



GOLDEN GOPHER SWIMMING & DIVING

*The 1998 Big Ten Championships
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Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool*

Big Ten Championship Notes
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THE FACTS: The University of Minnesota will go for its second Big Ten title in three years as the Golden Gophers host the 88th Annual Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26-28, in the Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool in the U of M Aquatic Center. The 10-team event will be separated into three days of competition with trials in the afternoon and finals in the evening. Daily swimming trials begin at noon, followed by daily diving trials at 1:30 p.m. Finals competition begins at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are available for each day's trials and finals, as is an all-session pass, covering three days of competition. Prices for the trials are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. The finals are priced \$5 for students and \$6 adults. All-session passes are \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. Each day is sold separately with the exception of the all-session passes. All-session passes must be bought in advance. For more information, please call 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

HISTORY LESSON: This season marks the ninth time the men's Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships have been held in Minneapolis. It is only the fourth time the championships will be held in the Aquatic Center. Minnesota last hosted the Big Tens in 1995, when current U of M volunteer diving coach P.J. Bogart represented the Golden Gophers as the Diver of the Championships.

MINNESOTA AND THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota has won the Big Ten Championships on three occasions, most recently in 1996 in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Golden Gophers have produced a total of 79 Big Ten individual champions and 35 champions in the 1990s.

Last season's championships saw junior butterfly specialist **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) capture the Golden Gophers' only individual championship as he won the 100-yard butterfly with a Big Ten championship record time of 47.09. The Golden Gophers also had three relay teams win titles.

DID YOU KNOW?
What are rivals made of? Geography? Bragging rights? The one team you can't beat? For Minnesota swimming and diving, the rival is Michigan. In the 1990s, Minnesota has placed either first or second at the Big Ten Championships. The team that has been ahead or right behind the Golden Gophers has been Michigan. Eight years of battling for No. 1 in the conference will be settled once again this weekend.



Schedule of Events

Thursday, Feb. 26

- #1 200-yard freestyle relay
- #2 500-yard freestyle
- #3 200-yard individual medley
- #4 50-yard freestyle
- #5 1-meter diving
- #6 400-yard medley relay

Friday, Feb. 27

- #7 200-yard medley relay
- #8 400-yard individual medley
- #9 100-yard butterfly
- #10 200-yard freestyle
- #11 100-yard breaststroke
- #12 100-yard backstroke
- #13 3-meter diving
- #14 800-yard freestyle relay

Saturday, Feb. 28

- #15 1,650-yard freestyle
- #16 200-yard backstroke
- #17 100-yard freestyle
- #18 200-yard breaststroke
- #19 200-yard butterfly
- #20 Platform diving
- #21 400-yard freestyle relay

*Daily Swimming Trials: Noon
Daily Diving Trials: 1:30 p.m.
Daily Finals: 7 p.m.*

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Rehashing the 1990s

The **17-point differential** between *Michigan* and *Minnesota* at last season's Big Ten Championships was the closest conference finish in over 10 years. At Iowa City, Iowa, Michigan defeated the Golden Gophers 648-631, behind the speed of then-senior John Piersma and his three event titles in the sprint freestyle. Minnesota held its own, taking three of five relay titles and having junior Martin Zielinski pick up the 100-yard butterfly title. However, it was the Golden Gophers who ended the Wolverines' 10-year stranglehold on the conference crown, when Minnesota won the 1996 Big Ten Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich. For the past 12 seasons, Michigan has won the conference with the exception of 1996. This year Minnesota will look to regain the glory in the Golden Gophers' home waters, and beat the Wolverines in what has evolved into the sport's greatest rivalry.

Here's what's happened over the years...

1990 - 1. Michigan 697, 2. Minnesota 433
1991 - 1. Michigan 696.5, 2. Minnesota 573.5
1992 - 1. Michigan 703, 2. Minnesota 613
1993 - 1. Michigan 788, 2. Minnesota 477.5
1994 - 1. Michigan 744, 2. Minnesota 589.5
1995 - 1. Michigan 786.5, 2. Minnesota 541
1996 - 1. Minnesota 620.5, 2. Michigan 545.5
1997 - 1. Michigan 648, 2. Minnesota 631

Fact Box

RECAPPING THE SEASON:

Minnesota enters the championship weekend carrying a 7-1 overall record and 3-1 record in the Big Ten. The lone loss came against Iowa in the first dual meet of the season (11/1). Since then, the Golden Gophers have swept two triangulars, two dual meets and every invitational the team has competed in.

Minnesota has been beating its opposition by an average margin of 76 points.

Twelve Golden Gopher times this season qualified for the NCAA Championships, including four of freshman ALEX MASSURA's (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) times in three different events.

GOING FOR BROKE: ALEX

MASSURA broke two Minnesota freshman records this season. Massura topped MARTIN ZIELINSKI's 100-yard backstroke time of 49.27 (1996) with his first-place swim against North Carolina, qualifying him for the NCAA Championships with a time of 48.88. Massura also broke the 200-yard backstroke record of 1:49.06 with a Minnesota Invitational record and NCAA provisional mark of 1:45.53

(11/21-23).

IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE:

ALEX MASSURA leads the Golden Gophers with 16 first-place finishes this year in 23 event competitions. Following closely behind Massura is sophomore BILL BISHOP (Barrington, Ill.) who has won 11 times on 22 chances. MARTIN ZIELINSKI has won nine of 17, while senior TY BATHURST (Albuquerque, N.M.) has won eight of 15. Freshman diver DAN CROASTON (Champlin, Minn.) has won all but one event he has competed in this season.

MASTER MASSURA:

Freshman ALEX MASSURA is the only Golden Gopher to swim across all disciplines: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the individual medley. The 1996 Olympian has led the Maroon and Gold swimming in eight different stroke categories. Massura also joins the Golden Gophers' top 800-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

A specialist in the sprint free and backstroke, he was named the Big Ten's Swimmer of the Month for December.

By the Numbers

12th

The highest Minnesota has been ranked this season. The Golden Gophers have been nationally-ranked all year, most recently at 14th

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The most of individual Big Ten titles a Golden Gopher has won in one season. In 1996 Bernie Zeruhn took home six Big Ten trophies when he won the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly, and was a part of the 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle and 400-medley relays.

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Titles freshman Alex Massura could potentially win, as he stars in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke and freestyle, in addition to joining three relay teams.

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Golden Gopher times among the Big Ten's top five in 13 individual events and five relays.

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Events freshman diver Dan Croaston DID NOT win this season.

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DIVER DAN: Another impressive freshman, diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.), has quietly made a big splash. Croaston has won EVERY event he has competed in except one. At the Nebraska Triangular, Croaston finished fourth on the 1-meter springboard, but rebounded to post an NCAA diving standard score of 336.75 (six dives) on the 3-meter springboard. At that meet, Croaston ousted two divers who finished in the top eight of the NCAA Championships on the 3-meter springboard.

BISHOP'S BEST: Sophomore distance freestyler **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) captured victories in 11 of 22 events. He currently leads the team in the 500-yard freestyle, 1,000-yard freestyle, 1,650-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley. Bishop has already completed an NCAA consideration standard, swimming the 1,650-yard freestyle in 15:29.78.

COACH DENNIS DALE: Dennis Dale is in his 13th year as the head coach for the University of Minnesota. Dale has led the Golden Gophers to a 102-23 record as their mentor. He has molded 31 All-Big Ten performers in the last three seasons and guided a total of 55 athletes to 112 All-America certificates. Under his leadership, Minnesota has finished in the top 12 of the NCAA Championships for six consecutive years. Dale is a 1967 graduate of the University of Minnesota and was an All-American swimmer in his own day.

SENIOR SEND-OFF: Minnesota has five seniors competing in their final Big Ten Championships for the Golden Gophers. Three of the five are key parts of the U of M relay squads. **TY BATHURST**, **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) were a part of at least one of the three relay

champion teams at last season's Big Ten Championships. In addition to the trio of captains, Minnesota has had success from its other two seniors, **MATT NINNEMAN** (Madison, Wis.) and **JEFF RODRIGUEZ** (Pecos, Texas). Bathurst has been one of Minnesota's anchors among the sprint freestylers, notching the team's best time in the 50-yard freestyle. Bathurst was an All-American last season and is a two-time member of the All-Big Ten team. Hulseman was also an All-American member of the 200-yard medley relay team, while Rients is another consistent relay member, earning honorable mention All-America honors in three freestyle relays. Ninneman has been a steady diver for the U of M, and Rodriguez has contributed in both the breaststroke and individual medley.

ALL-AMERICAN GUYS: Eight Golden Gophers return to the team after chalking up All-America honors a year ago. Three of those athletes took home three certificates, led by **MARTIN ZIELINSKI**, who was an All-American in the 100-yard butterfly and as a part of the 200-yard medley relay team. Zielinski also earned honorable mention status for his role with the 400-yard medley relay team. **JEREMY RIENTS** took home three honors, all as an honorable mention All-American in the freestyle relays, while **BILL BISHOP** was recognized as an All-American in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and garnered honorable mention distinction in the 500-yard freestyle and as a part of the 800-yard freestyle relay team.

Also gathering All-America accolades were **TY BATHURST**, **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.), **ERIEK HULSEMAN**, **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) and **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel).

MEET THE OFFICIALS: The officials for the weekend are as follows:
Meet Referee - Bill Huesner
Starter - Bruce Vernik

Schedule/Results

(7-1 overall; 3-1 Big Ten)		
Nov. 1	at Iowa	L, 159-141
Nov. 7-8	North Carolina	W, 208-142
Nov. 21-23	Minnesota Invite	Non-scored
Dec. 19	at Hawaii	W, 133-60
Jan. 9	Northwestern	W, 148-78
Jan. 18	Gold Country Inv.	Non-Scored
Jan. 23-24	at Nebraska Tri vs. Nebraska	W, 230-140
	vs. Texas A&M	W, 253-111
Jan. 30-31	at Triple Duals vs. Wisconsin	W, 219-116
	vs. Purdue	W, 192-154
Feb. 6-7	Minnesota Chall.	Non-Scored
Feb. 26-28	Big Ten Champs.	Noon/7 p.m.
Mar. 7	Go-PHER-it Invite	3 p.m.
Mar. 8	Gopher Invite	1 p.m.
Mar. 13-14	at NCAA Diving Zones	11 a.m.
Mar. 26-28	at NCAA Champs.	Noon/7 p.m.

Stroke & Turn Judges - Marty Knight and Pat Lunsford
Diving Referee - Chris Whitenour
Announcer - John Wendt
Special Events and Aquatic Program Director - Duane Proell

GETTING RESULTS: There are two ways results can be accessed from the 1998 Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships. Both preliminary and final results will be posted on the Golden Gopher website at <http://www.gophersports.com>. Additionally results can be accessed by using fax-on-demand. Member schools can get results by dialing 770.563.1131 from the handset of their fax machine and entering their given pin numbers. Members of the media must dial the assigned 1.800 number and enter their pin number to retrieve information. The Big Ten passcode is 282 and the cell numbers break down as follows:

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1997 Big Ten Championship Returning Placemakers for the Golden Gophers

50-yard freestyle	8. Yoav Meiri, 1:50.15
2. Ty Bathurst, 20.12	400-yard indiv. medley
6. Luis Lopez, 20.52	3. Jono McLeod, 3:49.35
8. Jeremy Rients, 20.54	7. Bill Bishop, 3:53.11
	8. Yoav Meiri, 3:53.91
100-yard freestyle	
2. Jeremy Rients, 44.09	200-yard freestyle relay
5. John Cahoy, 44.92	1. Bathurst, Rients,
8. Luis Lopez, 45.18	Schlessman, Lopez, 1:19.90
200-yard freestyle	
8. Jeremy Rients, 1:38.56	400-yard freestyle relay
	1. Rients, Schlessman,
	Cahoy, Lopez, 2:56.81
500-yard freestyle	
5. Bill Bishop, 4:24.78	800-yard freestyle relay
	2. Minnesota, 6:31.61
1,650-yard freestyle	
3. Bill Bishop, 15:20.96	200-yard medley relay
	1. Hulseman, Henke,
100-yard butterfly	Zielinski, Bathurst,
1. Martin Zielinski, 47.09*	1:28.07*
4. John Cahoy, 48.87	
	400-yard medley relay
200-yard butterfly	2. Minnesota, 3:14.51
2. Martin Zielinski, 1:47.43	
4. Yoav Meiri, 1:48.06	
6. Jono McLeod, 1:48.88	
100-yard backstroke	
4. Martin Zielinski, 48.77	
200-yard indiv. medley	* Big Ten Championship
2. Jono McLeod, 1:47.93	record
	not returning

1998 Big Ten Participants

Ty Bathurst • Sr. • Sprint Free/Breast • Albuquerque, N.M.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Took second in the 50-yard freestyle and was a part of two Big Ten champion relay teams

Career highlights: Earned All-America status as a member of the fifth-place 200-yard medley relay team at the 1997 NAAs and honorable mention All-America honors as a part of the 12th-place 200-yard freestyle relay team • finalist in three events at the 1996 Big Ten Championships, and a part of the 1996 Big Ten Champion 200-yard freestyle relay team • was a two-time honorable mention All-American in 1996

Leads the team: Top time in the 50-yard freestyle (20.16) is .04 off his personal best and leads the Big Ten Conference

Bill Bishop • So. • Distance Free/IM • Barrington, Ill.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Finished third in the 1,650-yard freestyle and was a finalist in two other events
Career highlights: Earned three All-America certificates as a freshman, one following his eighth-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a school record 15:10.55 • broke the Minnesota school record for the 1,000-yard freestyle with a 1,650-yard freestyle split time of 9:09.58

Leads the team: Holds the Golden Gophers' top times in the 500-yard, 1,000-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle and the 400-yard individual medley. Time in the 1,650-yard freestyle is third in the conference

John Cahoy • Jr. • Free/Fly • Hudson, Wis.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Finalist in two events, including a fourth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly • was a part of the champion 400-yard freestyle relay team
Career highlights: 1997 All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten pick • honorable mention All-American as a part of the 1997 800-freestyle relay team • swam on the freshman record-setting 400-medley relay team in 1996

Leads the team: Holds a pair of top five times in the 100-yard butterfly

Bryan Carlson • So. • Free • Rosemount, Minn.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Swam on the 400-medley relay team last season which set a new freshman record

This season: Finished third in the 200-yard freestyle at the Minnesota Invitational (11/21-23) with a time of 1:41.18

Dan Croaston • Fr. • Diving • Champlin, Minn.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Two-time high school All-American • broke a 21-year-old Minnesota state diving record

This season: Won every event he competed in with the exception of one • rebounded to upset two divers which finished in the top eight of the NCAA Championships on the 3-meter board at the Nebraska Triangular

Ryan Crosby • So. • Back/Sprint Free • River Falls, Wis.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Took 16th in the 200-yard backstroke with a freshman record at the 1997 Big Ten Championships • set personal bests in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke at the 1997 Big Tens

Career highlights: Swam on the 400-yard medley relay team which set a freshman record

This season: Holds two top five times in the 100-yard backstroke

Adam Frankow • So. • Back/IM • Shelby, Ohio

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Swam the 50-yard freestyle and a personal-

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best 100-yard freestyle at last season's USS State meet
This season: Took third in the Minnesota Challenge (2/7) with a personal-best time of 21.29

Oscar Godoi • So. • Breast • San Jose de Rio Preto, Brazil
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Competed in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke
Career highlights: Won the 100-yard breaststroke at last year's Gold Country Invitational and against Nebraska • part of the freshman record-setting 400-yard medley relay team
This season: Took second with a personal-best and NCAA consideration time of 56.21 in the 100-yard breaststroke at the 1998 Minnesota Invitational (11/21-23)

Brian Howard • So. • Breast/IM • Roeland Park, Kan.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Finished 17th in the 200-yard breaststroke at last year's Big Ten Championships
Career highlights: Took fifth at the 1997 Minnesota Invitational in the 200-yard individual medley
This season: Swam in seven different events this season, the highest being a second-place finish at the Minnesota Challenge in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.37

Eriek Hulseman • Sr. • Back/Fly • Edina, Minn.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Swam as a part of the Big Ten champion and meet record-setting 200-yard medley relay team • an All-Big Ten selection
Career highlights: A part of the 200-yard medley relay team which set a Minnesota school record in its All-America performance at the 1997 NCAA Championships • has 11 top five finishes in 1996 • 1996 Big Ten Championships finalist
This season: Swam in five different events, placing as high as fourth in both the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley • a part of Minnesota's conference-leading relay teams

Martin Lindemann • Fr. • Breast • Hamburg, Germany
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance
This season: Took third in the 100-yard breaststroke (59.31) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:09.92)

Luis Lopez • Jr. • Free/Fly • Aurora, Colo.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: The key anchor leg on the Big Ten champion 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams
Career highlights: Academic All-Big Ten selection • held 11 top five finishes a year ago • 1997 All-Big Ten honoree • honorable mention All-American for his involvement with the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams
This season: Again anchoring the conference's top 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams • holds a top five time in the 200-yard freestyle • won that event with a personal-best time of 1:39.66 against Northwestern

Alex Massura • Fr. • Sprint Free/Back • Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance
Career highlights: 1996 Olympian for South America, placing fourth with the 400-yard freestyle relay team • that relay team took third at the World Championships in 1995
This season: Broke two Minnesota freshman records and set his first collegiate NCAA provisional time in the season's second meet, when he posted a freshman record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 48.88, good for first place • only Golden Gopher to swim across all disciplines • leads the team with 16 events titles

Jono McLeod • Jr. • IM/Fly • Regina, Sask.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Set the Minnesota school record in the 400-yard individual medley with a third-place finish at the 1997 Big Tens (3:49.35) • placed second in the 200-yard individual medley and sixth in the 200-yard butterfly • All-Big Ten at-large recipient
Career highlights: Took 1995 off to train for the Canadian Olympic Trials • two-time All-American • holds two freshman school records in the 20-yard and 400-yard individual medley, and is a part of the 800-yard freestyle relay team which set a freshman record
This season: Set a personal best in the 100-yard butterfly (52.46) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:05.19) • swam in six different events, taking first in four of them

Yoav Meiri • So. • Fly/Back/IM • Jerusalem, Israel
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Finalist in the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley
Career highlights: Part of the 1997 freshman record-setting 400-medley relay team • earned honorable mention All-America notoriety in the 200-butterfly
This season: Swam in seven different events, winning the 400-yard individual medley at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis. (1/30-31)

Michael Mesenbourg • Fr. • Fly/Free • Hubertus, Wis.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten appearance
Career highlights: YMCA national champion in the 100-yard butterfly and a part of three national champion relay teams
This season: Swam in six different events, picking up a second-place finish with a career-best time of 52.23 in the 100-yard backstroke at the Minnesota Invitational (11/21-23)

Jeff Miller • Jr. • Free/IM • Brookfield, Wis.
Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Placed 17th in the 1,650-yard freestyle
Career highlights: Academic All-Big Ten selection in 1997 • placed third in the 500-yard freestyle and second in the 1,650-yard freestyle against Iowa in 1997
This season: Swam in six different events, placing first in the

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500-yard freestyle at the Minnesota Challenge • holds a top five team time in the 1,650-yard freestyle

Matt Ninneman • Sr. • Diving • Madison, Wis.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Competed, but did not place in the finals • finalist at the 1996 Big Ten

Championships

Career highlights: Won the 3-meter competition three times last season and placed second on two occasions • had 10 top five finishes as a sophomore

This season: Placed as high as second on both boards

Jeremy Rients • Sr. • Sprint Free • Apple Valley, Minn..

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Part of the champion 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams • All-Big Ten selection

Career highlights: Named honorable mention All-America for his part on the 200-yard, 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle relay teams • was a part of the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay Big Ten champion teams in 1996

This season: Key part of Minnesota's conference-leading relay squads • holds a top five Golden Gopher time in the 50-yard freestyle

Jeff Rodriguez • Sr. • Breast/IM • Pecos, Texas

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Swam four events at the 1997 Big Ten meet

Career highlights: Set six career best times and finished in the top five on 16 occasions last year • a Senior National qualifier in 1995

This season: Holds a top five Golden Gopher time in the 400-yard individual medley • swam in seven events, finishing as high as second in both the 400-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke

Stelios Sardelas • Jr. • Breast • Athens, Greece

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Won the 100-yard breaststroke and placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke at last year's Minnesota Challenge • scored a personal best in the 50-yard freestyle at the 1997 Minnesota Invitational

This season: Swam in four events

Brandon Schindler • Jr. • Sprint Free • Saratoga, Calif.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Transferred to Minnesota from Kentucky, where he earned two letter as a Wildcat • posted a season-best time of 20.01 in the 50-yard freestyle

This season: Has seen action with the relay teams • swam an NCAA consideration time of 20.39 in the 50-yard freestyle at the Minnesota Invitational (11/21-23)

Tim Sheely • Fr. • Free/IM • Schaumburg, Ill.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Three-time all-state high school selection • honorable mention All-America his junior season

This season: Holds the team's second-best times in the 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle • Swam in eight events, including five of six freestyle events • set personal bests in the 200-yard, 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle

Jeremy Witikko • Jr. • Free • Hastings, Minn.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: First Big Ten Championships appearance

Career highlights: Had five top five finishes in 1997 • swam a personal-best 50-yard freestyle at the 1997 Minnesota Invitational

This season: Swam in five events, including four of six freestyle events

Martin Zielinski • Jr. • Fly/Back • Bloomington, Minn.

Last season at the Big Ten Championships: Captured the only true individual title when he won the 100-yard butterfly with a Big Ten Championships meet record time of 47.09 • also won the 200-yard medley relay title

Career highlights: Placed in the top five 23 times in 1997 • of those 23 times, he placed in the top three on 21 occasions and won 14 events • placed fourth with a school-record time of 47.00 at the 1997 NCAA meet, earning All-America status • member of the NCAA fifth-place school-record breaking 200-yard medley relay team • 1997 All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten pick

This season: Leads the conference with the top 100-yard butterfly time • scored an NCAA consideration time in the 100-yard butterfly • has swam in six events, setting a personal-best mark in the 50-yard freestyle

1997-98 university of minnesota swimming and diving top times

50 Free (19.81, 20.40)

20.16	Ty Bathurst	prelim	MN Inv. (11/21)
20.39	Brandon Schindler	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
20.49	Ty Bathurst	1st	vs. UNC (11/7)
20.76	Jeremy Rients	1st	MN Chall (2/7-8)
20.77	Jeremy Rients	1st	vs. NW (1/9)

100 Free (43.75, 45.06)

44.93	Alex Massura	split	vs. UNC (11/8)
45.08	Alex Massura	1st	MN Chall (2/7-8)
45.16	Ty Bathurst	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
45.28	Alex Massura	2nd	Tri-Duals (1/24)
45.41	Luis Lopez	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)

200 Free (1:36.39, 1:39.28)

1:39.52	Alex Massura	1st	at Iowa (11/1)
1:39.66	Alex Massura	1st	vs. NW (1/9)
1:41.09	Luis Lopez	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:41.18	Bryan Carlson	3rd	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:41.47	Alex Massura	2nd	Tri-Duals (1/23)

500 Free (4:21.03, 4:28.86)

4:29.15	Bill Bishop	Exb.	MN Inv. (11/21)
4:30.97	Tim Sheely	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
4:34.97	Bill Bishop	1st	Tri-Duals (1/24)
4:35.64	Jeremy Witikko	3rd	MN Inv. (11/21)
4:35.96	Bill Bishop	2nd	Triangular (1/31)

1000 Free

9:21.53	Bill Bishop	1st	vs. UNC (11/7)
9:23.18	Bill Bishop	1st	Tri-Duals (1/23)
9:24.96	Bill Bishop	1st	Triangular (1/30)
9:27.35	Bill Bishop	1st	vs. NW (1/9)
9:29.62	Bill Bishop	2nd	at Iowa (11/1)

1650 Free (15:10.61, 15:37.92)

15:29.78	Bill Bishop	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
15:51.52	Tim Sheely	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
16:01.55	Bill Bishop	1st	Gold Inv. (1/10)
16:10.48	Brian Strohane	5th	MN Inv. (11/21)
16:11.45	Jeff Miller	6th	MN Inv. (11/21)

100 Back (47.97, 49.40)

48.88	Alex Massura	1st	vs. UNC (11/7)
49.32	Alex Massura	1st	Triangular (1/30)
49.87	Ryan Crosby	2nd	Triangular (1/30)
50.50	Martin Zielinski	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
50.58	Ryan Crosby	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)

200 Back (1:44.69, 1:47.83)

1:45.53	Alex Massura	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:48.07	Alex Massura	1st	Tri-Duals (1/24)
1:48.09	Alex Massura	1st	Triangular (1/31)
1:48.80	Alex Massura	1st	vs. NW (1/9)
1:49.14	Alex Massura	1st	vs. UNC (11/8)

100 Breast (54.65, 56.28)

55.79	Ty Bathurst	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
56.21	Oscar Godoi	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
56.74	Oscar Godoi	1st	vs. UNC (11/7)
56.86	Oscar Godoi	2nd	Triangular (1/30)
57.24	Chris Wood	2nd	vs. UNC (11/7)

200 Breast (1:58.78, 2:02.34)

2:03.90	Chris Wood	1st	vs. UNC (11/8)
2:05.19	Jono McLeod	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
2:05.69	Jeff Rodriguez	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
2:06.06	Chris Wood	3rd	at Iowa (11/1)
2:06.80	Oscar Godoi	3rd	MN Inv. (11/21)

100 Fly (47.68, 49.11)

48.46	Martin Zielinski	1st	Triangular (1/31)
48.54	Martin Zielinski	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
48.69	Martin Zielinski	2nd	Tri-Duals (1/23)
49.27	John Cahoy	3rd	Tri-Duals (1/23)
49.36	John Cahoy	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)

200 Fly (1:46.41, 1:49.60)

1:49.80	Yoav Meiri	1st	Triangular (1/31)
1:50.07	Martin Zielinski	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:50.11	Yoav Meiri	1st	Tri-Duals (1/24)
1:50.19	Mike Mesenbourg	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:50.24	Yoav Meiri	3rd	MN Inv. (11/21)

200 IM (1:47.16, 1:50.37)

1:51.40	Jono McLeod	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:52.68	Jono McLeod	1st	vs. UNC (11/7)
1:52.78	Jono McLeod	1st	av. NW (1/9)
1:52.96	Alex Massura	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
1:52.99	Jono McLeod	1st	at HI (12/19)

400 IM (3:49.48, 3:56.36)

3:56.77	Bill Bishop	1st	MN Inv. (11/21)
3:59.71	Jono McLeod	1st	Tri-Duals (1/23)
4:01.60	Jeff Rodriguez	2nd	MN Inv. (11/21)
4:01.75	Bill Bishop	1st	vs. UNC (11/8)
4:01.88	Jono McLeod	2nd	vs. UNC (11/8)

(NCAA automatic qualifying time, NCAA consideration)

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ryan ayres

50 free			
22.26	9th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7/98)	
100 free			
48.07	6th	at Hawaii (12/19)	
200 free			
1:44.15	3rd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
500 free			
4:41.07	exb.	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
2:01.04	exb.	vs. Northwestern (1/9)	

ty bathurst

50 free			
20.16^	prelims	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 free			
45.16	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 breast			
55.79*^	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:59.10	3rd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 back			
54.73	6th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

billy bishop

50 free			
22.83	12th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7/98)	
500 free			
4:29.15	exb.	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1000 free			
9:21.53	1st	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	
1650 free			
15:29.78^	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:56.06	6th	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
400 IM			
3:56.77	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 back			
54.48	5th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 back			
1:55.68	1st	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
200 fly			
1:58.88	3rd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

grant butler

50 free			
21.18*	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 free			
46.43*	7th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 free			
1:43.98*	9th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
2:06.93	12th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	

john cahoy

50 free			
21.02*	5th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 free			
1:42.21	4th	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
100 fly			
49.27	3rd	at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)	
200 fly			
1:52.20*	9th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:57.48	2nd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10/98)	
500 free			
4:44.47	2nd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10/98)	
100 back			
51.98	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 back			
1:53.54	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

cubby campbell

200 free			
1:45.87	16th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:42.02*	9th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1650 free			
16:42.68	1st	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

bryan carlson

50 free			
22.60	14th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 free			
47.30	6th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 free			
1:41.18	3rd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:37.64	4th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 fly			
53.86*	4th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

dan croaston

1-M (6 dives)			
286.88^	1st	vs. Northwestern (1/9)	
1-M (11 dives)			
544.30*^	1st	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
3-M (6 dives)			
336.75^	1st	at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)	
3-M (11 dives)			
606.30*^	1st	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
Platform			
385.05	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

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ryan crosby

50 free			
21.69	16th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 free			
48.85	3rd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
500 free			
5:04.75	13th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 back			
49.87*	2nd	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
200 back			
1:49.96	3rd	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
100 fly			
54.63*	16th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

adam frankow

50 free			
21.29*	3rd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 back			
51.46*	5th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 back			
1:55.10	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
2:00.70	5th	vs. Gold Country Invite(1/10)	

oscar godoi

50 free			
22.04	8th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 free			
1:46.80	4th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 breast			
56.21**^	2nd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 breast			
2:06.80	3rd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

brian howard

1000 free			
9:41.52	exb.	vs. Northwestern (1/9)	
1650 free			
16:30.19	8th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 breast			
1:02.25	8th	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
200 breast			
2:07.37	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 IM			
1:56.39	12th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
400 IM			
4:05.04	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 fly			
2:02.83	4th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	

eriek hulseman

50 free			
21.66*	7th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 back			

51.00	4th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 back			
1:53.30	5th	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
100 fly			
51.71	11th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:59.54	4th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	

ben kusmak

200 free			
1:44.83	11th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:42.78*	11th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1650 free			
17:17.77	12th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
200 fly			
1:59.58	13th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

martin lindemann

100 breast			
59.31	3rd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 breast			
2:09.92	5th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

luis lopez

100 breast			
47.25	8th	at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)	
50 free			
20.78	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 free			
45.41	2nd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 free			
1:39.66*	1st	vs. Northwestern (1/9)	
100 fly			
52.28	3rd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
200 fly			
1:56.80	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

alex massura

50 free			
21.75*	5th	at Iowa (11/1)	
100 free			
44.93**^	split	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	
200 free			
1:39.52*	1st	at Iowa (11/1)	
100 back			
48.88**^@	1st	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	
200 back			
1:45.53**^+@	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:52.88*	2nd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 fly			
50.01*	7th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

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alex massura, cont'd

100 breast
1:03.23 7th vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

jono mcleod

100 fly
52.46* exb. vs. UNC (11/7-8)

200 fly
1:51.54 1st vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

200 IM
1:51.40 1st vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)
1st vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

400 IM
3:59.71 1st at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)

100 breast
59.18* 2nd vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

200 breast
2:05.19* 1st vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

yoav meiri

100 fly
50.94 4th at Iowa (11/1)

200 fly
1:49.80 1st at Triple Duals (1/30-31)

200 IM
1:53.43 2nd vs. Northwestern (1/9)

400 IM
4:03.83 3rd at Triple Duals (1/30-31)

100 back
53.96 3rd vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

100 breast
1:00.53 6th vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

500 free
5:07.80 9th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

michael mesenbourg

50 free
21.96* 20th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

100 free
51.58 16th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

100 fly
50.01* 5th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

200 fly
1:50.19* 2nd vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

100 back
52.33* 10th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

200 IM
2:03.45 7th vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

jeff miller

500 free
4:38.80 1st vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

1000 free
9:36.63 5th at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)

1650 free

16:11.45 6th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

400 IM

4:09.21 10th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

100 breast

1:02.82 6th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

200 back

2:00.42 5th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

matt ninneman

1-M (6 dives)

275.55 2nd vs. Northwestern (1/9)

1-M (11 dives)

528.50 2nd vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

3-M (6 dives)

273.98 2nd vs. Northwestern (1/9)

3-M (11 dives)

497.35 2nd vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

jeremy rients

50 free

20.76 1st vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

100 free

45.51 3rd vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

200 free

1:44.50 2nd vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

100 fly

51.79 12th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

jeff rodriguez

100 breast

59.38 5th at Triangular Duals (1/23-24)

200 breast

2:05.69 2nd vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

200 IM

1:53.18 4th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

400 IM

4:01.60 2nd vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

1650 free

16:56.54 9th vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

100 back

54.33 4th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

200 back

2:00.39 4th vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

stelios sardelas

50 free

23.31 39th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

100 breast

59.73 5th vs. MN Challenge (2/7)

200 breast

2:12.36 11th vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

100 fly

57.42 22nd vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)

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brandon schindler

50 free			
20.39^	2nd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 free			
45.88*	5th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 free			
1:48.81	5th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 back			
55.58	8th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
200 back			
2:07.08	6th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

gary taylor

500 free			
4:42.20*	10th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1000 free			
9:51.81	7th	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	
1650 free			
16:32.66	9th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 fly			
2:00.03*	4th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
400 IM			
4:18.95	4th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

nicolas seider

1-M (6 dives)			
250.28	3rd	at Iowa (11/1)	
1-M (11 dives)			
389.90	5th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
3-M (6 dives)			
262.28	4th	at Iowa (11/1)	
3-M (11 dives)			
409.50	3rd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
Platform			
309.90	3rd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

marc teichman

100 breast			
59.01	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 breast			
2:09.19	7th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 IM			
1:54.79	7th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
100 fly			
53.08	6th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	

tim sheely

100 free			
48.04	8th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 free			
1:41.97*	4th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:30.67*	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1000 free			
9:29.66	2nd	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	
1650 free			
15:51.52*	2nd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 fly			
1:57.39	1st	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
200 IM			
1:58.42	8th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
400 IM			
4:11.78	3rd	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	

jeremy witikko

100 free			
46.32	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 free			
1:42.34	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:35.64	3rd	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1650 free			
17:10.11	11th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 fly			
56.53	17th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	

chris wood

100 breast			
57.16*\$	1st	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 breast			
2:03.90	1st	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	
200 IM			
1:59.07*	8th	vs. UNC (11/7-8)	

brian stroshane

100 free			
48.69	9th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
200 free			
1:42.45	7th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
500 free			
4:39.72	6th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
1000 free			
9:44.83	4th	at Hawaii (12/19)	
1650 free			
16:10.48	5th	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	

martin zielinski

50 free			
21.33*	4th	vs. MN Challenge (2/7)	
100 free			
2:00.77	6th	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 back			
50.50	1st	vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)	
200 back			
1:55.92	2nd	vs. Gold Country Invite (1/10)	
100 fly			
48.46^	1st	at Triple Duals (1/30-31)	

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martin zielinski, cont'd

200 fly

1:50.07

1st

vs. MN Invite (11/21-23)

KEY

* personal best

^ ncaa consideration

ncaa automatic

+ minnesota invite record

! minnesota school record

@ minnesota freshman record

\$ unattached competitor