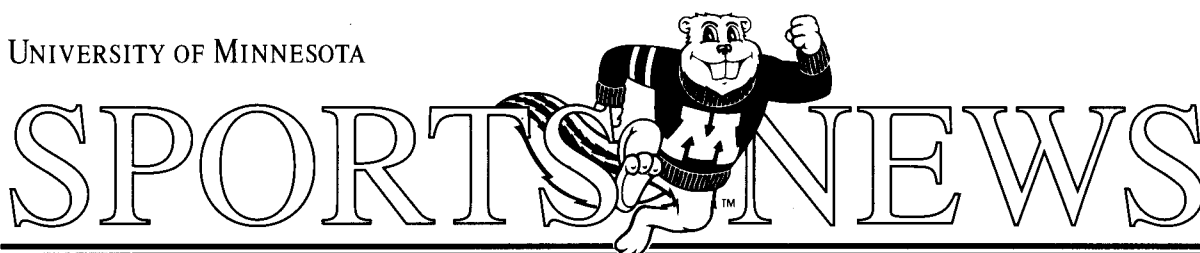


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# SPORTS NEWS

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February 24, 1998

## **U OF M WILL NOT RAISE TICKET PRICES FOR 1998-99**


The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department announced today that single-game and season ticket prices for men's basketball and men's hockey will not be increased for the upcoming 1998-99 seasons.

The basketball ticket price will remain at \$22.50 per game, with the hockey ticket price staying at \$19.50 per game. In addition, the price for the basketball team's two exhibition games will be reduced by \$5 per ticket to \$17.50.

Student tickets for basketball will stay at \$8.50 per game, with hockey student tickets remaining at \$8 per game.

"We've been forced to increase basketball and hockey ticket prices pretty consistently over the past several years to balance our budget, but have decided not to do so for the upcoming season," said Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart. "We are trying to remain an affordable family entertainment option and retain our loyal fans and the atmosphere of our venues. We've planned to restrict expenditures and look to other revenue streams to meet our budgetary needs in 1998-99."

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**TO:** Media Covering Minnesota at the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament  
**FROM:** Bill Crumley & Marc Ryan  
**RE:** Miscellaneous Details Surrounding Big Ten Tournament  
**DATE:** February 25, 1998

Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament  
United Center  
Chicago  
March 5-8, 1998

Attached is media information to help you cover the 1998 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament. Please take a minute or two to read it over. It should cover everything that you need to know about covering the inaugural tournament. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask us.

Note: The 1998 Golden Gopher basketball banquet will be held on Monday, March 9 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Minneapolis Hilton & Towers, 1001 Marquette Avenue South. For more information, call the Golden Gopher Basketball Office at (612) 625-3085.



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For Immediate Release

February 26, 1998

## **UNSTAD NAMED DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR COLEMAN'S GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN**

Jan Unstad has resigned from her position as executive director of development for men's athletics at the University of Minnesota to become finance director for St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman's gubernatorial campaign.

Unstad, who has been a member of the University of Minnesota staff since 1990, will begin her new duties March 2. She will oversee finance and administrative functions of the campaign.

A native of Minneapolis and a graduate of Augsburg College with a bachelor's degree in political science, Unstad has directed the Golden Gopher development office since 1994. The development office raises private funds to help defray scholarship expenses and balance men's athletics' operating budget which receives no state or university financial support.


From 1990 until July of 1994, Unstad served as the director of development for the successful \$5.5 million on-campus sports facilities campaign through the University of Minnesota Foundation. Funds raised during that campaign were used for the construction of the new Mariucci Arena, and the renovation of Williams Arena and the Sports Pavilion. A second capital campaign to provide improvements to the football program's facilities has had a successful start under her direction.

Prior to coming to the University of Minnesota, Unstad spent six years on the staff of former U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz in Minnesota and Washington, D.C., and served as a capital campaign director for Ketchum, Inc., a national fundraising consulting firm from 1988-90.

"It's really hard to leave the University of Minnesota and intercollegiate athletics," Unstad said. "We made tremendous strides in fundraising during my eight years at the "U" and I'm proud of that. But this is a wonderful opportunity that I just couldn't pass up. This is a new and exciting challenge and I'm looking forward to working with Norm and the entire staff."

"This is a great opportunity for Jan," said Mark Dienhart, director of men's athletics at the University of Minnesota. "The department is indebted to her for all of her hard work and the record levels of private funds she raised. She has been a valued colleague and will be tremendously missed."

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 2, 1998

## **SMITH HONORED AS WCHA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Junior forward Wyatt Smith, who scored four goals in a 9-6 loss to Colorado College last Saturday, has been named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts in last weekend's series against the Tigers in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Warroad, Minn., native scored five goals on the weekend and assisted on another for a six-point series. Smith, who leads the team in scoring, is tied for second in the WCHA in scoring in all games with 23 goals and 19 assists on the season. Smith leads the league in goals scored with 23 markers this season. The performance in Saturday's game was his second hat trick of the month, as Smith posted 10 goals in the month of February. Smith's 42 points this season already eclipses his production from his freshman and sophomore seasons combined (39 points). Smith has totals of 35 goals and 30 assists in his last 53 games.

The award marks the first time in Smith's career that he has been honored by the league as player of the week.

Brant Nicklin of the University of Minnesota-Duluth was named Defensive Player of the Week while Kevin Granato of Wisconsin earned Rookie of the Week honors.

The Golden Gophers (14-20-0, 10-16-0) will play St. Cloud State University in a home-and-home series this weekend. Friday's 7:05 p.m. faceoff is at National Hockey Center in St. Cloud, with Saturday's 7:05 p.m. rematch at Mariucci Arena. The series wraps up the regular season slate for both teams.



# GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S ATHLETICS

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## THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

<b>Wed, March 4</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. Iowa State Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (TD) 6 p.m.</p>	<b>Sat, March 7</b>	<p>☐ <b>Gymnastics</b> vs. Illinois-Chicago Sports Pavilion 1 p.m.</p>
<b>Thurs, March 5</b>	<p>☐ <b>Basketball</b> vs. Northwestern First round of Big Ten Tourney Chicago, Ill. ESPN2 (Live) WCCO-AM (830) 1 p.m.</p>	<b>Sun, March 8</b>	<p>☐ <b>Hockey</b> vs. St. Cloud State Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p>
<b>Fri, March 6</b>	<p>☐ <b>Basketball</b> (if win on Thursday) vs. Michigan State/Purdue winner Second round of Big Ten Tourney Chicago, Ill. ESPN2 (Live) WCCO-AM (830) 1 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. Rutgers - Hormel Classic Metrodome 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Hockey</b> at St. Cloud State St. Cloud, Minn. KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Tennis</b> at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☐ <b>Track/Field</b> at NCAA Qualifying Ames, Iowa All Day</p>	<b>Sun, March 8</b>	<p>☐ <b>Swimming/ Diving</b> vs. Go-PHER-it Invitational Aquatic Center 3 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Tennis</b> at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☐ <b>Wrestling</b> at Big Ten Championships University Park, Pa. 2 p.m.</p>
<b>Sat, March 7</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. California - Hormel Classic Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 1:30 p.m.</p>	<b>Sun, March 8</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. Connecticut - Hormel Classic Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) MSC (Live) 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Tennis</b> at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☐ <b>Swimming/ Diving</b> vs. Gopher Invitational Aquatic Center 1 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Wrestling</b> at Big Ten Championships University Park, Pa. Fox Sports Net (TD) 2 p.m.</p>

### 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, March 3:**  
Head Minnesota Basketball Coach CLEM ASKINS' weekly press conference

**Wednesday, March 4:**  
Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG previews the St. Cloud State series.

**Thursday, March 5:**  
Head Wrestling Coach J ROBINSON previews

the Big Ten Championships.

**Friday, March 6:**  
Senior hockey forward CASEY HANKINSON previews the St. Cloud State series.

**Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8:**  
Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG's postgame comments

# WRESTLING

**THIS WEEK:** The No. 4 Golden Gophers (19-2, 6-2 Big Ten) travel to the Big Ten Championships, which will be held at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center in University Park, Pa., March 7-8. The Golden Gophers look to become the first team in 24 years to unseat the Iowa Hawkeyes for the conference championship. The last team to win the Big Ten title other than the Hawkeyes was Michigan, which edged by Iowa in 1973. The Golden Gophers have won four conference championships with the last coming in 1959.

**LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS:** Minnesota finished second at last season's Big Ten Championships held in Williams Arena to the Iowa Hawkeyes, who won their 24th Big Ten crown. The Golden Gophers' finish marked the third second-place finish in Head Coach J Robinson's career. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** won the Big Ten title at 190 pounds, the Golden Gophers' first individual title since Brad Gibson claimed the championship in 1994 at 177 pounds. Minnesota has not won a Big Ten title since 1959, when Minnesota coaching legend Wally Johnson led the Golden Gophers to a 14-5 record.

## PROBABLE LINEUP VS. BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho) - OR -  
**BRANDON PAULSON** (Sr., Coon Rapids, Minn.)  
 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR-  
**BART GOLYER** (Jr., Cedar, Minn.)  
 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)

- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)  
 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)  
 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)  
 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)  
 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.) -OR-  
**DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)  
 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)  
 Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)



## HARTUNG LOOKS TO DEFEND BIG TEN

**TITLE:** Junior **TIM HARTUNG**, ranked No. 2 in the nation at 190 pounds, will look to defend his Big Ten title. Last season, Hartung won the Golden Gophers only Big Ten title with a 3-1 overtime decision over Michigan State's defending champion Brian Picklo. Hartung had lost to Picklo earlier in the season 2-1 in double overtime at East Lansing, Mich., which was his only loss heading into Big Tens. This season Hartung has a 28-1 overall record and a 20-1 dual-meet mark. Hartung is also flawless with an 8-0 record in the Big Ten this year.

## DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS:

Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** set the all-time school record for most career dual wins two weeks ago in Purdue. Davids is 19-2 in dual action this season and 79-12-0 for his career. He tied former Golden Gopher Willy Short (1989-1994) with 78 career dual meet victories after a 16-7 maj. dec. over Northwestern's Malik Elliot on Friday night. Davids then decisioned No. 4 Willie Wineberg 6-1 to take the record. Willy Short finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

# SCOREBOARD

## TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
	Brandon Paulson	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	20-6	19-5	9-4	3-4	7
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	26-7	12-5	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	29-2	29-2	19-2	6-2	14
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	19-1	18-1	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	25-2	25-2	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	27-5	27-5	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	22-2	22-2	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	1
190	Tim Hartung	29-1	29-1	21-1	8-0	18
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	28-4	28-4	16-3	7-1	9
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

# GOPHER FLASHES

## LAST ACTION:

**No. 4 Minnesota 32, No. 24 Northwestern 6**  
**Friday, Feb. 20, 1998 - Evanston, Ill.**

- 118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) forfeit  
 126 - Bart Golyer (UM) maj. dec. Micah Hey (NU), 8-1  
 134 - No. 5 Scott Schatzman (NU) dec. No. 10 Troy Marr, 4-1  
 142 - No. 6 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. Malik Elliott (NU), 16-7  
 150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 18 Drew Pariano (NU), 7-4  
 158 - No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Steve Bucciero (NU), 10-5  
 167 - No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. No. 10 Mark Bybee (NU), 8-7  
 177 - No. 18 Joel Goeden (NU) dec. Delaney Berger (UM), 8-2  
 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) maj. dec. No. 5 Sam Neider (NU), 10-2  
 Hwt. - No. 5 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pin Chris Roberts (NU), 4:14

**No. 4 Minnesota 28, No. 9 Purdue 8**

**Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998 -- West Lafayette, Ind.**

- 118 -- No. 10 Tim Dermalan (PU) dec. Brett Lawrence (UM), tech fall 6:21  
 126 -- No. 8 Josh Hutchens (PU) dec. Bart Golyer (UM), 5-4 (double OT)  
 134 -- No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) maj. dec. Eric Kerkhof (PU), 15-6  
 142 -- No. 6 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 4 Willie Wineberg (PU), 6-1  
 150 -- No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 8 Mickey Griffin (PU), 8-1  
 158 -- No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Eric Douglas (PU), 7-2  
 167 -- No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. James Crnich (PU), 9-3  
 177 -- Delaney Berger (UM) dec. Davion Peterson (PU), 13-6  
 190 -- No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Mark Colegrove (PU), 2:03  
 Hwt. -- No. 5 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. David Pierce (PU), 7-2

# WRESTLING

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. He is currently in fourth place in career wins with a 125-24-0 record and in third place for career pins with 35. Davids is just two wins shy of Tim Harris, who finished his career with a 127-47-0 record.

**DENTING THE RECORD BOOK:** Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently seventh all time with a career record of 114-29-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is in 16th place with a career mark of 86-21-0. Kraft is now 18th with a career mark of 79-17-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in third with 34 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 18 this season.

**MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE:** The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

**VS. RANKED OPPONENTS:** The Golden Gophers have a 10-2 mark against ranked opponents heading into the Big Ten Championships. Most recently, Minnesota knocked off No. 24 Northwestern 32-6 on Feb. 20 and No. 9 Purdue 28-8 on Feb. 22.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** The Golden Gophers have won nine dual meets on the road this season, most recently winning at Northwestern and Purdue. In addition, the Golden Gophers won two duals at Jackson (Minn.) High School and four at the National Duals in Iowa City, Iowa, for a grand total of 13 dual meets won in places other than Minneapolis this season.

**MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS:** The Golden Gophers were ranked fourth in the Feb. 26 NWCA/*Amateur Wrestling News* rankings for the third consecutive week, after holding the No. 3 spot for two weeks before. Minnesota trails third-ranked Penn State by just three points. It is the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and the past two in third before slipping to fourth on Feb. 12.

**SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP:** Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 29-2 record. Two wrestlers are tied with 28 wins in junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) at 28-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) at 28-4. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 26-6, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 27-5, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 25-2 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 22-2.

**LATEST RANKINGS:** Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gopher in the Feb. 11 Intermat/*W.I.N.* rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser two weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** moved up a spot from sixth to fifth in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for most of the year.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the ninth ranked wrestler at 134, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, fifth at heavyweight, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS**, seventh at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, ninth at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, seventh at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 13th at 177.

**IN THE CONFERENCE:** Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 16 Big Ten Coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked No. 1 at 190 pounds for the second consecutive poll and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** moved into first at 158 pounds with a 4-1 record in the Big Ten.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS** second at 142; junior **CHAD KRAFT** second at 150 pounds after being ranked No. 1 all season; junior **TROY MARR**, fifth at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, fourth at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, third at heavyweight.

**HOLDING THEM SCORELESS:** Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in four other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3, Michigan State 39-6).

**PIN CITY:** Through 21 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 45 matches by pinning their opponents, including **SHELTON BENJAMIN'S** dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give Minnesota its National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 19 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 22 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with 11 pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with seven. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 18 pins overall, and Davids is second with 14.

# TRACK & FIELD

**THIS WEEK:** Next up for the Big Ten Champion men's track and field team is the NCAA Qualifying meet at Ames, Iowa, Friday, March 6.

**IT'S A FIRST!:** The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten track and field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Minnesota already had broken four school records heading into the conference championship, and left with two more fallen marks and a tied mark. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) had established new Minnesota freshman times in the 400-meter and 600-meter dash but went into



Purdue and broke his previous freshman-best time of 1:16.19 in the 600-meter dash. In the trials Saturday, Gerding smashed both his record and the Lambert Field House record, posting a time of 1:19.09. Gerding's record would later be broken in the finals, but the freshman would take fourth with a time of 1:19.60.

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) won his second consecutive high jump title, tying his Big Ten meet record from a year ago of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also broke his own school and Big Ten mark in the heptathlon, winning the event for the second straight year with 5,769 points.

Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) ran his school-record time of 7.31 for the fourth time this year in the 55-meter hurdles. The time was good for third place and NCAA provisional qualification.

**YEAR-END HONORS:** The Big Ten Conference will award its annual honors later in the week. Minnesota Head Coach Phil Lundin is expected to be the favorite for Coach of the Year accolades. Last season, **STAFFAN STRAND** was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

*"Everybody on the team is very aware this is very special. It's a first. It's historic. These kids are always going to be a part of that and remembered as the first team to win it."*  
- Head Coach Phil Lundin

## SCOREBOARD

### TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)  
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)  
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31\* & \$ (1/31, 2/13)  
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)  
200m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 22.03 (2/28)  
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)  
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)  
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:18.93 (2/28)  
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.02 (2/28)  
Mile Run -- Sami Valttonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)  
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:28.63 (2/27)  
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:31.18 (2/28)  
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)! & @ ^ \$ (1/24)  
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-9 1/4 (5.42m)\* (2/27)  
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 23-7 1/4 (7.19m) (2/27)  
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-3 (15.01) (2/27)  
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)\* \$ (1/24)  
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)  
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)  
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,769 (2/28)

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\$ Personal Best

# U of M Freshman Record

## GOPHER FLASHES

**BACK-TO-BACK:** The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. Saturday night the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, and less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

**LUCKY NUMBER:** Minnesota has scored 13 provisionally qualifying performances for the NCAA Indoor Championship in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14. **STAFFAN STRAND** has automatically qualified twice with his best high jump coming at 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational (1/24). **NILES DENEEN** has qualified provisionally five times in the 55-meter hurdles. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) have qualified in the pole vault twice and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified in the shot put.



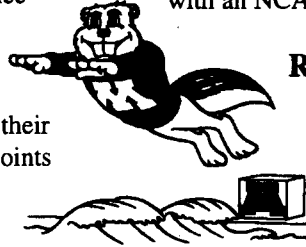
# SWIMMING & DIVING

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gophers (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten), fresh off their Big Ten Championship weekend, will host their annual Go-PHER-it Invitational, Saturday, March 7, and the Gopher Invitational, Sunday, March 8. Saturday's meet begins at 3 p.m., while Sunday's start time is 1 p.m.

**VICTORY!:** Minnesota became the first team since 1990 to win a Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championship in its home pool, out-racing Michigan last Saturday for on the title the final day of events. The Golden Gophers took home their second title in three years with 714 total points, 73 points ahead of defending champion Michigan.

**THE SUM OF THE PARTS...:** The Golden Gophers won three relay titles and one individual title during the weekend, but claimed the Big Ten title more on depth and teamwork than individuality. Minnesota had 10 individuals make the finals the last day of competition to help pick up points.

Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) won Minnesota's only individual title as he claimed the 50-yard freestyle after finishing second



## RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS:

A total of 12 records were set at the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was a part of six of those. Massura, who took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, set Minnesota school and freshman records in both backstroke events and swam with the 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) each were a part of both the 400-yard medley record-setting team, while Zielinski set a record with the 200-yard medley team and Rients set another mark with the 400-yard freestyle relay.

*"Even when it appeared we won, I told our guys to swim with pride; to be proud. I told them to swim as if the meet depended on each race."  
- Head Coach Dennis Dale*

## SCOREBOARD

### QUOTABLE:

Brandon Schindler, Jr., Saratoga, Fla. - Minnesota  
On winning the 200-yard medley relay Friday:  
"I'm just privileged to be here at Minnesota and to be able to contribute to this great team. The senior leadership on this team is just great."

Minnesota Head Coach Dennis Dale  
On them 800-yard relay's finish Friday:  
"I couldn't have imagined the splits that we put together. Not only did they swim a great race, but we had only expected to be in fourth or fifth. It was really important that they got second, but also that they swam so well."

On knowing when the championship was his:  
"After the prelims (Saturday), I was convinced we had won. It was the turning point. The meet was no longer in doubt after the prelims."

Tom Malchow, Jr., Mendota Heights, Minn. - Michigan  
On the 200-yard butterfly preliminaries:  
"It's never a routine (swim). Mike (Mesenbourg of Minnesota) had a great swim. He definitely made it more than a routine. He made it faster than I anticipated."

Mike Mesenbourg, Fr., Hubertus, Wis. - Minnesota  
On his 200-yard butterfly preliminary swim:  
"It's amazing to swim next to Tom Malchow. Most people don't get the chance to swim right next to an Olympic silver medalist. I just wanted to stay with. Swimming against him was a dream come true."

## GOPHER FLASHES

**NO MESS HERE:** One of the surprises of the Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships was the preliminary swim of freshman **MIKE MESENBURG** (Hubertus, Wis.) in the 200-yard butterfly. Mesenbourg was the final 200-yard butterfly swimmer for the Golden Gophers and was pitted next to Tom Malchow of Michigan, the 1996 Olympic silver medalist in that event. Mesenbourg ended up swimming almost three seconds faster than his career best to notch the prelims' second-fastest time (1:47.67). He was second only to Malchow by .62. Mesenbourg ended up finishing third in the finals.

**PLEASANTRIES ABOUND:** The other bonus Minnesota received came from its 800-yard freestyle relay team. Projected to finish fourth or fifth, the team of Massura, junior **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.), sophomore **BRYAN CARLSON** (Rosemount, Minn.) and junior **JONO McLEOD** (Regina, Sask.) came .21 seconds from winning the event. Michigan, which traditionally dominates the 800-yard freestyle relay, had to rely on the anchor leg of Tom Malchow to pull the Wolverines to victory. The Minnesota relay team scored an NCAA consideration time of 6:30.99 and picked up 34 points, building a 40-point cushion heading into the final day.

**COACH'S CALL:** Head Coach Dennis Dale was rewarded for preparing his team so well with his third Big Ten Coach of the Year distinction. Dale also won in 1989 and 1996.

# GYMNASTICS

**THIS WEEK:** The No. 15 Golden Gophers close out the regular season with a home dual meet against No. 13 Illinois-Chicago at the Sports Pavilion Saturday, March 7. The meet begins at 1:00 p.m.

**THE SERIES:** Minnesota leads the all-time series against the UIC Flames 15-6-1. Last year, the visiting Golden Gophers lost to Illinois-Chicago 227.75-226.05. Minnesota avenged that loss at the NCAA East Regionals with a fifth-place finish, 4.125 points better than the sixth-place Flames.

**LAST ACTION:** Minnesota dropped a pair of dual meets at the Sports Pavilion this past weekend, Feb. 26 and March 1. On Friday night, No. 3 Nebraska topped the Golden Gophers 229.575-221.275. Minnesota turned in their best performance of the season on Sunday afternoon, but it was not enough to defeat the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes. Iowa defeated the Gophers by a score of 226.400-222.900. Illinois-Chicago dropped a dual meet to No. 5 Illinois 227.575-220.875 last Saturday.

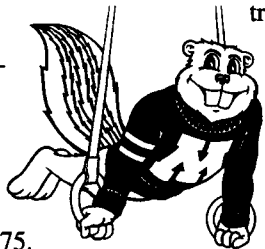
**STEPPING UP:** With the loss of three scholarship athletes to season-ending injuries, Minnesota has needed to rely on the swift improvement of several first-year competitors. **BOB GOSS** (Kenosha, Wis.), a freshman walk-on, had his best meet of the season against Iowa. Goss established three new career-highs with a 9.250 on the floor exercise, 9.450 on the pommel horse, and a 9.500 on the parallel bars. His previous best on the

parallel bars was a 9.150. Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.) has been Minnesota's lone bright spot on the still rings. Winterbourne has posted the three highest scores this season with a 9.400, 9.450 and a 9.500. He also set two career-highs against Iowa with a 9.300 on the floor exercise and a 9.150 on the high bar.

**POMMEL DOMINATION:** Minnesota's best event is the pommel horse. Entering last weekend's action, the Golden Gophers were ranked third in the country in that event, trailing Nebraska and Iowa. This past weekend, the Golden Gophers defeated both in the pommel horse. Leading the way are senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.). Both are ranked ninth in the country and in six dual meets this season, the duo has dominated. Beatty has three first-place, one second-place and one third-place finishes. Krob has two first-place and four second-place finishes.

**COACH ROETHLISBERGER:** Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

**INJURY FRONT:** The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Jr., Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Fr., Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Sr., Phoenix, Ariz.) have all experienced season-ending injuries.



## SCOREBOARD

### 1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

\*Exhibition

## GOPHER FLASHES

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995, led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on the finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

# TENNIS

**THIS WEEK:** The 48th-ranked Golden Gophers (3-2 overall; 1-1 Big Ten) head to the H.E.B. Classic in Corpus Christi, Texas, Friday through Sunday, March 6-8.

**LAST ACTION:** The Golden Gophers, after upsetting 24th-ranked Kansas, 4-3, on Valentine's Day, fell to the Iowa Hawkeyes by the same score in Iowa City, Feb. 21.

Minnesota captured the doubles point by taking Nos. 2 and 3 doubles, but lost four singles matches to give Iowa the victory. No. 2 singles player junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and No. 6 singles player, freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden), were the only singles players to win their matches for Minnesota.

**GOOSE EGG:** Freshman **JON SVENSSON** and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson is 4-0 at No. 6 singles, and has one win at No. 5 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 1-0 record at No. 6 singles.

Selkirk and Svensson also have one of four undefeated doubles records. The pair is 3-0 in dual matches and have competed at No. 3 all season.

**MILESTONES:** Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) is six wins from a career 75 singles victories. Chicoine currently

has 69 career singles wins, leading all active Golden Gophers. Additionally, Chicoine's 43 career doubles wins are seven shy of putting him into at least the 50-50 club, with 50 career singles and doubles wins. With one season still left, Chicoine could conceivably end his career with over 100 singles wins.

Selkirk is fast approaching 50 career singles wins, as he is just three victories shy of the mark. Only a sophomore, **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Canada) already has 35 singles wins for his career.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** earned the 300th victory of his coaching career with a 5-2 win over his alma mater, New Mexico, Jan. 16. Geatz currently has 181 wins in his 10th season with Minnesota and is 302-138 during his 14-plus years of coaching.

The program itself holds a 660-420-3 overall record in 51 seasons.



**DOUBLE FIGURES:** Minnesota's starting lineup features five of its six singles players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** carries a 14-9 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-10 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** also carries a 14-9 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings an 11-10 record to the court. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** is 11-8.

## SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	14-9	1-4	13-5	1-4					
Adam Selkirk	6-11	2-2	4-9		2-2				
M. Michalowski	14-9	2-3	12-6		1-0	1-3			
Jorge Duenas	14-10	2-3	12-7			1-0	1-3		
Tyson Parry	11-10	3-2	8-8				0-1	3-1	
Jon Svensson	11-8	5-0	6-8					1-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	7-7	1-0	6-7						1-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-7	1-4	11-3	1-4		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-7	3-1	5-6		3-1	
Duenas/Svensson	1-0	1-0	0-0		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Selkirk	1-0	1-0	0-0			1-0
Selkirk/Svensson	7-3	3-0	4-3			3-0
Kristoffersen/Svensson		3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

## GOPHER FLASHES

**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Minnesota has won the doubles competition in four out of the five matches the team has competed in, sweeping all three matches from regional foe and powerhouse Notre Dame. The Golden Gophers are 10-4 in dual matches at the three doubles positions with four positional undefeated records.

Additionally, the Golden Gophers No. 1 doubles team of **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** and **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) is ranked 30th in the nation.

**UNDER PRESSURE:** Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) proved he is ready to compete at the collegiate level after leading the Golden Gophers to a 4-3 upset of No. 24 Kansas Saturday, Feb. 14. Parry's No. 5 singles match was the decisive point for Minnesota who had won the doubles point against the Jayhawks and were down in the singles matches, 3-2. Whoever won at No. 5 would take the match. Fittingly it came down to two freshman, Parry and Jayhawk Ed Dus. Parry battled through the first set, taking it 7-6 with a 9-7 tie break. Parry dropped the second set 5-7, but bounced back to win the third and final set 6-2.

# GOLF

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gopher men's golf team is idle until March 23-24 at the Georgia Tech Invitational.

## TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15

## INDIVIDUAL STATS

### Rob Kerr

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
Rounds: 17 Strokes: 1229	Average: 72.3		

### Jeff Barney

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
Rounds: 9 Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9		

### Andy Komor

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1057	Average: 75.5		

### Adam Dooley

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 832	Average: 75.6		

### Matt Burgess

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
Rounds: 6 Strokes: 454	Average: 75.7		

### Justin Royer

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		

### Bob Brink

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 219	Average: 73.0		

### Bill Thompson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1027	Average: 73.4		

### James McLean

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 368	Average: 73.6		


### Martin Le Mesurier

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
Rounds: 15 Strokes: 1110	Average: 74.0		

### Santiago Fernandez

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 244	Average: 81.3		

Note: \* indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score



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## GAME TIMES FOR '98 GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL SEASON ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota announced today tentative kickoff times for the '98 football season. All game times are subject to change due to obligations to the Big Ten's television package.

Golden Gopher home games will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. The lone exception is the Sept. 19 game vs. Memphis which will start at 3 p.m. because of student move-in day.

Although Minnesota played home games predominantly at night during its previous 16 seasons in the Metrodome, the Golden Gophers did play primarily during the day in the '89, '90 and '91 seasons. During the '97 season Minnesota played two of its six games during the day.

"College football in the afternoon is a wonderful tradition and that's something that I want this program to return to this season," Head Coach Glen Mason said. "I realize that there are advantages and disadvantages to this decision. After evaluating the situation and getting feedback from fans, students and past and current players, however, I think this is in the best interests of our student-athletes and our program."

The '98 schedule with tentative kickoff times is listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 5	ARKANSAS STATE	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Houston	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	MEMPHIS	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Purdue	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	PENN STATE	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Ohio State	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	MICHIGAN STATE (HOMECOMING)	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	MICHIGAN	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Indiana	Noon
Nov. 21	IOWA	1:30 p.m.

All times are Central and subject to change

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## **DEGREE OF HONOR TO SEND 1,000 KIDS TO HORMEL FOODS BASEBALL CLASSIC**

Degree of Honor, a fraternal organization based in St. Paul, Minn., will send 1,000 children to Minnesota's game with California Saturday, March 8 in the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic at the Metrodome.

Each child will receive a ticket to the game, a hot dog and a Coca-Cola. Degree of Honor will also sponsor a drawing for one child to receive a \$1,000 savings bond to start his or her college fund.

The Hormel Classic, which annually brings some of the top talent in collegiate baseball to the Metrodome, was established in 1985, and Hormel Foods enters its fourth year as the title sponsor of the event.

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## **BASEBALL GAME TIME CHANGED ON SUNDAY**


The Golden Gophers' final game of the Hormel Foods Baseball Classic against Connecticut Sunday, March 8, has been changed to a 1:05 p.m. start. The game will be broadcast live on Midwest Sports Channel and KKMS-AM 980.

The weekend of baseball gets underway with two games on Friday with California vs. Connecticut at 12:15 p.m. and then Rutgers vs. Minnesota at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, the Golden Gophers open the day with a game against California at 1:30 p.m. The first 3,000 fans at that game will receive a free baseball cap from Hormel Foods. The tournament concludes on Sunday with Rutgers vs. California at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, the Famous Chicken, formerly the San Diego Chicken, will make its first appearance in over a decade at Minnesota's game with Connecticut. The Chicken's appearance is being sponsored by Target, and the Chicken will be available for autographs after the game. The first 1,000 fans attending Sunday's game will also receive a free baseball bat pen.

The tournament, which annually brings some of the top talent in collegiate baseball to the Metrodome, was established in 1985, and Hormel Foods enters its fourth year as the title sponsor of the event.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white 'M' on the chest. It is holding a basketball in its right hand and has its left hand raised in a fist. The mascot is positioned behind the word 'SPORTS' in the 'SPORTS NEWS' title.

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## **HARRIS AND JACOBSON NAMED GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S BASKETBALL MVPs**

Senior co-captains Eric Harris and Sam Jacobson were named the Most Valuable Players of the 1997-98 University of Minnesota men's basketball team at the Golden Gophers' awards banquet tonight at the Minneapolis Hilton Towers Hotel. These two players have won more games (86) than any two players in the history of the program and have been to postseason play every year.

Jacobson, the team's leading scorer, has averaged 17.8 points per game this season. He has 1,608 career points which puts him sixth all time. A two-year All-Big Ten second team selection, Jacobson has played in 125 games during his career.

Harris, the team's assists leader and second-leading scorer, has averaged 13.8 points and 3.8 assists this season. He leads the team with 45 three-pointers and is shooting 43 percent from long range. Harris is ranked second all-time in steals (182) and assists (403). He entered the 1,000 point club last weekend and now has 1,019 career points.

The complete list of awards handed out at the team's banquet is as follows:

- Most Valuable Player: Eric Harris and Sam Jacobson
- Senior Players: Eric Harris, Sam Jacobson, Rob Schoenrock
- 1997-98 Captains: Eric Harris and Sam Jacobson
- Best Free-Throw Percentage: Eric Harris (81.1)
- Assists Leader: Eric Harris (114)
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: Jason and Jermaine Stanford
- Academic Award—Most Improved: Rob Schoenrock
- Most Improved Player: Kevin Clark
- Rebound Leader: Miles Tarver (198)
- Best Defensive Player Award: Eric Harris
- Hustle Award: Kevin Nathaniel
- Most Versatile Player: Quincy Lewis





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## THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

<b>Tues, March 10</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. St. Scholastica Metrodome 6:30 p.m.</p>	<b>Sat., March 14</b>	<p>☐ <b>Hockey</b> at Minnesota-Duluth First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p>
<b>Wed, March 11</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. Gustavus Adolphus Metrodome 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Basketball</b> vs. Colorado State First round of NIT Williams Arena T.V. TBD WCCO-AM (830) (Live) 7:05 p.m.</p>	<b>Sun., March 1</b>	<p>☐ <b>Hockey</b> at Minnesota-Duluth (if needed) First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p>
<b>Fri., March 13</b>	<p>☐ <b>Baseball</b> vs. Mankato State Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Hockey</b> at Minnesota-Duluth First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Diving</b> at NCAA Diving Zones Oxford, Ohio 11 a.m.</p> <p>☐ <b>Track &amp; Field</b> at NCAA Championships Indianapolis, Ind. All Day</p>		

### 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, March 10:**

Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** weekly press conference

**Wednesday, March 11:**

Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the first round of the WCHA playoffs against Minnesota-Duluth.

**Thursday, March 12:**

Head Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** Colorado

State postgame comments

**Friday, March 13:**

Duluth, Minn., natives **DAVE SPEHAR** and **DYLAN MILLS** preview the WCHA playoffs

**Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15:**

Duluth, Minn., natives **DAVE SPEHAR** and **DYLAN MILLS** preview the WCHA playoffs

### WEEKLY RELEASES

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

# GYMNASTICS

**THIS WEEK:** The No. 14 Golden Gophers are idle this weekend.

**LAST ACTION:** Minnesota captured its first dual meet win of the season Saturday, March 7. The Golden Gophers defeated No. 15 Illinois-Chicago with a season-high score of 224.100. The Golden Gophers established or tied 13 personal career-high scores at that meet.

**WHAT ABOUT BOB:** Freshman walk-on **BOB GOSS** (Kenosha, Wis.) has been a pleasant surprise for Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger. With injuries to three scholarship athletes, Goss has provided the team a boost with his continued improvement over the season. Against Iowa, March 1, he set three career highs with a 9.250 on the floor exercise, a 9.450 on the pommel horse and a 9.500 on the parallel bars. Against UIC last weekend, Goss set two more personal bests with a 9.300 and an outstanding 9.575 on the vault.

**A HOT WINTER:** Another Golden Gopher newcomer making waves is sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.). Although the still rings are one of the team's weakest events, Winterbourne has excelled. He has posted the team's top-three individual scores this season, including a 9.450 against UIC. Along with his second-place finish on the rings against the Flames, Winterbourne scored a career-high 9.500 on the floor exercise to claim the event title. He also captured third

place with a 9.400 on the parallel bars.

**POMMEL DOMINATION:** Minnesota's best event is the pommel horse. Entering last weekend's action, the Golden Gophers were ranked fourth in the country in that event, trailing Nebraska, Iowa and California. Leading the way are senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.). Against Illinois-Chicago, Beatty scored a career-high 9.775 en route to the event title.

Beatty has four first-place, one second-place and one third-place finishes. Krob has two first-place and four second-place finishes.



**COACH ROETHLISBERGER:** Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 171-73-1 (.710) career record.

**INJURY FRONT:** The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (JR, Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (FR, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) have all experienced season-ending injuries.

## SCOREBOARD

### 1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

\*Exhibition

## GOPHER FLASHES

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995, led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on the finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

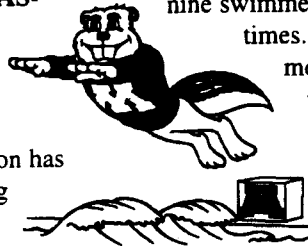
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

# SWIMMING & DIVING

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gopher (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) swimmers will rest and prepare for the NCAA Championships, March 26-28 in Auburn, Ala., while the divers will travel to Oxford, Ohio for the NCAA Diving Zones, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14.

**TAKE THE PLUNGE:** Freshman **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) and senior **MATT NINNEMAN** (Madison, Wis.) will represent the U of M at the NCAA Diving Zones. Divers who wish to compete in the field of 35 at the NCAA Championships must qualify at diving zones. Croaston has been the U of M's top diver all season. After winning all but one competition during the regular season, he fared well at the Big Ten Championships. Croaston got the freshman jitters out of the way, placing 12th on the 1-meter springboard the first day of competition and rebounded to take fourth on the 3-meter and eighth on the platform. Ninneman took 16th on the 1-meter and 23rd on the 3-meter at Big Tens.

**MEETING THE STANDARD:** The Golden Gophers have had 29 NCAA consideration times posted this season along with nine NCAA automatic times. Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) automatically qualified in the 50-yard freestyle, juniors **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) automatically qualified in



the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) automatically qualified in the 200-yard butterfly, and freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) automatically qualified in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke. Additionally, freshman **BRANDON SCHINDLER** (Saratoga, Calif.), junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) and seniors **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) automatically qualified for the NCAAs because of their participation on qualifying relay teams. The nine swimmers have also swam a combined 18 consideration times. Because they qualified automatically, the swimmers can compete in their consideration events as well. A swimmer can not, however, swim in more than seven events.

## RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS:

A total of 12 records were set at the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was a part of six of those. Massura, who took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, set Minnesota school and freshman records in both backstroke events and swam with the 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) each were a part of both the 400-yard medley record-setting team, while Zielinski set a record with the 200-yard medley team and Riens set another mark with the 400-yard freestyle relay.

## SCOREBOARD

1998 Big Ten Champions  
**OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1**  
**TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES**  
 (1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!\*, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)  
 100 FREE — 44.03^\*, John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)  
 200 FREE — 1:38.88^, Jeremy Riens (9th, Big Tens)  
 500 FREE — 4:24.72^, Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)  
 1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)  
 1650 FREE — 15:18.50^, Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)  
 100 BACK — 47.42!\*#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)  
 200 BACK — 1:43.57!\*#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)  
 100 BREAST — 55.03\*^, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)  
 200 BREAST — 2:02.55\*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)  
 100 FLY — 47.10!, Martin Zielinski (prelim, Big Tens)  
 200 FLY — 1:47.44^, Martin Zielinski (2nd, Big Tens)  
 200 IM — 1:48.55\*^, Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)  
 400 IM — 3:50.99\*^, Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

\* personal best  
 ^ NCAA consideration  
 ! NCAA automatic  
 + Minnesota Varsity Record  
 # Minnesota Freshman Record

## GOPHER FLASHES

**THE SUM OF THE PARTS...:** The Golden Gophers won three relay titles and one individual title during Big Ten Championships, but claimed the Big Ten title more on depth and teamwork than individuality. Minnesota had 10 individuals make the finals the last day of competition to help pick up points.

Senior **TY BATHURST** won Minnesota's only individual title as he claimed the 50-yard freestyle after finishing second the past two seasons in the event. It was the Maroon and Gold's first 50-yard freestyle crown since 1992.

The relay teams finished first on three occasions and second twice. The 200-yard medley relay set a new school and Big Ten record Friday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 1:27.92, while the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay team set a Minnesota school record Saturday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 2:55.03. The 400-yard medley team, which took second place, set another new Minnesota school record with an NCAA consideration time of 3:13.17.

**COACH'S CALL:** Head Coach Dennis Dale was rewarded for preparing his team so well with his third Big Ten Coach of the Year distinction. Dale also won in 1989 and 1996.

# TRACK & FIELD

**THIS WEEK:** A select group of Golden Gopher athletes will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships held in Indianapolis, Ind., Friday and Saturday, March 13-14.

**REWIND TO 1997:** Minnesota took two competitors to last year's NCAA Indoor Championships and finished 10th in the team competition. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) took second in the high jump with a leap of 7-5 (2.26m) and senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) finished second in the pole vault with a Minnesota school-record vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). Both athletes received All-American distinction.



**LUCKY NUMBER:** Minnesota has scored 14 provisionally qualifying performances for the NCAA Indoor Championship in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14. **STAFFAN STRAND** has automatically qualified twice with his best high jump coming at 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational (1/24). **NILES DENEEN** has qualified provisionally five times in the 55-meter hurdles, while junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) has qualified in the pole vault three times. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) qualified in the pole vault, and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified in the shot put.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Minnesota already had broken four school records heading into the conference championship, and left with two more fallen marks and a tied mark. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) had established new Minnesota freshman times in the 400-meter and 600-meter dash but went into Purdue and broke his previous freshman-best time of 1:16.19 in the 600-meter dash. In the trials Saturday, Gerding smashed both his record and the Lambert Field House record, posting a time of 1:19.09. Gerding's record would later be broken in the finals, but the freshman would take fourth with a time of 1:19.60.

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) won his second consecutive high jump title, tying his Big Ten meet record from a year ago of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also broke his own school and Big Ten mark in the heptathlon, winning the event for the second straight year with 5,769 points. Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) ran his school-record time of 7.31 for the fourth time this year in the 55-meter hurdles. The time was good for third place and NCAA provisional qualification.

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## SCOREBOARD

### TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)  
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)  
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31\*!&\$ (1/31, 2/13)  
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)  
200m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 22.03 (2/28)  
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)  
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)  
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:18.93 (2/28)  
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.02 (2/28)  
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)  
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:28.63 (2/27)  
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:31.18 (2/28)  
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)!&@\$ (1/24)  
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-9 1/4 (5.42m)\* (2/27)  
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 23-7 1/4 (7.19m) (2/27)  
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-3 (15.01) (2/27)  
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)\*\$ (1/24)  
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)  
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)  
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,769 (2/28)

Key:

\* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

# U of M Freshman Record

## GOPHER FLASHES

**IT'S A FIRST!:** The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten track and field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

**BACK-TO-BACK:** The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. Saturday night the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, and less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

# WRESTLING

**THIS WEEK:** The No. 4 Golden Gophers (19-2, 6-2 Big Ten) take a week and a half off to regroup and prepare for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, March 19-21.

**MINNESOTA SETTLES FOR THIRD AT BIG TENS:** Minnesota battled to a disappointing third place at this year's Big Ten Championships hosted by Penn State University over the weekend in the Bryce Jordan Center. With 107 team points, the Golden Gophers trailed Iowa, which won its 25th consecutive conference title with 132.5 points, and host Penn State, which finished second with 120.5. Iowa crowned three individual championships and Michigan had two.

**HARTUNG DEFENDS BIG TEN TITLE:** Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), ranked No. 2 in the nation at 190 pounds, won his second straight Big Ten title with a 3-1 sudden-death decision over Iowa's Lee Fullhart. It was No. 1-seeded Hartung's second win of the season against Fullhart. Last season, Hartung won the Golden Gophers' only Big Ten title with a 3-1 overtime decision against Michigan State's defending champion Brian Picklo. With his 190-pound title, Hartung becomes the first Golden Gopher since current assistant head coach **MARTY MORGAN** to win back-to-back conference titles. Morgan captured 177-pound crowns in 1990 and 1991.



**NINE GOLDEN GOPHERS QUALIFY FOR NCAAS:** Hartung and eight other Golden Gophers qualified for the NCAA Championships in Cleveland with their performances at the Big Ten Championships. The top seven placemen in each weight class and a wildcard selection by the coaches advance to the national tournament.

Seniors **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) and **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Orangeburg, S.C.) each made it to the championship finals in their weight classes but had to settle for second. Davids, the No. 2 seed at 142, pounds, matched his finish from one season ago, losing to Iowa's No. 1 seed Jeff McGinness in a 6-0 decision. Benjamin, the No. 1 seed at heavyweight, improved on its sixth-place showing last year, taking second after a 5-3 loss to Michigan's No. 2 seeded Airron Richardson in the finals. Two Golden Gophers placed third with their performances at Big Tens. Junior **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) took third with a 6-2 win over Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff. Kraft, the No. 3 seed in a bracket that had the nation's top three wrestlers at 150 pounds, earned a bye in the first round of the tournament and defeated No. 6 Mickey Griffin of Purdue 6-2. In the semifinals, Kraft was dealt his only loss of the tournament in a 2-1 double overtime loss to Penn State's Clint Musser, the No. 2 seed and second-ranked wrestler in the country.

Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed at 158 pounds but lost his first match in the quarterfinals to drop to the consolation rounds. He rebounded with three wins before decisioning Michigan State's Greg DeGrand 8-5 to place third.

Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), the No. 4

## SCOREBOARD

### TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
	Brandon Paulson	4-2	4-2	1-0	1-0	1
126	Bart Golyer	20-8	19-7	9-4	3-4	7
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	28-9	14-7	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	32-3	32-3	19-2	6-2	15
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	22-2	21-2	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	29-3	29-3	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	29-8	29-8	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	24-4	24-4	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	1
190	Tim Hartung	31-1	31-1	20-1	8-0	19
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	30-5	30-5	16-3	7-1	10
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

## GOPHER FLASHES

**MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS:** The Golden Gophers finished the season ranked fourth in the final *NWCA/Amateur Wrestling News* rankings for the fourth consecutive week. It is the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and two in third before slipping to fourth on Feb. 12.

**LATEST RANKINGS:** Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gophers in the March 3 *Intermat/W.I.N.* rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser two weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** stayed in fifth in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for much of the year.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the ninth ranked wrestler at 134, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, fifth at heavyweight, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS**, sixth at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, ninth at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, sixth at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 13th at 177.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** made his first appearance of the season last week and is listed as the nation's 15th-best wrestler at 118 pounds.

# WRESTLING

seed at 177, took fourth after a double-overtime 6-2 loss to Illinois' Jevon Herman, the No. 1 seed, in the semifinals to drop him to the consolation bracket. Eggum lost to Penn State's Rob Neidlinger 3-2 in a tough third-place match to finish fourth. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho), seeded fourth at 167 pounds, took sixth with a 5-4 loss to Michigan State's Will Hill in the consolation finals.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and junior **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) each took seventh. Paulson returned to the mat after nearly a year, winning his first match of the tournament before dropping to the consolation bracket. Paulson pinned Michigan's Chris Viola in 6:30 to take seventh. Marr decisioned Purdue's Eric Kerkhof 4-0 in the consolation finals to finish seventh.

Junior **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) was the only Golden Gopher who did not qualify for NAAs. Golyer had one of the toughest draws in the tournament, facing No. 1 Eric Jetton of Wisconsin in the first round and the No. 2 seed Carl Perry of Illinois in the consolation first round.

**DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS:** Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** became the all-time school record two weeks ago in Purdue. Davids finished 19-2 in dual action this season and 79-12-0 for his career. He tied former Golden Gopher Willy Short (1989-1994) with 78 career dual-meet victories after 16-7 major dec. over Northwestern's Malik Elliot on Feb. 20. Davids then decisioned No. 4 Willie Wineberg 6-1 of Purdue to take the record two days later. Short finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. With three wins at Big Tens, he moved into a tie for third with Tim Harris (127-47-0/1991-95) in career wins with a 127-25-0 record and in third place for career pins with 36.

**DENTING THE RECORD BOOK:** Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently seventh all time with a career record of 116-32-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is tied for 15th place with a career mark of 89-21-0. Kraft is now tied for 18th with a career mark of 82-18-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in third with 35 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 19 this season.

With his return on Feb. 20, senior **BRANDON PAULSON** is also moving up the ladder. Currently, he is tied with Kraft for 18th all time with an 82-32-0 career mark.

**MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE:** The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

**EIGHT 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP:** Eight Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 32-3 record. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) is second on the team at 31-1, and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**

(HWT) is third at 30-5. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 28-9, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 29-8, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 29-3, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 24-4 and junior **CHAD KRAFT** (150) at 22-2.

**IN THE CONFERENCE:** Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 16 Big Ten Coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked No. 1 at 190 pounds for the second consecutive poll and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** moved into first at 158 pounds with a 4-1 record in the Big Ten.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS** second at 142; junior **CHAD KRAFT** second at 150 pounds after being ranked No. 1 all season; junior **TROY MARR**, fifth at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, fourth at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, third at heavyweight.

Minnesota at the 1998 Big Ten Championships  
First Round (seed listed before name):

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. No. 5 Pat Cassidy (IND) 6-3  
126 - No. 1 Eric Jetton (WIS) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 15-10  
134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Tony Siebert (ILL) 4-1  
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) tech. fall Corey Grant (MICH) 23-8, 6:40  
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) tech. fall Sean Salmon (OSU) 21-6, 5:09

Consolation First Round:

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. Dominic Caruso (NU) 5-3  
126 - No. 2 Carl Perry (ILL) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 11-9 (ot)  
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Steve Bucciero (NU) 6-0

Quarterfinals:

118 - No. 4 Tim Dornlan (PUR) dec. Brandon Paulson (UM) 3-1  
134 - No. 4 Jeff Bucher (OSU) dec. No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) 3-1  
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) pinned Mike Castillo (PUR) 3:42  
150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 6 Mickey Griffin (PUR) 6-2  
158 - Dan DiCesare (OSU) dec. No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) 4-3  
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) major dec. No. 5 Kole Clauson (WIS) 12-3  
177 - No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. No. 5 Paul Jenn (IOWA) 9-2  
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Joe Terrill (WIS) 2:20  
Hwt - No. 1 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pinned Mike Dixon (IND) 2:55

Consolation Quarterfinals:

118 - Scott Clough (WIS) dec. Brandon Paulson (UM) 3-1  
126 - Issac Miller (MSU) dec. No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) 7-5  
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Cory Wallman (WIS) 2-1

Championship Semifinals:

142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 3 Jamarr Billman (PSU) 8-6  
150 - No. 2 Clint Musser (PSU) dec. No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) 2-1 (2ot)  
167 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IOWA) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 9-4  
177 - No. 1 Jevon Herman (ILL) dec. No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) 6-2 (2ot)  
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) major dec. No. 5 Ross Thatcher (PSU) 11-1  
Hwt - No. 1 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 4 Wes Hand (IOWA) 6-3

Consolation Semifinals:

150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) major dec. Drew Pariano (NU) 8-0  
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) major dec. No. 3 Eric Douglas (PUR) 12-3  
167 - No. 3 Glenn Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 6-2  
177 - No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Steve Alf (WIS) 7-1

Championship Finals:

142 - No. 1 Jeff McGinness (IOWA) dec. No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) 6-0  
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. No. 2 Lee Fullhart (IOWA) 3-1 (ot)  
Hwt - No. 2 Airon Richardson (MICH) dec. No. 1 S. Benjamin (UM) 5-3

Third-Place Matches:

150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. Don Pritzlaff (WIS) 6-2  
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday dec. No. 4 Greg DeGrand (MSU) 8-5  
177 - No. 3 Rob Neidlinger (PSU) dec. No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) 3-2

Fifth-Place Matches:

167 - Will Hill (MSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 5-4

Seventh-Place Matches:

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) pinned Chris Viola (MICH) 6:30  
134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Eric Kerkhof (PUR) 4-0

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## **MINNESOTA BASEBALL TO HOLD CLINIC FOR COACHES**

The University of Minnesota baseball coaches will hold their annual coaches' clinic Saturday, March 14 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Football/Baseball Practice Facility, 600 15th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.


Clinic speakers will include Head Baseball Coach John Anderson and his assistant coaches Rob Fornasiere, Mike Dee and J.T. Bruett as well as Mark Fuller, head baseball coach at Cumberland (Wis.) High School.

The clinic costs \$15 for pre-registration and \$20 on the day of the clinic. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call the Golden Gopher baseball office at (612) 625-1060.

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

Junior forward Reggie Berg has been named WCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts in last weekend's series against St. Cloud State University. The sweep over the Huskies moved the Golden Gophers into sixth place in the final WCHA standings.

Berg, from Anoka, Minn., became the fourth straight Golden Gopher to own or share a piece of the WCHA scoring title with a hat trick in Friday night's 6-2 win over SCSU. The all-WCHA candidate's third career hat trick was the result of firing a team high 11 shots on goal in the opening game victory. He was held scoreless in Saturday night's rematch, won by the Golden Gophers 5-3, but managed to finish in a tie for first with Brian Swanson of Colorado College for the league scoring crown with 17 goals and 17 assists in league games. Defenseman Mike Crowley shared the title with Swanson last season.

Through the 36-game regular season, the Toronto Maple Leafs draftee has 19 goals and 18 assists in all games. Minnesota is 25-1-0 in 26 games during Berg's career when he scores more than one point in a game.

The Golden Gophers will travel to the University of Minnesota-Duluth this weekend to open the WCHA playoffs with a best two-of-three series against the Bulldogs. All games will faceoff at 7:05 p.m. from the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at (612) 989-5151.





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## **MINNESOTA MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING QUALIFIES 14 FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The University of Minnesota qualified 14 swimmers qualify for the NCAA Championships, March 26-28. The Golden Gophers will be bringing their largest squad ever to compete at the NCAA Championships hosted by Auburn University.

Minnesota has the championship's third-highest number of competitors. Stanford leads the list with 16 swimmers, while Auburn, the defending champion, and Texas are tied with 15 and the U of M and Tennessee both qualified 14. The Golden Gophers, who won the 1998 Big Ten Championship in February, lead the conference in qualifiers, while Michigan is next with 10.

The Golden Gophers can qualify another two athletes for the NCAA Championships if either of their two divers qualify at NCAA Diving Zones March 13-14 in Oxford, Ohio. Freshman Dan Croaston, who placed fourth on the 3-meter at the Big Ten Championships, and senior Matt Ninneman are both competing at that event.

Last year, Minnesota placed in a tie for 12th with Nebraska at last season's NCAA Championships.

### **University of Minnesota NCAA Qualifying Swimmers**

Ty Bathurst, senior, Albuquerque, N.M., 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, relays, 100-yd breaststroke  
Bill Bishop, sophomore, Barrington, Ill., 500-yd freestyle, 1,650-yd freestyle, 400-yd individual medley

John Cahoy, junior, Hudson, Wis., 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, relays, 100-yd butterfly

Bryan Carlson, sophomore, Rosemount, Minn., 200-yd freestyle

Ryan Crosby, sophomore, River Falls, Wis., 100-yd and 200-yd backstroke

Oscar Godoi, sophomore, San Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil, 100-yd breaststroke

Eriek Hulseman, senior, Edina, Minn., 100-yd backstroke, relays

Luis Lopez, junior, Aurora, Colo., 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, relays

Alex Massura, freshman, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 100-yd and 200-yd backstroke, relays, 100-yd freestyle

Jono McLeod, junior, Regina, Sask., 200-yd and 400-yd individual medley, 200-yd butterfly

Yoav Meiri, sophomore, Jerusalem, Israel, 200-yd and 400-yd individual medley, 200-yd butterfly

Jeremy Riets, senior, Apple Valley, Minn., 50-yd, 100-yd and 200-yd freestyle, relays

Brandon Schindler, junior, Saratoga, Calif., 50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, relays

Martin Zielinski, junior, Bloomington, Minn., 100-yd and 200-yd butterfly, 100-yd backstroke, relays

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## **GOLDEN GOPHERS TO HOST SECOND ROUND NIT GAME VS. ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM ON MONDAY NIGHT AT WILLIAMS ARENA**

The University of Minnesota announced today that the Golden Gophers will host a second round NIT game vs. the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Monday evening, March 16, at Williams Arena. The game time for Monday's game will not be announced until Friday morning (following the completion of Thursday's Wake Forest/North Carolina Wilmington game). Alabama-Birmingham defeated Missouri 93-86 in Columbia, Mo., on Wednesday night breaking Missouri's 13-game home winning streak.

Tickets for the game for the general public go on sale Friday at 9 a.m., in person at the University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket Office or by phone at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800 UGOPHER. Tickets are \$22.50 for adults or \$8.50 for anyone with a valid student ID. Season ticket holders who ordered their second round tickets earlier this week, can begin picking them up on Friday. The Athletics Ticket Office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon Sunday, and 9 a.m. until game time on Monday.

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## **SECOND-ROUND NIT GAME WILL NOT BE TELEVISED**

The University of Minnesota's second-round NIT basketball game against Alabama-Birmingham Monday will not be televised. The game will be broadcast, however, on WCCO-AM (830) with Ray Christensen calling the action.

The last time a Golden Gopher men's basketball game at Williams Arena was not televised was Sunday, Nov. 25, 1990 against Robert Morris College.

Tickets for Monday night's game went on sale Friday morning and will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon Sunday and 9 a.m. until game time Monday. Tickets are \$22.50 for adults and \$8.50 for any students with a valid ID. Tickets can be purchased in person at the U of M Athletics Ticket Office or by calling (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.