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Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, January 8:
Senior center **John Thomas**

Thursday, January 9:
Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Friday, January 10:
Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Saturday, January 11 - Sunday, January 12:
Assistant Hockey Coach **Mike Centzel's** Postgame Denver Commiseration

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Tuesday,
Jan. 7

• Wrestling

at Nebraska Cornhuskers
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday,
Jan. 8

• Basketball

at Indiana Hoosiers
Assembly Hall
Bloomington, Ind.
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 10

• Hockey

vs. Denver Pioneers
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• Swimming

vs. Kansas Jayhawks
U of M Aquatic Center, 7 p.m.

• Wrestling

vs. South Dakota State Jackrabbits
Williams Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 11

• Track

Northwest Open
U of M Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m.

• Swimming

Gold Country Invitational
U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.

• Gymnastics

Alumni Meet
Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.

• Basketball

vs. Michigan Wolverines
Williams Arena
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 1:30 p.m.

• Hockey

vs. Denver Pioneers
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

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

Bold indicates home meets

No. 13 NEBRASKA NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The sixth-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team has two dual meets scheduled for this week. The Gophers travel to 13th-ranked Nebraska on Tuesday, Jan. 7 to duel with the Cornhuskers at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Minnesota returns home Friday, Jan. 10, for a dual against South Dakota State at 7:30 p.m. CDT in Williams Arena.

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

Nebraska enters the match fresh off a first-place finish at the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb. The Cornhuskers are 4-0 overall. The Cornhuskers defeated Pittsburgh (25-13), North Dakota State (21-15), West Virginia (25-12) and Ohio State (24-12).

South Dakota State is 1-1 overall. The Jackrabbits defeated Northern Colorado 28-12 and lost to Iowa 38-6. SDSU placed sixth in the Great Plains Open this past weekend.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J. Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year at Gold Country. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 138-71-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 6-1 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. NEBRASKA:


Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	13-1, 4-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-7, 3-2
134	Pat Connors	8-2, 0-0
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	16-1, 6-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-1, 5-1
158	Josh Holiday	13-4, 5-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-1, 5-1
177	Brandon Eggum	9-1, 5-1
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	14-0, 6-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	13-5, 2-0

NEBRASKA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Todd Beckerman	16-4, 2-0
126	No. 11 Jeramie Welder	22-3, 4-0
134	No. 12 Brad Canoyer	21-3, 3-0
142	Allen Hankins	16-5, 2-1
150	Ryan Bauer	15-10, 1-3
158	No. 10 Jason Kraft	15-5, 3-1
167	Monte Christensen	5-3, 2-0
177	Joe Flasnick or Brad Vering	3-0, 2-2 9-9, 0-0
190	Scott Munson	10-9, 0-3
HWT	No. 4 Tolly Thompson	19-2, 3-0

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Chad Wickman	10-6, 1-1
126	Adam Feldman	14-5, 1-1
134	Josh Sammons	16-5, 1-1
142	Travis King	10-3, 1-1
150	Dan Koehler or Howard Fullhart	0-1, 0-0 10-7, 0-0
158	Dwayne Ingalls	3-2, 1-1
167	Lance Thury or Troy Risdal	10-7, 1-1 9-7, 0-0
177	Jeremy Pascoe or Elbert Andress	6-1, 0-0 10-11, 0-0
190	Bob Fullhart	9-10, 0-2
HWT	Ryan Resel	25-8, 2-0



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For Immediate Release

January 7, 1997

ZERUHN NAMED WOODY HAYES NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD WINNER

It was announced today that former Golden Gopher swimmer Bernie Zeruhn has been named the recipient of the Division I male Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award by the University Sertoma Club of Columbus.

Zeruhn edged out Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer for the award which goes to the nation's top scholar-athlete who competes their athletic eligibility in 1996. Plummer led the Sun Devils to an undefeated regular season, a berth in the Rose Bowl, and finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting this past season.

One man and one woman in each of the three collegiate divisions were selected for demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics and community service. The six winners this year have a combined grade point average of 3.86 and have earned more than 45 all-conference and All-America awards. They also represent strong community service in dozens of local community activities. Each of the three criteria is equally weighted in evaluation.


Zeruhn was a co-captain and MVP of Minnesota's 1996 Big Ten championship team, the school's first swimming and diving conference title since 1926. At the Big Ten Championships, he won three individual titles and was a member of three first place relay squads. In his collegiate career, Zeruhn was a seven-time individual and two-time relay All-American.

In the classroom, he maintained a 3.93 grade point average studying international business and earned a 1996 GTE Academic All-American First Team honor as well as being named GTE Co-Academic All-American of the Year. An Academic All-Big Ten selection from 1994-96, Zeruhn was graduated from the University of Minnesota's prestigious Carlson School of Business and has earned an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. He is now attending graduate school in the Carlson School of Business.

A volunteer coach for the Twin Cities Swim Club, Zeruhn also volunteered as a youth worker, coach and supervisor at the Oak Park Neighborhood Center. In addition, he has also done extensive volunteer peer advising and mentoring, as well as market research for the American Red Cross.

The award will be presented to Zeruhn at the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on January 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

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LENTARIS NAMED BIG TEN SWIMMER OF THE MONTH

Golden Gopher junior Manolis Lentaris has been named the Big Ten Athlete of the Month in men's swimming and diving. Lentaris has helped lead the University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team to its highest national ranking of the season at No. 8, which ties the school best set during in 1993-94 season. The Golden Gophers are currently 4-0.

Lentaris has won nine of the 10 events he has been entered in this season and most recently, he won the 200 and 500 freestyle events against No. 22 Miami during the team's winter training trip, a trip the Minnesota divers did not make, giving the Hurricanes an 18-point advantage. The Golden Gophers won that meet 66-47.



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IOWA STATE DEFEATS GOPHERS 19-16

The third-ranked Iowa State Cyclones used a 12-10 decision win by heavyweight Trent Hynek to defeat the Minnesota Golden Gophers 19-16 in dual meet action tonight at Williams Arena.

Hynek defeated Minnesota's Shelton Benjamin in overtime with a two-point takedown to give the Cyclones their first dual meet victory of the season.

Minnesota's Brandon Paulson gave the Gophers an early 4-0 lead with a 15-2 major decision win over Cody Sanderson. The Cyclones took a 7-4 lead with decision wins at 126 and 134, but the Gophers Jason Davids pinned David Maldonado in 38 seconds to give Minnesota a 10-7 advantage. Iowa State's Chris Bono, the defending NCAA champ at 150 defeated the Gophers Chad Kraft 8-4 to tie the score at 10. Josh Holiday gave Minnesota a 13-10 lead after his win at 158, but the Gophers lost the lead when Zac Taylor was upset by the Cyclones Bart Horton at 167. Iowa State regained the lead with a 3-1 decision win from Barry Weldon over the Gophers Brandon Eggum at 177. After a Tim Hartung decision win for the Gophers at 190 tied the score at 16, Hynek came through with the big win and team victory for Iowa State.

With the win, Iowa State even their record at 1-1, while the Gophers slip to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in the Big Ten. Minnesota returns to dual meet action on January 7 at Nebraska. The dual meet against the Cornhuskers begins at 7:30 p.m.

Iowa State 19, Gophers 16

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) maj. dec. Cody Sanderson, 15-2
126 - Eric Keller (ISU) dec. Ty Friederichs, 7-0
134 - Dwight Hinson (ISU) maj. dec. Nick Antila, 19-8
142 - Jason Davids (UM) pinned David Maldonado, 0:38
150 - Chris Bono (ISU) dec. Chad Kraft, 8-4
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) dec. John DeLeon, 7-3
167 - Bart Horton (ISU) dec. Zac Taylor, 9-3
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190 - Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Matt Mulvihill, 8-3
HWT - Trent Hynek (UM) dec. Shelton Benjamin, 12-10



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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 175 points while new number one Stanford, received 266. Defending NCAA champion Texas had held the top spot all season but slipped to third after dropping a dual meet to Michigan. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, fell two spots to fourth and Indiana (21) and Ohio State (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

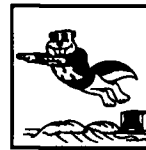
Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and are 4-0 this season. The Minnesota swimmers were ranked eighth in the last poll but competed only once in December, a dual victory over No. 24 Miami. The Golden Gophers will be back in action this weekend against No. 22 Kansas on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center, then again Saturday hosting the Gold Country Invitational.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 266; 2. Tennessee, 230; 3. Texas, 229; 4. Auburn, 227; 5. California, 201; 6. Michigan, 196; 7. So. Cal., 190; 8. Georgia, 178; 9. Minnesota, 175; 10. Arizona St., 148; 11. North Carolina, 147; 12. Arizona, 142; 13. Louisiana State, 128; 14. Florida St, 108; 15. Florida, 105; Tie. Nebraska, 105; 17. So. Methodist, 96; 18. Texas A&M, 74; 19. Alabama, 70; 20. Harvard, 55; 21. Indiana, 46; 22. Kansas, 39; 23. Ohio State, 32; 24. Miami, 27. 25. N.C. State, 19.

Other teams receiving votes:

Iowa, Iowa St., UNLV, Fla. Atlantic, UCSB, So. Illinois, Virginia



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Jan. 14

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Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
ESPN
WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 17

- **Tennis** vs. Marquette Golden Eagles
Burnsville Racquet Club, 6:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at St. Cloud State Huskies
National Hockey Center
St. Cloud, Minn.
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 18

- **Wrestling** at National Duals
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., All Day
- **Track** at Badger Track Classic
Madison, Wis., TBA
- **Basketball** at Ohio State Buckeyes
St. John Arena
Columbus, Ohio
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 11:30 a.m.
- **Swimming** at Northwestern Wildcats
Evanston, Ill., 2 p.m.
- **Gymnastics** at Windy City Invitational
Chicago, Illinois, 6 p.m.
- **Hockey** vs. St. Cloud State
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sunday,
Jan. 19

- **Wrestling** at National Duals
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., All Day
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98th Street Club
Bloomington, Minn., 1 p.m.



WRESTLING

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Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
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Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
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NATIONAL DUALS NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The fifth-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to participate in the National Duals. The following nationally-ranked teams are expected to compete: Iowa (1), Oklahoma State (2), Iowa State (3), Oklahoma (11)

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the National Duals with a 7-1 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers defeated Nebraska 29-12 in dual meet on Jan. 7. The Gophers match against South Dakota State on Jan. 10 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 138-71-3 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 7-1 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP AT NATIONAL DUALS:

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118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	13-1, 4-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-7, 3-2
134	Pat Connors	8-2, 0-0
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150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-1, 5-1
158	Josh Holiday	13-4, 5-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-1, 5-1
177	Brandon Eggum	9-1, 5-1
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	14-0, 6-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	13-5, 2-0

GOPHER WRESTLERS DEFEAT NEBRASKA

29-12: The Golden Gopher wrestling team improved its record to 7-1 overall with a 29-12 win over the 13th-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers in Lincoln, Neb., on Tuesday night.

The win helped the Gophers to a No. 5 ranking in the latest *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* Poll.

Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., Forest Lake, Minn.) major-decision victory over Nebraska's Dusty Morris at 142 gave the Gophers an 8-6 lead they would never relinquish. Fifth-ranked **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., 118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) and seventh-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) also recorded major-decision victories for the Gophers. With the win, Hartung remains undefeated at 15-0. Fourth-ranked **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) won by match termination at 177 after jumping out to a 22-6 lead. Recording decision victories for the Gophers were No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (So, 150, Lakefield, Minn.) and **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So., Anaheim, Calif.) The other Gopher victory came at 177 by **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., Sidney, Mont.) who won by forfeit.

No. 6 Minnesota 29, No. 13 Nebraska 12

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (M) maj. dec. T. Beckerman, 11-3
 126 - No. 11 Jeramie Welder (NU) dec. Ty Friederichs, 11-4
 134 - No. 12 Bart Canoyer (NU) dec. Pat Connors, 3-2
 142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (M) maj. dec. Dusty Morris, 17-7
 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (M) dec. Ryan Bauer, 8-4
 158 - Josh Holiday (M) dec. No. 10 Jason Kraft, 4-3
 167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (M) match term. M Christensen, 22-6
 177 - Brandon Eggum (M) won by forfeit over NU
 190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (M) maj. dec. Scott Munson, 14-2
 HWT - No. 4 Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned B. Boeshans, 2:29

DID YOU KNOW?: The Gophers have recorded 68 pins in 269 individual wins this season. The Gophers needed 394 matches last season to record 68 pins.

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Hartung is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated after the Nebraska match. Hartung won an easy 14-2 major decision over Scott Munson to improve to 15-0 overall with six pins.

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

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

Davidson is ranked No. 2 with a 17-1 record, Kraft is fourth at 150 with an 12-1 mark, Taylor is fourth at 167 with a 10-1 record, Paulson is 14-1 and ranked fifth at 118, Hartung is 15-0 and ranked seventh at 190 and Marr is 15-4 and ranked 10th at 134.

GOPHERS RANKED FIFTH IN LATEST

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

1.	Iowa	.250
2.	Oklahoma State	.240
3.	Iowa State	.226
4.	Penn State	.242
5.	Minnesota	.207
6.	Illinois	.198
7.	Michigan	.178
8.	CS Bakersfield	.174
9.	Michigan State	.160
10.	Edinboro	.157
11.	Oklahoma	.144
12.	Lock Haven	.139
13.	Nebraska	.125
14.	Indiana	.113
15.	Arizona State	.105
16.	Rider	.104
17.	Clarion	.85
18.	Pennsylvania	.77
19.	Fresno State	.64
20.	Purdue	.50
21.	North Carolina	.49
22.	Pittsburgh	.49
23.	Cornell	.41
24.	West Virginia	.40
25.	Oregon State	.22



GYMNASTICS

MEN'S GYMNASTS LOSE TO ALUMNI TEAM:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastic team lost a dual meet with an alumni team Saturday. The alumni team, led by a number of former and current national team members, defeated the Golden Gophers 224.10-217.925.

Minnesota was led in the all-around by senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) with a score of 54.825 points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) also posted an impressive score in the all-around with 52.20 points.

Ticknor won the pommel horse and vault competitions and shared the event title in the floor exercise. Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) tied for wins on the still rings and the horizontal bar. Junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) won the parallel bars competition.

TEAM RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

WINDY CITY INVITE UP NEXT: Minnesota opens the regular season Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago, Ill., at 6 p.m. The team then begins the dual meet season against No. 5 Iowa at Iowa City on Fri., Jan. 31. The Golden Gophers return home on Saturday, Feb. 8, for dual meets against Michigan and No. 13 Michigan State. at 1 p.m.



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

BADGER CLASSIC NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will travel to Madison, Wis., for the Badger Classic on Saturday, Jan. 18.

NORTHWEST OPEN RESULTS: The Gophers competed in the Northwest Open on Saturday, Jan. 18. The Gophers claimed seven first-place finishes in the event. Poor weather conditions throughout the Midwest limited the field to participants from Lakehead, Bethel, St. Cloud State, Conc.-St. Paul, Wis.-Milwaukee and Minnesota.

Freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) won the long jump by over a foot in 22-7 3/4, and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put also by over a foot with a throw of 55-10 1/2. Sophomore **NATHANIEL CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the mile run in 4:20.51. Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) won the 55 meter hurdles. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) won the pole vault with 17-0 3/4. Sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) won the 800 meter run in 1:54.94.

Other winners were the 4x400 meter relay and Minnesota cross country coach **STEVE PLASENCIA**, running unattached, in the 3000 meter run.

TRACK RESULTS - MINNESOTA FINISHERS NORTHWEST OPEN MEN Jan. 11, 1996

55 Meter Dash - 4. Tim Van Voorhis, Minnesota, 6.50; 5. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 6.59; 7. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 6.77.

800 Meter Run - 1. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:54.94.

Mile Run - 1. Nathaniel Clay, Minnesota, 4:20.51; 2. Jason Owen, Minnesota, 4:21.98; 3. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 4:25.45; 5. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 4:28.92; 6. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 4:29.60; 7. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 4:29.61.

Bjorklund 3000M Run - 1. Steve Plasencia, Unat, 8:24.16.

55M High Hurdles - 1. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 7.80; 2. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 7.90.

4X400 Meter Relay - 1. Minnesota 4X4, Minnesota, 3:21.89.

Long Jump - 1. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 22-7 3/4 (6.90m).

Shot Put - 1. Chad Yanchesky, Minnesota, 55-10 1/2 (17.03m); 2. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 54-2 (16.51m); 3. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 52-11 1/2 (16.14m); 4. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 48-0 (14.63m); 5. Glenn Lindqvist, Minnesota, 45-10 (13.97m); 8. Jensen, Minnesota, 42-3 1/2 (12.89m).

Pole Vault - 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-0 3/4 (5.20m); 4. Jonathan Anderson, Minnesota, 15-9 (4.80m); 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 15-7 1/4 (4.76m); 6. Lindqvist, Minnesota, 15-1 (4.60m).



TENNIS

NETTERS BACK IN ACTION: After a two-month hiatus, the Golden Gopher tennis team returns to action this weekend as they host Marquette and Arizona State in a pair of non-conference matches. Minnesota will battle Marquette on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Racquet Club, then challenge Arizona State Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington. Sandwiched between the two Golden Gopher matches, the Warriors and Sun Devils will meet in a Saturday evening match at 6:30 p.m. at the 98th Street Club.

There is great optimism surrounding the Golden Gophers this season, led by a core of veteran performers who took the team to the NCAA field of 16 last May with an NCAA Region IV Championship. Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) was an impressive 10-2 in fall singles tournaments, and senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) finished the fall season with an 8-5 mark.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** has led the Golden Gophers to a conference-best 131-36 (.784) overall record in the '90's, which includes four of the last five Big Ten Championships and a 115-26 overall record in five Big Ten Championship seasons in his eight years at Minnesota.

The Sun Devils are currently ranked 50th in the country in the latest Rolex/ITA National Team Rankings. The Golden Gophers, who were ranked 34th in the fall preseason poll, have dropped without playing a match to 42nd. Marquette is unranked in the poll of Top 75 teams.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers will travel to Champaign, Ill., next weekend for the Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships. Action begins Saturday morning, Jan. 25, and will conclude with the finals on Monday afternoon, Jan. 27. Last season Golden Gopher Ben Gabler advanced to the finals of the tournament, bowing to Peter Pusztai of Michigan by the count of 6-3, 6-4.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will travel to Evanston, Ill., for a dual meet with the Northwestern Wildcats. The dual is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Norris Aquatic Center.

LAST TIME VS. THE WILDCATS: The Golden Gophers beat Northwestern at home last season as part of a double dual with North Carolina. Minnesota swept those duals beating the Wildcats 223-77 and the Tar Heels 180-120.

LAST WEEKEND: The Maroon and Gold beat No. 22 Kansas 163-80 in a dual meet Friday night, then came back and claimed the top spot in the Gold Country Invitational Saturday afternoon, outdistancing runner-up Kansas 1,221-1,044.

JONATHAN MCLEOD (So., Regina, Sask., Canada) and **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) were double winners at the duals. McLeod won the 200 IM and 200 back while Schlessman earned the top spots in both the 100 and 50 free.

At the Gold Country Invitational, the Maroon and Gold men won 14 of the 18 events with **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) (1-, 3-meter diving), Schlessman (200 IM, 200 Free) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) (200 Back, 100 Back) each claiming two titles.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH: Golden Gopher junior **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) has been named the Big Ten Athlete of the Month in men's swimming and diving. Lentaris has helped lead the University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team to its highest national ranking of the season at No. 8, which ties the school best set during in 1993-94 season. The Golden Gophers are currently 4-0.

Lentaris had won nine of the 10 events he had been entered in this season before winning the award, and most recently won the 200 free and placed second in the 500 free against Kansas.

ZERUHN HONORED: Former Golden Gopher swimmer **BERNIE ZERUHN** has been named the recipient of the Division I male Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award by the University Sertoma Club of Columbus.

Zeruhn edged out Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer for the award which goes to the nation's top scholar-athlete who completes their athletic eligibility in 1996. Plummer led the Sun Devils to an undefeated regular season, a berth in the Rose Bowl, and finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting this past season.

Zeruhn was a co-captain and MVP of Minnesota's 1996 Big Ten championship team, the school's first swimming and diving conference title since 1926. At the Big Ten Championships, he won three individual titles and was a member of three first-place relay squads. In his collegiate career, Zeruhn was a seven-time individual and two-time relay All-American.

In the classroom, he maintained a 3.93 grade point average studying international business and earned a 1996 GTE Academic All-American First Team honor as well as being named GTE Co-Academic All-American of the Year. An Academic All-Big Ten selection from 1994-96, Zeruhn was graduated from the University of Minnesota's prestigious Carlson School of Business and has earned an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. He is now attending graduate school in the Carlson School of Business.

A volunteer coach for the Twin Cities Swim Club, Zeruhn also volunteered as a youth worker, coach and supervisor at the Oak Park Neighborhood Center. In addition, he has also done extensive volunteer peer advising and mentoring, as well as market research for the American Red Cross.

The award will be presented to Zeruhn at the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on January 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

NEW 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 175 points while new No. 1 Stanford, received 266. Defending NCAA champion Texas had held the top spot all season but slipped to third after dropping a dual meet to Michigan. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, fell two spots to fourth and Indiana (21) and Ohio State (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 266; 2. Tennessee, 230; 3. Texas, 229; 4. Auburn, 227; 5. California, 201; 6. Michigan, 196; 7. So. Cal., 190; 8. Georgia, 178; 9. Minnesota, 175; 10. Arizona St., 148; 11. North Carolina, 147; 12. Arizona, 142; 13. Louisiana State, 128; 14. Florida St, 108; 15. Florida, 105; Tie. Nebraska, 105; 17. So. Methodist, 96; 18. Texas A&M, 74; 19. Alabama, 70; 20. Harvard, 55; 21. Indiana, 46; 22. Kansas, 39; 23. Ohio State, 32; 24. Miami, 27. 25. N.C. State, 19.

Minnesota finishers in the Gold Country Invitational

Men: 1. Minnesota, 1,221; 2. Kansas, 1,044; 3. St. Olaf, 210; 4. St. Cloud State, 163; 5. Carleton, 127; 6. Mankato State, 99.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, M. Schlessman), 1:32.79; 2. Minn B (Y. Meiri, M. Henke, J. McLeod, A. Frankow), 1:36.21; 5. Minn D (B. Bishop, T. Bathurst, B. Kusmak, J. Miller), 1:39.56.

500 Free: 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:41.10; 5. J. Miller, Minn., 4:42.51; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 4:42.74.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O Godoi, Minn., 57.81; 2. M. Henke,

Minn., 58.35; 3. T. Bathurst, Minn., 58.36; 6. S. Sardelas, Minn., 59.79.

100 Back: 1. M Zielinski, Minn., 51.28; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.83; 3. R. Crosby, Minn., 52.37; 5. Y. Meiri, Minn., 53.41; 6. A. Frankow, Minn., 53.51.

100 Fly: 1. J. Cahoy, Minn., 51.09; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 51.24; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 51.74; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 52.41; 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 52.75.

400 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:59.01; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 3:59.97; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:04.90; 6. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 4:08.05.

200 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.90; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:44.41; 5. B. Kusmak, Minn., 1:45.32; 6. B. Strohane, Minn., 1:45.36.

200 Breaststroke: 1. M. Henke, Minn., 2:06.95; 3. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:10.14; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 2:10.54.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 21.04; 2. J. Rients, Minn., 21.33; 6. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.71.

200 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:52.49; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:53.02; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:53.09; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:56.03; 6. D. Pfeuffer, KU, 1:56.82.

200 Fly: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 1:54.05; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:54.31; 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:57.46.

100 Free: 1. J. Rients, Minn., 46.27; 2. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.90; 5. T. Bathurst, ; Minn., 47.29.

200 IM: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:55.46; 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:57.29; 5. A. Frankow, Minn., 2:00.22.

200 Free Relay: 2. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, J. Cahoy, L. Lopez, J. Witikko), 1:25.64; 3. Minn. B (J. Rients, B. Carlson, R. Crosby, O. Godoi), 1:26.35.

Mixed 1650 Free: 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:37.15; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 16:29.39; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 16:43.99.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 516.47; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 471.80.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 478.80; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 476.75.



BASEBALL

TEAM TO START PRACTICE SUNDAY: The University of Minnesota baseball team will begin practice Sunday, January 19, at 11 a.m. to start the 1997 season. The squad will practice for two weeks before its annual Pro-Alumni game which is set for February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. The Golden Gophers will officially open the season February 14 at South Alabama.

BASEBALL TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE:

The University of Minnesota's baseball team announced its 1997 schedule. The Golden Gophers are scheduled for 56 contests with 34 to be played in Minneapolis and 22 on the road. Of those 34 home games, 17 will be played at the Metrodome and 17 will be played at historic Siebert Field.

The Maroon and Gold will open the 1997 season with its annual exhibition game against the Pro-Alumni on Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The first regular season game will be Feb. 14 against No. 28 South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

Minnesota will host the annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic on Feb. 28-March 2. Teams competing include No. 2 UCLA, No. 31 Washington and Nebraska.

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic marks a stretch of 17 straight home games to be played at the Metrodome. From March 23-30, the Golden Gophers will play 10 games in an eight-day span including the Big Ten opener against Purdue.

Michigan, Illinois and Northwestern will also visit Siebert Field for conference games while the Golden Gophers will travel to Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa

The complete schedule follows:

Feb. 3, Pro-Alumni, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 14, at South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 6 p.m.; Feb. 15, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 p.m.; Feb. 16, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. Auburn/Southern Mississippi, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, at New Orleans, New Orleans, La., 7 p.m.; Feb. 21, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 2 p.m.; Feb. 23, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1 p.m.; Feb. 28, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Nebraska, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 1, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Washington, Metrodome, 1:30 p.m.; March 2, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. UCLA, Metrodome, 1:15 p.m.; March 5, Iowa State, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 7, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 8, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 9, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 23, Chicago State, Metrodome, 7:30 p.m.; March 24, Chicago State

(2), Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 25, Northern Iowa, Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 26, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 27, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 3 p.m.; March 28, Purdue, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 29, Purdue (2), Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 30, Purdue, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; April 2, at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m.; April 4, Michigan, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 5, Michigan (2), Siebert Field, 2 p.m.; April 6, Michigan, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 8, at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 3 p.m.; April 11, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 3 p.m.; April 12, at Penn State (2), State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 13, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 16, Creighton, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 18, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 3 p.m.; April 19, at Ohio State (2), Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 20, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 22, at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m.; April 25, Illinois, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; April 26, Illinois (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; April 27, Illinois, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 29, St. Cloud State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; April 30, Mankato State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 2, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 3 p.m.; May 3, at Iowa (2), Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 4, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 7, St. Thomas, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 8, St. John's, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 10, Northwestern (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; May 11, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; May 15-18, at Big Ten Tournament, TBD; May 22-25, at NCAA Regionals, TBD; May 30-June 7, College World Series, Omaha, Neb., TBD.



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WRESTLERS RANKED FIFTH IN LATEST POLL

The University of Minnesota wrestling team has moved from sixth to fifth in the latest Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll. Iowa retains the top spot, while Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Penn State and Minnesota round out the top-five.

Six Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the top-10 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way is junior All-American Jason Davids, who is ranked second at 142 with a 17-1 record. Sophomore All-American Chad Kraft and junior Zac Taylor are ranked fourth at 150 and 167, respectively. Kraft is 12-1 and Taylor is 10-1. Junior Brandon Paulson is ranked fifth at 118 with a 14-1 record. Sophomore Tim Hartung is ranked seventh at 190 with a 15-0 record, while sophomore Troy Marr is ranked 10th at 134.


The Gophers host South Dakota State on Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Arena.

Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

1. Iowa, 250; 2. Oklahoma State, 240; 3. Iowa State, 226; 4. Penn State, 223; 5. Minnesota, 207; 6. Illinois, 198; 7. Michigan, 178; 8. CS Bakersfield, 174; 9. Michigan State, 160; 10. Edinboro, 157; 11. Oklahoma, 144; 12. Lock Haven, 139; 13. Nebraska, 125; 14. Indiana, 113; 15. Arizona State, 105; 16. Rider, 104; 17. Clarion, 85; 18. Pennsylvania, 77; 19. Fresno State, 64; 20. Purdue, 50; 21. North Carolina, 49; 22. Pittsburgh, 49; 23. Cornell, 41; 24. West Virginia, 40; 25. Oregon State, 22.

Others Receiving Votes: Wisconsin (12), Lehigh (8), Central Michigan (7), Navy (1), Oregon (1) and Wyoming (1).

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**MINNESOTA/SOUTH DAKOTA STATE WRESTLING MATCH
CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Tonight's University of Minnesota wrestling match against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Severe weather conditions in Brookings, S.D., prevented South Dakota State's travel to the Twin Cities.

All other Golden Gopher events this weekend will be held as scheduled.

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January 13, 1997

GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S ATHLETICS TEAMS RANK HIGH IN POLLS

For the first time in school history, five University of Minnesota men's athletics teams rank in the top 10 of their respective national polls at the same time.

The basketball team has a 15-1 overall record and is ranked No. 7 in the latest Associated Press poll. That is the highest AP ranking of Coach Clem Haskins' tenure. His 1993-94 team was ninth going into the semifinals of the preseason NIT. The highest a Minnesota team has ever been ranked by the AP during the season is third (Dec. 26, 1964 and Feb. 27, 1973).


In the most recent *USA Today/American Hockey Magazine* poll, the hockey team is ranked No. 5. The Golden Gophers have an overall record of 15-7.

The 7-1 wrestling team ranks No. 5 in the latest *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

The swimming and diving team is off to a 4-0 mark and is ranked No. 9 in the most recent *Speedo America's Top 25* poll.

The gymnastics team, which opens up its season Jan. 18, is ranked No. 8 in the preseason coaches poll.

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GOLDEN GOPHER SPIRIT GROUP COMPETES AT NATIONALS

The University of Minnesota spirit group competed in the National Cheerleading and Dance Competition January 9-11 at the Disney MGM Studios in Orlando, Fla.

The Golden Gopher dance team finished seventh, while the cheerleaders placed 15th in the event. Goldy Gopher finished fifth in the mascot competition.

“The skill level continues to get better and better every year,” Golden Gopher head spirit group coach Beth Knutson said. “I’m proud of them. It’s a great competition, and they did a great job.”

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75TH ANNIVERSARY BALLOTING BEGINS SATURDAY

As part of the 75th Anniversary celebration of Golden Gopher hockey, fans will be given the opportunity to vote throughout the last two weeks of January on their "Favorite Gopher Moment". The University of Minnesota will conduct in-arena balloting at the Saturday, Jan. 18 game against St. Cloud State University. Fans can also vote at any Twin Cities Area Target store locations from Jan. 18-31, and by calling the U of M Marketing office at (612) 625-4879 to receive a ballot.

Completing a ballot automatically enters a fan into a sweepstakes to win Target gift certificates and a Golden Gopher hockey jersey. The sweepstakes winner will be drawn on Feb. 7. Fans voting at Target locations will receive a 75th Anniversary poster, while supplies last.

The voting will end on Jan. 31, and the announcement of the Favorite Golden Gopher Moment as selected by the fans will be announced during the series against UMD on Feb. 14-15 at Mariucci Arena.



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January 16, 1997

DAY TO MISS THE REST OF SEASON DUE TO INJURY

Hopes To Be Granted Medical Hardship Redshirt By NCAA

The University of Minnesota announced Thursday that freshman hockey goaltender Erik Day, injured in the Nov. 23, 1996 game at Northern Michigan University, will have surgery on his left elbow and miss the rest of the 1996-97 season. Day had a 3-1 record, 1.00 goals-against average and .956 save percentage for the Golden Gophers. He posted back-to-back shutouts in his first two collegiate starts in goal against Michigan Tech at Mariucci Arena on Nov. 15-16, 1996.

The injury to Day's shoulder, which also took place in the NMU game, has improved according to University of Minnesota hockey athletic trainer Bob Broxterman, but it was determined the injury sustained to his elbow (chronic ulnar nerve inflammation) has not responded well enough to treatment to avoid surgery. The date for the surgical procedure is yet to be determined, but will take place in the next six to eight weeks.

The University of Minnesota will apply to the NCAA for, and is expected to receive, a medical hardship waiver for Day. The waiver would restore his freshman eligibility for the 1997-98 season. The criteria for a medical hardship waiver includes that the player participate in less than 20 percent of the total number of games the team has in the season applied for, and those games that the player does play in occur in the first half of the season. Day, an Elk River, Minn., native, has appeared in five games for the Golden Gophers in the 1996-97 season.

"I'm disappointed that the injury has not allowed me to keep competing, since I was playing fairly well and feeling comfortable on the ice," said Day. "But I realize that I need the surgery to be completely healthy again, and I'm happy with the decision to apply for the medical redshirt so I can have four years of eligibility heading into next season."

"We expect the recovery time following surgery to be approximately 7-10 weeks, and, pending any unforeseen complications, expect the surgery to resolve the problem to Erik's elbow," said Broxterman. "He should be 100 percent and ready to play at the beginning of next season."

Freshman goaltender Willy Marvin, who played the entire game in a 5-4 exhibition loss to Finland on Dec. 30 and appeared in the final :39 of Saturday's 5-2 loss to Denver, will continue to back up regular goaltender Steve DeBus for the remainder of the season.

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GOLDEN GOPHER TENNIS VS. MARQUETTE CANCELLED

The University of Minnesota has announced that Friday's men's tennis match between the Golden Gophers and Marquette University at Burnsville Racquet Club has been cancelled. Marquette is aware of the extreme cold conditions in the Twin Cities and Upper Midwest, and have decided to delay its arrival in Minneapolis until late Friday.

The Warriors match against Arizona State University on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., along with the Golden Gophers' matchup against the Sun Devils on Sunday at 1 p.m., both at 98th Street Club, will go on as scheduled. All other Golden Gopher events scheduled for this weekend will also take place as scheduled.



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RASMUSSEN TO SIT OUT ST. CLOUD STATE SERIES

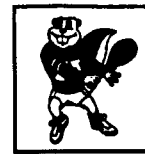
The University of Minnesota announced today that sophomore hockey forward Erik Rasmussen will not play in this weekend's WCHA home-and-home series against St. Cloud State University due to an institutionally-imposed, two-game suspension that resulted from his failure to properly register for a course at the university.

Rasmussen dropped an anthropology course last Friday and, while he began attending a sociology course earlier that week and had been unofficially accepted into the class, he did not enter the course addition into the university's computer system until Monday.

His failure to register properly resulted in Rasmussen's official status as only a part-time student last Friday, Saturday and Sunday and, as a result, was by NCAA rules an ineligible player for last weekend's series against Denver University at Mariucci Arena.

"We reported this technical violation of NCAA rules as soon as we became aware of it and have been informed by the NCAA that Erik will need to sit out our two St. Cloud State games to regain his eligibility," said University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Director Mark Dienhart. "The penalty is regrettable but necessary."

"I made a mistake," said Rasmussen. "I should not have dropped one course before adding another. My greatest hope is that this won't have a negative impact on our team or my teammates and coaching staff this weekend."



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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:

Tuesday, January 21:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, January 22:

Junior guard Eric Harris

Thursday, January 23:

Junior forward Sam Jacobson

Friday, January 24:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog

Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, January 26:

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

This Week in Gopher Sports

Thursday,
Jan. 25

• Basketball

vs. Iowa Hawkeyes
Williams Arena
ESPN
WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 24

• Wrestling

at Iowa Hawkeyes
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa, 7:30 p.m.

• Hockey

at Michigan Tech Huskies
MacInnes Student Ice Arena
Houghton, Michigan
KSTP-AM 1500, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 25

• Track

Minnesota Invitational
U of M Fieldhouse, 9 a.m.

• Hockey

at Michigan Tech Huskies
MacInnes Student Ice Arena
Houghton, Michigan
KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m.

• Swimming

vs. Iowa Hawkeyes
U of M Aquatic Center, 4 p.m.

• Basketball

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

• Tennis

at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Champaign, Illinois, TBA

Sunday,
Jan. 26

• Tennis

at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Champaign, Illinois, TBA



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	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	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 1 IOWA NEXT FOR WRESTLERS: The fifth-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to face the No. 1 Iowa Hawkeyes. The dual, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, will mark the second time the schools have met this season. Iowa knocked off the Huskies 23-12 at the National Duals on Jan. 18 in Lincoln, Neb.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Iowa match with an 11-2 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers placed third at the National Duals by posting a 4-1 record, which included two wins over No. 4 Penn State. Minnesota's lone defeat was against Iowa (23-12).

Iowa is 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes dropped a 21-13 decision to No. 2 Oklahoma State in the championship match at the National Duals.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 143-72-3 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 11-2 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS IOWA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	16-2, 7-2
126	Ty Friederichs	12-9, 5-4
	OR Pat Connors	9-4, 1-1
134	No. 10 Troy Marr	19-5, 8-1
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	22-1, 12-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	16-2, 10-2
158	Josh Holiday	18-6, 9-2
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	14-2, 10-2
177	Brandon Eggum	13-3, 9-3
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	20-0, 12-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	14-7, 3-3
	OR Shelton Benjamin	14-7, 3-5

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Hartung is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 20-0 record. Hartung went 5-0 at the recent National Duals. 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.

GOPHER WRESTLERS THIRD AT NATIONAL DUALS: The fifth-ranked Minnesota Golden Gopher wrestling team defeated No. 4 Penn State, 19-15, to capture third place at the prestigious National Duals in Lincoln, Neb., this past weekend.

Minnesota used five decision victories and one major decision to defeat Penn State for the second time in the tournament. Seventh-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) remained undefeated at 20-0 after his 6-2 win over Rob Neidinger put the match away for the Gophers. Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) improved to 22-1 after his 11-6 decision win over No. 11 Clint Musser. Other decision winners for the Gophers were **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., 126, Longview, Wash.), No. 10 **TROY MARR** (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.) and No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., 150, Lakefield, Minn.). **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So, 158, Anaheim, Calif.) recorded the lone major-decision victory with a 16-5 thumping of Shad Benton.

The Gophers started the tourney by defeating Missouri Valley, 48-0. Kraft, Holiday, **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) and Hartung all pinned their opponents in the easy win. In the second round, the Gophers knocked off No. 4 Penn State, 21-10. The Gophers used seven decision victories to advance against No. 1 Iowa in the semifinals. The Hawkeyes jumped out to a 13-0 lead and defeated the Gophers, 23-12. Minnesota defeated No. 9 Michigan State, 28-9, to advance against Penn State for third place. No. 2 Oklahoma State upset Iowa to claim the title.

1ST ROUND - NO. 5 MINN. 48, MISS. VALL. 0

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (UM) won by forfeit MV
126 - Ty Friederichs (UM) maj. dec. Beau Vest, 11-0
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Jeremy Dirks, 8-2
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. James Morgan, 17-4
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) pinned Aaron Elmore, 1:35
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) pinned Dusty Boatright, 3:28
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) pinned Justin Hoover, 1:31
177 - Brandon Eggum (UM) maj. dec. Bobby Lashley, 11-3
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Jervon Walton, 1:10
HWT - Brent Boeshans (UM) dec. Micco Charboneau, 3-0

2ND ROUND - NO. 5 MINN. 21, NO. 4 PSU 10

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. Jeremy Hunter, 8-5
126 - No. 10 Jason Betz (PSU) dec. Ty Friederichs, 8-7
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. No. 7 Biff Walizer, 6-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 11 Clint Musser, 10-4
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) dec. Shad Benton, 3-2
158 - Brian Romesburg (PSU) dec. Josh Holiday, 5-3
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. No. 5 Glenn Pritzlaff, 12-11
177 - Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Frank Morici, 8-5
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Rob Neidlinger, 11-5
HWT - No. 1 K. McCoy (PSU) maj. dec. B. Boeshans, 14-3

SEMIS - NO. 1 IOWA 23, NO. 5 MINN. 12

118 - Jessie Whitmer (IU) dec. No. 5 Brandon Paulson, 9-4
126 - No. 4 Mark Mena (IU) maj. dec. Pat Connors, 11-2
134 - No. 1 Mark Ironside (IU) pinned No. 10 Troy Marr, 4:31
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. Kasey Gilliss, 10-6
150 - No. 1 Lincoln McIlravy (IU) dec. No. 4 Chad Kraft, 4-3
158 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IU) maj. dec. Josh Holiday, 16-6
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. Mike Uker, 7-4
177 - B. Eggum (UM) dec. Tony Ersland, 1-1 (OT tiebreaker)
190 - No. 7 T. Hartung (UM) dec. No. 2 L. Fullhart, 4-2 (OT)
HWT - Wes Hand (IU) dec. Shelton Benjamin, 7-5

CONS. - NO. 5 MINN. 28, NO. 9 MSU 9

118 - No. 2 David Morgan (MSU) won by forfeit UM
126 - Ty Friederichs (UM) dec. Jason Nusbaum, 12-9
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Issac Miller, 5-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. Sam Hakim, 20-6
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) tech. fall Adam Elderkin, 19-3
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Greg DeGrand, 8-2
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) maj. dec. William Hill, 15-5
177 - No. 4 Erich Harvey (MSU) dec. Brandon Eggum, 4-2
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. No. 5 B. Picklo, 1-0 (OT)
HWT - Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. Marco Sanchez, 5-1

THIRD PLACE - NO. 5 MINN. 19, NO. 4 PSU 15

118 - Jeremy Hunter (PSU) won by forfeit UM
126 - Pat Connors (UM) dec. No. 10 Jason Betz, 8-5
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Biff Walizer, 3-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 11 Clint Musser, 11-6
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) dec. Shad Benton, 3-2
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) maj. dec. Rick Swanger, 16-5
167 - No. 5 Glenn Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor, 11-6
177 - Frank Morici (PSU) dec. Brandon Eggum, 4-3
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Rob Neidlinger, 6-2
HWT - No. 1 Kerry McCoy (PSU) dec. S. Benjamin, 10-4

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 2 at 142), Taylor (No. 4 at 167), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Hartung (No. 7 at 190), Marr (No. 10 at 134). **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.) is ranked fifth at 118.

GOPHERS RANKED FIFTH IN LATEST POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked fifth in the Jan. 16, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

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21. North Carolina56
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23. Clarion49
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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

MINNESOTA INVITE NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will host the Minnesota Invitational at the U of M Fieldhouse on Jan. 25. Teams expected to compete in the meet are Iowa, Iowa State, Manitoba and St. Cloud State. The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

JENSEN PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR

NCAA MEET IN POLE VAULT: Minnesota sophomore **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the pole vault with a mark of 17-2 1/4 at the Badger Classic on Jan. 18. Jensen won the event and owns a personal best mark of 17-4 1/2 in the pole vault.

GOPHERS CLAIM FIVE TITLES AT BADGER

CLASSIC: In addition to Jensen's win in the pole vault, the Gophers claimed four other titles at the Badger Classic on Jan. 18. Freshman **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) won the mile with a time of 4:18.70. Senior **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) won the 200 meters with a time of 22.29. Junior **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) won the high jump at 6-9 1/2, and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put at 56-11 1/4.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE BADGER CLASSIC:

55 Meter Hurdles: 3. N. Deneen, Minn., 7.58; 4. B. Jensen, Minn., 7.63; 5. A. Wheatcraft, Minn., 7.80.

Mile Run: 1. J. Owen, Minn., 4:18.70; 2. R. Hoffner, Minn., 4:26.61; 3. T. Riter, Minn., 4:29.19.

400 Meter Run: 2. A. Freed, Minn., 48.88.

Shot Put: 1. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 17.35m (56-11 1/4); 3. J. Marsh, Minn. 16.56m (54-4); 4. J. Asher, Minn., 16.13m (53-5 3/4); 7. A. Reed, Minn., 6.52m (50-4 3/4); 13. S. Mischke, Minn., 11.76m (38-7).

Long Jump: 4. A. Freed, Minn., 6.52m (21-4 3/4); 7. J. Anderson, Minn., 6.20m (20-4 1/4).

200 Meter Dash: 1. T. VanVoorhis, Minn., 22.29.

High Jump: 1. Wil Kurth, Minn., 2.07m (6-9 1/2).

3,000 Meters: 2. N. Clay, Minn., 8:50.62; 3. C. McClure, Minn., 8:54.44; 4. T. Landgraff, Minn., 8:57.82.

Pole Vault: B. Jensen, Minn., 5.24m (17-2 1/4), NCAA Provisional; 3. S. Mischke, Minn., 5.04m (16-6 1/2).



TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO BIG TEN SINGLES:

The Golden Gophers will travel to Champaign, Ill., this weekend for the Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships. Action begins Saturday morning, Jan. 25, and will conclude with the finals on Monday afternoon, Jan. 27. Last season Golden Gopher **BEN GABLER** (Sr., Chambersburg, Pa.) advanced to the finals of the tournament, bowing to Peter Pusztai of Michigan by the count of 6-3, 6-4.

OPEN DUAL MEET SEASON BY DOWNING

ARIZONA STATE: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated the Arizona State University Sun Devils by the score of 4-3 in dual meet action on Jan. 19 at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn.

Winning their respective singles matches for Minnesota were sophomores **TOM CHICOINE** (No. 1, Neenah, Wis.) and **JOHN CHEREGI** (No. 3, Skokie, Ill.) and junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (No. 6, Palo Alto, Calif.). The Gophers earned the match victory by winning two of three doubles matches for the deciding fourth point. The No. 1 doubles team of Rutili and Cheregi and the No. 2 doubles team of sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and Chicoine each won their respective matches.

MEET RESULTS

Minnesota 4, Arizona State 3

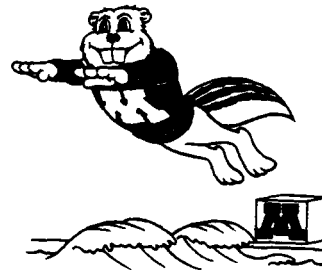
Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Sergio Elias, 6-2, 6-4
- No. 2 - A. Osterrieth (ASU) def. Adam Selkirk, 7-5, 6-7, Ret.
- No. 3 - John Cheregi (UM) def. Amir Ran, 7-6, 6-4
- No. 4 - G. Marcaccio (ASU) def. M. Kristoffersen, 7-6, 6-2
- No. 5 - Ed Carter (ASU) def. Martin Michalowski, 7-5, 6-2
- No. 6 - Robin Rutili (UM) def. Carey Bjorkman, 7-5, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 - Rutili/Cheregi (UM) def. Osterrieth/Ran, 8-5
- No. 2 - Selkirk/Chicoine (UM) def. Elias/Marcaccio, 9-8
- No. 3 - Carter/Casey Was (ASU) def. Kristoffersen/Michalowski, 8-4

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will take a week off from competition before heading to Dallas, Texas, for the Rolex National Indoors from Feb. 6-9.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Iowa Hawkeyes in a dual meet Saturday at 4p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

The Golden Gophers will enter this weekend's action 5-0 after a dual win over Northwestern last weekend. Minnesota and Iowa were supposed to compete in a dual meet last season (Jan. 27) but due to inclement weather in Iowa, the Hawkeyes couldn't make the trip. The last time the two schools competed in a dual meet was during the 1994-95 season when the Hawkeyes claimed a 145-138 victory in Iowa City, Iowa.

POWER SWIMMER: The Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet for the dual against Northwestern is sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.). Zielinski finished first in the 100 fly (48.56) setting a new Northwestern pool record while the time is the best in the Big Ten and in the top five in the country.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers topped Northwestern last Saturday in dual meet action in Evanston, Ill. Minnesota defeated the Wildcats by the score of 181.50 to 116.50.

BILL BISHOP (Fr., Barrington, Ill.) captured the 1000 freestyle and placed second in 200 fly and 500 freestyle to lead the Golden Gophers. Other individual event winners for Minnesota were Martin Zielinski (100 fly), **YOAV MEIRI** (Fr., Jerusalem, Israel) (200 fly), **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.) (50 Freestyle), **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) (100 freestyle), **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) (One Meter Diving), **MATT NINNE-MAN** (Jr., Madison, Wis.) (Three Meter Diving) and **JONATHAN MCLEOD** (So., Regina, Sask., Canada) (200 IM). Zielinski's time in the 100 fly (48.56) set a new pool record and is currently the best in the Big Ten and in the top five in the country.

Event Results

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. B (Erick Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.40; 2. NU A, 1:33.10; 3. Minn A (Ryan Crosby, Marc Teichman, Mitch Henke, Jeremy Witikko), 1:36.50; 4. NU B, 1:37.10.

1000 Free: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:16.60; 2. J. Miller, NU, 9:33.82; 3. Mike Jacob, NU, 9:38.18; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 9:42.78.

200 Free: 1. S. Smale, NU, 1:40.00; 2. J. Rients, Minn., 1:42.68; 3. Luis Lopez, Minn., 1:42.92; 4. Steve Harms, NU, 1:43.45.

100 Back: 1. B. Walters, NU, 50.35; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.67; 3. Ryan Crosby, Minn., 52.21; 4. Bill Johnson, NU, 52.47.

100 Breaststroke: 1. R. Rausch, NU, 56.54; 2. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.98; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 58.35; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 59.27.

200 Fly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.91; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 1:54.01; 3. J. Koshiba, NU, 1:54.13; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:58.00.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.93; 2. S. McCowen, NU, 21.36; 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 21.46; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 21.76.

1-meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 258.53; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 257.79; 3. S. Miller, NU, 240.00; 4. N. Eckert, NU, 228.98.

100 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.79; 2. S. Smale, NU, 46.11; 3. S. McCowen, NU, 46.38; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.71.

200 Back: 1. B. Walters, NU, 1:50.05; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:54.11; 3. B. Johnson, NU, 1:54.32; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:55.79.

200 Breast: 1. R. Rausch, NU, 2:03.93; 2. J. McCleod, Minn., 2:08.81; 3. B. Howard, Minn., 2:10.68; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:11.03.

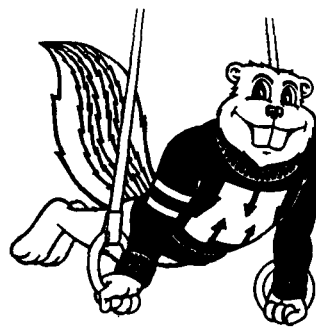
500 Free: 1. S. Harms, NU, 4:35.06; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:36.39; 3. M. Jacob, 4:38.01; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:39.57.

100 Fly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 48.56; 2. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.72; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 51:48; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 53.10.

3 Meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 279.00; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 277.66; 3. N. Eckert, NU, 266.93; 4. S. Miller, NU, 240.68.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.30; 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:55.55; 3. Bill Johnson, NU, 1:56.58; 4. R. Rausch, NU, 1:57.23.

400 Free Relay: 1. NU A, 3:04.00; 2. Minn. B, (J. Rients, M. Schlessman, J. Cahoy, T. Bathurst), 3:04.00; 3. Minn. A, (J. Witikko, A. Frankow, B. Strohane, B. Carlson), 3:12.15; 4. Minn. C, (R. Crosby, Y. Meiri, E. Hulseman, B. Kusmak), 3:14.35.



GYMNASTICS

MEN'S GYMNASTS PLACE SEVENTH AT WINDY CITY INVITE: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team finished seventh in the twelve-team Windy City Invitational late Saturday night. Minnesota scored 211.90 team points, 14.75 points behind champion Ohio State.

TICKNOR LEADS UM ALL-AROUND FINISHERS: Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) was the top finisher in the all-around competition for the Golden Gophers, scoring 54.40, which was good for 10th place. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) made his official debut as a Golden Gopher, finishing 18th in the all-around with 51.30 total points.

WALL TOP GOPHER FINISHER IN EVENT COMPETITION: In the individual event competition, senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) finished fifth in the still rings with score of 9.45, while Ticknor finished seventh with a 9.40 in that same event. Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) placed seventh on the pommel horse with a 9.45.

TEAM RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

GYMNASTS TO TRAVEL TO IOWA AFTER WEEK OFF: The Golden Gophers take a week off before beginning the dual meet season against No. 5 Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, on Fri., Jan. 31. The Golden Gophers return home on Saturday, Feb. 8, for dual meets against Michigan and No. 13 Michigan State. at 1 p.m.

WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL RESULTS:

Final Team Results:

Ohio State	226.650
Illinois	223.450
Iowa	221.250
Penn State	220.950
Michigan St.	220.050
UIC	216.600
Minnesota	211.900
Michigan	209.000
Syracuse	152.950
Bye 3	152.950
Bye 1	57.750
Bye 2	25.700

Minnesota Finishers in the All-Around:

10. Frank Ticknor - 54.400; 18. Lindsey Fang - 51.300; 23. George Beatty - 41.000; 27. Heath Wall - 34.200

Floor Exercise:

15. George Beatty - 9.300 and Frank Ticknor - 9.300; 55. Lindsey Fang - 8.200; 57. Chad Conner - 7.950

Pommel Horse:

7. Jason Krob - 9.450; 13. Robert Hubbard - 9.150; 28. Frank Ticknor - 8.850; 40. Lindsey Fang - 8.250; 47. George Beatty - 8.000; 49. Heath Wall - 7.950

Still Rings:

5. Heath Wall - 9.450; 7. Frank Ticknor - 9.400; 37. Lindsey Fang - 8.700; 38. Dan Boots - 8.600; 48. Matt Kieffer - 8.200; George Beatty - 7.850

Vault:

14. Frank Ticknor - 9.300; 39. Lindsey Fang - 8.950; 42. Chad Conner - 8.850; 44. Dan Boots - 8.750; Robert Hubbard - 8.700; 53. George Beatty - 8.550

Parallel Bars:

15. Robert Hubbard - 9.250; 28. Lindsey Fang - 8.800; 42. Frank Ticknor - 8.400; 46. Chad Conner - 8.200; 49. Heath Wall - 7.500; 51. George Beatty - 7.300

Horizontal Bar:

11. Heath Wall - 9.300; 15. Frank Ticknor - 9.150; 39. Lindsey Fang - 8.400; 45. Dan Boots - 7.950; 51. Robert Hubbard - 7.300



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This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,
Jan. 27

- **Track & Field** at Mercantile Bank Invitational UNI-Dome Cedar Falls, Iowa, 4 p.m.
- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.
- **Gymnastics** at Iowa Hawkeyes Iowa Fieldhouse Iowa City, Iowa, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. Midwest Sports Channel KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Oklahoma State Cowboys Gallagher-Iba Arena Stillwater, Okla., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 1

- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, Noon
- **Basketball** at Northwestern Wildcats Welsh-Ryan Arena Evanston, Ill. Midwest Sports Channel WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m. Midwest Sports Channel (Tape delay following Gopher basketball at approximately 9 p.m.)

Sunday,
Feb. 2

- **Wrestling** vs. Wisconsin Badgers Williams Arena Midwest Sports Channel, 2:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	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.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 1 OKLAHOMA STATE NEXT FOR

WRESTLERS: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face the No. 1 Oklahoma State Cowboys in dual meet action beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The Cowboys were ranked No. 2 most of the year until they knocked off the Iowa Hawkeyes, 21-13, in the championship match at the National Duals in Lincoln, Neb.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Oklahoma State match with an 11-3 overall record and 1-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers dropped a 29-12 decision to the Iowa Hawkeyes on Jan. 24, but placed third at the National Duals on Jan. 19 by posting a 4-1 record, which included two wins over No. 4 Penn State. Minnesota's lone defeat was

against Iowa (23-12).

Oklahoma State is 15-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big 12 conference. The Cowboys defeated the No. 7 Iowa State Cyclones, 18-15, in Ames, Iowa on Jan. 26. The Cowboys have won 19 dual matches in a row

Wisconsin is 6-5-1 overall and 0-1 in the Big Ten. The Badgers lost to Iowa, 31-4 on Jan. 25.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 143-73-3 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 11-3 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS OKLAHOMA STATE AND WISCONSIN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 6 Brandon Paulson	16-2, 7-2
126	Ty Friederichs	12-9, 5-4
134	Nick Antila	11-5, 2-1
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	22-2, 12-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	17-2, 11-2
158	Josh Holiday	18-7, 9-3
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-2, 11-2
177	Brandon Eggum	14-3, 10-3
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	20-0, 12-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	14-8, 3-6

COWBOY PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 2 Teague Moore	18-1, 14-0
126	No. 1 Eric Guerrero	19-1, 14-1
134	No. 3 Steven Schmidt	16-2, 12-1
142	No. 4 Scott Reyna	18-1, 15-0
150	No. 9 Jimmy Arias	14-6, 8-5
158	No. 4 Hardell Moore	17-2, 13-1
167	No. 1 Mark Branch	19-0, 15-0
177	No. 4 Mark Smith	15-3, 12-3
190	No. 9 Aaron Strobel	12-4, 10-3
HWT	Ben Lee	13-4, 8-3
	OR Denshio Cook	1-1, 1-1

BADGER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Matt Goldstein	8-6, 2-3
126	No. 2 Eric Jetton	19-2, 10-1
134	Mark Beebe	9-4, 5-3
142	Dusty Coufal	8-8, 6-6
150	Zach Anderson	5-15, 1-11
158	Kole Clauson	10-8, 6-6
167	No. 5 Kevin Wilmot	21-2, 12-0
177	No. 12 Aaron Stark	17-5, 8-2
190	Chad Lipton	12-7, 5-4
HWT	Matt Schneider	4-12, 1-10

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 20-0 record. Hartung did not wrestle against Iowa because of a minor knee injury he suffered at the National Duals. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the recent National Duals 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.

GOPHER WRESTLERS LOSE TO IOWA FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR: The Golden Gopher wrestling team was defeated by No. 2 Iowa, 29-12, on Jan. 24, in Iowa City.

Minnesota managed only three wins in 10 matches. No. 3 **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., 150, Lakefield, Minn.) pinned Iowa's Eric Kobel to record half of Minnesota's points. No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) mustered out a 3-1 decision victory over Mike Uker and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won the third and final decision for Minnesota with a 14-8 decision over Matt Hoover. Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) was upset by Kasey Gilliss 8-3. **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., 118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) and Hartung did not compete against the Hawkeyes because of injuries suffered at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19.

PAULSON AND HARTUNG EXPECTED TO WRESTLE THIS WEEKEND: Paulson and Hartung are expected back in the Gopher lineup this weekend against Oklahoma State and Wisconsin. Paulson missed the Iowa match with an ankle injury he suffered against Penn State at the National Duals. Hartung was kept out of the Iowa match because of a minor ligament stretch he suffered at the National Duals.

DAVIDS LOSES FIRST DUAL MATCH: Davids dropped his first dual match this season when he was defeated by Iowa's Kasey Gilliss. Davids, who is ranked third, still holds a 22-2 overall record and 13-1 dual record.

WISCONSIN MATCH ON MSC: Sunday's match against the University of Wisconsin will be broadcast live by Midwest Sports Channel at 2:30 p.m. The announcers for the telecast have not been determined.

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 3 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Paulson (No. 6 at 118) and Marr (No. 10 at 134).

GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 22, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1. Oklahoma State225
2. Iowa216
3. **Minnesota****206**
4. Penn State196
5. Illinois183
6. Michigan State175
7. Iowa State174
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9. Rider140
10. Arizona State138
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13. CS Bakersfield118
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15. Lock Haven96
16. Fresno State94
- Pennsylvania94
18. Oregon State76
19. Indiana68
20. Cornell58
21. Purdue42
22. Clarion36
23. North Carolina31
24. Pittsburgh12
25. Oregon10



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

MERCANTILE BANK INVITE NEXT FOR

GOPHERS: The men's track and field team will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Mercantile Bank Invitational on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. Representatives from Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, Minnesota and host Northern Iowa are expected to compete.

HARVEY AND KURTH PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAA MEET:

Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet after their performances in the Minnesota Invite on Jan. 25. Harvey qualified in the pole vault with a mark of 17-4 1/2 and Kurth qualified in the high jump with a leap of 7-1. Kurth won the high jump and Harvey finished second in the pole vault.

GOPHERS CLAIM THREE TITLES AT MINNESOTA INVITE:

The Gophers claimed three individual titles at the Minnesota Invite. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) won the 400 meter dash at 49.47, junior Kurth (Rochester, Minn.) won the high jump at 7-1 and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) won the 3,000 meter run at 4:40.48.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA INVITE:

400 Meter Dash

1. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 49.46.

800 Meter Run

3. Jason Owen, Minnesota, 1:52.24; 4. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:53.63.

Mile Run

3. Nathaniel Clay, Minnesota, 4:18.90; 6. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 4:20.11; 7. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 4:20.45; 11. Todd Landgraff, Minnesota, 4:23.26; 13. Rick Oblemani, Minnesota, 4:25.96; 15. Allen Broderius, Minnesota, 4:31.25.

3000 Meter Run

1. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 8:40.48; 5. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:46.00; 6. Michael Stoick, Minnesota, 8:46.54.

55m High Hurdles

3. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 7.54; 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 7.80.

4x400 Meter Relay

4. Minnesota 4x4, Minnesota, 3:26.86

Long Jump

6. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 21-4 1/4 (6.51m).

Shot Put

3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 55-6 1/2 (16.93m); 6. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-8 1/4 (16.06m); 7. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 52-2 3/4 (15.92m).

High Jump

1. Wil Kurth, Minnesota, 7-1 (2.16m).

Pole Vault

2. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-4 1/2 (5.30m); 4. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 17-0 3/4 (5.20m); 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-0 3/4 (4.90m);

Pentathlon

4. Jonathan Anderson, Minnesota, 2597.



TENNIS

NETTERS TAKE TIME OFF BEFORE HOST-

ING #9 KANSAS: The Golden Gophers will be idle from competition until hosting Kansas in a match on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers are 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, while the perennially-strong Jayhawks are ninth in the country.

RESULTS FROM BIG TEN SINGLES TOUR-

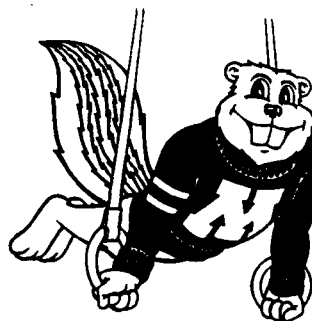
NAMENT: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) offered Minnesota's best showing at the 1997 Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill. Chicoine advanced to the third round of the tournament before bowing to Matt Wright of Michigan in three sets (5-7, 6-3, 6-2). Chicoine had dispatched Jeff Martini of Penn State in round one (6-3, 6-3) and Jake Raiton of Michigan (6-3, 6-3) in round two on Saturday. Chicoine's team-best singles record now stands at 15-3 on the young season.

Junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) both won first-round matches Saturday before being eliminated in the second round. Sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won three matches in the consolation bracket after losing his first-round match.

Clearly one of the biggest upsets of the tournament was Minnesota's senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.), the tournament's fifth seed, losing in the first round to unseeded Mike Goldstein of Wisconsin in straight sets (6-3, 7-6). Gabler advanced to the championship match of the tourney last season.

The tournament concludes with the semifinals and finals Monday on the campus of the University of Illinois. Complete tournament brackets and results can be obtained through the Big Ten's fax-on-demand system, cell number 1255.

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.



GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTS BEGIN BIG TEN SEASON WITH

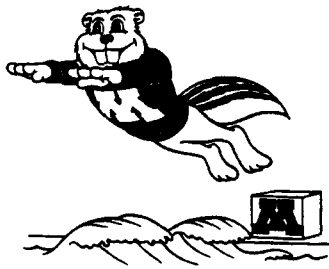
IOWA DUAL: The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to face the fifth-ranked Hawkeyes for the first dual meet of the season Friday at 7 p.m. Last season Iowa edged Minnesota 225.45-219.25 at the Sports Pavilion, but Minnesota leads the overall series 37-33-1.

GOPHERS RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEA-

SON POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

GYMNASTS RETURN HOME FOR DUALS

NEXT WEEK: Minnesota will host Michigan and Michigan State next week in the first home dual meets of the season. The competition will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Sports Pavilion.



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)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Quad Duals Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at noon at the Aquatic Center. Purdue and Wisconsin are set to compete.

The Golden Gophers will enter this weekend's action 6-0 after a dual win over Iowa last weekend. Last season, Minnesota defeated Wisconsin 149-96 at the Quad Duals in Madison and beat Purdue 256-112 at the Double Duals in Indianapolis, Ind. The meet is co-ed with Illinois sending its woman's team but the Illini do not have a men's team, so only men's teams will compete.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers won 14 of 16 events en route to a 210-89 dual win over Iowa last Saturday afternoon at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers upped their dual record to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten.

MATT SCHLESSMAN (Sr., Avon, Ohio), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Creete, Greece) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) led the Golden Gophers to victory. Schlessman captured event titles in the 50 free and 100 free while Lentaris won the 200 free and 100 backstroke. Zielinski earned the top spots in the 100 fly and 200 back.

The 200 medley relay squad of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.) **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) Zielinski and **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.) set a Big Ten best time of 1:31.23 clipping the previous mark set by Wisconsin at 1:31.44.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE IOWA DUAL:

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst), 1:31.23; 2. Minn. B (Y. Meiri, M. Henke, J. Cahoy, J. Rients), 1:34.08; 5. Minn. C (R. Crosby, R. Gardiner, M. Teichman, A. Frankow), 1:37.26;

1650 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:31.81; 2. J. Miller, Minn., 15:57.27; 3. B. Strohane, Minn., 16:16.32; 4. B. Howard, Minn., 16:36.36.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:38.87; 4. B. Carlson, Minn., 1:43.23; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 1:44.70.

100 Backstroke: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 49.35; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.31; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 51.88; 6. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.51.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.11; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 57.87; 6. M. Teichman, Minn., 59.83.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.33; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.60; 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:53.17.

50 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.84; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.92; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 21.09; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.20.

1-Meter Diving: 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 299.48; 3. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 299.03.

100 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.00; 2. J. Rients, Minn., 45.99; 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.40; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 47.81.

200 Backstroke: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:48.53; 3. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:52.00; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.03; 5. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:53.55.

200 Breaststroke: 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:06.89; 4. M. Henke, Minn., 2:07.61; 5. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:09.42.

500 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:30.90; 2. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:35.53; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:39.47; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:43.15.

100 Butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.48; 2. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.24; 3. M. Schlessman, Minn., 50.81; 6. L. Lopez, Minn., 52.53.

3-Meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 312.30; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 311.10.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.89.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (J. Rients, J. Cahoy, L. Lopez, M. Schlessman), 3:02.67.



BASEBALL

SIXTH ANNUAL PRO-ALUMNI GAME AT THE METRODOME FEBRUARY 3: The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players to the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the Pro-Alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays, and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 Pro-Alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

Tickets for the game are \$6 at the door or those in attendance at Twinsfest can pick up a coupon for a two-for-one ticket offer at the University of Minnesota baseball booth. All proceeds benefit the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Pro-Alumni Game Activities:

- 3:40-4:40 p.m. Pro-Alumni batting practice
- 4:40-5:40 p.m. Golden Gopher batting practice
- 5:00 p.m. Gates open
- 5:40 p.m. Clear field
- 5:45 p.m. Pro-Alumni infield/outfield
- 5:55 p.m. Golden Gopher infield/outfield
- 6:10 p.m. Groudscrew
- 6:20 p.m. Introductions
- 6:30 p.m. National Anthem
- 6:35 p.m. First Pitch



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This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,
Jan. 29

- **Track & Field** at Mercantile Bank Invitational UNI-Dome Cedar Falls, Iowa, 4 p.m.
- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.
- **Gymnastics** at Iowa Hawkeyes Iowa Fieldhouse Iowa City, Iowa, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. Midwest Sports Channel KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Oklahoma State Cowboys Gallagher-Iba Arena Stillwater, Okla., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 1

- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, Noon
- **Basketball** at Northwestern Wildcats Welsh-Ryan Arena Evanston, Ill. Midwest Sports Channel WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m. Midwest Sports Channel (Tape delay following Gopher basketball at approximately 9 p.m.)

Sunday,
Feb. 2

- **Wrestling** vs. Wisconsin Badgers Williams Arena Midwest Sports Channel, 2:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	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.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 1 OKLAHOMA STATE NEXT FOR

WRESTLERS: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face the No. 1 Oklahoma State Cowboys in dual meet action beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The Cowboys were ranked No. 2 most of the year until they knocked off the Iowa Hawkeyes, 21-13, in the championship match at the National Duals in Lincoln, Neb.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Oklahoma State match with an 11-3 overall record and 1-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers dropped a 29-12 decision to the Iowa Hawkeyes on Jan. 24, but placed third at the National Duals on Jan. 19 by posting a 4-1 record, which included two wins over No. 4 Penn State. Minnesota's lone defeat was

against Iowa (23-12).

Oklahoma State is 15-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big 12 conference. The Cowboys defeated the No. 7 Iowa State Cyclones, 18-15, in Ames, Iowa on Jan. 26. The Cowboys have won 19 dual matches in a row

Wisconsin is 6-5-1 overall and 0-1 in the Big Ten. The Badgers lost to Iowa, 31-4 on Jan. 25.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 143-73-3 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 11-3 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS OKLAHOMA STATE AND WISCONSIN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 6 Brandon Paulson	16-2, 7-2
126	Ty Friederichs	12-9, 5-4
134	Nick Antila	11-5, 2-1
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	22-2, 12-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	17-2, 11-2
158	Josh Holiday	18-7, 9-3
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-2, 11-2
177	Brandon Eggum	14-3, 10-3
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	20-0, 12-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	14-8, 3-6

COWBOY PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 2 Teague Moore	18-1, 14-0
126	No. 1 Eric Guerrero	19-1, 14-1
134	No. 3 Steven Schmidt	16-2, 12-1
142	No. 4 Scott Reyna	18-1, 15-0
150	No. 9 Jimmy Arias	14-6, 8-5
158	No. 4 Hardell Moore	17-2, 13-1
167	No. 1 Mark Branch	19-0, 15-0
177	No. 4 Mark Smith	15-3, 12-3
190	No. 9 Aaron Strobel	12-4, 10-3
HWT	Ben Lee	13-4, 8-3
	OR Densho Cook	1-1, 1-1

BADGER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Matt Goldstein	8-6, 2-3
126	No. 2 Eric Jetton	19-2, 10-1
134	Mark Beebe	9-4, 5-3
142	Dusty Coufal	8-8, 6-6
150	Zach Anderson	5-15, 1-11
158	Kole Clauson	10-8, 6-6
167	No. 5 Kevin Wilmot	21-2, 12-0
177	No. 12 Aaron Stark	17-5, 8-2
190	Chad Lipton	12-7, 5-4
HWT	Matt Schneider	4-12, 1-10

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 20-0 record. Hartung did not wrestle against Iowa because of a minor knee injury he suffered at the National Duals. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the recent National Duals 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.

GOPHER WRESTLERS LOSE TO IOWA FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR: The Golden Gopher wrestling team was defeated by No. 2 Iowa, 29-12, on Jan. 24, in Iowa City.

Minnesota managed only three wins in 10 matches. No. 3 **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., 150, Lakefield, Minn.) pinned Iowa's Eric Kobel to record half of Minnesota's points. No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) mustered out a 3-1 decision victory over Mike Uker and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won the third and final decision for Minnesota with a 14-8 decision over Matt Hoover. Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) was upset by Kasey Gilliss 8-3. **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., 118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) and Hartung did not compete against the Hawkeyes because of injuries suffered at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19.

PAULSON AND HARTUNG EXPECTED TO WRESTLE THIS WEEKEND: Paulson and Hartung are expected back in the Gopher lineup this weekend against Oklahoma State and Wisconsin. Paulson missed the Iowa match with an ankle injury he suffered against Penn State at the National Duals. Hartung was kept out of the Iowa match because of a minor ligament stretch he suffered at the National Duals.

DAVIDS LOSES FIRST DUAL MATCH: Davids dropped his first dual match this season when he was defeated by Iowa's Kasey Gilliss. Davids, who is ranked third, still holds a 22-2 overall record and 13-1 dual record.

WISCONSIN MATCH ON MSC: Sunday's match against the University of Wisconsin will be broadcast live by Midwest Sports Channel at 2:30 p.m. The announcers for the telecast have not been determined.

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 3 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Paulson (No. 6 at 118) and Marr (No. 10 at 134).

GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 22, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News*/National Wrestling Coaches Association poll.

1. Oklahoma State225
2. Iowa216
3. **Minnesota206**
4. Penn State196
5. Illinois183
6. Michigan State175
7. Iowa State174
8. Edinboro167
9. Rider140
10. Arizona State138
11. Nebraska122
12. Michigan119
13. CS Bakersfield118
14. Oklahoma97
15. Lock Haven96
16. Fresno State94
- Pennsylvania94
18. Oregon State76
19. Indiana68
20. Cornell58
21. Purdue42
22. Clarion36
23. North Carolina31
24. Pittsburgh12
25. Oregon10



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

MERCANTILE BANK INVITE NEXT FOR

GOPHERS: The men's track and field team will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Mercantile Bank Invitational on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. Representatives from Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, Minnesota and host Northern Iowa are expected to compete.

HARVEY AND KURTH PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAA MEET:

Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet after their performances in the Minnesota Invite on Jan. 25. Harvey qualified in the pole vault with a mark of 17-4 1/2 and Kurth qualified in the high jump with a leap of 7-1. Kurth won the high jump and Harvey finished second in the pole vault.

GOPHERS CLAIM THREE TITLES AT MINNESOTA INVITE:

The Gophers claimed three individual titles at the Minnesota Invite. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) won the 400 meter dash at 49.47, junior Kurth (Rochester, Minn.) won the high jump at 7-1 and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) won the 3,000 meter run at 4:40.48.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA INVITE:

400 Meter Dash

1. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 49.46.

800 Meter Run

3. Jason Owen, Minnesota, 1:52.24; 4. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:53.63.

Mile Run

3. Nathaniel Clay, Minnesota, 4:18.90; 6. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 4:20.11; 7. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 4:20.45; 11. Todd Landgraff, Minnesota, 4:23.26; 13. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 4:25.96; 15. Allen Broderius, Minnesota, 4:31.25.

3000 Meter Run

1. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 8:40.48; 5. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:46.00; 6. Michael Stoick, Minnesota, 8:46.54.

55m High Hurdles

3. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 7.54; 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 7.80.

4x400 Meter Relay

4. Minnesota 4x4, Minnesota, 3:26.86

Long Jump

6. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 21-4 1/4 (6.51m).

Shot Put

3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 55-6 1/2 (16.93m); 6. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-8 1/4 (16.06m); 7. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 52-2 3/4 (15.92m).

High Jump

1. Wil Kurth, Minnesota, 7-1 (2.16m).

Pole Vault

2. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-4 1/2 (5.30m); 4. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 17-0 3/4 (5.20m); 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-0 3/4 (4.90m);

Pentathlon

4. Jonathan Anderson, Minnesota, 2597.



TENNIS

NETTERS TAKE TIME OFF BEFORE HOSTING #9 KANSAS:

The Golden Gophers will be idle from competition until hosting Kansas in a match on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers are 42nd in the latest Rolex/TTA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, while the perennially-strong Jayhawks are ninth in the country.

RESULTS FROM BIG TEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT:

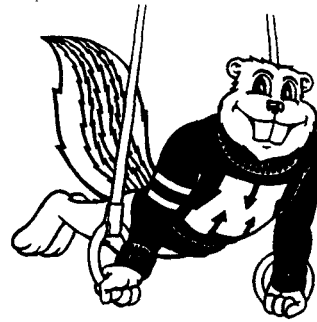
Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) offered Minnesota's best showing at the 1997 Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill. Chicoine advanced to the third round of the tournament before bowing to Matt Wright of Michigan in three sets (5-7, 6-3, 6-2). Chicoine had dispatched Jeff Martini of Penn State in round one (6-3, 6-3) and Jake Raiton of Michigan (6-3, 6-3) in round two on Saturday. Chicoine's team-best singles record now stands at 15-3 on the young season.

Junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) both won first-round matches Saturday before being eliminated in the second round. Sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won three matches in the consolation bracket after losing his first-round match.

Clearly one of the biggest upsets of the tournament was Minnesota's senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.), the tournament's fifth seed, losing in the first round to unseeded Mike Goldstein of Wisconsin in straight sets (6-3, 7-6). Gabler advanced to the championship match of the tourney last season.

The tournament concludes with the semifinals and finals Monday on the campus of the University of Illinois. Complete tournament brackets and results can be obtained through the Big Ten's fax-on-demand system, cell number 1255.

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.



GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTS BEGIN BIG TEN SEASON WITH IOWA DUAL:

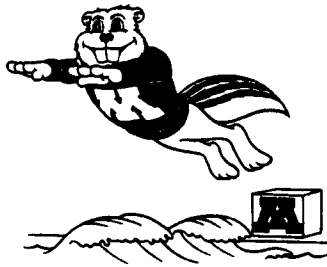
The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to face the fifth-ranked Hawkeyes for the first dual meet of the season Friday at 7 p.m. Last season Iowa edged Minnesota 225.45-219.25 at the Sports Pavilion, but Minnesota leads the overall series 37-33-1.

GOPHERS RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

GYMNASTS RETURN HOME FOR DUALS

NEXT WEEK: Minnesota will host Michigan and Michigan State next week in the first home dual meets of the season. The competition will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Sports Pavilion.



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)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Quad Duals Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at noon at the Aquatic Center. Purdue and Wisconsin are set to compete.

The Golden Gophers will enter this weekend's action 6-0 after a dual win over Iowa last weekend. Last season, Minnesota defeated Wisconsin 149-96 at the Quad Duals in Madison and beat Purdue 256-112 at the Double Duals in Indianapolis, Ind. The meet is co-ed with Illinois sending its woman's team but the Illini do not have a men's team, so only men's teams will compete.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers won 14 of 16 events en route to a 210-89 dual win over Iowa last Saturday afternoon at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers upped their dual record to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten.

MATT SCHLESSMAN (Sr., Avon, Ohio), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) led the Golden Gophers to victory. Schlessman captured event titles in the 50 free and 100 free while Lentaris won the 200 free and 100 backstroke. Zielinski earned the top spots in the 100 fly and 200 back.

The 200 medley relay squad of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.) **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) Zielinski and **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.) set a Big Ten best time of 1:31.23 clipping the previous mark set by Wisconsin at 1:31.44.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE IOWA DUAL:

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst), 1:31.23; 2. Minn. B (Y. Meiri, M. Henke, J. Cahoy, J. Rients), 1:34.08; 5. Minn. C (R. Crosby, R. Gardiner, M. Teichman, A. Frankow), 1:37.26;

1650 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:31.81; 2. J. Miller, Minn., 15:57.27; 3. B. Strohane, Minn., 16:16.32; 4. B. Howard, Minn., 16:36.36.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:38.87; 4. B. Carlson, Minn., 1:43.23; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 1:44.70.

100 Backstroke: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 49.35; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.31; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 51.88; 6. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.51.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.11; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 57.87; 6. M. Teichman, Minn., 59.83.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.33; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.60; 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:53.17.

50 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.84; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.92; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 21.09; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.20.

1-Meter Diving: 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 299.48; 3. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 299.03.

100 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.00; 2. J. Rients, Minn., 45.99; 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.40; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 47.81.

200 Backstroke: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:48.53; 3. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:52.00; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.03; 5. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:53.55.

200 Breaststroke: 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:06.89; 4. M. Henke, Minn., 2:07.61; 5. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:09.42.

500 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:30.90; 2. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:35.53; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:39.47; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:43.15.

100 Butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.48; 2. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.24; 3. M. Schlessman, Minn., 50.81; 6. L. Lopez, Minn., 52.53.

3-Meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 312.30; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 311.10.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.89.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (J. Rients, J. Cahoy, L. Lopez, M. Schlessman), 3:02.67.



BASEBALL

SIXTH ANNUAL PRO-ALUMNI GAME AT THE METRODOME FEBRUARY 3: The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players to the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the Pro-Alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays, and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 Pro-Alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

Tickets for the game are \$6 at the door or those in attendance at Twinsfest can pick up a coupon for a two-for-one ticket offer at the University of Minnesota baseball booth. All proceeds benefit the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Pro-Alumni Game Activities:

- 3:40-4:40 p.m. Pro-Alumni batting practice
- 4:40-5:40 p.m. Golden Gopher batting practice
- 5:00 p.m. Gates open
- 5:40 p.m. Clear field
- 5:45 p.m. Pro-Alumni infield/outfield
- 5:55 p.m. Golden Gopher infield/outfield
- 6:10 p.m. Groundscrew
- 6:20 p.m. Introductions
- 6:30 p.m. National Anthem
- 6:35 p.m. First Pitch



SPORTS NEWS

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January 22, 1997

GOPHERS CLIMB TO THIRD IN LATEST WRESTLING POLL

The University of Minnesota wrestling team has moved from fifth to third in the latest Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll. The Gophers, who are 11-2 overall and 1-0 in the Big Ten, knocked off fourth-ranked Penn State twice at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to earn the No. 3 ranking. Oklahoma State takes over the No. 1 slot after they defeated Iowa 21-13 at the National Duals. Iowa falls to No. 2, Penn State is No. 4 and Illinois is No. 5.

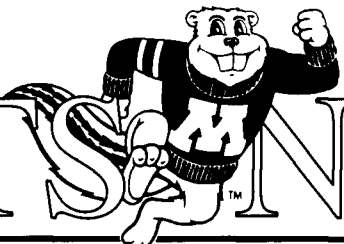
Six Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the top-10 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way is junior All-American Jason Davids, sophomore Tim Hartung and junior Zac Taylor, who are ranked third at 142, 190 and 167, respectively. Davids is 22-1 overall with a team-leading nine pins. Davids has won his last 12 matches. Hartung is the lone undefeated Gopher at 20-0. He was previously ranked seventh. Taylor is 14-2 overall with four pins. Sophomore All-American Chad Kraft is ranked fourth at 150. Kraft is 16-2 overall with seven pins. Junior Brandon Paulson is ranked sixth at 118 with a 16-2 record and sophomore Troy Marr in ranked 10th at 134 with a 19-5 record.

The Gophers travel to Iowa this Friday, Jan. 24, to face the Hawkeyes. The match is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

1. Oklahoma State, 225; 2. Iowa, 216; **3. Minnesota, 206**; 4. Penn State, 196; 5. Illinois, 183; 6. Michigan State, 175; 7. Iowa State, 174; 8. Edinboro, 167; 9. Rider, 140; 10. Arizona State, 138; 11. Nebraska, 122; 12. Michigan, 119; 13. CS Bakersfield, 118; 14. Oklahoma, 97; 15. Lock Haven, 96; 16T. Fresno State, 94; 16T. Pennsylvania, 18. Oregon State, 76; 19. Indiana, 68; 20. Cornell, 58; 21. Purdue, 42; 22. Clarion, 36; 23. North Carolina, 31; 24. Pittsburgh, 12; 25. Oregon, 10.

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CROWLEY AND CLYMER STEAL WCHA HONORS


Junior Mike Crowley and freshman Ben Clymer have been named WCHA Offensive Player and Rookie of the Week, respectively, for their performances in the Golden Gophers' sweep of Michigan Tech last weekend at MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton, Mich. The pair of victories moved the Golden Gophers into sole possession of the top spot in the WCHA standings, with a first-place showdown set for this weekend in Grand Forks against second-place North Dakota.

Crowley, a defenseman from Bloomington, Minn., scored an amazing five assists on Saturday and eight assists for the weekend in Minnesota's sweep of MTU. Crowley, who has totals of 2-15--17 in his last eight games and has 10 assists in the last three Golden Gopher contests (all wins), had a plus-two rating on the weekend and is a key member of Minnesota's league-leading, penalty-kill unit. Crowley, a Hobey Baker Finalist last season, has 38 career multiple-point games in which his team has a striking 32-4-2 record. The All-American blueliner also led the Golden Gophers with six shots on goal in the Friday win.

The bundle of assists last weekend brings Crowley's career total to an even 100, tying him for second on the all-time school list for assists by a defenseman with former prep and collegiate teammate Dan Trebil. The award is the second time this season and third time in his career Crowley has been honored by the WCHA, and his first time as Offensive Player of the Week. The other two times he was cited as league's defensive player of the week.

Clymer, who along with Crowley is a Bloomington Jefferson alum, scored his first career hat trick to lead the Golden Gophers to an 8-4 win over MTU on Saturday. The freshman defenseman also scored a goal and added an assist in Minnesota's 5-2 win on Friday. Clymer fired a team season-high nine shots on goal in Saturday's win, and has totals of 5-3--8 in six games since returning to the Golden Gopher lineup after a stint with the U.S. Junior National Team's silver-medal winning effort in Switzerland. Clymer was a plus-five on the weekend at MTU, and is second on the team in that category with a plus-12 on the season.

Both games this weekend at Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday's game can be seen live on Midwest Sports Channel, with Saturday's game being shown on a tape-delay basis beginning at approximately 9 p.m., following the Golden Gopher basketball game at Northwestern with tip-off at 7 p.m.



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BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY TEAMS CHASE HISTORY

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department basketball and hockey teams' success to this point of the 1996-97 season has revealed some interesting facts about the rarity of their accomplishments.

The basketball and hockey teams have never won their respective conferences in the same season. Head Coach Clem Haskins' basketball team is currently in first place in the Big Ten with a 7-1 conference mark, while Head Coach Doug Woog's hockey team is leading the WCHA heading into this weekend's series at North Dakota with a 15-7-0 record for 30 points.

The basketball and hockey teams are ranked in the top five of the nation's polls at the same time for the first time ever. Basketball is fifth in this week's *CNN/USA Today* Coaches Poll, while the hockey team is third in the *USA Today/American Hockey Magazine* poll.

This is the first time in school history that both programs have been in first place in their respective conferences this late into the season.

In addition, the Golden Gopher wrestling team is ranked third in the latest *Amateur Wrestling News/AWCA* poll, giving Men's Athletics three top-five teams at the same time for the first time in school history.



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SIXTH ANNUAL PRO-ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME AT THE METRODOME FEBRUARY 3

The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players with the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the pro-alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 pro-alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

Tickets for the game are \$6 at the door or those in attendance at Twinsfest can pick up a coupon for a two-for-one ticket offer at the University of Minnesota baseball booth. All proceeds benefit the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Pro-Alumni Game Activities:

3:40-4:40 p.m.	Pro-Alumni batting practice
4:40-5:40 p.m.	Golden Gopher batting practice
5:00 p.m.	Gates open
5:40 p.m.	Clear field
5:45 p.m.	Pro-Alumni infield/outfield
5:55 p.m.	Golden Gopher infield/outfield
6:10 p.m.	Groudscrew
6:20 p.m.	Introductions
6:30 p.m.	National Anthem
6:35 p.m.	First Pitch



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PAULSON OUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS WITH ANKLE INJURY

University of Minnesota junior wrestler Brandon Paulson (Coon Rapids, Minn.) underwent corrective ankle surgery today and will be out of the Golden Gopher lineup for two to three weeks.

Paulson, who has posted a 16-2 overall record this season, injured his ankle against Penn State on Jan. 18 at the National Duals in Lincoln, Neb. He has missed Minnesota's last three duals with the injury.

"We're disappointed, but we're looking forward to having Brandon back in our lineup in two to three weeks," said University of Minnesota Head Wrestling Coach J Robinson.



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TO: Media Representatives
FROM: Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations
RE: Football National Signing Day
DATE: Feb. 3, 1997

Just a reminder that the national college football signing day is **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**. University of Minnesota Coach Glen Mason will hold a news conference at 4:30 p.m. in the Football Lounge. The list of Golden Gopher signees along with bio information will be released at that time.

For those media outlets that will be unable to attend, a taped version of the entire news conference can be heard on the Golden Gopher Hotline anytime after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday. The phone number to call is (612) 625-7887.

The entire news release, along with sound bytes from the news conference, will 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>.

The news release will also be available via Fax-on-Demand. To access the information, call (770) 399-3066 from the handset of your fax machine. The passcode for the Big Ten Conference is 282 and the cell number for the signees release will be 2212.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Men's Athletics Media Relations Office at (612) 625-4090.



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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. 3:

Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

Senior center **John Thomas**

Head Football Coach **Glen Mason** (Available 5:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 6:

Head Football Coach **Glen Mason**

Friday, Feb. 7:

Junior goalie **Steve DeBus**

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9:

Assistant Coach **Mike Guentzel's** Postgame NMU 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. 5

• Baseball

vs. Pro-Alumni

Metrodome

WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday,
Feb. 6

• Basketball

vs. Penn State Nittany Lions

Williams Arena

Midwest Sports Channel

WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Feb. 7

• Hockey

vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats

Mariucci Arena

Midwest Sports Channel

KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• Track & Field

at Iowa State Classic

Ames, Iowa, 6 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 8

• Gymnastics

vs. Michigan, Michigan State

Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.

• Hockey

vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats

Mariucci Arena

Midwest Sports Channel

KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• Track & Field

at Iowa State Classic

Ames, Iowa, 9 a.m.

Sunday,
Feb. 9

• Wrestling

vs. Penn State Nittany Lions

Sports Pavilion

Midwest Sports Channel, 2:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	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	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 4 PENN STATE NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the No. 4 Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Sports Pavilion. Match time is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: No. 3 Minnesota enters the Penn State match with a 12-4 overall record and 2-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers dropped a 26-10 decision to the No. 1 Oklahoma State Cowboys on Jan. 31, but defeated the Wisconsin Badgers 28-9 on Feb. 2 to break a two-match losing streak that dated back to Jan. 24 when they lost to Iowa 29-12.

No. 4 Penn State is currently 11-3 overall and 3-1 in the Big Ten. PSU defeated No. 25 Pittsburgh, 28-9 on Jan. 31 and No. 19 Indiana, 37-6 on Feb. 1.

The Nittany Lions travel to Wisconsin on Feb. 8 for a dual against the Badgers before coming to Minnesota Sunday.

Minnesota defeated Penn State twice at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to take third place. The Golden Gophers defeated Penn State 21-10 in the second round and 19-15 to place third.

PENN STATE MATCH "LIVE" ON MSC:

Sunday's match against Penn State University will be broadcast live by Midwest Sports Channel at 2:30 p.m. Ryan Lefebvre will call the play-by-play and Minnesota All-American Willy Short will provide color commentary.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 144-74-3 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 12-4 in 1996-97.

GOLDEN GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS PENN STATE:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Forfeit	
126	Pat Connors	9-6, 9-4
	or Ty Friederichs	12-10, 12-10
134	No. 10 Troy Marr	19-6, 12-3
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	24-2, 14-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	19-2, 13-2
158	Josh Holiday	19-8, 10-4
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-4, 11-4
177	Brandon Eggum	15-4, 11-4
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	22-0, 14-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	15-9, 4-7

NITTANY LION PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Jeremy Hunter	22-6, 9-5
126	No. 10 Jason Betz	20-7, 8-6
134	Biff Walizer	9-7, 6-7
142	No. 8 Clint Musser	21-8, 8-6
150	Shad Benton	13-6, 6-2
158	John Lange	18-3, 4-2
167	No. 2 Glenn Pritzlaff	27-1, 13-1
177	Frank Morici	19-5, 10-3
190	Rob Neidlinger	16-7, 7-4
HWT	No. 1 Kerry McCoy	26-0, 14-0

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 won both matches he wrestled against Oklahoma State and Wisconsin last week.

PAULSON OUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS:

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) had corrective ankle surgery last week and will miss the next two to three weeks of action. Paulson, the No. 6 wrestler at 118 with a 16-2 record, injured his ankle against Penn State's Jeremy Hunter on Jan. 18 at the National Duals.

GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS LOSE TO OKLAHOMA STATE FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR:

The Golden Gopher wrestling team was defeated by No. 1 Oklahoma State, 26-10 on Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowboys used a forfeit at 118 and two major decision victories at 126 and 134 to jump out to a 14-0 lead that would prove to be the difference in the match. Minnesota was limited to just three wins in 10 matches. **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) recorded a major decision win by defeating Aaron Strobel 10-1. **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) and **CHAD KRAFT** (So., 150, Lakefield, Minn.) recorded decision victories for the Golden Gophers, who wrestled without 118-pounder Paulson for the fourth consecutive dual match.

Oklahoma State defeated the Golden Gophers 20-12 last season and 25-13 in 1994-95. The last Minnesota win against the Cowboys was in 1993-94 by the score of 23-16.

NO. 1 OKLA. STATE 26, NO. 3 MINN. 10

118 - No. 2 Moore (OSU) won by forfeit
126 - No. 1 Guerrero (OSU) maj. dec. Friederichs, 10-2
134 - No. 2 Schmidt (OSU) maj. dec. Antila, 15-4
142 - No. 3 Davids (M) dec. No. 4 Reyna, 7-3
150 - No. 4 Kraft (M) dec. No. 9 Arias, 3-2
158 - No. 4 Moore (OSU) dec. Holiday, 11-5
167 - No. 1 Branch (OSU) dec. Taylor, 5-0
177 - No. 4 Smith (OSU) dec. Eggum, 5-3
190 - No. 3 Hartung (M) maj. dec. Strobel, 10-1
HWT - Lee (OSU) dec. Benjamin, 5-3 (OT)

NO. 3 MINNESOTA KNOCKS OFF WISCONSIN:

Davids and Kraft recorded back-to-back technical fall victories to lead the Golden Gophers to a 28-9 win over the Wisconsin Badgers on Feb. 2 in Williams Arena.

Davids recorded a 24-9 win over Wisconsin's Dusty Coufal at 142 after the Badgers won consecutive matches at 126 and 134. Kraft came right back with a convincing 21-6 win over Zach Anderson at 150. The back-to-back technical fall wins gave the Gophers a 10-6 lead.

Hartung pinned Steve Alf in 6:47 for the lone Golden Gopher pin. Hartung improved to 22-0 and is the currently ranked No. 3. Winning by decision for Minnesota were **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So., 158, Anaheim, Calif.) and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., 177, Sidney, Mont.). No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) was upset by No. 5 Kevin Wilmot, 5-3. Heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.) won by injury-default over Matt Schneider.

NO. 3 MINNESOTA 28, WISCONSIN 9

118 - Double Forfeit
126 - No. 2 Jetton (Wis.) dec. Golyer (Minn.), 10-3
134 - Mark Beebe (Wis.) dec. Connors (Minn.), 4-3
142 - No. 3 Davids (Minn.) tech. fall Coufal (Wis.), 24-9
150 - No. 4 Kraft (Minn.) tech. fall Anderson (Wis.), 21-6
158 - Holiday (Minn.) dec. Clauson (Wis.), 7-2
167 - No. 5 Wilmot (Wis.) dec. Taylor (Minn.), 5-2
177 - Eggum (Minn.) dec. Lipton (Wis.), 10-6
190 - No. 3 Hartung (Minn.) pinned Alf (Wis.), 6:47
HWT - Benjamin (Minn.) inj. def. Schneider (Wis.)

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 3 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Paulson (No. 6 at 118) and Marr (No. 10 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 State300
2. Iowa288
3. **Minnesota****275**
4. Penn State262
5. Illinois249
6. Michigan State236
7. Iowa State229
8. Edinboro222
9. Rider202
10. Arizona State177
11. Nebraska158
Michigan158
13. CS Bakersfield144
14. Lock Haven139
15. Pennsylvania135
16. Oklahoma133
17. Fresno State121
18. Oregon State101
19. Indiana81
20. Cornell77
21. Purdue61
22. Oregon49
23. Clarion31
24. North Carolina23
25. Pittsburgh19



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 not compete this week. The Golden Gophers' next action is set for February 14-15 at the Minnesota Challenge at the U of M Aquatic Center.

LAST WEEK: The swimming and diving team earned two dual wins at the Quad Duals at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 216-136 and Wisconsin 254-94.

Golden Gopher swimmer **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) turned in a time of 44.78 in the 100 freestyle to establish Minnesota's third top Big Ten time of the meet. On Friday night, freshman **BILL BISHOP'S** (Barrington, Ill.) time of 9:11.55 set a new conference standard in the 1000 freestyle while the 200 medley relay team of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.), **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil), **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) and **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N. M.) set a Big Ten best mark with a time of 1:30.70.

With the two wins, the Golden Gophers improve to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the Big Ten.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM IOWA DUAL:

Minnesota 216, Purdue 136
 Minnesota 254, Wisconsin 94
 Purdue 218, Wisconsin 134

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst), 1:30.70; 3. Minn. B (R. Crosby, M. Henke, Y. Meiri, J. Rients), 1:34.39.

1000 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:11.55; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 9:32.92.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.53; 6. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:42.07.

100 Backstroke: 1. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.44; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 52.60.

100 Breaststroke: 2. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.05; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 57.59.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.00; 2. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:50.08; 6. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:54.66.

50 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.50; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.77; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 20.87; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.12.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 474.55; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 474.00.

200 IM: 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.89; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:55.27.

800 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (M. Schlessman, L. Lopez, J. McLeod, M. Lentaris), 6:43.40; 4. Minn. B (B. Stroshane, B. Bishop, J. Miller, J. Witikko), 6:55.33.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, M. Schlessman, J. Rients, L. Lopez), 1:22.10; 3. Minn. B (J. Cahoy, M. Zielinski, J. Witikko, A. Frankow), 1:25.57.

400 IM: 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:59.60; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:01.56; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 4:09.23.

100 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 44.78; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.82.

200 Backstroke: 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:52.36; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:52.97.

100 Butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 48.49; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.76; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 50.87.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 506.30; 5. M. Ninneman, Minn., 397.30.

500 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:28.48; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:30.01.

200 Breaststroke: 2. M. Henke, Minn., 2:04.73; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:07.94.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (J. Rients, M. Schlessman, J. Cahoy, M. Lentaris), 3:01.42.



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	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

IOWA STATE INVITE NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will travel to Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State Invitational on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.

HARVEY AND YENCHESKY PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAA MEET:

Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet after their performances in the Mercantile Bank Invite on Jan. 31. Harvey qualified in the pole vault with a mark of 17-9, and Yenchesky qualified in the shot put with a toss of 57-2. Harvey won the pole vault, and Yenchesky placed second in the shot put.

GOPHERS PLACE FIFTH AT MERCANTILE BANK INVITE:

Harvey's career-best mark of 17-9 won the pole vault and provisionally qualified him for the NCAA meet at the Mercantile Bank Invite at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Jan. 31. The vault marked the second meet in a row that Harvey has provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the event.

Yenchesky's toss of 57-2 placed him second and also provisionally qualified him for the NCAAs. **WIL KURTH** (Jr., Rochester, Minn.) finished second in the high jump and **SCOTT BEADLE** (Sr., Moorhead, Minn.) was third in the 600 meter run in his first action of the season.

Minnesota finished the meet in fifth place with 37.25 points as Iowa State ran away with the team title at 160 points.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MERCANTILE BANK INVITE:

Team Results

1. Iowa State, 160; 2. Iowa, 95; 3. Northern Iowa, 94; 4. Kansas, 75.25; 5. Minnesota, 37.25; 6. Drake, 33.50.

Event Results

600 Meter Dash: 3. S. Beadle, Minn., 1:21.02.

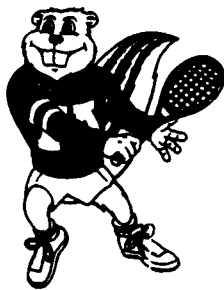
High Jump: 2. W. Kurth, Minn., 6-8 (2.03m).

Pole Vault: 1. T. Harvey, Minn., 17-9 (5.41m).

Shot Put: 2. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 57-2 (17.42m); 5. J. Marsh, Minn., 53-7 (16.33m); 6. J. Asher, Minn., 51-4 1/4.

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Benjamin 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



TENNIS

NETTERS TAKE TIME OFF BEFORE HOSTING #9 KANSAS: The Golden Gophers will be idle from competition until hosting Kansas in a match on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers are 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, while the perennially-strong Jayhawks are ninth in the country.

RESULTS FROM BIG TEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neeah, Wis.) offered Minnesota's best showing at the 1997 Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill. Chicoine advanced to the third round of the tournament before bowing to Matt Wright of Michigan in three sets (5-7, 6-3, 6-2). Chicoine had dispatched Jeff Martini of Penn State in round one (6-3, 6-3) and Jake Raiton of Michigan (6-3, 6-3) in round two on Saturday. Chicoine's team-best singles record now stands at 15-3 on the young season.

Junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) both won first-round matches Saturday before being eliminated in the second round. Sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won three matches in the consolation bracket after losing his first-round match.

Clearly one of the biggest upsets of the tournament was Minnesota's senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.), the tournament's fifth seed, losing in the first round to unseeded Mike Goldstein of Wisconsin in straight sets (6-3, 7-6). Gabler advanced to the championship match of the tourney last season.

The tournament concludes with the semifinals and finals Monday on the campus of the University of Illinois. Complete tournament brackets and results can be obtained through the Big Ten's fax-on-demand system, cell number 1255.

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.



GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTS LOSE AT IOWA: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team lost a dual meet Friday night to the Iowa Hawkeyes 229.625-223.875 at the Field House in Iowa City. The Golden Gophers are now 0-1 in dual-meet action and 0-1 in the Big Ten.

TICKNOR WINS ALL-AROUND: Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) won the all-around with 57.00 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) came in second with 54.65 points, and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) took third with 44.80 total points.

KROB WINS POMMEL HORSE WITH CAREER HIGH: Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) was the top Golden Gopher finisher in the individual events, winning the pommel horse competition with a career-high score of 9.825. Senior **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) finished tied for second on the horizontal bar. Fang took third on the vault, and Ticknor placed second on the pommel horse and third in the floor exercise.

FIRST HOME DUAL UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers return home this week for their first home dual meet of the season against Michigan and Michigan State at 1 p.m., Sat., Feb. 8, in the Sports Pavilion. On Feb. 15, the squad will travel to the Winter Cup in Battle Creek, Mich.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM IOWA DUAL:
Team Score: Iowa 229.625, Minnesota 223.875

All-Around – 1. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 57.00; 2. Lindsey Fang, Minn., 54.65; 3. George Beatty, Minn., 44.80

Vault – 3. Lindsey Fang, Minn., 9.55

Horizontal Bar – 2. Heath Wall, Minn., 9.600

Floor Exercise – 3. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 9.550

Pommel Horse – 1. Jason Krob, Minn., 9.825; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 9.650



BASEBALL

PRO-ALUMNI GAME SIGNALS START OF 1997 SEASON:

The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players with the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the pro-alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 pro-alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

WCCO-AM 830 TO BROADCAST PRO-ALUMNI GAME:

The University of Minnesota announced that the 1997 Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m., will be broadcast on WCCO-AM 830. Former Golden Gopher and All-Big Ten outfielder Ryan Lefebvre will do the play-by-play with John Gordon adding color commentary and on-field interviews. Both Lefebvre and Gordon are regular members of the Minnesota Twins broadcast team.

KSGS-AM 950 TO BROADCAST GAMES IN

1997: KSGS-AM 950 radio will broadcast all Division I games during the 1997 season. The broadcast schedule is set for 52 games.

Ryan Lefebvre will be the broadcast voice for Golden Gopher baseball. He was a two-time All-Big Ten selection for

BASEBALL TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE:

The U of M baseball team announced its 1997 schedule. The Golden Gophers are scheduled for 56 contests with 34 to be played in Minneapolis and 22 on the road. Of those 34 home games, 17 will be played at the Metrodome and 17 will be played at Siebert Field.

Minnesota will open the 1997 season with its annual exhibition game against the Pro-Alumni on Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The first regular season game will be Feb. 14 against No. 28 South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

Minnesota will host the annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic on Feb. 28-March 2. Teams competing include No. 2 UCLA, No. 31 Washington and Nebraska.

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic marks a stretch of 17 straight home games to be played at the Metrodome. From March 23-30, the Golden Gophers will play 10 games in an eight-day span including the Big Ten opener against Purdue.

Michigan, Illinois and Northwestern will also visit Siebert Field for conference games while the Golden Gophers will travel to Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa

The complete schedule follows:

Feb. 3, Pro-Alumni, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 14, at South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 6 p.m.; Feb. 15, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 p.m.; Feb. 16, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. Auburn/Southern Mississippi, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, at New Orleans, New Orleans, La., 7 p.m.; Feb. 21, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 2 p.m.; Feb. 23, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1 p.m.; Feb. 28, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Nebraska, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 1, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Washington, Metrodome, 1:30 p.m.; March 2, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. UCLA, Metrodome, 1:15 p.m.; March 5, Iowa State, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 7, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 8, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 9, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 23, Chicago State, Metrodome, 7:30 p.m.; March 24, Chicago State (2), Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 25, Northern Iowa, Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 26, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 27, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 3 p.m.; March 28, Purdue, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 29, Purdue (2), Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 30, Purdue, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; April 2, at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m.; April 4, Michigan, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 5, Michigan (2), Siebert Field, 2 p.m.; April 6, Michigan, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 8, at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 3 p.m.; April 11, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 3 p.m.; April 12, at Penn State (2), State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 13, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 16, Creighton, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 18, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 3 p.m.; April 19, at Ohio State (2), Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 20, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 22, at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m.; April 25, Illinois, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; April 26, Illinois (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; April 27, Illinois, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 29, St. Cloud State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; April 30, Mankato State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 2, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 3 p.m.; May 3, at Iowa (2), Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 4, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 7, St. Thomas, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 8, St. John's, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 10, Northwestern (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; May 11, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; May 15-18, at Big Ten Tournament, TBD; May 22-25, at NCAA Regionals, TBD; May 30-June 7, College World Series, Omaha, Neb., TBD.