

SPORTS NEWS

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GOPHERS SIGN CLARK TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota basketball office announced today that Kevin Clark of Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kan., has signed a national letter of intent.

Clark, a 6-2 180-pound guard, was named one of the top shooting guards in the country by *Basketball Times* magazine. He averaged 23.4 points and 7.6 rebounds per game this past season for Cowley County and led them to a 19-12 record in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. Clark was named the MVP of the conference all-star game after recording 24 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Prior to attending Cowley County, Clark played one season at Odessa Junior College in Odessa, Texas, where he averaged 22.1 points and was an all-conference selection, finishing second in the conference in scoring.


A native of Savannah, Ga., Clark graduated from Richmond Hill Academy in Richmond Hill, Ga., in 1995. He averaged 30 points per game his sophomore year, and led his team to the state title. That year he was an all-conference and all-state selection and was the Class A Player of the Year. His junior season, he upped his scoring average to 32 points per game and was again the Class A Player of the Year, leading his team to another Class A state title. Going into his senior season of high school ball he began to complain of fatigue and dehydration. Doctors told him to forgo his senior season.

As a freshman at Odessa, the fatigue problems occurred again. Doctors performed a heart catheterization and found two blockages leading to his heart, which were repaired. He was held out that fall to recover and began playing in the spring semester. He played 16 games that semester at Odessa and led the team in scoring. Last year he started 24 of 26 games for Cowley County.

"Kevin is an excellent scorer who can shoot the three or penetrate and score," said Head Coach Clem Haskins. "He has excellent athletic ability and will give us additional depth and scoring at the guard position. You win in the Big Ten with great guards and we believe that with the players we have coming back and the addition of Clark and Kevin Nathaniel, we will have an outstanding group of guards to work with."

Clark was heavily recruited by Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State.

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GOPHER COACHES WIN NATIONAL DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

University of Minnesota diving coach Kongzheng Li and former Golden Gopher and current student coach P.J. Bogart won the 10-meter platform synchronized diving event at the 1997 U.S. Spring National Diving Championships in Auburn, Ala last weekend.

Bogart also won the three-meter springboard at the championships and finished second in the one-meter springboard.

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FANS CAN AID FLOOD VICTIMS AT THIS SATURDAY'S HOME MEN'S ATHLETICS EVENTS

Fans attending University of Minnesota men's athletics events on Saturday will have the opportunity to help flood victims throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.

All fans are asked to bring non-perishable food items, new clothes or unused cleaning supplies to both the University of Minnesota spring football game which begins at 11 a.m. at the Metrodome and/or the baseball team's doubleheader vs. Illinois which gets underway at 2 p.m. at Siebert Field. Bins will be set up at all entrances to both events.

Admission to the spring football game at the 'Dome is free of charge. Tickets to the baseball doubleheader are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students (17 & under). For more information, call the Golden Gopher Athletics Ticket Office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

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April 22, 1997

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO HOLD KIDS CLINIC SATURDAY


The University of Minnesota baseball team will hold a kids clinic Saturday prior to the Gophers taking on the University of Illinois Fighting Illini at Siebert Field. The clinic, which will start at 10:45 a.m. and last approximately one hour, is sponsored by WFTC-TV FOX-29.

The clinic is free of charge and open to children ages 5-13. Children attending the clinic will be permitted to attend the doubleheader free with the paid admission of an adult. Tickets for adults are \$6.

Space for the clinic is limited. Call the University of Minnesota Men's Marketing and Promotions department at (612) 625-4879 to register.

The doubleheader with Illinois is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

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BOBBY JACKSON, JOHN THOMAS AND TREVOR WINTER TO SIGN VIDEOS AND BOOKS AT TARGET STORES ON SUNDAY

The University of Minnesota Sports Marketing Office announced today that senior basketball players Bobby Jackson, John Thomas and Trevor Winter will be signing copies of the Golden Gopher Basketball Video and the Uphoria/That Golden Season commemorative book this Sunday at Target stores in Bloomington and Shoreview.

Jackson will be at the Bloomington Target store on 2555 West 79th Street from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Thomas and Winter will be at the Shoreview Target store on 3800 Lexington from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

The Golden Gopher Basketball Video was produced by Midwest Sports Channel in conjunction with the University of Minnesota Men's Intercollegiate Athletics and is available exclusively at Target Stores for \$9.99. The Uphoria book was produced by the Star Tribune and Bolger publishing in a partnership with Men's Intercollegiate Athletics and is available for \$12.95

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April 25, 1997

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GOLFER NAMED TO GREAT BRITAIN'S PALMER CUP TEAM

The University of Minnesota men's golf office announced today that freshman Martin Le Mesurier has been named to the Great Britain team that will be competing in the inaugural Palmer Cup. The tournament will be played on July 7-12 at Bay Hill Golf Club in Orlando, Florida and the format is the same as the Ryder Cup.

Le Mesurier is a native of South Hampton, England. He leads the Golden Gophers in stroke average at 73.96 and is the leading candidate for Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors. The former captain of the English Boys Team will be joined on the Great Britain team by Eamon Coughlin of Clemson, Keith Nolan of Eastern Tennessee State, Andrew Lawrence of UAB, Pete McDonald of Alabama, David White of Emory and two Irish collegiate players.

The United States team consists of Brad Elder/Texas, Ray Floyd Jr./Florida, Brian Hull/USC, Joel Kribel/Stanford, Ted Oh/UNLV, Bo Van Pelt/Oklahoma State and Chris Wollman/Ohio State.

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DAVIDS CLAIMS TWO AWARDS AT WRESTLING AWARDS BANQUET

Junior Jason Davids claimed two individual team awards at the 1997 Golden Gopher wrestling banquet held recently at the Sheraton Minneapolis Metrodome Hotel.

Davids, who finished third at the 1997 NCAA Wrestling Championships, was named Most Outstanding Wrestler after leading Minnesota to a third-place finish at the championships. The 142-pound Davids also earned the Most Falls Award by pinning 11 opponents this season.

Tim Hartung was named Most Valuable Wrestler after posting a 34-2 record and a Big Ten Championship at 190. Hartung, Davids, Chad Kraft (150), Pat Connors (126) and Shelton Benjamin (HWT) all earned All-American honors this season for the Golden Gophers.

1997 Minnesota Wrestling Award Winners

Most Exciting - Josh Holiday

Most Dedicated - Chad Kraft, Zac Taylor

Most Outstanding - Jason Davids

Most Outstanding Freshman - Brandon Eggum

Chris Berglin Most Improved Award - Pat Connors

Fraser Dean Award - Brandon Paulson

Most Valuable - Tim Hartung

Most Falls - Jason Davids

Senior Award - Nick Antila

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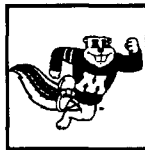
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April 24, 1997

GOPHER GOLF TEAM INKS COLOMBIAN JUNIOR STAR TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota men's golf office announced today the signing of Colombian junior golf star Santiago Fernandez to a national letter of intent. A native of Bogota, Colombia, Fernandez is the No. 1 ranked junior player in Colombia and the No. 4 ranked junior player in all of South America. He recently represented South America in the World Junior Cup Tournament and was heavily recruited by many collegiate golf powers.

Fernandez becomes the third golfer on the current roster from outside the USA. Junior All-American Rob Kerr is from Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada and freshman Martin Le Mesurier is from South Hampton, England. In addition, Golden Gopher Assistant Coach Brad James is a former U of M golfer who hails from Queensland, Australia.



GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S ATHLETICS

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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, April 28:
Head football coach **Glen Mason** post-Spring Game comments

Tuesday, April 29:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Wednesday, April 30:
Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Thursday, May 1:
Head track and field coach **Phil Lundin**

Friday, May 2:
Sophomore pole vaulter **Vesa Rantanen**

Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4:
Freshman golfer **Martin Le Mesurier**

GET WIRED!

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

This Week in Gopher Sports

Tues.
April 29

• Baseball vs. St. Cloud State Huskies
Siebert Field, 7 p.m.

Wed.
April 30

• Baseball vs. Mankato State Mavericks
Siebert Field, 7 p.m.

Fri.
MAY 2

• Baseball at Iowa Hawkeyes
Iowa Field, Iowa City, Iowa
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.
• Golf at Kent Invitational
Ravenna, Ohio, All day

Sat.
MAY 3

• Baseball at Iowa Hawkeyes (2)
Iowa Field, Iowa City, Iowa
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.
• Golf at Kent Invitational
Ravenna, Ohio, All day
• Track Gold Country Classic
Bierman Field, All Day

Sun.
MAY 4

• Baseball at Iowa Hawkeyes
Iowa Field, Iowa City, Iowa
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.
• Track at Jesse Owens Classic
Columbus, Ohio, All Day



TENNIS

NETTERS PLACE THIRD AT BIG TEN TOUR-

NEY: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (10-13) blanked Indiana University 4-0 Sunday afternoon in the third-place match of the 1997 Big Ten Championships at the MSU Outdoor Tennis Facility on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The finish marked the second consecutive season the Golden Gophers placed third in the conference after winning the previous four Big Ten titles. It also continues Minnesota's excellence the past two decades in men's tennis. Since 1979, the Golden Gophers have finished lower than third in the Big Ten on just one occasion (1990, fifth).

Minnesota did not allow Indiana any breathing room in Sunday's contest. The Golden Gophers won every set from the Hoosiers, with sophomores **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis. — 6-4, 7-6) and **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Charles, Mo. — 6-2, 6-4) along with senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa. — 6-2, 6-2) breezing to victory. Minnesota claimed the doubles point with wins from the duos of Gabler/**LARS HJARRAND** (8-4) and **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.)/**MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) (8-5).

Three-time all-Big Ten selection **LARS HJARRAND** (Oslo, Norway) and captain **BEN GABLER** in all likelihood ended their Golden Gopher careers with Sunday's match. Minnesota still has faint hopes of obtaining a bid to the NCAA Region IV Championships, a tournament in which they won last season to advance to the NCAA Championships. Hjarrand and Gabler have combined for singles and doubles records of 314-165 in their careers at the University of Minnesota.

In the championship match, third-seeded Illinois, who knocked off the Golden Gophers 4-2 in Saturday's semifinal, bested Northwestern by the same score (4-2) on Sunday. Both Northwestern and Illinois are assured spots in the NCAA Region IV Tournament from May 9-11.

Results from Minnesota's matches at the 1997 Big Ten Tournament are listed below:

Big Ten Third Place Match **Sunday, April 27** **MINNESOTA 4, INDIANA 0** **Singles**

Lars Hjarrand (MN) vs. Kevin Gabel (IND) suspended
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Anton Klaric (IND) 6-4, 7-6
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Hayden Gibson (IND) 6-2, 6-2

Adam Selkirk (MN) def. George McGill (IND) 6-2, 6-4
Martin Michaelowski (MN) vs. Scott Lippitt (IND) suspended
Robin Rutili (MN) vs. Andrew Held (IND) suspended

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Pope/McGill (IND) 8-4
Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) vs. Klaric/Montilla (IND) suspended
Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) def. Lippitt/Held (IND) 8-5

Big Ten Semifinals

Saturday, April 26

ILLINOIS 4, MINNESOTA 2

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Cary Franklin (ILL) 6-4, 6-0
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Gavin Sontag (ILL) 7-5, 6-4
Ben Gabler (MN) vs. Jerry Turek (ILL) suspended
Oliver Frelove (ILL) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3
Jakub Tepy (ILL) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 6-3, 7-5
Jeff Laski (ILL) def. Robin Rutili (MN) 6-1, 7-6

Doubles

Turek/Blain (ILL) def. Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) 8-6
Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) vs. Frelove/Franklin (ILL) suspended
Laski/Sontag (ILL) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 8-6

Big Ten Quarterfinals

Friday, April 25

MINNESOTA 4, PURDUE 2

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Jamie Gordon (PU) 7-5, 7-5
Tom Chicoine (MN) vs. Cris James (PU) suspended
Derek Myers (PU) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 6-2, 6-4
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jerad Harbaugh (PU) 6-2, 0-6, 6-4
Greg Wessenberg (PU) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 7-5, 6-2
Robin Rutili (MN) def. Bryan Harris (PU) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. James/Myers (PU) 8-5
Chicoine/Kristoffersen (MN) vs. Gordon/Harbaugh (PU) suspended
Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) def. Harris/Jason Smith (PU) 8-3

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1996-97 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

Final Dual Match Record (10-13, 4-6)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>W/L</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Doubles</i>	<i>Overall/Big 10</i>
1/19	Arizona State	4-3	W	3-3 (T)	2-1 (W)	1-0/0-0
2/15	Kansas	7-0	L	6-0 (L)	3-0 (L)	1-1/0-0
2/21	@Indiana	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	2-1 (L)	1-2/0-1
2/22	@Ohio State	6-1	L	6-0 (L)	3-0 (W)	1-3/0-2
3/2	@Tulane	5-2	L	5-1 (L)	2-1 (W)	1-4/0-2
3/7	vs. Arkansas-Little Rock	4-0	W	3-0 (W)	2-1 (W)	2-4/0-2
3/7	vs. Middle Tennessee St.	4-0	L	3-0 (L)	3-0 (L)	2-5/0-2
3/8	vs. Texas Tech	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	2-1 (L)	3-5/0-2
3/9	vs. Tulane	4-3	L	4-2 (L)	2-1 (W)	3-6/0-2
3/16	Iowa (Rochester, Minn.)	5-2	W	4-2 (W)	2-1 (W)	4-6/1-2
3/23	@Yale	5-2	W	4-2 (W)	3-0 (W)	5-6/1-2
3/25	@Columbia	5-2	L	5-1 (L)	2-1 (W)	5-7/1-2
3/26	@Princeton	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	2-1 (L)	5-8/1-2
3/29	@Penn State	4-3	L	4-2 (L)	3-0 (W)	5-9/1-3
4/4	Michigan State	5-2	W	4-2 (W)	3-0 (W)	6-9/2-3
4/6	Michigan	6-1	W	5-1 (W)	3-0 (W)	7-9/3-3
4/11	Northwestern	5-2	L	5-1 (L)	2-1 (W)	7-10/3-4
4/12	Wisconsin	7-0	W	6-0 (W)	2-1 (W)	8-10/4-4
4/19	@Purdue	4-3	L	3-3 (T)	2-1 (L)	8-11/4-5
4/20	@Illinois	5-1	L	5-1 (L)	1-1 (T)	8-12/4-6
4/25	\$Purdue	4-2	W	3-2 (W)	2-0 (W)	9-12/4-6
4/26	\$Illinois	4-2	L	3-2 (L)	2-0 (W)	9-13/4-6
4/27	\$Indiana	4-0	W	3-0 (W)	2-0 (W)	10-13/4-6

\$-Big Ten Tournament
East Lansing, Mich.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1996-97 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<i>Singles</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>#4</i>	<i>#5</i>	<i>#6</i>
Lars Hjarrand	4-4	4-4	0-0	4-4					
Ben Gabler	15-20	6-14	9-6	1-9	2-2	3-3			
Adam Selkirk	19-14	12-9	7-5		0-1	4-4	8-4		
Tom Chicoine	27-10	17-7	10-3	3-0	12-7	2-0			
John Cheregi	10-21	4-12	6-9			1-3	2-7	0-1	1-1
Martin Michaelowski	20-13	11-8	9-5				1-0	7-7	3-1
Martin Kristoffersen	9-14	5-9	4-5				0-1	0-5	5-3
Robin Rutili	3-7	2-5	1-2						2-5
Aaron Dvorak	2-6	0-0	2-6						
Tim George	2-4	0-0	2-4						
Team Totals	111-113	61-68	50-45	8-13	14-10	10-10	11-12	7-13	11-10

<i>Doubles</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>
Hjarrand/Gabler	7-2	7-2	0-0	7-2		
Gabler/Selkirk	5-11	4-6	1-5	4-6		
Kristoffersen/Michaelowski	2-5	0-1	2-4			0-1
Chicoine/Cheregi	10-9	5-2	5-7		5-2	
Dvorak/George	2-2	0-0	2-2			
Michaelowski/George	1-3	0-0	1-3			
Rutili/Cheregi	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Selkirk/Chicoine	3-1	3-1	0-0		3-1	
Cheregi/Kristoffersen	1-3	1-3	0-0		1-3	
Chicoine/Michaelowski	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Michaelowski/Rutili	13-7	13-7	0-0			13-7
Gabler/Kristoffersen	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Chicoine/Kristoffersen	4-0	4-0	0-0		4-0	
Gabler/Chicoine	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Selkirk/Michaelowski	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Gabler/Cheregi	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Team Totals	51-46	40-25	11-21	14-9	13-6	13-10

CAREER RECORDS

(players with more than one year of competition)

Player	Singles	Doubles	Total S/D Record
Lars Hjarrand	81-43	72-27	153-70
Ben Gabler	94-52	67-43	161-95
Adam Selkirk	39-35	20-27	59-62
Tom Chicoine	52-29	33-31	85-60
John Cheregi	17-33	22-28	39-61
Martin Kristoffersen	31-28	24-23	55-51
Tim George	2-10	4-10	6-20
Robin Rutili	23-19	24-28	47-47



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	No team scores
May 3	Gold Country Classic	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

UP COMING: Minnesota hosts the Gold Country Classic at Bierman Field on May 3. Some members of the Golden Gopher team will compete at the Jesse Owens Classic in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, May 4.

RANTANEN WINS POLE VAULT TITLE AT DRAKE RELAYS: Minnesota sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) won the university and college pole vault finals with a mark of 18-1 1/4 (5.52m) at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa last weekend. The vault also automatically qualified him for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championships, the second time he has accomplished that feat this season.

SCHLUETER CAPTURES DISCUS CROWN AT DRAKE RELAYS: Golden Gopher senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) won the discus with a throw of 186-11 (56.98m) at the Drake Relays last weekend. Schlueter won the event at last year's meet as well. He becomes the fourth Golden Gopher to have won back-to-back titles at Drake.

Schlueter's throw also provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA meet, the third time he has accomplished the feat this season.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY TEAM VICTORIOUS AT DRAKE RELAYS: The Golden Gophers won the university and college 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay title with a time of 58.31 at the Drake Relays last weekend. The title is the first relay win at Drake for Minnesota since 1955 when the 440-yard relay team earned a first-place finish.

MINNESOTA AND THE DRAKE RELAYS: The Golden Gophers won a total of three titles at this year's Drake Relays, tying the school record for most wins in a season at the meet. Minnesota also won three titles at the Drake Relays in 1948.

The Maroon and Gold have now won a total of 34 Drake Relays titles since the school began competing at the meet in 1912.

SEVERAL GOLDEN GOPHERS EARN TOP FIVE FINISHES AT THE DRAKE RELAYS:

Several Minnesota athletes finished in the top five of their events at the Drake Relays last weekend. Golden Gopher head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach **STEVE PLASCENCIA** (Crystal, Minn.) finished second with a clocking of 14:02.86 in the invitational men's 5,000m run.

Senior **TYE HARVEY**'s (Jamestown, Calif.) mark of 17-8 1/2 (5.40m) was good for third place in the university and college pole vault finals. The vault also provisionally qualified him for the NCAA meet for the second time this season.

Senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) placed fourth with a time of 9:00.67 in the university and college men's 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Freshman **STEFFAN STRAND**'s (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) mark of 7-3 (2.21m) was good for fourth place in the special high jump finals. The jump also provisionally qualified him for the NCAA meet.

Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) finished fifth with a throw of 57-9 3/4 (17.52m) in the university and college shot put finals.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE DRAKE RELAYS:

University and College Men's Pole Vault: 1. Vesa Rantanen, Minnesota, 18-1 1/4 (5.52m); 3. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-8 1/2 (5.40m).

Men's Special High Jump Finals: 4. Steffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-3 (2.21m)

University and College Men's Shot Put Finals: 5. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 57-5 3/4 (17.52m); 10. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 55-1 3/4 (16.81m); 15. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-10 1/2 (16.12m).

University and College Men's Discus Finals: 1. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 186-11 (56.98m); 6. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 172-9 (52.66m); 10. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 164-6 (50.14m); 14. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota 157-3 (47.94m).

University Men's Distance Medley Relay Finals: 17.

Minnesota, 10:06.69.

University Men's Sprint Medley Relay Finals: 6. Minnesota, 3:30.13.

University and College Men's 3,000 Meter Steeplechase Finals: 4. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 9:00.67; 24. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 9:41.05.

Invitational Men's 5,000 Meter Run Finals: 2. Steve Plasencia, Asics, 14:02.86.

University and College Men's 4x110 Shuttle Hurdle Relay Finals: 1. Minnesota, 58.31.

University and College Men's 4x1,600 Meter Relay Finals: 12. Minnesota, 16:56.69.

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4 (5.52)	4/25-26

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5
Rick Obleman	3,000 Meter Steeplechase	8:52.49	4/11-12
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-9 (17.60m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	184-2 (56.14m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	186-11 (56.98)	4/25-26
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-8 1/2 (5.4m)	4/25-26
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-3 (2.21m)	4/25-26



GOLF

GOLFERS TRAVEL TO KENT INVITE: The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to the Kent Invitational on May 2-3 in Ravenna, Ohio. The tournament is very crucial to the team's NCAA Tournament chances with the District IV rankings coming out following the weekend. The 54-hole tournament gets underway Friday with 36 holes and finishes on Saturday with 18 holes.

Miami (Ohio) won the tournament last year with a total of 878, and Donnie Darr of Kent earned medalist honors with a three-round total of 212. The 18 teams participating in this year's tournament include Akron, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Iowa, Kent, Kentucky, Marquette, Marshall, Miami (Ohio), Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Ohio, Purdue, Toledo, Wisconsin, Wright State and Xavier.


GOLFERS RANKED 20TH IN LATEST POLL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 346.397; 2. Oklahoma State, 303.641; 3. TCU, 278.418; 4. Clemson, 226.506; 5. Southern California, 229.886; 6. North Carolina, 220.477; 7. New Mexico, 218.594; 8. Arizona, 217.189; 9. Arizona State, 205.357; 10. Wake Forest, 204.504; 11. Florida, 193.322; 12. East Tennessee State, 191.597; 13. Texas, 187.062; 14. Ohio State, 141.053; 15. Virginia, 136.882; 16. Auburn, 121.290; 17. Mississippi State, 120.429; 18. Georgia Tech, 119.991; 19. BYU, 104.309; **20. Minnesota, 103.890**

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ANDERSON TO COMPETE FOR GOLDEN GOPHER GOLF TEAM

The University of Minnesota golf office has announced that Sean Anderson will enroll at the U of M and compete for the golf team. Anderson is a two-time All-State selection from Fargo South High School in Fargo, N.D.

Anderson will become the second Golden Gopher golfer from North Dakota. Junior Mark Halvorson hails from Fargo North High School.



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SCHOLAR-ATHLETES HONORED AT AWARDS DINNER

A total of 101 University of Minnesota men's student-athletes were honored Tuesday night at the eighth annual Scholar-Athletes Awards Reception at the Great Hall of the Coffman Memorial Union in Minneapolis.

To be honored as a Scholar-Athlete, one must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and be a member of one of the Golden Gopher athletics teams.

In addition, **Brian Mensink (Rochester, Minn.)**, **Erik Lindgren (Minneapolis, Minn.)**, **Adam Duey (Beaverton, Ore.)**, **Jonathan Anderson (Morris, Minn.)**, **Lowell "Cubby" Campbell (Minneapolis, Minn.)** and **Matthew Schlessman (Avon, Ohio)** were honored as the Top Five Scholar-Athlete award recipients for 1996-97. This year there are six recipients because of a tie for fifth place by cumulative GPA.

Mensink is a fifth-year senior majoring in accounting in the Carlson School of Management. A two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, he has earned four quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA and has a cumulative GPA of 3.58. During his baseball career, he compiled a 9-5 career record with 129 strikeouts. In 1995, Mensink signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

An offensive tackle on the football team, Lindgren has been named to the Dean's List seven times and is a four-time Scholar-Athlete honoree with a cumulative GPA of 3.58. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and plans a career in the investment industry following his December graduation.

Duey is a junior in the Carlson School of Management majoring in finance and international business. A member of the swimming and diving team, he holds a 3.60 cumulative GPA and has earned five quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA. A 1996 Academic All-Big Ten team selection, Duey was on the Dean's List all five quarters that he was enrolled in the CLA's Honors Program. He plans to study in Japan before graduation and is a member of the Society of Advancement of Management and serves on the Business Board, which is part of student governance within the Carlson School of Management.

A junior computer science major in the Institute of Technology, Anderson is a decathlete on the track and field squad. A 1996 Academic All-Big Ten team selection with a cumulative GPA of 3.61, he finished sixth in the decathlon at the 1996 Big Ten Outdoor Championships. He has been named to the IT Dean's List twice and plans a career in computer science.

A junior in the College of Liberal Arts, Campbell is majoring in French and pre-medicine with a cumulative GPA of 3.68. A member of the swimming and diving team and a 1996 Academic All-Big Ten team selection, he has earned five quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA and has been named to the CLA Dean's List four times. He studied in France for a year before beginning college, and his career plans after medical school may include specializing and practicing as a psychiatrist.

A three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, Schlessman was a tri-captain of the 1996-97 swimming and diving team which placed 12th at the NCAA Championships. A 12-time All-American, he swam on all five relay teams which placed 12th or higher at this year's NCAA meet. A senior in the Institute of Technology with a cumulative GPA of 3.76, he is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in management. A second-team GTE Academic All-America and a two-time Top Five Scholar-Athlete honoree, he has earned four quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA in IT's honors programs and has been named to the Dean's List five times. He participated in a project to develop and build lab equipment for compressible fluid flow experiments and has had internships in 3M's Corporate Research Division and with Cummin's Diesel Engines.

List of Honorees:

Jonathan Anderson	Track and Field
Nick Antila	Wrestling
Jeffrey Barney	Golf
Benjamin Bassett	Track/Cross Country
Ty Bathurst	Swimming
Ryan Beers	Baseball
Benjamin Birk	Baseball
Isaac Bjorklund	Swimming and Diving
Luke Braaten	Football
Matthew Brosseau	Baseball
John Cahoy	Swimming
Lowell "Cubby" Campbell	Swimming
Bryan Carlson	Swimming
Cor Chimieleski	Football
Erik Christopherson	Golf
Nathaniel Clay	Track/Cross Country
Benjamin Clymer	Hockey
Chad Conner	Gymnastics
Ryan Crosby	Swimming
Niles Deneen	Track and Field
Mark Devore	Baseball
Jason Dobis	Baseball
Duane Dobko	Swimming
Joshua Dodd	Wrestling
Adam Dooley	Golf
Adam Duey	Swimming
Kevin Dunbar	Track/Cross Country
Brandon Eggum	Wrestling
James Elizondo	Football
Anthony Felling	Baseball
Adam Freed	Swimming
Jason Godbout	Hockey
Oscar Godoi	Swimming
Jason Hagman	Football
Mark Halverson	Golf
Ben Hamilton	Football
Eric Hartmark	Track/Cross Country
Tim Hartung	Wrestling
Patrick Hau	Football
Sean Hoffman	Football
Ron Hoffner	Track/Cross Country
Russell Hopson	Gymnastics
Adam Horton	Baseball
Brian Howard	Swimming
Christopher Hunter	Wrestling
Nate Hydukovich	Track and Field
Derek Isaacs	Football

Bradley James	Golf
James Robert Jones	Football
Matthew Kieffer	Gymnastics
Andrew Komor	Golf
Martin Kristoffersen	Tennis
Jason Krob	Gymnastics
Brian LaFleur	Hockey
Todd Landgraaf	Track/Cross Country
Brett Lawrence	Wrestling
Erik Lindgren	Football
Glenn Lindqvist	Track and Field
Kevin Loge	Basketball
Luis Lopez	Swimming
Michael Lyons	Hockey
Chales McClure	Track/Cross Country
Danny McGrath	Baseball
Jonathon McCleod	Swimming
Erin McManus	Football
Yoav Meiri	Swimming
Brian Mensink	Baseball
Jeff Miller	Swimming
Jeffrey Moen	Hockey
Jeremy Negen	Baseball
Emuejovoke Okoh	Tennis
Brandon Paulson	Wrestling
Aaron Peterson	Football
Brad Prigge	Football
Derek Rackley	Football
Vesa Rantanen	Track and Field
Josh Rawlings	Football
Chris Rogers	Track/Cross Country
Justin Royer	Golf
Roberto Rutili	Tennis
Cory Sauter	Football
David Scanlan	Football
Matthew Schlessman	Swimming
Troy Schoeder	Golf
Jason Shupe	Baseball
Charles Smith	Track/Cross Country
Troy Stein	Baseball
Staffan Strand	Track and Field
Kenji Sudoh	Swimming
James Tallman	Football
Gary Taylor	Swimming
Ryan Tourila	Baseball
Michael Uttech	Baseball
Theron Von Behren	Football
Heath Wall	Gymnastics
Derek Williams	Swimming
Parc Williams	Football
Trevor Winter	Basketball
Chad Yanchesky	Track and Field
Martin Zielinski	Swimming
Blake Zochert	Football



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RANKS FIFTH IN SEARS DIRECTORS CUP STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota is currently in fifth-place in the fourth annual Sears Directors Cup standings following the winter sports season. The competition recognizes the finest all-around collegiate athletics programs in the nation.

The all-sports award, presented by Sears and the National Association of Directors of Collegiate Athletics (NACDA), honors Division I schools with the best performances in nine core sports each for men and women and two wild card sports for each.

Directors Cup points are based on national tournament finishes. The national champion in a sport earns 64 points, second gets 63, etc. In the case of a tie, the total points for the place are divided between the number of schools involved in the tie.

Minnesota's fifth-place standing is the highest ranking among Big Ten schools. It is also the highest ranking in U of M history. The previous best for the Golden Gophers was 14th which occurred in the final 1993-94 standings.

Minnesota earned 395.5 of its 476.5 total points during the winter sports season.

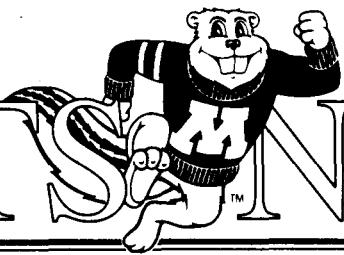
Leading the way with third-place finishes for the Golden Gophers were the men's basketball and wrestling teams.

Minnesota earned points in the following sports this winter:

Men's Wrestling (3rd, 62.0)
Men's Basketball (3rd, 61.5)
Men's Hockey (5th, 58.5)
Women's Gymnastics (10th, 55.0)
Men's Track and Field (10th, 54.0)
Men's Swimming and Diving (12th, 52.5)
Women's Swimming and Diving (13th, 52.0)

Current Sears Directors Cup Standings: 1. Stanford, 747.5; 2. Nebraska, 661.5; 3. North Carolina, 631.5; 4. Florida 484.5; 5. **Minnesota, 476.5**; 6. Ohio State, 461.5; 7. Texas, 460.0; 8. Penn State, 456.5; 9. Colorado, 443.5; 10. Notre Dame, 432.0; 11. Michigan, 430.0; 12. Brigham Young, 413.0; 13. Arizona, 401.5; 14. Wisconsin, 40.5; 15. UCLA, 392.0; 16. Kentucky, 374.5; 17. Louisiana State, 374.5; 18. Iowa, 373.0; 19. Michigan State, 372.5; 20. Iowa State, 329.5; 21. Alabama, 323.5; 22. Virginia, 315.5; 23. Auburn, 314.5; 24. California, 304.5; 25. Villanova, 299.5.

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April 30, 1997

GOLD COUNTRY RUN, FUNFEST & EQUIPMENT SALE SET FOR MAY 31

The second annual Gold Country Run & Gopher FunFest will be held on Saturday, May 31 at the Bierman Field Athletics Building on the University of Minnesota campus.

A 5K run and walk will kick things off at 9 a.m., followed by the Bruegger's Bagels Kid's FunRun at 10:15 a.m.


In addition fans can purchase authentic Golden Gopher apparel, including game-worn football, basketball and hockey jerseys and warmups, at unbelievable prices at the equipment sale which runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex.

Pre-registration for the Gold Country Run is \$10 prior to May 19 and \$15 after that. Race day registration will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. Registration for the Kid's Fun Run is \$5 through race day morning. Participants in both runs will receive a T-Shirt and goodie bag.

Afterwards join University of Minnesota coaches, student-athletes and staff members for the Gopher FunFest. Everyone is invited to take part in this celebration of Gopher Athletics with complimentary food and beverages provided.

Entry forms are available at Gold Country Apparel in Dinkytown, all Bruegger's Bagel locations and the University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office located in Mariucci Arena on 4 Oak Street. For more information, please call (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

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JACOBSON INVITED TO USA BASKETBALL NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS

The University of Minnesota basketball office announced today that honorable mention All-America selection Sam Jacobson was invited to the 1997 USA Basketball national team trials in Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 30-June 2. The trials will be used to select the 22 And Under World Championship team and the World University Games team.

The Under 22 World Championship are Aug. 1-10 in Melbourne, Australia. The World University Games are Aug. 20-31 in Trapani, Sicily.

Jacobson finished 10th in the Big Ten in scoring at 13.7 points per game last season and led Minnesota with 61 three pointers. The junior from Cottage Grove, Minn., will compete against 50-60 other players for 12 roster spots on each team.

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JACOBSON AND HARRIS NAMED BASKETBALL CAPTAINS FOR 1997-98

The University of Minnesota basketball team announced today that junior swing man Sam Jacobson and junior point guard Eric Harris will be the team captains for the 1997-98 season. Jacobson and Harris have won a total of 69 games in three years for an average of 23 wins per season. They have been in postseason play every year and are the number one and two returning scorers from the 1997 Big Ten championship team that won a school record 31 games and advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history.

Jacobson averaged 13.7 points per game, was named honorable mention All-America by the *Associated Press* and was a consensus second team All-Big Ten selection. Harris averaged 11.0 points, 3.8 assists and 2.0 steals per game and was named one of the nation's top five on-the-ball defenders by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Harris led the team in free-throw percentage at 79.2 and was a third team All-Big Ten selection by the media.

"I'm excited to have Sam (Jacobson) and Eric (Harris) as my team captains for next year," said Head Coach Clem Haskins. "We had excellent leadership last year from our captains John Thomas and Trevor Winter and from our other senior Bobby Jackson. If Sam and Eric can do as good a job as those three players did in providing leadership on and off the court, we should have an excellent season."



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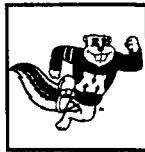
BOBBY JONES NAMED ASSOCIATE HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics announced that Bobby Jones had been named associate head basketball coach. Jones was a four-year player under Clem Haskins at Western Kentucky (1980-84). He has been the associate head coach at the University of Pittsburgh since 1995. Prior to that, Jones was an assistant at Pittsburgh during the 1994-95 season, an assistant at Western Kentucky in 1992-94 and an assistant at Middle Tennessee State during the 1991-92 season.

"Bobby Jones will be a tremendous addition to our staff," said Haskins. "He has a great deal of experience in running a major Division I program and is a class person. I feel very fortunate to be reunited with him. He was like a coach when he played for me and has quickly climbed the coaching ranks as a result of his excellent relationship with young people, his work ethic and dedication to the game of basketball. He will help take some of the administrative pressure off of me and will be in charge of the team in my absence."

Jones had an excellent career as a player at Western Kentucky, starting 101 of 114 games and scoring 1,211 points to put him 19th on the all-time scoring list which Haskins ranks seventh on with 1,680 career points. Jones played a key role on the Hilltopper teams that won league titles in 1981 and 1982 and is ranked second on the all-time assist list with 375 in four seasons.

The native of Macon, Ga., will oversee many aspects of the basketball team's operation and assist Coach Haskins in the administrative demands of the team.



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This Week in Gopher Sports

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, May 5
Freshman golfer **Martin Le Mesurier**

Tuesday, May 6:
Head golf coach **John Means**

Wednesday, May 7:
Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

Thursday, May 8:
Senior tennis player **Lars Hjarrand**

Friday, May 9:
Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11:
Baseball player TBA with post-Northwestern comments

Wed.
MAY 7

• Baseball vs. St. Johns
Siebert Field, 7 p.m.

Thurs.
MAY 8

• Baseball vs. St. Thomas
Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.

Fri.
MAY 9

• Baseball vs. Northwestern Wildcats
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 6:30 p.m.
• Golf at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 9 a.m.
• Tennis vs. Purdue Boilermakers
at NCAA District IV Tournament
Atkins Tennis Center
Champaign, Ill., 7 a.m.

Sat.
MAY 10

• Baseball vs. Northwestern Wildcats (2)
Siebert Field
Game 1 — Midwest Sports Channel
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.
• Golf at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 10 a.m.
• Tennis at NCAA District IV Tournament
Atkins Tennis Center
Champaign, Ill., All Day
Minnesota Invitational
Bierman Field, 7 a.m.

Sun.
MAY 11

• Baseball vs. Northwestern Wildcats
Siebert Field
Midwest Sports Channel
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.
• Golf at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 7 a.m.
• Tennis at NCAA District IV Tournament
Atkins Tennis Center
Champaign, Ill., All Day

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The U of M Men's Athletic Department is now on the Internet. The World Wide Web site contains press releases, statistics, rosters, schedules and much more. The Web pages can be accessed at:
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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	No team scores
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	No team scores
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

UP COMING: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Invitational at Bierman Field on May 10.

Minnesota pole vaulters **VESA RANTANEN** (So., Virrat, Finland) and **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) will compete at the Modesto Relays in Sacramento on May 10.

Golden Gopher senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) will compete in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) will compete in the high jump at the Adidas Oregon Classic in Portland on May 11.

SCHLUETER PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAA'S AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

Minnesota senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet with a throw of 183-2 (55.84m) in the discus at last Saturday's Minnesota Classic in Minneapolis. Schlueter has now provisionally qualified for the NCAA's four times this season.

FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN EVENTS AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

Schlueter was one of five Golden Gophers to win events at the Minnesota Classic on Saturday. Sophomore **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) finished first with a personal best time of 1:55.54 in the 800 meter run. Sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE**'s (Brookfield,

Wis.) clocking of 8:46.34 in the 3,000 meter run earned him a first place finish. Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put with a throw of 56-11 1/4 (17.35m). Sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK**'s (White Bear Lake, Minn.) mark of 6-6 (1.98m) in the high jump was a personal best and earned him a first place finish in the event.

BENJAMIN FINISHES SECOND IN 100 METER DASH AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

SHELTON BENJAMIN (Susanville, Calif.) competed in the 100 meter dash for the first time this season and finished second in the event with a time of 10.99[-0.6w].

No team scores were kept at the meet.

MISCHKE WINS POLE VAULT AT JESSE

OWENS TRACK CLASSIC: Minnesota senior **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) won the pole vault with a mark of 16-3 1/4 (4.96m) on Sunday at the Jesse Owens Track Classic at Ohio State University in Columbus.

MARSH FINISHES SECOND IN DISCUS AT

JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC: Golden Gopher sophomore **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) finished second in the discus with a season-best throw of 168-0 (51.20m) at the Jesse Owens Track Classic.

SEVERAL GOLDEN GOPHERS EARN TOP FIVE FINISHES AT JESSE OWENS TRACK

CLASSIC: Five Golden Gophers earned fourth place finishes in their respective events at the Jesse Owens Track Classic. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) took fourth with a time of 22.2 in the 200 meter dash. Senior **AARON WHEATCRAFT**'s (Apple Valley, Minn.) clocking of 53.7 in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles placed him fourth among competitors in the event. Freshman **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) finished fourth with a personal best throw of 158-7 (48.34m) in the discus. **DON MCLAUGHLIN** came in fourth with a time of 3:55.5 in the 1,500 meter run, while freshman **JEREMY POLSON**'s clocking of 8:39.56 was good for fourth in the 3,000 meter run.

No team scores were kept at the event.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

100 Meter Dash: 2. Shelton Benjamin, Minn., 10.99[-0.6w]; 7. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 11.20[-0.6w]; 10. Vesa Rantanen, Minn., 11.28[-0.6w]; 12. Tye Harvey, Minn., 11.43w[+5.5w]

200 Meter Dash: 3. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 22.86[+0.9w].

800 Meter Run: 1. Nate Clay, Minn., 1:55.54; 8. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 2:00.43.

1,500 Meter Run: 3. Rick Obleman, Minn., 3:57.30; 6. Michael Stoick, Minn., 4:04.71; 8. Chuck Smith, Minn., 4:12.40.

3,000 Meter Run: 1. Charles McClure, Minn., 8:46.34; 3. Eric Hartmark, Minn., 8:54.97; 6. Allen Broderius, Minn., 9:07.30.

4x400 Meter Relay: 4. Minn., 3:30.81.

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minn., 56-11 1/4 (17.35m).

Discus: 1. Jason Schlueter, Minn., 183-2 (55.84m); 2. Adam Reed, Minn., 177-1 (53.98m); 4. Chad Yenchesky, Minn., 166-2 (50.64m).

High Jump: 1. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 6-6 (1.98m).

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC:

200 Meter Dash: 4. Adam Freed, Minn., 22.2.

200 Meter Dash: 9. Tim Van Voorhis, Minn., 22.24.

400 Meter Dash: 14. Adam Freed, Minn., 49.27.

800 Meter Run: 8. Ron Hoffner, Minn., 1:52.12.

1,500 Meter Run: 4. Don McLaughlin, Minn., 3:55.5.

3,000 Meter Run: 4. Jeremy Polson, Minn., 8:39.56; 5. Chris Anderson, Minn., 8:44.71; 7. Todd Landgraff, Minn., 8:48.53.

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: 7. Tony Riter, Minn., 9:37.05.
110 Meter High Hurdles: 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 15.2.

110 Meter High Hurdles: 6. Niles Deneen, Minn., 14.33.

400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles: 4. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 53.7.

Pole Vault: 1. Seth Mischke, Minn., 16-3 1/4 (4.96m).

Discus: 2. Jeff Marsh, Minn., 168-0 (51.20m); 4. Justin Asher, Minn., 158-7 (48.34m).

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4 (5.52)	4/25-26

1997 PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5
Rick Obleman	3,000 Meter Steeplechase	8:52.49	4/11-12
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-9 (17.60m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	184-2 (56.14m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	186-11 (56.98)	4/25-26
Jason Schlueter	Discus	183-2 (55.84m)	5/3
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-8 1/2 (5.4m)	4/25-26
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-3 (2.21m)	4/25-26



TENNIS

NCAA REGION IV TOURNAMENT UP NEXT FOR NETTERS:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team received word last Tuesday that it has received a bid to the NCAA Region IV tournament, to be held this weekend (May 9-11) at the Atkins Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Illinois.

The Golden Gophers (10-13) will be defending the region title they won in 1996, which allowed them to advance to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga.

Minnesota received a number five seed in this year's six-team, single-elimination regional and will face No. 4 Purdue University in a match at 9 a.m. on Fri., May 9 in Champaign, Ill. If the Golden Gophers advance with a win over the Boilermakers, they will challenge top-seeded Notre Dame in a regional semifinal on Sat., May 10 at 9 a.m. The finals are slated for Sun., May 11 at 1 p.m. Last season, Minnesota emerged as the champion in the region tournament despite being the number six seed.

The match schedule for the tournament is listed below:

Friday, May 9 Match #1, 9 a.m.

No. 4 Purdue vs. No. 5 Minnesota

Match #2 — No. 3 Northwestern vs. No. 6 Indiana, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 — Regional Semifinals, 9 a.m.

Match #3 — No. 1 Notre Dame vs. winner Purdue/Minnesota

Match #4 — No. 2 Illinois vs. winner N'western/Indiana, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 — Regional Finals, 1 p.m.

Match #5 winner Match #3 vs. winner Match #4

NETTERS PLACE THIRD AT BIG TEN TOURNEY:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (10-13) blanked Indiana University 4-0 on April 27 in the third-place match of the 1997 Big Ten Championships at the MSU Outdoor Tennis Facility on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The finish marked the second consecutive season the Golden Gophers placed third in the conference after winning the previous four Big Ten titles. It also continues Minnesota's excellence the past two decades in men's tennis. Since 1979, the Golden Gophers have finished lower than third in the Big Ten on just one occasion (1990, fifth).



GOLF

GOLFERS TO TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS FOR THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to the Big Ten Championships at the Scarlet Golf Course on the campus of the Ohio State University on May 9-11. The tournament kicks off with 36 holes on Friday at 7 a.m. CST, 18 holes on Saturday at 8 a.m., and 18 holes on Sunday at 7 a.m.

Ohio State won the Big Ten Championships last season, and Northwestern's Jon Loosemore won medalist honors at the tournament, which was held in University Park, Pa. The Golden Gophers finished in a tie with Michigan for fourth. Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) were Minnesota's top finishers, tying for 21st.

The Buckeyes also lead the conference with 21 Big Ten titles, followed by Purdue and Michigan, which have each won 12. Illinois and Indiana have seven titles, and Minnesota and Northwestern each have four. The last time Minnesota won the Big Ten title was in 1972, when the Golden Gophers defeated runner-up Indiana by 16 strokes in Minneapolis to win the crown. The last Golden Gopher to win medalist honors was John Harris at the 1974 tournament.

GOLFERS RANKED 20TH IN LATEST POLL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 346.397; 2. Oklahoma State, 303.641; 3. TCU, 278.418; 4. Clemson, 226.506; 5. Southern California, 229.886; 6. North Carolina, 220.477; 7. New Mexico, 218.594; 8. Arizona, 217.189; 9. Arizona State, 205.357; 10. Wake Forest, 204.504; 11. Florida, 193.322; 12. East Tennessee State, 191.597; 13. Texas, 187.062; 14. Ohio State, 141.053; 15. Virginia, 136.882; 16. Auburn, 121.290; 17. Mississippi State, 120.429; 18. Georgia Tech, 119.991; 19. BYU, 104.309; **20. Minnesota, 103.890**

GOLDEN GOPHERS TIE FOR FOURTH AT KENT INVITATIONAL:

The Golden Gophers tied for fourth place with the University of Michigan at the King

Cobra/Kent Invitational held at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club in Ravenna, Ohio last weekend. Minnesota finished with a three-round total of 877, 25 strokes behind team champion Northwestern (852).

Leading the way for Minnesota was freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (Southampton, England), who fired a three-round total of 217 to finish tied for 11th. Kentucky's Grover Justice and Northwestern's Matt Seppanen tied for medalist honors, each carding three-round totals of 209.

Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and sophomore **JEFF BARNEY** (Appleton, Minn.) both tied for 23rd (221), sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) tied for 30th (222) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) finished tied for 47th (228) to round out other Minnesota finishers.

NCAAS UP NEXT?: The Golden Gophers will be looking for their fifth consecutive and 24th overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday at 3 p.m., when the NCAA Golf Selection Committee announces its choices for the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held May 15-17 at the University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman, Okla. Northwestern University will host the 100th annual NCAA Men's Golf Championships at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., May 28-31.

Last season, Rob Kerr fired the best round of his collegiate career with a 69 to win medalist honors at the NCAA Regional at the University of Michigan Golf Course, but the Golden Gophers finished two strokes short of making it to the finals as a team. Kerr advanced on to the NCAA Finals at the Honors Course at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He shot a 78 and 79 in the first two rounds but missed the final cut by seven strokes.

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"Bobby Jones will be a tremendous addition to our staff," said Haskins. "He has a great deal of experience in running a major Division I program and is a class person. I feel very fortunate to be reunited with him. He was like a coach when he played for me and has quickly climbed the coaching ranks as a result of his excellent relationship with young people, his work ethic and dedication to the game of basketball. He will help take some of the administrative pressure off of me and will be in charge of the team in my absence."

Jones had an excellent career as a player at Western Kentucky, starting 101 of 114 games and scoring 1,211 points to put him 19th on the all-time scoring list which Haskins ranks seventh on with 1,680 career points. Jones played a key role on the Hilltopper teams that won league titles in 1981 and 1982 and is ranked second on the all-time assist list with 375 in four seasons.

The native of Macon, Ga., will oversee many aspects of the basketball team's operation and assist Coach Haskins in the administrative demands of the team.

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Jacobson averaged 13.7 points per game, was named honorable mention All-America by the *Associated Press* and was a consensus second team All-Big Ten selection. Harris averaged 11.0 points, 3.8 assists and 2.0 steals per game and was named one of the nation's top five on-the-ball defenders by *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Harris led the team in free-throw percentage at 79.2 and was a third team All-Big Ten selection by the media.

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MINNESOTA-IOWA BASEBALL GAME POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Friday afternoon's baseball game between the Minnesota Golden Gophers and the Iowa Hawkeyes in Iowa City has been postponed due to inclement weather.

The Golden Gophers will play a doubleheader against Hawkeyes Saturday with the first game, starting at 1 p.m. The postponed game has been rescheduled as part of a doubleheader on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m.

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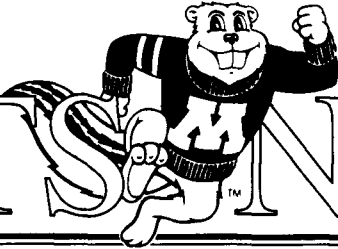
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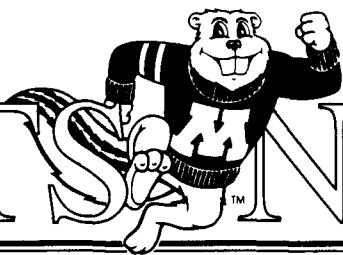
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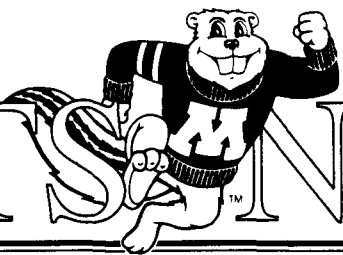
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RANTANEN NAMED BIG TEN TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

University of Minnesota sophomore Vesa Rantanen was named Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Month for April.

Rantanen set the outdoor school record in the pole vault with a mark of 18-5 1/4 (5.62m) to win that event at the Texas Relays on April 4. He also won the pole vault competition with a mark of 18-1 1/4 (5.52m) at the Drake Relays on April 26. Both vaults automatically qualified him for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championships.



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MCMULLEN, MICHALEK TO RUN AT SATURDAY'S MINNESOTA MAROON AND GOLD OPEN

Paul McMullen, the top miler in the United States, will compete in the 1,500 meter run at the Minnesota Maroon and Gold Open on Saturday at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

McMullen was the 1996 Olympic trials 1,500-meter winner. After his victory in the trials, McMullen made it to the Olympic semifinal round in Atlanta.

McMullen, a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, was the only American entrant in the Wanamaker Mile at the 90th Chase Millrose Games in New York's Madison Square Garden this past year. He finished the event in fourth place with a time of 4:00.20.

Also competing in Saturday's Minnesota Maroon and Gold Open 1,500 meter run will be former University of Minnesota Golden Gopher Paul Michalek.

The 1996 Outdoor Track and Field All-American finished sixth with a time of 3:39.94 in the 1,500 meter run at last year's NCAA meet. Michalek's clocking of 3:51.28 in the 1,500 meter run placed him second among all competitors at the 1996 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Michalek holds the outdoor school record in the 800 meter run and 1,500 meter run, and the indoor school record in the mile.

Saturday's Minnesota Maroon and Gold Open 1,500 meter run is scheduled for 1 p.m. The meet begins at 11 a.m. Teams competing include Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa State.



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HASKINS STATEMENT REGARDING KENTUCKY COACHING VACANCY

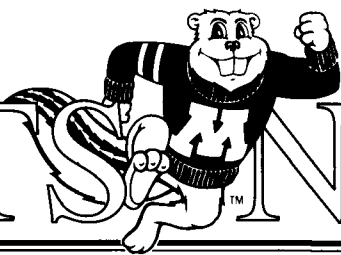
"I chose this location (Bierman gymnasium at U of M) to get together with you folks because I felt that it was important that you know that I am committed to finishing my coaching career at the University of Minnesota and those players in the background are one of the reasons why. I have a great group of young men on my team, an excellent coaching staff and outstanding administrative support. We would not have accomplished the things that we did this past year without that. The school and the entire state have been very good to my family and me.

Recently questions have arisen regarding my interest in the coaching vacancy at the University of Kentucky. I have not been officially contacted by the University of Kentucky. Right now as you can see behind me, we are preparing for the 1997-98 season and further speculation on the my interest in the Kentucky vacancy would be inappropriate at this time. Obviously if Kentucky or an other school of that caliber gave me an incredible offer, in fairness to my family I would have to look at it."

STATEMENT FROM ATHLETICS DIRECTOR MARK DIENHART

"It will not be a surprise to me if Coach Haskins is approached about the coaching vacancy at the University of Kentucky as a result of our team's performance this year.

Coach Haskins has five years remaining on his contract. I have informed him it is not my intention to renegotiate that agreement and he has indicated that is not his desire, either. I will give permission for Kentucky to speak with him if they request it and will respect Coach Haskins' decision should he prove interested in speaking with them. I, obviously, hope to see him finish his coaching career here at the University of Minnesota."



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MEN'S TENNIS TEAM HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team held its annual awards banquet Wednesday evening at the Edina Country Club in Edina, Minn. The following players received awards during the evening. All awards are voted on by members of the team.

Unsung Player of the Year:	Robin Rutili
Team Spirit Award:	Tom Chicoine
Jerry Noyce Most Improved:	Martin Michalowski
Len Bailey Award (grit and determination):	Lars Hjarrand
Louis Ratner Outstanding Contribution:	Ben Gabler

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MINNESOTA BASEBALL GAME AGAINST ST. THOMAS CANCELLED

The University of Minnesota baseball game against St. Thomas tonight has been cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The nonconference game between the teams will not be rescheduled.

The Golden Gophers return to action tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. against St. John's University at Siebert Field.

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SPRING JAM AND JOHNNY CLUELESS CONCERT HIGHLIGHT GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL SATURDAY

The University of Minnesota will officially kickoff this year's Spring Jam with a 2 p.m. baseball doubleheader between the Golden Gophers and Northwestern Wildcats. Local Minneapolis-based band Johnny Clueless will perform a free two hour concert sponsored by the U of M Spring Jam Committee and Men's Athletics. The concert will be held on the astroturf practice field behind Siebert Field and the track grandstand.

A flood victim food drive is also slated for Saturday's doubleheader. Students will be admitted free with a non-perishable food item and adults will receive half price admission (\$3) with a donated food item.

Minnesota is currently 26-23 overall and stands in fifth place in the Big Ten with a 12-9 record. The Golden Gophers went 5-1 last week, including a 4-0 mark at Iowa. Minnesota can still qualify for the Big Ten tournament if they sweep four games from Northwestern. The Golden Gophers can also qualify for the tourney if they win three of four games from the Wildcats and get a sweep from Ohio State or Michigan in their four-game, head-to-head series in Ann Arbor.

Spring Jam, a week long festival organized by U of M students, will feature an arts and crafts festival, outdoor concerts, movies, dance and skit contests, sports competitions and philanthropy throughout next week.



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MEDIA ADVISORY*

“STAY A WINNER” CLINIC SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 10

The second annual “Stay A Winner” clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at the Bierman Field Athletic Complex. The clinic, which is sponsored by Allina Health Systems, Minneapolis Public Schools and U of M Athletics, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

Participants will include 500 fourth, fifth and sixth graders from three North Minneapolis Public Schools (North Star, Broadway and Waite Park). The clinic will feature Golden Gopher student-athletes from the football, men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball and soccer programs.

This year’s event also included a six week in-school reading program, which involved Golden Gopher student-athletes and administrators visiting schools each week, as well as a t-shirt contest that allowed the elementary schools the opportunity to design the clinic logo.

Any media that is planning on attending the event, please contact Brad Ruitter at the men’s media relations office at 625-4389.

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Awards Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m. Demonstrations, drills and facility tours
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and videotape of the day

MEN'S BIG TEN UNOFFICIAL ALL-SPORTS TOTALS FOR 1996-97


(Graduated Scale - 11 pts. for 1st place, 10 for 2nd, 9 for 3rd, etc.)

	ILL	IND	IOWA	MICH	MSU	MINN	NW	OSU	PUR	WIS	PSU
*Baseball	8	4	2	11	5	7	3	10	9	--	6
Basketball	7.5	5	9.5	5	5	11	1	3	9.5	7.5	2
Cross Country	8	7	4	10	9	3	--	6	2	11	5
Football	2	2	8.5	6.5	6.5	2	10.5	10.5	4	5	8.5
Golf	--	8	6	9	2	7	10	11	4	5	3
Gymnastics	7	--	10	5	6	8	--	11	--	--	9
Soccer	--	11	--	--	10	--	6.5	6.5	--	8.5	8.5
Swimming & Diving	--	9	4	11	2	10	6	7	8	3	5
Tennis	11	8	2	6	5	9	10	1	7	3	4
Track - Indoor	10	6	8	7	4	9	--	3	5	11	2
Track - Outdoor											
Wrestling	9	3	11	7	4	10	1	6	2	5	8
TOTALS	62.5	63	65	77.5	58.5	76	48	75	50.5	59	61
PLACE	6	5	4	1	9	2	11	3	10	8	7

*Does not include Monday's Penn State vs. Indiana baseball game, which could affect the final conference standings

Standings (through 11 of 12 sports)

Michigan	77.5
Minnesota	76
Ohio State	75
Iowa	65
Indiana	63
Illinois	62.5
Penn State	61
Wisconsin	59
Michigan State	58.5
Purdue	50.5
Northwestern	48



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GOLDEN GOPHERS OUST BOILERMAKERS AT NCAA TENNIS

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (11-13) advanced to the semifinals of the 1997 NCAA Region IV Men's Tennis Championship with a 4-1 win over Purdue Friday morning at the Atkins Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill. The Golden Gophers are the defending champions in the six-team regional, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Championships next weekend in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Golden Gophers overcame an early 1-0 deficit after the Boilermakers claimed the doubles point by winning two of three matches. The number one tandem of Lars Hjarrand and Ben Gabler won for Minnesota, defeating Cris James and Derek Myers of Purdue (8-6). The James/Myers duo had been ranked as high as 11th in the nation earlier this season. Minnesota won for just the second time this season when dropping the doubles point.

The Golden Gophers recovered to capture all four completed singles bouts to win the match convincingly. Sophomore Tom Chicoine (No. 2), senior Gabler (No. 3), sophomore Adam Selkirk (No. 4), and sophomore Robin Rutili (No. 6) all won in straight sets for Minnesota. Chicoine notched his 28th singles victory of the season with the two-set win over Cris James of Purdue. Gabler's 6-4, 6-4 win over the Boilermakers' Derek Myers clinched the match for the Golden Gophers. The win by Gabler, a senior from Chambersburg, Pa., avenged a loss to Myers at the Big Ten Championships two weeks ago.

The rubber match between the Golden Gophers and the Boilermakers was the third time in the last 20 days the two teams had met. Purdue won a tight decision (4-3) in a match at West Lafayette, Ind., on April 19, before Minnesota claimed a 4-2 win in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Championships on April 25.

Minnesota, the number five seed in the tournament, will face top-seeded Notre Dame Saturday morning at 9 a.m., with the winner advancing to Sunday's championship match at 1 p.m. The Golden Gophers upset the Fighting Irish in last season's regional semifinals on their way to the Region IV title. Purdue, the number four seed, finished the season with a record of 18-7.

NCAA Region IV Quarterfinals Champaign, Ill.

MINNESOTA 4, PURDUE 1

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) vs. Jamie Gordon (PU) suspended w/Hjarrand leading 6-4, 4-1

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ZRUST NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Senior Ted Zrust was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for his efforts against Northwestern this past weekend. The Buffalo, Minn., native made two appearances in the four-game series and was the winning pitcher in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Zrust pitched 5.1 innings of shutout baseball in the two appearances. He scattered four hits, walked two and struckout three. He finished the season with a 6-2 record and team-best 2.19 ERA.

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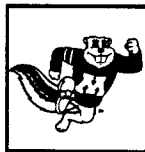
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WRESTLING ANNOUNCES THREE SIGNEES; EGGUM NAMED TO ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

The University of Minnesota wrestling team has announced that Julio Alaniz, Leroy Vega and Owen Elzen have signed National Letters of Intent to attend the school. Freshman Brandon Eggum was also named to the Amateur 'Wrestling News' All-Rookie team.

Alaniz was a state champion at 119 this past season at Mankato West High School. Vega is a two-time Indiana state champion at 112 and a National Espoir champ. Elzen attended Dover-Eyota High School in Minnesota and was a National High School Champion at 189.

Eggum, a native of Sidney, Mont., posted a 19-10 mark at 177 this season for the NCAA third-place Golden Gophers. Eggum qualified for the NCAA tournament by placing fourth in the Big Ten championships. He was a three-time prep champ and USA Wrestling National Junior champ.



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This Week in Gopher Sports

Sears Cup Standings

The Golden Gophers are currently in fifth-place in the fourth annual Sears Directors Cup standings following the winter sports season. The competition recognizes the finest all-around collegiate athletics programs in the nation.

Current Sears Directors Cup Standings:

1. Stanford	747.5
2. Nebraska	661.5
3. North Carolina	631.5
4. Florida	484.5
5. Minnesota	476.5
6. Ohio State	461.5
7. Texas	460.0
8. Penn State	456.5
9. Colorado	443.5
10. Notre Dame	432.0
11. Michigan	430.0
12. Brigham Young	413.0
13. Arizona	401.5
14. Wisconsin	400.5
15. UCLA	392.0
16. Kentucky	374.5
17. Louisiana State	374.5
18. Iowa	373.0
19. Michigan State	372.5
20. Iowa State	329.5
21. Alabama	323.5
22. Virginia	315.5
23. Auburn	314.5
24. California	304.5
25. Villanova	299.5



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Norman, Okla.



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Minnesota Last Chance
Bierman Field, All Day

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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	No team scores
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	No team scores
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	11:00 a.m.
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP COMING: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Last Chance Meet at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium on May 17. Minnesota will then participate in the Big Ten Outdoor Championships on May 23-24 in Champaign, Ill.

FEARSOME FOURSOME: The Golden Gophers won four events at the Maroon and Gold Open on May 10 at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

Golden Gopher sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) finished first with a personal-best time of 1:50.82 in the 800 meter run. Sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE**'s (Brookfield, Wis.) clocking of 15:14.30 in the 5,000 meter run placed him first among all competitors in the event. Senior **AARON WHEATCRAFT** (Apple Valley, Minn.) ran the 400 meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 53.46 to finish first, while sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) won the high jump with a personal-best mark of 6-9 3/4 (2.08m).

YENCHESKY PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES:

Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) had a throw of 57-10 1/2 (17.64m) in the shot put to provisionally qualify for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the fourth time this season he has accomplished the feat. Yenchesky's throw at Saturday's meet was good for second place.

SECOND PLACE FINISHERS: In addition to Yenchesky, freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) and senior **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) also earned second place finishes.

Polson placed second to teammate McClure in the 5,000 meter run, finishing the race in 15:16.90. Schlueter's throw of 178-2 (54.32m) in the discus was good for second. Mischke finished second in the pole vault with a mark of 16-4 3/4 (5.00m).

No team scores were kept at the meet.

POLE VAULTERS AT MODESTO RELAYS:

Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) finished fourth with a mark of 18-0 1/2 (5.50m) in the pole vault at the Modesto Relays on May 10.

Meanwhile, sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) tied for fifth with a mark of 18-0 1/2 (5.50m) in the pole vault at the Modesto Relays.

The marks provisionally qualify Harvey and Rantanen for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

STRAND FLIES HIGH IN OREGON: Freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppslands-Vasby, Sweden) finished second with a mark of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m) in the high jump at the Adidas Oregon Classic in Portland on May 11. The mark automatically qualifies Strand for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the second time he has accomplished the feat this year.

Meanwhile, senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) placed 11th with a time of 8:57.96 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Adidas Oregon Classic.

MAROON AND GOLD OPEN RESULTS:

100 Meter Dash: 5. Shelton Benjamin, Minnesota, 10.84w[+2.2w]; 8. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 10.94w[+2.5w].

800 Meter Run: 1. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:50.82.

1,500 Meter Run: 4. Nate Clay, Minnesota, 3:57.97; 5. Mike Stoick, Minnesota, 4:01.33.

5,000 Meter Run: 1. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 15:14.30; 2. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 15:16.90; 3. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 15:30.45; 4. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 15:30.97; 5. Al Broderius, Minnesota, 15:40.85.

110M High Hurdles: 3. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 14.34[+1.6w]; 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 14.68[+1.9w]; 9. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 15.41[+1.6w].

400 Meter Hurdles: 1. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 53.64.

4x100 Meter Relay: 2. Minnesota, 41.39.

4x400 Meter Relay: 4. Minnesota, 3:24.95.

Shot Put: 2. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 57-10 1/2 (17.64m);

8. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-4 3/4 (15.97m).

Discus: 2. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 178-2 (54.32m); 3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 171-4 (52.22m); 5. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 169-9 (51.74m); 9. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 156-7 (47.74m).

High Jump: 1. Tyler McCormick, Minnesota, 6-9 3/4 (2.08m).

Pole Vault: 2. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-4 3/4 (5.00m).

MODESTO RELAYS RESULTS:

Pole Vault: 4. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 18-0 1/2 (5.50m); T5. Vesa Rantanen, Minnesota, 18-0 1/2 (5.50m).

ADIDAS OREGON CLASSIC RESULTS:

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 8:57.96.

High Jump: 2. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-4 1/2 (2.25m).

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4 (5.52)	4/25-26
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	5/11

1997 PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5
Rick Obleman	3,000 Meter Steeplechase	8:52.49	4/11-12
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-9 (17.60)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	184-2 (56.14)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	186-11 (56.98)	4/25-26
Jason Schlueter	Discus	183-2 (55.84)	5/3
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-8 1/2 (5.4)	4/25-26
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-3 (2.21)	4/25-26
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-10 1/2 (17.64)	5/10
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-0 1/2 (5.50)	5/10
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-0 1/2 (5.50)	5/10



GOLF

GOLFERS IN NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to Norman, Okla. for the NCAA Midwest Regional this Thur-Sat, May 15-17. The tournament is being played at the University of Oklahoma Golf Course with 10 teams and two individuals advancing to the finals at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., on May 28-June 1. Last year Minnesota finished 12th at the NCAA Central Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., two strokes short of advancing to the finals. Junior All-America **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) won the tournament and advanced to the finals as one of the two individuals.

MINNESOTA IN THE NAAs: The Golden Gophers will be making their fifth consecutive and 24th overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament this week at the NCAA Central Regional. Minnesota has advanced to the finals once in the past four seasons. In 1993 the team finished 20th at the finals which is its highest finish since 1963. Northwestern University will host the 100th annual NCAA Men's Golf Championships at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., May 28-31. Last season, Rob Kerr fired the then-best round of his collegiate career with a 69 to win medalist honors at the NCAA Regional at the University of Michigan Golf Course, but the Golden Gophers finished two strokes short of making it to the finals as a team. Kerr advanced on to the NCAA Finals at the Honors Course at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He shot a 78 and 79 in the first two rounds but missed the final cut by seven strokes.

LE MESURIER HONORED: Freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, Eng.) was named Big Ten Freshman of the year in an awards ceremony this past weekend at the Big Ten Tournament. Le Mesurier leads the team with a stroke average of 73.5 and eight top 20 finishes in 10 tournaments. It also marks the second consecutive year that Minnesota has won the award. Last year Matt Doyle won the award before deciding to turn professional this past summer.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT RECAP The Golden Gophers finished fifth this past weekend at the Big Ten Tournament at the Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio. The teams battled bitterly cold weather in the fifties until the final day when the weather broke. Minnesota fired three rounds of 302 and one round of 307, finishing 27 strokes behind winner Ohio State. The Golden Gophers were led by their young players starting with Le Mesurier who was in the top five individual weekend and finished fourth with a score of 293, six

strokes behind the winner Kyle Dobbs of Michigan. Sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) had a very good tournament, finishing in 12th place with a score of 302.

1997 BIG TEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Team Standings

1. Ohio State, 296-294-296-299-1185
2. Northwestern, 301-304-293-290=1187
3. Michigan, 300-290-302-301=1193
4. Indiana, 301-306-308-297=1212
5. Minnesota, 302-307-302-302=1213
6. Iowa, 315-310-296-293=1214
7. Wisconsin, 314-314-303-299=1230
8. Purdue, 307-305-303-316=1231
9. Illinois, 308-320-306-306=1240
10. Penn State, 312-315-307-308=1242
11. Michigan State, 306-313-307-317=1243

Top 15 Individuals and Gopher scores

1. Kyle Dobbs, Michigan, 73-71-71-72=287
 2. Randy Leen, Indiana, 71-72-73-73=289
 3. Scott Rowe, Northwestern, 73-77-72-70=292
 4. Martin Le Mesurier, Minn., 72-74-73-74=293
 5. Sean Rowen, Iowa, 73-75-75-71=294
 6. Didier DeVooght, Ohio State, 75-72-75-73=295
Chris Wollman, Ohio State, 74-74-76-71=295
 8. Brent Idalski, Michigan, 74-70-77-75=296
 9. Matt Seppanen, Northwestern, 76-73-74-75=298
 10. Craig Matthew, Ohio State, 75-80-71-74=300
 11. Jonathan Loosemore, NW, 80-75-73-73=301
 12. Bill Thompson, Minn., 77-75-76-74=302
John Bachman, Purdue, 74-78-74-76=302
Michael Harris, Michigan, 75-72-79-76=302
Chad McCarty, Iowa, 81-80-70-71=302
- Others: Rob Kerr, Minn., 75-78-80-77=310 (31st), Mark Halverson, Minn., 78-80-75-77=310 (31st), Jeff Barney, Minn., 80-84-78-81=323 (50th)



TENNIS

NETTERS FINISH ONE SHORT OF NCAA

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team made a valiant effort for the second straight season to end an otherwise disappointing season on a high note by qualifying for the NCAA Championships. Last season, Minnesota entered the six-team NCAA Region IV Tournament as the number six seed and proceeded to win three matches in upset fashion to advance to the program's third NCAA Championships. This season, seeded fifth, the Golden Gophers were stopped one match short of the goal as they were defeated by Northwestern 4-2 on Sunday in the regional final.

Minnesota battled back from an early deficit after losing the doubles point to win the number one and two singles matches. Senior **LARS HJARRNAD** who closed out his outstanding career as a Golden Gopher on Sunday, won in straight sets at number one singles. Hjarrand, a three-time all-Big Ten selection from Oslo, Norway, ended his career with a combined singles and doubles mark of 157-71.

Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** of Neenah, Wis., was the other Minnesota winner with a straight set triumph at number two singles. Chicoine led all Golden Gopher singles players in wins this season with 30, and now stands with a total of 55 singles victories in just two full seasons. Chicoine won all three of his matches at the regional over the weekend.

A bright spot of the weekend came on Saturday morning in the semifinals, when the upset-minded Golden Gophers ousted top-seed Notre Dame for the second time in as many years. The Golden Gophers jumped out to an early 1-0 advantage by capturing the doubles point on the strength of close wins by the tandems of Lars Hjarrand/Ben Gabler and Tom Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen.

Minnesota then won three of five completed singles matches against the Fighting Irish to clinch the victory. A key matchup occurred at number two singles, where Chicoine earned a three-set win over Notre Dame's Jakub Pietrowski after dropping the first set 6-1. Chicoine won a third-set tiebreaker (6-2) to claim victory. Sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) clinched the match for Minnesota with a three-set, come-from-behind win at number four singles (2-6, 6-3, 6-4).

The Golden Gophers finished the season at 12-14, placing third at the Big Ten Tournament and winning four of their final six matches. The team loses just two seniors (Hjarrand and Ben Gabler) to graduation. Northwestern, who finished second in the Big Ten this season, advances to the NCAA Championships with a record of 20-6.

Results from Minnesota's matches at the 1997 NCAA Region IV Tournament are listed below:

NCAA Region IV Finals

Sunday, May 11

Atkins Tennis Center

Champaign, Ill.

NORTHWESTERN 4, MINNESOTA 2

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Alex Witt (NW) 6-3, 6-3
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Marc Silva (NW) 6-3, 6-2
Ry Tarpley (NW) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-5, 6-2
Martin Bengtsson (NW) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-2, 6-3
Doug Bohaboy (NW) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-3, 6-0
Richard Preschern (NW) v. Robin Rutili (MN) sus. w/Preschern leading 6-3, 6-7 (4), 2-0

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Witt/Preschern (NW) 8-6
Silva/Bohaboy (NW) def. Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 8-5
Tarpley/Bengtsson (NW) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 8-5

NCAA Region IV Semifinals

Saturday, May 10

MINNESOTA 4, NOTRE DAME 2

Singles

Ryan Sachire (ND) def. Lars Hjarrand (MN) 6-3, 7-5
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Jakub Pietrowski (ND) 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2)
Ryan Simme (ND) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 6-1, 7-6 (8)
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Brian Patterson (ND) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Danny Rothschild (ND) 6-4, 6-4
Robin Rutili (MN) vs. Eric Enloe (ND) suspended

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Pietrowski/Patterson (ND) 9-7
Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Sachire/Trent Miller (ND) 8-6
Simme/Rothschild (ND) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 8-5

NCAA Region IV Quarterfinals

Friday, May 9

MINNESOTA 4, PURDUE 1

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) vs. Jamie Gordon (PU) suspended w/Hjarrand leading 6-4, 4-1
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Cris James (PU) 6-2, 6-0
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Derek Myers (PU) 6-4, 6-4
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jerad Harbaugh (PU) 6-1, 6-2
Greg Wessenberg (PU) vs. Martin Michaelowski (MN) susp. w/Wessenberg leading 6-4, 4-5
Robin Rutili (MN) def. Steve Brizendine (PU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. James/Myers (PU) 8-6
Gordon/Harbaugh (PU) def. Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 8-4
Bryan Harris/Jason Smith (PU) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 9-7

TEAM HANDS OUT AWARDS AT ANNUAL BAN-

QUET: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team held its annual awards banquet on May 7 at the Edina Country Club in Edina Minn. The following players received awards during the evening. All awards are voted on by members of the team.

Unsung Player of the Year:

Robin Rutili

Team Spirit Award:

Tom Chicoine

Jerry Noyce Most Improved:

Martin


Michalowski

Len Bailey Award (grit and determination):

Lars Hjarrand

Louis Ratner Outstanding Contribution:

Ben Gabler



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GAME TIMES FOR '97 GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL SEASON ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota announced today tentative kickoff times for the '97 football season. All game times are subject to change.


Head Coach Glen Mason's Golden Gophers will open the season on Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. (Central) at Hawaii. The home opener will be Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. against Iowa State and the homecoming game is scheduled for Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. against Ohio State.

The '97 schedule with tentative kickoff times is listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug. 30	at Hawaii	8 p.m.
Sept. 13	IOWA STATE	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Memphis	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	HOUSTON	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Michigan State	12:05 p.m.
Oct. 11	PURDUE	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Penn State	Noon
Oct. 25	WISCONSIN	6 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Michigan	12:05 p.m.
Nov. 8	OHIO STATE (HOMECOMING)	3 p.m.
Nov. 15	INDIANA	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Iowa	1:05 p.m.

All times are Central and subject to change

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MARK DIENHART STATEMENT REGARDING COURTNEY JAMES

"Courtney James' status with the University of Minnesota basketball team remains unchanged. James is indefinitely suspended from the team and his status will remain that way pending the results of an ongoing internal investigation currently being conducted by the department."



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1997-98 MEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota has released its 1997-98 36-game regular season men's hockey schedule. The season opens on Oct. 10 with the Hall of Fame exhibition game against Michigan at the Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., with the regular season opener slated for Oct. 17 as the Golden Gophers host Hockey East power Maine in the first game of a non-conference, weekend series at Mariucci Arena. The Golden Gophers will travel to Minnesota-Duluth to open the WCHA schedule the following weekend.

The WCHA has reduced its league schedule from 32 games in 1996-97 to 28 games in 1997-98 after Northern Michigan's departure from the league at the conclusion of last season. The league has kept its unbalanced format, meaning Minnesota will not go to Denver or host Michigan Tech during the 1997-98 season. This format does allow teams to schedule more nonconference games, the result of which is the season-opening series against Maine and the first-ever meeting between Mankato State and Minnesota. The Mavericks will travel to Mariucci Arena for a series on Jan. 2-3, 1998.

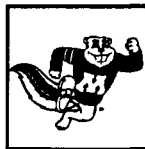
Friday games at Mariucci Arena will start at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday games beginning at 7 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 10	*Michigan (Hall of Fame Game)	Target Center	7 p.m.
Oct. 17-18	#MAINE	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Oct. 24-25	@Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	NORTH DAKOTA	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Nov. 7-8	@Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7 p.m.
Nov. 14-15	@Alaska-Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10 p.m.
Nov. 21-22	COLORADO COLLEGE	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	#@Michigan (CHS)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	TBA
Nov. 30	#@Michigan State (CHS)	East Lansing, Mich.	TBA
Dec. 19	ST. CLOUD STATE	Mariucci Arena	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	@St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	#MARIUCCI CLASSIC (Northeastern, Brown, Notre Dame)	Mariucci Arena	4/7 p.m.
TBA	*International Game	Mariucci Arena	TBA
Jan. 2-3	#MANKATO STATE	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Jan. 16-17	DENVER	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Jan. 23-24	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Jan. 30-31	@Michigan Tech (Winter Carnival)	Houghton, Mich.	6/4 p.m.
Feb. 6	WISCONSIN	Target Center	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	WISCONSIN	Mariucci Arena	7 p.m.
Feb. 13-14	@North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20-21	ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	Mariucci Arena	7:30/7 p.m.
Feb. 27-28	@Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8:30/8 p.m.
March 6	@St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7 p.m.
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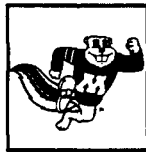
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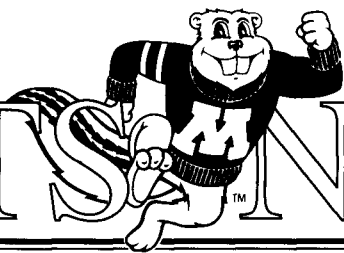
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T8. Deron Zinnecker, TCU	74-69-69-212
T8. Casey Brown, Arkansas	74-68-70-212
10. Jeff Brown, Texas A&M	68-71-74-213
T11. Edward Loar, Oklahoma State	75-70-69-214
T11. Robert Russell, Missouri-Kansas City	71-73-70-214
T11. Craig Matthew, Ohio State	76-70-68-214
T11. David Jasper, Michigan	71-71-72-214
T11. Patrick Malone, Texas	70-72-72-214
T16. Randy Leen, Indiana	74-70-71-215
T16. Victor Schwamkrug, Houston	71-70-74-215
T18. Ben Pettitt, Drake	69-74-73-216
T18. Jason Knutzon, Iowa State	71-71-74-216
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STRAND NAMED BIG TEN OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

University of Minnesota high jumper Staffan Strand was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.


Strand, a native of Upplands-Vasby, Sweden, won the Big Ten high jump title last week, clearing the bar at 7-3 1/4. He also placed sixth in the triple jump during the conference championships.

Strand's best high jump of the outdoor season was at the Texas Relays on April 5, when he cleared the bar at 7-4 1/2, a U of M freshman record. He later equaled that mark on May 11 at the Adidas Oregon Classic. Both of those jumps automatically qualified him for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

During the indoor season, he placed second in the high jump at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, clearing the bar at 7-5.

Strand will compete at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 4-7 at the University of Indiana in Bloomington.

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GOPHERS SIGN BROXSIE TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota basketball office announced today that Antoine Broxsie of Tampa Bay Technical High School in Tampa, Fla., has signed a national letter of intent.

Broxsie, a 6-10 220-pound center/forward, led Tampa Technical High School to a 23-4 record in Class A last season. Broxsie averaged 17 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocks per game his senior season. He posted a career-high 17 blocks in a game vs. Tampa Robinson High School this year.

An All-Florida second team selection, he led his team to a combined 46-10 record his junior and senior years. As a junior, his team lost in the final game of the Region 5 Tournament, narrowly missing the state tournament.

“The sky is the limit for this young man.” said Head Coach Clem Haskins. “He has tremendous physical ability, is a great shot blocker and is very young for his class. He will be an excellent addition to our frontcourt and will give us some additional athleticism and depth in that area.”

Broxsie was heavily recruited by Purdue, Nebraska and Michigan.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH 17TH AT NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL

The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished 17th at the NCAA Central Regional held at the Jimmie Austin/University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman. The Golden Gophers had a 54 hole total of 896, 53 strokes behind team champion Oklahoma State (843). The top ten teams in the regional advance to the NCAA Championships at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, Ill. on May 28-31.

Leading the way for Minnesota was freshman Martin LeMesurier who fired a three round total of 221 to finish tied for 45th. Oklahoma State's Bo VanPelt and Texas A&M's Miguel del Angel tied for medalist honors, each carding three round totals of 209.

Golden Gopher junior Rob Kerr tied for 46th place with a score of 222. Senior Mark Halverson tied for 60th at 225. Sophomore Bill Thompson tied for 81st at 228, while sophomore Andy Komor finished off Minnesota's scoring at 235.

Final Team Standings

1. Oklahoma State	290-278-275-843
2. TCU	287-281-285-853
3. Texas A&M	279-286-294-859
4. Arkansas	288-284-289-861
5. Houston	290-281-293-864
6. Ohio State	294-289-287-870
7. Texas	287-292-292-871
8. Michigan	292-292-290-874
T9. Drake	288-299-294-881
T9. Northwestern	293-293-295-881
11. Oklahoma	287-302-293-882
12. Tulsa	297-291-298-886
13. Nebraska	291-297-299-887
14. Iowa State	301-292-295-888
15. Indiana	299-303-289-891
16. Southern Methodist	291-296-306-893
17. Minnesota	297-295-304-896
18. Miami (Ohio)	298-297-305-900
19. Rice	300-305-300-905
20. SW Louisiana	300-302-305-907
21. Arkansas State	303-306-305-914

Top 20 Individuals

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WATSON DISMISSED FROM GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL TEAM

University of Minnesota head football coach Glen Mason announced today that junior Dave Watson, a reserve at defensive end, has been dismissed from the Golden Gopher football team for violating team policy.

Watson, who did not play in each of the past two seasons, lettered as a freshman for the Golden Gophers in 1994 when he played in all 11 games and had eight tackles on the year.

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TENNIS PROGRAM INKS FOUR TO LETTERS OF INTENT


The University of Minnesota men's tennis program has announced the signing of four world-class junior players to letters of intent to play for the Golden Gophers beginning with the 1997-98 season. Jorge Duenas of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Ed Marques of Tampa, Florida, Jon Svensson of Huskvarna, Sweden, and Tyson Parry of Windsor, Ontario, Canada will play for the U of M, which has won four of the last six Big Ten Championships.

Duenas is the number one player on the Dominican Republic Davis Cup squad and is rated No. 46 in the world in the latest 18-and-under ITF (International Tennis Federation) Junior Rankings. Duenas is planning on playing in this year's Junior Wimbledon and Junior French Open tournaments.

Marques, currently at the Palmer Tennis Academy, is ranked as the top junior player in Florida. Svensson is rated number eight in the Swedish junior circuit.

Parry is the top-ranked junior player in Canada and has won Canadian junior titles in the 12, 14, 16 and 18-year old divisions.

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GOLD COUNTRY RUN, FUNFEST & EQUIPMENT SALE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The second annual Gold Country Run & Gopher FunFest will be held on Saturday at the Bierman Field Athletics Building on the University of Minnesota campus.

A 5K run and walk will kick things off at 9 a.m., followed by the Bruegger's Bagels Kid's FunRun at 10:15 a.m.

In addition fans can purchase authentic Golden Gopher apparel, including game-worn football, basketball and hockey jerseys and warmups, at unbelievable prices at the equipment sale which runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex.

Registration for the Gold Country Run is \$15. Race day registration will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. Registration for the Kid's Fun Run is \$5 through race day morning. Participants in both runs will receive a T-Shirt and goodie bag.

Afterwards join University of Minnesota coaches, student-athletes and staff members for the Gopher FunFest. Everyone is invited to take part in this celebration of Gopher Athletics with complimentary food and beverages provided.

Entry forms are available at Gold Country Apparel in Dinkytown, all Bruegger's Bagel locations and the University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office located in Mariucci Arena on 4 Oak Street. For more information, please call (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.



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U OF M ANNOUNCES SALE OF WILLIAMS ARENA COURTSIDE SEATS

Courtside seating will once again be available in Williams Arena for the 1997-98 Golden Gopher men's basketball season. Last season, the Gophers were among the four best teams in the country as they reached the NCAA Final Four. This year is the fourth season that front row seats are being made available for auction. Continuing demand for these auction seats and the need to meet University revenue goals are reasons that the auction will again be held this year.


"On-going demand for tickets in Williams Arena is overwhelming," Men's Athletic Director Mark Dienhart said. "The auction format used to allocate front row seats has proven very successful and our donors continue to be extremely generous as they bid for these seats. We displace no current season ticket holders and the revenue generated helps greatly as we try to develop competitive Big Ten budgets and pay our scholarship costs."

The seats, located directly behind the scorers table at courtside, will be awarded to winning fans with a minimum starting bid of \$2,500 per seat, plus the price of the season ticket. With very high renewal rates among season ticket holders in Williams Arena, these seats are the only seats guaranteed to be available each year. "Revenue from these seats has continued to climb each year," said Jan Unstad, development director for men's athletics. "Our first season, winning bids totaled almost \$60,000, then climbed to \$67,000 and last year reached \$78,000. With a Final Four season just behind us, it appears as though interest in seeing the Gophers is greater than ever before. The front row seats are outstanding and college basketball is extremely popular. The money raised goes toward our annual scholarship bill of almost \$2 million dollars, so the dollars bid are used for a great cause."

Written bids for the courtside seats will be accepted beginning June 3, with bids closing at 4:30 PM on June 25. Information and bid forms are available by calling Jan Unstad at 612/626-7812.

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BILLIG & LEAL WIN SATURDAY'S GOLD COUNTRY RUN

Pat Billig of Roseville took top honors in the men's race and Toni Leal of Milwaukee, Wis., won the women's overall title at Saturday's Gold Country five kilometer road race which finished at the University of Minnesota's Bierman Track & Field Stadium. More than 900 runners participated in the race, which also included the 400 meter Bruegger's Bagels Kid's FunRun afterwards.

A former All-America runner at Moorhead State University, Billig, 34, crossed the finish line first with a time of 15:57. Wade Bergner, 30, from Red Wing was second in 16:38 and Pat Markey, 21, from Minneapolis was third in 16:40.

Leal, 29, won the women's race with a time of 19:06. Defending champion Julie Ruzynski, 33, from Blaine was the runner-up with a clocking of 20:23. St. Paul's Elizabeth Lee, 39, finished third in 20:42.



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HARTUNG NAMED NWCA FIRST TEAM ALL-ACADEMIC; PAULSON AND EGGUM RECEIVE HONORABLE MENTION

Sophomore Tim Hartung was named First Team All-Academic by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA). Hartung, an All-American at 190 this season, has recorded a 3.05 GPA in kinesiology.

Junior Brandon Paulson and freshman Brandon Eggum were named honorable mention as Minnesota placed 12th in the team standings with a cumulative GPA of 2.939. Paulson led the team with a 3.23 GPA in finance and Eggum was second with a 3.17 GPA in pre-business.

To be eligible, the NWCA requires that a varsity student-athlete have a 3.0 GPA or better and that he meet one of the following athletics criteria: (1) win at least 60 percent of his matches; (2) place in the top four at the respective conference meet; (3) qualify for the NCAA championships.

Division I teams: 1. Princeton, 3.258; 2. Stanford, 3.240; 3. James Madison, 3.143; 4. Central Michigan, 3.080; 5. Appalachian State, 3.040; 6. Wyoming, 3.007; 7. Pennsylvania, 3.000; 8. Duke, 2.984; 9. BYU, 2.971; 10. Northwestern, 2.967; 11. Michigan, 2.960; 12. Minnesota, 2.939; 13. Virginia, 2.928; 14. Oklahoma, 2.912; 15. Penn State, 2.903; 16. Air Force, 2.8833; 17. Maryland, 2.887; 18. Buffalo, 2.844; 19. West Virginia, 2.843; 20. Navy, 2.830; 21. Drexel, 2.815; 22. Oklahoma State, 2.806; 23. Columbia, 2.764; 24. Purdue, 2.744; 25. Army, 2.740.



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QUINLAN NAMED MVP AT GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL AWARDS BANQUET

Sophomore Robb Quinlan received the Richard "Chief" Siebert Memorial Most Valuable Player Award at this year's Golden Gopher baseball banquet at the Sheraton Metrodome Hotel.

Quinlan hit .363 with 13 home runs and a school-record 29 doubles this season for Minnesota, who finished with a 30-24 record. Mike Diebolt was named the Dave Winfield Pitcher of the Year following his single-season record of 110 strikeouts and Eric Welter received the Paul Molitor Batting Champion Award by hitting a team-leading .375 in 53 games.

Senior Tony Felling received the newly-founded Frank Stanton Memorial Endowed Scholarship for his outstanding merit in the Carlson School of Management. A full list of award winners follows:

George Thomas Most Improved Player Award -	Troy Stein
David Winfield Pitcher of the Year Award -	Mike Diebolt
Paul Molitor Batting Champion Award -	Eric Welter
David Chelesnik Jr. Memorial Award -	Ted Zrust
Paul Fortin Scholarship/Athlete Award -	Ryan Beers
Golden Gopher Dugout Player of the Year Award -	Bryan Guse
Richard "Chief" Siebert Memorial MVP Award -	Robb Quinlan
Leadership Award -	Ryan Beers, Eric Welter, Mike Diebolt, Troy Stein

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GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL COMMEMORATIVE PRINT TO GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY

The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Athletics announced that the Golden Gopher basketball commemorative print will go on sale Wednesday, June 4, 1997. The print, which was illustrated by local artist Karl Jaeger, depicts Head Coach Clem Haskins and the Big Ten Champion and Final Four participant Golden Gophers.

The 1996-97 season was truly one to remember! The first Final Four appearance in school history! The first Big Ten Championship since 1982! A school record 31 victories! Individual honors for Bobby Jackson, the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player and Clem Haskins, the Big Ten and National Coach of the Year! Capture all the thrills and memories of this remarkable season by purchasing this limited edition lithograph by Minnesotan Karl Jaeger.

Jaeger is a 21-year-old artist from Buffalo, Minn. His ability to provide a drawing with the utmost detail was the key reason he was chosen for this project. The print measures 23 by 28 inches and is on the highest acid-free paper. Jaeger's other published works include drawings of Minnesota golf celebrities Tom Lehman and Tim Herron.

Only 4,000 of these commemorative prints are available at a cost of \$110 each. Also available are 150 artist proof prints at \$190 each and a special signature edition consisting of 350 prints at \$375 that have been signed by the team and Coach Haskins. There is also a custom framing available at \$100 per print. A percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the print will benefit Men's Intercollegiate Athletics and Golden Gopher Basketball. For information on this valuable keepsake, call (612) 625-4879.

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BASEBALL GOPHERS ADD TWO MORE STUDENT-ATHLETES


The University of Minnesota baseball team has added two more prospects for the 1998 season. The baseball office has announced the signing of Chad Trail to a national letter of intent, while Chris Guetzlaff has accepted an offer of admission to attend the school.

Trail is a right-handed pitcher/outfielder from Tilgham High School in Paducah, Ky. Trail, who is 5-11 and 180 pounds, recorded a 3-2 record with a sparkling 1.90 ERA this past season. He hit .360 as a switch hitter with six home runs. Trail received high interest from Purdue, Ole Miss and Kentucky. He is the son of Sandra and Mark Trail.

“Chad is an excellent student-athlete who we plan to use as a two-way player,” said associate head coach Rob Fornasiere. “He has been well trained and possesses a very strong arm. Chad really wanted to come to Minnesota, and we are happy to have him join our program.”

Guetzlaff is a 6-2, 180-pound outfielder from Sun Prairie, Wis. He has outstanding speed and athletic ability. Guetzlaff was an all-conference safety on the 1996 Wisconsin State Football Championship team at Sun Prairie.

“We are very pleased to have such a quality all-around athlete and person like Chris join our program,” said Fornasiere. “Chris is just beginning to scratch the surface in his ability. We will work hard with him to develop his natural talent.”



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QUINLAN NAMED SECOND TEAM ALL-MIDEAST REGION


Sophomore left fielder Robb Quinlan has been named second team All-Mideast Region. Quinlan hit .363 this season with 13 home runs and 54 RBIs. His 29 doubles set a school record and his three home runs against Iowa State tied another held by Tom Steinbach.

Quinlan joined fellow Big Ten opponents Brian Mitchell (Iowa), Derek Besco and Tyler Steketee (Michigan), Bill Bennett (Purdue) and Mark Mulder (Michigan State) on the second team.

Big Ten tournament champion Ohio State landed three players on the first team. Dan Seimetz, Alex Eckelman and Justin Fry represented the Buckeyes. The big three from Ohio State were the lone representatives from the Big Ten conference.

All-Mideast First Team - 1st Base, Dan Seimetz (Ohio State); 2nd Base, Alex Eckelman (Ohio State); 3rd Base, Ed Gundry (Detroit-Mercy); Shortstop, Jason Murray; Outfield, Jason Meier (Ball State), Mike Pesci (Detroit-Mercy), Brian Petrucci (Akron); Catcher, Mike Amrhein (Notre Dame); DH, Bill Bronikowski (Toledo); Pitcher, Justin Fry (Ohio State), Bob Sismondo (Ohio Univ.), Andy Smith (Bowling Green); Relief Pitcher, Tom Miller (Ohio Univ.).

All-Mideast Second Team - 1st Base, Greg Ryan (E. Michigan); 2nd Base, Anthony Holyszko (W. Michigan); 3rd Base, Brian Mitchell (Iowa); Shortstop (Greg Jones); Outfield, Derek Besco (Michigan), Jason Graham (Ohio Univ.), Robb Quinlan (Minnesota); Catcher, Brady Gick (Ohio Univ.); DH, Bill Bennett (Purdue); Pitcher, Mark Mulder (Michigan State); Brian Schubmehl (Ohio Univ.), Lou Witte (Xavier); Relief Pitcher, Tyler Steketee (Michigan).



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GOPHERS HONORED ON SPRING ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

The University of Minnesota men's athletics department had 24 of its student-athletes named to the 1997 Spring Academic All-Big Ten list.


Head Coach Phil Lundin's track and field team lead the way with 10 of the 24 honorees. Head Coach John Anderson's baseball team had seven players named to the team, led by senior pitcher Tony Felling's 3.36 GPA in marketing/finance.

Sophomore Glenn Lindqvist, a decathlete and international business major from Aland, Finland, had the highest GPA among the 24 student-athletes honored with a 3.90.

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

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Baseball	Ryan Beers	Sr	3.22	Slayton, Minn.
Baseball	Matt Brosseau	So	3.08	North Oaks, Minn.
Baseball	Mark Devore	Fr	3.12	Bloomington, Minn.
Baseball	Jason Dobis	Jr	3.04	Little Falls, Minn.
Baseball	Tony Felling	Sr	3.36	Roseville, Minn.
Baseball	Adam Horton	So	3.10	New Ulm, Minn.
Baseball	Troy Stein	Sr	3.05	Cold Springs, Minn.
Golf	Jeff Barney	So	3.25	Appleton, Minn.
Golf	Mark Halverson	Sr	3.20	Fargo, N.D.
Golf	Andy Komor	So	3.47	New Brighton, Minn.
Hockey	Jason Godbout	Jr	3.02	Woodbury, Minn.
Hockey	Brian LaFleur	Sr	3.08	Bloomington, Minn.
Tennis	Martin Kristoffersen	So	3.67	Portgrunn, Norway
Tennis	Robin Rutili	Jr	3.31	Palo Alto, Calif.
Track and Field	Jonathan Anderson	Jr	3.61	Morris, Minn.
Track and Field	Nathaniel Clay	So	3.32	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Track and Field	Niles Deneen	Jr	3.41	St. Paul, Minn.
Track and Field	Kevin Dunbar	Sr	3.45	Brockville, Ontario
Track and Field	Ron Hoffner	So	3.73	Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Track and Field	Todd Landgraff	So	3.02	St. Peter, Minn.
Track and Field	Glenn Lindqvist	So	3.90	Aland, Finland
Track and Field	Charles McClure	So	3.49	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Track and Field	Vesa Rantanen	So	3.48	Virrat, Finland
Track and Field	Chad Yenchesky	Jr	3.61	DePere, Wis.

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RANTANEN TIES FOR SIXTH IN POLE VAULT AS MINNESOTA FINISHES 9TH AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

University of Minnesota sophomore Vesa Rantanen finished in a sixth-place tie in the pole during the fourth and final day of competition at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, being held on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

Rantanen's vault of 17'08 (5.40m) helped the Golden Gophers to a ninth-place finish at the championships. The Golden Gophers scored 19.50 points to finish ahead of 10th-place Iowa State, which scored 19.

Clark Humphreys of Auburn won the pole vault at 18'04.50. He was followed by Clarence Phelps of California and Kurt Hanna of Baylor in second and third place, respectively.

Arkansas captured the team title with 55 points, which easily outdistanced second-place Texas which scored 42.50. USC finished third, followed by UCLA, Wisconsin and Oklahoma who tied for fourth.

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SCHLESSMAN RECEIVES UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S TOP HONOR

Matt Schlessman, a senior swimmer from Avon, Ohio, has been named the recipient of the University of Minnesota's Big Ten Conference Men's Medal of Honor.

Each member school in the Big Ten Conference presents this award annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates a high degree of proficiency in both scholarship and athletics.

A three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, Schlessman was a tri-captain of the 1996-97 swimming and diving team which placed 12th at the NCAA Championships. A 12-time All-American, he capped off an outstanding career at this year's NCAA Championships, swimming on five relay teams which all placed 12th or higher. He was a member of six Big Ten championship relay teams in his career, including three in 1996 when the Golden Gophers won their first Big Ten team championship since 1926.

A senior in the Institute of Technology with a cumulative GPA of 3.76, he is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in management. A second-team GTE Academic All-American and a two-time University of Minnesota Top Five Scholar-Athlete honoree, he has earned four quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA in the Institute of Technology's honors programs and has been named to the dean's list five times. He participated in a project to develop and build lab equipment for compressible fluid flow experiments and has had internships in 3M's Corporate Research Division and with Cummin's Diesel Engines.



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HOME MEETS AGAINST IOWA AND OKLAHOMA HIGHLIGHT 1997-98 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

The University of Minnesota wrestling team announced a very competitive schedule for the 1997-98 season. The Golden Gophers will host dual meets against five teams that were ranked in the top 15 in the nation last season.


Minnesota, which finished third at the NCAAs, will dual against the defending NCAA champion Iowa Hawkeyes on Jan. 23 at Williams Arena. No. 2 Oklahoma State will invade the Sports Pavilion a week later on Jan. 30. Also on tap at the Pavilion will be key duals against Nebraska, Michigan and Michigan State. All three teams were ranked in the top 15 at the end of the 1996-97 season.

In addition to their second appearance at the National Duals on Jan. 17-18, the Golden Gophers will travel to No. 4 Iowa State, Wisconsin, Penn State, Ohio State, Purdue and Northwestern. Minnesota will return its entire starting lineup from a season ago, including All-Americans Pat Connors (126), Jason Davids (142), Chad Kraft (150), Tim Hartung (190) and Shelton Benjamin (HWT). Hartung is also a returning Big Ten champion at 190.

The Big Ten tourney is scheduled for March 7-8 at the Jordan Center in Penn State and the NCAA tourney will be held at Cleveland State University.

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Nov. 15	Saturday	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 21	Friday	North Dakota State	Fargo, N.D.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	Saturday	Omaha Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 28	Saturday	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Dec. 4	Thursday	Mankato State	Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Friday	TBA	Jackson, Minn.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Sunday	Fresno St. & San Fran. State Bakersfield	Fresno, Calif. Bakersfield, Calif.	11 a.m./1 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Sunday	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Friday	Nebraska	Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	Sat. & Sun.	National Duals	Iowa City, Iowa	All Day
Jan. 23	Friday	Iowa	Williams Arena	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Friday	Oklahoma State	Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Saturday	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Friday	Penn State	College Park, Pa.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Sunday	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Friday	Michigan State	Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Saturday	Michigan	Pavilion	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Friday	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Saturday	Purdue	W. Lafayette, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 7-8	Sat. & Sun.	Big Tens	College Park, Pa.	All Day
Mar. 19-21	Thur-Sat.	NCAAs	Cleveland, Ohio	All Day

Bold Denotes Home Meet



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TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS ANNOUNCE 1997-98 CAPTAINS

Golden Gopher Head Track and Field Coach Phil Lundin announced today that seniors Tye Harvey, Rick Obleman, and Chad Yenchesky will serve as captains for the 1997-98 season. Also, Head Cross Country Coach Steve Plasencia announced that senior Tony Riter will serve as the cross country team captain for the 1997 season.

Harvey, a pole vaulter from Jamestown, Calif., earned All-America honors by placing second in the pole vault at the 1997 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in March by clearing the bar at 18-2 1/2, a new school record. He had qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championship with a vault of 18-1 1/4 at the Mount Sac Relays in April, but was unable to compete in either the NCAAs or the Big Ten Conference Championships due to a wrist injury suffered in an automobile accident on his way to the Big Ten meet.

Obleman, a native of Regina, Saskatchewan who was the captain of the cross country team last season, placed second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 8:56.46 to help the Gophers place second at the 1997 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Yenchesky, a shot putter from DePere, Wis. who placed second at the 1997 Big Ten Outdoor Championships with a throw of 59 2-3/4, recently added another honor. He was also named as a 1997 GTE Academic All-American in District V.

Riter, a two-time letter winner from Shoreview, Minn., will be looking to improve upon his team-leading 37th-place showing at the NCAA District IV Championships last season.



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FINISHES 15TH IN SEARS DIRECTORS CUP STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota finished in 15th-place in the fourth annual Sears Directors Cup standings. The competition recognizes the finest all-around collegiate athletics programs in the nation.

The all-sports award, presented by Sears and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), honors Division I schools with the best performances in nine core sports each for men and women and two wild card sports for each.

Directors Cup points are based on national tournament finishes. The national champion in a sport earns 64 points, second gets 63, etc. In the case of a tie, the total points for the place are divided between the number of schools involved in the tie.

The Golden Gophers' 15th-place showing is the second-best finish ever for the program. The previous best finish for the Gophers was 4th which occurred in the final 1993-94 standings. The Gophers achieved their highest ranking ever in the Sears Directors Cup standings earlier this season when they were in fifth-place after the winter sports standings were tabulated.

The Golden Gophers were ranked third among Big Ten schools, trailing only eighth-place Ohio State and Michigan which finished in a tie for 11th-place. In fact, 10 of the 11 Big Ten schools finished in the top 50 in the standings.

Final Sears Directors Cup Standings: 1. Stanford, 1084.5; 2. North Carolina, 804.0; 3. UCLA, 802.0; 4. Nebraska, 780.5; 5. Florida, 763.0; 6. Arizona, 672.5; 7. Texas, 671.0; 8. Ohio State, 628.0; 8. USC, 628.0; 10. LSU, 624.0; 11. Michigan, 610.5; 11. Washington, 610.5; 13. Arizona State, 571.0; 14. Notre Dame, 558.5; **15. Minnesota, 556.5;** 16. BYU, 553.0; 17. Tennessee, 531.5; 18. Alabama, 529.5; 19. Auburn, 527.0; 20. Penn State, 520.0; 21. Colorado, 519.5; 22. Virginia, 519.0; 23. Duke, 506.5; 24. Wisconsin, 505.0; 25. California, 503.5.

Other Big Ten schools: 27. Iowa, 456.5; 31. Michigan State, 421.0; 34. Indiana, 385.5; 35. Northwestern, 384.5; 46. Illinois, 321.5.

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WILLIAMS ARENA COURTSIDE SEATS AUCTION ENDS JUNE 25

The University of Minnesota has announced the sale of Williams Arena courtside seating will conclude Wednesday, June 25 at 4:30 p.m. These front row seats, available for auction each year, are in high demand following the Golden Gophers magical run to the Final Four this past season.

Fans interested in participating in the bidding on these seats should call Jan Unstad at (612) 626-7812 before the deadline to enter their bid. The money raised from the auction will help fund scholarships for male student-athletes. The current top bid on the seats stands at \$4,350 per seat and the minimum entry bid required is in excess of \$3,000 per seat.



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BASKETBALL/HOCKEY TICKET PRICES FOR 1997-98 ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has announced season ticket prices for men's basketball and men's hockey for the upcoming 1997-98 seasons.

The basketball ticket price will be \$22.50 per game, or a total of \$450 for a season ticket for 20 scheduled home games. The Golden Gophers will play host to three more games than in the 1996-97 season. The price represents an increase of \$1.50 per game.

The hockey ticket price will be \$19.50 for 22 of the 25 home games, \$25 for the two sessions of the Mariucci Classic, and \$15 for the Hall of Fame game against Michigan at Target Center on Oct. 10, for a total season ticket price of \$494. The cost of the 22 games at \$19.50 is a 50 cent increase from last season's single-game price. The Golden Gophers will play host to two more games than in the 1996-97 season.

Men's hockey single game ticket sales begin on Oct. 4. Men's basketball season ticket sales for prospective new season ticket holders will be held on Oct. 18, while men's basketball single game sales are set to begin Nov. 1. More information about those dates will be announced this fall.

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MINNESOTA GOLFER NAMED 1997 ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR BY GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION

University of Minnesota golfer Mark Halverson of Fargo, N.D., has been named a 1997 All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America for the second consecutive year.

A three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection and team captain this season for the Golden Gophers, Halverson graduated in June from the Carlson School of Management with a degree in accounting. Halverson, who competed in the NCAA Golf Championships three straight years, is now competing professionally in the five-state area.

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TICKETS FOR U.S. HOCKEY HALL OF FAME GAME ON SALE NOW

Tickets for the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame game between the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers and the University of Michigan Wolverines are on sale now. The game will be played on Friday, October 10 at 7 p.m. at Target Center.

Tickets cost \$16.50, \$14 and \$11 and may be purchased at Target Center ticket office, any Ticketmaster location or by calling Ticketmaster at (612) 989-5151. Proceeds from the game will benefit the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minn.

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MINNESOTA WRESTLING PROGRAM TO HOLD 10TH ANNUAL VERNE GAGNE GOLF AND TENNIS CLASSIC

The University of Minnesota wrestling program will hold the 10th Annual Verne Gagne Wrestling Golf and Tennis Classic on Tuesday, July 15 at Majestic Oaks Golf and Tennis Club in Ham Lake, Minn.

Former NCAA and professional wrestling champion Verne Gagne, 1996 U.S. Olympians Gordy Morgan and Dave Zuniga, Head Minnesota Wrestling Coach J Robinson and University of Minnesota Director of Men's Athletics Mark Dienhart will be the celebrity guests at the golf and tennis classic.

The entry fee for the best-ball golf event is \$130 and includes lunch, an embroidered U of M golf glove and the evening program. Prizes will be awarded for the first- and second-place teams, longest and shortest drive, ball closest to the hole and longest putt.

The tennis event, a doubles competition, costs \$100, which includes lunch, gold glove and evening program. Prizes will be award for first- and second-place teams. The evening program alone costs \$35. Event proceeds will go to the Golden Gopher Wrestling Club.

Registration for the event lasts from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m., and the tennis and gold competition will both begin at 12:45 p.m. The evening event begins at 6:30 p.m. with hor d'oeuvres, introductions, awards and program.

For more information, call committee member and assistant wrestling coach Joe Russell at (612) 625-3026.

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CHARLES THOMAS TO TRANSFER


The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics' Department announced today that junior guard Charles Thomas has been released by Athletics Director Mark Dienhart from his scholarship so that he can transfer before the beginning of the next school year.

"Charles and I have met over a period of time and after discussing the matter we determined that it was mutually beneficial for him and our program that he be released from his scholarship so that he could pursue his education elsewhere" said Head Coach Clem Haskins.

Thomas played in 34 of 35 games for the Golden Gophers this past season and averaged 7.0 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

"I intend to transfer to Eastern Kentucky University which is close to my home in Harlan, Ky.," said Thomas. "I want a chance to play in front of my family and friends and this will give me that opportunity. My experience at the University of Minnesota has been beneficial, but I feel that a change is the best move for my future."

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GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR AUGUST 8

The 1997 University of Minnesota Football Media Day will be held on Friday, August 8 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Media parking will be available in the upper level press lot. Enter the building through the door next to the Vikings' ticket office.

A special luncheon will get things underway in the lounge area near the football press box. Head Coach Glen Mason will be on hand to visit with the media and discuss the upcoming season. Following that, all members of the Golden Gophers' coaching staff and squad will be available for interviews and photos on the field.

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page to Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations, so we can estimate our luncheon count and prepare 1997 media credentials. You can fax your response to (612) 625-0359 or mail it to: 516 15th Ave SE, 208 Bierman Building, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

No, _____ we will not be able to attend Media Day.

Yes, _____ we will attend Media Day.

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(media agency)

(city or community)

We will be represented by:

If space permits, we request: (number of) _____ '97 press credentials

(number of) _____ '97 photo credentials

(number of) _____ '97 parking credentials

for the University of Minnesota football season, and we would like to pick up those credentials at the Metrodome on Media Day.

NOTE: If you requested such credentials a year ago and did not pick them up as directed or did not use them for every game, please do not make a similar request for 1997. If you are not able to cover all home games, please request your credentials on an individual game basis.



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MIKE LOCKREM NAMED PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has announced the hiring of Mike Lockrem as publications coordinator. Lockrem, who will assume his new duties on July 24, replaces Greg Capell who has already begun his new duties as assistant to the director of athletics at the U of M.

Lockrem, 27, arrives at the University of Minnesota after having spent the last two years as the assistant commissioner of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo. Lockrem began his career in the University of Minnesota women's sports information department as the primary media contact for soccer, gymnastics, softball, and tennis from August 1993 to July 1995.

A native of Billings, Mont., Lockrem also gained experience as an assistant media coordinator for the 1996 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional held at the Metrodome. Lockrem attended the University of Montana with a major in journalism.

"I am excited to come back to the University of Minnesota," said Lockrem. "It's one of the strongest academic and athletic institutions in the country, and I am looking forward to devoting myself to tackling the new challenges ahead."

"Mike is a person of outstanding character with a strong work ethic," said Director of Media Relations Marc Ryan. "We are thrilled to have Mike come aboard as a member of our staff."



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GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL TEAM SIGNS TRANSFER TERRANCE SIMMONS FROM LSU


Former Louisiana State University guard Terrance Simmons has signed a tender to attend the University of Minnesota. The 6-3 guard was a highly-sought after recruit who chose LSU over Mississippi State, Arkansas, West Virginia and Minnesota. He played in 29 of 30 games as a true freshman, starting five and averaging 4.2 points per game. His top two performances were 14 points in a 74-62 win over North Carolina A & T and 14 points in an 84-48 loss at Kentucky. He also scored 10 points in a 70-60 win over Iowa and 11 points in a loss to South Carolina.

"Terrance Simmons is a welcome addition to our team," said Head Coach Clem Haskins. "We recruited him hard out of high school and are very happy he will finish his career with the Golden Gophers. He is an excellent athlete who can play either of the guard positions and will help our depth and scoring at that position in the future. He is a proven scorer and a very good ball handler who has had a year of seasoning in the SEC. He should be able to contribute right away in 1998-99."

Simmons is a native of Houghton, La., where he was an all-state selection his senior year averaging 29.1 points, 7.1 rebounds and 6.5 assists for Houghton High School. His 29.1 scoring average led the state for Class AAAA teams. He holds his high school's career scoring record and the single game high with 52 points. He averaged 26 points per game over his prep career.

Simmons asked for a release from his scholarship at LSU when longtime coach Dale Brown retired following last season. Simmons will sit out the 1997-98 season under NCAA guidelines but will have three years of eligibility remaining.

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THELWELL SUSPENDED FOR 1997 FOOTBALL SEASON

University of Minnesota wide receiver Ryan Thelwell, a senior from London, Ontario, has been suspended by Golden Gopher Head Football Coach Glen Mason for the entire 1997 season for violation of team academic policies.

Thelwell was a second-team All-Big Ten choice in 1996 when he had 54 receptions for a single-season school record 1,051 yards. He is the all-time school career leader in both receptions (136) and receiving yards (2,232).

"It's unfortunate that Ryan will not be able to play football this fall," Mason said. "Academics are and always will be our number one priority, however, and he hasn't taken care of his responsibilities in the classroom in the manner that we expect."

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LENNY WILKINS TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT SIXTH ANNUAL GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL GOLF CLASSIC

Lenny Wilkins, the winningest coach in NBA history will golf and be the keynote speaker at the sixth annual Golden Gopher Basketball Golf Classic at Majestic Oaks Golf Club on August 5. Wilkins has a 1070-876 record in 24 years as an NBA head coach. He is a nine-time NBA All-Star as a player, and is the current head coach of the Atlanta Hawks. He also was the head coach of Dream Team III in 1996 that won the gold medal in Atlanta. Minnesota Head Coach Clem Haskins served as Wilkins' assistant on that team. Haskins and Wilkins played professionally against each other for nine seasons.

The Golden Gopher Basketball Golf Classic is being held at Majestic Oaks Golf Club, in Ham Lake, Minn., for the sixth consecutive year. The golf event starts at 1 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information on how to participate call Dave Lindquist at 626-2086.