

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



# SPORTS NEWS

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**For Immediate Release**

**February 4, 1997**

## **TIM HARTUNG NAMED BIG TEN WRESTLER OF THE MONTH**

University of Minnesota sophomore wrestler Tim Hartung has been named Big Ten Wrestler of the Month for January.

Hartung, currently ranked No. 3 at 190, posted a perfect 8-0 record in January to improve his overall record to 22-0 this season. The Durand, Wis., native posted a 5-0 mark at the prestigious National Duals where he defeated No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State at the Duals. He also posted dual victories against Iowa State, Nebraska and Oklahoma State.

Hartung's 22 consecutive wins rank first among Golden Gopher wrestlers and his eight pins are second on the team. He is also the No. 1 ranked Big Ten wrestler at 190 with a perfect 8-0 mark against conference wrestlers.



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## **MEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM RANKS TENTH IN NATION**

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also the sixth-ranked team in the Eastern Region. The team faces eight squads currently ranked in the nation's top 25 this season (Ohio State - 1st, Iowa - 2nd, Michigan State - 4th, Nebraska - 6th, New Mexico - 11th, Illinois-Chicago - 12th, Michigan - 14th, Santa Barbara - 21st).


Sophomore Jason Krob is Minnesota's top ranked gymnast in the individual events. With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse at last weekend's dual meet at No. 2 Iowa, Krob is ranked fourth in the nation and second in the Eastern Region.

Senior Frank Ticknor is ranked seventh in the nation and fifth in the region in the all-around with a high score of 57.00 total points.

The No. 10 Golden Gophers will host No. 4 Michigan State and No. 14 Michigan in their first home dual meet of the season Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

### **NCAA Team National Rankings (by high score):**

1. Ohio State
2. Iowa
3. Cal-Berkeley
4. Michigan State
5. Oklahoma
6. Nebraska
7. Illinois
8. Brigham Young
9. Penn State
- 10. Minnesota**



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## **LAFLEUR MEDICALLY CLEARED TO RETURN TO HOCKEY LINEUP**

The University of Minnesota hockey program announced Wednesday that senior defenseman Brian LaFleur has been medically cleared to return to the lineup for this weekend's WCHA series against Northern Michigan University at Mariucci Arena. LaFleur has missed the last 11 games due to a shoulder injury sustained in the first period of the Dec. 27 game against Boston College.

LaFleur, from Bloomington, Minn., had six goals and nine assists for 15 points in 16 games, including five multiple-point games, before going down with the injury. The Golden Gophers had surrendered just 43 goals in 17 games (2.53 goals per game) before LaFleur's injury, and have since allowed 40 goals in his 11-game absence (3.64 goals per game).

The Golden Gophers will host Northern Michigan in games Friday and Saturday evening at Mariucci Arena, with faceoff for both games at 7:05 p.m.



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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL PROGRAM ANNOUNCES NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT SIGNEES

Head Football Coach Glen Mason announced today that 21 student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Minnesota and play football for the Golden Gophers.

The list includes eight signees from Minnesota, the most since 1990 when 10 from the state decided to attend the U of M and play for the Maroon & Gold.

"This is our first recruiting class at Minnesota, and despite the late start, we are excited about this quality group of young men that we've signed," Mason said. "We feel that we've brought in some outstanding student-athletes who will develop into fine players during their careers. I've said from day one that closing the borders on the state of Minnesota will be a top priority, so we really feel good about the eight student-athletes who decided to stay at home and play for the Golden Gophers."

Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown (High School)
Akeem Akinwale	OL	6-3	255	Coon Rapids, Minn.
Matt Anderle	DL/TE	6-6	260	Roseville, Minn. (Mounds View)
Derek Burns	OL	6-5	275	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Grant Carter	WR	6-0	165	Solon, Ohio
Drew Dehnicke	LB	6-3	225	Coon Rapids, Minn.
Renato Fitzpatrick	RB	6-0	193	St. Louis, Mo. (University)
Trevis Graham	DB	5-10	175	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Piper)
Justin Hall	LB	6-3	210	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)
Antoine Henderson	RB	5-7	160	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan)
Jimmy Henry	DB	6-1	178	Detroit, Mich. (Pershing)
Tony Hyppolite	RB	5-9	180	Miami, Fla. (North Miami)
Elvin Jones	WR	6-4	195	Southfield, Mich. (Ferndale)
Rob LaRue	TE	6-4	218	Wayzata, Minn. (Minnetonka)
Gus Martin	DB	5-10	175	Miami, Fla. (Northwestern)
Ben Mezera	LB	6-4	225	Waupaca, Wis.
Willie Middlebrooks	DB	6-2	185	Homestead, Fla.
Michael Mullen	RB	5-11	190	Flint, Mich. (Central)
Ryan Roth	OL	6-3	300	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
Ryan Thorman	OL	6-5	275	Eagan, Minn.
Ramsey Thunder	LB	6-2	210	Milwaukee, Wis. (Custer)
Zach Vevea	TE	6-6	235	Elk River, Minn.

(Bios follow)

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**Akeem Akinwale, 6-3, 255, OL, Coon Rapids, Minn.**

All-state, all-metro and all-conference selection as a senior in '96...team captain during final prep campaign when he was named team offensive MVP ...also collected all-conference honors in track & field...named field event MVP...National Honor Society member...DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) role model...member of SMAC (Students Making A Choice against drugs and alcohol)...prep teammate of fellow Golden Gopher recruit Drew Dehnicke...high school coach was Clayton Copple...son of Morry and Suzanne Akinwale.

**Matt Anderle, 6-6, 260, DL/TE, Roseville, Minn. (Mounds View)**

Earned all-state, all-metro and all-conference honors in '96...named the Offensive Player of the Year in the Twin Cities Suburban Conference American Division as a senior after catching 15 passes for 335 yards...two-way player who had five sacks in the first half of the section final against Cretin-Derham Hall also collected all-conference honors in '95...three-year starter...standout on the basketball team as well...high school coach was Gary Engen...son of Mark and Karen Anderle.

**Derek Burns, 6-5, 275, OL, Eden Prairie, Minn.**

All-state choice as a senior in '96 when he helped lead the Eagles to the state AA crown and a perfect 14-0 record...also garnered all-metro honors during final prep season when the Eagles set a bunch of team offensive records...two-time all-conference choice...*Superprep* All-America selection...*PrepStar* ranked him #7 in the Big Ten region...all-conference honorable mention selection in both basketball and track & field...high school coach was Mike Grant...son of Steve and Renee Burns, and Vickie and Richard Severs.

**Grant Carter, 6-0, 165, WR, Solon, Ohio**

All-district and all-county receiver as a senior in '96...led Northeast Ohio in kickoff return average...three-year letterwinner on the gridiron...has collected four letters in track & field where he is a two-time All-Ohio performer...fine all-around athlete who is also a basketball letterwinner...honor roll student...high school coach was Byron Morgan...son of Wayne and Tina Carter.

**Drew Dehnicke, 6-3, 225, LB, Coon Rapids, Minn.**

Registered 190 tackles as a senior in '96 en route to collecting all-state and all-metro honors...two-time all-conference choice...named Twin Cities Suburban Conference National Division Defensive Player of the Year last fall...school record holder with over 300 tackles during his career...all-conference performer in baseball as well...high school teammate of fellow Golden Gopher signee Akeem Akinwale...National Honor Society member...high school coach was Clayton Copple...son of Dan and Sue Dehnicke.

**Renato Fitzpatrick, 6-0, 193, RB, St. Louis, Mo. (University)**

Finished his prep career as the school's all-time career leader with 3,805 yards rushing...honored as the *Sentinel* Player of the Year after he ran for a single-season school record 1,561 yards...has also lettered on the school's track & field team...high school coach was Gary C. Kornfeld...son of Brenda C. Fitzpatrick.

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**Trevis Graham, 5-10, 175, DB, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Piper)**

First-team all-state selection as a senior in '96 when he had five interceptions as a defensive back and 35 carries for 390 yards and seven touchdowns at running back...three-time all-county choice...had 15 receptions for 300 yards and three touchdowns at wide receiver as a junior...collected all-county laurels as a long jumper/triple jumper in track & field three straight years...also lettered in baseball...high school teammate of Golden Gopher redshirt freshman defensive back Mike Harden...high school coach was Mike Consaul...son of Billy and Marilyn Graham.

**Justin Hall, 6-3, 210, LB, Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)**

Collected a team-leading 121 tackles as a senior for the Jaguars en route to earning all-state honors...garnered almost twice as many points as any other player in the school's defensive point system during final season...two-time all-conference selection...has also lettered in basketball and golf during prep career...all-conference performer in golf...high school coach was Stan Skjei...son of Dean and Vicki Hall.

**Antoine Henderson, 5-7, 160, RB, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan)**

First-team all-state choice as a senior after he led Broward and Dade County with 1,900 yards rushing on 193 carries and scored a whopping 26 touchdowns...also had 11 receptions for 267 yards and four touchdowns, returned three kickoffs for touchdowns and had a punt return of 80 yards...finished fourth in the "Mr. Florida Football" balloting...top 25 selection in the state of Florida and a Super 11 choice in Broward County...*SuperPrep* first-team all-region...honorable mention all-state in '95...team MVP in basketball four straight years...has averaged 16 points, eight assists and five steals per game during career...principles honor roll student as a junior with a perfect 4.0 GPA...high school coach was Perry Egelsky...son of Otis and Pat Stephens.

**Jimmy Henry, 6-1, 178, DB, Detroit, Mich. (Pershing)**

Earned all-state, all-city and all-metro honors as a senior in '96...registered 45 tackles and five interceptions during final prep season...12th-ranked player in the state of Michigan by *Blue Chip*...honor roll student...high school coach was Stephon Thompson...son of Odessa Henry.

**Tony Hyppolite, 5-9, 180, RB, Miami, Fla. (North Miami)**

Prep All-America selection...also named to the all-Dade County team...finished an outstanding prep career with 2,181 yards rushing on 408 carries and 38 touchdowns...team captain and MVP as a senior...three-year letterwinner...high school coach was Gary Altheide...son of Cecile and Enseigno Hyppolite.

**Elvin Jones, 6-4, 195, WR, Southfield, Mich. (Ferndale)**

Had 65 receptions for 1,424 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior en route to collecting *Detroit Free Press* all-state honors...also named to the *Detroit News* "Dream Team"...all-league and all-metro selection as well...helped lead the school to the state playoffs with a 10-1 overall record...returned 17 kicks for 361 yards...all-around performer who had three interceptions at strong safety...all-conference choice in basketball...two-time state Class A (large schools) high jump champion with a personal-best leap of 6'9" to his credit...homecoming king...high school coach was Jim Plecas...son of Dewayne, a former basketball player at Northern Michigan, and Dot Jones.

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**Rob LaRue, 6-4, 218, TE, Wayzata, Minn. (Minnetonka)**

All-state and all-metro selection as a senior in '96 when he caught 66 passes for 900 yards and eight touchdowns...named team MVP...finished his career as the school's all-time leading receiver with 141 receptions for 2,152 yards and 19 touchdowns...two-time all-conference choice...also played defensive end...one of the state's best goalies in hockey where he is a two-time all-conference selection...three-sport star who is also an all-conference and all-region performer in baseball...honorable mention all-state choice in both hockey and baseball...honor roll student and a member of the school's National Honor Society...high school coach was Myles Ginther...son of Dave, a former hockey player at Mankato State, and Cindy LaRue.

**Gus Martin, 5-10, 175, DB, Miami, Fla. (Northwestern)**

Key performer on the school's '96 state championship team...two-year letterwinner...speedster who captured the 6A state 110 meter hurdles title as a junior last spring...high school coach was Willie Goldsmith...son of Gus and Betty Martin.

**Ben Mezera, 6-4, 225, LB, Waupaca, Wis.**

First-team all-conference choice and a second-team all-state selection as a senior in '96...named the team's Defensive Player of the Year during final prep campaign...three-year letterwinner who led the school in tackles his last two seasons...placed fifth in the high jump at the state track & field meet as a junior...has also lettered in basketball...member of the National Honor Society...brother Isaac competes in cross country and track & field at Wisconsin-Green Bay...high school coach was John Koronkiewitz...son of Dave and Chris Mezera.

**Willie Middlebrooks, 6-2, 185, DB, Homestead, Fla.**

First-team Class 6A all-state selection as a senior in '96 when he registered 97 tackles, three interceptions and recovered four fumbles...also named to the all-Dade County team...has the ability to play either safety or cornerback...honorable mention all-state performer in track & field...high school coach was Andrew Brown...son of Willie Frank and Hattie Middlebrooks.

**Michael Mullen, 5-11, 190, RB, Flint, Mich. (Central)**

Played just seven games as a senior due to injury, yet still rushed for 839 yards and scored 14 touchdowns...all-city, all-valley and a third-team all-state selection following final prep season...also collected all-city and all-valley honors in '95...three-year letterwinner on the gridiron...four-year letterwinner as a sprinter on the track where he is an all-region, all-city and all-valley performer...earned academic all-valley honors four straight years...high school coach was Joe Eufinger...son of Rod Slaughter and Evelyn Mullen.

**Ryan Roth, 6-3, 300, OL, Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)**

Two-time all-conference selection who possesses good quickness for his size...versatile performer who was named to the all-district team as a defensive lineman during his career...two-year letterwinner on the gridiron...has also earned four letters in track & field...high school coach was Kelly Groom...son of Larry and Jean Roth.

**Ryan Thorman, 6-5, 275, OL, Eagan, Minn.**

Collected all-state, all-metro and all-conference honors after a stellar senior season in '96...honorable mention All-America choice...team captain during final season when he was named the school's Offensive Lineman of the Year...also made 60 tackles on the defensive line...U of M Football Camp Lineman of the Year last summer...high school coach was Dave Fritze...son of Dick and Karen Thorman.

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**Ramsey Thunder, 6-2, 210, LB, Milwaukee, Wis. (Custer)**

Honorable mention all-state selection on the gridiron...standout as a linebacker on defense and as a receiver on the offensive side of the ball...two-year letterwinner...outstanding sprinter on the school's track & field team...Brady Award winner...high school coach was Barry Zmudzinski...son of Ramsey Conley and Lisa Kieper.

**Zach Vevea, 6-6, 235, TE, Elk River, Minn.**

*USA Today* honorable mention All-America choice as a senior in '96...also collected all-state, all-metro and all-conference honors during final prep season...great leader who served as a team captain last fall...four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter...has also lettered on the school's basketball team...student council member and an honor roll student...high school coach was Terry McLean... comes from an athletic family...son of Steve and Carol Vevea, both of whom played college sports.

**MEDIA NOTE:** For those media outlets who were unable to attend today's news conference, a taped version of the entire news conference can be heard on the Golden Gopher Hotline anytime after 5:30 p.m. today and all day Thursday. The phone number to call is (612) 625-7887. Sound bytes from the news conference will also be available on the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics web site home page by approximately 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The web site address is: <http://gophersports.umn.edu>.





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## **MINNESOTA MEN'S SWIM TEAM RANKED NINTH IN LATEST POLL**

The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 205 points while number one Stanford, received 294. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is fifth and Indiana (20) and Ohio State (21) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.


Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and is 8-0 this season. The Golden Gophers will be back in action next weekend hosting the Minnesota Challenge February 14-15 at the Aquatic Center.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 294; 2. Tennessee, 288; 3. Auburn, 272; 4. California, 252; 5. Michigan, 248; 6. Texas, 247; 7. So. Cal., 270; 8. Georgia, 225; 9. Minnesota, 205; 10. Arizona St., 172; 11. Arizona, 195; 12. North Carolina, 151; 13. Florida State, 142; 14. LSU, 138; 15. Florida, 130; 16. Nebraska, 126; 17. Harvard, 126; 18. Texas A&M, 91; 19. SMU, 81; 20. Indiana, 60; 21. Ohio State, 39; 22. Alabama, 38; 23. N.C. State, 35; 24. Kansas, 32; 25. Miami, 28; 25 (tie). South Carolina, 28.

Other teams receiving votes:

Purdue, Virginia, UNLV, Iowa St., Princeton, Iowa, Pittsburgh, Missouri, Florida Atlantic, Penn St.



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


Junior Ryan Kraft has been named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week his efforts in last weekend's league sweep over Northern Michigan at Mariucci Arena. The pair of victories moved the Golden Gophers (20-10-0, 17-9-0) into sole possession of second place in the WCHA, three points removed from league front-runner North Dakota.

Kraft, a forward from Moorhead, Minn., had a hand in five of Minnesota's six goals on the weekend in leading the Golden Gophers to a pair of one-goal victories. Kraft assisted on defenseman Mike Crowley's goal just :25 into the game Friday, then followed at 3:14 of the opening frame with a goal of his own. He later assisted on defenseman Bill Kohn's game-winning, power-play goal at 2:58 of the third period. Minnesota won the game by the count of 4-3.

Saturday evening Kraft scored both of Minnesota's markers in the 2-1 win. He scored his 16th and 17th goals of the season, the game winner coming with just :19 remaining in the second period. Kraft leads the team with 17 goals and eight power-play goals. He has scored his last 15 goals in Golden Gopher wins.

This marks the second time this season Kraft has been honored by the league as its Offensive Player of the Week, and the eighth time overall in 1996-97 that a Golden Gopher has been named for player of the week honors. Kraft was cited on Jan. 6 for his third career hat trick in a 6-2 win at Alaska-Anchorage.

The Golden Gophers will host the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs this weekend at Mariucci Arena in a WCHA series. Both games, to be held on Friday and Saturday evening, begin at 7 p.m.



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## **MSC TO TELEVISION FIVE GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL GAMES**

The University of Minnesota has announced that Midwest Sports Channel (MSC) will televise five Golden Gopher baseball games to a regional sports audience during the 1997 season.

MSC will televise Minnesota's game versus second-ranked UCLA at the prestigious 1997 Hormel Foods Baseball Classic at the Metrodome on March 2. MSC will also televise Big Ten contests against Purdue, Illinois and Northwestern. The game against Purdue will be the final game of the Maroon and Gold's Metrodome schedule and the final game of its opening Big Ten series. The first game of Saturday's doubleheader with Illinois and Northwestern will be broadcast along with the regular season finale on May 11 against the Wildcats. The entire broadcast schedule follows.

March 2	Sunday	vs. UCLA	1 p.m.
March 30	Sunday	vs. Purdue	1 p.m.
April 26	Saturday	vs. Illinois	2 p.m.
May 10	Saturday	vs. Northwestern	2 p.m.
May 11	Sunday	vs. Northwestern	1 p.m.



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## **COMPLIANCE OFFICE TO SHOW NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY VIDEO**

The University of Minnesota's Athletics Compliance Office will show the first-ever NCAA "High School Video Conference on NCAA Initial Eligibility" on Monday, February 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Williams Arena Club Room on the U of M campus.


The video conference is targeted directly toward the high school administrator or parent of a prospective student-athlete. Topics covered in the video conference include the NCAA Clearinghouse, the NCAA Initial Eligibility Standards, the NCAA Core Course Review Procedures and Accommodations for Students with Learning Disabilities.

A panel of individuals from the NCAA, the NCAA Clearinghouse and high schools will be part of the video conference. Additionally, University of Minnesota Athletic Compliance Director Chris Schoemann, a former NCAA staff member, will be available to answer any additional questions.

Due to NCAA recruiting rules, a catered lunch from Gabe's by the Park will be available for a nominal \$5 charge.

Those wishing to attend should RSVP no later than Wednesday via fax to (612)624-5026.

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## **GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL SEASON OPENER POSTPONED**

The University of Minnesota's baseball season opener that had been scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight against the South Alabama Jaguars has been rained out. The game has been rescheduled for Monday at noon. The Gophers' season will begin tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. against South Alabama as part of the Coca-Cola Classic in Mobile, Ala.. All of the Gophers Division I games this season will be broadcast on KSGS-AM 950.



# GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S ATHLETICS

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**February 10, 1997**

## 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, Feb. 10:**

Assistant wrestling coach **Marty Morgan**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11:**

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

**Wednesday, Feb. 12:**

Junior forward **Sam Jacobson**

**Thursday, Feb. 13:**

Freshman forward **Dave Spehar**

**Friday, Feb. 14:**

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** postgame UMD comments

**Saturday, February 15 - Sunday, February 16:**

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** postgame UMD comments

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

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

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

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

### GET WIRED!

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

- **Basketball**      at Purdue Boilermakers  
                         Mackey Arena  
                         Midwest Sports Channel  
                         WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

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**Friday, Feb. 14**

- **Track & Field**    Snowshoe Open  
                         U of M Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

- **Swimming**      Minnesota Challenge  
                         U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.

- **Baseball**        at South Alabama Jaguars  
                         KSGS-AM 950, 6 p.m.

- **Hockey**         vs. Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs  
                         Mariucci Arena  
                         Midwest Sports Channel  
                         KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

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**Saturday, Feb. 15**

- **Tennis**         vs. Kansas Jayhawks  
                         98th Street Racquet Club, 6:30 p.m.

- **Baseball**        at South Alabama Tournament  
                         vs. South Alabama  
                         KSGS-AM 950, 12:30 p.m.

- **Gymnastics**     at Winter Cup  
                         Battle Creek, Mich., All Day

- **Basketball**     at Iowa Hawkeyes  
                         Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
                         WCCO-AM 830  
                         Channel 4, 1:30 p.m.

- **Swimming**     Minnesota Challenge  
                         U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.

- **Wrestling**      at Michigan State Spartans  
                         Jenison Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

- **Hockey**         vs. Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs  
                         Mariucci Arena  
                         Midwest Sports Channel  
                         KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

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**Sunday, Feb. 16**

- **Wrestling**      at Michigan Wolverines  
                         Cliff Keen Arena, 12 p.m.

- **Baseball**        at South Alabama Tournament  
                         vs. S. Mississippi or Auburn  
                         KSGS-AM 950, 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.

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# WRESTLING

## 1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
<b>All Unattached</b>			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
<b>Official Team Schedule</b>			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

**Bold** indicates home meets

### NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE AND NO. 11

**MICHIGAN NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:** The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to No. 13 Michigan State on Feb. 15 and No. Michigan on Feb. 16 for dual matches. Match time against the Spartans is 6 p.m. EDT and 12 p.m. EDT against the Wolverines.

**THE RECORDS:** No. 3 Minnesota enters the Michigan State/Michigan matches with a 13-4 overall record and 3-1 mark in the Big Ten.

No. 13 Michigan enters the dual with a 9-3 overall record and 3-1 mark in the Big Ten. The Wolverines defeated conference foes Indiana (28-10) and Purdue (21-12) this past weekend.

**THE COACH:** Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 145-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 13-4 in 1996-97.

**THE SERIES:** Saturday's match against the Spartans will be the 33th all-time. MSU holds a 22-11 advantage. Minnesota knocked off the Spartans 28-9 at the National Duals this season. Michigan holds a 24-15-2 advantage in the series that started in 1923-24. The Wolverines edged Minnesota 18-14 at Minneapolis last season.

### GOLDEN GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MICHIGAN STATE AND MICHIGAN:

Weight Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118 Kipp Williamson	1-0, 1-0
126 Pat Connors	10-6, 10-4
134 No. 10 Troy Marr	20-6, 13-3
142 No. 3 Jason Davids	25-2, 16-1
150 No. 4 Chad Kraft	20-2, 14-2
158 Josh Holiday	20-8, 11-4
167 No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-5, 11-5
177 Brandon Eggum	16-4, 12-4
190 No. 3 Tim Hartung	23-0, 15-0
HWT Shelton Benjamin	15-10, 4-8

### SPARTAN PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118 No. 3 David Morgan	*Records not available at time of release.
126 Jason Nusbaum	
134 Isaac Miller	
142 Sam Hakim	
150 Adam Elderkin	
158 Greg DeGrand	
167 Ralph Conte	
177 No. 3 Erich Harvey	
190 No. 4 Brian Picklo	
HWT Marco Sanchez	

### WOLVERINE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight Wrestler	Overall Record
118 Chris Viola	19-5
126 Mat Warner	14-11
134 Corey Grant	20-10
142 Gyhandi Hill	6-3
150 No. Bill Lacure	23-5
158 Erick Olson	24-11
167 No. 3 Jeff Catrabone	25-2
177 Joe DeGain	4-18
190 Frank Lodeserto	13-12
HWT No. 6 Airron Richardson	22-3

**HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN:** Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 22-0 record. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to move up to the No. 3 spot at 190. He knocked off No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa 4-2 in OT, and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State 1-0 in OT at the duals. He defeated Penn State's Rob Neidlinger 7-4 on Feb. 9. He is 15-0 in dual competition and has eight pins to his credit this season.

**PAULSON OUT WITH ANKLE INJURY:** Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) had corrective ankle surgery and will miss the next two to three weeks of action. Paulson, who boasts a 16-2 record, injured his ankle against Penn State's Jeremy Hunter on Jan. 18 at the National Duals.

**WILLIAMSON RETURNS, JUMP-STARTS GOLDEN GOPHERS:** Junior **KIPP WILLIAMSON** (118, Hayfield, Minn.) returned to the team on Feb. 2 after withdrawing earlier this season because of academic purposes. Williamson, subbing for the injured Paulson, pinned Penn State's Arturo Cabanas in 3:42 to jump-start the Golden Gophers to a 28-7 dual victory over the Nittany Lions.

Prior to Williamson's return, the Golden Gophers forfeited the 118-pound class in five straight duals. He will be Minnesota's 118-pounder until Paulson can return.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS DEFEAT PENN STATE FOR THIRD TIME THIS YEAR:** The Golden Gopher wrestling team defeated the No. 4 Penn State Nittany Lions for the third time this year.

Williamson's pin at 118 was the first of six consecutive match wins for the Gophers. **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) upset Penn State's Jason Betz, who was ranked 10th this year, 6-4 at 126. No. 11 **TROY MARR** (So., Wyoming, Minn.) defeated Biff Walizer 8-2 and No. 3 **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., Forest Lake, Minn.) defeated No. 9 Clint Musser 5-3 in overtime. Marr improved to 20-6, and Davids recorded his team-leading 25th win.

No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (So., Lakefield, Minn.) recorded a 14-3 major decision victory over Penn State's Shad Benton. Kraft improved to 20-2 overall and gave the Gophers a 22-0 lead.

Penn State's Glenn Pritzlaff scored a 3-1 decision win over No. 5 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho) at 167 in the featured match of the day. Pritzlaff, ranked No. 2, gave the Nittany Lions their first win and three team points.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) decisoned John Lange for his 20th win, and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) improved to 16-4 overall with a 5-3 decision over Penn State's Frank Morici at 177. Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) stayed undefeated at 23-0 with a 7-4 decision over Penn State's Rob Neidlinger. Hartung needed a takedown with 14 seconds to get the win.

PSU's No. 1 ranked heavyweight Kerry McCoy recorded a 17-3 major decision over the Golden Gophers **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.).

**DID YOU KNOW?:** The Golden Gophers have recorded 74 pins this season in 324 match wins. Last year Minnesota needed 394 match wins to record 68 pins.

**NO. 3 MINNESOTA 28, PENN STATE 7**  
 118 - Williamson (Minn.) pinned Cabanas, 3:42  
 126 - Connors (Minn.) dec. Betz, 6-4  
 134 - No. 11 Marr (Minn.) dec. Walizer, 8-2  
 142 - No. 3 Davids (Minn.) dec. No. 9 Musser, 5-3 (OT, 7:23)  
 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (Minn.) dec. Benton, 14-3  
 158 - Holiday (Minn.) dec. John Lange, 9-6  
 167 - No. 2 Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 5 Taylor, 3-1  
 177 - Eggum (Minn.) dec. Morici, 5-3  
 190 - No. 3 Hartung (Minn.) dec. Neidlinger, 7-4  
 HWT - No. 1 McCoy (PSU) maj. dec. Benjamin, 17-3

### FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS WITH 20-PLUS

**WINS:** Five Minnesota wrestlers have recorded 20 or more wins this season. Davids leads the way with 25, followed by Hartung with 23. Kraft, Holiday and Marr each have 20.

Three Golden Gophers should top the 20-win plateau by season's end. Eggum (16), Taylor (15) and Paulson (16) should reach the 20-win barrier if they stay healthy.

### FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS NATIONALLY

**RANKED:** The following Golden Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 5 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150) and Marr (No. 11 at 134).

### GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST

**POLL:** The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 29, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1. Oklahoma State . . . . .300
2. Iowa . . . . .288
3. **Minnesota . . . . .275**
4. Penn State . . . . .262
5. Illinois . . . . .249
6. Michigan State . . . . .236
7. Iowa State . . . . .229
8. Edinboro . . . . .222
9. Rider . . . . .202
10. Arizona State . . . . .177
11. Nebraska . . . . .158
- Michigan . . . . .158
13. CS Bakersfield . . . . .144
14. Lock Haven . . . . .139
15. Pennsylvania . . . . .135
16. Oklahoma . . . . .133
17. Fresno State . . . . .121
18. Oregon State . . . . .101
19. Indiana . . . . .81
20. Cornell . . . . .77
21. Purdue . . . . .61
22. Oregon . . . . .49
23. Clarion . . . . .31
24. North Carolina . . . . .23
25. Pittsburgh . . . . .19





# 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
Jan 31	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th, 37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

**UP NEXT:** Minnesota hosts the Snowshoe Open Friday, Feb. 14 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

**LAST MEET:** The Golden Gophers participated in the Iowa State Classic last Friday and Saturday in Ames, Iowa. No team scores were kept at the event.

**THREE GOLDEN GOPHERS PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAAs:** Minnesota pole vaulters **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) and **BEN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) and shot putter **CHAD YENCHESKY** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) each provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet at the Iowa State Classic. Harvey qualified in the pole vault and won the event at the open meet with a career-best 17-09.25. The vault marked the third straight meet in which Harvey has provisionally qualified for the NCAAs. Jensen's career-best mark of 17-06.5 qualified him. He finished second in the event, just behind Harvey. Yenchesky qualified with a toss of 58-07.25. The mark was good enough for third at the classic.

**DENEEN FINISHES FOURTH IN THE 60-METER HURDLES:** Another top Golden Gopher performer at the Iowa State Classic was junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.), who finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.01.

**DISTANCE MEDLEY TEAM FINISHES SECOND:** Minnesota's distance medley team finished second at the Iowa State Classic with a time of 10:03.1.

**PLASENCIA WINS 5,000-METER RUN:** Golden Gopher cross country coach Steve Plasencia won the 5,000-meter run in a time of 14:08.1 at the Iowa State Classic.

## GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE IOWA STATE CLASSIC:

Shot Put: 3. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 17.86 (58-07.25).

Pole Vault: 1. T. Harvey, Minn., 5.42 (17-09.25); 2. B. Jensen, Minn., 5.35 (17-06.5).

60 Meter Hurdles: 4. N. Deneen, Minn., 8.03.

Distance Medley: 2. Minn., 10:03.1.

5,000 Meter Run: 1. S. Plasencia, Asics, 14:08.1.

## 1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-02 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-04 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-01 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-09 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-02 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-09 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-06 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-07 1/4 (17.86)	2/8



## GYMNASTICS

**WINTER CUP UP NEXT:** The Golden Gophers travel to Battle Creek, Mich., this weekend to compete in the Winter Cup Challenge on Saturday.

**GYMNASTS DEFEAT MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN STATE:** The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 14 Michigan and No. 4 Michigan State Saturday with a team score of 222.10 in a tri-dual at the Sports Pavilion. Michigan State came in second with 218.80 points, and Michigan was third with 214.70.

**TICKNOR, FANG PLACE IN ALL-AROUND:** Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) placed second in the all-around with 55.25 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) took third with 54.55 points. In addition, Ticknor tied for third in the floor exercise, and Fang placed third on the horizontal bar.

**KROB, WALL LEAD INDIVIDUAL EVENT PLACERS:** Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) were the top Golden Gopher finishers in the individual events. Krob won the pommel horse competition and Wall won the still rings and tied for first on the parallel bars. Wall also placed second on the parallel bars and the horizontal bar and tied with Ticknor for second on the vault. Sophomore **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas) placed second on the still rings, and junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) took third on the parallel bars.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 10TH IN NATION:** The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th by high score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also the sixth-ranked team in the Eastern Region. The team faces eight squads currently ranked in the nation's top 25 this season: Ohio State - 1st, Iowa - 2nd, Michigan State - 4th, Nebraska - 6th, New Mexico - 11th, Illinois-Chicago - 12th, Michigan - 14th, Santa Barbara - 21st.

NCAA Team National Rankings (by high score):

1. Ohio State - 231.92
2. Iowa - 229.62
3. Cal-Berkeley - 228.15
4. Michigan State - 227.75
5. Oklahoma - 227.57
6. Nebraska - 226.65
7. Illinois - 225.95
8. Brigham Young - 224.70
9. Penn State - 224.40
10. Minnesota - 223.87

**KROB IS MINNESOTA'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST:** With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse in the Jan. 31 dual meet at No. 2 Iowa, Krob is ranked fourth in the nation and second in the Eastern Region. Ticknor is ranked seventh in the nation and fifth in the region in the all-around after his career-best score of 57.00 total points at Iowa.

### RESULTS FROM MICHIGAN-MICHIGAN STATE DUAL MEET:

Team Scores: Minnesota 222.10; Michigan State 218.80; Michigan 214.70

All-Around - 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 55.65; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, 55.25; 3. Lindsey Fang, Minnesota, 54.55

Vault - 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 9.4; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, and Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.35

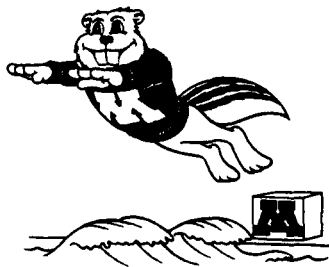
Parallel Bars - 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, and Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.4; 3. Bob Hubbard, Minnesota, 9.25

Horizontal Bar - 1. Ethan Sterk, Michigan State, 9.65; 2. Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.55; 3. Lindsey Fang, Minnesota, 9.5

Floor Exercise - 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 9.5; 2. Keith Douglas, Michigan State, 9.35; 3. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, and Mike Quarress, Michigan State, 9.3

Pommel Horse - 1. Jason Krob, Minnesota, 9.7; 2. Sam Smith, Michigan State, 9.55; 3. Ken Baker, Michigan State, 9.3

Still Rings - 1. Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.7; 2. Dan Boots, Minnesota, 9.55; 3. Mike Phipps, Michigan State, 9.5



## SWIMMING AND DIVING

### 1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

**UP NEXT:** The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Minnesota Challenge on Friday at 6 p.m. and continuing on Saturday at noon at the Aquatic Center. The meet is open and individuals from several schools will be competing.

**LAST ACTION:** The swimming and diving team earned two dual wins at the Quad Duals at the U of M Aquatic Center on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 216-136 and Wisconsin 254-94.

**LATEST POLL:** The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is fifth and Indiana (20) and Ohio State (21) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and is 8-0 this season. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as eighth but been slipped to ninth and have remained there for several weeks.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 294;
2. Tennessee, 288;
3. Auburn, 272;
4. California, 252;
5. Michigan, 248;
6. Texas, 247;
7. So. Cal., 270;
8. Georgia, 225;
9. Minnesota, 205;
10. Arizona St., 172;
11. Arizona, 195;
12. North Carolina, 151;
13. Florida State, 142;
14. LSU, 138;
15. Florida, 130;
16. Nebraska, 126;
17. Harvard, 126;
18. Texas A&M, 91;
19. SMU, 81;
20. Indiana, 60;
21. Ohio State, 39;
22. Alabama, 38;
23. N.C. State, 35;
24. Kansas, 32;
25. Miami, 28;
- 25 (tie). South Carolina, 28.



## TENNIS

### NETTERS HOST NO. 9 KANSAS SATURDAY:

The Golden Gophers will be back in competition this weekend as they will play host to the Kansas Jayhawks in a dual match at 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m.

**SCOUTING THE JAYHAWKS:** KU has won its first two matches of the young season, defeating Ball State (6-1) on Jan. 26 and downing No. 22 New Mexico (4-3) on Jan. 31. This will be the first road test for the Jayhawks in 1997. Number-one singles player Enrique Abaroa is currently ranked 11th in the nation in singles play, while Abaroa and partner Javier Avila are number six in doubles.

**GOLDEN GOPHER LEADERS:** Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) leads the Golden Gophers at this point of the season with a 15-3 overall record. Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) and freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) have identical marks of 9-6 early in the season, with sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) is also on the winning side of the ledger with a 7-6 record in singles play.

**ON THE HORIZON:** Minnesota will open Big Ten dual match play on Feb. 21 when they travel to Bloomington, Ind., to challenge the Hoosiers. The Golden Gophers will move on to Columbus, Ohio the following day (Feb. 22) for a match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



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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, Feb. 17:

Assistant hockey coach Tom Ward

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 19:

Sophomore guard Charles Thomas

Thursday, Feb. 20:

Junior defenseman Mike Crowley

Friday, Feb. 21:

Junior point guard Eric Harris

Saturday, February 22 - Sunday, February 23:

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins' postgame comments

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

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

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

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## This Week in Gopher Sports

- Monday, Feb. 17**

  - **Baseball** at South Alabama Jaguars  
Eddie Stanky Field  
KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.

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- Wednesday, Feb. 19**

  - **Basketball** Ohio State Buckeyes  
Williams Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
  - **Baseball** at New Orleans  
KSGS-AM 950, 7 p.m.

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- Friday, Feb. 21**

  - **Hockey** at Colorado College Tigers  
Air Force Cadet Academy Ice Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 8:30 p.m.
  - **Tennis** at Indiana Hoosiers  
Bloomington, Ind., 6 p.m.
  - **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi  
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

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- Saturday, Feb. 22**

  - **Basketball** vs. Illinois Fighting Illini  
Williams Arena  
WCCO-AM 830  
Channel 4, 1:30 p.m.
  - **Track** at Big Ten Indoor Championships  
Iowa City, Iowa, All Day
  - **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi  
KSGS-AM 950, 2 p.m.
  - **Hockey** at Colorado College Tigers  
Air Force Cadet Academy Ice Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
  - **Tennis** at Ohio State Buckeyes  
Columbus, Ohio, 7 p.m.
  - **Gymnastics** at New Mexico and Santa Barbara  
Albuquerque, N.M., 7 p.m.

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- Sunday, Feb. 23**

  - **Track** at Big Ten Indoor Championships  
Iowa City, Iowa, All Day
  - **Wrestling** vs. Ohio State Buckeyes  
Sports Pavilion, 2:30 p.m.
  - **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi  
KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.



# WRESTLING

## 1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
<b>All Unattached</b>			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
<b>Official Team Schedule</b>			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 35-3</b>
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Iowa State</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>L, 16-19</b>
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>South Dakota St.</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 28-9</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>W, 28-7</b>
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 8-9</b>	<b>Big Tens</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

**Bold** indicates home meets

### WRESTLERS CLOSE REGULAR SCHEDULE

**WITH OHIO STATE AT HOME:** The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will close its 1996-97 regular season schedule with a dual against Big Ten rival Ohio State, Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Sports Pavilion at 2:30 pm.

**RECORDS:** Minnesota will enter the match with a 15-4 overall record, 5-1 in the Big Ten. Ohio State stands at 9-11 overall, 4-4 in the Big Ten, prior to a dual at Northern Iowa on Friday, Feb. 21.

**THE COACH:** The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 147-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and

23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 15-4 in 1996-97.

**THE SERIES:** Minnesota holds a 21-12-2 all-time edge over Ohio State. The Golden Gophers have won the last three duals, including a 23-10 decision last year.

### MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. OHIO STATE:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Duals  
 118, Kipp Williamson, Jr., Hayfield, Minn., 1-0, 1-0  
 126, Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 12-6, 4-2  
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-6, 11-2  
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 27-2, 17-1  
 OR

Nick Antila, Sr., Robbinsdale, Minn., 11-6, 0-1  
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 21-3, 15-3  
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 22-8, 13-4  
 167, No. 5 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 17-5, 13-5  
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-5, 13-5  
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 24-1, 16-1  
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-10, 6-8

### OHIO STATE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Duals  
 118, Mike Glane, Jr., Wyoming, Mich.  
 126, Robbie Archer, Jr., Kitts Hill, Ohio  
 134, Jeff Bucher, So., Toledo, Ohio  
 142, Brian Roskovich, Fr., Bridgeport, Ohio  
 150, Dan DiCesare, Jr., Dublin, Ohio  
 158, Peter Rogers, Fr., Sheboygan, Wis.  
 167, Eric Wood, Jr., Ashland, Ohio  
 177, Mitch Clark, Jr., Canton, N.Y.  
 190, Anthony Gary, So., Akron, Ohio  
 Hwt, Nick Nutter, Sr., Litchfield, Ohio

### HARTUNG LOSES FIRST MATCH OF SEASON:

The dream of an undefeated year was snatched from sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) by the narrowest of margins as he lost a 2-1 double overtime tie-breaker to Michigan State's Brian Picklo. Hartung, ranked No. 4 in the nation, had defeated Picklo, ranked No. 5 in the country, earlier in the year 1-0 in overtime. The loss came as Minnesota defeated the Spartans, 23-12, in a dual on Feb. 15. Hartung started a new streak by pinning Michigan's Frank Lodeserto the next afternoon in just 2:59. Hartung is now 24-1 overall and 16-1 in duals.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS DUMP NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE, 28-10:** The third-ranked Minnesota Golden Gopher wrestling squad overcame a 6-0 deficit to dump No. 13 Michigan State, 23-12 in East Lansing, Mich. Minnesota improved to 14-4 overall and 4-1 in the Big Ten.

Wins by sophomores **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126 pounds and **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) at 134 pounds erased the six-point Golden Gopher deficit. No. 3 **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) put Minnesota ahead for good with a 18-8 major decision over Sam Hakim at 142

pounds.

Also scoring wins for Minnesota were No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150 pounds, **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158 pounds, No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) at 167 pounds and heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.).

In the evening's featured match at 190 pounds, fourth-ranked Brian Picklo of Michigan State upended third-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), 2-1 in a double overtime tie-breaker. It was the first loss of the season for Hartung who fell to 23-1 overall.

Minnesota 23, Michigan State 12

at East Lansing, Mich.

February 15, 1997

118 - No. 3 David Morgan, Mich. St., won by forfeit

126 - Pat Connors, Minn., dec. Jason Nusbaum, Mich. St., 10-3

134 - No. 11 Troy Marr, Minn., dec. Issac Miller, Mich. St., 5-2

142 - No. 3 Jason Davids, Minn., maj. dec. Sam Hakim, Mich. St., 18-8

150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft, Minn., dec. Adam Elderkin, Mich. St., 9-3

158 - Josh Holiday, Minn., dec. Greg DeGrand, Mich. St., 11-5

167 - No. 3 Zac Taylor, Minn., dec. Ralph Conte, Mich. St., 12-10, OT

177 - No. 3 Erich Harvey, Mich. St., dec. Brandon Eggum, Minn., 5-2

190 - No. 4 Brian Picklo, Mich. St., dec. No. 3 Tim Hartung, Minn., 2-1, 2OT tie-breaker

Hwt - Shelton Benjamin, Minn., maj. dec. Marco Sanchez, Mich. St., 14-4

**MINNESOTA DISMANTLES NO. 11 MICHIGAN, 28-10:** The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team won eight of 10 bouts Sunday en route to a 28-10 victory at No. 11 Michigan. The win improves the Golden Gophers' season mark to 15-4 overall, 5-1 in the Big Ten. Michigan fell to 9-4 overall, 5-2 in the Big Ten.

Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) punctuated the Minnesota win with his ninth pin of the season, sticking the Wolverines' Frank Lodeserto in just 2:59 at 190 pounds. Hartung is now 24-1.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.), ranked No. 3 nationally, scored a major decision over Gyhandi Hill, 13-4 at 142 pounds.

Junior heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) capped the afternoon with an 11-6 upset victory over No. 6 in Airron Richardson in overtime.

No. 5 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) scored a 7-5 win past third-ranked Jeff Catrabone at 167 pounds.

Other winners for Minnesota included **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126, **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) at 134, **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158 and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) at 177.

Sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) dropped only his third match of the season, losing to Bill Lacure, 9-0. Kraft is ranked fourth in the country while Lacure is ranked

third.

No. 3 Minnesota 28, No. 11 Michigan 10

at Ann Arbor, Mich.

February 16, 1997

118 - Greg DeLeon, Mich., wins by forfeit

126 - Pat Connors, Minn., dec. Chris Viola, Mich., 9-6

134 - No. 11 Troy Marr, Minn., dec. Corey Grant, Mich., 4-3 OT

142 - No. 3 Jason Davids, Minn., major dec. Gyhandi Hill, Mich., 13-4

150 - No. 3 Bill Lacure, Mich., major dec. No. 4 Chad Kraft, Minn., 9-0

158 - Josh Holiday, Minn., dec. Otto Olson, Mich., 11-9

167 - No. 5 Zac Taylor, Minn., dec. Jeff Catrabone, Mich., 7-5

177 - Brandon Eggum, Minn., dec. Joe DeGain, Mich., 16-9

190 - No. 3 Tim Hartung, Minn., pinned Frank Lodeserto, Mich., 2:59

HWT - Shelton Benjamin, Minn., dec. No. 6 Airron

Richardson, Mich., 11-6 OT

**TO BE PINNED OR NOT TO BE PINNED:** With Tim Hartung's pin of Michigan's Frank Lodeserto last Sunday, the Golden Gophers reached the 75-pin plateau as a team. Minnesota has lost just 13 matches by pin. With a total of 339 match wins, Minnesota now has a pinning percentage of 22 percent in its victories. Hartung and **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) lead the way with nine falls apiece. **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) have each notched eight pins.

### **GOLDEN GOPHERS SOLIDIFY HOLD ON THIRD IN LATEST WRESTLING POLL:**

The University of Minnesota wrestling team received third-place votes from all 10 coaches in the latest AWN/NWCA InterMat poll to remain the third-ranked team in the country, in the poll released Feb. 12.

Oklahoma State once again tops the poll, receiving all 10 first-place ballots. Iowa, the two-time reigning NCAA Champion, received all 10 second-place votes.

Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

1. Oklahoma State, 250; 2. Iowa, 240; 3. Minnesota, 230; 4T. Penn State, 215; 4T. Illinois, 215; 6. Edinboro, 199; 7. Rider, 183; 8. Nebraska, 176; 9. Iowa State, 169; 10. Arizona State, 167; 11. Michigan, 136; 12. Pennsylvania, 133; 13. Fresno State, 123; 14. Oklahoma, 120; 15. Michigan State, 104; 16. Lock Haven, 100; 17. CS Bakersfield, 93; 18. Oregon State, 74; 19. Cornell, 69; 20. Purdue, 62; 21. Oregon, 50; 22. North Carolina, 30; 23. Pittsburgh, 25; 24. Lehigh, 24; 25. West Virginia, 18.



# 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
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	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

### BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT ON

**SCHEDULE:** Minnesota's track and field team will compete next at the Big Ten Indoor Championships on Feb. 22-23 in Iowa City, Iowa.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN SIX INDIVIDUAL TITLES AT SNOWSHOE OPEN:** In a tune-up meet for the Big Ten Indoor Championships, Minnesota claimed six individual titles at the Snowshoe Open Feb. 14 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

Minnesota's **JON ANDERSON** (Jr., Morris, Minn.) and **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) tied for the pole vault crown and provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the process. Each had marks of 17-1 1/2 (5.22m). Harvey's vault marked the fourth straight meet in which he has provisionally qualified for the NCAAAs, while Anderson's mark was a personal best.

**CHAD YENCHESKY** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) won the shot put with a toss of 56-10 3/4 (17.34m). **ADAM FREED** (Fr., Proctor, Minn.) took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.99. **SCOTT BEADLE** (Sr., Moorhead, Minn.) won the 600-meter dash in a time of 1:21.68. **NILES DENEEN** (Jr., St. Paul, Minn.) took first in the 55-meter high hurdles with a personal-best time of 7.50. **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (So., Minneapolis, Minn.) won the triple jump with a leap of 48-7 1/4 (14.81m).

**MINNESOTA ALSO CLAIMS SIX SECOND-PLACE FINISHES IN OPEN:** Minnesota also finished second in six individual events at the Snowshoe Open. **NATE CLAY** (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.) took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.92. **JEREMY POLSON** (Fr., Duluth, Minn.) finished second in the mile run with a personal-best time of 4:18.84. **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Fr., Chisago City, Minn.) placed second in the 3,000-meter run with a personal-best time of 4:18.84. **BEN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) finished second in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal-best time of 7.52. Westberry took second in the long jump with a leap of 22-6 1/2 (6.87m). **JEFF MARSH** (So., Seymour, Wis.) finished second in the shot put with a toss of 55-5 1/2 (16.90m).

No team scores were kept at the open meet.

### EVENT RESULTS FROM THE SNOWSHOE OPEN:

55 Meter Dash: 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 6.66.

400 Meter Dash: 1. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 48.99. 3. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 50.71.

600 Meter Dash: 1. Scott Beadle, Minnesota, 1:21.68.

800 Meter Run: 2. Nate Clay, Minnesota, 1:56.92.

Mile Run: 2. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 4:18.84.

3000 Meter Run: 2. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:40.33; 3. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 8:43.06; 4. Mike Stoick, Minnesota, 8:48.86.

55m High Hurdles: 1. Niles Deneen, Minn., 7.50; 2. Ben Jensen, Minn., 7.52; 3. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 7.78.

Long Jump: 2. Marcus Westberry, Minn., 22-6 1/2 (6.87m).

Triple Jump: 1. Marcus Westberry, Minn., 48-7 1/4 (14.81)

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-10 3/4 (17.34m); 2. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 55-5 1/2 (16.90); 4. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 52-4 3/4 (15.97m).

Pole Vault: 1. Jon Anderson, Minnesota, 17-1 1/2 (5.22m); 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-1 1/2 (5.22); 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 16-7 1/2 (5.07); 4. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-1 3/4 (4.92).

### 1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14



# GYMNASTICS

## 1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

**Bold** indicates home meets

**NEW MEXICO TRIP UP NEXT:** The Golden Gophers travel to Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday to compete in dual meets against No. 8 New Mexico and No. 22 Cal-Santa Barbara.

**GYMNASTS TAKE WEEK OFF:** No current Golden Gophers competed in last week's Winter Cup in Battle Creek, Mich.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH IN NATION:** The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also the seventh-ranked team in the Eastern Region. The team faces eight squads currently ranked in the nation's top 25 this season (Ohio State - 1st, Iowa - 2nd, Michigan State - 5th, New Mexico - 8th, Nebraska - 9th, Illinois-Chicago - 13th, Michigan - 15th, Santa Barbara - 22nd).

**KROB IS MINNESOTA'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST:** With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse at last weekend's dual meet at No. 2 Iowa, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked fourth in the nation and second in the Eastern Region.

Senior co-captains **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Minn.) also appear in the national rankings. Wall is ranked 12th in the country with a 9.700 in the still rings, and Ticknor is 10th

ranked all-arounder.

NCAA Team National Rankings - Feb. 10 (by high score):

1. Ohio State
2. Iowa
3. Penn State
4. Cal-Berkeley
5. Michigan State
6. Oklahoma
7. UMass
8. New Mexico
9. Nebraska
10. Illinois
11. Brigham Young
12. Minnesota
13. Illinois-Chicago
14. Stanford
15. Michigan

## MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Performances:

Team Score	223.875	at Iowa 1/31/97
Floor Exercise	36.700	at Iowa 1/31/97
Pommel Horse	38.075	at Iowa 1/31/97
Still Rings	37.800	at Iowa 1/31/97
Vault	37.450	at Iowa 1/31/97
Parallel Bars	36.850	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Individual Performances:

Floor Exercise	9.550	Frank Ticknor (at Iowa)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.700	Heath Wall (twice)
Vault	9.550	Lindsey Fang (at Iowa)
Parallel Bars	9.400	Heath Wall (vs. Mich/MSU)
Horizontal Bar	9.600	Heath Wall (at Iowa)
All-Around	57.000	Frank Ticknor (at Iowa)





# SWIMMING AND DIVING

## 1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SIGHT:** The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving will officially set its sights this week on defending its Big Ten title. The next meet for the Golden Gophers will be the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind., February 27-28 and March 1.

**MINNESOTA DOMINATES OWN CHALLENGE MEET:** The Golden Gophers dominated its own Minnesota Challenge, February 14-15 at the University Aquatic Center, winning 12 of 13 individual events.

Freshman **BRYAN CARLSON** (Rosemount, Minn.) captured individual titles in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle, clocking times of 46.03, 1:40.34 and 4:32.54, respectively.

Nine other Golden Gopher swimmers won individual titles, including **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Crete, Greece), **BRIAN HOWARD** (Roeland Park, Kan.), **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.), **STELIOS SARDELAS** (Athens, Greece), **BRIAN STROSHANE** (Richfield, Minn.), **ADAM FRANKOW** (Shelby, Ohio), **JEFF RODRIGUEZ** (Pecos, Texas) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.).

Minnesota Challenge  
February 14-15, 1997  
at University Aquatic Center

50 Freestyle: 1. Jeremy Rients, Minn., 20.89; 2. Adam Frankow, Minn., 21.16; 3. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 21.21

200 IM: 1. Manolis Lentaris, Minn., 1:53.05; 2. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 1:53.35; 3. Marc Teichman, Minn., 1:53.51

500 Freestyle: 1. Bryan Carlson, Minn., 4:32.54; 2. Brian Stroshane, Minn., 4:33.60; 3. Jono McLeod, Minn., :37.81

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. St. Thomas, 1:35.87; 2. Gustavus Adolphus, 1:35.97

400 Medley Relay: 1. Gustavus Adolphus, 4:01.86

200 Medley Relay: 1. Alumni, 1:36.29; 2. St. Thomas A, 1:47.21; 3. Gustavus Adolphus, 1:49.32

400 IM: 1. Brian Howard, Minn., 4:06.66; 2. Jeff Miller, Minn., 4:08.34; 3. Gary Taylor, unatt., 4:10.48

100 Butterfly: 1. John Cahoy, Minn., 50.46; 2. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 50.67; 3. Eriek Hulseman, Minn., 51.41

200 Freestyle: 1. Bryan Carlson, Minn., 1:40.34; 2. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 1:41.21; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.46

100 Breaststroke: 1. Stelios Sardelas, Minn., 56.44; 2. Marc Teichman, Minn., 57.20; 3. Rick Gardiner, Minn., 58.72

100 Backstroke: 1. Alexandre Massura, unatt., 50.38; Adam Frankow, Minn., 51.47; Ryan Crosby, Minn., 52.80

1650 Freestyle: 1. Brian Stroshane, Minn., 15:53.62; 2. Gary Taylor, unatt., 16:13.28; 3. Manolis Lentaris, Minn., 17:24.32

200 Backstroke: 1. Adam Frankow, Minn., 1:51.66; 2. Bill Bishop, Minn., 1:52.55; 3. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 1:52.86

100 Freestyle: Bryan Carlson, Minn., 46.03; 2. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 46.34; 3. Alexandre Massura, unatt., 46.44

200 Breaststroke: 1. Jeff Rodriguez, Minn., 2:05.22; 2. Stelios Sardelas, Minn., 2:06.02; 3. Brian Howard, Minn., 2:09.72

200 Butterfly: 1. Martin Zielinski, Minn., 1:50.97; 2. Jonathan McLeod, Minn., 1:53.35; 3. John Cahoy, Minn., 1:53.55

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Gustavus Adolphus, 3:35.99



## BASEBALL

**BASEBALL ON SOUTHERN TRIP:** The Golden Gophers will face South Alabama in a single game on Monday at 1 p.m. The squad will then play one game at New Orleans on Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Friday, Minnesota will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., for three games against the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles (Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.).

### PROJECTED STARTERS:

Monday: **BRAD PAUTZ** (R, So., Reedsville, Wis.)

Wednesday: **BEN BIRK** (R, Fr., St. Paul, Minn.)

Friday: **JUSTIN PEDERSON** (R, Jr., Chippewa Falls, Wis.)

Saturday: **MIKE DIEBOLT** (L, Sr., Mayfield Village, Ohio)

Sunday: **BRAD PAUTZ** (R, So., Reedsville, Wis.)

### GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP TWO GAMES:

Minnesota lost its first two games in the Coca-Cola Classic Tournament in Mobile, Ala. On Saturday, the South Alabama Jaguars defeated the Golden Gophers 5-2. In the consolation game on Sunday, the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles beat the Golden Gophers 3-2 on a pinch single in the 10th inning.

For more information, please call Minnesota baseball SID Erich Bacher at the Quality Inn in Hattiesburg, Miss., at (601) 544-4530.



## TENNIS

### NETTERS OPEN BIG TEN DUAL ACTION:

The Golden Gophers will open Big Ten dual match action this weekend on the road at Indiana (Friday, 6 p.m.) and at Ohio State (Saturday, 7 p.m.). Minnesota has won four of the last five Big Ten Championships.

### GOPHERS DROP MATCH TO #8 JAYHAWKS:

Minnesota lost to No. 8 Kansas Saturday night in a dual meet at the 98th Street Racquet Club. The Jayhawks won six singles matches and three doubles matches to defeat the Golden Gophers by a score of 7-0.

**GOLDEN GOPHER LEADERS:** Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) leads the Golden Gophers at this point of the season with a 15-4 overall record. Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) has a 9-7 mark early in the season. Freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) is also on the winning side with a 9-6 record in singles action.

**ON THE HORIZON:** Minnesota will travel to New Orleans, La., on March 2 to compete in a dual meet with the Tulane Green Wave at 11:30 a.m.


### KANSAS DUAL MATCH RESULTS:

#### Singles:

Enrique Abaroa, KU, defeated Ben Gabler, MN, 6-3, 7-6  
Xavier Avila, KU, defeated Tom Chicoine, MN, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4  
Fernando Sierra, KU, defeated John Cheregi, MN, 6-4, 6-4  
Luis Uribe, KU, defeated Adam Selkirk, MN, 6-7, 7-5, 6-0  
Trent Tucker, KU, defeated Martin Kristoffersen, MN, 6-4, 6-3  
Ryan Baxter, KU, defeated Robin Rutili, MN, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5

#### Doubles:

Abaroa/Avila, KU, def. Gabler/Selkirk, MN, 8-6  
Sierra/Uribe, KU, def. Cheregi/Kristoffersen, MN, 8-6  
Baxter/Tucker, KU, def. Chicoine/Michaelowski, MN, 9-7



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## **BASEBALL TEAM STARTS 1997 SEASON ON ROAD THIS WEEKEND**

The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher baseball team begins its 1997 season on the road this weekend at South Alabama in Mobile, Ala. The Maroon and Gold will play South Alabama in a single game Friday, then play them again Saturday to open USA's Coca-Cola tournament.

Friday's game against South Alabama is the first of an 11-day, seven-game road trip for Minnesota. Following the tournament, the Golden Gophers play a single game Feb. 19 at New Orleans. Minnesota will conclude the trip with a three-game series at Southern Mississippi Feb. 21-23.

On Feb. 28-March 2, Minnesota will host the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic which annually features some of the top collegiate teams in the country. This year No. 2 UCLA, No. 31 Washington and Nebraska comprise the tournament field.

KSGS-AM 950 will broadcast all Golden Gopher games against Division I schools during the season. The broadcast schedule is set for 52 games.

Ryan Lefebvre will be the broadcast voice for the team. He was a two-time All-Big Ten selection for the Golden Gophers and has been behind the microphone for the past three seasons. Paul Barnes will add color commentary and will also split time with Lefebvre doing play-by-play.

### **1997 Golden Gopher Baseball Season-Opening Road Trip Games**

Feb. 14	@ South Alabama	6 p.m.
Feb. 15-16	@ South Alabama's Coca-Cola Classic	
	vs. South Alabama	12:30 p.m.
	vs. Auburn/So. Miss.	12:30 or 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	@ New Orleans	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Southern Mississippi	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	@ Southern Mississippi	2 p.m.
Feb. 23	@ Southern Mississippi	1 p.m.



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## **SCHEMMELE WITHDRAWS FROM TEXAS TECH AD SEARCH**

Jeff Schemmel, Senior Associate Athletics Director in the Men's Athletics Department at the University of Minnesota, has withdrawn his name from consideration for the Texas Tech athletics director position.

One of two current finalists for the position, Schemmel issued the following statement:

"After much thought and much discussion with my family, I have decided to withdraw as a candidate for the athletics director position at Texas Tech.

"There are many reasons for the decision, but most important was a concern for our two teenage sons, that they not be uprooted at this time in their lives from a community, a school, and friends that they truly enjoy.

"Just as important has been the incredible support shown for me here at the University of Minnesota by the coaches, staff, and most of all, (Director of Men's Athletics Dr.) Mark Dienhart. I could not work for a better man nor with a better group of people, and I am excited by what we have established here and where we are going. Mark and I have talked at length and he has made an offer that makes it very attractive for me to stay.

"I was honored to have been considered by Texas Tech and want to thank all of the committee members, the many people who treated us so well during our visit to Lubbock, and President Haragan. I was handled honestly and with class. I wish them and their new athletics director the very best."

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# SPORTS NEWS

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## **SPEHAR NAMED WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Freshman Dave Spehar has been named WCHA Rookie of the Week for his efforts in last weekend's series against Minnesota-Duluth at Mariucci Arena. The split against the Bulldogs held the Golden Gophers (21-11-0, 18-10-0) in sole possession of second place in the WCHA, three points removed from league front-runner North Dakota.

Spehar, a forward from Duluth, Minn., scored three goals and assisted on another in the two games against the Bulldogs. Spehar, who has scored in 16 of his last 17 games, leads the Golden Gophers with four game-winning goals and is tied for the team lead with nine power-play goals. He currently leads all WCHA freshmen in scoring with season totals of 14 goals and 17 assists for 31 total points.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Colorado College this weekend in a WCHA series. Friday's faceoff is slated for 8:30 p.m. (CST), with Saturday afternoon's game starting at 3 p.m. (CST).

# SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a stylized gopher wearing a dark jersey with the number "1" and a dark cap. It is holding a football in its right hand and has its left hand raised in a fist. The mascot is smiling and looking towards the viewer.

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## MASON COMPLETES GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL STAFF

University of Minnesota Head Football Coach **Glen Mason** announced today the completion of his football coaching/administrative staff. The new staff is listed below (bio information follows):

**Vic Adamle, Wide Receivers**  
**Tim Allen, Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations**  
**Mitch Browning, Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator**  
**David Gibbs, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Secondary**  
**Chris Hartman, Strength & Conditioning**  
**Reggie Mitchell, Running Backs**  
**Gordon Shaw, Defensive Line**  
**Mark Snyder, Defensive Ends**  
**Steve Stripling, Linebackers**  
**Kevin Sumlin, Quarterbacks**  
**Elliot Uzelac, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line**

"I think that we have assembled an outstanding staff," Mason said. "I'm excited not only because they are great football coaches, but also because they are fine people as well."

**Vic Adamle, 37**, a member of Coach Mason's staff at both Kent State and Kansas, will also make the move to Minnesota where he will serve as the Golden Gophers' wide receivers coach. Adamle had been the wide receivers coach at Kansas the past two seasons, after serving as the school's running backs coach from 1988-94. At Kent he was the running backs coach in 1986-87 and the wide receivers coach in 1985, after having worked as a graduate assistant coach in 1984. A 1983 graduate of Eastern Michigan, Adamle was a two-year starter and three-year letterwinner as a fullback during his collegiate career for the Eagles. He is the brother of former Northwestern star and ESPN commentator Mike Adamle. Their father, Tony, was a six-time All-Pro selection as a linebacker for the NFL's Cleveland Browns after finishing his collegiate career at Ohio State. Vic has coached the all-time leading rushers at two different schools — June Henley at Kansas and Eric Wilkerson at Kent State. In addition, Kansas running back Tony Sands, No. 2 on the career school rushing list behind Henley, broke the all-time NCAA single-game rushing record with 396 yards against Missouri in 1991. Adamle and his wife Mary have a daughter Amy.

**Tim Allen, 38**, will be the assistant athletics director for football operations with the Golden Gophers. A member of the Kansas football staff the past 11 seasons, he will coordinate the day-to-day administrative activities of the Golden Gophers' football office. He was the administrative assistant at Kansas the past 10 seasons where he organized the on-campus recruiting efforts and coordinated special off-the-field activities for the Jayhawks. He also helped implement the highly successful community outreach program that was initiated by Coach Mason in 1995. A native of Seneca, Kan., Allen came to Kansas as a graduate assistant coach in 1986. Prior to that he spent four years as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Bethel College in North Newton, Kan. Bethel led the nation in pass defense en route to the school's first-ever conference title in 1984 with Allen as the defensive secondary coach. The Threshers finished third in the NAIA Division II polls that season. A 1982 graduate of Bethel with a bachelor's degree in political science and physical education, he played wide receiver and was selected team captain as a senior. Allen and his wife Rochelle have two children: a son Brett, and a daughter Brianna.

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**Mitch Browning**, also a member of Coach Mason's staff at both Kent State and Kansas, will be the tight ends coach/recruiting coordinator at Minnesota. Browning, 40, handled similar duties on Mason's staff at Kansas the past two seasons. Prior to that, he was the Jayhawks' outside linebackers coach from 1991-94 and the school's defensive secondary coach from 1988-90. In addition, he served as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks/tight ends coach at Kent State from 1985-87 and the wide receivers/quarterbacks coach for the Golden Flash in 1983-84. In 1982 he was the wide receivers coach and Mason the offensive coordinator at Ohio State when the Buckeyes averaged 425.1 yards per game and went 9-3 overall with a win in the Holiday Bowl. Browning began his collegiate coaching career in 1979 as a graduate assistant at Miami (Ohio). He then became the wide receivers coach at North Carolina State in 1980-81 where he coached Mike Quick, who went on to become a first round draft pick of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and an eventual five-time NFL All-Pro selection. Browning is a 1979 graduate of Capital (Ohio) University, where he was a four-year starter and linebacker during his collegiate career and an All-Ohio Athletic Conference selection as a senior. A versatile coach, he has coached six different positions during his 18-year coaching career. Browning is married to the former Jane Grey Baldwin.

**David Gibbs**, 29, will serve as the defensive coordinator/defensive secondary coach for the Golden Gophers. He was the defensive secondary coach under Coach Mason at Kansas the past two seasons. Prior to joining the Jayhawks' staff, Gibbs was a graduate assistant coach at both Colorado (1993-94) and Oklahoma (1991-92). A 1990 graduate of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in marketing, he was a four-year letterwinner at defensive back for the Buffaloes during his career. He started every game in 1989 when CU fashioned an impressive 11-1 overall record en route to an Orange Bowl bid and a No. 4 ranking in the final national poll. He collected Academic All-Big 8 honors as a senior in 1990 when he helped lead the Buffaloes to an 11-1-1 overall record and the national title following a 10-9 win over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. During his collegiate career, Colorado registered a combined record of 37-10-1 and played in three bowl games. A native of Mount Airy, N.C., he lettered in football and baseball during an outstanding prep career at Auburn (Ala.) High School. His father Alex has coached in the NFL with the Denver Broncos, Los Angeles Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs, San Diego Chargers and Indianapolis Colts.

A member of the U of M strength and conditioning staff since 1991, the 1997 season will mark **Chris Hartman's** second season as the Golden Gophers' head football strength and conditioning coach. A certified strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), Hartman, 33, earned his bachelor's degree in sports management/fitness specialist from Bowling Green State University in 1987. He received his master's degree in physical education from United States International University in 1988. Before coming to Minnesota, Hartman spent one year as assistant strength coach at Stanford University. Prior to that, he was strength coach for the NFL's San Diego Chargers from 1988-90. He also worked as the assistant strength coach at San Diego State University for one year (1987-88), strength and conditioning coordinator and assistant football coach at Maumee (Ohio) High School for one season (1986) and volunteer strength and conditioning coach at Bowling Green during his senior year. Hartman, who also is certified by the U.S. Weightlifting Federation for Level I instruction, fashioned an outstanding collegiate football career as both an inside and outside linebacker at Bowling Green. A four-year letterwinner, he played in the California Bowl both as a freshman in 1982, and as a senior in 1985, when he served as team captain for the Falcons. Hartman and his wife Karen have two sons: Jared and Steven.

A member of Coach Mason's staff since 1987, **Reggie Mitchell**, 36, will coach the running backs at Minnesota. Mitchell coached the running backs at Kansas the past two seasons. Under his direction, Jayhawk running back June Henley finished his career in 1996 as the school's all-time career rushing leader with 3,841 yards. Mitchell was defensive ends coach for the Jayhawks from 1991-94 and linebackers coach from 1988-90. He first joined Coach Mason as the wide receivers coach at Kent State in 1987. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach coach at his high school alma mater, Flint

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**(Mitchell cont.)** (Mich.) Southwestern High School in 1982. He then moved to his college alma mater, Central Michigan, where he was a student assistant coach in 1983. The following year he served as the wide receivers coach at Ferris State, before moving on to Michigan as a graduate assistant under Bo Schembechler in 1985 and then Western Michigan as an assistant coach in 1986. Mitchell registered a standout career during his playing days. A first-team all-state pick as a senior at Southwestern High School, he went on to become a four-year starter and gain more than 2,300 yards during his collegiate career at Central Michigan. In 1981 he was named team MVP when he rushed for 1,068 yards to lead the Chippewas to first-place in the Mid-American Conference with a 7-2 league mark. He is a 1981 graduate of CMU with a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation. Mitchell and his wife Andrea have two children: a son Kaeman and a daughter Karena. Reggie also has a daughter, Deborah, who lives in Michigan.

**Gordon Shaw**, who had served as offensive line coach for the Golden Gophers since 1993, will handle the defensive line on Coach Mason's staff. In 1989 Shaw was the defensive coordinator at Idaho when the Vandals went 9-2 and won the conference championship. He was the defensive line coach at Cal State Northridge in 1979, before returning to his alma mater, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, as the defensive line coach in 1980-81. Cal Poly won the NCAA Division II national title in 1980. From there he went to Northern Arizona University, where he spent three years coaching the defensive line. From 1985-88 Shaw, who has extensive experience on both sides of the ball, coached at Northern Colorado where he was the offensive coordinator/offensive line coach. He came to the U of M from Wyoming, where he had served as the offensive line coach from 1990-92. In 1990 the Cowboys compiled a 9-4 overall record and played in the Copper Bowl. The Golden Gophers have had one of the most productive offenses in the Big Ten and a large amount of the credit goes to Shaw and his work with the offensive line. In 1994 Shaw's movers up front helped pave the way for All-Big Ten running back Chris Darkins' successful assault on the Golden Gophers' single-season rushing record. Shaw, 42, earned his bachelor's degree from Cal Poly in 1978 and his master's from Northern Arizona in 1984. Shaw and his wife Debra have three daughters: Whitney, Jenna and Aubrey.

A member of Division I-AA powerhouse Youngstown State's staff the past six seasons, **Mark Snyder**, 32, will serve as the defensive ends coach on Coach Mason's staff at the U of M. In December he was named defensive coordinator at Youngstown State after having served as the defensive line coach/special teams coordinator in 1996. During the 1995 season Snyder was the program's inside linebackers/special teams coordinator. In addition to serving as the outside linebackers coach in 1993-94, he was also the head of the team's punt block unit that was responsible for blocking an amazing 14 punts over two seasons. He joined the Penguin staff in 1991 and served as the school's outside linebackers coach for two seasons. During Snyder's six years at Youngstown State, the Penguins advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA championship game four straight years (1991-94) and captured three national crowns (1991-93-94). His coaching career began in 1988 at his alma mater, Marshall University, where he served as a graduate assistant in charge of the wide receivers. He spent the next two seasons at Central Florida, as a graduate assistant in 1989 and then as a part-time coach in charge of the linebackers in 1990. Snyder is certainly no stranger to championship games as a player either. A 1987 graduate of Marshall, Snyder capped an impressive collegiate career when he helped lead the Thundering Herd to the I-AA national title game as a senior where they dropped a heartbreaking 43-42 decision to Northeast Louisiana. He earned All-America honors as a defensive back that season and at the time was the Southern Conference's all-time leader with 10 interceptions. Prior to that, he attended Northeast Oklahoma A&M Junior College where he helped lead the Golden Norsemen to the NJCAA national title game as a quarterback. A native of Ironton, Ohio, Snyder was a member of the school's Division III state runner-up squad as a senior en route to collecting all-state honors. Snyder and his wife Beth have two daughters: Chelsea Elizabeth and Lindsay Nicole.

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**Steve Stripling**, 43, will be the linebackers coach on Coach Mason's staff at Minnesota after spending the last 13 seasons on Bill Mallory's staff at the University of Indiana. In 1996 Stripling was Indiana's defensive coordinator/linebackers coach, from 1990-95 he was the defensive line coach and from 1984-89 he worked on the other side of the ball as the offensive line coach. In addition, he coached the placekickers throughout his tenure at Indiana. While there, Stripling coached four All-Big Ten guards and centers, three All-Big Ten placekickers, one All-Big Ten linebacker and one All-Big Ten defensive lineman. The Hoosiers played in six bowl games during that time; the 1986 All-American, 1987 & 1990 Peach, 1988 Liberty, 1991 Copper and 1993 Independence. Prior to joining the Indiana staff, Stripling was the offensive line coach at Northern Illinois from 1980-83. The Huskies captured the Mid-American Conference crown in 1983 to earn a trip to the California Bowl. He also served as the recruiting coach at North Carolina in 1978-79. The Tar Heels played in the Gator Bowl during his final season in Chapel Hill. Stripling, who earned his bachelor's (1976) and master's (1978) degrees from the University of Colorado, began his coaching at his alma mater as a graduate assistant in 1977-78. The Buffaloes won the 1977 Big Eight title en route to an Orange Bowl berth. An offensive guard during his collegiate career at Colorado, he was a member of Colorado teams that played in the 1971 & 1975 Bluebonnet Bowls and the 1972 Gator Bowl. He played one season (1976) with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons before embarking on his coaching career. In all, he has coached or played in a total of 12 bowl games during his career. Stripling and his wife Gayle have three children: a daughter Christy, and sons Cody and Chad.

**Kevin Sumlin**, 32, will be the quarterbacks coach under Coach Mason after having served as the Golden Gophers' wide receivers coach since 1993. During his four seasons at the U of M, the Gopher offense has thrown for an average of nearly 260 yards per game, compared to 170 yards per game through the air previous five years. Minnesota led the Big Ten in passing offense in both 1993 (297.9) and 1996 (234.4), finished second in 1995 (260.3) and third in 1994 (244.6). A 1987 graduate of Purdue University where he was a four-year starter at wide receiver and a *Sports Illustrated* All-America selection in 1985, the school receiving records book has literally been rewritten during Sumlin's four years with the Golden Gophers. In fact, the top five leaders in school career receptions and top three in school career receiving yards have all played during Sumlin's tenure at the U of M. Ryan Thelwell, who will be a senior for the Golden Gophers in 1997, already holds the career marks for receptions (136) and receiving yards (2,232). Fellow senior Tutu Atwell is second in career receiving yards (1,716) and fourth in receptions (113) heading into '97. Chuck Rios (1990-94) is second on the all-time list with 132 receptions. Omar Douglas (1990-93), a member of the NFL's New York Giants, is ranked third in both receptions (130) and receiving yards (1,681), while Aaron Osterman (1990-94) is fifth in both receptions (111) and receiving yards (1,598). Sumlin's coaching career began as a graduate assistant at Washington State in 1988. He worked with the linebackers initially, before taking over as the junior varsity coach and finally the wide receivers coach. In 1991 he was named to coach the receivers at Wyoming, a position he held for two seasons before coming to Minnesota. Sumlin was married to the former Charlene M. Sirois this past December.

**Elliot Uzelac**, 55, will be the offensive coordinator/offensive line coach for the Golden Gophers. He comes to the U of M after spending the past two seasons as associate head coach at the University of Kentucky. In addition to serving as the offensive coordinator, he also coached the offensive tackles and tight ends for the Wildcats. Under his direction, the Kentucky offense had only 16 turnovers in '95, fewest in school history. Moreover, the Wildcats' 30 offensive touchdowns in '95 were the most since '84 and the 24 rushing TDs marked the best for the program since '74. In '95 he coached record-setting tailback Moe Williams, now a member of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings. Williams rushed for 1,600 yards, eclipsed three Southeastern Conference (SEC) records and broke or tied a total of 15 school records that season. In 1993-94 Uzelac was the offensive coordinator/tackles & tight ends coach at Colorado. The Buffaloes led the Big Eight Conference in total offense both seasons under his direction. They also shattered 51 school records and tied four others in that two-year span. In 1994 Colorado compiled an 11-1

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(Uzelac cont.) overall record when they ranked third in the country with an average of 495.3 yards per game of total offense. Uzelac's offense helped running back Rashaan Salaam finish first in the nation that season in rushing, all-purpose yardage and scoring en route to winning the Heisman Trophy. Quarterback Kordell Stewart ranked 10th in the nation that season in total offense and 11th in passing efficiency. In 1993 Colorado finished with an 8-3-1 overall record when they ranked 10th in the country with 470.5 yards of total offense per game. Prior to Colorado, Uzelac coached for the Cleveland Browns (1992), Ohio State (1991), Indiana (1990), Navy (head coach 1987-89, assistant 1971-72), Michigan (1973-74, 1982-86), Western Michigan (head coach 1975-81) and Bowling Green (1965, 1968-70). He also coached as an assistant at Chesterton (Ind.) High School in 1965 and as a head coach at Logan (W.Va.) High School in 1966-67. A graduate of Western Michigan University, Uzelac returned to his alma mater as head coach in 1975 and proceeded to win more Mid-American Conference games than any coach in school history up to that point. He was named MAC Coach of the Year in 1976. During his final season at Navy, he directed the Midshipmen to big road wins at North Carolina and Boston College, as well as an upset of Army in the season finale. During his career he has coached in a total of nine bowl games; five at Michigan, two at Colorado, and one each at Indiana and Ohio State. Uzelac, who earned his master's degree in physical education from Bowling Green, has served as an assistant coach under Don Nehlen at West Virginia, Rick Forzano at Navy, Bo Schembechler at Michigan, Bill Mallory at Indiana, John Cooper at Ohio State and Bill McCartney at Colorado. Elliot and his wife, Wendy, have two grown children, Lisa and Nick, and one granddaughter.



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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, Feb. 24:

Head swimming coach **Dennis Dale**

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 26:

Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Thursday, Feb. 27:

Junior defenseman **Brian LaFleur**

Friday, Feb. 28:

Junior wing **Casey Hankinson**

Saturday, March 1 - Sunday, March 2:

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** post-Wisconsin comments

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

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

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

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

## GET WIRED!

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

Mon.  
Feb. 24

- Golf at San Juan Shootout  
San Juan, Puerto Rico, All day

Tues.  
Feb. 25

- Golf at San Juan Shootout  
San Juan, Puerto Rico, All day

Wed.  
Feb. 26

- Basketball at Michigan Wolverines  
Crisler Arena, Midwest Sports Chan.  
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- Swimming at Big Ten Championships  
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.

Thurs.  
Feb. 27

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships  
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.

Fri.  
Feb. 28

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships  
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers  
Hormel Foods Classic  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Wisconsin Badgers  
Target Center  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
- Track at NCAA Qualifying Meet  
Ames, Iowa, TBA

Sat.  
Mar. 1

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships  
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.
- Gymnastics vs. Ohio State Buckeyes  
Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Washington Huskies  
Hormel Foods Classic  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 1:30 p.m.
- Basketball vs. Indiana Hoosiers  
Williams Arena  
WCCO-AM 830  
Channel 4, 3:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Wisconsin Badgers  
Mariucci Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7:35 p.m.

Sun.  
Mar. 2

- Tennis at Tulane Green Wave  
New Orleans, La., 11:30 a.m.
- Baseball vs. UCLA Bruins  
Hormel Foods Classic  
H.H.H. Metrodome, MSC  
KSGS-AM 950, 1:05 p.m.



# WRESTLING

## 1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
<b>All Unattached</b>			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
<b>Official Team Schedule</b>			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 35-3</b>
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
	- Ohio U		W, 39-4
	- Clarion		W, 34-9
	- Rider		W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Iowa State</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>L, 16-19</b>
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>South Dakota St.</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
	- Missouri Valley		W, 48-0
	- Penn State		W, 21 -10
	- Iowa		L, 23-12
	- Michigan State		W, 28-9
	- Penn State		W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 28-9</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>W, 28-7</b>
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>W, 23-16</b>
<b>Mar. 8-9</b>	<b>Big Tens</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

**Bold** indicates home meets

### WRESTLERS TO HOST BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WILLIAMS ARENA:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the 1996-97 Big Ten Wrestling Championships March 8-9 in Williams Arena. On Saturday, the first session begins at 10 a.m. and the second begins at 6 p.m. On Sunday, action begins at noon.

**THE COACH:** The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

### MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINE-UP FOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall  
 118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 16-2  
 126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 13-6  
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-7  
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 28-2  
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 24-3  
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 23-8  
 167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 18-5  
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-6  
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 25-1  
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-11

### THIRD-RANKED MINNESOTA WRESTLERS DECISION OHIO STATE, 23-16:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team closed its 1996-97 season with a 23-16 win over Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion.

The Golden Gophers trailed 9-6 when junior **JASON DAVIDS** of Forest Lake, scored a 6-4 decision past Brian Roskovich at 142 pounds, knotting the team score at 9-9. Minnesota then won five of the next six weight classes to clinch the win.

Third-ranked **TIM HARTUNG**, a sophomore from Durand, Wis., improved his season record to 25-1 with a 14-5 major decision over No. 8 Anthony Gary. It was the 16th time this season that Hartung has won by pin or major decision.

Sophomore **PAT CONNORS** of Longview, Wash., erased a 6-0 Minnesota deficit with a pin of Mike Glane in 4:30 at 126 pounds. It was Connors' third pin of the year.

Other Golden Gopher winners included No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT**, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., who decisioned Dan DiCesare at 150 pounds.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** of Anaheim, Calif., won his fifth straight match with a 13-5 major decision over Peter Rogers.

No. 6 **ZAC TAYLOR** of Sandpoint, Idaho, scored a 14-8 decision past Scott Overholt at 167 pounds.

Minnesota's **TROY MARR**, (So., Wyoming, Minn.) ranked No. 11 in the nation, was upset by unranked Jeff Bucher, 9-2, at 134 pounds.

### NO. 3 MINNESOTA 23, OHIO STATE 16

February 23, 1997 at Minneapolis, Minn.

118 - Matt Fratta (OSU) wins by forfeit; 126 - No. 11 Pat Connors (M) pinned Mike Glane, 4:30; 134 - Jeff Bucher (OSU) dec. No. 11 Troy Marr, 9-2; 142 - No. 3 Jason Davids (M) dec. Brian Roskovich, 6-4; 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (M) dec. Dan DiCesare, 5-2; 158 - Josh Holiday (M) maj. dec. Peter Rogers, 13-5; 167 - No. 6 Zac Taylor (M) dec. Scott Overholt,

14-8; 177 - No. 7 Mitch Clark (OSU) maj. dec. Brandon Eggum, 12-0; 190 - No. 3 Tim Hartung (M) maj. dec. No. 8 Anthony Gary, 14-5; Hwt - Nick Nutter (OSU) dec. Shelton Benjamin, 2-1

## MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS

**NATIONALLY RANKED:** The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fourth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers improved to 16-4 overall and 6-1 in the Big Ten with the win over Ohio State this week-end.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are Jason Davids and Tim Hartung, both of whom are ranked No. 3.

Davids has a 27-2 record at 142 pounds. Hartung boasts a 24-1 record at 190 pounds. Hartung suffered his first setback of the year on Feb. 15, losing to No. 4 Brian Picklo of Michigan State.

Chad Kraft held on to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while Zac Taylor slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall record is 21-3 while Taylor weighs in at 17-5.

Troy Marr maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and improved his record to 22-6, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings this week was Pat Connors. Connors has won his last three matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 12-6 and is ranked No. 11.

In addition to the six ranked wrestlers, Minnesota also expects to regain the services of 118-pound junior Brandon Paulson of Coon Rapids. Paulson was ranked sixth at 118 pounds before being sidelined with an ankle injury in January. He is expected to compete at the Big Ten Championships.

NWCA/AWN Collegiate Wrestling Poll (February 20, 1997)

1. Oklahoma State, 325; 2. Iowa, 312; 3. Minnesota, 298; 4. Illinois, 282; 5. Penn State, 278; 6. Edinboro, 258; 7. Rider, 240; 8. Nebraska, 226; 9. Iowa State, 225; 10. Arizona State, 217.



GOLF

**UP NEXT:** The Golden Gophers open the spring season with the NCAA Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico Monday and Tuesday.

**EARLIER THIS YEAR:** The Golden Gophers finished in the top five in three of four tournaments they competed in during the fall season. The team finished with a team stroke average of 295.2. All-America candidate **ROB KERR** (Jr., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) led the Golden Gophers through the fall season with a 73.7 stroke average followed by Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) who had a 73.9 stroke average.

Minnesota won its own Reliastar Collegiate Invitational in September, coming from one stroke down on the final day of competition to win by eight strokes. Kerr birdied the 18th hole to tie for medalist honors.

**ON THE HORIZON:** Following the NCAA Shootout, Minnesota travels to Hattiesburg, Miss., for the Bridges All-American Tournament on March 3-4.



# 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	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

**NCAA QUALIFYING MEET UP NEXT FOR GOLDEN GOPHERS:** Minnesota will compete next in the NCAA Qualifying Meet on Feb. 28 in Ames, Iowa.

**MINNESOTA FINISHES THIRD AT BIG TEN INDOORS:** The Minnesota track and field team placed third at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. The squad finished with 83 1/3 points. Wisconsin won the meet with 126 points. The Golden Gophers also finished third at last year's indoor meet.

**JENSEN AND STRAND SET CONFERENCE RECORDS:** Minnesota's **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) set a Big Ten record in the heptathlon and **STAFFAN STRAND** (Fr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) set a Big Ten meet record in the high jump at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. Jensen won five of the seven events in the heptathlon and scored 5,648 points. He broke the old mark of 5,539 points set by Wisconsin's James Dunkleberger last year.

Strand set the high jump record with a leap of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). The mark also automatically qualifies him for the NCAA meet.

**HARVEY AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAA MEET:** Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) automatically qualified for the NCAA meet in the pole vault at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. He won the event at the Big Ten indoor meet with a school-record jump of 18-1 3/4 (5.52m).

**MISCHKE, JENSEN SHINE IN POLE VAULT:** Golden Gopher **SETH MISCHKE** (Sr., Worland, Wyo.) finished second to Harvey in the pole vault, while Jensen tied for third in the event. Mischke had a vault of 16-5 1/2 (5.02m). Jensen had a mark of 16-1 3/4 (4.92m).

**SHOT PUTTERS HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT BIG TEN INDOORS:** Minnesota's **JEFF MARSH** (So., Seymour, Wis.) finished third in the shot put with a personal-best of 57-3 (17.45m). The mark provisionally qualifies him for the NCAAAs. **CHAD YENCHESKY'S** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) throw of 56-11 1/4 (17.35m) was good for fourth.

## RESULTS FROM THE BIG TEN INDOORS:

### Team Results

1. Wisconsin, 126; 2. Illinois, 96 1/2; 3. Minnesota, 83 1/3; 4. Iowa, 82; 5. Michigan, 67 1/3; 6. Indiana, 50 1/2; 7. Purdue, 58; 8. Michigan State, 41; 9. Ohio State, 39; 10. Penn State, 29 1/3.

### Event Results

Shot Put: 3. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 57-3 1/4 (17.45m); 4. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-11 1/4 (17.35m).  
 Pole Vault: 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 18-1 1/4 (5.52m); 2. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-5 1/2 (5.02m); 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 16-1 3/4 (4.92m).  
 High Jump: 1. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-4 1/2 (2.25m).  
 Heptathlon: 1. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 5,648; 3. Glenn Lindqvist, Minnesota, 5,278.

## 1997 AUTOMATIC INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	2/22-23
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 3/4 (5.52)	2/22-23

## 1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Jeff Marsh	Shot Put	57-3 (17.45)	2/22-23



# GYMNASTICS

## 1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	<b>Alumni Meet</b>	<b>Sports Pavilion</b>	<b>L / 217.925</b>
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211:900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	<b>Michigan and Michigan State</b>	<b>Sports Pavilion</b>	<b>1st/222.100</b>
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Sports Pavilion</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	<b>Big Ten Champ.</b>	<b>Sports Pavilion</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

**Bold** indicates home meets

**OHIO STATE BUCKEYES UP NEXT:** The No. 12 Golden Gophers host the No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes Saturday in the final home dual meet of the season. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

**LAST WEEK:** The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher gymnastics team came in second behind No. 8 New Mexico in a triangular dual meet late Saturday night in Albuquerque, N.M. No. 12 Minnesota finished with 222.40 total team points, behind New Mexico's 228.550 points and ahead of No. 22 Santa Barbara's 204.70.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) won his second all-around title of the season with 56.150 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) came in third, just 2.5 points off the lead.

### CHAD CONNER WINS FIRST EVENT TITLE:

Freshman **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas) claimed his first event title as a Golden Gopher, winning the parallel bars with a team season-best score of 9.700. Junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) tied for second on the parallel bars and tied for third on the horse.

Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) came in second on the horizontal bar and second on the still rings with a team season-best of 9.750. Ticknor finished third on the rings and second in the floor exercise with a Minnesota season-high 9.60. Junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) took second on the horse with a career-high 9.750.

### GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH IN

**NATION:** The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 12th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked seventh in the Eastern Region and sixth in the Big Ten.

NCAA Team National Rankings – Feb. 17 (by high score):

1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Nebraska; 5. Cal-Berkeley; 6. Michigan State; 7. Oklahoma; 8. UMass; 9. New Mexico; 10. Illinois; 11. Brigham Young; 12. Minnesota; 13. Illinois-Chicago; 14. Stanford; 15. Navy

### KROB IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST:

With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked sixth in the nation and fourth in the Eastern Region.

Senior co-captains **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Minn.) also appear in the national rankings. Wall is tied for 14th in the country with a 9.700 on the rings, and Ticknor is 12th ranked all-arounder.

### MINNESOTA RESULTS FROM NEW MEXICO:

Floor Exercise: 2. Frank Ticknor, 9.60; 5. Dan Boots, 9.20; 10. Chad Conner, 8.85; 12. George Beatty, 8.60; t14. Lindsey Fang, 8.55

Pommel Horse: 2. George Beatty, 9.75; t3. Bob Hubbard, 9.60; 9. Lindsey Fang, 9.25; 10. Frank Ticknor, 9.20; 12. Jason Krob, 9.05; 13. Heath Wall, 9.0

Still Rings: 2. Heath Wall, 9.75; 3. Frank Ticknor, 9.65; 7. Lindsey Fang, 9.20; 8. Dan Boots, 9.10; 12. Matt Kieffer, 8.75; 15. Mike Mamakos, 8.25

Vault: t4. Frank Ticknor, 9.30; 8. George Beatty, 9.05; 9. Dan Boots, 8.95; t10. Lindsey Fang, 8.85; 17. Chad Conner, 8.25

Parallel Bars: 1. Chad Conner, 9.70; t2. Bob Hubbard, 9.65; 5. Frank Ticknor, 9.45; t7. George Beatty, 9.40; 12. Lindsey Fang, 8.90; 13. Heath Wall, 8.50

High Bar: 2. Heath Wall, 9.45, 7. George Beatty, 9.00, 8. Frank Ticknor, 8.95; 9. Lindsey Fang, 8.90; t11. Dan Boots and Chad Conner, 8.75



# SWIMMING AND DIVING

## 1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	11 a.m.
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

**UP NEXT:** The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team travels to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to defend its Big Ten title. The Golden Gophers won the meet a year ago for the first time in 70 years. Action begins Thursday with preliminaries at 11 a.m. and concludes Saturday evening.

**LATEST POLL:** The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 237 points while No. 1 Stanford received 335. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is seventh, and Indiana (22nd), Ohio State (23rd) and Purdue (24th) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and is 8-0 this season. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as eighth but have been ninth for several weeks.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 335; 2. Auburn, 331; 3. Tennessee, 319; 4. California, 294; 5. So. Cal., 291; 6. Texas, 288; 7. Michigan, 282; 8. Georgia, 258; 9. Minnesota, 237; 10. Arizona St., 203; 11. Arizona, 189; 12. Florida State, 188; 13. Florida, 165; 14. LSU, 157; 15. North Carolina, 145; 16. Nebraska, 134; 17. Harvard, 125; 18. SMU, 105; 19. N.C. State, 91; 20. Texas A&M, 74; 21. Miami, 59; 22. Indiana, 58; 23. Ohio State, 50; 24T. Purdue, 32; 24T. Alabama, 32

**ONE YEAR AGO:** After finishing second to Michigan for

six straight years, the Golden Gophers broke through, winning the Big Ten Championship for the first time since 1926. Minnesota won nine of the 21 events contested at the championships, held at the Wolverines' home pool in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Gophers won a total of eight titles, including three relays, to amass 620.5 points. Michigan placed second with 545.5 points, followed by Ohio State (427), Indiana (414) and Iowa (352).

**LOOKING AT 1997:** Two athletes responsible for five of the eight titles have graduated - P.J. Bogart (1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving) and Bernie Zeruhn (500 free, 200 free and 200 fly).

However, the Golden Gophers are still loaded and look to repeat in the 400 medley, 800 free and 400 free relays.

Returning All-American **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) has lost only once this year in the 100 fly, the event he placed second at in last year's Big Ten meet and 15th at NCAAs. He also looks to improve on his third-place performance in the 200 fly.

Zielinski will play an important part in the 400 medley relay. Two of the four U of M swimmers are back, including breaststroke specialist **MITCH HENKE** (Mandan, N.D.).

Distance freestyler **MANOLIS LENTARIS**, a junior from Crete, Greece, finished second at Big Tens in both the 500 and 1650 free and was part of the champion 400 free relay team.

Also returning in the 400 free relay are sprint specialists **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.).

Another top sprinter is junior **TY BATHURST** of Albuquerque, N.M. Bathurst was second in the Big Ten last year in the 50 free and has consistently been under 21 seconds this year. He, Schlessman and Rients placed one-two-three at the Quad Duals this year with Purdue and Wisconsin. Those three will also make up the heart of the 200 freestyle relay team which won the Big Ten title in 1996.

Backstroker **ERIEK HULSEMAN**, a junior from Edina, Minn., captured the 100 back title at the Minnesota Ivite which featured national powers Iowa State and Florida Atlantic. He was sixth in that event a year ago.

The diving team will be led by senior **ISAAC BJORKLUND**, who hails from New Brighton, Minn. Bjorklund placed in all three diving events last year, including a high finish of third in the platform competition.

### QUOTING HEAD COACH DENNIS DALE:

"Our athletes have been more confident all year. Winning last year created a different atmosphere. We know we can win. I am not sure we are the favorites, but we're definitely a co-favorite with Michigan.

"We need everyone to score in order for us to repeat. The last week has been good. We have been fine-tuning our starts, turns and relay exchanges. We need to stay mentally focused and come closer together.

"Indiana has a good team and great divers. The home pool will be a factor for them. Ohio State is maybe the deepest team outside of us and Michigan. Purdue is not as deep, but they have really quality athletes and maybe the only team other than us and Michigan capable of winning a relay."





## TENNIS

### NETTERS TRAVEL TO TULANE THIS

**WEEKEND:** The Golden Gophers will be back in competition this weekend as they travel to Tulane University for a match on Sunday, with first serve set for 11:30 a.m. in New Orleans. The Golden Gophers (1-3, 0-2) are ranked 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA ratings, while the Green Wave are 60th in the nation on the same list.

### GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP MATCHES TO INDIANA AND OHIO STATE:

Minnesota dropped a pair of matches last weekend to Indiana (4-3 on Friday) and Ohio State (6-1 on Saturday). The Golden Gophers won the doubles point in both matches but were beaten by both the Hoosiers (4-2) and the Buckeyes (6-0) in singles competition. Minnesota has not started a Big Ten season 0-2 since 1978, when they finished the season with a 17-12 overall record and a 6-7 mark in conference action.

**ON THE HORIZON:** Minnesota will continue on its early-season road journeys as the team will be guests at the Corpus Christi Team Tourney (March 7-9). The Golden Gophers' next Big Ten action takes place on Fri., March 14 as Iowa comes to Rochester, Minn., for a designated home match at the Rochester Athletic Club beginning at 6 p.m.

### RESULTS FROM INDIANA DUAL:

#### Singles

1. Anton Klaric (IU) def. Ben Gabler (UM) 6-4, 6-2
2. Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Kevin Gabel (IU) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
3. Adam Selkirk (UM) def. George McGill (IU) 6-3, 6-4
4. Hayden Gibson (IU) def. John Cheregi (UM) 6-2, 7-5
5. Scott Lippitt (IU) def. M. Kristoffersen (UM) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4
6. M. Michaelowski (UM) def. Andrew Held (IU) 6-4, 6-7, 7-5

#### Doubles

1. McGill/Pope (IU) def. Selkirk/Gabler (UM) 9-8
2. Montilla/Klaric (IU) def. Cheregi/Kristoffersen (UM) 8-6
3. Michaelowski/Robin Rutili (UM) def. Held/Gabel 8-2

### RESULTS FROM OHIO STATE DUAL:

1. Marc Wurtzman (OSU) def. Ben Gabler (UM) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3
2. Scott Wiles (OSU) def. Tom Chicoine (UM) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
3. Vo Chu (OSU) def. John Cheregi (UM) 7-6, 6-4
4. Ben Basil (OSU) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
5. Andrew Carlson (OSU) def. M. Kristoffersen (UM) 6-2, 6-1
6. Shaun Crichlow (OSU) def. Robin Rutili (UM) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2

#### Doubles

1. Gabler/Selkirk (UM) def. Wiles/Basil (OSU) 8-4
2. Kristoffersen/Cheregi (UM) def. Johansen/Wurtzman (OSU) 8-6
3. Martin Michaelowski/Rutili (UM) def. Crichlow/Freedman (OSU) 9-8



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## **Hat Giveaway and Baseball Clinic Highlight Saturday's Action at Hormel Classic**

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic is set for Friday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 1 at the Metrodome. Nebraska, UCLA, Washington and host Minnesota will play a round-robin tournament format.

The first 3,000 fans attending the Minnesota and Washington game at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Mar. 1, will receive an official Hormel Foods Baseball Classic hat.

Also on tap for Saturday is a free on-field baseball clinic that begins at 4:30 p.m. Kids ages seven to 17 and their coaches are invited to attend the clinic, which runs until 6 p.m. The clinic will be headed by Minnesota head coach John Anderson. The first 1,000 kids on the field will also receive a souvenir baseball.

All tickets for the three-day tournament are \$6. Fans can receive \$5 off the ticket price by bringing in an Hormel Foods UPC label to the game. Tickets are also available through the Target Treatseats program that offers two tickets for the price of one.

For ticket information, please call the Gopher ticket office at 624-8080 or 1-800-U-Gopher.

### **1997 Hormel Foods Baseball Classic Schedule of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday, Feb. 28	12:15 p.m.	Washington vs. UCLA
	6:35 p.m.	Nebraska vs. Minnesota
Saturday, Mar. 1	1:30 p.m.	Washington vs. Minnesota
	4:30 p.m.	Amateur Baseball Clinic
	7:00 p.m.	UCLA vs. Nebraska
Sunday, Mar. 2	1:05 p.m.	UCLA vs. Minnesota
	5:00 p.m.	Nebraska vs. Washington

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## **GOPHERS' JACKSON EARNS HONORS**

University of Minnesota senior guard Bobby Jackson was named Big Ten Co-Player of the Week this week for his efforts in wins over Ohio State and Illinois. Jackson averaged 16.5 points, six rebounds and four assists in the two games. He is in the top 10 in six of the eight possible categories in the Big Ten statistical report (points-7th, FG percentage-5th, FT percentage-10th, rebounding-9th, steals-1st, assists-3rd). This is the second time that Jackson has garnered the award this season and the fourth time that Minnesota has had a player win it this year, which is the most by Minnesota since the inception of the award in 1981-82. Jackson was joined by Northwestern's Evan Eschmeyer for this weeks award.

Jackson was also honored today with Second Team All-America honors by the Basketball Times. He was joined on the Basketball Times Awards by Head Coach Clem Haskins who was named the Midwest Region Coach of the Year.

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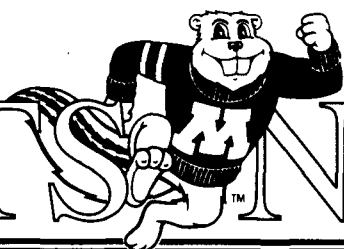
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## **FRUIT OF THE LOOM TO HAND OUT BOXER SHORTS THIS WEEKEND**

The University of Minnesota and Fruit of the Loom have announced that the Golden Gopher corporate sponsor will hand out boxer shorts to the entire student sections at this weekend's men's basketball (Saturday vs. Indiana) and hockey (Saturday vs. Wisconsin) games on campus.



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## **CLYMER TO REMAIN OUT OF GOLDEN GOPHER LINEUP**

University of Minnesota freshman hockey defenseman Ben Clymer has been sidelined for the last six games due to a mysterious viral condition which affects his sense of balance. The condition, which is not vertigo as originally reported, is known as "neutris". This condition, which is caused by a virus, is defined in a pamphlet entitled Discussion of Dizziness by Dr. Darald E. Brackmann as the following:

"Neutris, due to a virus, may affect the balance nerve or balance centers of the brainstem. When this occurs the balance function is impaired resulting in a severe, at times prolonged, episode of dizziness followed by some unsteadiness on motion for a period of time until the virus dissipates from the system. Fortunately, this balance disturbance subsides completely in time and usually does not recur."

More simply defined, a nerve in Clymer's left inner-ear is infected and is sending mixed messages to his brain causing the dizziness. The nerve in his right inner-ear is healthy, and the viral condition will correct itself when either the right side's nerve takes over the left side's nerve or the left inner-ear nerve recovers fully, therefore allowing body to compensate for this variance.

Clymer, who will be out of the lineup for this weekend's series against Wisconsin, has been skating with the team in non-contact practice drills to maintain his conditioning, and his status for the rest of the season remains on a week-to-week basis.

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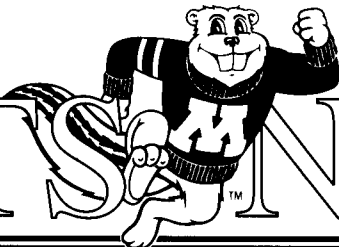
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## **GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL YEARBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE**

A limited number of 1996-97 Minnesota Golden Gopher basketball preseason yearbooks are still available for purchase. The books can be bought for \$8 at Williams Arena program stands during the Indiana game on Saturday or the Michigan State contest on Thursday or by sending a check for \$10 (includes shipping and handling) to the following address:

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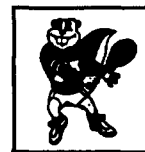
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## **BOBBY JACKSON NAMED BIG TEN CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Minnesota guard Bobby Jackson was named the Big Ten Player of the Week for the second consecutive week and the third time this season. Jackson shared the honor with Illinois' Kiwane Garris this week. Jackson and Garris are the only players in the conference to be honored three times this season. All three of Jackson's awards have come during Big Ten play, while Garris was honored once during nonconference play.

Jackson's selection marks the fifth time a Golden Gopher player was selected, which is a school record. Minnesota has never had a player garner the award three times during the same season prior to this season. Jackson scored the tying basket and hit the winning free throw vs. Michigan. He scored 19 points and hauled down nine rebounds in the game as Minnesota clinched its first Big Ten title since 1982.





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**Monday, March 3:**

Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

**Tuesday, March 4:**

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

**Wednesday, March 5:**

Head track and field coach **Phil Lundin**

**Thursday, March 6:**

Head wrestling coach **J Robinson**

**Friday, March 7:**

Junior forward **Ryan Kraft**

**Saturday, March 8:**

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** postgame comments

**Sunday, March 9-Monday, March 10:**

Basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Selection Sunday comments

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

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March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling  
@ Williams Arena

March 13-15 WCHA Final Five  
@ St. Paul Civic Center

March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics  
@ Sports Pavilion

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@ U of M Aquatic Center

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## This Week in Gopher Sports

Mon-Tues.  
Mar. 3-4

• **Golf** at Bridges All-American Tourney  
Hattiesburg, Miss., All day

Wed.  
Mar. 5

• **Baseball** vs. Iowa State Cyclones  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs.  
Mar. 6

• **Basketball** vs. Michigan State Spartans  
Williams Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.  
• **Swimming** Gop-Pher-It Invitational  
Aquatic Center, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

Fri.  
Mar. 7

• **Track** at NCAA Indoor Championships  
Indianapolis, Ind., All day  
• **Tennis** at Corpus Christi Team Tourney  
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA  
• **Baseball** vs. Northern Illinois Huskies  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.  
• **Hockey** vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves  
Mariucci Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sat.  
Mar. 8

• **Track** at NCAA Indoor Championships  
Indianapolis, Ind., All day  
• **Tennis** at Corpus Christi Team Tourney  
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA  
• **Wrestling** Big Ten Championships  
Williams Arena, 10 a.m./6 p.m.  
• **Basketball** at Wisconsin Badgers  
UW Field House  
WCCO-AM 830  
Channel 4, 1 p.m.  
• **Baseball** vs. Northern Illinois Huskies  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.  
• **Hockey** vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves  
Mariucci Arena  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sun.  
Mar. 9

• **Wrestling** Big Ten Championships  
Williams Arena, 12 p.m.  
• **Baseball** vs. Northern Illinois Huskies  
H.H.H. Metrodome  
KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.  
• **Gymnastics** at Nebraska Cornhuskers  
Lincoln, Neb., 2 p.m.  
• **Tennis** at Corpus Christi Team Tourney  
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA  
• **Hockey** vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves  
Mariucci Arena (if necessary)  
Midwest Sports Channel  
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.



# WRESTLING

## 1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
<b>All Unattached</b>			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
<b>Official Team Schedule</b>			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 35-3</b>
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>Iowa State</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>L, 16-19</b>
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>South Dakota St.</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>W, 28-9</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>W, 28-7</b>
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>W, 23-16</b>
<b>Mar. 8-9</b>	<b>Big Tens</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>All Day</b>
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

**Bold** indicates home meets

### WRESTLERS TO HOST BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WILLIAMS ARENA:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the 1997 Big Ten Championships this weekend at Williams Arena. It is the first time Minnesota has played host to the Big Ten Championships since 1986. Last year, the Golden Gophers hosted the 1996 NCAA Wrestling Championships at the Target Center.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Weigh-ins	2-4 pm	Friday, March 7
Press Conference	2:30 pm	Friday, March 7
Seeding Mtg.	5:30 pm	Friday, March 7
Session 1	10 am-3 pm	Sat., March 8
Session 2	6-10 pm	Sat., March 8
Session 3	12-2:30 pm	Sunday, March 9

Final Session 3-5 pm Sunday, March 9

**FOUR BIG TEN SCHOOLS IN TOP FIVE:** Four Big Ten schools are ranked in the top 5 in the nation - Iowa (No. 2), Minnesota (No. 3), Illinois (No. 4) and Penn State (No. 5). Eight Big Ten schools are ranked in the top 25, including Michigan (No. 11), Michigan State (No. 16), Purdue (No. 22) and Ohio State (No. 25).

**THE COACH:** The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

### MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP FOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall

118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 16-2  
 126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 13-6  
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-7  
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 28-2  
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 24-3  
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 23-8  
 167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 18-5  
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-6  
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 25-1  
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-11

### LAST YEAR'S BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Minnesota placed a disappointing sixth in last year's Big Ten Championships held in East Lansing, Mich. It was the lowest finish for the Golden Gophers since 1991.

Individually, Minnesota had three wrestlers reach the finals, but all three lost. Jason Davids was decisioned by Iowa's Bill Zadick, 5-4, at 142 pounds. Gerald Carr was major decisioned by Iowa's Darryl Weber at 167 pounds, and Billy Pierce lost a tiebreaker to Purdue's Tony Vaughn at heavyweight.

Other top performers included Chad Kraft (6th at 150 pounds) and Tim Hartung (6th at 177 pounds).

### MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fourth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers are 16-4 overall and 6-1 in Big Ten duals.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are **JASON DAVIDS** and **TIM HARTUNG**, both ranked No. 3.

Davids, a junior from Forest Lake, has a 28-2 record at 142 pounds. Hartung, a sophomore from Durand, Wis., boasts a 25-1 record at 190 pounds. Hartung suffered his first setback of the year Feb. 15, losing to No. 4 Brian Picklo of Michigan State.

**CHAD KRAFT**, a sophomore from Lakefield, Minn., held on

to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while **ZAC TAYLOR**, a sophomore from Sandpoint, Idaho, slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall record is 21-3 while Taylor weighs in at 18-5.

Sophomore **TROY MARR**, from Wyoming, Minn., maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and carries a record of 22-7, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings was **PAT CONNORS**, a sophomore from Longview, Wash. Connors has won his last four matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 13-6, and is ranked No. 11.

In addition to the six ranked wrestlers, Minnesota also expects to regain the services of 118-pound junior **BRANDON PAULSON** of Coon Rapids. Paulson was ranked sixth at 118 pounds before being sidelined with an ankle injury in January. He is expected to compete at the Big Ten Championships.

NWCA/AWN Collegiate Wrestling Poll (February 26, 1997)

1. Oklahoma State, 275; 2. Iowa, 264; 3. Minnesota, 253; 4. Illinois, 239; 5. Penn State, 233; 6. Edinboro, 221; 7. Rider, 205; 8. Nebraska, 196; 9. Iowa State, 185; 10. Arizona State, 181; 11. Michigan, 152; 16. Michigan State, 105; 22. Purdue, 42; 25. Ohio State, 17.

#### QUOTING COACH ROBINSON:

"It will be hard to unseat Iowa. But who knows? If our kids are ready to wrestle, we've got a chance. We need to get a few breaks, though.

"We have had a real good week of training and now we'll try to take care of the little stuff. The guys will be ready. I think they are excited to have it here.

"Brandon is good, but he is the \$64,000 question. How is he going to do? Only time will tell."



GOLF

**UP NEXT:** Minnesota travels to Hattiesburg, Miss., for the Bridges All-American Tournament on March 3-4.

**LAST WEEK:** The University of Minnesota men's golf team shot a second-day 298 but finished 10th overall at the Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

Florida won the tournament for the third consecutive year with a three-day total of 861, which was three-under par. Texas finished second at 866 (+2), Clemson was third at 870 (+6), followed by East Tennessee State in fourth and Virginia in fifth.

Jonathan Byrd of Clemson took home medalist honors with a four-under par 212. **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) finished tied for 10th to top all Golden Gopher finishers. LeMesurier finished at two over par for a three-day total of 219. Other Minnesota finishers included **ROB KERR** (Tied 29th - Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada), **ANDY KOMOR** (Tied 37th - New Brighton, Minn.), **MARK HALVERSON** (Tied 45th - Fargo, N.D.) and **BOB BRINK** (57th - Bemidji, Minn.).

Minnesota Individual Scores: 10T. Martin LeMesurier, Minn., 74-69-75-218. 29T. Rob Kerr, 79-75-70-224; 37T. Andy Komor, 77-74-76-227; 45T. Mark Halverson, 77-75-77-229; 57. Bob Brink, 79-75-80-234.

**EARLIER THIS YEAR:** The Golden Gophers finished in the top five in three of four tournaments they competed in during the fall season. The team finished with a team stroke average of 295.2. All-America candidate **ROB KERR** (Jr., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) led the Golden Gophers through the fall season with a 73.7 stroke average followed by Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) who had a 73.9 stroke average.

Minnesota won its own Reliastar Collegiate Invitational in September, coming from one stroke down on the final day of competition to win by eight strokes. Kerr birdied the 18th hole to tie for medalist honors.

**ON THE HORIZON:** The Golden Gophers take a trip to Texas where they will play in the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas, on March 11-12, and in the Dr. Pepper Invitational in Dallas on March 29-30.



# 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
Jan 31	Maritoba, 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.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

### TWO GOPHERS TO COMPETE AT NCAA

**INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Minnesota freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) and senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) will compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis this weekend.

Strand will compete in the high jump on Friday. He qualified for the meet with a jump of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m) during the Big Ten Championships in Iowa City, Iowa on Feb. 22-23. The leap is a Minnesota and Big Ten record.

Harvey will compete in the pole vault on Saturday. He qualified for the meet with a mark of 18-1 1/4 (5.52m) during the conference championships. The vault is a Minnesota record.

### INJURY WILL FORCE JENSEN TO MISS

**NCAA TOURNAMENT:** Sophomore **BEN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway), who had qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the pole vault, had his knee scoped last week and will not compete in the event.

### SHOT PUTTER, POLE VAULTERS MISS

**QUALIFYING FOR NCAAS:** Minnesota shot putter **CHAD YENCHESKY** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) and pole vaulters **SETH MISCHKE** (Sr., Worland, Wyo.) and **JON ANDERSON** (Jr., Morris, Minn.) failed in their attempts to qualify for

the NCAA Indoor Championships at the NCAA Qualifying Meet in Ames, Iowa on Feb. 28.

Yenchesky had a throw of 57-0 3/4 (17.39m) in the shot put. He needed a toss of 18.65m to automatically qualify.

Mischke had a personal-best leap of 16-10 3/4 (5.15m) in the pole vault, while Anderson had a jump of 16-04 3/4 (5.00m). The automatic qualifying standard for the event is 5.50m.

**ON THE HORIZON:** Minnesota begins its outdoor track and field season at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. on March 28-29.

### 1997 AUTOMATIC INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	2/22-23
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 3/4 (5.52)	2/22-23

### 1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Jeff Marsh	Shot Put	57-3 (17.45)	2/22-23



# GYMNASTICS

## 1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

**Bold** indicates home meets

**NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS UP NEXT:** The No. 13 Golden Gophers travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers Sunday in a dual meet. The meet is set to begin at 2 p.m.

**LAST WEEK:** The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher gymnastics team was narrowly edged by the No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes in a dual meet Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers took the lead after five events but missed winning the meet by .225 team points. The defending national champion Buckeyes won by the score of 228.725 to 228.500.

Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) won the all-around for the first time this season with 57.50 total points, and senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) came in third.

Ticknor and Wall also shared the only event title of the day for the Golden Gophers, tying for the win on the still rings with a team season-best score of 9.750.

**GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 13TH:** The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 13th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked seventh in the Eastern Region and sixth in the Big Ten. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and the Eastern Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – Feb. 24 (by high score):  
 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Penn State; 5. Nebraska; 6. Oklahoma; 7. New Mexico; 8. Michigan State; 9.

Stanford; 10. Illinois; 11. UMass; 12. Brigham Young; 13. Minnesota; 14. Syracuse; 15. Illinois-Chicago; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Temple; 19. Air Force; 20. Army

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – Feb. 24 (high score):  
 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Michigan State; 5. Illinois; 6. UMass; 7. Minnesota; 8. Syracuse; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. Michigan

**KROB IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST:** With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked seventh in the nation and fifth in the Eastern Region. Junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) entered the rankings on the horse this week, tying for 12th in the nation and ninth in the region. On the still rings, Wall is tied for 13th in the nation and eighth in the region.

Ticknor is the 13th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the seventh-ranked all-arounder in the Eastern Region.

### MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.700	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.800	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

### OHIO STATE 228.725, MINNESOTA 228.500

Floor Exercise: 1. Mike Morgan (OSU) 9.70; 2. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.65; 3. F. Ticknor (MN) and Mike Canales (OSU) 9.50

Pommel Horse: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.75; 2. George Beatty (MN) and Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.70

Still Rings: 1. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.75 and Heath Wall (MN) 9.75; 3. Peter Landry (OSU) 9.70

Vault: 1. Doug Stibel (OSU) 9.75; 2. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.60; 3. Neil Neimi (OSU) 9.575

Parallel Bars: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.85; 2. George Beatty (MN) 9.75; 3. Heath Wall (MN) 9.70

Horizontal Bar: 1. Doug Stibel (OSU) 9.80; 2. Dan Boots (MN) 9.65; 3. Mike Canales (OSU) 9.45

All-Around: 1. Heath Wall (MN) 57.500; 2. Doug Stibel (OSU) 57.300; 3. Frank Ticknor (MN) 56.650



# SWIMMING AND DIVING

## 1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	11 a.m.
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

**UP NEXT:** The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will compete in the Go-Pher-It Invitational this Thursday at 3 pm at the University Aquatic Center. It will be a last-chance meet for several swimmers to meet NCAA qualifying marks.

**COACH DENNIS DALE:** In his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Dennis Dale (Minnesota '67) has been the driving force behind Minnesota's resurgence on the national collegiate swimming and diving scene. Minnesota finished 12th at the 1996 NCAA Championships after placing ninth (1995), seventh (1994), 11th (1993) and sixth (1992). In addition, the Golden Gophers have placed among the top three in the Big Ten race each of the past nine seasons and captured the 1996 title.

Dale has coached 31 All-Big Ten performers the past four seasons, including nine this past weekend - **TY BATHURST**, **JOHN CAHOY**, **MITCH HENKE**, **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.), **LUIS LOPEZ**, **JONATHON MCLEOD**, **JEREMY RIENTS**, **MATT SCHLESSMAN**, **MARTIN ZIELINSKI**.

**MICHIGAN EDGES MINNESOTA AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** After leading each of the first two days of competition, the Minnesota men's swimming and diving team fell behind seventh-ranked Michigan during the final day and placed second at the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

The Wolverines won four events on the final day to surge past No. 9 Minnesota, 648-631, in the closest Big Ten Championship since 1986. Michigan has won 10 of the last 11 Big Ten titles, with Minnesota finishing second in seven of those years. 1996 was the only year Michigan did not win the title in the last 11, when Minnesota placed first.

For the meet, Minnesota swimmers won three relays - 200 free, 200 medley and 400 free - and one individual event - 100 fly. The Golden Gophers set a pair of Big Ten records, one in the 100 fly by sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and another in the 200 medley relay.

Zielinski set a personal-best with a time of 47.09 to win the 100-yard butterfly, bettering the meet record by 0.41 seconds. His time automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championships, to be held at the University Aquatic Center, March 27-29. He also provisionally qualified for the 100-yard backstroke by swimming a 48.77, to place fourth.

Zielinski clocked another personal-best, this one in the 200 fly, but placed second in a time of 1:47.43, meeting the NCAA provisional mark.

Two other Gopher swimmers automatically qualified for the NAAs. Senior **MITCH HENKE** (Mandan, N.D.) clocked a 54.96 in the 100 breast to place third, and sophomore **JONATHON MCLEOD** (Regina, Sask., Canada) finished in 3:49.35 to place third in the 400 IM.

Minnesota swimmers also set a Big Ten record in the 200 medley relay. The Golden Gophers clocked in a time of 1:28.07, eclipsing the old mark, also held by Minnesota, by 0.05 seconds. The time automatically qualifies the Golden Gophers for the NCAA Championships.

Minnesota defended its title in the 400 free relay by finishing in 2:56.81 and meeting the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

A number of Minnesota athletes met the NCAA provisional qualifying mark over the weekend, including four swimmers - **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.), **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Avon, Ohio), **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) and **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) - in the 50 free. Bathurst clocked a personal best 20.12 to place second, while Schlessman grabbed third with a time of 20.27.

The Gophers also placed four in the top eight of the 100 free, including runner-up Rients, who clocked a personal best 44.09 to finish second. Other placers included Schlessman in third, **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) in fifth and Lopez in eighth. All four met the NCAA provisional mark, as did Bathurst who swam a 44.93 in the preliminaries.

Three Minnesota swimmers provisionally qualified in the 200 fly, including Zielinski who placed second, and **YOAV MIERI** (Jerusalem, Israel) and McLeod, who placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Individually, freshman **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) turned

in a strong meet, provisionally qualifying in three events - 500 free, 1650 free and 400 IM. Bishop's top placing was third in the 1650 free with a time of 15:20.96.

Senior team captain Schlessman, who placed third in both the 50 and 100 free, swam on four relays which provisionally qualified for the NAAs, including the 200 and 400 free relays which won Big Ten titles.

Bathurst, who finished second in the 50 free, swam on the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams which won Big Ten titles.

## BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS:

Team Standings (final): 1. Michigan, 648; 2. Minnesota, 631; 3. Indiana, 431; 4. Purdue, 384; 5. Ohio State, 356; 6. Northwestern, 293; 7. Penn State, 290; 8. Iowa, 262; 9. Wisconsin, 228; 10. Michigan State, 110

200 Free Relay: 1. Minnesota (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90; 2. Purdue, 1:20.71; 3. Penn State, 1:20.98

500 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 4:17.65; 2. Tom Malchow, Michigan, 4:19.46; 3. Andy Potts, Michigan, 4:20.78; 4. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 4:24.34; 5. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 4:24.78; 31. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 4:36.54

200 IM: 1. Matt Brown, Purdue, 1:46.48; 2. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 1:47.93; 3. Chris Rumley, Michigan, 1:48.55; 8. Yoav Meiri, Minnesota, 1:50.15; 19. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 1:52.38; 31. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 1:53.98

50 Free: 1. Frank Smardo, Purdue, 20.08; 2. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 20.12; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 20.27; 6. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 20.52; 8. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 20.54; 26. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 21.09; 42. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 21.62

400 Medley Relay: 1. Purdue, 3:14.42; 2. Minnesota (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51; 3. Michigan, 3:15.75

### 1-Meter Springboard Diving

1. Mike Collier, Indiana, 543.60; 2. B. Bortolussi, Ohio State, 538.65; 3. Jesus Gil, Iowa, 533.40; 9. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 468.25; 14. Matt Ninneman, Minnesota, 418.70

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minnesota (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07; 2. Penn State, 1:29.31; 3. Purdue, 1:29.35

400 IM: 1. Matt Brown, Purdue, 3:48.18; 2. Andy Potts, Michigan, 3:49.23; 3. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 3:49.35; 7. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 3:53.81; 8. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 3:53.91; 17. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 4:00.06; 18. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 4:00.15; 24. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 4:03.97  
100 Fly: 1. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 47.09; 2. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 47.20; Neil Peiffer, Wisconsin, 48.65; 4. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 48.87; 7. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 49.13; 25. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 50.43

200 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 1:34.99; 2. Chris Rumley, Michigan, 1:36.56; 3. John Reich, Michigan, 1:37.31; 6. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 1:38.28; 8. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 1:38.56; 25. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 1:40.81

100 Breast: 1. Vilmos Kovacs, Purdue, 54.47; 2. Rob Rausch, Northwestern, 54.79; 3. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 54.96; 9. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 56.28; 12. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 56.42

100 Back: 1. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 47.75; 2. Greg Ruminski, Indiana, 48.40; 3. Brian Palme, Penn State, 48.72; 4. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 48.77; 11. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 49.66; 17. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 51.21

3-Meter Springboard: 1. Tom Davidson, Indiana, 558.15; 2. Mike Collier, Indiana, 550.10; 3. Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State, 534.50; 14.

Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota

800 Free Relay: 1. Michigan, 6:25.89; 2. Minnesota (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathan McLeod), 6:31.61; 3. Ohio State, 6:35.75

1650 Free: 1. Andy Potts, Michigan, 15:11.81; 2. Mike McWha, Michigan, 15:16.58; 3. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 15:20.96; 6. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 15:34.30; 17. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 15:51.00; 23. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 16:30.15

200 Back: 1. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 1:42.80; 2. Greg Ruminski, Indiana, 1:44.15; 3. Toby Booker, Michigan, 1:45.24; 16. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 1:49.54; 18. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 1:50.60

100 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 43.94; 2. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 44.09; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 44.52; 5. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 44.92; 8. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 45.18; 14. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 45.43

200 Breast: 1. Vilmos Kovacs, Purdue, 1:56.94; 2. Rob Rausch, Northwestern, 1:59.73; 3. Marco Minonne, Iowa, 2:00.11; 4. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 2:00.71; 15. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 2:04.05; 17. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 2:04.61; 21. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 2:05.28

200 Fly: 1. Tom Malchow, Michigan, 1:45.06; 2. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 1:47.43; 3. Cameron Mull, Ohio State, 1:47.59; 4. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 1:48.06; 6. Jonathan McLeod, Minnesota, 1:48.88; 18. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 1:51.44

Platform Diving: 1. Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State, 694.10; 2. Michael McIntyre, Ohio State, 665.40; 3. Brett Wilmot, Michigan, 654.30; 5. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 569.15

### 400 Free Relay

1. Minnesota (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81; 2. Northwestern, 2:57.63; 3. Purdue, 2:58.58; 4. Indiana, 2:58.96; 5. Ohio State, 2:59.43; 6. Penn State, 3:00.03

## MINNESOTA'S NCAA AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

Martin Zielinski, 100 fly, 47.09; Mitch Henke, 100 breast, 54.96; Jonathon McLeod, 400 IM, 3:49.35; 200 medley relay (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07

## MINNESOTA'S NCAA PROVISIONAL QUALIFIERS:

Ty Bathurst, 50 free, 20.12; Matt Schlessman, 50 free, 20.27; Jeremy Rients, 50 free, 20.37; Luis Lopez, 50 free, 20.47; Matt Schlessman, 100 free, 43.94; Jeremy Rients, 100 free, 44.09; John Cahoy, 100 free, 44.77; Luis Lopez, 100 free, 44.79; Ty Bathurst, 100 free, 44.93; Manolis Lentaris, 200 free, 1:36.84; Jeremy Rients, 200 free, 1:38.05; Manolis Lentaris, 500 free, 4:24.34; Bill Bishop, 500 free, 4:24.78; Bill Bishop, 1650 free, 15:20.96; Manolis Lentaris, 1650 free, 15:34.30; Martin Zielinski, 100 back, 48.68; Oscar Godoi, 100 breast, 56.28; Ty Bathurst, 100 breast, 56.42; Mitch Henke, 200 breast, 2:00.71; John Cahoy, 100 fly, 48.87; Martin Zielinski, 200 fly, 1:47.22; Yoav Mieri, 200 fly, 1:47.97; Jonathon McLeod, 200 fly, 1:48.07; Jonathon McLeod, 200 IM, 1:47.93; Yoav Mieri, 200 IM, 1:49.34; Yoav Mieri, 400 IM, 3:53.06; Bill Bishop, 400 IM, 3:53.81; 200 free relay (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90; 400 free relay (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81; 800 free relay (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathon McLeod), 6:31.61; 400 medley relay (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51

## MINNESOTA'S ALL-BIG TEN SWIMMERS:

Ty Bathurst (200 free relay, 200 medley relay)  
John Cahoy (400 free relay)  
Mitch Henke (200 medley relay)  
Erik Hulseman (200 medley relay)  
Luis Lopez (200 free relay, 400 free relay)  
Jonathon McLeod (at-large)  
Jeremy Rients (200 free relay, 400 free relay)  
Matt Schlessman (200 free relay, 400 free relay)  
Martin Zielinski (100 fly, 200 medley relay)



## TENNIS

### **NETTERS TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI**

**THIS WEEKEND:** Minnesota continues on its early-season road journeys as the team will be guests at the Corpus Christi Team Tourney March 7-9 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

### **GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP MATCH AT**

**TULANE:** Minnesota was defeated by the Tulane Green Wave in a match Sunday afternoon in New Orleans, La.

The only singles win was at number three slot where sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) defeated Ben Wenger in straight sets (6-4, 6-3) to raise his record on the young season to 9-8 in singles play. The Golden Gophers also captured the doubles point for the third straight match to no avail, as the teams of Martin Kristoffersen/Ben Gabler and Martin Michaelowski/Robin Rutili both won their respective doubles matches.

**ON THE HORIZON:** The Golden Gophers' next Big Ten action takes place on Fri., March 14 as Iowa comes to Rochester, Minn., for a designated home match at the Rochester Athletic Club beginning at 6 p.m.

### **RESULTS FROM TULANE DUAL:**

#### **Singles**

Yannick Violette (TUL) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-5, 6-4  
R. Samuelsson (TUL) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3  
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Ben Wenger (MN) 6-4, 6-3  
Dennis Lundberg (TUL) def. John Cheregi (MN) 6-2, 6-1  
Johan Nilsson (TUL) def. Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 7-6, 6-0  
M. Sevdewitz (TUL) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 6-4, 7-6

#### **Doubles**

Kristoffersen/Gabler (MN) def. Samuelsson/Rizicka (TUL) 8-6  
Lundberg/Nilsson (TUL) def. Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) 8-2  
Michaelowski/Rutili (MN) def. Kelly/James Wall (TUL) 8-2