the NCAA Championships with a 34-6 record. Kraft, who finished fifth at the NAAs at 150 with a 29-11 mark, is ranked fourth. Paulson, who qualified for the NCAA's in 1995, is ranked seventh at 118. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native posted a 31-9 record in 1994-95. He sat out last season and won a silver medal at the Olympics in Greco-Roman at 114.5.

GOPHERS RANKED 7TH IN AMATEUR WRESTLING NEWS PRE-SEASON POLL: The

Golden Gophers are ranked tenth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* preseason poll. The Gophers return All-Americans Chad Kraft and Jason Davids and will be aided by the return of Zac Taylor and Brandon Paulson. Taylor and Paulson sat out last season because of Olympic commitments. Paulson claimed the silver medal in the 114.5-pound division in Greco-Roman at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Rank	Team	Wrestlers in Top 8
1.	Iowa	8
2.	Oklahoma State	4
3.	Michigan State	4
4.	Iowa State	3
5.	Penn State	3
6.	Illinois	8
7.	Minnesota	3
8.	Lock Haven	3
9.	Nebraska	3
10.	Michigan	4
11.	Oklahoma	2
12.	Edinboro	4
13.	Clarion	2
14.	Bakersfield	2
15.	Indiana	2
16.	West Virginia	3
17.	Pittsburgh	2
18.	North Carolina	1
19.	Oregon State	2
20.	Wisconsin	1



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Minnesota Invitational at the U of M Aquatic Center on Fri.-Sun., Nov. 22-24. Swimming prelims begin at 11 a.m. with finals set to start at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday while diving will be at 1:30 and 7 p.m. On Sunday, prelims are at 10 a.m. followed by 3 p.m. finals with diving competing at 12:30 p.m.

The Invitational will be a co-ed meet with men's teams competing from Wisconsin, Carleton, Iowa State, North Dakota, St. Olaf, Utah and Florida Atlantic.

LAST YEAR: The Golden Gophers won the Minnesota Invitational earning first-place honors in 15 of the 21 events. The tankers finished the three-day event with 1,160 points outdistancing runner-up Georgia with 931. Wisconsin was third with 543, followed by Iowa State with 525, Florida St. with 448, St. Olaf with 130 and North Dakota with 65. Minnesota had several multiple winners as **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) captured the 500, 200 and 1650 free titles and was on the 200, 400 and 800 free relay squads. **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) won all three diving events, the 1- and 3-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) claimed an individual title in the 100 free and teamed in the 200 medley, 400 and 800 free relays and **MITCH HENKE** (Sr., Mandan, N.D.) won the 100 breast and was on the 200 medley relay team.

POWER SWIMMER: Powerbar, an official sponsor of Golden Gopher swimming, will name a Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet following each competition. This week's Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet is Manolis Lentaris who led Minnesota to a 175-125 win over Nebraska, winning the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle.

AGAINST THE HUSKERS: The University of Minnesota men's swim team topped the University of Nebraska 175-125 Saturday in dual meet action at the U of M Aquatic Center. The 11th-ranked Golden Gophers were led by Manolis Lentaris and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) Minnesota improves to 2-0 on the year while Nebraska, ranked No. 16, falls to 2-1.

EVENT RESULTS:

1000 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 9:28.08; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:29.54; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 9:38.60; 4. J. Miller, Minn., 9:39.65.

1-meter Diving: 1. Dan Bergman, Neb., 308.63; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 284.63; 3. Darren Thornburgh, Neb., 262.80; 4. Bert Locklin, Neb., 257.25.

200 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.15; 2. Juan Benavides, Neb., 1:41.70; 3. J. Mathias, Neb., 1:41.84; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.92.

100 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.56; 2. C. Ford, Neb., 50.69; 3. E. Hulseman, Minn., 52.34; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.49.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.67; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 58.34; 3. C. Wennberg, Neb., 58.83; 4. A. Costello, Neb., 59.24.

200 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 1:50.99; 2. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.07; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:52.86; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.86.

50 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 20.53; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.71; 3. A. Shleifman, Neb., 21.12; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 21.35.

100 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 45.21; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.56; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 46.73; 4. T. Bathurst, Minn., 46.92.

200 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:51.82; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.02; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 1:52.98; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:56.40.

200 Breaststroke: 1. C. Wannberg, Neb., 2:06.49; 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:08.10; 3. J. Stevens, Neb., 2:08.19; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:08.89.

500 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:33.02; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:37.72; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:41.44; 4. J. Mathias, Neb., 4:42.37.

100 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 48.49; 2. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.04; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.46; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 51.11.21

3-meter Diving: 1. D. Bergman, Neb., 328.28; 2. B. Locklin, Neb., 297.98; 3. E. Cook, Neb., 287.85; 4. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 283.80.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.40; 2. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:54.73; 3. M. Windisch, Neb., 1:55.55; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:56.43.

400 Free Relay: 1. Minn. A (Schlessman, Rients, Cahoy, Lentaris), 3:02.86; 2. Neb. A, 3:03.00; 3. Minn. B, 3:08.42; 4. Neb. B, 3:12.87.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (Erick Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.53; 2. Neb. C, 1:40.82; 3. Minn. B (Meiri, Henke, Cahoy, Rients) 1:34.13; 4. Neb. B, 1:36.21.



"M" CLUB HALL OF FAME

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND: The University of Minnesota "M" Club and the Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Department is holding the sixth annual Hall of Fame Weekend on Nov. 22-23. Ten former student-athletes, one special achievement award winner and three lifetime achievement award winners will be inducted into the prestigious University of Minnesota "M" Club Hall of Fame this year. The banquet and induction ceremony will be held at the Radisson Metrodome on the University of Minnesota Campus on Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. The inductees will also be recognized at a special ceremony during the Minnesota-Iowa football game on Nov. 23. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For more information on the banquet, call the "M" Club at (612) 929-8813. For football game ticket information, call the Gopher ticket office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

CONTEMPORARY GROUP:

RANDY BREUER was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1982 and '83. He holds the record for blocks in a season with 87. The '83 team MVP ranks second in Golden Gophers history in blocks (228), fourth in scoring (1,777) and ninth in rebounding (730). The Golden Gophers qualified for post-season play all four years he played at Minnesota. He was a key member of the '82 Big Ten championship team, a squad that advanced all the way to the NCAA Midwest Region Semifinal. The former center also played a major role on the Gophers' '80, '81 and '83 NIT teams. He was an '83 first round draft choice (18th overall) of the Milwaukee Bucks.

ROY GRIAK was Golden Gophers' cross country coach for 33 seasons. His teams captured two Big Ten titles, three second-place finishes and seven third-place finishes in league meets. He led the Golden Gophers to a Big Ten title in 1964, the school's first in the sport since 1914. His 1969 team also took the conference crown and finished seventh at the national meet. Under his guidance in '68, the Golden Gophers finished second at the Big Ten meet and placed fourth at the NCAA Championships. His cross country teams recorded an overall dual-meet record of 159-46 which translates to a .776 winning percentage. In addition to his cross country coaching duties, Griak also served as the head coach of the Golden Gophers' track and field team from 1964-95. He guided the '68 squad to a league title. Currently he serves as an administrative assistant for both the cross country and track and field teams. He coached 47 cross country and track and field All-Americans during his career, including three NCAA champions. His athletes have collected 60 Big Ten conference individual titles as well. He has served as assistant manager, assistant coach and

head manager of past U.S. Olympic teams. He is a member of the prestigious Drake Relays Coaches Hall of Fame. Before coaching at Minnesota, he ran for the Golden Gophers, lettering in both cross country and track and field.

NOEL JENKE was a three-sport athlete at Minnesota, earning letters in football, hockey and baseball. In football, he played linebacker and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1968. He was also academic All-Big Ten in '68 and '69. He is tied for seventh on the Golden Gophers' all-time interception list with eight. He was part of the 1967 team which tied for the Big Ten title after posting an 8-2 overall record and 6-1 league mark. As a winger in hockey, he lettered three times. He played baseball in 1969 and was named All-Big Ten and All-American. During that season, he batted .400, hit 12 home runs and had a slugging percentage of .785. His statistics rank among Minnesota's best in a single season. The '69 team won the Big Ten championship with an overall record of 36-12 and a 15-3 conference mark. He was signed by the Boston Red Sox in 1969.

RON JOHNSON was a first-team All-American for the Golden Gophers' basketball team in 1960. He was also first-team All-Big Ten in '59 and '60. He holds the school record for most field goals in a game with 18 (vs. Ohio State, 1/31/59). He is the 12th leading scorer in Golden Gophers' history with 1,335 points and the sixth leading rebounder with 820 boards. He is seventh in single-season rebounding with 282. Detroit selected him in the second round of the 1960 draft.

CRAIG LINCOLN was a 1972 All-American for the Golden Gophers' swimming and diving team and was the NCAA Champion in 3-Meter diving that same year. He won three Big Ten titles, capturing the 3-Meter diving championship in 1970 and 1972 and the 1-Meter diving crown in 1971. He is a member of the University of Minnesota Aquatic Hall of Fame.

MURRAY McLACHLAN was a 1970 first team All-American goalie for the Golden Gophers' hockey team. Minnesota won the WCHA championship that year. McLachlan is tied for second in Golden Gophers' history for shutouts (5), third in saves (2,480) and third in save percentage (.902). He is sixth in school history for minutes played (4,878) and goals against average (3.28). During the 1969-70 season, he had 929 saves, a mark which ranks him fifth all-time among Minnesota goalies. He also had a save percentage of .910 that year, tying him for fifth all-time. He was team MVP from 1967-70.

TERRY STEINBACH was an All-Big Ten third baseman in 1982 and '83. He played a major role on the 1981 and '83 Big Ten Division Championship teams and the 1982 Big Ten Championship squad. He ranks in the school's top 10 in nearly every career and season batting category. He is third in Golden Gophers' history in career batting average (.375), fourth in home runs (25), fourth in career RBI's (165), fifth in slugging percentage (.601), eighth in total bases (328) and ninth in career hits (205). He currently catches for the Oakland Athletics.

TOM STEINBACH was an All-Big Ten outfielder from 1981-83 for the Golden Gophers' baseball team. His 45 career home runs and .667 slugging percentage are school records. In 1983, he had a slugging percentage of .859, a Golden Gophers' record. His name also lists among the school's top 10 in several other career and season batting categories. He helped lead the Golden Gophers' to the 1981 and '83 Big Ten Division Championship and to the 1982 Big Ten Championship. He was signed by the Seattle Mariners in 1983.

PIONEER GROUP:

CHARLES McCABE was an All-American center for the Golden Gophers' hockey team in 1929. "Moose Jaw" set a Big Ten scoring record that year and also served as team captain. The Golden Gophers' tied with Yale for the national championship at the end of the season. He was known as a clever stick handler and one of the best all-around players in the conference.

ED ROGERS played end and kicker for the Golden Gophers' football team from 1901-03. He was team captain in 1903, a year in which the Golden Gophers won the Big Ten championship. He is one of 14 former Golden Gophers who are enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

SPECIAL GROUP:

JULIUS PERLT was public address announcer for Golden Gophers' basketball, football, hockey and track. He announced his first football game in the fall of 1928. He was known for his clever announcement of scores and players' names. He was the P.A. announcer until 1987, announcing more than 400 football and 1,000 basketball games during his time.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

STANLEY S. HUBBARD played on the Golden Gophers' junior varsity hockey team from 1951-1954 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Working in the family broadcast business since 1951, he became President of Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc. (HBI) in 1967 and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer in 1983. Hubbard is also currently Chairman of United States Satellite Broadcasting Co., Inc. (USSB). Hubbard Broadcasting is the managing general partner of Conus Communications, the world's first satellite news gathering organization. He formed USSB in 1981, becoming one of the first proponents of Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS). Hubbard has numerous awards and inductions and has served on several boards and committees. He is an inductee in Broadcasting & Cable Magazine's first Hall of Fame (1991) and the Society of Satellite Professionals International Hall of Fame (1992) and a recipient of the SBCA's Arthur C. Clarke Award (1994). Hubbard has served on the United States National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council, which helped Vice President Al Gore develop policies and plans for America's new information and telecommunications "super-highway" (1994-1996), the FCC's Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Advanced Television Service (1988-1995), and the Broadcast Advisory Committee to the House Subcommittee on Communications. Hubbard has been asked

to testify before Congress on numerous occasions.

LES MALKERSON lettered in hockey in 1935 and served as national president of the Students Agricultural Engineering Society. He was elected to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents in 1951 and served until 1977. Regents are the governing body of the U of M. They determine policy, control ongoing business and play a large part in determining the future growth and development of the University. Malkerson ranks eighth in terms of the length of service to the University and to the citizens of the State. As a member of the board for more than a quarter century, the U of M experienced dramatic changes in its philosophy on education and administration. Malkerson served on standing and special committees of the Board of Regents and was deeply involved in the expansion and long range plans for the Coordinate Campuses and the development of the West Bank of the Main Campus. He also participated in the selection process for four University presidents. During his tenure, student enrollment more than doubled and the annual budget increased more than tenfold.

JIM MALOSKY lettered in football from 1947-49. He was the starting quarterback during his junior and senior seasons and helped lead the Golden Gophers to identical 7-2 records during those years. Malosky went on to coach high school football, and then in 1958, he accepted the University of Minnesota-Duluth's offer to become only its third football coach in history. He just completed his 39th year, compiling a 251-119-13 record over the period. The mark makes him the winningest active coach in NCAA Division II and the eighth winningest active head man in all of college football. Malosky has won or shared three MIAC titles (1960, 1961, and 1973), five Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference crowns (1979, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995), and has been named Coach of the Year by the MIAC, the NSIC and NAIA District 13 on nine occasions. He is a member of the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S SWIM TEAM DEFEATS NEBRASKA

The University of Minnesota men's swim team topped the University of Nebraska 175-125 Saturday in dual meet action at the U of M Aquatic Center. The 11th-ranked Golden Gophers were led by junior Manolis Lentaris who captured event titles in the 200, 500 and 100 freestyle. Minnesota improves to 2-0 on the year and will be back in action next weekend hosting the Minnesota Invitational. Nebraska, ranked No. 16, falls to 2-1.

Minnesota 175
Nebraska 125

Event Results

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (Eriek Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.53; 2. Neb. C, 1:40.82; 3. Minn. B (Meiri, Henke, Cahoy, Rients) 1:34.13; 4. Neb. B, 1:36.21.

1-meter Diving: 1. Dan Bergman, Neb., 308.63; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 284.63; 3. Darren Thornburgh, Neb., 262.80; 4. Bert Locklin, Neb., 257.25.

1000 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 9:28.08; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:29.54; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 9:38.60; 4. J. Miller, Minn., 9:39.65.

200 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.15; 2. Juan Benavides, Neb., 1:41.70; 3 J. Mathias, Neb., 1:41.84; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.92.

100 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.56; 2. C. Ford, Neb., 50.69; 3. E. Hulseman, Minn., 52.34; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.49.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.67; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 58.34; 3. C. Wennberg, Neb., 58.83; 4. A. Costello, Neb., 59.24.

200 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 1:50.99; 2. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.07; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:52.86; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.86.

50 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 20.53; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.71; 3. A. Shleifman, Neb., 21.12; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 21.35.

100 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 45.21; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.56; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 46.73; 4. T. Bathurst, Minn., 46.92.

200 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:51.82; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.02; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 1:52.98; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:56.40.

200 Breaststroke: 1. C. Wannberg, Neb., 2:06.49; 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:08.10; 3. J. Stevens, Neb., 2:08.19; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:08.89.

500 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:33.02; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:37.72; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:41.44; 4. J. Mathias, Neb., 4:42.37.

100 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 48.49; 2. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.04; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.46; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 51.11.21

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MINNESOTA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY ENDS SEASON WITH NINTH-PLACE FINISH AT DISTRICT FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of Minnesota men's cross country team saw their season come to an end with a ninth-place finish at the District Four Championships today in Champaign, Illinois.

Notre Dame used four top-10 finishes to claim the team title with 60 points. Wisconsin placed second with 63 and Michigan was third at 83. All three teams advance to the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Tucson, Arizona, on Monday, Nov. 25.

The Golden Gophers were led by senior Tony Riter's (Shoreview, Minn.) 37th-place finish. Riter covered the 10K course in 31:58. Senior Rick Obleman (Regina, Saskatchewan) placed 40th with a time of 32:01 and sophomore Todd Landgraff (St. Peter, Minn.) came in 43rd with a time of 32:03. Sophomore Charlie McClure (Brookfield, Wis.) placed 60th and freshman Jeremy Polson (Duluth, Minn.) placed 63rd to close out the Gopher scoring.

Michigan's John Mortimer claimed the individual title with a time of 30:35. Jason Rexing of Notre Dame was second at 30:38 and Barry Pearman of Illinois was third at 30:39.

DISTRICT FOUR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP
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TEAM RESULTS: 1. NOTRE DAME, 60; 2. WISCONSIN, 63; 3. MICHIGAN, 83; 4. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 169; 5. MICHIGAN STATE, 172; 6. ILLINOIS, 188; 7. IOWA, 211; 8. OHIO UNIVERSITY, 238; 9. MINNESOTA, 241; 10. MIAMI (OHIO), 267.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. John Mortimer (MICH), 30:35; 2. Jason Rexing (ND), 30:38; 3. Barry Pearman (ILL), 30:39; 4. Pascal Dobert (WIS), 30:43; 5. Josh Ritchie (OHIO), 30:45; 6. Kenneth MacDonald (MICH), 30:50; 7. Jason Zieren (ILL), 30:52; 8. Matthew Althoff (ND), 30:54; 9. Derek Seiling (ND), 30:57; 10. Joe Dunlop (ND); 31:00. Minnesota Finishers: 37. Tony Riter, 31:58; 40. Rick Obleman, 32:01; 43. Todd Landgraff, 32:03; 60. Charlie McClure, 32:17; 63. Jeremy Polson, 32:17; 83. Michael Stoick, 32:33; 118. Ron Hoffner, 32:03.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a stylized gopher wearing a dark jersey with the number "1" and a dark cap. It has its right arm raised in a fist and its left hand on its hip. The mascot is white with dark stripes on its legs and a dark collar around its neck.

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DAY WINS A PAIR OF WCHA HONORS FOR WEEKEND SHUTOUT

Freshman goaltender Erik Day has been named WCHA Defensive Player of the Week and WCHA Rookie of the Week for his performance in the Golden Gophers' sweep of Michigan Tech last weekend at Mariucci Arena. The pair of victories moved the Golden Gophers into a first-place tie with North Dakota and Colorado College in the league standings.

Day, from Elk River, Minn., made his first two starts as a Golden Gopher memorable occasions, posting shutouts in both games against the Huskies (3-0, 3-0). Day followed an 11-save performance in Saturday afternoon's game with a spectacular 26-save offering in Sunday's series finale. He became the first Golden Gopher goalie in school and WCHA history to have back-to-back shutouts in his first two starts in goal, and is the first U of M netminder to post back-to-back shutouts in a series since Feb. 26-27, 1988, when Robb Stauber blanked Colorado College in a weekend pair of contests. Day has played in three games this season, with the other appearance being a 1:43 stint in a game at Wisconsin on Nov. 1.

Day was forced into the lineup last weekend as a replacement for regular goaltender Steve DeBus, who is nursing a strained shoulder suffered in the previous weekend's sweep of North Dakota. DeBus' has been updated to a day-to-day status, and will be evaluated later in the week before a decision is made on his condition for this weekend's series at Northern Michigan.

This is the first season the WCHA has honored rookies of the week in a similar method used to honor offensive and defensive players of the week. Day is the first player to be cited for two awards in the same week.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Marquette, Mich., this weekend for a WCHA series against Northern Michigan University. Both games, to be held on Friday and Saturday evening, will begin at 6 p.m. Central time.



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SIXTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME WEEKEND SET FOR NOV. 22-23

The University of Minnesota "M" Club and the Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Department is holding the sixth annual Hall of Fame Weekend on Nov. 22-23. Ten former student-athletes, one special achievement award winner and three lifetime achievement award winners will be inducted into the prestigious University of Minnesota "M" Club Hall of Fame this year.

Those being honored are:

Terry Steinbach	Baseball 1981
Tom Steinbach	Baseball 1980
Randy Breuer	Basketball 1980
Ron Johnson	Basketball 1958
Roy Griak	Cross Country/Track & Field
Noel Jenke	Football 1966
Ed Rogers	Football 1902
Charles McCabe	Hockey 1928
Murray McLachlan	Hockey 1968
Craig Lincoln	Swimming 1970
Stan Hubbard	
Les Malkerson	
Jim Malosky	
Julius Perlt	

The banquet and induction ceremony will be held at the Radisson Metrodome on the University of Minnesota Campus on Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. For more information on the event, call the "M" Club at (612) 929-8813.

The inductees will also be recognized at a special ceremony during the Minnesota-Iowa football game on Nov. 23. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call the Gopher ticket office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

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GOLDEN GOPHER SWIMMING RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM TWO TOP RECRUITS

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving program has received national letters of intent from two top recruits during the NCAA's early signing period.

Breastroker Chris Wood, from Madison, Wis., and butterflyer Michael Mesenbourg, from Hubertus, Wis., inked national letters of intent to attend the University of Minnesota next fall.

Wood, competing for the Madison Aquatic Club team, was a Junior National team member and a multiple-Senior National Qualifier. He had the second fastest time in the nation last season in the 100 breaststroke for high school boys and is also a multiple-event state champion.

Mesenbourg, swimming for the Schoeder Swim Club, was also a Junior National qualifier in the butterfly events and was the state runner-up in the 100 butterfly last season. He was also a multiple-event YMCA National Qualifier in the butterfly.



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SAUTER NAMED BIG TEN CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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Ranked first in the Big Ten in total offense with 221.9 yards per game this season, Sauter is also second on the all-time school records list with 396 career completions, third in both career passing yards (5,023) and touchdown passes (30), and fourth in total offense.

In addition, Sauter is on the verge of setting single-season school records for completions, passing yards and total offense heading into the season finale against Iowa at the Metrodome Saturday.

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GOPHER BASKETBALL LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY

The Gopher Backcourt Club will present its first Gopher basketball lunch of the season at Jax Cafe on Wednesday, November 20.

Coach Clem Haskins will look ahead to the upcoming season. Dave Mona will serve as celebrity emcee. A social hour at 11:30 a.m. will tip off the festivities, followed by lunch at noon and the program at 12:30 p.m.

Other lunch dates are scheduled for Monday, January 6 and Monday, February 24. For more information call (612)789-7297.

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GOPHERS SIGN GERDING TO LETTER OF INTENT

University of Minnesota Head Track and Field Coach Phil Lundin announced today that Waconia High School star Tom Gerding has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Minnesota.

Gerding won the 1996 Minnesota State Class "A" 400 meter run and is the 11th ranked returning 400m high school runner in the United States. He holds the Minnesota Class "A" record in the 400m with a blistering time of 47.66 seconds.

"Tom has the talent to be as good a runner as former Rochester Mayo High School star and former 1976 Olympian Mark Lutz."



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GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM SIX TOP RECRUITS

The University of Minnesota baseball program has received national letters of intent from six top recruits during the NCAA's early signing period. Catcher Jeremy Beaulieu from Shoreview, Minn., (Mounds View), infielder/outfielder/catcher Paul Hartmann from Red Wing, Minn., infielder Scott Howard from Apple Valley, Minn., (Rosemount), outfielder Jason Kennedy from Shorewood, Minn., (Minnetonka), shortstop Joshua Russell from St. Paul, Minn., (Roseville) and pitcher Josh Kalinowski from Casper, Wyo., (Indian Hills C. C.), have all signed national letters of intent and will attend the University of Minnesota next fall.

Beaulieu, a 5-11, 170-pound catcher is a solid receiver and has an excellent arm. "We wanted to strengthen the catching position in our program with a player who can come in and catch as a freshman," Head Coach John Anderson said. "Jeremy was our No. 1 choice and has a power arm behind the plate. He's a good receiver and blocker and he's very polished already."

Hartmann, a versatile athlete with good speed and hitting skills is 6-1, 180 pounds. "Paul is an outstanding student-athlete who will play two or three positions while at Minnesota," Anderson said. "We like his overall versatility and if he can master being a switch hitter, he will be a fine player."

Howard, a 6-0, 165-pound second baseman, hit a combined .320 with 38 stolen bases for the Rosemount H.S. and legion teams in 1996, helping the Irish to two consecutive state tournament berths. "Scott is another outstanding all-around athlete with good quickness and speed," Anderson said. "We will work to make a switch hitter out of Scott. We like his work ethic and desire to join the Golden Gophers."

Kennedy, a 6-2, 188-pound outfielder, hit .423 with 77 hits, including 19 doubles and 35 stolen bases in 59 games for the Minnetonka legion squad in 1996. "Jason is an outstanding outfielder with good tools," Anderson said. "He can throw, run and play solid defense. He comes from an outstanding high school and legion program that has prepared him well to be a D-I player."

Russell, a 6-4, 195-pound shortstop has a strong arm and good power. "Joshua is a big, strong, athletic shortstop," Anderson said. "He has the potential to hit with power and be an exciting offensive player. He has the tools to be a physical shortstop for us much like Bill Mobilia was."

Kalinowski, a 6-2, 180-pound left-handed pitcher, is projected to be an immediate impact player. The Casper, Wyo., native is currently attending Indian Hills C. C. in Centerville, Iowa and was also being recruited by Florida, Florida State, W. Kentucky, N.W. Louisiana and Alabama. He was drafted by Colorado in the 1996 professional draft. "Josh is an experienced left-handed pitcher who we expect to be one of our top pitchers right away," Anderson said. "He is a professional caliber pitcher who adds real quality to our pitching staff for 1998."

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SANDEN TO SIT OUT 1996-97 BASKETBALL SEASON

The University of Minnesota basketball team announced today that freshman forward/center Kyle Sanden of Thief River Falls, Minn., will sit out the 1996-97 season to heal from a concussion suffered early in fall practice. Sanden has been bothered by headaches and dizziness since the injury and has been unable to participate in the contact portions of practice.

"We have decided to hold Kyle (Sanden) out from contact for the entire season to let him heal from the injury," said Dr. David Wang, basketball team physician. "We anticipate full recovery and an excellent prognosis for next year."

"We will really miss Kyle," said Head Coach Clem Haskins. "We expected him to help us this year with some quality minutes. It is disappointing to lose him for the season, but his long term health is a more important consideration. We fully expect him to be a major contributor to our team in the future."



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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN AND WOMEN SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS LEAD AFTER FIRST DAY AT MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL

The Minnesota men's and women's swimming and diving teams lead the Minnesota Invitational after the event's first day at the U of M Aquatic Center. After six of 21 events, the men lead runner-up Iowa State by 250 points at 424-174 as the Golden Gophers turned in season national-best times in two events. The 200 freestyle relay team of Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman and Luis Lopez turned in a time of 1:21.31 and Ty Bathurst touched the wall at 20.20 in the 50 freestyle to top the best times in the nation. Manolis Lentaris also captured the 500 freestyle at 4:29.34 and Isaac Bjorklund won the three-meter diving with 511.10 as Minnesota athletes captured five titles in six events on the Invitational's first day.

Minnesota leads the women's competition with 378 points, followed by Wisconsin with 251, Iowa with 190, Florida Atlantic with 121 and Iowa State with 67. Olga Splichalova led the Minnesota women earning an NCAA consideration time of 4:50.45 in the 500 freestyle while the 400 medley relay squad of Shona Baillie, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh and Jenny Hennen also qualified for an NCAA consideration mark clocking in at 3:46.10. The Golden Gopher women won four of the first six events.

Competition resumes tomorrow with eight events on the slate with prelims set to begin at 11 a.m. and finals at 6 p.m. The three-day Invitational concludes on Sunday with seven events.

Complete results follow:

Results after six (of 21) events

Division I Men: 1. Minnesota, 424; 2. Iowa State, 174; 3. Utah, 173; 4. Wisconsin, 159; 5. Florida Atlantic, 126.

Division II Men: 1. North Dakota, 82.

Division III Men: 1. St. Olaf, 47; Gustavus, 0; Carleton, 0.

Division I Women: 1. Minnesota, 378; 2. Wisconsin, 251; 3. Iowa, 190; 4. Florida Atlantic, 121; 5. Iowa State, 67.

Division II Women: 1. No. Michigan, 136; 2. North Dakota, 69.


Division III Women: 1. St. Olaf, 24; 2. Concordia (Moorhead), 4.

Event Results

Men

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, J. Rients, M. Schlessman, L. Lopez), 1:21.21; 2. Iowa State A, 1:24.03; 3. Florida Atlantic A, 1:24.95; 4. Utah A, 1:25.94; 5.

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WRESTLERS DOMINATE NORTH DAKOTA STATE 42-3

The University of Minnesota wrestling team opened the 1996-97 dual meet season with an impressive 42-3 win over North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D.

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North Dakota State's Jeff Kapusta recorded the lone Bison win with a 6-3 decision over the Gophers Barrett Golyer.

Minnesota returns to dual meet action on December 6, when the host the Northwestern Wildcats at Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m. The Gophers will wrestle unattached on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Nebraska-Omaha Open and Friday, Nov. 29 at the Northern Open in Madison, Wis.



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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN AND WOMEN SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAMS WIN MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL TITLES

The Minnesota men's and women's swimming and diving teams each won team titles at the Minnesota Invitational Sunday at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gopher men outdistanced runner-up Iowa State 1409.5-663. Wisconsin finished third with 528.5 followed by Utah with 500 and Florida Atlantic with 311. The Minnesota women finished with 1,248 points, followed by Wisconsin with 866, Iowa with 586, Iowa State with 249 and Florida Atlantic with 237.

The Maroon and Gold men turned in its third season national-best time at the meet on Sunday. The 400 freestyle relay team of Ty Bathurst, Matt Schlessman, Jeremy Rients and Luis Lopez touched the wall at 2:59.88. The same four men set a season national-best time Friday in the 200 freestyle relay while Bathurst earned the distinction in the 50 free. Jeremy Rients won the 100 freestyle, Jeff Rodriguez won the 200 breaststroke, Yoav Meiri won the 200 butterfly and Isaac Bjorklund was first in platform diving on Sunday. Minnesota athletes captured 16 titles in the 21 events contested over three days at the Invitational.

The Golden Gopher women were led by Jessica Grass and Olga Splichalova. Grass won the 200 butterfly while Splichalova captured the 1650 freestyle with both athletes earning NCAA consideration times. Gretchen Hegener also earned an NCAA consideration time with a second place finish in the 200 breaststroke. Her time of 2:16.10 tied her own school record. The Maroon and Gold women won 15 of the 21 events contested at the Invitational during the course of the weekend.

Complete results follow:

Final Results

Division I Men: 1. Minnesota, 1,409.5; 2. Iowa State, 663; 3. Wisconsin, 528.5; 4. Utah, 500; 5. Florida Atlantic, 311.

Division II Men: 1. North Dakota, 203.

Division III Men: 1. St. Olaf, 123; Gustavus, 0; Carleton, 0.

Division I Women: 1. Minnesota, 1,248; 2. Wisconsin, 866; 3. Iowa, 586; 4. Iowa State, 249; 5. Florida Atlantic, 237.

Division II Women: 1. No. Michigan, 373; 2. North Dakota, 274.


Division III Women: 1. St. Olaf, 64; 2. Concordia (Moorhead), 26.

Sunday's Event Results

Men

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QUINLAN INVITED TO USA NATIONAL BASEBALL TRIALS

Minnesota sophomore infielder Robb Quinlan, from Maplewood, Minn., has been invited to participate in the 1997 USA Baseball National Trials in Tampa, Fla. The trials will be conducted from January 8-12, 1997, at Legends Field, spring training home of the New York Yankees.

Sixty-six players comprising three 22-man teams will play two games a day following morning workouts from January 10-12.

The trials will serve as the first step in USA Baseball's player evaluation and development process and participating players will be eligible for the 1997 USA Baseball Team which will compete in the Intercontinental Cup, from August 1-10, in Barcelona, Spain.

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GOLDEN GOPHER ANNUAL FOOTBALL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

University of Minnesota senior offensive tackle Gann Brooks and junior split end Ryan Thelwell were honored as the winners of the Bronko Nagurski Award (co-team MVPs) at the annual Golden Gopher football banquet Monday at the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

Ranked third in the Big Ten and 17th in the country with 95.6 receiving yards per game this season, Thelwell will head into his senior season as the all-time school career leader in both receptions (136) and receiving yards (2,232). He is also tied for second in career receiving TDs (14). The second-team All-Big Ten selection had 54 receptions this year for a single-season school record 1,051 yards.

A three-year starter and a team captain this season, Brooks finished his career by starting in 27 consecutive games. An outstanding pass blocker, he did not allow a sack this season in 346 passing situations. Honored as the team's offensive lineman of the week in seven of 11 games this season, he had a team-high 91 percent finish grade to go along with 41 flatback blocks.

This year's awards and honorees are:

1997 TEAM CAPTAINS:

Tutu Atwell (SB, Miami, Fla.), Crawford Jordan (FS, Fort Worth Texas), Cory Sauter (QB, Hutchinson, Minn.), Parc Williams (LB, Zumbrota, Minn.)

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (presented to the team's most valuable players):

Gann Brooks (OT, Alvarado, Texas), Ryan Thelwell (SE, London, Ontario, Canada)

BUTCH NASH AWARD (for competitiveness on the field and in the classroom):

Cory Sauter

PAUL GIEL AWARD (for total unselfishness and most concern about the University of Minnesota):

Jerome Davis (DT, Detroit, Mich.)

CARL ELLER AWARD (presented to the team's outstanding defensive player):

Parc Williams

BRUCE SMITH AWARD (presented to the team's outstanding offensive player):

Tutu Atwell

BOBBY BELL AWARD (presented to the outstanding special teams player):

Rishon Early (FS, Houston, Texas)

ALL-BIG TEN MEDIA TEAM:

Second Team: Ryan Thelwell

Honorable Mention: Tutu Atwell, Adam Bailey, Chris Bergstrom (OG, Warroad, Minn.), Rodney Heath (CB, Cincinnati, Ohio), Cory Sauter

ALL-BIG TEN COACHES TEAM:

Honorable Mention: Tutu Atwell, Chris Bergstrom, Rodney Heath, Cory Sauter

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA DISTRICT V TEAM:

Cory Sauter, Parc Williams



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GOPHERS SIGN THREE MORE WRESTLERS

Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson has announced Joe Calavitta, Mike Cuperus and Matt Kraft have signed National Letters of Intent to attend the University of Minnesota.

Calavitta of Calvary Chapel High School is a three-time place winner in California. He wrestled at 134 and 142 during his career.

Cuperus of Worthington, Minn., has placed third and first in Minnesota. Cuperus, who has wrestled at 167 and 177, is a Junior National All-American and Cadet National Champion.

Kraft is a three-time Minnesota state place-winner from Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield High School. Kraft, who wrestles at 158 and 167, is the younger brother of current Golden Gopher All-American Chad Kraft.

“We’re very excited to add these three wrestlers to our team,” said Robinson. “They bring the aggressive and dominating style we’re looking for.”

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KINSELLA AND PIKE CLAIM UNO INDIVIDUAL TITLES

Freshmen Tim Kinsella and Brad Pike claimed individual titles to lead the Golden Gophers at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Open on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Kinsella decisioned sophomore teammate Josh Holiday, 1-0 to claim the 158-pound title in the Open Division. Pike decisioned Ryan Cunningham of Wartburg College, 5-2 to win the 118-pound title in the 20-Under Division.

In other Open Division action, Sophomore Josh Dodd (190), junior Shelton Benjamin (HWT) and Holiday (158) claimed second-place finishes. Sophomore Pat Conners finished third at 126, while sophomore Troy Marr finished fourth at 142. Sophomore Mauricio Mora placed fifth at 134.

In the 20-Under Division, freshman Brad Pike placed fifth at 142.

The Gophers conclude their unattached schedule with the Northern Open in Madison, Wis., on Saturday, Nov. 30. The Gophers return to dual meet action when they host Northwestern on Dec. 6 at Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m.



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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, November 25:

Assistant Wrestling Coach **Marty Morgan**

Tuesday, November 26:

Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Wednesday, November 27:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews the San Juan Shootout

Thursday, November 28 - Sunday, December 1:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** West Virginia postgame comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

*Tuesday, November 26

Basketball vs. West Virginia Mountaineers
 Target Center, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Midwest Sports Channel, WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

*Friday, November 29

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez
 Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, 8 p.m.

Hockey at College Hockey Showcase, vs. Michigan Wolverines
 Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Michigan
 Midwest Sports Channel, KSPT-AM 1500, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling at Northern Open

Camp Randall Memorial Sports Center, Madison, Wis., All Day

*Saturday, November 30

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs. Florida/Creighton
 Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, TBA

Hockey at College Hockey Showcase, vs. Michigan St. Spartans
 Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Michigan
 Midwest Sports Channel, KSPT-AM 1500, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, December 1

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs TBA
 Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, TBA

*Thursday, December 5

Basketball at Alabama Crimson Tide
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Midwest Sports Channel, WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

*Friday, December 6

Wrestling vs. Northwestern Wildcats
 Williams Arena, Minneapolis, Minn., 7:30 p.m.

*Note

The next Gophers Sports Olympic Release will be issued on Monday, December, 9.

GET WIRED!

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department is now on the Internet. The World Wide Web site contains press releases, statistics, rosters, schedules and much more information. The Web pages can be accessed at:
<http://gophersports.umn.edu>

Information on every Big Ten school and the conference is also available via the Internet. The Big Ten's home page on ESPN-ET SportsZone will be available at the following address:
<http://espnet.sportszone.com>



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	RESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	All Day
		- Rider	1:00 p.m.
		- Clarion	3:00 p.m.
		- Ohio U	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates in-state meets

WRESTLERS AT NORTHERN OPEN ON NOV. 29; HOST NORTHWESTERN ON DEC. 6:

The University of Minnesota concludes its unattached season when the team travels to the Northern Open in Madison, Wis., on Nov. 29.

The Gophers continue their dual meet schedule with a match against Northwestern on Dec. 6 at Williams Arena. Meet time is 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: The Golden Gophers head into the dual meet against Northwestern with a 1-0 record. The U of M wrestlers defeated NCAA Division II power North Dakota State 42-3. The dual also marks the first Big Ten conference meet for both schools in 1996-97.

Minnesota posted a 10-8-1 overall dual meet record and 2-5 mark in the Big Ten last season. The Gophers placed sixth at the Big Ten Championship and 19th at the NCAA Division I meet.

Northwestern posted an 8-5-1 overall dual meet record and 4-5-1 mark in the Big Ten last year. The Wildcats placed

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GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. NORTHWESTERN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brandon Paulson	5-0, 1-0
126	Ty Friederichs	8-1, 0-0
134	Nick Antila	5-1, 1-0
142	Jason Davids	5-0, 1-0
150	Chad Kraft	1-0, 1-0
158	Delaney Berger	5-0, 1-0
167	Zac Taylor	4-0, 0-0
177	Brandon Eggum	5-0, 1-0
190	Tim Hartung	4-0, 1-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	6-2, 0-0

WRESTLERS DOMINATE NDSU, 42-3

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Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) pinned NDSU's Kyle Pieper in 1:53 to give the Golden Gophers an early 6-0 lead the team would never relinquish. Also winning by pin were sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150, sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) at 190 and freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) at heavyweight. Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) won by technical fall at 142 and freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won by major decision at 177. Senior **NICK ANTILA** (134, Robbinsdale, Minn.), sophomore **JESSE KREBS** (158, Minot, N.D.) and freshman **DELANEY BERGER** (158, Mandan, N.D.) won by decision.

North Dakota State's Jeff Kapusta recorded the lone Bison win with a 6-3 decision over the Gophers' **BARRETT GOLYER** (So., 126, Cedar, Minn.)

MINNESOTA 42, NORTH DAKOTA ST. 3 RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

118	- Brandon Paulson pinned NDSU's Kyle Pieper in 1:53
126	- NDSU's Jeff Kapusta dec. Bart Golyer, 6-3
134	- Nick Antila dec. NDSU's George Thompson, 7-3
142	- Jason Davids tech. fall NDSU's Jason Cuperus, 24-9
150	- Chad Kraft pinned NDSU's Josh Kerbaugh in 1:32
158	- Jesse Krebs dec. NDSU's Wayne Mooney, 3-1
167	- Delaney Berger maj. dec. NDSU's M. Pazdernik, 18-7
177	- Brandon Eggum dec. NDSU's Jeremy McCrank, 9-3
190	- Tim Hartung pinned NDSU's Ryan Wolters, 2:33
HWT	- Brent Boeshans pinned NDSU's Josh Dick, 4:10

KINSELLA AND LAWRENCE CLAIM UNO INDIVIDUAL TITLES:

Freshmen **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) and **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) claimed individual titles to lead the Golden Gophers at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Open on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Kinsella decisioned sophomore teammate Josh Holiday, 1-0 to claim the 158-pound title in the Open Division. Lawrence decisioned Ryan Cunningham of Wartburg College, 5-2 to win the 118-pound title in the 20-Under Division.

In other Open Division action, sophomore **JOSH DODD** (190, Northwood, Iowa), junior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT, Susanville, Calif.) and Holiday (158) claimed second-place finishes. Sophomore **PAT CONNERS** (Longview, Wash.) finished third at 126, while sophomore **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) finished fourth at 142. Sophomore **MAURICIO MORA** (Santa Ana, Calif.) placed fifth at 134. Freshman **BRAD PIKE** (Brownsdale, Minn.) placed fifth at 142 in the 20-Under Division.

UNO OPEN RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

118	- Brett Lawrence (1st)
126	- Pat Conners (3rd), Ty Friederichs (DNP)
134	- Mauricio Mora (5th)
142	- Dustin Berger (DNP), Brad Pike (5th) Troy Marr (4th), Josh Krebs (DNP)
150	- Eddie Pak (DNP)
158	- Tim Kinsella (1st), Josh Holiday (2nd)
177	- Kenneth Howard (DNP)
190	- Josh Dodd (2nd)
HWT	- Shelton Benjamin (2nd)

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

Davids, Kraft, Paulson and Taylor have earned preseason rankings. Davids' No. 2 ranking leads the way. The junior from Forest Lake, Minn., finished fifth overall last season in the NCAA Championships with a 34-6 record. Kraft, who finished fifth at the NCAAs at 150 with a 29-11 mark, is ranked fourth. Taylor is ranked fifth at 177 after sitting out last season for an Olympic commitment. Paulson, who qualified for the NCAAs in 1995, is ranked seventh at 118. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native posted a 31-9 record in 1994-95. He sat out last season and won a silver medal at the Olympics in Greco-Roman at 114.5.

GOPHERS RANKED 7TH IN AMATEUR

WRESTLING NEWS POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked tenth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* season poll.

Rank Team

1.	Iowa
2.	Oklahoma State
3.	Michigan State
4.	Iowa State
5.	Penn State
6.	Illinois
7.	Minnesota
8.	Lock Haven
9.	Michigan
10.	Clarion
11.	Oklahoma
12.	Edinboro
13.	Nebraska
14.	Bakersfield
15.	Indiana
16.	West Virginia
17.	Pittsburgh
18.	North Carolina
19.	Oregon State



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will have the next couple of weekends off before traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for its annual winter training trip on Dec. 15-24. The Golden Gophers will swim against Miami (Fla.) and Clemson on Dec. 20 at Miami.

POWER SWIMMER: Powerbar, an official sponsor of Golden Gopher swimming, will name a Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet following each competition. This week's Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet is **TY BATHURST**. Bathurst helped lead Minnesota to the team title at the Minnesota Invitational as he was part of all three season national-best times posted by Minnesota swimmers. The junior from Albuquerque, N. M., was a part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay squads and the 50 freestyle which posted season national-best times. He also won the 100 breaststroke.

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500 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:29.34; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:33.21; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:33.82; 4. J. Peak, Wis., 4:34.24; 5. B. Carlson, Minn., 4:38.93; 6. B. Heidelberger, Utah, 4:39.69.

200 IM: 1. O. Agh, Florida Atlantic, 1:51.19; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.47; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:52.78; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:54.00; 5. B. Howard, Minn., 1:54.25; 6. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:54.67.

50 Freestyle: 1. Ty Bathurst, Minn., 20.20; 2. L. Lopez, Minn., 20.84; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 20.86; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.90; 5. M. Ronnewall, Utah, 21.20; 6. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 21.24.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 511.10; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 459.75; 3. B. Berkey, Wis., 425.95; 4. D. Jones, Utah, 396.85; 5. D. Lehmkuhler, No. Dak., 382.90; 6. S. Mohabar, Iowa St., 304.30.

400 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, M. Henke, M. Zielinski, M. Lentaris), 3:22.16; 2. Iowa St. A, 3:22.95; 3. Minn. B (Y. Meiri, O. Godoi, J. Cahoy, J. Witikko), 3:24.05; 4. Utah A, 3:28.44; 5. Wis. A, 3:29.20; 6. Fla. Atlantic A, 3:29.44.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, M. Henke, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst) 1:31.55. 2. Iowa State, 1:32.31. 3. Utah, 1:34.16. 4. Minn. B (Ryan Crosby, Oscar Godoi, Marc Teichman, Jeremy Rients), 1:34.56.

400 IM: 1. O. Agh, FAU, 3:54.86. 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:57.49. 3. B. Howard, Minn., 3:57.49. 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 3:59.68. 5. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 4:01.87.

100 butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.52. 2. Dahl, ISU, 49.56. 3. M. Schlessman, Minn., 50.15. 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.26. 5. Sinclair, Utah, 50.33.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.58. 2. J. Rients, Minn., 1:40.31. 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 1:41.20. 4. J. Witiko, Minn., 1:41.49. 5. E. Godsman, Wis., 1:41.56.

100 Breaststroke: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 55.96; 2. Schnider, ISU, 56.41. 3. M. Henke, Minn., 56.67. 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 56.92. 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 58.11.

100 Backstroke: 1. C. Miller, Wis., 51.00. 1. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.00. 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 51.11. 4. Sinclair, Utah, 51.25. 5. R. Crosby, Minn., 51.97.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 462.20. 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 435.00. 3. S. Mohabir, ISU, 339.85. 4. S. Reid, Utah, 313.90. 5. B. Berkey, Wis., 311.80. 6. D. Lehmkuhler, UND, 294.95.

800 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (Schlessman, Lopez, McLeod, Lentaris), 6:44.22. 2. Minn. B (Cahoy, Witikko, Carlson, Bishop), 6:50.94. 3. Utah A, 6:51.74. 4. Fla. Atlantic (Studd, Martin, Suasez, Ahg), 6:54.15. 5. Iowa State (Andersson, Franicevic, Ruzicka, Dahl), 6:54.73.

1650 Freestyle: 1. O. Agh, Fla. Atlantic, 15:34.03; 2. M. Lentaris, Minn., 15:38.17; 3. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:45.45; 4. J. Peak, Wis., 15:49.54; 5. J. Miller, Minn., 15:54.17; 6. E. Deszoeke, Iowa St., 16:11.72.

200 Backstroke: 1. C. Miller, Wis., 1:48.95; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:51.31; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.65; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:51.85; 5. C. Sinclair, Utah, 1:52.31; 6. J. Andersson, Iowa St., 1:52.42.

100 Freestyle: 1. J. Rients, Minn., 45.48; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.58; 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 45.72; 4. M. Ronnewall, Utah, 45.90; 5. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 46.02; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 46.77.

200 Breaststroke: 1. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:03.71; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 2:04.38; 3. B. Howard, Minn., 2:04.91; 4. M. Ritcey, Iowa St., 2:07.44; 5. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:08.63; 6. C. Cervenka, Wis., 2:12.07.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.10; 2. L. Franicevic, Iowa St., 1:51.12; 3. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 1:51.47; 4. W. Rudat, Wis., 1:52.37; 5. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:52.53; 6. M. Arousou, Utah, 1:53.32.

Platform Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 417.52.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, M. Schlessman, J. Rients, L. Lopez), 2:59.88; 2. Iowa St. A, 3:05.21; 3. Wis. A, 3:07.47; 4. Utah A, 3:07.94; 5. Minn. B, (M. Lentaris, J. Witikko, B. Carlson, R. Crosby), 3:07.97; 6. Iowa St., 3:11.57.



BASEBALL

SIGNEES: The The University of Minnesota baseball program has received national letters of intent from six top recruits during the NCAA's early signing period. Catcher **JEREMY BEAULIEU** from Shoreview, Minn., (Mounds View), infielder/outfielder/catcher **PAUL HARTMANN** from Red Wing, Minn., infielder **SCOTT HOWARD** from Apple Valley, Minn., (Rosemount), outfielder **JASON KENNEDY** from Shorewood, Minn., (Minnetonka), shortstop **JOSHUA RUSSELL** from St. Paul, Minn., (Roseville)

and pitcher **JOSH KALINOWSKI** from Casper, Wyo., (Indian Hills C. C.), have all signed national letters of intent and will attend the University of Minnesota next fall.

Beaulieu, a 5-11, 170-pound catcher, is a solid receiver and has an excellent arm. "We wanted to strengthen the catching position in our program with a player who can come in and catch as a freshman," Head Coach John Anderson said. "Jeremy was our No. 1 choice and has a power arm behind the plate. He's a good receiver and blocker and he's very polished already."

Hartmann, a versatile athlete with good speed and hitting skills is 6-1, 180 pounds. "Paul is an outstanding student-athlete who will play two or three positions while at Minnesota," Anderson said. "We like his overall versatility and if he can master being a switch hitter, he will be a fine player."

Howard, a 6-0, 165-pound second baseman, hit a combined .320 with 38 stolen bases for the Rosemount H.S. and legion teams in 1996, helping the Irish to two consecutive state tournament berths. "Scott is another outstanding all-around athlete with good quickness and speed," Anderson said. "We will work to make a switch hitter out of Scott. We like his work ethic and desire to join the Golden Gophers."


Kennedy, a 6-2, 188-pound outfielder, hit .423 with 77 hits, including 19 doubles and 35 stolen bases in 59 games for the Minnetonka legion squad in 1996. "Jason is an outstanding outfielder with good tools," Anderson said. "He can throw, run and play solid defense. He comes from an outstanding high school and legion program that has prepared him well to be a D-I player."

Russell, a 6-4, 195-pound shortstop has a strong arm and good power. "Joshua is a big, strong, athletic shortstop," Anderson said. "He has the potential to hit with power and be an exciting offensive player. He has the tools to be a physical shortstop for us much like Bill Mobilia was."

Kalinowski, a 6-2, 180-pound left-handed pitcher, is projected to be an immediate impact player. The Casper, Wyo., native is currently attending Indian Hills C. C. in Centerville, Iowa and was also being recruited by Florida, Florida State, W. Kentucky, N.W. Louisiana and Alabama. He was drafted by Colorado in the 1996 professional draft. "Josh is an experienced left-handed pitcher who we expect to be one of our top pitchers right away," Anderson said. "He is a professional caliber pitcher who adds real quality to our pitching staff for 1998."

QUINLAN INVITED: Sophomore **ROBB QUINLAN** (Maplewood, Minn.) has been invited to participate in the 1997 USA Baseball National Trials in Tampa, Fla. The trials will be conducted from January 8-12, 1997, at Legends Field, spring training home of the New York Yankees. Sixty-six players comprising three 22-man teams will play two games a day following morning workouts from January 10-12. The trials will serve as the first step in USA Baseball's player evaluation and development process and participating players

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November 29, 1996

FOUR MINNESOTA WRESTLERS WIN INDIVIDUAL TITLES AT NORTHERN OPEN

Four Minnesota wrestlers claimed individual titles to lead the Golden Gophers at the Northern Open in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday.

Junior Brandon Paulson won by injury default over teammate Brett Lawrence to claim the 118-pound title. Sophomore Chad Kraft defeated Dan Weber of Indiana 17-2 for the win at 150 pounds. Sophomore Tim Hartung won at 190 pounds, defeating Aaron Stark of Wisconsin 2-0. Junior Shelton Benjamin captured the heavyweight division with a 9-3 win over Aaron Richardson of Michigan.

In other action, junior Jason Davids took second place at 142 pounds, losing to Roger Chandler of Indiana 9-4. Sophomores Pat Connors (126), Troy Marr (134) and Josh Holiday (158) earned third-place finishes.

Freshman Brent Boeshans claimed fifth place in the heavyweight division, and senior Nick Antila (134) and sophomore Jesse Krebs (150) took sixth in their weight classes.

The Golden Gophers return to dual meet action when they host Northwestern on Dec. 6 at Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m.



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December 2, 1996

MINNESOTA MEN'S SWIM TEAM RANKED EIGHTH IN LATEST POLL

The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked eighth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 206 points while defending NCAA champion Texas is first with 308. The No. 8 ranking equals the program's highest since the Golden Gophers achieved the same mark in 1993-94. Michigan (4), Indiana (20) and Ohio State (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and are 2-0 after dual wins over North Carolina (14) and Nebraska (16). Minnesota swimmers also posted three season national best times (50 freestyle, 200 and 400 freestyle relays) en route to the team title at the Minnesota Invitational to help move up in the rankings.

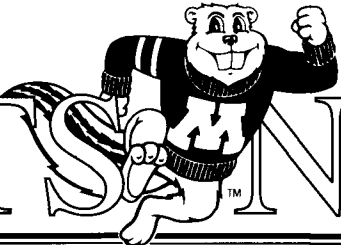
The complete preseason poll follows:

1. Texas, 308; 2. Stanford, 302; 3. Auburn, 300; 4. Michigan, 291; 5. Southern Cal, 269;
6. Tennessee, 267; 7. California, 221; 8. Minnesota, 206; 9. Arizona St., 205; 10. Georgia, 204;
11. So. Methodist, 198; 12. Florida, 170; 13. Arizona, 163; 14. North Carolina, 151;
15. Louisiana State, 125; 16. Nebraska, 111; 17. Florida St., 103; 18. Texas A&M, 87;
19. Alabama, 69; 20. Indiana, 64; 21. Harvard, 63; 22. Miami, 58; 23. Ohio State, 57;
24. Kansas, 38. 25. N.C. State, 33.

Other teams receiving votes:

Iowa, Wisconsin, Iowa St., Pittsburgh, Kentucky, Purdue, Virginia, New Mexico, Northwestern, Penn St., Fla. Atlantic, Michigan St., Washington, Cal-Santa Barbara, Nevada, Syracuse, Hawaii and Clemson.

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December 3, 1996

BRANDON PAULSON NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS WRESTLING HOME OPENER

The University of Minnesota has announced that Friday, December 6, will be honored as "Brandon Paulson Night" when the Golden Gopher wrestling team hosts the Northwestern Wildcats in Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m.

A highlight video will be shown at the intermission following the 150-pound match. The video will take fans through Paulson's illustrious wrestling career. The first 5,000 fans with a paid admission will also receive a free 1996-97 Minnesota wrestling schedule poster.

Paulson, a junior 118-pound standout from Coon Rapids, Minn., captured a silver medal in the 114.5-pound Greco-Roman division at the 1996 Olympics. He has compiled an impressive 69-22 record in three years at Minnesota. Paulson is 10-0 in 1996-97 with seven pins.

Tickets for the match will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for U of M students with a student I.D. and children 6 and under are free. For tickets, please call the Gopher ticket office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-Gopher.

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GOPHER HOTLINES FOR WEEK OF 12/2-12/8

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Monday, December 2:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog

Tuesday, December 3:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins

Wednesday, December 4:

Junior guard Eric Harris

Thursday, December 5:

Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson

Friday, December 6:

Junior wrestler Brandon Paulson

Saturday, December 7:

Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson's Northwestern post meet comments

MEDIA NOTE: The Gophers will wrestle the Northwestern Wildcats this Friday evening at 7:30 pm at Williams Arena. The match that had been scheduled for 5:30 pm with North Dakota has been cancelled.

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December 5, 1996

WRESTLERS RANKED SIXTH IN LATEST POLL

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Four Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the top-10 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way is junior All-American Jason Davids, who is ranked second at 142. Davids was defeated by No. 1 ranked Roger Chandler of Indiana at last week's Northern Open in Madison, Wis. Sophomore All-American Chad Kraft is ranked fourth at 150, junior Zac Taylor is ranked fifth at 167 and junior Brandon Paulson is ranked seventh at 118.

Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

1. Iowa, 275; 2. Oklahoma State, 264; 3. Michigan State, 248; 4. Penn State, 236; 5. Iowa State, 234; 6. Minnesota, 213; 7. Illinois, 205; 8. Michigan, 182; 9. Oklahoma, 179; 10. Lock Haven, 174; 11. Clarion, 161; 12. Edinboro, 150; 13. Nebraska, 131; 14. Indiana, 120; 15. CS Bakersfield, 114; 16. Pittsburgh, 104; 17. West Virginia, 102; 18. Rider, 86; 19. Pennsylvania, 79; 20. Wisconsin, 70; 21. Oregon State, 57; 22. North Carolina, 48; 23. Arizona State, 39; 24. Fresno State, 30; 25. Ohio State, 28.



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December 9, 1996


WRESTLERS TO TAKE PART IN TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

University of Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson has announced that on Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Golden Gophers will participate in the area "Toys for Tots" program with Mrs. Tracy Morgan's second grade class at Bethune Elementary School.

Coach Robinson and his team will treat Morgan's second grade to lunch at Ridgedale Mall and give 19 second graders \$15 to spend on a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program. A gopher coach or athlete will accompany each second grader as they shop for a toy at Ridgedale Mall.

Itinerary for December 10, 1996

- 10:30 a.m. - Depart from Bierman
- 10:50 a.m. - Pick-up kids at Bethune Elementary School
- 11:20 a.m. - Lunch at Ridgedale Mall
- 11:50 a.m. - Shopping at Ridgedale Mall
- 12:45 p.m. - Depart Ridgedale Mall
- 1:10 p.m. - Drop-off toys at Kare-11 T.V.
- 1:45 p.m. - Return to Bethune Elementary
- 2:00 p.m. - Return to Bierman



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GOLDEN GOPHERS HONORED ON FALL ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

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Head Coach Jim Wacker's football team tied Indiana and Iowa for second in the Big Ten with 10 honorees. Ohio State was first with 12 honorees. The Golden Gophers, who had led the conference for three straight years, have a total of 48 selections in the past four seasons. Junior Cory Sauter collected the honor for the third time in his career while graduate student Rob Jones, senior Jim Tallman and sophomore Parc Williams were honored for the second time.

Head Coach Steve Plasencia's cross country team placed four student-athletes on the team.

The complete listing of U of M student-athletes honored follows:

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ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

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ALL STATE ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

As the fall term of the 1967-68 school year draws to a close, the Board of Directors of the State Board of Education has received reports from the various school districts regarding the progress of the State Academic Alliance program.

The program has been very successful in many respects. It has provided a means for the exchange of ideas and information among educators from different parts of the state.

In the future, the Board of Education anticipates continuing the program and expanding its scope to include more districts and more subjects.

The Board of Education also wishes to express its appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that have supported the program during the past year.

It is the hope of the Board of Education that the State Academic Alliance will continue to be a valuable and productive activity for all participants.

The Board of Education reserves the right to make such changes in the program as may be deemed necessary in the future.

Very truly yours,
State Board of Education

The Board of Education is composed of representatives from each of the state's school districts and is responsible for the general supervision of the public schools.

The Board of Education also has the honor to announce that it has received a grant from the State Department of Education to support the State Academic Alliance program.

This grant will be used to provide stipends for the participants in the program and to cover the costs of the program's administration.

The Board of Education is confident that this grant will enable the program to continue to be a valuable and productive activity for all participants.

The Board of Education also wishes to express its appreciation to the State Department of Education for its generous contribution to the program.

There is a senior field hockey team with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. The team is coached by Coach [Name] and is currently competing in the state championship.

They who received both...

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U OF M TEAMS WITH NORWEST FOR WINTER CLOTHING DROP OFF

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U of M Men's and Women's Athletics are promoting the annual event by placing clothing drop-off bins at every home event during the month of December. Fans attending any women's basketball, men's basketball, or hockey games during the month are encouraged to bring new winter clothing items for those in need.

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PLASENCIA SETS MASTERS 5K AMERICAN RECORD

University of Minnesota Head Cross Country Coach Steve Plasencia recently set the American 5K masters record at the Palm Desert 5K in Palm Desert, Calif.

Plasencia, running for Asics International, set the mark of 14:25 on Dec. 15. His time easily eclipsed the old record of 14:36 set by Doug Bell of Colorado at Minneapolis in 1992.

Plasencia recently finished his first season at Gold Country. He led the Gophers to a seventh place finish at the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Illinois.



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GOPHER TRACK & FIELD RECRUITING CLASS AMONG NATION'S BEST

Head Track and Field Coach Phil Lundin's 1996 recruiting class is rated among the nation's best according to Track & Field News.

Perennial national champion Arkansas pulled down the top spot. The Razorbacks were followed by USC, UCLA, LSU and Florida to round out the top-five. The Gophers, along with Indiana, Nebraska, Penn State and Washington were the five teams to receive honorable mention.

Minnesota's 1996 recruiting class features distance runners Chris Anderson (Chisago City, Minn.), Andy Chartrand (Balsam Lake, Wis.), Eric Hartmark (Duluth, Minn.), Jason Owen (Stewartville, Minn.), Jeremy Polson (Duluth, Minn.), Chris Rogers (Moorhead, Minn.), Sam Severin (Bismarck, N.D.) and Chuck and Phil Smith (Lakeville, Minn.).

Other key recruits include shot-putter Justin Asher (Plymouth, Minn.), Adam Reed (Milwaukee, Wis.) and Mark Fahey (Scandia, Minn.), pole vaulters Matt McKenzie (Mosinee, Wis.) and Mike Brockwell (Edina, Minn.), sprinters Steve Burkholder (Superior, Wis.) and Adam Freed (Proctor, Minn.) and high jumpers Marc Johannsen (Miller, S.D.) and Steffan Strand (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden).

Track and Field News 1996 Recruiting Class Rankings

1. Arkansas
2. USC
3. UCLA
4. LSU
5. Florida

Honorable Mention: Indiana, **Minnesota**, Nebraska, Penn State and Washington.

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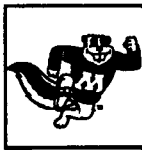
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December 20, 1996

GAME TIME FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL CHANGED

The start time for the University of Minnesota's men's basketball game against the University of Nebraska on Saturday, December 21, has been changed from 7 p.m. (Central) to 8 p.m. as part of a Nebraska men's and women's basketball doubleheader. The Nebraska women will take on Southwest Texas State at 6:05 p.m. with the men's game to follow.

A reminder that the Minnesota men's basketball game against Long Island University is a noon tipoff on Saturday, December 28, to accommodate the Mariucci Hockey Classic which is set to begin at 4 p.m.



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Thursday, January 2:
Junior wrestler Brandon Paulson

Friday, January 3:
Head Track and Field Coach Phil Lundin

Saturday, January 4 - Sunday, January 5:
Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson's Post-match Iowa State Comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

Gold Country will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

To order tickets, please call 1-800-U-Gopher or (612) 624-8080. To request media credentials call (612) 625-4090!

GET WIRED!

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Monday,
Dec. 30

• Hockey vs. Team Finland
Mariucci Arena
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Tuesday,
Dec. 31

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Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Thursday,
Jan. 2

• Basketball vs. Wisconsin
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Friday,
Jan. 5

• Hockey at Alaska-Anchorage
Sullivan Arena
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP-AM 1500, 10 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 4

• Track Early Bird Open
U of M Fieldhouse, 11 a.m.
• Basketball at Michigan State
Breslin Center
East Lansing, Michigan
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 11:15 a.m.

• Wrestling vs. Iowa State
Williams Arena, 7:30 p.m.

• Hockey at Alaska-Anchorage
Sullivan Arena
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP-AM 1500, 10 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	ESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

No. 3 IOWA STATE NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The sixth-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team hosts the third-ranked Iowa State Cyclones in a dual meet Saturday, Jan. 4 in Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Iowa State match with a 6-0 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

Iowa State enters the match fresh off a fourth-place finish at the Midlands Championships. The Cyclones are ?-?

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year at Gold Country. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 136-70-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champs and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 6-0 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. IOWA STATE:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	12-1, 3-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-6, 3-1
134	Nick Antila	11-4, 2-0
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	15-1, 5-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-0, 5-0
158	Josh Holiday	12-4, 4-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-0, 5-0
177	Brandon Eggum	9-0, 5-0
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	13-0, 5-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	13-4, 2-2

CYCLONE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Cody Sanderson	15-6, 0-1
126	Eric Keller	4-2, 0-0
134	No. 1 Dwight Hinson*	16-2, 0-1
142	David Maldonado	19-8, 1-0
150	No. 2 Chris Bono	16-2, 0-1
158	John DeLeon	7-8, 0-0
167	No. 12 Bart Horton	13-5, 1-0
177	No. 3 Barry Weldon	13-1, 1-0
190	No. 9 Matt Mulvihill	12-6, 0-1
HWT	Trent Hynek	11-6, 1-0

* Hinson is ranked No. 1 at 126

WRESTLERS DOMINATE CLARION DUALS AND S. CONNECTICUT STATE:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team posted a 4-0 record on their recent trip to the Clarion Duals and Southern Connecticut State.

The Gophers defeated Ohio University (39-4), Clarion (34-9) and Rider (27-12) on Dec. 15. The Golden Gophers traveled to Division II Southern Connecticut State on Dec. 17 and posted an easy 46-6 victory.

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 39, OHIO UNIVERSITY 4

- 118 - Paulson (M) pinned Rainey, 1:11
- 126 - Friederichs (M) pinned Noble, 5:14
- 134 - Marr (M) dec. Enright, 5-1
- 142 - Davids (M) pinned Stratton, 2:07
- 150 - Kraft (M) maj. dec. Kaiser, 12-4
- 158 - Gardner (OU) maj. dec. De. Berger, 15-5
- 167 - Taylor (M) maj. dec. Kaiser, 14-1
- 177 - Eggum (M) dec. Heffernan, 10-3
- 190 - Hartung (M) maj. dec. Auerbach, 17-6
- HWT - Benjamin (M) dec. Guttridge, 5-3

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 34, CLARION 9

- 118 - Thomas (C) dec. Paulson, 8-4
- 126 - Angle (C) dec. Friederichs, 8-2
- 134 - Marr (M) inj. def. Marshall
- 142 - Davids (M) maj. dec. Tomeo, 15-7
- 150 - Kraft (M) dec. Clark, 5-3
- 158 - Holiday (M) dec. Harris, 5-4
- 167 - Taylor (M) pinned Mitchell, 0:19
- 177 - Eggum (M) won by forfeit
- 190 - Hartung (M) pinned Shirey, 1:27
- HWT - Stout (C) dec. Benjamin (M), 10-3

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 27, RIDER 12

- 118 - Carvalheira (RU) won by forfeit
- 126 - Friederichs (M) dec. Kessler, 8-7
- 134 - Marr (M) dec. Nace, 6-3
- 142 - Dunn (RU) pinned Antila, 5:33
- 150 - Davids (M) maj. dec. Florence, 13-5
- 158 - Holiday (M) dec Dolan, 12-5
- 167 - Taylor (M) dec. Liott, 14-7
- 177 - Eggum (M) dec. Giel, 4-2
- 190 - Hartung (M) maj. dec. Henson, 10-1
- HWT - Benjamin (M) maj. dec. Klein, 12-4

12/17/96 MINNESOTA 46, S. CONN. STATE 6

- 118 - Moore (SC) by forfeit
- 126 - Golyer (M) dec. Bartlett, 16-4
- 134 - Antila (M) dec. Howland, 3-1
- 142 - Davids (M) pinned Delfin, 0:55
- 150 - Kraft (M) pinned Sleiman, 1:02
- 158 - Holiday (M) dec. Calvert, 24-8
- 167 - Taylor (M) by forfeit
- 177 - De. Berger (M) dec. Kraimer, 15-0
- 190 - Dodd (M) by forfeit
- HWT - Boeshans (M) dec. O'Neill (SC) 21-11

FOUR GOPHERS REMAIN UNBEATEN:

CHAD KRAFT (So., 150, Lakefield, Minn.), **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho), **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., 177, Sidney, Mont.) and **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) are the four Gophers who remain undefeated.

Kraft is 11-0 with six pins, Taylor is 9-0 with three pins, Eggum is 9-0 with one pin and Hartung is 13-0 with six pins.

DID YOU KNOW?: The Gophers have recorded 64 pins in 239 individual wins this season. The Gophers recorded 68 pins in 394 individual wins last season.

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

JASON DAVIDS (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.), **TROY MARR** (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.), Kraft (150), Paulson (118), Taylor (167), and Hartung are all currently ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes.

Davids is ranked No. 2 with a 15-1 record, Kraft is fourth at 150 with an 11-0 mark, Taylor is fourth at 167 with a 9-0 record, Paulson is 12-1 and ranked fifth at 118, Hartung is 13-0 and ranked seventh at 190 and Marr is 15-4 and ranked 10th at 134.

GOPHERS RANKED SIXTH IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked sixth in the Dec. 18, 1996, Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association poll.

1. Iowa275
2. Oklahoma State264
3. **Iowa State248**
4. Penn State242
5. Illinois222
6. **Minnesota221**
7. Michigan State213
8. Michigan196
9. CS Bakersfield185
10. Lock Haven146
- Oklahoma146
12. Edinboro130
13. Nebraska126
14. Indiana124
15. Rider123
16. Arizona State116
17. Clarion99
- Pennsylvania99
19. Fresno State86
20. Pittsburgh61
21. Purdue53
22. West Virginia47
23. Cornell36
24. Wisconsin31
25. Oregon State29



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	11 a.m.
Jan. 11	Norwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

TRACK AND FIELD OPENS 1997 INDOOR SEASON:

The Golden Gopher track and field team will open its 1997 indoor season on Saturday, Jan. 4, when the Gophers host the Early Bird Open at the U of M Fieldhouse at 11 a.m.

1997 TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW: The goal of every track and field is to improve every year. This year is no different for head track and field coach Phil Lundin and his Golden Gophers. Minnesota posted a runner-up finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships and surprised with a third-place showing at the Big Ten Indoors. Lundin, who begins his second season at the helm, thinks his team can improve in 1997.

"We have the possibilities of improving our standing in the Big Ten meets," said Lundin. "This year we have a better team in regards to overall team strength. Most events are going to be represented with some people who can be competitive at the Big Ten level."

The Golden Gophers will improve immediately with the return of senior pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and sophomore decathlete **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway). Harvey, who earned All-America status at the 1995 NCAA Outdoor Championships, redshirted last season due to a shoulder injury. Jensen underwent emergency appendectomy surgery three weeks after he automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships and set an U of M decathlete record at the '95 Sea Ray Relays. The injury caused Jensen to miss the Big Ten Outdoors. Both athletes ready to

contribute this year.

"Harvey and Jensen are two of the best athletes in the U.S. in their respective events," said Lundin. "Having these two guys back is exciting. They'll make us much more competitive."

Harvey, Jensen and sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) make the pole vault the Golden Gophers' strongest position. Rantanen won the Big Ten Outdoors with a U of M freshman record vault of 17-10 1/4. He also placed 10th at the NCAA Championships. Backing up the "big three" will be senior tri-captain **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) and junior **JONATHAN ANDERSON** (Morris, Minn.). Mischke has vaulted 17-0, and Anderson finished sixth at the Big Ten Outdoors. The addition of freshmen **MIKE BROCKWELL** (Edina, Minn.) and **MATT MCKENZIE** (Mosinee, Wis.) add depth. Brockwell holds the Minnesota state high school record with a vault of 15-6, while McKenzie is a 16-0 vaulter.

"The pole vault is probably our strongest area," said Lundin. "Our depth will make us better as a team."

The area of immediate concern that has improved is the distance running. With the arrival of new coach Steve Plasencia, the Golden Gophers have plenty to be excited about. Plasencia was a five-time All-American at the U of M and a two-time Olympian. His coaching and expertise will help returning senior captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) and junior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) lead a corps of inexperienced freshmen. Obleman and Riter finished third and fifth in the 3,000m Steeplechase at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships last season. The top newcomers include **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) and **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.). Polson won the 3,200m Minnesota State Cross Country Championship, and Hartmark was an all-state performer and top 800m runner.

"We have a number of new youth coming in, and with the addition of coach Plasencia, our distance running will have some success," said Lundin.

Senior captain **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) leads a solid group of throwers. Schlueter claimed the discus title at the Big Ten Outdoors and finished 18th at the NCAAs. Juniors **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) were also placewinners at Big Tens a season ago. Sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) returns with freshmen **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) and **MARK FAHEY** (Scandia, Minn.), both of whom have potential, according to Lundin.

The Golden Gophers have built a strong foundation for success with their group of decathletes. With the return of Jensen, sophomore **GLENN LINDQVIST** (Aland, Finland) and Mischke, the team should do some heavy damage at the conference championships. Lindqvist placed fifth in the heptathlon and decathlon at the conference championships, while Mischke was the model of consistency last season. Anderson and newcomer McKenzie could draw attention.

"We're very strong and deep in the decathlon," said Lundin. "These guys will score us points at the Big Tens if they stay healthy."

Returning high jumpers **TYLER McCORMICK** (So., White Bear Lake, Minn.) and **WIL KURTH** (Jr., Rochester, Minn.) will aim to keep the Golden Gophers strong in the high

jump. McCormick (fourth) and Kurth (seventh) both placed at the Big Ten Outdoors. Minnesota added freshmen **STAFFAND STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden), who claimed the Swedish National Championship with a jump of 7-5 1/2, and **MARC JOHANSEN** (Fr., Miller, S.D.), who could be one of the best high jumpers in Gopher history.

"I'm excited about the high jump," said Lundin. "The position could be one of our strongest."

The Golden Gophers return sophomore **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (So., Minneapolis, Minn.) in the vertical jumps and the triple jump. Westberry finished eighth in the long jump at the Big Ten Outdoors despite struggling all season.

"Marcus could be one of the better horizontal jumpers we've had here at Minnesota," said Lundin. "He has a lot of talent and could be very strong."

Freshman newcomer **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) will be counted on to contribute in the long jump. Freed won the 1995 Minnesota state long jump with a leap of 23-8.

Although Minnesota lost sprinter Chris Darkins to graduation, coach Lundin believes senior **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.) will pick up the slack left by the talented Darkins. Van Voorhis finished eighth in the 100m and 200m at the Big Ten Outdoors. Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) is back as the top Gopher hurdler. Deneen has looked strong in the offseason and should improve in 1997.

Junior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) will continue to score points for the Gophers in the middle sprints. Beadle placed third in the 600m at the Big Ten Indoors and finished fifth in the 400m at the Big Ten Outdoors. He is one of the most consistent Gophers on this year's roster.

Freshman **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) hopes to fill the shoes of departed All-American Paul Michalek in the 800m. Owen is currently ranked ninth internationally in the event. He'll also run the 400m and 1,600m at Minnesota.

"We need to stay healthy to be successful this season," said Lundin. "We need the continuity of the training process, and our athletes need a fresh state of mind when it comes down to the big meets."