

GOLDEN GOPHER

BASEBALL



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
1995 BASEBALL PROSPECTUS

1995 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BASEBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Age	Yr.	Hometown/H.S.
2	Justin Elsey	OF	B-R	6-0	180	7/1/76	18	Fr	Petaluma, CA/(Casa Grande)
4	Mike Mahady	OF	R-R	5-10	165	11/9/72	22	Jr	Minnetonka, MN
6	Wes Denning	OF	L-R	5-11	170	12/30/72	21	Sr	St. Paul, MN/(Cretin)
9	Tony Bender	IF	B-R	6-4	200	2/11/73	21	Sr	Rock Island, IL
10	Steve Huls	IF	B-R	6-1	170	10/11/74	20	So	Cold Spring, MN/(Rocori)
13	Shane McCarthy	OF	B-R	6-2	190	12/4/72	22	Sr	Billings, MT
15	Troy Stein	OF	R-R	6-1	185	9/18/73	21	So	Cold Spring, MN/(Rocori)
16	Shane Gunderson	C-1B	R-R	6-0	200	10/16/73	21	Jr	Faribault, MN
17	Ryan Beers	C	R-R	6-1	200	4/21/74	20	So	Slayton, MN
18	Mark Vandersall	C-OF	R-R	5-10	180	9/23/71	23	Sr	Plymouth, MN/(Armstrong)
19	Chris Engstrom	P	L-R	6-4	190	10/25/75	19	Fr	Fort Atkinson, WI
20	Mike Leatherman	P	R-R	6-1	165	9/22/75	19	Fr	Tinley Park, IL/(Andrew)
21	Bryan Guse	IF	L-R	5-10	180	9/21/74	20	So	New Brighton, MN/(Irondale)
22	Eric Welter	IF	B-R	6-0	170	4/13/73	21	So	Chaska, MN
23	Bob Keeney	IF	B-R	5-10	170	9/2/73	21	So	Burnsville, MN
27	Mike Diebolt	P	L-L	6-1	205	11/2/74	20	So	Mayfield, OH
28	Ted Zrust	P	R-R	6-2	207	1/16/74	20	So	Buffalo, MN
29	Jason Dobis	P	R-R	6-1	190	1/17/76	18	Fr	Little Falls, MN
30	Mark Groebner	OF	R-R	5-11	180	12/12/74	20	Fr	Coon Rapids, MN
32	Joe Westfall	P	L-R	6-4	195	2/3/74	20	Jr	Marathon, WI
33	David Lance	P	R-L	6-5	195	8/19/74	20	So	New Brighton, MN/(Irondale)
34	Andy Hammerschmidt	P	L-L	6-1	215	6/21/72	22	Sr	New Ulm, MN
35	Todd Wirth	C	R-R	6-0	170	12/1/72	22	Jr	Hopkins, MN
36	Brad Kearin	P	R-R	6-1	180	10/30/72	22	Jr	Minnetonka, MN
37	Brian Mensink	P	R-R	6-4	200	11/1/73	21	Jr	Rochester, MN/(Mayo)
39	Tony Felling	P	L-R	6-3	185	12/6/74	20	So	Roseville, MN/(Concordia Ac.)
40	Rob Smith	IF	R-R	6-1	195	9/21/72	22	Jr	Menomonie, WI
41	Justin Pederson	P	R-R	6-1	160	9/5/74	20	So	Chippewa Falls, WI
46	Ryan Tuorila	P	L-R	6-3	210	11/11/74	20	So	Nimrod, MN/(Sebeka)
47	Brad Wolff	P	L-L	6-5	180	7/1/75	19	So	Stillwater, MN
48	Tim Nelson	IF	R-R	6-4	190	12/24/74	20	Fr	Oconomowoc, WI

HEAD COACH: John Anderson (14th year - 469-291)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Rob Fornasiere (Head Assistant Coach, 10th year), Mike Dee (Pitching Coach, eighth year), Herb Isakson (Volunteer Coach, 31st year)

GOLDEN GOPHERS BY CLASS

	PITCHERS	POSITION	TOTAL
FRESHMEN	3	3	6
SOPHOMORES	7	6	13
JUNIORS	3	4	7
SENIORS	1	4	5

1995 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BASEBALL INFORMATION

NICKNAME Golden Gophers

COLORS Maroon and Gold

CONFERENCE Big Ten

LOCATION Minneapolis, Minn.

FOUNDED 1851

ENROLLMENT 38,000

PRESIDENT Dr. Nils Hasselmo

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Dr. McKinley Boston

HEAD COACH John Anderson

YEARS/OVERALL/BIG TEN RECORD AT MN 14th/469-291-3/187-99

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HOME FIELD Siebert Field (cap. 2,800), HHH Metrodome (cap. 55,500)

SIEBERT FIELD DIMENSIONS 330' lines, 360' alleys, 380' center field

HHH METRODOME DIMENSIONS 340' left line, 408' center, 328' right line

PRESS BOX PHONE (612) 625-4031 (Siebert), (612) 627-4400 (Metrodome)

1994 OVERALL/BIG TEN RECORD 42-21/21-7

NCAA/BIG TEN FINISH 2-2 in the Southeast Regional/2nd in Big Ten

1994 OVERALL HOME/AWAY RECORD 25-5/17-16

1994 BIG TEN HOME/AWAY RECORD 9-3/12-4

TOP THREE RETURNERS INF/C Shane Gunderson (.356, 16 HR, 50 RBI), OF Wes Denning (.317, 2 HR, 33 RBI), LHP Andy Hammerschmidt (6-3, 3.15 ERA)

TOP THREE NEWCOMERS OF Justin Elsey (Fr., Petaluma, CA), OF Mark Groebner (RS-Fr., Coon Rapids, MN), RHP Jason Dobis (Fr., Little Falls, MN)

KEY LOSSES 2B Mark Merila (.452, 7 HR, 61 RBI), OF Charlie Nelson (.346, 1 HR, 55 RBI), C Darren Grass (.318, 16 HR, 65 RBI), RHP James Brower (7-4, 4.35 ERA)

STARTING POSITION PLAYERS RETURNING/LOST 4/4

PITCHING LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST 6/3

POSITION LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST 7/5

1995 GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL OUTLOOK

The future of Golden Gopher baseball looks as bright as ever with 13 returning letterwinners from a squad that posted the school's 80th winning season (32nd consecutive), 21st NCAA tournament appearance (fourth consecutive) and third straight 40-win season while ending the season ranked 25th in the nation by *Baseball America*. Although the Golden Gophers lost six key figures to pro signings, they return six of nine mound letterwinners from a pitching staff that ranked first in the Big Ten in ERA last year. The focus will most definitely be on the hurlers, who will be counted on to carry the load early in the season until **Head Coach John Anderson** can find the right combinations to work in the batting lineup.

PITCHING

With a veteran staff of hurlers returning, the strongpoint of the 1995 squad will without a doubt be on the hill. Senior co-captain **Andy Hammerschmidt** leads the starters, returning from an injury-riddled 1994 campaign which saw him finish 6-3 with a 3.15 ERA. Hammerschmidt, who will be looking to regain the form which saw him earn All-Big Ten first team honors following his sophomore season, is 17-6 entering his final year in Gold Country, and will be counted on to take the ball in big games for the Golden Gophers.

"Andy is an experienced left-hander who knows how to pitch, and we expect big things from him in his final year," said Anderson. "He's one of our co-captains, and an excellent leader for the younger guys on our pitching staff to look up to."

Joe Westfall appears to have secured a spot in the starting rotation following a 6-4 record and 4.04 ERA last season. The junior seems to rise to the occasion in big-game situations, and the Golden Gophers will need a right-handed starter like Westfall to step to the forefront this season. He possesses an outstanding slider that can make right-handed hitters look foolish, and has pinpoint control (just 17 walks in 71 1/3 innings pitched in '94).

Others who will battle for starting roles in the rotation will be sophomore **Mike Diebolt**, junior **Brad Kearin**, sophomore **Justin Pederson**, and true freshman **Jason Dobis**.

Diebolt is a southpaw who posted a 3-2 record to accompany a 5.23 ERA a year ago. In his freshman year, Diebolt had an up and down season, experiencing the growing pains many high school players do when making the jump from prep baseball to Division I

competition. On the bright side, Diebolt started one of the NCAA games last year against Florida, pitching well for five innings. He will need to become more consistent this season to secure a spot in the rotation.

Kearin, the Golden Gophers' designated bullpen stopper a year ago, will be given a shot in the starting rotation after leading the team and tying for third in the conference in saves with five last season. The right-hander's mastery of three different pitches has prompted the move, one in which Anderson feels he can better utilize Kearin's strengths.

Pederson, like Diebolt, is entering his sophomore season after a successful baptism into collegiate baseball last year. The right-hander was a perfect 5-0 with a 4.37 ERA in his freshman campaign. Pederson received an opportunity to step in a year ago with some of the injury problems on the staff.

Dobis may be the darkhorse in the running, but could ultimately be one of the most effective starters for the Maroon and Gold. The true freshman has received high praise from Anderson. "Jason may be able to help us more than any recent freshman we've had in the program," said Anderson. The right-hander has three developed pitches coming out of high school, something very rare for a young pitcher. He will look to challenge some of the upper-classmen for time in the rotation.

Comprising the bullpen corp this season will be right handers **Ryan Tuorila**, **Brian Mensink**, **Ted Zrust** and **Tony Felling**, to go along with portsiders **David Lance** and **Brad Wolff**. Mensink will be moved to a short relief role this season, as Anderson will try to utilize the hard-throwing right-hander's ability to get a strikeout when needed. He had 36 strikeouts in 37 1/3 innings pitched a year ago. Sidearm specialist Zrust will be used in groundball situations, while Tuorila, Felling, Lance and Wolff will fill the bill in the long to middle relief roles.

"Our pitching staff will definitely be the strength of our squad this season," said Anderson. "With the depth and experience we possess at this position, I fully expect our pitchers to provide leadership for our ballclub this season."

CATCHER

For a while this season, at least, the Golden Gophers plan to go the defensive route when deciding who will call the signals behind the plate. Senior co-captain **Mark Vandersall** appears to be the defensive replacement for Darren Grass (.317, 16 HR, 65 RBI), but how much he will catch depends directly on his production from an offensive standpoint. The Armstrong prep alum hit .290 with six homers and 23 RBI a year ago. He has an extremely sharp mind and, having been recruited as a catcher before moving to the outfield, understands the game very well from a catcher's perspective.

The other option will be to put junior power hitter **Shane Gunderson** behind the plate. How much Gunderson, who swatted 16 home runs last season (tying for the team lead with Grass) while driving in 50 runs, catches will also be dependent on how much he is needed to play first base, another position that appears to have stiff competition.

"In the best case scenario, we would catch Vandersall and play Gunderson at first base," said Anderson. "If that is actually what happens, however, remains to be seen. A great deal depends on whether or not we are getting the kind of production we want offensively at certain positions."

Sophomore infielder **Bryan Guse** (.298 average in 104 at-bats) also worked out a little as a catcher in fall practice, and Anderson expects to give him some innings there early in the season. Guse filled the role of left-handed designated hitter in 1994, and will be called on to fill that bill again in 1995.

INFIELD

Of all the positions on the diamond, first base is the one that seems to concern Anderson the most. The prospect of Gunderson catching opens a big hole at first, and there seems to be a growing list of people trying to break through and claim the job should it open up.

"I was not real happy with our first base play in fall practice, and it's a position that will have to go through some trials before we settle on someone there," said Anderson. "We will try a few different people there, and hopefully Gunderson will be able to play a lot of first base for us to help alleviate the problem in a hurry."

Others who will compete for playing time are junior **Rob Smith**, sophomore **Ryan Beers**, and redshirt freshman **Tim Nelson**. Both Smith and Beers are particularly good with the bat, and both will see action at the designated hitter spot if they hit as expected. As it looks, the first base position may turn into a spot where someone plays to try to keep a hot bat in the lineup.

Sophomore **Bob Keeney** will be the heir apparent to co-Big Ten MVP and All American Mark Merila (.452, seven homers, 61 RBI) at second base. Keeney, who saw action in the infield last season (played in 49 games, starting 38 of them), hit .262 with a homer and 27 RBI. Although Merila's shoes may be hard to fill, Keeney should more than adequately man the position.

Anderson also expects fans to recognize the type of player they will be see on that spot of the field. "Keeney is a similar-type player to Merila in that he can use a combination of his head, bat, and glove to beat you," said Anderson.

Just as Keeney is expected to step in and anchor the position vacated by Mark Merila, sophomore **Steve Huls** will be expected to step in for the departed Bill Mobilia at shortstop. Huls, an outstanding defensive infielder, hit just .208 in limited action (24 at-bats) a year ago. But a successful fall season at the plate and the confidence caused by an increased role in the Golden Gopher fortunes should provide for increased productivity for the switch-hitter.

Huls will more than likely start the season toward the bottom of the order, probably at the number nine slot, then move up to eventually become a number two hitter with increased productivity.

Senior **Tony Bender** will provide the Golden Gopher infield with stability and great defensive ability from the hot corner this season. "Bender may be the best defensive third baseman we've had in the program for a long time," said Anderson. He made some remarkable plays in the field during fall practice, and, although his average dropped to .272 last season (from .311 in 1993), his power numbers were up (from one homer in 1993 to four in 1994).

"We've worked with Tony in the fall to change some things in his hitting, and we expect bigger things from him offensively this season," said Anderson. Bender's production at the plate will be a key to how far and how quickly the Maroon and Gold offense comes in 1995.

Sophomore infielder **Eric Welter** from Chaska, Minn., will look to be employed early in the season in at least three of the infield positions (shortstop, second base, and first base). The multi-talented athlete will challenge for a regular role at all three spots, and more than likely will be able to find a home somewhere if he hits with authority.

OUTFIELD

The Golden Gopher outfield seems two-thirds set heading into the season. Left-fielder **Shane McCarthy** should be the regular in that spot after a sensational second half of '94, and senior **Wes Denning** will be a fixture again this season patrolling center field. Right field seems to be up for grabs between junior **Mike Mahady**, sophomore **Troy Stein**, and true freshman **Justin Elsey**.

McCarthy enters the season with a head of steam from an exceptional junior campaign in which he hit .315 with six round trippers and 39 RBI. He may also find himself in the mix at first base if another outfielder emerges from the pack and shows he can hit the ball with authority. One thing's sure, though. If McCarthy can continue to hit as he did toward the tail end of last season, a regular spot will be his somewhere on the diamond.

Denning, entering his second year in Gold Country after transferring from Arizona Western College (JC), will bat leadoff and play center field all 56 games, barring injury. Denning finished second on the squad with 30 stolen bases last season while hitting .317 and sporting a .427 on-base percentage from his lead-off role. Anderson has noticed after fall practice certain aspects of Denning's game that improved with his play in the Great Lakes League this summer. "His angles and abilities to get to certain balls in the outfield are much better, and added to his already good arm for a center fielder makes him an outstanding defensive outfielder," said Anderson.

The battle for the right field spot will be an interesting one. The loss of Charlie Nelson (.346, one home run, 54 RBI, 43 stolen bases in 47 attempts) makes the position up for grabs in the beginning of the season. Stein, Mahady, and Elsey combined have a total of 37 collegiate at-bats, which means the one who steps up early with good performances will have the inside track to a more regular role this season.

Mahady had "as good of a fall as anyone in the program" according to Anderson, and his experience of being in the program for four years (reshirted his freshman year) may be extremely beneficial to his opportunity for playing time this year. Elsey, since he is a true freshman, will learn how to play all three outfield positions. Anderson looks for him to possibly be the heir apparent to Denning in center field, with his speed being his biggest asset to that position. Stein played in 18 games in 1994, performing well at times in a limited role. Redshirt freshman **Mark Groebner** has good power and is a candidate for playing time at all three outfield positions, but may be a year away from being a consistent Division I player.

"We will need to rely on our pitching more this year to keep games early in the year close and give our offense time to develop as the season goes on," said Anderson, entering his 14th season in Gold Country, just 31 wins shy of 500. "Many of our guys have game experience at the NCAA level, have played in tough environments, and know what it takes to win. That experience will hopefully rub off on the younger guys in other positions and help accelerate their learning process a bit."

1995 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Pro Alumni 2 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome
5	6	7	8	9	10 N.C. State 6:30 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	11 N.C. State 7 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome
12 N.C. State 1 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	13	14	15	16	17 Cent. Florida 3 p.m. Orlando, Fl.	18 Cent. Florida 1 p.m. (KFAN) Orlando, Fl.
19 Cent. Florida 1 p.m. Orlando, Fl.	20	21	22	23	24	25 Mississippi St. 1 p.m. (KFAN) Starkville, Miss.
26 Mississippi St. 2 p.m. Starkville, Miss.	27 Mississippi St. 1:30 p.m. Starkville, Miss.	28				

MARCH

			1	2	3 Michigan 7 p.m. Metrodome	4 Florida State 4 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome
5 USC 1:15 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	6	7	8 St. Thomas 7 p.m. Metrodome	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Oral Roberts 7 p.m. (KFAN) Tulsa, Okla.	21 Oral Roberts 1:30 p.m. Tulsa, Okla.	22	23 Iowa State 7 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	24 So. Mississippi 7 p.m. Metrodome	25 So. Mississippi 7 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome
26 So. Mississippi 1 p.m. Metrodome	27 Toledo 7 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	28 Toledo 7 p.m. (KFAN) Metrodome	29 Toledo 3 p.m. Metrodome	30	31	

APRIL

						1 Iowa (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Iowa City, Iowa
2 Iowa (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Iowa City, Iowa	3	4	5 Iowa State 2 p.m. Ames, Iowa	6		
	10	11		13	14 Indiana 3 p.m. Bloomington, Ind.	15 Indiana (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Bloomington, Ind.
16 Indiana 1 p.m. Bloomington, Ind.	17	18	19 Creighton 6 p.m. Omaha, Neb.	20		
23 Purdue	24	25		27	28	

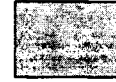
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30 Michigan (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Siebert Field	1	2		4		
8 Michigan	9 St. Cloud	10	11	12	13 Northwestern (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Evanston, Ill.	
14 Northwestern (2) 1 p.m. (KFAN) Evanston, Ill.	15	16	17	18 Big Ten Tournament TBA	19 Big Ten Tournament TBA	20 Big Ten Tournament TBA
21 Big Ten Tournament TBA	22	23	24	25 NCAA Regionals	26 NCAA Regionals	27 NCAA Regionals
28 NCAA Regionals	29	30	31	JUNE 2-10 NCAA College World Series Omaha, Neb.		

As indicated, some games will be broadcast on KFAN-AM 1130



Away Games



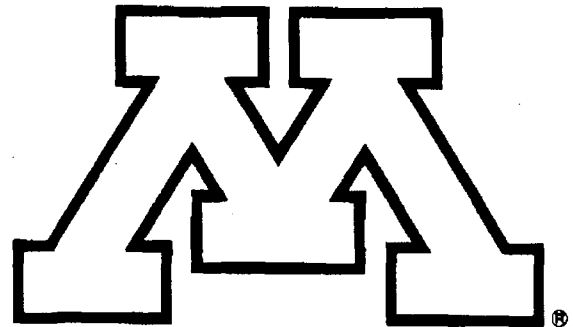
Home Games at Siebert Field



Home Games at Metrodome



Games part of the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic



1994 RESULTS

Record: 42-21 (23-4 Home; 16-13 Away; 3-4 Neutral; 21-7 Big Ten)

Date	Opponent	W-L	Score	Rec.	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher
Feb. 11	@ Georgia Tech	L	1-3	0-1	Rigby (1-0)	Ligtenberg (0-1)
Feb. 12	@ Georgia Tech	L	5-10	0-2	Gogolin (1-0)	Hammerschmidt (0-1)
Feb. 13	@ Georgia Tech	L	2-8	0-3	Myers (1-0)	Westfall (0-1)
Feb. 18	@ Florida State	L	10-15	0-4	Wilson (3-1)	Ligtenberg (0-2)
Feb. 19	@ Florida State	L	2-9	0-5	Yocum (1-0)	Hammerschmidt (0-2)
Feb. 20	@ Florida State	L	4-12	0-6	Morgan (1-1)	Mensink (0-1)
Feb. 25	@ Miami (Fla.)	L	4-14	0-7	Arteaga (2-0)	Ligtenberg (0-3)
Feb. 26	@ Miami (Fla.)	W	2-0	1-7	Hammerschmidt (1-2)	Morgan (2-2)
Feb. 27	@ Miami (Fla.)	L	2-5	1-8	Henderson (2-2)	Tuorila (0-1)
Mar. 4	Arizona State	W	14-5	2-8	Hammerschmidt (2-2)	Neal (1-2)
Mar. 5	Arizona	W	9-5	3-8	Ligtenberg (1-3)	Arffa (0-3)
Mar. 6	Ohio State	W	14-2	4-8	Brower (1-0)	Cannon (1-1)
Mar. 20	@SW Missouri State	W	18-12	5-8	Ligtenberg (2-3)	Prater (1-1)
Mar. 21	@Oral Roberts	L	1-3	5-9	Dooley (4-0)	Westfall (0-2)
Mar. 22	@SW Missouri State	W	22-12	6-9	Hammerschmidt (3-2)	Mays (2-3)
Mar. 24	Iowa State	W	7-3	7-9	Pederson (1-0)	Tjebben (0-4)
Mar. 25	Kansas State	W	10-4	8-9	Ligtenberg (3-3)	Merriman (2-4)
Mar. 26	Kansas State	W	10-4	9-9	Brower (2-0)	Albrecht (3-2)
Mar. 27	Kansas State	W	4-1	10-9	Westfall (1-2)	Oiseth (3-4)
Mar. 29	St. Cloud State	W	9-6	11-9	Pederson (2-0)	Fobbe (1-2)
Mar. 30	Creighton	W	9-1	12-9	Kearin (1-0)	Fassbender (1-4)
Apr. 1	@ Illinois	W	12-8	13-9	Ligtenberg (4-3)	Williams (3-4)
Apr. 2	@ Illinois	L	8-9	12-10	Wollard (2-0)	Brower (2-1)
Apr. 2	@ Illinois	W	8-5	14-10	Tuorila (1-1)	Payne (3-3)
Apr. 3	@ Illinois	W	14-0	15-10	Westfall (2-2)	McCully (1-1)
Apr. 6	Mankato State	L	0-1	15-11	Kosek (3-0)	Diebolt (0-1)
Apr. 9	Iowa	W	6-1	16-11	Brower (3-1)	Schulte (0-3)
Apr. 9	Iowa	W	10-1	17-11	Pederson (3-0)	Smull (2-4)
Apr. 10	Iowa	L	2-4	17-12	Mattiace (4-2)	Tuorila (1-2)
Apr. 10	Iowa	W	4-1	18-12	Westfall (3-2)	Glendinning (1-1)
Apr. 14	St. Olaf	W	7-6	19-12	Felling (1-0)	McClellan (2-1)
Apr. 16	@Purdue	W	15-4	20-12	Brower (4-1)	Hedman (2-5)
Apr. 16	@Purdue	W	7-5	21-12	Mensink (2-0)	Luce (1-2)
Apr. 17	@Purdue	W	9-4	22-12	Ligtenberg (5-3)	Morey (3-4)
Apr. 17	@Purdue	W	9-8	23-12	Kearin (2-0)	Waites (0-3)
Apr. 19	St. Thomas	W	9-5	24-12	Felling (2-0)	Clancy (0-2)
Apr. 23	@Michigan State	W	10-0	25-12	Brower (5-1)	Landis (1-2)
Apr. 23	@Michigan State	L	4-5	25-13	Harvey (6-2)	Kearin (2-1)
Apr. 24	@Michigan State	W	19-6	26-13	Diebolt (1-1)	Olejnik (2-4)
Apr. 24	@Michigan State	W	17-6	27-13	Karrmann (1-0)	Harvey (6-3)
Apr. 27	@Northern Iowa	W	10-3	28-13	Felling (3-0)	Duncan (1-3)
Apr. 30	Northwestern	L	5-10	28-14	Schroeder (5-3)	Brower (5-2)
Apr. 30	Northwestern	W	12-1	29-14	Hammerschmidt (4-2)	Brasser (4-3)
May 1	Northwestern	W	4-2	30-14	Pederson (4-0)	Niedermaier (6-4)
May 1	Northwestern	W	15-3	31-14	Westfall (4-2)	Ketchand (4-3)
May 4	North Dakota State	W	12-2	32-14	Diebolt (2-1)	Wendell (0-1)
May 5	Concordia/Moorhead	W	10-1	33-14	Tuorila (2-2)	Salvevold (0-3)
May 8	@Michigan	W	5-2	34-14	Brower (6-2)	Hollis (4-6)
May 8	@Michigan	L	1-2	34-15	Hollis (5-6)	Mensink (1-2)
May 9	@Michigan	W	1-0	35-15	Pederson (5-0)	Ricken (5-6)
May 9	@Michigan	L	0-2	35-16	Murray (5-5)	Westfall (4-3)
May 11	Minnesota-Duluth	W	17-3	36-16	Diebolt (3-1)	Ott (5-3)
May 13	Indiana	W	4-0	37-16	Hammerschmidt (5-2)	Scaffa (7-4)
May 14	Indiana	W	11-9	38-16	Brower (7-2)	Scaffa (7-5)
May 14	Indiana	W	12-7	39-16	Mensink (2-2)	Mudd (6-6)
May 15	Indiana	L	5-9	39-17	Ferrell (3-4)	Westfall (4-4)
May 19	Michigan	W	8-1	40-17	Westfall (5-4)	Ricken (6-7)
May 20	Ohio State	L	5-6	40-18	Granata (7-1)	Hammerschmidt (4-3)
May 21	Michigan	L	2-4	40-19	Hollis (7-7)	Brower (7-3)
May 27	Kent University	W	11-6	41-19	Westfall (6-4)	Hermanson (5-5)
May 28	Florida	W	12-2	42-19	Hammerschmidt (6-3)	Kaufman (4-5)
May 29	Miami (Fla.)	L	3-11	42-20	Henderson (6-3)	Brower (7-4)
May 29	Florida	L	1-4	42-21	Spears (5-2)	Diebolt (3-2)

1994 Final Statistics - All Games

Record: 42-21 (23-4 Home; 16-13 Away; 3-4 Neutral; 21-7 Big Ten)

Batter	GP	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-AT	SH	SF	HBP	SLG%	BA
Merila	54	177	48	80	119	15	1	7	61	45	12	13-15	0	6	2	.672	.452
Gunderson	58	180	51	64	124	12	0	16	50	26	38	7-9	0	1	8	.689	.356
Nelson	63	237	67	83	111	21	2	1	54	38	35	43-47	0	5	0	.468	.350
Mobilia	62	202	50	66	106	11	1	9	41	21	44	9-11	4	3	3	.525	.327
Grass	62	218	48	69	128	11	0	16	65	27	44	2-4	0	2	4	.590	.317
Denning	63	227	69	72	104	20	3	2	34	42	33	30-33	3	2	3	.458	.317
McCarthy	56	168	35	53	93	13	4	6	39	22	36	3-5	1	3	0	.554	.315
Guse	42	104	23	31	39	5	0	1	21	18	10	3-3	0	1	0	.375	.298
Vandersall	45	107	21	31	52	3	0	6	23	5	30	3-6	2	1	1	.486	.290
Keeney	49	149	28	40	60	12	3	1	27	13	23	4-7	0	2	5	.403	.268
Bender	63	191	39	51	80	13	1	4	30	35	33	3-6	0	1	2	.419	.267

Less Than 100 At Bats

Ligtenberg	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000
Tuorila	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000
Karrmann	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000
Wirth	7	5	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0-0	0	0	0	.600	.400
Oster	25	31	5	8	9	1	0	0	7	4	2	0-1	1	0	0	.290	.258
Beers	6	8	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	.250	.250
Smith	12	8	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	3	2	1-2	0	0	0	.250	.250
Mahady	5	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	0	.500	.250
Huls	24	24	5	5	6	1	0	0	2	3	7	0-0	0	0	1	.250	.208
Stein	18	24	1	2	3	1	0	0	3	1	7	0-1	0	1	0	.125	.083
Wolff	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	.000

GOPHERS	63	2067	495	666	1046	141	15	69	462	305	362	121-150	11	28	29	.506	.322
Opponents	63	1939	303	546	799	92	10	47	273	205	403	47-74	21	24	42	.412	.282

Pitching

Pitcher	GP-GS-CG	W-L	S	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	ERA	SHO
Hammerschmidt	14-13-3	6-3	0	68.2	76	26	24	5	21	43	5	2	0	3.15	1
Westfall	16-14-1	6-4	0	71.1	81	39	32	8	18	53	10	7	0	4.04	0
Mensink	22-3-0	2-2	0	37.1	34	29	18	3	18	36	4	8	0	4.34	0
Brower	18-8-3	7-4	0	70.1	83	47	34	3	21	71	5	7	0	4.35	0
Pederson	13-6-0	5-0	1	35.0	38	21	17	3	14	38	2	3	0	4.37	1
Diebolt	14-8-0	3-2	0	32.2	34	26	19	4	24	23	0	4	0	5.23	0
Ligtenberg	19-5-0	5-3	1	61.0	68	41	36	11	27	51	4	3	0	5.31	0

Less Than 30 Innings Pitched

Oster	1-1-0	0-0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
Karrmann	28-0-0	1-0	3	19.1	20	4	4	1	9	14	2	1	1	1.86	0
Kearin	26-0-0	2-1	5	28.2	27	11	11	2	5	26	0	1	1	3.45	0
Tuorila	13-3-0	2-2	1	26.0	27	14	13	2	16	10	5	2	0	4.50	0
Wolff	19-2-0	0-0	0	19.2	13	11	10	0	17	22	1	1	1	4.58	0
Felling	17-0-0	3-0	0	23.1	32	27	22	5	10	14	3	1	0	8.49	0
Zrust	5-0-0	0-0	0	2.2	12	7	7	0	6	2	1	0	0	23.63	0
GOPHERS	63-63-7	42-21	11	497.0	546	303	247	47	205	402	42	43	3	4.45	5
Opponents	63-63-7	21-42	5	487.0	663	495	430	305	305	362	29	51	1	7.95	2

Fielding

Pos	Player	GP	PO	A	E	PCT	Pos	Player	GP	PO	A	E	PCT
RHP	Brower	18	4	20	0	1.000	IF	Oster	25	40	12	3	.945
RHP	Karrmann	28	0	3	0	1.000	IF	Huls	23	9	25	2	.944
RHP	Kearin	26	1	1	0	1.000	LHP	Hammerschmidt	14	1	11	1	.923
OF	McCarthy	56	140	6	0	1.000	OF	Stein	18	11	1	1	.923
OF	Smith	13	9	1	0	1.000	RHP	Westfall	16	2	9	1	.917
C	Wirth	7	10	1	0	1.000	RHP	Ligtenberg	19	2	7	1	.900
1B-C	Gunderson	58	349	20	4	.989	IF	Mobilia	62	60	135	25	.886
C	Grass	62	349	37	9	.977	LHP	Diebolt	14	1	6	1	.875
OF	Denning	63	132	5	4	.972	RHP	Tuorila	13	2	5	1	.875
IF	Merila	54	87	132	7	.969	INF	Beers	6	4	2	1	.857
OF	Nelson	63	85	0	3	.966	RHP	Mensink	22	1	5	1	.857
OF-C	Vandersall	45	44	6	2	.962	LHP	Wolff	19	0	6	1	.857
IF	Bender	63	120	93	11	.951	RHP	Felling	17	0	5	1	.833
IF	Keeney	49	23	48	4	.947	RHP	Pederson	13	0	3	1	.750
							GOPHERS	63	1486	605	86	.960	
							Opponents	63	1461	618	100	.954	



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HORMEL TO SPONSOR GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL CLASSIC

Hormel Foods Corporation, in conjunction with the University of Minnesota men's athletic department, has announced that they have agreed to sponsor the department's annual baseball classic held each year at the Metrodome. The tournament annually showcases some of the finest college baseball teams and individuals in the country. In past classics, as many as 43 recent major leaguers competed for their respective colleges and universities.

"We are very excited about this three-year commitment from Hormel Foods to sponsor our baseball tournament," said Director of Athletics McKinley Boston. "We have a strong ongoing relationship with Hormel Foods and this commitment further demonstrates their support of our programs."

"We are pleased and excited that Hormel Foods has come forward to enter into this sponsorship with us for at least the next three years," said Golden Gopher Head Baseball Coach John Anderson. "Without the great support we have received from our past sponsors, and now Hormel Foods, we would not be able to host such a tournament year in and year out."

"The great respect we at Hormel Foods have for Golden Gopher Head Coach John Anderson and the outstanding baseball program that has been developed at the University of Minnesota were major factors leading to this sponsorship agreement," said V. Allen Krejci, Director of Public Relations at Hormel Foods Corporation.

The classic has been sponsored by Oscar Mayer Foods for the past five years (1990-94). In previous years, one of college baseball's premier tournaments has been sponsored by Pillsbury Co. (1987-89) and General Mills (Wheaties, 1985-86).

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic will take place Mar. 3-5, 1995 at the Metrodome. This year's lineup includes national powers Florida State, Louisiana State, and Michigan along with the Golden Gophers. The Golden Gophers will open the 1995 season Jan. 31, 1995 with the pro-alumni game at the Metrodome.



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HAMMERSCHMIDT AND VANDERSALL NAMED BASEBALL CO-CAPTAINS

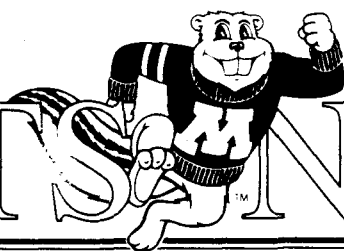
Fifth-year seniors Andy Hammerschmidt and Mark Vandersall have been named co-captains for the 1995 Golden Gopher baseball team. The Golden Gophers are coming off another successful season in 1994, one which saw them finish with an overall record of 42-21 overall and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Hammerschmidt will lead a pitching staff that will return all but two arms from a year ago. The southpaw was 6-3 with a 3.15 ERA in 14 appearances in 1994, including three complete games and one shutout. The New Ulm, Minn., native brings a 17-6 career record and 3.44 career ERA into 1995, with 123 strikeouts and just 59 walks in 186 career innings pitched.

Vandersall, who hit .290 last season with six homers and 23 RBI in 1994, will be looking to contribute heavily this season for the Golden Gophers as he did a year ago in a number of different roles. The Plymouth, Minn., native played outfield, catcher, and designated hitter for the Maroon and Gold last season.

“Mark and Andy give us outstanding leadership qualities that are necessary for this program to continue to be successful,” said Head Baseball Coach John Anderson. “They will both play an integral part in our success in 1995.”

The two were named co-captains in near unanimous vote. The Golden Gophers are scheduled to open the season Tuesday, Jan. 31 with the Pro-Alumni game at the Metrodome.



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BASEBALL TEAM SIGNS FIVE TOP PREP PLAYERS

The University of Minnesota baseball program has announced the signing of five top high school prospects to national letters of intent and one verbal commitment to attend the University and play baseball for the Golden Gophers. Included in the group are four pitchers and two infielders.

Bob DeWitt, a left-handed pitcher from Wausau, Wis. (West High), posted a 1.81 ERA last season as a junior with 33 strikeouts in 23 1/3 innings pitched. In his two-year prep career thus far, he has walked only 20 batters in 74 1/3 innings.

Kai Freeman is a right-handed pitcher from Catholic High School in Joliet, Ill. He led his team to the Illinois state title last season, going 10-1 with a 1.81 ERA. Freeman, one of the top pitchers in Illinois, was also named to the all-state team as a junior.

Brad Pautz, hailing from Reedsville, Wis., did not give up an earned run in his junior season last year while fanning an average of two batters per inning pitched (112 batters in 56 innings). His career record at Reedsville High School is 22-1.

Robb Quinlan, an infielder from Maplewood, Minn. (Hill-Murray), hit well over .400 in his combined prep and Legion seasons last year, while swatting 17 homers and knocking in 97 runs in just 60 games.

Kelly Werner is a 6-3, 220-pound left-handed pitcher from Memorial High School in Eau Claire, Wis. In 80 innings pitched last season, he struck out 137 batters while posting a 1.22 ERA. His prep career record is 17-3.

Also committing to the Golden Gophers was first baseman Adam Horton from New Ulm, Minn. Horton hit .419 during the high school season and .492 in the Legion schedule last year as a junior, and has been accepted for admission to the University of Minnesota.

"We feel very good about the young men that have committed to the University of Minnesota," said Head Coach John Anderson. "These kids fill needs we have for pitching, speed, and in the infield, but are also outstanding people who really want to play for the Golden Gophers. We expect this group to continue the strong tradition of baseball excellence that is expected here as part of the Golden Gopher program."