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MISKOVICH NAMED WCHA ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Freshman forward Aaron Miskovich has been named WCHA Rookie of the Week for his efforts in last weekend's series against top-ranked North Dakota at Mariucci Arena. The split against the Sioux kept Minnesota in a tie for first place in the WCHA standings.

Miskovich, of Grand Rapids, Minn., turned the tide in Friday night's 6-5 win over the Sioux with an outstanding individual play that gave Minnesota a lead they would not relinquish. In the midst of killing a five-minute Sioux power play after the visitors had tied the score at 2-2, Miskovich tallied a short-handed goal on a breakaway, bolting past the entire Sioux defense. He added a goal to open the third period, making the score 4-2. On the season, the heralded newcomer has totals of 2-1--3 through six games.

Miskovich joins senior goaltender Steve DeBus as consecutive Golden Gopher winners of player of the week honors. DeBus earned WCHA Defensive Player of the Week honors last week following the UMD series.

The Golden Gophers will face Wisconsin this weekend at Dane County Coliseum in Madison, Wis. Friday's faceoff is scheduled for 7:35 p.m., with Saturday's rematch slated for 7:05 p.m.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

THURS., NOV. 6

- **Basketball** vs. Yugoslavia-Mornar (exh)
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
7 p.m.

FRI., NOV. 7

- **Hockey** at Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7:30 p.m.
- **Swimming & Diving** vs. North Carolina
Aquatic Center
11 a.m.

SAT., NOV. 8

- **Football** vs. Ohio State (Homecoming)
Metrodome
MSC (tape delay after hockey)
WCCO Radio (830)
3 p.m.

SAT.-SUN.,
NOV. 8-9

- **Hockey** at Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7 p.m.
- **Swimming & Diving** vs. North Carolina
Aquatic Center
6 p.m.
- **Tennis** vs. Ice Volleys
98th St. (Bloomington, Minn.)
10:30 a.m./11 a.m.

HALL OF FAMERS

Twelve new members will be inducted into the M Club Hall of Fame as part of the Homecoming festivities Saturday, Nov. 8. In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, former Golden Gopher defenseman Wendell Anderson will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. A complete list of inductees and their accomplishments can be found in this week's release.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball and hockey information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information in "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

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, November 4:
Football Coach **Glen Mason's** weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, November 5:
Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews the 1997-98 season

Thursday, November 6:
Hockey Coach **Doug Woog** previews the Wisconsin series

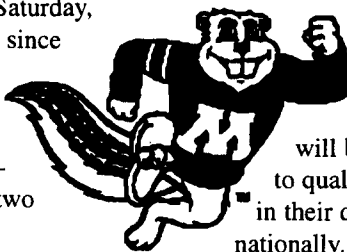
Friday, November 7:
Tennis Coach **David Geatz** previews the Ice Volleys

Sat.-Sun., November 8-9: Football Coach **Glen Mason's** Ohio State postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

THIS WEEK: The 24th-ranked men's cross country team will use this weekend to prepare for the NCAA District V Championships in Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Nov. 15. This will be the first time Minnesota competes in Region V after previously running in Region IV.

FINISHING BIG AT BIG TENS: Minnesota took fourth at the 8K Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was the best finish for the Golden Gophers since 1993, when that team placed fourth as well. **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) led the Maroon and Gold with a 23rd-place finish at his first Big Ten Championship race (25:22.3). Four other U of M runners finished in the top 30, all within approximately two and a half seconds of one another, to help Minnesota improve from the seventh-place finish the team had a year ago. **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) led the four finishers, coming in 25th place (25:27.4). He was followed by **MICHAEL STOICK** (Jr., St. Michael, Minn.) at 26th, **TONY RITER** (Sr., Shoreview, Minn.) at 27th and **CHARLES McCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.) at 30th.



onship, will be competing. This will be Minnesota's first trip to the NCAA District V Championships, after competing previously with District IV. Riter was Minnesota's top finisher a year ago in the 10K race, taking 37th with a time of 32:03. Former harrier Rick Obleman took 40th and **TODD LANDGRAFF** (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd. McClure and Polson took 60th and 61st, respectively.

RANK ORDER: According to the most recent national poll (October 21), Minnesota is ranked 24th in the country and third in District V. Oklahoma State is first in District V, followed by Missouri. The rest of the District breaks down as follows: 4. Iowa State; 5. Iowa; 6. Northern Iowa; 7. Illinois State; 8. Nebraska; 9. Illinois; 10. Tulsa.

LOOKING AHEAD: The NCAA Championships will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at Greenville, S.C. In order to qualify for nationals, teams must finish among the top two in their districts. After that four at-large teams will be selected nationally. To qualify individually from each district, runners must place among the top three individuals from non-qualifying teams, and at least be among the top 20 overall. After that, three additional runners are selected at-large nationally.

PREVIEWING THE DISTRICTS: Only two other schools from the Big Ten Conference will compete in the NCAA District V Championships. Iowa, who finished four points behind the U of M at Big Tens, and Illinois, who placed ninth at the conference champi-

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	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraft	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
& team's best time or finish this season
(Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the Big Ten Championships Ohio State University

Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Michigan	29	1	2	7	8	11
2.	Wisconsin	42	4	5	6	9	18
3.	Michigan State	79	3	13	15	20	28
4.	Minnesota	131	23	25	26	27	30
5.	Iowa	134	10	17	22	41	44
6.	Penn-State	163	19	24	33	39	48
7.	Ohio State	183	14	34	38	43	54
8.	Indiana	203	12	16	50	59	66
9.	Illinois	217	32	36	46	47	56
10.	Purdue	246	29	42	57	58	60

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
23	C. Johnson	25:22.3
25	J. Polson	25:27.4
26	M. Stoick	25:27.7
27	T. Riter	25:28.3
30	C. McClure	25:30.0
31	E. Pierce	25:30.9
37	T. Landgraft	25:40.4
38	E. Hartmark	25:40.6
77	M. Carter	27:01.8

SWIMMING & DIVING

HOME OPENER: The Minnesota swimming and diving team will take its mark at home this weekend as it hosts North Carolina in a dual meet Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at the Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool in the University Aquatic Center. Friday's competition begins at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday's action starts at 11:00 a.m.

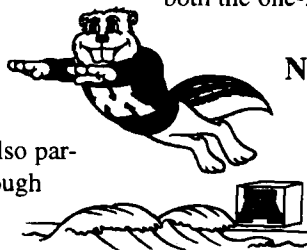
TARHEEL TOTALS: North Carolina dropped its first meet of the year to the University of Georgia, 171-119, Thursday, Oct. 23. The Tarheels, who placed 22nd at the NCAA Championships a year ago, won five events, with four different individual event winners and a winning 400 free relay team. North Carolina also participated in the Tarheel Invitational, Friday Oct. 31. Although there were no team scores, three different swimmers captured titles in the 50 free, 1650 free and 400 IM. UNC will swim against Duke on Tuesday, Nov. 4, before meeting the Golden Gophers on Friday.

LAST TIME VS. UNC: The Golden Gophers defeated the Tarheels by a narrow eight-point margin, 153-145, Nov. 2, last season in Chapel Hill, N.C. Minnesota took 11 titles, including tri-winner former Golden Gopher Manolis Lentaris (1000 free, 200 free and 500 free) and double winner junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.), who captured the 100 back (49.92) and 100 fly (49.14) title. Other returning individual winners include sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) in the 200 fly, senior **TY**

BATHURST (Albuquerque, NM) in the 50 free and senior **MATT NINNEMAN** (Madison, Wis.) in three-meter diving.

RECAPPING THE IOWA DUAL: Minnesota took seven of the 16 events, but lost to Iowa, 159-141, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was Minnesota's first dual meet of the season.

Freshmen **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) and **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) were the only double event winners for the Golden Gophers. Massura, a '96 Olympian, won the 200 free (1:39.52) and the 200 backstroke (1:50.09) and Croaston took both the one-meter (286.05) and three-meter (311.25) titles.



NATIONAL HONORS: Junior NCAA All-American **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) recently was named to the 1997 USS All-America Team in the 100 fly. Zielinski, the Minnesota school record holder and '97 Big Ten champion in the 100 fly, bettered the faster eighth-place preliminary time in that event from the 1996 Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships time at the 1997 Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships. Zielinski swam a 55.15 this past summer at the championships in Nashville, Tenn., July 26-Aug. 1. His best time in the 100 fly is the Minnesota school-record time of 47.00, which placed him fourth at the NCAA Championships and earned him NCAA All-America honors. He is the only member of the Minnesota swimming and diving team to be a member of the USS All-America Team.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE -- 21.33, Ty Bathurst (1st, at Iowa)
 100 FREE -- 46.58, Luis Lopez (3rd, at Iowa)
 200 FREE -- 1:39.52, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE -- 4:36.53, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1000 FREE -- 9:29.62, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1650 FREE! -- 15:10.55*+##\$, Bill Bishop (8th, NCAAs)
 100 BACK -- 50.94, Martin Zielinski (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 BACK -- 1:50.09, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 100 BREAST -- 57.47, Oscar Godoi (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 BREAST -- 2:06.06, Chris Wood (3rd, at Iowa)
 100 FLY -- 49.57, Martin Zielinski (1st, at Iowa)
 200 FLY -- 1:50.79, Yoav Meiri (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 IM! -- 1:47.93*, Jono McLeod (2nd, Big Tens)
 400 IM -- 4:03.25, Jono McLeod (4th, at Iowa)

* personal best
 + Minnesota Varsity Record
 # Minnesota Freshman Record
 \$ earned All-America honors
 & earned Honorable Mention All-America honors
 ! not been competed in this season; time is from last year

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA at IOWA (Iowa City, Iowa) Nov. 1, 1997

Event Winners	Swimmer	Event	Time
	MINN-A	200 medley relay	1:32.56
	(Hulseman, Godoi, Zielinski, Bathurst)		
	Alex Massura	200 freestyle	1:39.52
	Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	21.33
	Dan Croaston	1-M diving	286.05
	Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:50.09
	Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	49.57
	Dan Croaston	3-M diving	311.25

TENNIS

HOME COOKING: After spending the majority of the fall season outdoors in warmer climates, Minnesota returns home to finish its fall season by hosting the Ice Volleys Showcase, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9, at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. Four other teams will be in attendance, in addition to the Golden Gophers. No. 40 Arizona State, No. 44 Washington, No. 51 Michigan and the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team, join No. 46 Minnesota in the tournament. Play begins at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, and will feature five singles flights and two doubles flights. All flights will also include a consolation draw.

RECAPPING THE ROLEX: Four Maroon and Gold singles players advanced as far as the round of 32 at the Rolex Regional Tennis Championships, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, in Champaign, Ill. Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) was the only seeded Minnesota singles player at No. 15. Chicoine earned a bye out of the round of 128 and defeated Indiana's Scott Lippett, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2 in the round of 64. He was eliminated from the championships with a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Butler's Shlomo Shemesh in the round of 32.

The two Golden Gopher doubles teams advanced as far as the round of 32.

LAST SEASON AT THE ICE VOLLEYS: Four Golden Gophers won their respective singles flights at the Ice Volleys last season, including Chicoine and sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), the only returning winners. Chicoine earned the No. 2 singles title with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Southern California's Johannes Mueller. Michalowski defeated Clemson's Pablo Bellagamba, 6-4, 7-6 (6) to capture the No. 6 singles title. Junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) won the consolation draw of the No. 4 singles bracket and sophomore **AARON DVORAK** (Bloomington, Minn.) took the consolation draw of the No. 7 singles bracket. Together, Michalowski and Kristoffersen won the No. 3 doubles consolation draw with a 8-6 defeat of Notre Dame's Sachire and Horsley.



THE LINE UP: Scheduled to compete for Minnesota are:

Singles

No. 1 -- Tom Chicoine; No. 2 -- Adam Selkirk; No. 3 -- Martin Michalowski; No. 4 -- Jorge Duenas; No. 5 -- Tyson Parry; No. 6 -- Jon Svensson; No. 7 -- Martin Kristoffersen; No. 8 -- Ed Marques; No. 9 -- Aaron Dvorak

Doubles

No. 1 -- Chicoine/Duenas; No. 2 -- Michalowski/Parry; No. 3 -- Selkirk/Svensson; No. 4 -- Martin Kristoffersen/Ed Marques

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	10-3		10-3						
Jorge Duenas	8-5		8-5						
Jon Svensson	5-5		5-5						
Adam Selkirk	4-5		4-5						
M. Michalowski	8-4		8-4						
Tyson Parry	6-6		6-6						
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3						
M. Kristoffersen	2-3		2-3						
Ed Marques	0-5		0-5						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Chicoine/Duenas	5-5		5-5						
Michalowski/Parry	11-2		11-2						
Selkirk/Svensson	4-2		4-2						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						

LAST TIME

ROLEX REGIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Champaign, Ill.) (Oct. 31-Nov. 3)

Singles

Player	Last Rd.	Result
Tom Chicoine	Rd. of 32	L, Shlomo Shemesh, Butler, 6-3, 6-3
Adam Selkirk	Rd. of 128	L, Matt Poulos, Cincinnati, 6-3, 6-2
M. Michalowski	Rd. of 32	L, Alex Witt, Northwestern, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3
Jorge Duenas	Rd. of 32	L, Gavin Sontag, Illinois, 6-2, 6-4
Tyson Parry	Rd. of 32	L, Dan Lencina, Marquette, 6-1, 3-0, ret.
Jon Svensson	Rd. of 64	L, Trey Eubanks, Michigan State, 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

Team	Last Rd.	Result
Chicoine/Duenas	Rd. of 32	L, Laski/Treadwell, Illinois, 8-5
Michalowski/Parry	Rd. of 32	L, Loughrin/Chang, Wisconsin, 8-4

"M" Club Hall of Fame

Twelve "M" Club Hall of Fame inductees, and one lifetime achievement award winner were honored at the "M" Club Hall of Fame banquet held at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome last night. The inductees will also be honored at a special halftime ceremony this afternoon.

PIONEER GROUP (PRIOR TO 1957)

Ken Boyum was the No. 1 tennis player for the Golden Gophers for three years, captaining the Minnesota squad in 1948 and 1949. He was the runner-up in the Big Nine individual competition in 1948. That was the same year that Minnesota won seven of nine matches as a team and Boyum only lost one match.

Osborne Cowles, better known as "Ozzie" to his peers, was one of the most successful basketball coaches at the University of Minnesota. While at Minnesota, Cowles compiled 147 wins and 93 losses in his eleven seasons between 1948-59 for a winning percentage of .613. He coached two-time All-American Jim McIntyre, as well as Whitey Skoog who was the first Golden Gopher to use the jump shot. Cowles also coached All-Americans Charles Mencil, Ron Johnson and Dick Garmaker. Before coming to Minnesota, he was the head coach at Michigan for two years where he was named Coach of the Year and won the 1948 Big Ten. Cowles was a graduate of Carleton College in 1918 where he was a four-year letter winner in basketball as well as a two-time all-state and three-time all-conference player. In his 30 years as a basketball coach, Cowles mentored 12 All-Americans. Cowles served in World War I for six months with the U.S. Army and in World War II as a U.S. Navy officer for two years. In 1993, the Williams Arena locker room was named after him. Cowles passed away in August 1997. He was 98.

Dick Garmaker was the first Golden Gopher to score 400 points which he did as a forward on the basketball team. He was a first-team All-American and first-team All-Big Ten in 1955. He is currently 10th on the Minnesota career scoring list with 1,008 career points. Garmaker still holds records for most points per game with a 22.9 average in all games and 24.8 in Big Ten games. He also holds the school record for free throws made in all games with 181 and in Big Ten games with 137. Garmaker is also the Minnesota record holder for most free throws attempted in a season with 251 in all games and 183 in conference games.

Neil Ofsthun was the NCAA Boxing champion at 125 pounds in 1951-52. He won nine of eleven points at the NCAA Championships that year for Minnesota, leading them to a fifth-place finish. With that title, he became the second national boxing champion in Minnesota history. Ofsthun compiled five wins, one loss and one draw during the 1951 season.

Ralph Piper was the head men's gymnastics coach from 1930-68, making him the longest tenured coach in Minnesota history. During his career he

coached six teams to the Big Ten title and placed in the top five eight years. In 1941, his team finished second in the NCAA Championships. He coached the East All-Star team in 1965 and also coached the U.S. national team.

CONTEMPORARY GROUP (1957-1992)

Jeff LaFleur was a two-time All-American and a four-time All-Big Ten selection during his four years with the Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team. In 1976 he won the Big Ten parallel bars crown and finished second in the all-around, floor exercise and vault. He also finished third in the parallel bars at the NCAA Championships. Following that tremendous season, LaFleur won the 1976 Big Ten Medal of Honor. He also competed on the 1979 Pan American Games team.

Tim LaFleur was a three-time Big Ten all-around champion in 1976, 1977 and 1978. He also won the Big Ten horizontal bar and still rings championships in 1977. LaFleur finished eighth in the all-around competition at the 1978 NCAA Championships. Following his senior year, LaFleur became the first Minnesota gymnast to win the coveted Nissen Award in 1978, considered to be the "Heisman Trophy" of gymnastics. He also won the Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1978. Following his career at Minnesota, LaFleur was a member of the 1978 and 1979 World Championship teams. He competed in the 1979 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, finishing 10th in the all-around and eighth on the parallel and horizontal bars.

Robb Stauber was the first goaltender ever to win the Hobey Baker Award, which he did in 1988. That year Stauber started 44 games and recorded a school-record five shutouts for a 2.72 goals against average. He was a first-team All-American and a first-team All-WCHA selection. He also won the team's John Mariucci MVP award. Over three years, Stauber set school career records for games played, minutes played, and best saves percentage. Stauber led his team to three straight NCAA Final Four appearances and had a career record of 102-34-4. He was drafted in the fifth round by the Los Angeles Kings in the 1986 NHL draft. Stauber began play for the Kings in 1989 and was traded to the Buffalo Sabres during the 1994-95 season. He signed with the New York Rangers in early September and will likely play with the Rangers American Hockey League affiliate in Hartford, Conn., this season.

Bob Stein was one of only two players in Golden Gopher history to earn Academic All-America and All-America honors at defensive end, which he did in 1967 and 1968, respectively. A two-time All-Big Ten selection in 1967 and 1968, Stein was a member of the Gopher football team that played in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1969.

Darrell Thompson was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1986 and second-team All-Big Ten pick in 1987. He is one of the Gophers' premier running backs and

established several rushing records at Minnesota. Thompson holds the school's all-time career rushing record with 4,654 yards in four years as well as the marks for number of attempts (936) and rushing touchdowns (40). He also holds the freshman, sophomore and senior rushing yardage records. Thompson was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers in 1990.

SPECIAL AWARDS


Dr. Frank A. Bencriscutto was one of the most influential band directors to ever teach music at the University of Minnesota. Bencriscutto, better known as "Dr. Ben," came to Minnesota in 1960 and was the band director for 32 years until 1992. He was the first to present indoor marching band concerts and launched the jazz studies program. Bencriscutto took his wind ensemble to Carnegie Hall, the People's Republic of China and the former Soviet Union. In 1992, Bencriscutto released *Songs of the University of Minnesota*, a collection of Minnesota favorites that he arranged and directed, including the "Minnesota Rouser," "Hail Minnesota," "Minnesota March" and "Minnesota Fight." Bencriscutto earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in musical education from the University of Wisconsin. While stationed in Chicago with the U.S. Army from 1951-54, he played in a jazz combo, wrote arrangements and scored films for the Army. Bencriscutto died from lung cancer Aug. 28, 1997, in Roseville, Minn. He was 68.

Sid Hartman has been covering Golden Gopher athletics for the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 1944. One of the first athletes he covered was Minnesota Hall of Famer Bud Grant who later asked Hartman to introduce him when Grant was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Hartman has been in the business since he was nine years old when he began delivering newspapers and recently published his autobiography, "Simply Sid," with Patrick Reusse. Currently Hartman hosts a radio show on WCCO Radio as well as writing for the Star Tribune.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Wendell Anderson was a member of the Golden Gopher hockey team from 1952-54. Better known as "Wendy" or "Andy", he played in 63 games, scored seven goals and had 18 assists. Following his playing days on the ice, Anderson received a law degree from the University's Law School in 1960. In 1958, he was elected to the first of two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Anderson was elected governor of Minnesota in November 1970, and was re-elected in November 1974. From 1977 to 1978, he served as a member of the U.S. Senate. Governor Anderson is currently a partner in the firm of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren Ltd., with offices in Minneapolis and Washington D.C.

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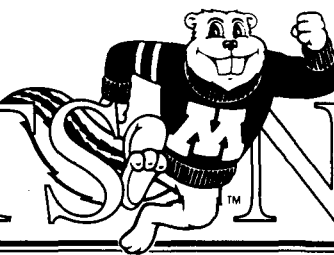
CLYMER TO HAVE SURGERY; SIDELINED FOR THE SEASON

The University of Minnesota men's hockey program announced that sophomore defenseman Ben Clymer will be sidelined for the remainder of the 1997-98 season after reinjuring his left shoulder Wednesday afternoon in practice.

Surgery for the injured shoulder will be scheduled in the near future. Clymer has an appointment scheduled for next Tuesday with Dr. Bob LaPrade, the hockey team physician, to discuss the timing of the surgery.

"Ben has an anterior instability in the shoulder which has not responded to protection from simply wearing a brace," said Dr. Dan Buss, a University of Minnesota orthopedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder injuries. "The success rate of a full recovery from this type of injury (following surgery) is extraordinarily high, and I expect Ben will be able to make a full recovery."

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The Golden Gopher men's and women's media relations departments, along with MSP Inter@ctive, who created and helps maintain the site, were rewarded for their diligent work in keeping the website current with statistics and fresh content every day.

The athletics website was created to provide Golden Gopher enthusiasts with up-to-date information on game results, rankings and events. The website also features maps of the sports stadiums/arenas and the Golden Gopher Mall where fans can purchase Gopher merchandise.



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Berg, from Anoka, Minn., figured in all four of Minnesota's goals in Friday's 4-2 win over Wisconsin. Berg tied the game at 2-2 with a power-play goal at 14:14 of the second period, then scored the eventual game winner at 9:31 of the third period. He also assisted on the game's first and last goals.

Through games of Nov. 9, the Toronto Maple Leafs draftee leads the team and the league in scoring with three goals and five assists.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Alaska-Anchorage this weekend to battle the UAA Seawolves. Both Friday and Saturday evening games will faceoff at 10:05 p.m. (CST).



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Target Center
ESPN (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
8:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP Radio (1500)
10:05 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 15

- **Cross Country** at NCAA District V Champ.
Ames, Iowa
11 a.m.
- **Football** vs. Indiana
Metrodome
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
6 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP Radio (1500)
10:05 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Bison Open
Fargo, N.D.
All Day

WE'RE NO. 1

The University of Minnesota's Athletics website was named the "Best Website in the State" at the Minnesota Magazine Publishers Association's Excellence Awards on Thursday, Nov. 7. The men's and women's media relations departments, in conjunction with MSP Inter@ctive, who created and maintains the website, introduced the new site at www.gophersports.com on Sept. 9.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball and hockey information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

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, November 11:
Football Coach **Glen Mason's** weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, November 12:
Senior guard **Eric Harris** and senior guard/forward **Sam Jacobson** preview Friday's basketball season opener vs. Villanova

Thursday, November 13:
Senior quarterback **Cory Sauter** and defensive end

Lamanzer Williams

Friday, November 14:
Cross Country Coach **Steve Plasencia** previews the District Championships

Sat., November 15: Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Villanova postgame comments

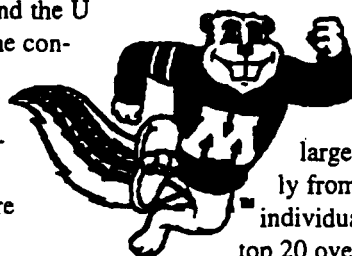
Sun., November 16: Football Coach **Glen Mason's** Indiana postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

(25:27.4). He was followed by **MICHAEL STOICK** (Jr., St. Michael, Minn.) at 26th, **TONY RITER** (Sr., Shoreview, Minn.) at 27th and **CHARLES McCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.) at 30th.

THIS WEEK: The 27th-ranked men's cross country team competes in the NCAA District V Championships in Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11:00 a.m. This will be the first time Minnesota will race in Region V after previously running in Region IV.

PREVIEWING THE DISTRICTS: Only two other schools from the Big Ten Conference will compete in the NCAA District V Championships. Iowa, who finished four points behind the U of M at Big Tens, and Illinois, who placed ninth at the conference championship, will be competing. Riter was Minnesota's top finisher a year ago at the District IV meet, taking 37th with a time of 32:03. Former harrier Rick Obleman took 40th and **TODD LANDGRAFF** (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd. McClure and Polson took 60th and 61st, respectively.



RANK ORDER: According to the most recent national poll (Nov. 5), Minnesota is ranked 27th in the country and fifth in District V. Iowa State is first in District V, followed by Oklahoma State and Nebraska. The rest of the District breaks down as follows: 4. Northern Iowa; 5. Minnesota; 6. Illinois State; 7. Iowa; 8. Missouri; 9. Drake; 10. Tulsa.

LOOKING AHEAD: The NCAA Championships will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at Greenville, S.C. In order to qualify for nationals, teams must finish among the top two in their districts. After that, four large teams will be selected nationally. To qualify individually from each district, runners must place among the top three individuals from non-qualifying teams, and at least be among the top 20 overall. After that, three additional runners are selected at-large nationally.

FINISHING BIG AT BIG TENS: Minnesota took fourth at the 8K Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was the best finish for the Golden Gophers since 1993, when that team placed fourth as well. **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) led the Maroon and Gold with a 23rd-place finish at his first Big Ten Championship race (25:22.3). Four other U of M runners finished in the top 30, all within approximately two and a half seconds of one another, to help Minnesota improve from the seventh-place finish the team had a year ago. **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) led the four finishers, coming in 25th place

SCOREBOARD

	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraft	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
& team's best time or finish this season
(Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the Big Ten Championships Ohio State University							
Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Michigan	29	1	2	7	8	11
2.	Wisconsin	42	4	5	6	9	18
3.	Michigan State	79	3	13	15	20	28
4.	Minnesota	131	23	25	26	27	30
5.	Iowa	134	10	17	22	41	44
6.	Penn State	163	19	24	33	39	48
7.	Ohio State	183	14	34	38	43	54
8.	Indiana	203	12	16	50	59	66
9.	Illinois	217	32	36	46	47	56
10.	Purdue	246	29	42	57	58	60

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
23	C. Johnson	25:22.3
25	J. Polson	25:27.4
26	M. Stoick	25:27.7
27	T. Riter	25:28.3
30	C. McClure	25:30.0
31	E. Pierce	25:30.9
37	T. Landgraft	25:40.4
38	E. Hartmark	25:40.6
77	M. Carter	27:01.8

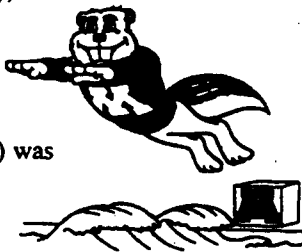
SWIMMING & DIVING

WORKOUT WEEK: The Golden Gophers are idle until they host the Minnesota Invitational, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 21-23. The co-ed event will begin Friday at 11 a.m. with preliminary races at the Aquatic Center's Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool.

ON THE HOMEFRONT: Minnesota built a 108-78 advantage over North Carolina in the first day of competition, Friday, Nov. 7, and closed out the 208-142 win over the Tarheels, Saturday, Nov. 8. Minnesota won 14 event titles en route to its first victory of the new season.

Freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was impressive for the Golden Gophers, winning three events (100 back, 100 free and 200 back) and being a part of the winning 400 free relay team. His 48.88 time in the 100 back qualified for NCAA consideration, as did his 100 free split time in the 400 free relay.

Freshman diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) and sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) each won two titles against North Carolina. Croaston won both the one-meter (272.30) and three-meter (300.05) diving competition. Bishop took the 1,000 free (9:21.53) and 400 IM (4:01.75).



SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE -- 20.49, Ty Bathurst (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FREE -- 45.50*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FREE -- 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE -- 4:36.53, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1000 FREE -- 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
 1650 FREE! -- 15:10.55*+§, Bill Bishop (8th, NAAs)
 100 BACK -- 48.88*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BACK -- 1:49.14*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 BREAST -- 56.74, Oscar Godoi (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BREAST -- 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FLY -- 49.42, Martin Zielinski (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FLY -- 1:50.57, Yoav Meiri (2nd, vs. UNC)
 200 IM -- 1:52.68, Jono McLeod (1st, vs. UNC)
 400 IM -- 4:01.75, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)

* personal best

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

§ earned All-America honors

& earned Honorable Mention All-America honors

● not been competed in this season; time is from last year

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA vs. NORTH CAROLINA (Aquatic Center) Nov. 8-9, 1997

Event Winners

Swimmer	Event	Time
MINN-A (Hulseman, Godoi, Zielinski, Bathurst)	200 medley relay	1:30.82
Dan Croaston	1-M diving	272.30
Bill Bishop	1000 freestyle	9:21.53
Alex Massura	100 backstroke	48.88^
Oscar Godoi	100 breaststroke	56.74
Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	20.49
Jono McLeod	200 individual med.	1:52.68
Dan Croaston	3-M diving	300.05
Bill Bishop	400 individual med.	4:01.75
Alex Massura	100 freestyle	45.50
Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:49.14
Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	49.42
Chris Wood	200 breaststroke	2:03.90
MINN-A (Massura, Cahoy, Lopez, Rients)	400 freestyle relay	3:02.27

^ NCAA consideration time

% NCAA automatic time

TENNIS

IT'S A WRAP: Minnesota closed out its fall tournament season with the 15th annual Ice Volleys Showcase this past weekend, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 7-8. The Golden Gophers will not compete again until Jan. 6-10, when the team plays in the Milwaukee Classic in Milwaukee, Wis.

VOLLEYS VIEW: Freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) was the only Golden Gopher to win his flight at the Ice Volleys Showcase this past weekend. Duenas, the U of M's No. 4 singles player, won three matches en route to the Bulgarian Flight title, including a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 win over the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team member Mihail Kanev in the finals.

The Golden Gophers' No. 3 doubles team of junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) advanced to the finals of the Maroon Flight with victories over Washington's team of Berman and Rampazzo (8-6) and the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team's Tzvetkov and Ivanchev (8-6). Selkirk and Svensson lost to Arizona State's Amir Ran and Miles Rogers, 8-4, in the finals.

FALL LEADERS: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) held the Golden Gophers' best singles record with an 11-4 mark during the fall season. Chicoine, the Maroon and Gold's No. 1 singles player, won the No. 1 singles pool at the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 24-26 and lost in the finals of the

University of New Mexico Alumni Coaches Tennis Challenge in Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 19-21.

Duenas, in addition to his Ice Volleys title, won the No. 4 singles pool of the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic and posted an 11-5 fall record.

The doubles team of sophomore captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) and Parry posted the Golden Gophers' top doubles record, going 11-3 over the fall and winning three doubles titles, including the BellSouth Mobility title in Lafayette, La., Oct. 3-5.

Selkirk also captured a singles title over the fall, winning the UNM Alumni Coaches Tennis Challenge consolation bracket.



RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 46 in the nation according to the ITA's fall preseason rankings. Jorge Duenas is the only individual ranked, checking in at No. 100. The winter/spring rankings will not be available until January, but can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	11-4		11-4	*					
Adam Selkirk	4-8		4-8		*				
M. Michalowski	9-5		9-5			*			
Jorge Duenas	11-5		11-5				*		
Tyson Parry	8-7		8-7					*	
Jon Svensson	6-7		6-7						*
Aaron Dvorak	2-4		2-4						
M. Kristoffersen	3-5		3-5						
Ed Marques	1-6		1-6						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Chicoine/Duenas	5-6		5-6	*					
Michalowski/Parry	11-3		11-3		*				
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3		6-3			*			
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						
Svensson/Kristoffersen	2-1		2-1						

* anticipated 1998 dual match lineup

LAST TIME

ICE VOLLEYS SHOWCASE (Bloomington, Minn.) (Nov. 8-9)

Singles

Player	Finish	Flight
Tom Chicoine	4th	Huskies
Adam Selkirk	8th	Sun Devils
M. Michalowski	4th	Sun Devils
Jorge Duenas	1st	Bulgarian
Tyson Parry	5th	Wolverine
Jon Svensson	6th	Wolverine
M. Kristoffersen	4th	Wolverine
Ed Marques	2nd	Gopher
Aaron Dvorak	3rd	Gopher

Doubles

Team	Finish	Flight
Chicoine/Duenas	T6th	Gold
Michalowski/Parry	T6th	Gold
Selkirk/Svensson	2nd	Maroon

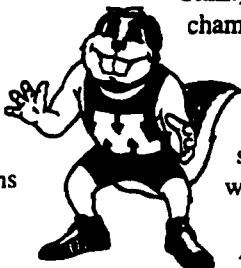
WRESTLING

A RETURN TO DOMINANCE: The Golden Gopher grapplers will begin their 1997-98 season at the Bison Open hosted by North Dakota State on Saturday, Nov. 15, in Fargo, N.D. Minnesota has six returning titleholders from last season's open: **JASON DAVIDS (Forest Lake, Minn.) (142)**, **DELANEY BERGER (Mandan, N.D.) (158)**, **ZAC TAYLOR (Sandpoint, Idaho) (167)**, **BRANDON EGGUM (Sidney, Mont.) (177)** and **TIM HARTUNG (Durand, Wis.) (190)**.

All wrestlers can compete in the open at any weight class. All records at the Bison Open, however, do not count in the final season standings.

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM: With five All-Americans and nine NCAA qualifiers returning, Head Coach J Robinson's Golden Gophers stand poised to dominate on the national scene and make a run at the Big Ten and national championships.

After turning in one of the best seasons in school history, which included a runner-up finish in the Big Ten, a school-record 10 NCAA qualifiers and a third-place NCAA showing, Minnesota will only be stronger in 1997-98 on the strength of its experienced veterans as well as the addition of one of the best recruiting classes in the nation, according to Amateur Wrestling News and Wrestling Institute Newsmagazine.



GOING POLLING: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA)/Amateur Wrestling News preseason poll, trailing Oklahoma State and Iowa in the preseason rankings.

Individually, two-time All-Americans Jason Davids and CHAD KRAFT (Lakefield, Minn.) are the top ranked wrestlers in their weight classes. Davids, a senior, is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet.

Senior All-American SHELTON BENJAMIN (Susanville, Calif.) is ranked second at heavyweight, and defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-America selection Tim Hartung is ranked third at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior All-American PAT CONNORS (Longview, Wash.) who is sixth at 126, and junior TROY MARR (Wyoming, Minn.) who is the eighth-ranked wrestler at 134.

A complete listing of the top 20 teams:

1. Oklahoma State, 2. Iowa, 3. Minnesota, 4. Michigan, 5. Nebraska, 6. Arizona State, 7. Oklahoma, 8. Penn State, 9. Iowa State, 10. Edinboro, 11. Pittsburgh, 12. Lehigh, 13. Illinois, 14. Pennsylvania, 15. Ohio State, 16. Northwestern, 17. Rider, 18. Oregon State, 19. Clarion, 20. Wisconsin

SCOREBOARD

TOP RETURNING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (1996-97)

18 lbs. -- 13-2, Brett Lawrence
 26 lbs. -- 20-8, Pat Connors (4-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 3-3, 8th, NCAA)
 34 lbs. -- 20-8, Troy Marr (2-2, 5th, Big Ten; 2-2 NCAA)
 42 lbs. -- 34-4, Jason Davids (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 50 lbs. -- 31-5, Chad Kraft (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 58 lbs. -- 27-11, Josh Holiday (3-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 67 lbs. -- 21-9, Zac Taylor (21-9, 2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 77 lbs. -- 19-10, Brandon Eggum (2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 0-2, NCAA)
 90 lbs. -- 34-2, Tim Hartung (4-0, 1st, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 IWT -- 25-16, Shelton Benjamin (2-3, 6th, Big Ten; 6-2, 5th, NCAA)

LAST TIME

RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS

Wrestler	Weight Class	Place	Record at NCAA's
Pat Connors	126	8th	3-3
Jason Davids	142	3rd	5-1
Chad Kraft	150	3rd	5-1
Tim Hartung	190*	3rd	5-1
Shelton Benjamin	HWT	5th	6-2

*Big Ten Champion



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GOLDEN GOPHERS INK THREE BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

The University of Minnesota announced today that three prep stars have signed national letters of intent to attend Minnesota and play basketball. That group is highlighted by preseason high school All-America selection Joel Przybilla of Monticello, Minn. The Golden Gophers also received tenders from 6-2 guard Kevin Burleson of Seattle's O'Dea High School and 6-6 forward Nick Sinville of Loyola College Prep in Shreveport, La.

Przybilla is a seven-foot center who became the most sought-after Minnesota recruit in state history, climbing to the top of every recruiters' list with his play in the national camp tournaments this past summer. An outstanding defensive player who averaged 10.3 blocks per game last year, he is rated as the top center in the country and the third best player overall by recruiting expert Bob Gibbons of *All-Star Publications*. Przybilla was the Associated Press Player of the Year in Minnesota as a junior when he averaged 18.3 points and 13.3 rebounds per game.

"Joel is one of the premier big men in the country," said Haskins. "He is a great shot blocker and passer and runs the court very well. He is a pure center and will make an immediate impact for us in the post area."

Burleson is a combination guard who can play point or shooting guard. He has helped lead O'Dea High School to two consecutive Washington State Class AA championships. He is an excellent shooter and ball handler and is coming off a great summer in camps.

"Kevin is a gifted combination guard," said Haskins. "He can shoot the three, penetrate and score or distribute the ball. He comes from an excellent program and has been a big part of their two state titles."

Sinville might be the sleeper of the group. A swing man who can play forward or guard, he averaged 21.1 points and 14 rebounds per game as a junior at Loyola College Prep. He is a very strong physical player who has excellent moves in the low post. A top 100 pick, he is called a "high-major to big-time prospect" by *Prep Stars Recruiters Handbook*.

"Nick is a powerful player who is very strong in the low post," said Haskins. "He is blue collar in his approach to the game and will add great depth to our young low post players."

"These three players all can contribute next year," said Haskins. "They come from winning programs, and we are excited about them joining the Golden Gopher family."



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GOPHERS SIGN SIX TOP RECRUITS TO HOCKEY TENDERS

The University of Minnesota men's hockey program has announced the signing of six top Minnesota student-athletes to national letters of intent to play for the Golden Gophers beginning with the 1998-99 season.

Nick Angell is a 6'0", 190-pound right-handed shooting defenseman from Duluth East High School in Duluth, Minn. Angell was named to the *Duluth News-Tribune's* all-area team last season after scoring 11 goals and 28 assists for 39 points in 28 games played. He helped lead the Greyhounds to the state tournament, and was honored for his efforts in St. Paul by being named to the all-tournament team.

Adam Hauser, a 6'1", 190-pound goaltender from Coleraine, Minn., is currently playing with the U.S. National under-18 team in Ann Arbor, Mich. Hauser is widely considered the best high school goaltending prospect in the nation. Last season at Greenway (Coleraine) High School, Hauser posted a 2.54 goals-against average and a .909 saves percentage in 25 games. He was also a member of the U.S. Select 16 team in 1996.

Jordan Leopold, a 6'0", 184-pound left-handed defenseman from Robbinsdale, Minn., (Armstrong High School) is also on the U.S. National under-18 team in Michigan. Leopold is considered to be one of the most skilled prep senior blueliners in the country. Leopold, also a member of the U.S. Select 16 team, was cited on the all-state honorable mention list last season as a prep junior.

Doug Meyer, a 6'1", 187-pound left-handed forward from Bloomington, Minn., (Kennedy High School) is the third member of the recruiting class that is currently with the under-18 developmental squad in Michigan. Meyer, who was named to the all-conference team as a junior, led his team in scoring last season. He scored six goals in nine contests against USHL opponents this fall on the developmental squads.

Johnny Pohl, a 6'0", 173-pound right-handed center from Red Wing, Minn., piled up numbers of 56 goals and 55 assists for 111 total points as a high school junior in leading Red Wing to the Class A state championship. Pohl was named to the all-state and all-conference teams, and scored six goals and three assists in 15 games with the St. Paul Vulcans in limited action this fall.

Erik Wendell is a 6'1", 197-pound left-handed forward from Maple Grove, Minn., (Maple Grove High School). Wendell scored 26 goals and added 15 assists for 41 total points last season at Park Center High School. He is a two-time all-conference selection, team MVP as a junior last season at Park Center, and was named to the all-metro team. Wendell scored six goals and added two assists in 15 games this fall for the St. Paul Vulcans.

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All six recruits also excel in the classroom, with five of the six carrying grade-point averages of 3.00 (B-average) or higher. Hauser leads the list with a 3.87 GPA (4.00 scale), with Wendell carrying a 3.32 and Pohl a 3.25 average.

"We have successfully recruited and will be able to replace the two forwards, two defenseman, and one goaltender we will lose after this season to graduation," said Golden Gopher Associate Head Coach Mike Guentzel. "These six kids are all highly skilled and extremely competitive and will play with great work ethic and character every night. We expect all to make immediate contributions to the program next season as we continue to pursue WCHA and NCAA Championships. This is one of the strongest classes we've recruited in recent history. And certainly not to be overlooked is the fact that all six are good students, and want to come to the U of M to receive college degrees in addition to becoming members of the Golden Gopher hockey family."

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GOPHERS TO PRACTICE AT TARGET CENTER WEDNESDAY; HASKINS AVAILABLE AT 3 P.M.

The Golden Gopher basketball team will practice tomorrow at the Target Center at 3:30 in preparation for the Black Coaches Association Classic game vs. Villanova on Friday. Haskins will be available at 3 p.m. at courtside for preview comments on the BCA Classic. In addition, if the necessary NCAA requirements are fulfilled (ie a signed tender received), he will be able to comment on any players from which the team has received official letters of intent. This will be the only access to Coach Haskins before the Villanova game.

Note: Practice will be open to the media for the first twenty minutes, but player interviews will not be permitted. If you have any questions, please call Bill Crumley at 625-4090.

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SOPHOMORE TYRONE CARTER NAMED BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

University of Minnesota sophomore strong safety Tyrone Carter has been named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in Saturday's 24-12 Golden Gopher win over Indiana.

Carter collected a career-high 17 tackles, including 14 solos and one pass break-up, in the victory over the Hoosiers and now ranks second overall in the Big Ten with 120 total tackles (97 solos) on the season. That marks the highest total by a Golden Gopher since Jon Leverenz collected 162 tackles back in 1987.

Carter has the opportunity to break the single-season school record of 103 solo tackles set by George Washington in 1975 in Minnesota's season finale Saturday at Iowa.



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PARC WILLIAMS AND CORY SAUTER NAMED TO THE GTE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT V FOOTBALL TEAM

University of Minnesota senior quarterback Cory Sauter and junior linebacker Parc Williams have been named to the GTE Academic All-District V team for the second straight year.

Sauter and Williams are now eligible for Academic All-America honors. The Academic All-America Team will be announced December 9.

Sauter, a native of Hutchinson, Minn., graduated in August of 1996 with a 3.38 GPA in kinesiology. He is currently enrolled as a graduate student in the Master's of Education program. Sauter made the Winter 1995 College of Liberal Arts Dean's List with two quarters of a perfect 4.0 GPA. A three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, he is also a four-time Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

Heading into the season finale at Iowa on Saturday, Sauter has set University of Minnesota career records with 40 touchdown passes, 532 completions and 6,730 passing yards. He has started 33 straight games the past three seasons and is serving as a team captain for the second straight season. Sauter was a candidate this season for both the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm and Davey O'Brien Awards.

A native of Zumbrota, Minn., Williams has a 3.37 GPA in kinesiology. He is a two-time All-Academic Big Ten choice and a two-time Scholar Athlete Award winner.

Williams currently is ranked second for the Golden Gophers and seventh in the Big Ten with 108 total tackles this season. Last year he received the Carl Eller Award as the team's defensive MVP when he led Minnesota in tackles with 98, including 61 solos. He is also serving as a team captain this season.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Mon., Nov. 17

- **Basketball** vs. Utah State
Preseason NIT
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 21

- **Hockey** vs. Colorado College
Mariucci Arena
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7:35 p.m.
- **Swimming & Diving** vs. Minnesota Invitational
Aquatic Center/Sheppard Pool
11 a.m./1 p.m./6 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at NDSU
Fargo, N.D.
7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 22

- **Basketball** vs. Alabama
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830) (tape delay)
2 p.m.
- **Football** at Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa
MSC (tape delayed ~ 9:30 p.m.)
WCCO Radio (830) (Live)
1:05 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 22

- **Hockey** vs. Colorado College
Mariucci Arena
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7:35 p.m.

Sun.,
Nov. 23

- **Swimming & Diving** vs. Minnesota Invitational
Aquatic Center/Sheppard Pool
11 a.m./1 p.m./6 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Omaha Open
Omaha, Neb.
All Day
- **Swimming & Diving** vs. Minnesota Invitational
Aquatic Center/Sheppard Pool
10 a.m./Noon/3 p.m.

Mon.,
Nov. 24

- **Cross Country** at NCAA Championships
Greenville, S.C.
10 a.m.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball and hockey information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

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, November 18:
Football Coach **Glen Mason's** weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, November 19:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter**, wide receiver **Tutu Atwell** and defensive end **Lamanzer Williams**

Thursday, November 20:
Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins**

Friday, November 21:
Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Sat., November 22: Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Villanova postgame comments

Sun., November 23: Football Coach **Glen Mason's** Iowa postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBER: After a second-place finish at the District V Championships Saturday, Nov. 15 in Ames, Iowa, Minnesota qualified for the NCAA Championships Monday, Nov. 24, in Greenville, S.C. The race will begin at the Furman University Golf Course at 11 a.m., EST.

MINNESOTA AND THE NCAAS: This season's trip to the NCAA Championships marks Minnesota's first as a team since 1981. Former Head Coach Roy Griak led the 1981 team to a 12th-place finish at the NCAAs. The Maroon and Gold have never won the NCAA Cross Country Championships and have yet to have an individual champion. The U has only ventured to the championships as a team on eight occasions, placing as high as fourth in 1968. The last time Minnesota placed as high as second in any district was in 1981 when the second-place finish in District IV advanced the Golden Gophers to the NCAAs.

DISTRICT V DEBUT: Led by sophomore **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) and his eighth-place finish (32:58), the Golden Gophers finished second only to the district's second-ranked team, Oklahoma State. Minnesota was ranked fifth heading into the district championships. Senior **CHAD JOHNSON** (Chetek, Wis.), who had been the Golden Gopher force throughout the second half of the season, battled to an 11th-place finish (33:12), and sophomore



JEREMY POLSON (Duluth, Minn.) finished third on the team and 16th at the district race (33:20).

SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS: It's been a season full of success for Minnesota. Some of the accomplishments of the team include:

- winning two fall invitationals (Lester Park, 9/13; Iowa, 10/1)
- a third-place finish at the Roy Griak Invitational (9/27), the team's best finish in its history at that event
- entering the national rankings at No. 22 (9/30), the team's first top 25 ranking in over 10 years. Minnesota then stayed among the nation's elite for four more weeks before falling to No. 27 (11/5)
- a fourth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, the Golden Gophers' best placement since 1993
- a bid to the NCAA Championships, its first since 1981

RANK ORDER: According to the most recent national poll (Nov. 5), Minnesota is ranked 27th in the country and fifth in District V. Iowa State is first in District V, followed by Oklahoma State and Nebraska. The rest of the District breaks down as follows: 4. Northern Iowa; 5. Minnesota; 6. Illinois State; 7. Iowa; 8. Missouri; 9. Drake; 10. Tulsa.

SCOREBOARD

	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraff	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
& team's best time or finish this season
(Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the NCAA District V Championships (10K) Iowa State University

Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Oklahoma St.	86	5	7	12	19	43
2.	Minnesota	94	8	11	16	26	33
3.	Nebraska	101	1	2	25	36	37
4.	Iowa State	103	3	4	9	38	49
5.	Missouri	121	10	17	22	31	41
6.	Iowa	137	20	23	24	30	40
7.	Northern Iowa	186	15	32	39	44	56
8.	Illinois State	231	18	42	47	57	67
9.	Kansas	260	6	28	51	73	102
10.	Illinois	269	14	50	58	69	78

(21 teams competed; this just reflects the top 10)

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
8	E. Pierce	32:58
11	C. Johnson	33:12
16	J. Polson	33:20
26	E. Hartmark	33:35
33	C. McClure	33:52
34	M. Stoick	33:57
97	T. Riter	35:52

SWIMMING & DIVING

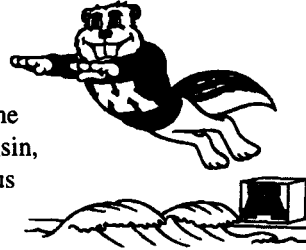
Championships with Nebraska. Leading the nation's top 25 is defending national champion Auburn, followed by No. 2 Stanford, No. 3 Texas, No. 4 Georgia and No. 5 Southern California.

HOME WATER: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Invitational, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 21-23. The co-ed event begins Friday at 11 a.m. with preliminary races at the Aquatic Center's Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool. Finals both Friday and Saturday will occur at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Preliminaries will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday and 10 a.m., Sunday. Diving preliminaries will kick off at 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Final diving will be at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

A complete listing of the nation's top 25 teams: 1. Auburn, 2. Stanford, 3. Texas, 4. Georgia, 5. USC, 6. Tennessee, 7. Michigan, 8. SMU, 9. Miami (Fla.), 10. Florida State, 11. Arizona State, 12. Minnesota, 13. Nebraska, 14. California, 15. Florida, 16. LSU, 17. Arizona, 18. Harvard, 19. Purdue, 20. North Carolina, 21. Indiana, 22. Virginia, 23. Ohio State, 24. Texas A&M, 25. Alabama.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION:

Including Minnesota, seven teams will be competing at the Minnesota Invitational. In addition to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Carleton, Iowa State, North Dakota, St. Olaf and Gustavus will all be in attendance. All teams competed in last season's Minnesota Invitational.



LAST TIME AT THE MINNESOTA INVITE: The Golden Gophers won the nine-team invitational with 1,409.5 points after capturing 14 event titles. Iowa State placed second and Wisconsin was third. Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) is the lone multiple event winner from a year ago. Bathurst won the 50 free (20.20) and 100 breast (55.96).

NATIONAL SCENE: The Golden Gophers entered the CSCAA Speedo America's first national poll of the season at No. 12. Minnesota finished the 1996-97 season tied for 12th at the NCAA

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE -- 20.49, Ty Bathurst (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FREE -- 45.50*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FREE -- 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE -- 4:36.53, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1000 FREE -- 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
 1650 FREE! -- 15:10.55*+#\$, Bill Bishop (8th, NCAAs)
 100 BACK -- 48.88*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BACK -- 1:49.14*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 BREAST -- 56.74, Oscar Godoi (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BREAST -- 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FLY -- 49.42, Martin Zielinski (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FLY -- 1:50.57, Yoav Meiri (2nd, vs. UNC)
 200 IM -- 1:52.68, Jono McLeod (1st, vs. UNC)
 400 IM -- 4:01.75, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)

* personal best

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

\$ earned All-America honors

& earned Honorable Mention All-America honors

! has not been competed in this season; time is from last year

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA vs. NORTH CAROLINA (Aquatic Center) Nov. 8-9, 1997

Event Winners

Swimmer	Event	Time
MINN-A (Hulseman, Godoi, Zielinski, Bathurst)	200 medley relay	1:30.82
Dan Croaston	1-M diving	272.30
Bill Bishop	1000 freestyle	9:21.53
Alex Massura	100 backstroke	48.88^
Oscar Godoi	100 breaststroke	56.74
Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	20.49
Jono McLeod	200 individual med.	1:52.68
Dan Croaston	3-M diving	300.05
Bill Bishop	400 individual med.	4:01.75
Alex Massura	100 freestyle	45.50
Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:49.14
Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	49.42
Chris Wood	200 breaststroke	2:03.90
MINN-A (Massura, Cahoy, Lopez, Rients)	400 freestyle relay	3:02.27

^ NCAA consideration time

% NCAA automatic time

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: Minnesota competes in its first dual meet of the season as it travels to take on North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D., Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Those not wrestling against NDSU will compete in the Omaha Open in Omaha, Neb., Saturday, Nov. 22.

CLEANING UP AT BISON: The University of Minnesota wrestling team captured nine of 10 titles at the 28th annual Bison Open Saturday in Fargo, N.D.

Senior and three-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) captured his fourth straight Bison Open title at 142 pounds, pinning two of three opponents before winning the title by forfeit over teammate **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) in the championship match.

Juniors **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) and **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) and sophomores **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) and **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) all won their second Bison Open titles.

At 118, freshmen **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) and **LEROY VEGA** (Portage, Ind.) shared the tournament championship. Freshman **BRAD PIKE** (Brownsdale, Mont.) won the title at 150 and sophomore **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) captured the title at 158.

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM: With five All-Americans and nine NCAA qualifiers returning, Head Coach J Robinson's Golden

Gophers stand poised to dominate on the national scene and make a run at the Big Ten and national championships.

After turning in one of the best seasons in school history, which included a runner-up finish in the Big Ten, a school-record 10 NCAA qualifiers and a third-place NCAA showing, Minnesota will only be stronger in 1997-98 on the strength of its experienced veterans as well as the addition of one of the best recruiting classes in the nation according to Amateur Wrestling News and Wrestling Institute Newsmagazine.



GOING POLLING: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA)/Amateur Wrestling News preseason poll, trailing Oklahoma State and Iowa in the pre-season rankings.

Individually, two-time All-Americans Jason Davids and **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) are the top ranked wrestlers in their weight classes. Davids, a senior, is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet.

Senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) is ranked second at heavyweight, and defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-America selection Tim Hartung is ranked third at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) who is sixth at 126, and junior **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) who is the eighth-ranked wrestler at 134.

SCOREBOARD

TOP RETURNING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (1996-97)

118 lbs. -- 13-2, Brett Lawrence
 126 lbs. -- 20-8, Pat Connors (4-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 3-3, 8th, NCAA)
 134 lbs. -- 20-8, Troy Marr (2-2, 5th, Big Ten; 2-2 NCAA)
 142 lbs. -- 34-4, Jason Davids (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 150 lbs. -- 31-5, Chad Kraft (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 158 lbs. -- 27-11, Josh Holiday (3-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 167 lbs. -- 21-9, Zac Taylor (21-9, 2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 177 lbs. -- 19-10, Brandon Eggum (2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 0-2, NCAA)
 190 lbs. -- 34-2, Tim Hartung (4-0, 1st, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 HWT -- 25-16, Shelton Benjamin (2-3, 6th, Big Ten; 6-2, 5th, NCAA)

LAST TIME

RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS

Wrestler	Weight Class	Place	Record at NCAAs
Pat Connors	126	8th	3-3
Jason Davids	142	3rd	5-1
Chad Kraft	150	3rd	5-1
Tim Hartung	190*	3rd	5-1
Shelton Benjamin	HWT	5th	6-2

*Big Ten Champion



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MINNESOTA WRESTLING TEAM INKS SIX OF THE NATION'S TOP RECRUITS

The University of Minnesota wrestling office announced today that six of the country's top wrestlers have signed national letters of intent to compete at Minnesota. The Golden Gopher signees include Garrett Lowney of Appleton, Wis., Luke Becker, of Cambridge, Minn., Jacob Clark of South St. Paul, Minn., Brock Lesnar, of Webster, S.D., Jared Lawrence of Sandpoint, Idaho, and Mitch Marr, of Wyoming, Minn.

Lowney, who is considered to be the No. 1 recruit in the nation by many of the top wrestling programs, is a two-time Wisconsin state champion at 189 pounds. A senior at Manawa High School, he is the nation's top-ranked wrestler at 189 and a three-time Junior National champion.


Becker, a senior at Cambridge High School, has captured two Minnesota state high school titles at 152 pounds. A Junior National freestyle All-American, he has won four freestyle state crowns and is the No. 1 ranked high school wrestler in the country at 152.

Clark won the 1997 Minnesota state high school championship at 152 pounds. A senior at South St. Paul High School, Clark is a Junior National All-American.

A heavyweight, Lesnar compiled a 27-6 record and was named a Junior College All-American last season wrestling at Bismarck (N.D.) Junior College. Lesnar won the only title the Golden Gophers did not capture at the 1997 Bison Open in Fargo, N.D., winning the heavyweight crown with a 4-0 mark which included two pins.

Minnesota has also landed two brothers of current Golden Gophers in Lawrence and Marr. Lawrence, the younger brother of Brett Lawrence, is the nation's top-ranked wrestler at 130 pounds and a Junior National freestyle All-American. A senior at Sandpoint High School, he has won three Idaho state titles in as many years at Sandpoint High School. Marr, the younger brother of Troy Marr, is an all-state performer at 135 pounds from Forest Lake, Minn., placing fifth at the 1997 Minnesota state championships.

"With the ways things have gone this fall, we will probably have the No. 1, 2 or 3 recruiting class in the nation again," said Assistant Head Coach Marty Morgan. "Landing Garrett Lowney is a big accomplishment for us, since he is probably the best recruit in the nation. Adding this group to the two top-ranked recruiting classes we already have on this team will definitely solidify our position as one of the top programs in the country."



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MINNESOTA BASEBALL INKS THREE TOP RECRUITS

University of Minnesota Head Baseball Coach John Anderson announced today that three top recruits have signed national letters of intent to play baseball for the Golden Gophers beginning with the 1999 season. Minnesota's signees are Jack Hannahan, of St. Paul, Minn., Nick McCauley, of Richland Center, Wis., and Chad Clarey, originally of Rochester, Minn.

Hannahan, a 6-1, 190 pound infielder who bats left and throws right, helped lead Cretin-Derham High School in St. Paul to the 1997 Minnesota state high school baseball championship. A three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball, Hannahan chose the University of Minnesota over Arkansas and Creighton. He is the son of John and Anne Hannahan of St. Paul.

"Jack is a very solid all-around athlete who will provide some left-handed hitting power that we were seeking in this recruiting class," Anderson said.

McCauley is a 6-0, 180 pound right-handed pitcher from Richland Center, Wis. A senior at Richland Center High School, he chose Minnesota over Iowa and Iowa State. He is the son of Francis and Alice McCauley.

"He has a good arm," Anderson said. "He is a good athlete who has his best pitching days ahead of him."

Chad Clarey is a transfer from Des Moines Area Community College in Boone, Iowa. A right-handed pitcher, Clarey is a 1995 graduate of John Marshall High School in Rochester, Minn. He was drafted in the 32nd round of the Major League baseball draft last June by the Chicago White Sox.

"Chad is a power pitcher whom we expect to make an immediate impact in our pitching rotation," Anderson said.



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**MINNESOTA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING
CAPTURE MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL CROWN**

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The University of Minnesota men's and women's swimming and diving teams won the Minnesota Invitational, Sunday, Nov. 23, at the University Aquatic Center. Sunday's final day of competition saw the men's team win all seven events from the five-team pool, while the women's team took three of seven event titles among the nine teams competing.


The men's three-day total of 1,611.5 points was bolstered by its event sweep Sunday afternoon. Six different individuals won titles, while the 400 freestyle relay team also won. Sophomore **Bill Bishop**, of Barrington, Ill., and freshman **Alex Massura**, from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, both swam under NCAA consideration time, as Bishop won the 1650 freestyle (15:29.78) and Massura captured the 200 backstroke with a Minnesota Invitational record time of 1:45.53. The 400 freestyle relay team of Massura, senior **Ty Bathurst**, from Albuquerque, N.M., senior **Jeremy Riens**, of Apple Valley, Minn., and anchor junior **Luis Lopez**, from Aurora, Colo., swam the fastest 400 free relay time in the nation this year with an NCAA consideration and Minnesota Invitational record time of 2:59.74.

Also winning for the men were Bathurst in the 100 freestyle (45.16), junior **Jono McLeod**, from Regina, Sask., in the 200 breaststroke (2:05.19), junior **Martin Zielinski**, of Bloomington, Minn., in the 200 butterfly (1:50.07) and freshman **Dan Croaston**, from Champlin, Minn., who took the platform diving competition (385.05).

The women racked up a three-day total of 1,174 points and had three event winners on Sunday. Freshman **Emily Deppe**, from Valdez, Ark., took the 200 backstroke title (2:01.99) and freshman **Meghan Sonstegard**, of Sioux Falls, S.D., won the 100 freestyle. The 400 freestyle relay team of Sonstegard, sophomore **Terri Jashinsky**, from Menomonee Falls, Wis., freshman **Ann Cahoy**, from Hudson, Wis., and sophomore **Jenny Hennen**, of Anoka, Minn., won with a time of 3:27.68.

The next action for Golden Gopher swimming and diving will be the teams' respective training trips in December.

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MEN'S GOLF TEAM SIGNS TWO TOP RECRUITS

The University of Minnesota men's golf team has announced the signing of two recruits to national letters of intent during the early signing period which ended last Wednesday.

James McLean is a native of Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia, and is the youngest golfer ever to capture Australia's Riversdale Cup. He has also won singles titles at the state and national level in his native country. McLean will be eligible to compete for the Golden Gophers when the 1997-98 spring schedule begins in February, as he will begin his education at the U of M with the beginning of winter quarter this academic year.

Zachary Faulds is a native of Wardsville, Ontario, Canada. In 1995, he won the Juvenile Division of the TNT Tyson Tour. In 1996 he repeated that title and qualified for the U.S. Junior Championships. The current year has seen Faulds place second at the O.G.A. Junior Championship and earned a spot on the four-man Ontario Junior Team which placed fourth at the Canadian Team Championships.

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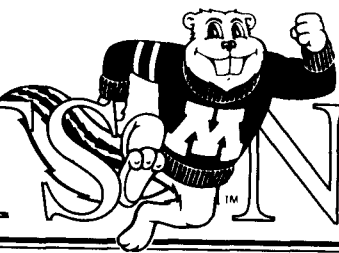
November 24, 1997

MASON DECIDES NOT TO RENEW UZELAC'S CONTRACT

University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason announced today that he has decided not to renew offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac's contract. Mason and the Men's Athletics Department will begin a search for a successor immediately.

"It is unfortunate that things did not work out the way we had hoped," said Mason. "Elliot has worked tremendously hard to try to get things turned around, however, I felt that a change was needed to get us pointed in the direction we need to go. We want to wish Elliot the best of luck in his future endeavors."

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MINNESOTA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES 18TH AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Greenville, S.C. -- The University of Minnesota men's cross country team finished 18th at the NCAA Championships held Monday at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. The Golden Gophers, led by sophomore **Eric Pierce**, of Forest Lake, Minn., who took 44th, were competing in their first NCAA Championships since 1981.

Stanford won its second consecutive national title with 53 points, only a three-point differential from Arkansas which finished second with 56 points. Michigan was the highest placing Big Ten team at fourth, followed by Wisconsin (fifth), Michigan State (seventh) and Minnesota.

Pierce ran a season-best 10K time of 30:51 to finish 44th in point scoring and 60th overall. Senior captain **Tony Riter**, from Shoreview, Minn., was the second-highest runner for the Maroon and Gold, placing 64th in scoring with a time of 31:09.

The Golden Gophers finished the 1997 season with two invitational titles, a fourth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, second-place finish at the NCAA District V Championships and their trip to the NCAA Championships.