

# SPORTS NEWS

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 15, 1996

## **HOMECOMING WEEKEND FEATURES SEVERAL EVENTS FOR FANS**

Several events have been planned for Golden Gopher fans this Homecoming weekend.

The Minneapolis Downtown Council and the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department are sponsoring a Homecoming pepfest on Nicollet Mall Friday at noon. Coach Jim Wacker, Athletic Director Mark Dienhart, the University of Minnesota Pep Band and cheerleaders and Goldy Gopher will all participate. The festivities take place between 7th and 8th St. A pepfest/bonfire is also planned Friday on the St. Paul Campus at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming 5K Run and Roll and the Farmer's Share Breakfast and Fun Festival kick off Saturday's festivities. Both events begin at 9 a.m. The race takes runners from the Minneapolis to St. Paul campus. The cost is \$15, and registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Badger Lot across from Mariucci Arena. All participants receive a souvenir Homecoming T-shirt and treat bag. Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers. The breakfast and fun festival will be held at the St. Paul Student Center.

The traditional Homecoming Parade begins at 11 a.m. on 4th St. in Dinkytown and finishes at Williams Arena on University Avenue. Plaza and tailgating festivities start at noon at the Metrodome, and the Minnesota-Michigan State game kicks off at 3 p.m. For more information, call the Homecoming office at (612) 624-2674.

During Homecoming Week, fans can purchase a licensed UM sweatshirt at any one of the four U of M Bookstore locations and receive one free ticket to the Homecoming game.


Two other football ticket offers are also available to fans for purchase.

The Big Ten Package is a partial season ticket plan that includes conference games against Michigan State (Oct. 19), Michigan (Oct. 26) and Illinois (Nov. 16). The cost is \$36. Purchasers will receive the same lower level end zone seat for all three games.

With each Big Ten Package bought, fans will receive a free certificate for discounted round-trip travel on Sun Country Airlines. Sun Country has extended the travel period from now through March 31, 1997. The airline has also added Harlingen, Texas, Salt Lake City and Costa Rica as new destinations.

Pioneer Press Gopher Fun Packs are also available for purchase. Fans receive four upper deck end zone tickets, four hot dogs and four Cokes for \$39. The offer is good for the Michigan State game and Illinois contest.

Call the Athletics Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER for more information.



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## **1996 WRESTLING KICKOFF CLINIC SET FOR OCTOBER 26TH**

University of Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson has announced that he and his staff will host it's 1996 Wrestling Kickoff Clinic on Saturday, October 26 at the Bierman Field Athletic Building at 1 p.m.

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans of all ages will learn wrestling techniques and experience the intensity of a collegiate work-out. All persons attending the clinic will receive a free ticket to the Golden Gophers football game against Michigan following the clinic and a free ticket to the Gophers wrestling home opener on December 6 against Northwestern.

The cost of the clinic is \$10 for persons who pre-register and \$12 at the door. For ticket and additional information, call Sue Rubens at the U of M at (612) 624-7342.

### **Schedule of Events - Saturday, October 26**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Bierman Field Athletic Building
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Introduction of coaches & players	Bierman Field Athletic Building
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Wrestling Clinic	Bierman Field Athletic Building
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Autograph Session	Bierman Field Athletic Building
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Watch U of M Wrestling Practice	Bierman Field Athletic Building
6:00 p.m.	Minnesota vs. Michigan Football	HHH Metrodome



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## **GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S SWIM TEAM RANKED IN PRESEASON POLL**

The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked 13th in Speedo America's Top 25 preseason swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 209 points while defending NCAA champion Texas is first with 360. Michigan (4), Indiana (19), Ohio State (22) and Iowa (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota, the defending Big Ten champions, return 12 athletes who were Big Ten finalists and eight who have NCAA championship experience. The Maroon and Gold begin the 1996-97 season this Saturday with an alumni meet and will have one other tune-up on Saturday, Oct. 26, with an intra-squad dual. The Golden Gophers will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for an invitational and dual against North Carolina on Nov. 1 for their first outside competition.

The complete preseason poll follows:

1. Texas, 360; 2. Auburn, 355; 3. Stanford, 348; 4. Michigan, 336; 5. Tennessee, 312; 6. Southern Cal, 272; 7. Southern Methodist, 269; 8. Arizona State, 250; 9. Florida, 226; 10. California, 221; 11. Georgia, 216; 12. Arizona, 211; 13. Minnesota, 209; 14. Miami, 197; 15. North Carolina, 161; 16. Louisiana State, 132; 17. Harvard, 123; 18. Florida State, 103; 19. Indiana, 76; 19t. Texas A&M, 76; 21. Nebraska, 72; 22. Ohio State, 71; 23. Iowa, 48; 24. Alabama, 39; 25. Kansas, 33.



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## 1995 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM NAMED ALL-ACADEMIC


The 1995 University of Minnesota men's cross country team has been named All-Academic by the United States Cross Country Coaches Association.

The 16 Gopher harriers posted a 3.04 cumulative grade point average to finish 25th overall in the nation. Brigham Young University was first overall at 3.47 followed by Yale (3.34) and Utah (3.33).

### All-Academic Teams with Distinction

Place	School	Cum GPA	Squad Size
1.	BYU	3.47	22
2.	Yale	3.34	16
3.	Utah	3.33	8
4.	N.C. State	3.33	7
5.	Bucknell	3.28	23
6.	Nebraska	3.26	11
7.	Missouri	3.25	20
<b>All-Academic Teams</b>			
8.	Weber State	3.22	11
9.	Montana State	3.15	18
10.	Notre Dame	3.14	23
11.	Butler	3.14	16
12.	Western Michigan	3.14	13
13.	Southern Illinois	3.14	8
14.	Ohio State	3.13	16
15.	Eastern Illinois	3.13	10
16.	Loyola	3.09	21
17.	Youngstown State	3.08	20
18.	Arizona	3.08	10
19.	Northern Arizona	3.08	7
20.	Air Force	3.07	24
21.	Villanova	3.07	13
22.	Miami (Ohio)	3.07	12
23.	Cornell	3.05	44
24.	Stanford	3.04	28
<b>25.</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>16</b>
26.	Wisconsin	3.01	11
27.	Central Michigan	3.01	10

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Oct. 18, 1996


## **GOLDEN GOPHER PLAYHARD SEMINAR SET FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

The University of Minnesota will hold its annual Playhard Coaching Seminar on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26 at Williams Arena. The seminar features two days of coaching and administrative instruction on how to improve high school coaching techniques and better prepare prospects for college.

Head Coach Clem Haskins and his coaching staff highlights the seminar. Bud Lathrop of Raytown South High School in Raytown, Mo., Marshall Thomas of Saginaw High School in Saginaw, Mi., and Loren Wallace of Quincy High School in Quincy Ill., are all featured speakers as well. Those three coaches have combined for over 1,484 career victories during their careers.

In addition, University of Minnesota Compliance Coordinator Chris Schoemann will speak on NCAA rules and requirements for incoming prospects. The weekend concludes Saturday with a scrimmage by the Golden Gopher basketball team at 2 p.m. and a trip to the Minnesota/Michigan football game at 6 p.m. The basketball scrimmage is also open to the general public with an admission fee of \$5.

The seminar costs \$75 and is open to basketball coaches of all ages. The ticket gets you meals, access to an evening social, apparel from Champion, football ticket to the game, ticket to the scrimmage, informational handouts and a Nike coaching notebook. For more information, call the U of M basketball office at 1-800-858-8636 or (612) 625-3085.



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For Immediate Release  
Contact: Erich Bacher (612) 624-7318

October 19, 1996

## MINNESOTA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY 3RD AT ISU MEMORIAL CLASSIC

Ames, Iowa - Senior Rick Obleman's (Regina, Saskatchewan) 13th place finish led the Minnesota Golden Gophers men's cross country team to a third place finish at the Iowa State Memorial Classic Saturday morning.

Individual champion Silah Misoi of Life College of Marietta, Ga., raced to a time of 24:37 over the five-mile course to lead his team to the team title as well. Iowa State finished second, followed by Minnesota in third.

Obleman's time of 26:15 was 13 seconds ahead of teammate and 16th place finisher Jeremy Polson (Duluth, Minn.). Sophomore Todd Landgraff (St. Peter, Minn.) and senior Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.) finished 18th and 22nd, respectively. Sophomore Charlie McClure (Brookfield, Wis.) finished 28th to close out the Gopher scoring.

The Gopher harriers return to action Saturday, Oct. 26, when they host the Marathon Sports 5K on Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course. The men's race is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.

IOWA STATE MEMORIAL CLASSIC  
OCTOBER 19, 1996  
IOWA STATE CC COURSE  
AMES, IOWA

TEAM RESULTS: 1. LIFE COLLEGE, 49; 2. IOWA STATE, 54; 3. MINNESOTA, 97; 4. KANSAS, 107; 5. ILLINOIS STATE, 112; 6. NORTHERN IOWA, 151; 7. DRAKE, 152; 8. SOUTH DAKOTA, 153; 9. MINNESOTA-DULUTH, 277; 10. MISSOURI-KANSAS-CITY, 298; 11. CREIGHTON, 321; 12. McKENDREE COLLEGE, 338.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. Silah Misoi (Life), 24:37; 2. Sammy Nyamongo (Life), 25:30; 3. Ralf Damen (Life), 25:39; 4. Corey Ihmels (ISU), 25:45; 5. Chris Bailey (Ill. St.), 25:47; 6. Bryan Schultz (KAN), 25:47; 7. David Kosgei (Life), 25:51; 8. Simeon Wright (ISU), 25:54; 9. Jay Brock (NIU), 25:56; 10. Kevin Farrow (ISU), 26:03; 13. Rick Obleman (MN), 26:15; Other Minnesota Finishers: 16. Jeremy Polson, 26:28; 18. Todd Landgraff, 26:35; 22. Tony Riter, 26:45; 28. Charles McClure, 26:59; 32. Ron Hoffner, 27:13; Alan Broderius, 27:23; 40. Chris Anderson, 27:31; 44. Mike Stoick, 27:38; 51. Eric Hartmark, 27:47; 57. Phil Smith, 27:59; 64. Chuck Smith, 28:44

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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Oct. 22, 1996


### **BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR NOV. 4; SEASON CREDENTIAL REQUESTS DUE IN ASAP**

The 1996-97 Golden Gopher basketball media day is set for Monday, Nov. 4, 1996 at 12:30 p.m. in the Williams Arena Club Room. All season credentials will be handed out at that time, so if you have not sent in your request, please FAX or mail one on media letterhead to KAREN ZWACH in the Media Relations Office.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Following that Athletics Director Mark Dienhart will make a brief opening statement, followed by Head Coach Clem Haskins and his coaching staff. Haskins and his staff will preview the upcoming season. Players will be available for one-on-one interviews beginning at 2 p.m. at courtside. Please RSVP whether you will be attending Media Day to KAREN ZWACH (612) 625-4090.

Tuesday afternoon from 2-2:45 p.m. will be the regular interview time for basketball, similar to last season. Media wishing to interview players or Coach Haskins must notify the Media Relations Office 24 hours in advance of their needs. Due to scheduling, this regularly scheduled interview day can be canceled or moved at coach's discretion. Please keep in touch with the Media Relations Office. The weekly basketball luncheons will begin during the Big Ten season. A full schedule of those luncheons will be announced at a later date.

**NOTE:** Parking for Basketball Media Day will be available on the South tarmac of Williams Arena as in past years.



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## **PLASENCIA WINS MARATHON SPORTS OPEN 5K TITLE**

Former Golden Gopher All-American and current head cross country coach Steve Plasencia claimed the individual title at the Marathon Sports 5K on Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course.

Plasencia's winning time of 15:14 was eight seconds faster than senior Gopher captain Rick Obleman (Regina, Saskatchewan) who finished second overall at 15:22. Freshman Jeremy Polson (Duluth, Minn.) finished third at 15:29 and senior Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.) finished fourth at 15:34. Sophomore Todd Landgraff finished fifth at 15:40 to close out the top five.

No team scores were kept in the open event that served as a tune-up for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships next Saturday, Nov. 2, in Bloomington, Ind. The Gopher harriers will look to improve upon last year's ninth-place finish. The men's race is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.

**MARATHON SPORTS OPEN 5K  
OCTOBER 26, 1996  
LES BOLSTAD U OF M GOLF COURSE  
ST. PAUL, MINN.**

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Steve Plasencia, 15:14; 2. Rick Obleman (MN), 15:22; 3. Jeremy Polson (MN), 15:29; 4. Tony Riter (MN), 15:34; 5. Todd Landgraff (MN), 15:40; Other Minnesota Finishers: 6. Mike Stoick, 15:50; 7. Chris Anderson, 15:52; 8. Ron Hoffner, 15:54; 9. Charles McClure, 15:57; 10. Phil Smith, 15:57; 11. Alan Broderius, 16:00; 12. Nate Clay, 16:20; 13. Chris Rogers, 16:28; 14. Eric Hartmark, 16:32.



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## GOLDEN GOPHER HOCKEY FANS SECOND IN THE NATION

Over the course of the past two weeks, Internet users on ESPNET SportsZone have had the opportunity to select the Best of the Campus Crazies, a contest aimed at selecting the best and craziest groups of fans in college sports. The University of Minnesota hockey fans were selected as the second best fans in the nation, coming in behind Duke basketball fans in the finals, in results which were announced Monday.

The Golden Gopher hockey fans edged out programs such as Georgia football (55 percent to 45 percent), Clemson football (52 to 48), and Kansas basketball (51-49) on their way to the finals, where they were defeated by the Duke hoop fans. The Cameron Crazies gathered 61.8 percent of the 5,082 votes.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with a white 'M' on the chest and a white scarf. It is holding a tennis racket in its right hand and a tennis ball in its left hand. The mascot is positioned behind the word 'SPORTS' in the 'SPORTS NEWS' title.

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October 27, 1996

## GOLDEN GOPHERS COMPETE IN TULANE, FLORIDA STATE INVITATIONALS

A split Golden Gopher tennis squad competed today in the finals of the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La., and in the Seminole Fall Classic in Tallahassee, Fla.

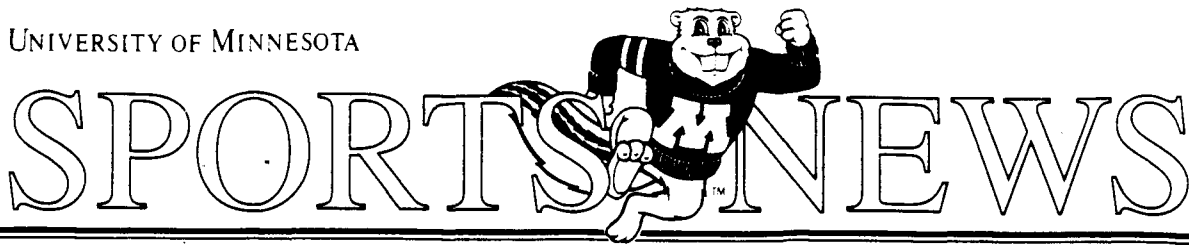
In the Seminole Fall Classic, sophomore Tom Chicoine Ariel Rivero of 6-0 and 1-0 (retired) to claim third place in Flight One singles.

Freshman Martin Michalowski took fifth place in Flight Three singles with a win over Sergio Ayo of Southern Florida, who retired in the first set.

Sophomore John Chergi placed eighth after he was defeated by J.D. Hall of Ball State 7-6 and 6-3. Sophomore Tim George placed seventh in Flight Four singles with a 6-1 and 6-3 thumping of Patricio Diaz of South Florida. Freshman Aaron Dvorak defeated Brian Lit of South Florida in Flight Five singles to claim seventh place.

The doubles team of Dvorak of Minnesota and Greg Thompson of Alabama placed sixth after losing to Brian Lit and Alex LeJeune of Southern Florida 9-7. In Flight Two doubles, George and Michalowski defeated Ayo and Diaz of South Florida 8-6 for seventh place. The tandem of Chicoine and Chergi placed eighth after losing to Nistor and Zekri of South Florida 8-1 in Flight One doubles.

In the Tulane Invitational, senior Ben Gabler competed in the final match of the consolation bracket, but his results weren't available at the time of this release.



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October 21, 1996

## **DIENHART REPORTS HOCKEY VIOLATION TO NCAA; WOOG SUSPENDED**


University of Minnesota Director of Men's Athletics Mark Dienhart announced today that the University of Minnesota has self-reported a NCAA rules violation to the NCAA which took place in the spring of 1994, at the conclusion of the 1993-94 Golden Gopher hockey season.

U of M head hockey coach Doug Woog gave former hockey player Chris McAlpine \$500 in the spring of his senior year, after his eligibility had expired, to help defray his tuition costs in his final quarter.

"Doug knowingly violated a NCAA rule," said Dienhart. "After reporting this violation and discussing this matter with the NCAA last week, we have taken the following actions.":

- Woog will be suspended — without pay through this weekend's WCHA series with UMD — pending completion of the final written report to the NCAA.
- One scholarship will be removed from the hockey program for the 1997-98 academic year.
- Woog will attend a NCAA rules seminar at his own expense.

University of Minnesota Associate Head Coach, Mike Guentzel, will assume head coaching responsibility for this weekend's series in Duluth.



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## **GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FALL SEASON WITH SEVENTH-PLACE TIE AT DUKE INVITE:**

The Golden Gopher golf team ended their fall season by finishing in a seventh-place tie with Augusta State College at the Duke Golf Classic in Durham, N.C., on Monday. Virginia-Commonwealth won the tournament with a score of 880, which was eight strokes better than runner-up North Carolina State (888). Northwestern finished third at 889, Georgia Tech came in fourth at 893 and host-school Duke was fifth at 896.

The Gophers final round of 303 dropped them from sixth to a seventh-place tie at 906. The seventh-place tie marked the first time in four tries that the team has finished out of the top five.

The U of M linksters were led by freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England), who finished tied for fifth-place at 221. Le Mesurier was even-par heading into the final round, before a five-over par 77 dropped him from medalist contention. Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) climbed to a 13th-place tie with a final round 72 to finish at 224. **BILL THOMPSON** (Fr., Wayzata, Minn.) tied for 41st at 230, **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) tied for 53rd at 235 and **RUSS HIGGINS** (Rochester, Minn.) tied for 67th at 240.

### Duke Invitational

Duke Golf Club, October 20-21, 1996

7,045 yards, Par 72

### Final Team Standings

Place	School	Score
1.	Virginia-Commonwealth	296-290-294-880
2.	North Carolina State	303-291-294-888
3.	Northwestern	299-297-293-889
4.	Georgia Tech	307-289-297-893
5.	Duke University	300-305-291-896
6.	Florida Southern	307-299-299-905
7.	Minnesota	304-299-303-906
7.	Augusta St.	304-294-308-906
9.	Virginia Tech	313-297-298-908
10.	Maryland	308-299-310-917
11.	N.C.-Greensboro	314-307-309-930
12.	Old Dominion	309-306-316-931
13.	Charleston	313-314-305-932
14.	Wofford	325-302-308-935
15.	N.C.-Charlotte	335-311-311-957

### Top Ten Individuals

Place	Name/School	Score
1.	John Rollins/Va. Comm.	70-72-71-213 (-3)
2.	Scott Rowe/N'western	74-74-68-216 (E)
3.	Steve Goodley/Charleston	69-74-76-219 (+3)
4.	Tim Clark/NC State	72-72-76-220 (+4)
5.	Jason Buha/Duke	74-75-72-221 (+5)
5.	Mike Christensen/Duke	74-74-73-221 (+5)
5.	Martin Le Mesurier/Minn.	72-72-77-221 (+5)
9.	Stewart Whiteford/NC State	78-72-72-221 (+6)
9.	Brian Newton/Ga. Tech	76-73-73-222 (+6)

### Final Minnesota Scores

Place	Name	Score
T 5th	Martin Le Mesurier	72-72-77-221
T 13th	Rob Kerr	77-75-72-224
T 41st	Bill Thompson	79-74-77-230
T 53rd	Mark Halverson	76-82-77-235
T 67th	Russ Higgins	81-78-81-240

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## **BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGE OPEN TO PUBLIC SATURDAY; FANS CAN GET FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TICKET FOR \$10**

The Golden Gopher basketball team will give fans their only chance to see them live before the start of the 1996-97 season this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Williams Arena when they compete in an intrasquad scrimmage. Admission to the scrimmage is \$5 and all seating is general admission. There is a football/basketball combo ticket package available that gets fans a ticket to the Minnesota/Michigan football game and admission to the scrimmage for just \$10. This may be some fans only chance to see the basketball team live or in a better seating location due to the lack of availability of season tickets for Golden Gopher basketball. The proceeds from the scrimmage will help offset the costs of the team's planned preseason trip to Europe next summer.



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October 21, 1996

## 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, October 21:

Defensive Coordinator **Tim Rose**

Tuesday, October 22:

Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, October 23:

Junior quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Thursday, October 24:

Freshman wing **Dave Spehar**

Friday, October 25:

Asst. Hockey Coach **Mike Guentzel**

Saturday-Sunday, October 26-27:

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

## 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's SportsZone will be available at the following address:

<http://espnet.sportszone.com>

## This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,  
Oct. 25

• **Hockey**

at Minnesota-Duluth  
DECC

Midwest Sports Channel,  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• **Tennis**  
(Split squad)

at Florida State Invitational  
Scott Speicher Tennis Center  
Tallahassee, Florida, TBA  
at Tulane Invitational  
Goldring Tennis Center  
New Orleans, La., TBA

Saturday,  
Oct. 26

• **Football**

vs. Michigan  
Metrodome  
ESPN2, 6 p.m.

• **Hockey**

at Minnesota-Duluth  
DECC

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KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

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New Orleans, La., TBA

• **Swimming**

vs. Intrasquad  
Aquatic Center, 12 noon

• **Cross Country**

Marathon Sports 5K  
Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course  
11 a.m.

Sunday,  
Oct. 27

• **Tennis**  
(Split squad)

at Florida State Invitational  
Scott Speicher Tennis Center  
Tallahassee, Florida, TBA  
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Goldring Tennis Center  
New Orleans, La., TBA





## CROSS COUNTRY

### HARRIERS HOST MARATHON SPORTS 5K

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### GOPHERS 3RD AT IOWA STATE MEMORIAL

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**STOICK MAKES GOPHER DEBUT:** Freshman transfer **MIKE STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) made his Minnesota debut with a 46th place finish at the Iowa State Classic. Stoick attended the University of South Dakota for one year, before transferring to the U of M.

### BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR

**NOVEMBER 2:** The 1996 Big Ten Cross Country Championships are set for November 2 in Bloomington, Indiana. The 8K race will be held at the Indiana University Golf Course. The Golden Gophers will be looking to improve upon last year's ninth place finish. Obleman's 25th place finish led all U of M runners at the 1995 Big Ten's.

**IOWA STATE MEMORIAL CLASSIC**  
**OCTOBER 19, 1996**  
**IOWA STATE CC COURSE**  
**AMES, IOWA**

**TEAM RESULTS:** 1. LIFE COLLEGE, 49; 2. IOWA STATE, 54; 3. MINNESOTA, 97; 4. KANSAS, 107; 5. ILLINOIS STATE, 112; 6. NORTHERN IOWA, 151; 7. DRAKE, 152; 8.

MISSOURI-KANSAS-CITY, 298; 11. CREIGHTON, 321; 12. McKENDREE COLLEGE, 338.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:** 1. Silah Misoi (Life), 24:37; 2. Sammy Nyamongo (Life), 25:30; 3. Ralf Damen (Life), 25:39; 4. Corey Ihmels (ISU), 25:45; 5. Chris Bailey (Ill. St.), 25:47; 6. Bryan Schultz (KAN), 25:47; 7. David Kosgei (Life), 25:51; 8. Simeon Wright (ISU), 25:54; 9. Jay Brock (NIU), 25:56; 10. Kevin Farrow (ISU), 26:03; 13. **Rick Obleman (MN), 26:15; Other Minnesota Finishers:** 16. **Jeremy Polson, 26:28; 18. Todd Landgraft, 26:35; 22. Tony Riter, 26:45, 28. Charles McClure, 26:59; 32. Ron Hoffner, 27:13; Alan Broderius, 27:23; 40. Chris Anderson, 27:31, 44. Mike Stoick, 27:38; 51. Eric Hartmark, 27:47; 57. Phil Smith, 27:59; 64. Chuck Smith, 28:44**



## TENNIS

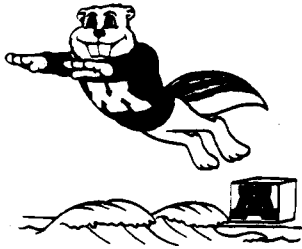
### NETTERS TO COMPETE THIS WEEKEND:

The Golden Gophers will travel in two different directions for the weekend of Oct. 25-27. Part of the squad will compete in the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla., while the remainder of the squad is scheduled to compete in the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La.

### GABLER RESULTS FROM ITA ALL-AMERICAN TOURNAMENT:

Senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) was part of an elite field last weekend at the Reebok All-American Championships at the University of Texas Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin, Texas. Gabler was in a field of the top 32 singles players in the country, all competing for the title of the second leg of the 1996-97 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Collegiate Grand Slam. The returning all-Big Ten selection dropped both matches in the double-elimination event, losing to Tim Crichton of Arkansas in the first round 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 before being eliminated by Fredrik Niemeyer of Middle Tennessee State 6-3, 6-4 in the consolation bracket.

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## SWIMMING AND DIVING

**GOPHERS VS. GOPHERS:** The University of Minnesota men's swim team will hold an intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday, Oct. 26, at noon. The dual will be run with a regular 16-event format and will determine the travel squad for the Tar Hill Invitational and North Carolina dual on Nov. 1 and 2.

**LAST WEEK:** The Maroon and Gold hosted the alumni meet and broke each class into teams. No team scores were kept, but some impressive early-season times were turned in. The junior 200 medley relay squad of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.), **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M./Eldorado), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Hania, Creete, Greece/Reynolds, Ore.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), turned in a time of 1:34.06. Sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) touched the wall at 22.22 in the 50 fly and sophomore **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) swam a 50.87 in the 100 fly. Rients clocked in at 47.12 in the 100 free.

**PRESEASON POLL:** The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked 13th in Speedo America's Top 25 preseason swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 209 points while defending NCAA champion Texas is first with 360. Michigan (4), Indiana (19), Ohio State (22) and Iowa (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota, the defending Big Ten champions, return 12 athletes who were Big Ten finalists and eight who have NCAA championship experience.

The complete preseason poll follows:

1. Texas, 360; 2. Auburn, 355; 3. Stanford, 348; 4. Michigan, 336; 5. Tennessee, 312; 6. Southern Cal, 272; 7. Southern Methodist, 269; 8. Arizona State, 250; 9. Florida, 226; 10. California, 221; 11. Georgia, 216; 12. Arizona, 211; 13. **Minnesota, 209**; 14. Miami, 197; 15. North Carolina, 161; 16. Louisiana State, 132; 17. Harvard, 123; 18. Florida State, 103; 19. Indiana, 76; 19t. Texas A&M, 76; 21. Nebraska, 72; 22. Ohio State, 71; 23. Iowa, 48; 24. Alabama, 39; 25. Kansas, 33.



## WRESTLING

**1996 WRESTLING KICKOFF CLINIC SET FOR OCTOBER 26TH:** University of Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson has announced that he and his staff will host it's 1996 Wrestling Kickoff Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Bierman Field Athletic Building at 1 p.m.

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans of all ages will learn wrestling techniques and experience the intensity of a collegiate work-out. All persons attending the clinic will receive a free ticket to the Golden Gophers football game against Michigan following the clinic and a free ticket to the Gophers wrestling home opener on Dec. 6 against Northwestern.

The cost of the clinic is \$10 for persons who pre-register and \$12 at the door. For ticket and additional information, call Sue Rubens at the U of M at (612) 624-7342.

### Schedule of Events - Saturday, October 26

Time	Event	Place
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	BFAB
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Introduction	BFAB
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Wrestling Clinic	BFAB
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Autograph Session	BFAB
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Watch U of M Wrestling Practice	
6:00 p.m.	Minnesota vs. Michigan Football (HHH Metrodome)	



# GOLF

## GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FALL SEASON WITH SEVENTH-PLACE TIE AT DUKE INVITE:

The Golden Gopher golf team finished in a seventh-place tie with Augusta State College at the Duke Golf Classic in Durham, N.C., this past weekend. Virginia-Commonwealth won the tournament with a score of 880, which was eight strokes better than runner-up North Carolina State (888). Northwestern finished third at 889, Georgia Tech came in fourth at 893 and host-school Duke was fifth at 896.

The Gophers final round of 303 dropped them from sixth to a seventh-place tie at 906. The seventh-place tie marked the first time in four tries that the team has finished out of the top five.

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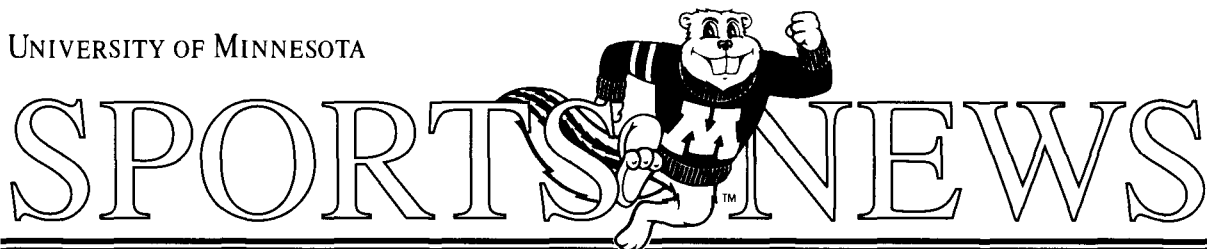
## **GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S GOLF TEAM RANKED SIXTH IN POLL**

The University of Minnesota men's golf team is ranked sixth in the Golfweek/Taylor Made collegiate golf poll. The Golden Gophers received 75 points and are tied with Texas for the sixth spot. Minnesota is the highest ranked Big Ten school in the poll followed by Ohio State (12) and Northwestern (18), the only other conference schools in the top 30.

The complete poll follows:

1. North Carolina, 135; 2. UNLV, 125; 3. Arizona State, 120; 4. Oklahoma State, 115; 5. East Tennessee State, 100; 6. Minnesota, 75; t6. Texas, 75; 8. Georgia Tech, 65; 9. Florida, 55; t9. Clemson, 55; t9. Arizona, 55; 12. Ohio State, 50; t12. Southern Cal, 50; 14. Texas Christian, 45; t14. Wake Forest, 45; t14. Virginia, 45; t14. Tulsa, 45; 18. Northwestern, 40; 19. Louisiana State, 35; t19. Brigham Young, 35; t19. Duke, 35; 22. Southern Methodist, 25; t22. Auburn, 25; t22. Houston, 25; 25. New Mexico, 20; t25. Rice, 20; 27. Arkansas, 15; t27. Mississippi State, 15; t27. Nebraska, 15; t27. Virginia Commonwealth, 15.

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## **KERR TO COMPETE IN THE COLLEGE ALL-AMERICA GOLF CLASSIC**

Junior All-American Rob Kerr has been invited to compete in the 22nd annual College All-America Golf Classic at the El Paso Country Club in El Paso, Tex., this Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28-29. The prestigious stroke play tournament has a field that consists only of returning and preseason All-Americans. The tournament has been in existence since 1974 and has an alumni list that features such famous PGA names as Payne Stewart, Corey Pavin, Curtis Strange, Craig Stadler, Mark O' Meara, Davis Love III, Scott Hoch, Jay Haas, John Daly, Steve Elkington, and Minnesota's only previous entry in the tournament, Tom Lehman (1980). In all the tournament has had it's alumni win 13 major tournaments.

Kerr, a returning All-America selection, won the NCAA Central Regional last year and tied for medalist honors at this year's ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational Hazelton National Golf Club. He leads the team in stroke average with a 73.7 mark for the fall season.

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## **HASKINS TO BE INDUCTED INTO WESTERN KENTUCKY HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

University of Minnesota Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins will be inducted into the Western Kentucky University Hall of Distinguished Alumni in a ceremony at the Bowling Green/Warren County Convention Center, in Bowling Green, Ky., tomorrow.

Haskins, holds bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Western Kentucky. He is a member of the Western Kentucky Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Haskins will be inducted with Dr. Thomas Cook, Ms. Patricia Garrison-Corbin, the Hilltoppers music group, and Mr. Charles Kleiderer.

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Defensive Coordinator **Tim Rose**

Tuesday, October 29:

Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, October 30:

Junior split end **Ryan Thelwell**

Thursday, October 31:

Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Friday, November 1:

Cross country coach **Steve Plasencia**

Saturday-Sunday, November 2-3:

Head Football Coach **Jim Wacker's** Ohio State postgame comments

## This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,  
Nov. 1

- **Hockey** at Wisconsin  
Dane County Coliseum  
Midwest Sports Channel,  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
- **Tennis** at Regional Championships  
MSU Tennis Facility  
East Lansing, Mich., TBA
- **Swimming** at Tar Heel Invitational  
Koury Natatorium  
Chapel Hill, N.C., 4 p.m.

Saturday,  
Nov. 2

- **Football** at Ohio State  
Ohio Stadium  
ESPN2, 11:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Wisconsin  
Dane County Coliseum  
Midwest Sports Channel,  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
- **Tennis** at Regional Championships  
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East Lansing, Mich., TBA
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Koury Natatorium  
Chapel Hill, N.C., 3 p.m.
- **Cross Country** at Big Ten Championships  
Bloomington, Ind., 11 a.m.

Sunday,  
Nov. 3

- **Tennis** at Regional Championships  
MSU Tennis Facility  
East Lansing, Mich., TBA

Monday,  
Nov. 4

- **Tennis** at Regional Championships  
MSU Tennis Facility  
East Lansing, Mich., TBA
- \* **Basketball** Media Day  
Williams Arena Club Room  
12:30 p.m.

## 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://espnetsportszone.com>



## 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)	11 a.m.
Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	11 a.m.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

### BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT FOR

**GOPHER HARRIERS:** The Golden Gopher harriers travel to Bloomington, Ind., this Saturday, Nov. 2, for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships. Race time is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Minnesota finished ninth at last year's championships, which were held at Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course in St. Paul.

### PLASENCIA TAKES MARATHON SPORTS 5K

**TITLE:** Former Golden Gopher All-American and current head cross country coach Steve Plasencia claimed the individual title at the Marathon Sports 5K on Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course this past Saturday.

Plasencia's winning time of 15:14 was eight seconds faster than senior Gopher captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) who finished second overall at 15:22. Freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) finished third at 15:29 and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) finished fourth at 15:34. Sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) finished fifth at 15:40 to close out the top five.

No team scores were kept in the open event that served as a tune-up for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships this Saturday. The Gopher harriers will look to improve upon last year's ninth-place finish. The men's race is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.

### LAST YEAR AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPI-

**ONSHIPS:** Five members of this year's Golden Gopher squad ran at last year's Big Ten Championships. Obleman turned in a 25th-place finish to lead all U of M runners. He covered the 8K

Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course in 25:49.6. Landgraff finished 50th with a time of 26:58.7. Hoffner was 62nd with a time of 26:56 and Riter finished 77th at 33:08. Junior **AL BRODERIUS** (Duluth, Minn.) also competed for the Gophers and came in 81st at 27:48.8.

The meet will mark the first Big Ten Championship for freshmen **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Chisago City, Minn.), **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.), **CHRIS ROGERS** (Moorhead, Minn.), **CHUCK SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.), **PHIL SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.), **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) and Polson. Sophomores **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **CHARLES McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.) will also compete in their first Big Ten Cross Country Championship.

### WISCONSIN SEEKS THIRD STRAIGHT

**TITLE:** The University of Wisconsin will seek its third straight Big Ten Cross Country Championship this Saturday. The Badgers return the top finisher from last year's meet in Pascal Dobert, who finished third with a time of 24:56.4. UW won the meet with 37 points. Michigan (56 pts.) and Michigan State (91 pts.), which finished second and third last year, will hope to unseed the No. 8 Badgers. The Wolverines are No. 10 and Spartans No. 10 according to the latest Martin Surfacing NCAA Division I Men's Cross Country Poll. No. 22 Illinois could also make a run at the title.

### MARATHON SPORTS OPEN 5K

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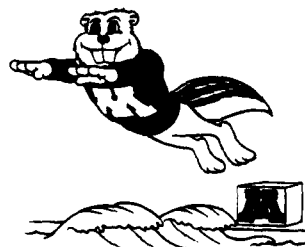
## TENNIS

**TENNIS TRAVELS TO REGIONALS THIS WEEKEND:** The Golden Gophers will travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the next-to-last stop of the fall tennis season this weekend as they compete in the Region IV Championships. Play in singles and doubles begins on Friday, with champions scheduled to be crowned on Monday, Nov. 4.

**CHICOINE LEADS WEEKEND PERFORMANCES:** Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) was among a host of Golden Gophers competing last weekend in tournaments hosted by Florida State University and Tulane University. Chicoine took home third place in the Flight 1 Singles bracket of the Seminole Fall Classic, held at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center at FSU. He downed Ty Braswell of Florida State (7-6, 5-7, 7-5), Boris Sepesi of Miami (OH) 6-4, 6-4, and Ariel Rivero of Alabama (6-0, 6-0) on his way to a 3-1 overall record on the weekend.

Freshman **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn) placed fifth in Flight 3 Singles at FSU, while number one singles player **BEN GABLER** (Sr., Chambersburg, Pa.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Md.) competed in the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La.

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**TOBACCO ROAD BOUND:** The University of Minnesota men's swim team will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for the 20th Annual Tar Heel Invitational on Friday, Nov. 1, then will battle 15th-ranked North Carolina in a dual meet on Saturday at 3 p.m.

The invitational will be a five-event meet with the 1650 and 50 free, 400 IM, 200 free relay and 200 medley relay being contested. North Carolina and Minnesota will be the only collegiate teams competing as the rest of the field will be comprised of club teams.

**LAST YEAR:** The Maroon and Gold defeated the Tar Heels 180-120 at the U of M Aquatic Center. Minnesota swimmers won 13 of the 16 events contested in the tri-dual involving Northwestern. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Creete, Greece/Reynolds, Ore.) was a double winner capturing the 200 and 500 free while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 fly.

**LAST WEEK:** The Golden Gophers staged a civil war as the Maroon battled the Gold with the Gold claiming a 153.5-139.5 victory. Zielinski was a triple-winner for the Gold, winning the 200 back, 100 and 200 fly. **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) won the 1- and 3-meter diving events while other Gold winners included **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.) in the 100 back, **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) in the 100 breast, **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.) in the 100 free and **BRIAN HOWARD** (Fr., Roeland Park, Kan.) in the 200 breast.

Double-event winners for the Maroon included Manolis Lentaris in the 500 and 100 free and **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) in the 50 and 200 free.



# GOLF

## GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FALL SEASON WITH THREE TOP-FIVE FINISHES:

The Golden Gopher golf team finished the fall season with three top-five finishes in four tournaments. They carded a team stroke average of 295.2 and posted a low round of 282 (Missouri Bluffs Invite). The team will be off until Feb. 14, 1997, when they will compete in the NCAA Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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### GOPHERS 7TH AT BIG TEN'S:

The Golden Gophers finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships last Saturday at Bloomington, Ind. Gopher captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) led the Gophers with a seventh-place finish, which was his best finish at the Big Ten Championships in his four-year career. He covered the 8K course in 25:13.8. Sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) surprised with a 34th-place finish. His time of 25:55.1 was also a personal best in the Big Ten Championships. Senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) finished 47th at 26:24, which was two seconds ahead of teammate and 51st-place finisher **CHARLIE MCCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.). Freshman **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) closed-out the Minnesota scoring with a 62nd-place finish at 26:41.

Other Gopher runners competing were sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), who finished 63rd, freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) came in 67th, freshman **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Chisago Lakes, Minn.) finished 72nd and junior **ALLEN BRODERIUS** (Duluth, Minn.) came in 74th.

**CONSISTENT GOPHER:** Obleman has been a model of consistency for this year's Golden Gopher cross country team. He has been the top Gopher finisher in five of six meets thus far in 1996. Obleman's seventh-place finish at this year's Big Ten Championships was a career-best. He placed 18th as a freshman, 22nd as a sophomore and 25th as a junior. Obleman will aim for more improvement on Nov. 16 at the District Four Championships.

**UP AND COMING:** Stoick joined the Gophers during the month of September and has established himself as one of Minnesota's top-five runners. The redshirt freshman, who transferred from the University of South Dakota, placed 62nd in his first Big Ten Championship. Stoick will also run for the Gophers on Nov. 16 at the District Four Championships.

### 1996 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOVEMBER 2, 1996

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY COURSE  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

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# SWIMMING AND DIVING

## 1996 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

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Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Dec. 20	Miami & Clemson (Miami, Fla.)	TBA
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

**UP NEXT:** The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will have this weekend off to prepare for a dual with the Nebraska Cornhuskers which is set for Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

**AGAINST THE TAR HEELS:** The Golden Gophers traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C. and topped 15th-ranked North Carolina by a 153-145 count. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) captured event titles in the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 back and 100 fly to lead the Golden Gopher men.

### COMPLETE RESULTS:

Minnesota 153  
North Carolina 145

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. B (Erick Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.08; 2. UNC B, 1:32.46; 3. UNC A, 1:33.70; 4. Minn. A (Yoav Meiri, Mitch Henke, John Cahoy, Jeremy Rients), 1:34.38.

1000 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 9:24.61; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:24.85; 3. R. Thorpe, UNC, 9:25.97; 4. M. Chorba, UNC, 9:27.88.

200 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.08; 2. E. Abele, UNC, 1:40.67; 3. E. Fehr, UNC, 1:41.17; 4. M. Branum, UNC, 1:41.79.

100 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.92; 2. T. Runberg, UNC, 50.50; 3. T. Brisson, UNC, 51.06; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 52.37.

100 Breaststroke: 1. J. Weiss, UNC, 57.33; 2. S. Bonack, UNC, 57.56; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 57.63; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 58.00.

200 Fly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.66; 2. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 1:52.52; 3. D. Weeks, UNC, 1:52.57; 4. T. Shade, UNC, 1:53.56.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 21.02; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 21.12; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 21.18; 4. T. Brisson, UNC, 21.21; t4. C. Jennings, UNC, 21.21.

1-meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 272.62; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 260.17; 3. C. Zuburg, UNC, 227.39; 4. B. Cockman, UNC, 215.70.

100 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.56; 2. E. Abele, UNC, 45.66; 3. M. Branum, UNC, 46.07; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 46.55.

200 Back: 1. T. Runberg, UNC, 1:50.74; 2. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 1:51.40; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.22; 4. R. Thorpe, UNC, 1:53.88.

3-meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 296.62; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 283.87; 3. C. Zuburg, UNC, 258.82; 4. B. Cockman, UNC, 233.85.

400 IM: 1. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 4:01.39; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 4:01.44; 3. J. Weiss, UNC, 4:03.06; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:05.25.

400 Free Relay: 1. UNC B, 3:01.74; 2. Minn. C (M. Lentaris, M. Schlessman, J. Rients, J. Cahoy), 3:02.99

200 Breaststroke: 1. J. Weiss, UNC, 2:03.96; 2. S. Bonack, UNC, 2:04.40; 3. S. Troy, UNC, 2:06.89; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:08.28.

500 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:32.85; 2. E. Fehr, UNC, 4:34.64; 3. M. Copeland, UNC, 4:35.27; 4. M. Chorba, UNC, 4:35.87.

100 Fly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.14; 2. T. Shade, UNC, 49.66; 3. C. Jennings, UNC, 50.06; 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.36.



# TENNIS

## TENNIS HOSTS ICE VOLLEYS THIS WEEK-

**END:** The Golden Gophers will close out the fall schedule by hosting the annual Ice Volleys tournament at the Burnsville Racquet Club on Nov. 9-10. The Golden Gophers will entertain USC, Notre Dame and Clemson in what has become one of the top team tennis tournaments in the nation.

**ICE VOLLEYS SCHEDULE:** The tournament will be played this season in a slightly different format than in previous years. Each squad's position singles and doubles teams will compete in their own "mini tournament" to determine singles champions in seven categories and doubles champions at each of the three doubles levels. The schedule for the weekend is listed below:

### Number One Singles

USC vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #4
Minnesota vs. Clemson	Sat. 2 p.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Center Court
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Center Court

### Number Two Singles

USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #6
Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #7
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #4
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #4

### Number Three Singles

Minnesota vs. USC	Sat. 2 p.m.	Center Court
Clemson vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #4
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #6
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #6

### Number Four Singles

Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #7
Clemson vs. USC	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #6
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #7
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #7

### Number Five Singles

Notre Dame vs. USC	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #4
Clemson vs. Minnesota	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #5
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #5

### Number Six Singles

Clemson vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #5
USC vs. Minnesota	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #6
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #8
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #8

### Number Seven Singles

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USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #8
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court TBA
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court TBA

### Number One Doubles

USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #4
Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 11 a.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. Noon	Court #5
Championship	Sun. Noon	Center Court

### Number Two Doubles

USC vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #5
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3rd place	Sun. Noon	Court #7
Championship	Sun. Noon	Court #4

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Three teams advance to the NCAAs from the District and the top five runners not on those teams will advance if they finish in the top 20 overall.

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# WRESTLING

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Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
<b>Official Team Schedule</b>			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	7:30 p.m.
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Iowa State</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>South Dakota St.</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
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<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>Pavillon</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
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<b>Mar. 8-9</b>	<b>Big Ten's</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

**Bold** indicates in-state meets

## GRAPPLERS OPEN UNATTACHED SEASON

**AT BISON OPEN:** The University of Minnesota wrestling team opens its 1996-97 unattached season at the 27th annual Bison Open in Fargo, N.D. The tournament, which is believed to be one of the largest in the Midwest, will be hosted by NCAA Division II wrestling power North Dakota State. Over 250 wrestlers from 20-plus teams will participate in the prestigious tourney. Representatives from the Big Ten, North Central, Northern Sun, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic and North Dakota Collegiate conferences are expected to wrestle in the one-day event.

**1996-97 WRESTLING PREVIEW:** The excitement and enthusiasm will be high when the 1996-97 Golden Gophers take the mat. With the return of two All-Americans and three additional NCAA qualifiers, Coach J Robinson's outfit could make some serious noise when the Big Ten and NCAA Championships roll around in March.

Although the Gophers lost three-time All-American heavyweight Billy Pierce to graduation, they improve immedi-

ately from their sixth-place finish at the 1996 Big Tens with the return of juniors **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho). Both wrestlers qualified for the 1994-95 NAAs but sat out last year because of Olympic commitments. Paulson went on to capture a silver medal in the 114.5 lb. Greco-Roman division, and Taylor finished eighth at the U.S. Olympic Trials. Paulson and Taylor will be mainstays at 118 and 167.

"Paulson and Taylor bring a lot of excitement back to our team this year," said Robinson. "Brandon went from an NCAA qualifier to second in the world, and Taylor brings an intensity to our team that we missed last year."

Junior All-American **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) is back at 142. He finished the season with a sparkling 34-6 record and a fifth-place finish at the NAAs. Davids, who will serve as tri-captain along with Paulson and Taylor, has a chance to become the first Golden Gopher national champion since Marty Morgan in 1991.

"Davids has really come on as a wrestler and team leader," said Robinson. "He will have a good shot at the NCAA title."

Other returning Gophers who saw action at 142 are redshirt freshman **DUSTIN BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) and sophomore **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.). Berger went 8-7 wrestling unattached, while Marr will likely drop down a weight class and contend at 134 again this season.

Sophomore All-American **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) gives Minnesota a dominating edge at 150. Kraft placed fifth at the NAAs and posted a 29-11 mark a season ago. He is on pace to become the Golden Gophers' first four-time All-American. Sophomore **JESSE KREBS** (Minot, N.D.) will also wrestle at 150. Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), who qualified for for the NAAs last season at 177, will move up to 190. The move will pave the way for redshirt freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), a former high school All-American, who went 14-4 wrestling unattached at 177 last season.

"Hartung really worked hard this off-season," said Robinson. "He will not have a problem moving up to 190. Eggum is a redshirt freshman and Junior National champion. He has the attitude for being great."

Junior **JEREMY GOEDEN** (Grand Rapids, Minn.) and sophomore Josh Dodd will push Hartung at 190. The competition to make the team will be fierce at the lighter weights with the exception of Paulson at 118. Four wrestlers will compete for the 126 slot. Sophomore **PAT CONNERS** (Longview, Wash.) posted a respectable 15-18 record last year and is the early favorite. He will be pushed by redshirt freshman **TY FRIEDERICHS** (Maple Grove, Minn.) and sophomore **BART GOYLER** (Cedar, Minn.). Coach Robinson calls the position "up for grabs" and hopes someone can emerge right away.

Senior **NICK ANTILA** (Robbinsdale, Minn.) came on strong at the end of last season and gets the early nod at 134. He posted a 19-14 record that included three pins. Sophomore **MAURICIO MORA** (Santa Ana, Calif.), along with Marr and Friederichs, will have a major shot at unsettling Antila. Marr will move to 134 after posting a 17-6 record at 142 and wrestling at 134 at last year's Big Tens. Mora also impressed with a 17-9 record in limited action last season.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) is back at 158 and ready to improve upon last year's 22-16 record.

Redshirt freshmen **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) and **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) are much improved. They will challenge Holiday for the top spot.

Junior college transfer **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) takes over the vacated spot at heavyweight left by Pierce. Benjamin is a two-time NJCAA National champion and a tremendously gifted athlete. He will learn the rigors of Big Ten wrestling immediately. Redshirt freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) will also see action at heavyweight after going 8-7 unattached last year.

With all of the pieces in place, Coach Robinson will have the luxury of redshirting his entire 1996 recruiting class, which ranked 14th in the nation. Waiting in the wings for 1997-98 will be newcomers **BRAD PIKE** (Brownsdale, Minn.), **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho), **JOSH KREBS** (Minot, N.D.), **CHRIS HUNTER** (Oshkosh, Wis.) and **KENNY HOWARD** (Mandan, N.D.).

"We have three goals for this year's team. First, we're going to be aggressive and dominating. Second, we want to develop our own style at the University of Minnesota. We want people to recognize the style of wrestling we use here in Gold Country. Third, we want to have fun."

The Golden Gophers will entertain one of the toughest schedules in the country this season. Nationally-ranked Iowa State and Oklahoma are on tap in addition to the tough Big Ten schedule. Gold Country will also be the site of the 1997 Big Ten Championships.

### 1996-97 ROSTER:

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Nick Antila**	Sr.	134	Robbinsdale, Minn. (Cooper)
Shelton Benjamin	Jr.	HWT	Susanville, Calif. (Lassen CC)
Delaney Berger	Fr.	158	Mandan, N.D.
Dustin Berger	Fr.	142	Mandan, N.D.
Brent Boeshans	Fr.	HWT	Beulah, N.D.
Pat Connors*	So.	126	Longview, Wash. (R.A. Long)
Jason Davids**	Jr.	142	Forest Lake, Minn.
Josh Dodd*	So.	190	Northwood, Iowa (N'wood-Kensett)
Brandon Eggum	Fr.	178	Sidney, Mont.
Ty Friederichs	Fr.	126	Maple Grove, Minn. (Osseo)
Jeremy Goeden**	Jr.	190	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Barrett Golyer*	So.	118	Cedar, Minn. (St. Francis)
Tim Hartung*	So.	190	Durand, Wis.
Josh Holiday*	So.	158	Anaheim, Calif. (Calvery Chapel)
Kenneth Howard	Fr.	177	Mandan, N.D.
Chris Hunter	Fr.	167	Oshkosh, Wis. (North)
Tim Kinsella	Fr.	158	Litchfield, Minn.
Chad Kraft*	So.	150	Lakefield, Minn. (Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield)
Jesse Krebs*	So.	158	Minot, N.D.
Joshua Krebs	Fr.	142	Minot, N.D.
Brett Lawrence	Fr.	118	Sandpoint, Idaho
Troy Marr*	So.	134	Wyoming, Minn.
Mauricio Mora*	So.	134	Santa Ana, Calif. (Calvery Chapel)
Eddie Pak	Fr.	150	Grayslake, Ill.
Brandon Paulson**	Jr.	118	Coon Rapids, Minn. (Anoka)
Brad Pike	Fr.	142	Brownsdale, Minn. (Hayfield)
Zac Taylor**	Jr.	167	Sandpoint, Idaho

\*letters earned

**Head Coach:** J Robinson (11th Year)

**Assistant Coaches:** Marty Morgan, Mark Schwab, Joe Russell

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Troy Steiner

**Marketing and Promotions:** Willy Short

**Administrative Assistant:** Andrew Johnson, Autumn Taylor

### BISON OPEN LINE-UP BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brandon Paulson, Brett Lawrence,
- 126 - Pat Connors, Ty Friederichs, Barrett Golyer
- 134 - Mauricio Mora, Nick Antila
- 142 - Jason Davids, Dustin Berger, Brad Pike, Troy Marr  
Josh Krebs
- 150 - Chad Kraft, Eddie Pak
- 158 - Tim Kinsella, Josh Holiday, Delaney Berger, Je. Krebs
- 167 - Zac Taylor
- 177 - Brandon Eggum, Kenneth Howard
- 190 - Tim Hartung, Jeremy Goeden, Josh Dodd
- HWT - Shelton Benjamin, Brent Boeshans

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

### 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

### DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

Davids, Kraft and Paulson have earned pre-season 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. 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.



## TENNIS

**AT THE ICE VOLLEYS:** The Minnesota Golden Gophers captured four singles championships and one runner-up title at the 1996 Ice Volleys Tennis Showcase, held at the Burnsville Racquet Club. The Golden Gophers hosted Clemson, Notre Dame and USC in the annual showcase.

Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) won the championship at number one singles, sophomore **TIM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) captured first at number two singles, sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won at number five singles and freshman **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) captured the number six singles title.

Sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) took second place at number three singles. Sophomore **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) and freshman **AARON DVORAK** (Bloomington, Minn.) both won their consolation matches to capture third-place titles at number four and seven singles, respectively.

The tandems of Chicoine and Cheregi at number two doubles and Michalowski and Kristoffersen at number three doubles won their consolation matches to take third place.

**UP NEXT:** The Golden Gopher men's tennis team ended its fall season at the Ice Volleys. The team will resume competition in January, hosting Arizona State on Jan. 17 at the 98th St. Racquet Club.

### Complete Ice Volleys Results:

#### Number One Singles

Consolation — Ryan Sachire (ND) def. Bruce Li (CLEM) 6-4, 6-4

Championship — Ben Gabler (MN) def. Kyle Spencer (USC) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3)

#### Number Two Singles

Consolation — Marco Magnano (ND) def. Ken Wasserman (CLEM) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4

Championship — Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Johannes Mueller (USC) 6-3, 7-5

#### Number Three Singles

Consolation — Fernando Samayoa (USC) def. Rich Reyes (CLEM) 6-3, 6-3

Championship — Ryan Simme (ND) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 7-5, 6-2

#### Number Four Singles

Consolation — Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Andrew Hughes (USC) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2

Championship — Brian Patterson (ND) def. Ryan Bauer (CLEM) 6-2, 7-5

### Number Five Singles

Consolation — Luis Garcia (CLEM) def. Ryan Hollis (USC) 6-4, 6-2

Championship — John Cheregi (MN) def. Dan Rothschild (ND) 6-3, 6-2

### Number Six Singles

Consolation — Andy Warford (ND) def. Rob Waldman (USC) 6-0, 6-3

Championship — Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Pablo Bellagamba (CLEM) 6-4, 7-6 (6)

### Number Seven Singles

Consolation — Aaron Dvorak (MN) def. Sandon Barth (CLEM) 6-4, 6-3

Championship — Matt Horsley (ND) def. Marco Magnano (ND) 6-4, 6-4

### Number One Doubles

Consolation — Spencer/Mueller (USC) def. Gabler/Selkirk (MN) 9-7

Championship — Li/Reyes (CLEM) def. Pietrowski/Patterson (ND) 8-6

### Number Two Doubles

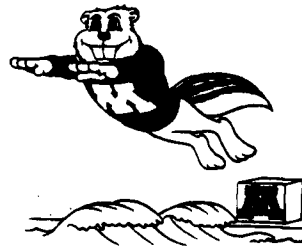
Consolation — Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) def. Samayoa/Waldman (USC) 8-5

Championship — Simme/Rothschild (ND) def. Garcia/Wasserman (CLEM) 8-5

### Number Three Doubles

Consolation — Michalowski/Kristoffersen (MN) def. Sachire/Horsley (ND) 8-6

Championship — Bellagamba/Bauer (CLEM) def. Hollis/Hughes (USC) 8-6



## SWIMMING AND DIVING


**UP NEXT:** The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

Nebraska is 2-0 and is ranked 21st in the nation in the latest coaches poll. Last season, Minnesota traveled to Lincoln and defeated the Cornhuskers 145-98.

**LAST TIME OUT:** The Golden Gophers traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., on Nov. 2 and topped 15th-ranked North Carolina by a 153-145 count. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) captured event titles in the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 back and 100 fly to lead the Golden Gopher men.

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For Immediate Release

November 12, 1996

## WACKER RESIGNS AS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL COACH

Jim Wacker announced today that he will resign as head football coach at the University of Minnesota at the completion of the 1996 season.

Wacker, who had two years remaining on a contract extension that he agreed to last November, informed Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart of his decision following Saturday's 45-28 defeat at Wisconsin. The loss dropped the Golden Gophers to 3-6 overall and 0-6 in the Big Ten.

Ranked No. 12 on the winningest Division I-A active football coaches list with a 159-129-3 record in 26 seasons as a head coach, Wacker, 59, has a 15-38 mark in five years at the helm of the University of Minnesota program. The Golden Gophers, who under Wacker's direction have led the league in Academic All-Big Ten selections the past three years, will play host to Illinois Saturday and then Iowa on Nov. 23 to wrap up the season.

"This is our fifth year here and I felt that it was important for us to have a winning season," Wacker said. "We've done a lot of good things here, especially in the area of academics, but for some reason we couldn't get it done on the field. I honestly believe that the program is heading in the right direction, but I'm the first to admit that the players need a change.

"I can't say enough about the support that President Nils Hasselmo, Vice President McKinley Boston and Mark Dienhart have given our staff the past five years," he said. "Everyone here from top to bottom has been great. I can't emphasize that enough. I will do everything I can to ensure that the transition to the new coaching staff is a smooth one. I want nothing more than to see this program be successful in the future and believe me I'll be one of its biggest supporters."

"It's tough to accept Jim's resignation because of the tremendous personal impact he and his staff have had on our football program, its student-athletes, the University of Minnesota community and the state of Minnesota as a whole," Dienhart said. "Although it hasn't been reflected in the win column, he and his staff have made significant progress with our program. We have led the conference in Academic All-Big Ten selections the past three seasons and Jim has run a program fully committed to complying with all NCAA rules. We all wish Jim, his coaching staff and their families the very, very best in the future. They deserve nothing less."


Wacker has captured four national titles during his coaching career. He won NAIA national crowns in 1974 and 1975 at Texas Lutheran and then NCAA Division II titles in 1981 and 1982 at Southwest Texas State. He was named College Division Coach of the Year in 1982 by the American Football Coaches Association.

In 1984 Wacker led a TCU team, which had fashioned a 17-90-3 mark from 1973-82, to an 8-3 record and an invitation to the Bluebonnet Bowl. His success earned him National Coach of the Year honors from *The Sporting News*, UPI and ESPN. That same year he was named the recipient of the American Sportsmanship Council's Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

According to Dienhart a national search will begin immediately for Wacker's successor.

**MEDIA NOTE:** The entire news conference can be heard beginning at approximately 1 p.m. (Central) on the Golden Gopher Hotline at (612) 625-7887.

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**TO: News Outlets**  
**FROM: Media Relations Office**  
**RE: Wacker News Conference**  
**DATE: November 12, 1996**

**Coach Jim Wacker's weekly news conference will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Bierman Building Student Learning Center.**

**Illinois Coach Lou Tepper will be available via the Big Ten teleconference call at noon.**

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MEMORANDUM  
November 11, 1996

TO: All Coaches

FROM: Marc Ryan  
Chris Schoemann

RE: National Letter of Intent rules and announcement of signings

Coaches, as you know, the early signing period begins Wednesday, November 13 and runs through the day of November 20. You need to be aware of the following:

First, under NCAA bylaw 13.1.7.2.1, you cannot hand deliver the NLI to a prospect off of the University of Minnesota campus. In addition, you may not be present at the signing of the NLI if the prospect signs the NLI off of our campus.

Second, the NCAA rules tell us that we cannot announce a signing until that prospect has in fact signed. In order to try to accommodate the rules as well as your wants and the media's wants, we should be clear on what is required prior to an announcement by our Media Relations Office of a signing. With the signing date just around the corner (Wednesday, November 13), the Media Relations Office will announce a signing after any one of the following events:

1. Receipt by the coach of a signed National Letter of Intent.
2. Receipt by the coach of a faxed copy of a signed National Letter of Intent.
3. A phone call from the prospect to the coach confirming that the prospect and his/her parents have in fact signed. (We are assuming that many of you will use this scenario for confirming signings. Please remember that if you use this method and a prospect has in fact not signed, it will be a violation of NCAA rules. Therefore be very sure of your prospect and your prospect's word on the signing).

**It is always the coach's responsibility to get the signing information to the Media Relations Office.**

Good luck.

cw  
cc Mark Dienhart  
Jeff Schemmel





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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 11, 1996

## **HANKINSON NAMED WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Junior wing Casey Hankinson has been named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Golden Gophers' sweep of North Dakota last weekend at Mariucci Arena. The pair of victories moved the second-place Golden Gophers to within two points of the Fighting Sioux in the league standings.

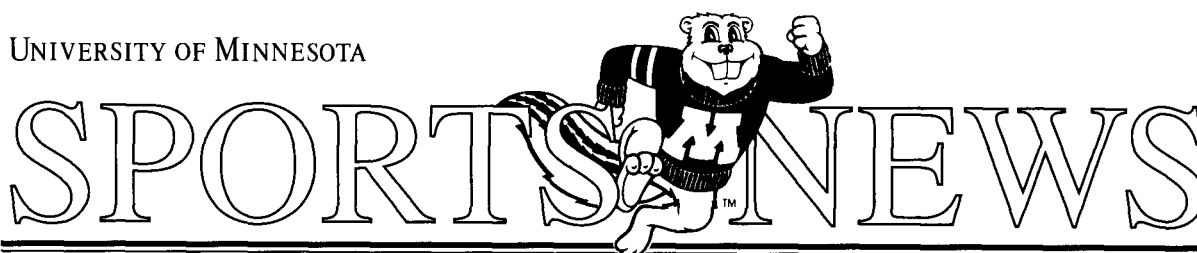
Hankinson, a co-captain from Edina, Minn., scored a career high four goals and added two assists in the 10-6 series sweeper win on Saturday night. The six points were a career high for Hankinson. He became the first U of M player to score four goals in a game since Larry Olimb netted four goals on Jan. 25, 1992 in an 8-2 win against Colorado College.

Hankinson also assisted on Wyatt Smith's game-winning goal in Friday night's series-opening win. A Chicago Blackhawks draftee, Hankinson's 12 points in eight games this season ranks second in the WCHA scoring race.

The Golden Gophers will host Michigan Tech this weekend at Mariucci Arena in a WCHA series. Both games, to be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, will begin at 1 p.m.

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For Immediate Release

November 5, 1996

## OBLEMAN NAMED FIRST-TEAM ALL-BIG TEN CROSS COUNTRY

The Big Ten Conference has announced that Minnesota senior Rick Obleman has been named First-team all-Big Ten. The senior standout from Regina, Saskatchewan, landed his berth on the team by placing seventh at this year's 1996 Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind., on Nov. 2.

Obleman's time of 25:13 was a personal best in the Big Ten Championships. He placed 18th as a freshman, 22nd as a sophomore and 25th as a junior at the Big Ten's the last three years. He has been the top Minnesota finisher in five of six races this year. Obleman led the Gophers to a seventh-place finish at this year's Big Ten meet, which marked a two-place improvement from last year's Big Ten Championship.

Michigan's John Mortimer claimed the individual crown with a time of 24:49.1 at the Big Ten Championship and was named Athlete of the Year. Joe Leo of Michigan State claimed Freshman of the Year status and Wisconsin's Martin Smith, who guided the Badger harriers to their third consecutive team title, was named Coach of the Year.

Mortimer and Obleman were joined on the First-team by Scott MacDonald of Michigan, Pascal Dobert of Wisconsin, Barry Pearman and Jason Zieren of Illinois and Che Arosemena of Penn State.



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## **BASKETBALL TICKETS REMAIN FOR WEST VIRGINIA GAME AT TARGET CENTER**

Approximately 1,500 tickets remain for the Golden Gopher basketball game against West Virginia on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Target Center. This is a rare opportunity for Minnesota basketball fans to see the team in person. The tickets that remain are \$13.50 and can be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet by calling (612) 989-5151, or in person at the Target Center Ticket Office.

The Mountaineers are led by All-Big East selection Damian Owens and All-Big East Rookie Team selection Gordon Malone. Come out and see this game that features two of the top teams in the Big Ten and the Big East.



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November 2, 1996

## MINNESOTA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SEVENTH AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Rick Obleman's (Regina, Saskatchewan) seventh place finish led the Minnesota Golden Gophers men's cross country team to a seventh place finish at the 1996 Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

Obleman's time of 25:13 was a personal best in the Big Ten Championships. Obleman has been the top Minnesota finisher in five of six races this year. Sophomore Todd Landgraff (St. Peter, Minn.) came in 34th with a time of 25:55.1. Senior Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.) finished 47th at 26:24, which was two seconds ahead of teammate and 51st-place finisher Charlie McClure (Brookfield, Wis.). Freshman Michael Stoick (St. Michael, Minn.) closed-out the Gopher scoring with a 62nd-place finish in his first Big Ten Championship. The seventh-place finish by the Golden Gophers marked a two-place improvement from last year's Big Ten Championship.

The University of Wisconsin claimed their third consecutive title by placing five runners in the top 17. Michigan's John Mortimer claimed the individual crown with a time of 24:49.1, which led the Wolverines to a second place finish. Michigan State finished third, followed by Illinois in fourth and Penn State finished fifth.


The Gopher harriers return to action Saturday, Nov. 16, when travel to Champaign, Ill., for the District Four Championships.

### BIG TEN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP NOVEMBER 2, 1996 INDIANA UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY COURSE BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

TEAM RESULTS: 1. WISCONSIN, 55; 2. MICHIGAN, 63; 3. MICHIGAN STATE, 83; 4. ILLINOIS, 106; 5. PENN STATE, 118; 6. IOWA, 122; 7. MINNESOTA, 194; 8. INDIANA, 201; 9. PURDUE, 228; 10. OHIO STATE, 273.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. John Mortimer (MICH), 24:49.1; 2. Kenneth Mac Donald (MICH), 24:54.2; 3. Pascal Dobert (WIS), 25:09.9; 4. Barry Pearman (ILL), 25:10.6; 5. Jason Zieren (ILL), 25:11.2; 6. Che Arosemena (PSU); 7. Rick Obleman (MINN), 25:13.8; 8. Todd Agger (WIS), 25:15.6; 9. Todd Snyder (MICH), 25:17.5; 10. Stetson Steele (IOWA), 25:22.4; Other Minnesota Finishers: 34. Todd Landgraff, 25:55.1; 47. Tony Riter, 26:24; 51. Charlie McClure, 26:26.6; 62. Michael Stoick, 26:41; 63. Ron Hoffner, 26:44; 67. Jeremy Polson, 26:47; Chris Anderson, 27:01.6; 74. Allen Broderius, 27:08.8.

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Oct. 29, 1996

## **LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL GAME BASKETBALL TICKETS TO GO ON SALE THURSDAY**

The University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office announced today that a limited number of individual game basketball tickets will go on sale Thursday, Oct. 31, 1996. Tickets are \$21 each and can be purchased over the phone at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER, or in person at the Athletics Ticket Office in Mariucci Arena beginning at 8 a.m. All available seats have partially obstructed views and sales are limited to four tickets per household.

Plenty of tickets remain for the West Virginia game at the Target Center on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. They are \$21 and can be ordered through Ticketmaster at (612) 989-5151.