

# GOLDEN GOPHER ATHLETICS

## *Weekly Release*

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

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### The Calendar This Week May 18-May 25

#### Thurs., May 21

- **Baseball** vs. Alabama  
at NCAA Regional Champ.  
Palo Alto, Calif.  
KKMS-AM 980 (Live)  
TBA

#### Sat., May 23

- **Track & Field** at Big Ten Outdoor Champ.  
Columbus, Ohio  
8:30 a.m.

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12:30 p.m.

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Athens, Ga.  
TBA
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10:40 a.m.

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at NCAA Championships  
Athens, Ga.  
10 a.m.

#### Mon., May 25

- **Tennis** at NCAA Championships  
Athens, Ga.  
TBA

### The Hotline This Week May 18-May 24

The hotline features broadcast quality interviews with players and coaches available to the media 24 hours a day. Call 612.625.7887 to access the hotline.  
This is for media use only.

**Tuesday:** Big Ten Tournament MVP MARK GROEBNER and junior ROBB QUINLAN preview the NCAA Baseball Tournament.

**Wednesday:** Head Baseball Coach JOHN ANDERSON previews the NCAA Tournament.

**Thursday:** Sophomore pitchers BEN BIRK and DAN McGRATH preview the NCAA Tournament.

**Friday:** Head Tennis Coach DAVID GEATZ previews the NCAAs.

### Basic Info

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## Tennis

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gophers head to the NCAA Team Championships in Athens, Ga., Saturday through Tuesday, May 23-26. Minnesota will face Stanford at 11 a.m. The Cardinal have been ranked first the country for the majority of the year and have yet to lose a match, going 24-0. Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) has also been selected to compete in the NCAA Individual Championships which get underway Wednesday, May 27.

**MINNESOTA WINS NCAA REGIONALS:** The U of M defeated three teams among the nation's top 35 to win the NCAA Region IV Championships and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. Minnesota, the sixth-seeded team at the regional, first knocked off No. 3 seed Notre Dame, 24th in the nation, 4-3 Friday. The Golden Gophers then beat No. 2-seeded Northwestern, 32nd in the nation, 4-2 Saturday and No. 1-seeded Duke, 11th in the nation, 4-3 Sunday.

The regional crown is Minnesota's first since 1996, when the Golden Gophers were again the sixth seed.

**PARRY PERFECT:** Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.) was a late insert into the starting singles lineup after junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Porsgrunn, Norway) fell ill with the flu, but came up huge. Parry won the deciding match in the upset over Notre Dame and again in the upset over Duke. To top it off, he also won his match against Northwestern, going 3-0 over the weekend and improving his singles record to 19-13. The six-time Canadian Junior Champion has been the Golden Gophers' spoiler. He has helped Minnesota upset three teams this year by winning his deciding match. Besides the wins over Notre Dame and Duke, Parry won the clincher in the U of M's 4-3 upset over Kansas in January.

**CHICOINE GOES UNDEFEATED AT REGIONS, AGAIN:** Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) won all three of his singles matches at the NCAA Region IV Championships, to improve his singles record to 26-17 overall. He has gone undefeated at the regionals the past two years and holds a 7-1 record at the NCAA Region IV Championships.

Chicoine, ranked 84th in the nation, won his three matches in upset style. He defeated the nation's No. 13 player Ryan Sachire of Notre Dame 6-3, 7-6, before beating Northwestern's Alex Witt, ranked 33rd, 6-1, 6-3 and Duke's 25th-ranked player Doug Root 6-3, 6-4. Chicoine currently holds a six-match win streak.

**MINNESOTA 4, NOTRE DAME 3**  
**NCAA Region IV Championships**  
**South Bend, Ind.**  
**May 15, 1998**

**Singles**

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Ryan Sachire (ND) 6-3, 7-6
- No. 2 - Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jakub Pietrowski (ND) 6-2, 6-4
- No. 3 - Brian Patterson (ND) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (MN) def. Danny Rothschild (ND) 6-3, 7-5
- No. 5 - Matt Horsley (ND) def. Jorge Duenas (MN) 6-3, 7-6
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (MN) def. Eric Enloe (ND) 6-4, 7-6\*

**Doubles**

- No. 1 - Patterson/Pietrowski (ND) def. Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) 8-5
  - No. 2 - Freeman/Rothschild (ND) def. Duenas/Parry (MN) 8-5
  - No. 3 - Martin Kristoffersen/Selkirk (MN) def. Horsley/Sachire (ND) 8-6
- \* deciding match

**MINNESOTA 4, NORTHWESTERN 2**  
**NCAA Region IV Championship Semifinals**  
**South Bend, Ind.**  
**May 16, 1998**

**Singles**

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Alex Witt (NW) 6-1, 6-3
- No. 2 - Marc Silva (NW) leading Adam Selkirk (MN) 4-6, 6-2, 3-1, susp.
- No. 3 - Ry Tarpley (NW) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 4 - Doug Bohaboy (NW) def. Jon Svensson (MN) 7-5, 6-1
- No. 5 - Jorge Duenas (MN) def. Martin Bengsston (NW) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (MN) def. Brad Erickson (NW) 6-1, 6-4

**Doubles**

- No. 1 - Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) def. Bohaboy/Witt (NW) 8-4
- No. 2 - Silva/Tarpley (NW) leading Duenas/Parry (MN) 7-4, susp.
- No. 3 - Martin Kristoffersen/Selkirk (MN) def. Bengsston/Derrick Nguyen (NW) 8-4

**MINNESOTA 4, DUKE 3**  
**NCAA Region IV Championship Match**  
**South Bend, Ind.**  
**May 17, 1998**

**Singles**

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Doug Root (DU) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 2 - Alberto Brause (DU) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-0, 6-3
- No. 3 - Dmitry Muzyka (DU) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 4 - Ramsey Smith (DU) def. Jon Svensson (MN) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 5 - Jorge Duenas (MN) def. Jordan Wile (DU) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (MN) def. Marko Cerenko (DU) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2\*

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- No. 1 - Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) def. Root/Smith (DU) 8-6
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  - No. 3 - Martin Kristoffersen/Selkirk (MN) def. Andreas Pedrosa/Rueger (DU) 8-6
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## *Track and Field*

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gophers look to capture their second Big Ten title of the year as they travel to the Big Ten Outdoor Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Friday through Sunday.

**LAST SEASON:** The Golden Gophers duplicated their second-place finish from a season before with three individual champions last season. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) won his second consecutive conference high jump title en route to being named Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Strand also garnered a second-place finish in the triple jump.

Former Golden Gopher **JASON SCHLUETER** won the discus competition and junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) claimed the pole vault title after redshirting the indoor season. Rantanen's crown in the pole vault was Minnesota's second in the conference last season after senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) won the vault during the indoor season. Harvey was unable to defend that title at the conference outdoor championships due to injuring his wrist in a car accident on the way to the Big Ten Outdoor Championships.

The Golden Gophers finished in the top five on 11 occasions during the course of the meet, including three athletes placing in second place.

### **ABOUT THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Wisconsin has been the conference champion the last three seasons and is search of a fourth title after a disappointing injury-riddled indoor conference championship appearance. Minnesota has taken second place at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships the last two seasons, and has finished among the conference's top five the last six seasons. The Golden Gophers have never won an indoor and outdoor title in the same year and have not captured the outdoor crown since 1968. The U of M only has two conference outdoor championships, 1968 and 1949.

Host Ohio State last won the Big Ten title in 1993 and last held the event in 1991. That year Indiana won it second consecutive title after ending Illinois' streak of three straight titles in 1990.

The host institution has not won a title on its own track and field since the Badgers claimed the crown in 1986 in Madison, Wis.

**BEADLE BREAKS ANOTHER:** After shattering the Minnesota school outdoor record in the 400-meter dash the previous two weekends, senior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) completed a hat trick of sorts at the Minnesota Last Chance meet Saturday. Beadle crushed the 200-meter dash record going 20.86 to win the wind-aided event. Beadle's time topped the 16-year-old record held by Francis Ude of 21.07.

**VAULTERS GO PROVISIONAL:** **VESA RANTANEN** and **TYE HARVEY** vaulted identical heights of 17-11 (5.46m) to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships at the Minnesota Last Chance. The vaults were good for second place in the conference standings. Both athletes took first with the height with Rantanen winning the open pole vault and Harvey winning the invitational pole vault.

Sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) also threw an NCAA provisional distance of 55.20m in the discus, earning him first-place honors.

### **ATHLETES COMPETE IN FINAL HOME**

**MEET:** Five U of M athletes competed in their final home meet of their Golden Gopher career. Seniors **SCOTT BEADLE**, **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.), **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.), **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) and **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) all made their mark on the Golden Gopher track and field program. Obleman captained the 1996 cross country team and this year's track and field team, and Riter was the cross country captain this season. Obleman won the 1,500-meter run in his final competition, while Riter also competed in that event. Beadle and Deneen both leave the U of M as outdoor record holders. Beadle set the 200-meter and 400-meter dash records this season, while Deneen has the 110-meter hurdle record. Additionally Beadle owns the indoor record in the 400-meter dash and as a part of the distance medley relay team. Yenchesky has been Minnesota's top shot putter and took third in that event at the Last Chance meet.

### **THREE RECORDS MET OR BROKEN DURING OUTDOOR SEASON:**

**SCOTT BEADLE** holds two of the outdoor records broken this season, while **STAFFAN STRAND** tied the record he shares with Mike Vukovich in the high jump. Beadle twice over broke his own record in the 400-meter dash, which currently sits at 46.16 from his first-place performance at the Maroon and Gold Open (5/9). Beadle also set a new 200-meter dash record going 20.86 last weekend. Strand tied the record of 7-5 (2.26m) in the high jump at the same meet. Strand was competing for the first time during the outdoor season.

### **SIX QUALIFIED FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Beadle, **VESA RANTANEN**, **TYE HARVEY**, **ADAM REED**, **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) and Strand have all qualified for the NCAA Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., June 3-6. Strand is the only automatic qualifier, while Rantanen and Harvey are provisionally qualified in the pole vault. Reed qualified twice provisionally in the discus, while Beadle is provisionally qualified in the 400-meter dash. Owen is provisionally qualified in the 800-meter run.



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## **GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SIGNS THREE MINNESOTANS**

The University of Minnesota men's cross country team and Head Coach Steve Plasencia announced three more runners have agreed to compete for the Golden Gophers in the fall.

Erik Quam, of Alexandria, Minn. (Jefferson H.S.), leads the class. Quam placed second at the State Class AA cross country meet in the fall.

The two other runners are from the Twin Cities area. Scott Utne, a standout from Moundsview (Moundsview H.S.), placed 24th at the State Class AA cross country meet this fall and finished 20th at the USATF Junior National Championships. Andy Kummer, from White Bear Lake (White Bear Lake Area H.S.), finished 10th at the State Class AA Cross Country Championship.

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## MINNESOTA MEN'S TENNIS HONORS STUDENT-ATHLETES

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team announced its award winners at the annual year-end banquet at the Edina Country Club Wednesday. Five players and three Baseline Club members were among the honorees.

Junior All-Big Ten player Tom Chicoine received the Louis Ratner Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to Golden Gopher tennis. The Neenah, Wis., native led the team at No. 1 singles, posting a 23-17 overall record and earning an individual bid into the NCAA Championships next weekend.

Freshman Jon Svensson, who won 16 consecutive dual matches this season, was honored with the Len Bailey Grit and Determination Award. Svensson is just the third player to be awarded, following in the footsteps of outstanding alumni Lars Hjarrand and Erik Donley. Team captain Martin Michalowski, a sophomore, was given the Jerry Noyce-Nike Most Improved Award, while junior Martin Kristoffersen earned the Unsung Player of the Year distinction.

Freshman Ed Marques honored for team spirit.

The awards were as follows:

**Unsung Player of the Year:** Martin Kristoffersen

**Team Spirit:** Ed Marques

**Jerry Noyce-Nike Most Improved:** Martin Michalowski

**Louis Ratner Memorial Award:** Tom Chicoine

**Len Bailey Grit and Determination Award:** Jon Svensson

**Coaches' Award:** Roger Anderson

**President's Award:** David Healey

**Service Award:** Jerry Melnychuck

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## **NEWS ADVISORY...NEWS ADVISORY...NEWS ADVISORY**

**MEDIA ADVISORY**


**May 17, 1998**

### **GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL TEAM TO GATHER FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT SELECTION SHOW**

After capturing the Big Ten Conference Baseball Tournament Championship and an automatic berth in the 1998 NCAA Baseball Tournament this past weekend, the Golden Gopher Baseball team will meet at **2:00 p.m., Monday, May 18**, in the football players lounge in the upper level of the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex for the Tournament Selection Show on ESPN.

The media is welcome to attend with Head Coach John Anderson and his team available for comment following the announcement from 2:30 to 3:15. The Golden Gophers will begin practicing at 3:30 p.m.

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## **MINNESOTA MEN'S TENNIS TEAM SET TO PLAY TOP-RANKED STANFORD IN OPENING ROUND OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team will play Stanford, the nation's top-ranked team all season, in the first round of NCAA Championships Saturday in Athens, Ga. The NCAA announced the 16-team bracket Tuesday. The winner of the match, set for 11 a.m., will face the winner of the UCLA-Texas match. The championships is a single-elimination tournament.

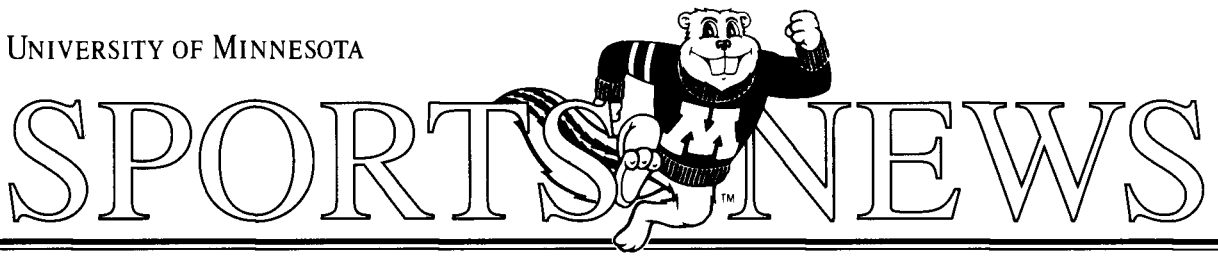
Stanford (24-0) heads the list of the seeded teams which includes No. 2 Louisiana State, No. 3 Georgia and No. 4 Mississippi State. Illinois, the only other Big Ten team in the championships, plays Auburn in the first round.

The Golden Gophers head to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1996 following their win at the NCAA Region IV Championships last weekend.

### **• MEDIA ALERT •**

The U of M men's tennis team will be available to the media **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, at 1:45 p.m.**, at the Fourth Street courts behind Mariucci Arena.

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**BASEBALL COACH JOHN ANDERSON TELECONFERENCE CALL AT 11 A.M.  
TODAY**

University of Minnesota Baseball Coach John Anderson will discuss Thursday's first round NCAA Regional game vs. Alabama at Palo Alto, Calif. via teleconference call today at 11 a.m. (Central). Media who wish to participate should call (612) 625-2003.





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**DATE:** May 20, 1998  
**TO:** Golden Gopher Media Outlets  
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**RE:** Information on 1998 NCAA Men's Golf Championships

### 1998 NCAA Men's Golf Championships

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**Sportscast Productions Inc.:** Up-to-date coverage and reports of the Championships are provided for local media by Sportscast Productions, Inc. The numbers and hours of service are: (505) 764-8040 or (505) 764-8042 - Wednesday, May 27 from Noon to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, May 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, May 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All times are Mountain. Sportscast Productions will also provide live actualities for radio, sound over television, or newspaper quotes with selected competitors and coaches after each day's competition.

**Golden Gopher Tee Times:** First Round - 8:24 to 9 a.m.; Second Round - 1:03 to 1:39 p.m.

**Championships History At UNM:** This will be the fourth time the University of New Mexico has hosted the NCAA Men's Golf Championships. The last time was 1992, when Arizona won the team title and Phil Mickelson of Arizona State won individual honors. In 1976, another current touring PGA pro, Scott Simpson, won the individual championship while Oklahoma State took home team honors. In 1950, North Texas and Fred Wampler of Purdue were victorious.

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## **GLIELMI NAMED MEN'S ASSISTANT GYMNASTICS COACH**

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department announced today that Thomas Glielmi has been named assistant coach for the men's gymnastics team.

Glielmi brings 12 years of coaching experience with him to the Golden Gopher staff. For the last seven years, he has been the owner and men's head coach of the International Sports Center in Matthews, N.C. While there he managed a staff of 30 members and supervised the directors of various gymnastic disciplines and activities. He was also responsible for designing the training schedule for the men's programs which included skill and routine development and competition preparation.

"I'm very pleased to have Tom join my staff," Golden Gopher Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger said. "He has built a strong network among the Junior Olympic coaches and the club coaches around the nation. He should be a great asset to us both in our recruiting efforts and in the gym where he is an outstanding teacher and coach."

Prior to his time at the International Sports Center, Glielmi was the assistant men's coach for GymMasters in Houston, Texas where he assisted in all areas of training and competition preparation. He was also the head women's coach at Cypress Academy in Houston, Texas, for one year before going to GymMasters.

Glielmi began his coaching career in 1985 as an assistant coach of the Northern Illinois women's gymnastics team where he assisted with routine construction and competition preparation. He received a scholarship to Southern Illinois University where he competed from 1985-1988. He also earned his bachelor's degree from SIU in radio and television, with a minor in business.

"I'm extremely excited about coming to the University of Minnesota," Glielmi said. "I'm looking forward to working with (Head Coach) Fred Roethlisberger and the Minnesota team. I think Fred is one of the premier gymnastics coaches in the United States, if not the world."



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## **ROBB QUINLAN EARNS THIRD TEAM ALL-AMERICA HONORS, RICK BROSSAU HONORABLE MENTION ON FRESHMAN TEAM**

University of Minnesota first baseman Robb Quinlan was named to the Louisville Slugger third-team All-America list, while shortstop Rick Brosseau garnered honorable mention honors on the freshman team.

Quinlan, a junior from Maplewood who was also named to the All-Big Ten first team and the Big Ten All-Tournament team, is in the top 10 in the conference in nearly all offensive categories. He currently leads the Big Ten in home runs (23), runs scored (86), total bases (182), hits (94) and slugging percentage (.791). He was named Big Ten Player of the Week on two separate occasions this season. Two weeks ago, Quinlan was named National Player of the Week by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine for his performances at Northwestern. He hit four home runs and nine RBIs in a four-game series with the Wildcats and finished the week hitting .522 (12-23) with seven home runs and 13 RBIs.

Brosseau, a freshman from St. Paul, had an outstanding season at shortstop for the Golden Gophers. He played in 55 of 58 games this season with 39 starts. He hit safely in 34 games this season. Last weekend, Brosseau batted .462 (6-13) in helping the Golden Gophers win the Big Ten Tournament Championship. For his efforts last weekend, he was named to the Big Ten All-Tournament team.

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## **THIRD ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY RUN & GOPHER FANFEST IS SET FOR MAY 30**

The third annual Gold Country Run & Gopher FanFest will be held on Saturday, May 30, on the University of Minnesota campus. A 5K Run & Walk beginning in Dinkytown will kick things off at 9:30 a.m. followed by Goldy's Gallop for Kids at 10:30 a.m. Registration for the Gold Country Run is \$17 and Goldy's Gallop for Kids is \$5.00 through race day morning. Race day registration will be held from 7-9 a.m. at the Gibson Nagurski Football Complex. Participants in all events will receive a commemorative T-shirt and goodie bag.

The Golden Gopher's fan appreciation party, the Gopher FanFest, will be held immediately following all running events. Coaches and student-athletes will be on hand for autographs and pictures as well as compete against each other for the tournament of champions among all 11 men's sports. The Gopher FanFest offers complimentary food and beverages, great music, face painters and much more.

Entry forms are available at Gold Country Apparel in Dinkytown, all metro area Bruegger's Bagel locations and the University of Minnesota Athletics Ticket office located in Mariucci Arena on 4 Oak St. SE. For more information, call 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

The Golden Gophers' annual used equipment sale is being held in conjunction with Gold Country Run activities. Authentic collegiate apparel is available at great prices. The used equipment sale runs from 8 a.m.- noon at the Gibson Nagurski Football Complex.

# GOLDEN GOPHER ATHLETICS

## *Weekly Release*

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

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### **The Calendar This Week** **May 26-May 31**

#### **Wed., May 27**

- Golf at NCAA Championships  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
TBA
- Tennis at NCAA Singles Champ.  
Athens, Ga.  
TBA

#### **Fri., May 29**

- Tennis at NCAA Singles Champ.  
Athens, Ga.  
TBA

#### **Sat., May 30**

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TBA
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### **The Hotline This Week** **May 26-May 31**

The hotline features broadcast quality interviews with players and coaches available to the media 24 hours a day. Call 612.625.7887 to access the hotline.  
This is for media use only.

**Wednesday:** Head Track and Field Coach Phil Lundin previews the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., June 3-6.

**Thursday:** Big Ten high jump champion Staffan Strand previews the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

**Friday:** Junior Vesa Rantanen previews the pole vault competition at the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

### **Basic Info**

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# GOLDEN GOPHER ATHLETICS

## Tennis

**THIS WEEK:** Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) makes his first ever appearance in the NCAA Individual Championships Wednesday through Sunday, May 27-31.

### MINNESOTA LOSES TO STANFORD IN FIRST ROUND OF NCAA CHAMPI-

**ONSHIPS:** The University of Minnesota men's tennis team lost to No. 2 Stanford 4-0 Saturday in the first round of NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. The Cardinal, the top seed in this season's championship and three-time defending champion, have lost only three points all season long. Stanford improved to 25-0 while Minnesota finished the season 14-13.

Stanford took the doubles point with a pair of 8-2 wins at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles. The Cardinal then took Nos. 2, 3 and 5 singles to clinch the match.

This was Minnesota's fifth appearance at the NCAA Championships after capturing the Region IV title last weekend.

**MINNESOTA WINS NCAA REGIONALS:** The U of M defeated three teams among the nation's top 35 to win the NCAA Region IV Championships and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. Minnesota, the sixth-seeded team at the regional, first knocked off No. 3 seed Notre Dame, 24th in the nation, 4-3 Friday. The Golden Gophers then beat No. 2-seeded Northwestern, 32nd in the nation, 4-2 Saturday and No. 1-seeded Duke, 11th in the nation, 4-3 Sunday.

**PARRY PERFECT:** Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.) came up huge when he was inserted late into the starting singles lineup after junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Porsgrunn, Norway) fell ill with the flu. Parry won the deciding match in the upset over Notre Dame and again in the upset over Duke. To top it off, he also won his match against Northwestern, going 3-0 over the weekend and improving his singles record to 19-13. The six-time Canadian Junior Champion has been the Golden Gophers' spoiler. He has helped Minnesota upset three teams this year by winning his deciding match. Besides the wins over Notre Dame and Duke, Parry won the clincher in the U of M's 4-3 upset over Kansas in January.

**CHICOINE GOES UNDEFEATED AT REGIONS:** Junior **TOM CHICOINE** won all three of his singles matches at the NCAA Region IV Championships, to improve his singles record to 26-17 overall. He has gone undefeated at the regionals the past two years and holds a 7-1 record at the NCAA Region IV Championships.

**CHICOINE GETS BID TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** All-Big Ten honoree **TOM CHICOINE** received an automatic bid to compete at the NCAA Men's Tennis Championships at the University of Georgia, May 27-31. Chicoine joins Ryan Sachire (Notre Dame), Marc Silva (Northwestern) and Alex Witt (Northwestern) as members selected from Region IV.

**MINNESOTA TAKES FIFTH PLACE AT BIG TENS:** The sixth-seeded Golden Gophers took fifth place at the Big Ten Championships in Champaign, Ill., after defeating Wisconsin 4-2 Sunday, May 2. Minnesota lost its first match to third-seeded Purdue, 4-2, before defeating seventh-seeded Indiana 4-2 in its first consolation match Saturday morning.

**CHICOINE BIG AT BIG TENS:** Junior **TOM CHICOINE** won all three singles matches at the Big Ten Championships. Chicoine captured his first victory over Purdue's Jamie Gordon 6-1, 6-1 on Friday morning. He then went on to defeat Indiana's Derek Pope 6-1, 6-1 on Saturday. The No. 1 singles player finished his sweep Sunday with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin.

**SVENSSON CONTINUES SENSATIONAL SEASON:** Freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristiansad, Sweden) recorded his 20th dual match victory after winning all three of his singles matches at Big Tens. Svensson defeated Purdue's Jason Marshall 6-2, 6-1 Friday, and Indiana's Geroge McGill 6-4, 6-1 Saturday. Sunday morning, Svensson completed the sweep with a 7-6, 6-1 win over Wisconsin's David Chang.

**STANFORD 4, MINNESOTA 0**  
NCAA Championships Round of 16  
Athens, Ga.  
May 23, 1998

#### Singles

- No. 1 - Paul Goldstein (SU) vs. Tom Chicoine (MN) susp.
- No. 2 - Mike Bryan (SU) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-1, 6-3
- No. 3 - Bob Bryan (SU) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-2, 6-4
- No. 4 - Ryan Wolters (SU) vs. Jon Svensson (MN) susp.
- No. 5 - Geoff Abrams (SU) def. Jorge Duenas (MN) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 6 - Alex Kim (SU) vs. Tyson Parry (MN) susp.

#### Doubles

- No. 1 - B. Bryan/M. Bryan (SU) def. Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) 8-2
- No. 2 - Goldstein/Wolters (SU) def. Duenas/Parry (MN) 8-2
- No. 3 - Abrams/Hoepfler (SU) vs. Kristoffersen/Selkirk (MN) susp.

# GOLDEN GOPHER ATHLETICS

## *Track and Field*

**THIS WEEK:** The Golden Gophers are idle until the NCAA Outdoor Championships June 3-6 in Buffalo, N.Y.

### **MINNESOTA WINS BIG TEN OUTDOOR**

**TITLE:** The University of Minnesota won its first Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field title since 1968 Sunday in Columbus, Ohio. The Golden Gophers picked up their second track and field title of the year while ending Wisconsin's three-year reign as the Big Ten outdoor champion. In March, the U of M won its first ever Big Ten indoor crown, ending the Badgers' three-year grasp on that title as well.

Minnesota, with 134.50 points, finished 14.50 points ahead of Wisconsin who had 120. Iowa (103) placed third, while Michigan (97) and Purdue (65) rounded out the top five.

Sophomore **FRED RODGERS** (Hamilton, Ohio) paced the Golden Gophers, winning his first Big Ten title in the 100-meter dash. Rodgers, a cornerback on the Golden Gopher football team, posted a career-best time of 10.44 to take the event. He was the top qualifier in the trials Saturday. Rodgers and sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) were the only individual champions for Minnesota. Strand, who also placed sixth in the triple jump, won the high jump Saturday.

Minnesota once again relied on its depth, placing second through fourth and eighth in the pole vault. Junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) went 17-00 3/4 (5.20m) to take second place in that event. Following Rantanen were senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) in third and freshman **MIKE BROCKWELL** (Edina, Minn.) in fourth. Junior **JON ANDERSON** (Morris, Minn.) took eighth.

Also placing well for Minnesota were senior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) and redshirt freshman **STEVE BURKHOLDER** (Superior, Wis.). Beadle took second place in the 400-meter dash and third in the 200-meter dash. Burkholder finished fifth in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the 200-meter dash. The 4x100-meter relay team placed second, while shot putters **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in that event.

**VAULTERS GO PROVISIONAL:** **VESA RANTANEN** and **TYE HARVEY** vaulted identical heights of 17-11 (5.46m) to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championships at the Minnesota Last Chance. The vaults were good for second place in the conference standings. Both athletes took first with the height with Rantanen winning the open pole vault and Harvey winning the invitational pole vault.

Sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) also threw an NCAA provisional distance of 55.20m in the discus, earning him first-place honors.

**THREE RECORDS MET OR BROKEN DURING OUTDOOR SEASON:** **SCOTT BEADLE** holds two of the outdoor records broken this season, while **STAFFAN STRAND** tied the record he shares with Mike Vukovich in the high jump. Beadle twice over broke his own record in the 400-meter dash, which currently sits at 46.16 from his first-place performance at the Maroon and Gold Open (5/9). Beadle also set a new 200-meter dash record going 20.86 last weekend. Strand tied the record of 7-5 (2.26m) in the high jump at the same meet. Strand was competing for the first time during the outdoor season.

**SIX QUALIFIED FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** **SCOTT BEADLE, VESA RANTANEN, TYE HARVEY, ADAM REED, JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) and Strand have all qualified for the NCAA Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., June 3-6. Strand is the only automatic qualifier, while Rantanen and Harvey are provisionally qualified in the pole vault. Reed qualified twice provisionally in the discus, while Beadle is provisionally qualified in the 400-meter dash. Owen is provisionally qualified in the 800-meter run





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May 26, 1998

## **STRAND AND RANTANEN NAMED TO GTE DISTRICT V SPRING AT-LARGE ALL-AMERICA ACADEMIC TEAM**

University of Minnesota sophomore Staffan Strand and junior Vesa Rantanen were named to the GTE District V Spring At-Large All-America Academic Team for their outstanding efforts on the track and in the classroom.

Strand is a four-time Big Ten high jump champion, after winning the outdoor title last weekend at Ohio State with a jump of seven feet, four and a half inches. The Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden, native also set an indoor school record with a jump of seven feet, six and a half inches in his first competition as a Golden Gopher. He was named the 1997 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and is a three-time All-American in the high jump. Strand has a 3.89 GPA in computer engineering.

Rantanen won the NCAA indoor pole vault title this season with a school record vault of 19 feet, two and a half inches. He won the 1997 Big Ten pole vault title and finished second at the Big Ten Championships last weekend. Earlier this season, Rantanen established the school outdoor record, winning the pole vault competition at the Texas Relays with a vault of 18 feet, five and a half inches. The Virrat, Finland, native is a two-time All-American in the pole vault. Rantanen has a 3.48 GPA, majoring in Psychology.



# SPORTS & FITNESS NEWS

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May 30, 1998

## **McCLURE AND SCHULZE WIN GOLD COUNTRY RUN**

Charles McClure of Brookfield, Wis. took top honors in the men's race and Brett Schulze of Minnetonka won the women's overall title at the third annual Gold Country Run held Saturday. The rain soaked five kilometer course weaved through the streets of Dinkytown and through the campus of the University and finished at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

McClure, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, crossed the finish line first with a time of 16:07. Allen Broderius, a student assistant coach for the University of Minnesota men's track and field team, finished second with a time of 16:09. Noah Billig of Minneapolis finished third crossing the finish line at a time of 16:11.

Schulze, who won the women's race, finished with a time of 18:10. New Brighton's Judy Meyer was the runner-up crossing the finish line at a time of 18:25.



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## U OF M ANNOUNCES SALE OF WILLIAMS ARENA COURTSIDE SEATS

Courtside seating will once again be available in Williams Arena for the 1998-99 Golden Gopher men's basketball season. It marks the fifth consecutive season that front row seats are being made available for auction.

"On-going demand for tickets in Williams Arena is overwhelming," Men's Athletics Director Mark Dienhart said. "The auction format used to allocate front row seats has proven very successful and our donors continue to be extremely generous as they bid for these seats. We displace no current season ticket holders and the revenue generated helps greatly as we try to develop competitive Big Ten budgets and pay our scholarship costs."

The seats, located directly behind the scorers table at courtside, will be awarded to winning fans with a minimum starting bid of \$2,500 per seat, plus the price of the season ticket. With very high renewal rates among season ticket holders in Williams Arena, these seats are the only seats guaranteed to be available each year.

"Revenue from these seats has continued to climb each year," said Carrie Pietruszewski, associate development director for men's athletics. "Winning bids the first season totaled almost \$60,000 and climbed up to more than \$104,000 last year. Interest in watching Golden Gopher basketball is greater than ever. The front row seats are outstanding and college basketball is extremely popular. The money raised is used to pay the annual scholarship costs of our student-athletes, so the dollars bid are used for a great cause."

Written bids for the courtside seats will be accepted beginning June 1, with bids closing at 4:30 p.m. on June 24. Information and bid forms are available by calling Pietruszewski at 612/625-4569.

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## **VERNE GAGNE MINNESOTA WRESTLING GOLF AND TENNIS CLASSIC SET FOR JUNE 11**

The 11th annual Verne Gagne Minnesota Wrestling Golf and Tennis Classic will be held Thursday, June 11, at the Les Bolstad University of Minnesota Golf Course. All proceeds will go toward the Golden Gopher wrestling program.

This year's Verne Gagne Golf and Tennis Classic will honor former Golden Gopher wrestling coach Wally Johnson. Johnson coached for 33 years (1952-1985). During his reign, Minnesota won two Big Ten titles, had 28 individual Big Ten champions, had 25 wrestlers earn 31 All-America honors and crowned three NCAA Champions. Johnson was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1976 and was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 1985. Johnson along with head coach J Robinson, assistant coach Marty Morgan and current wrestlers will be in attendance.

The day will begin with registration from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:00 p.m. Golf and tennis will begin at 12:30 p.m. The event will wrap up with dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. During the dinner, prizes, auction and a raffle drawing will take place.

The golf tournament will be a five-person team scramble. The \$100 entry fee includes green fees, golf carts, beverages, a Golden Gopher wrestling shirt, lunch, buffet dinner and a donation to the Golden Gopher wrestling program.

Hole sponsorships can be purchased at various prices and donated door prizes for the raffle will also be accepted. For more information, call Billy Pierce at 612-625-9356.

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## QUINLAN ADDS ANOTHER ALL-AMERICA HONOR

University of Minnesota first baseman Robb Quinlan, who two weeks ago was named to the Louisville Slugger third-team All-America list, has also been named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) second-team All-America list.

Quinlan, a junior from Maplewood who was also named to the All-Big Ten first team and the Big Ten All-Tournament team, finished the season batting .408 with 24 home runs, both team highs. His 24 home runs this season set a new team record. Quinlan was named Big Ten Player of the Week on two separate occasions this season.

Quinlan was also named National Player of the Week by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine for the week ending May 10. He hit four home runs and nine RBIs in a four-game series with the Northwestern Wildcats and finished the week hitting .522 (12-23) with seven home runs and 13 RBIs.

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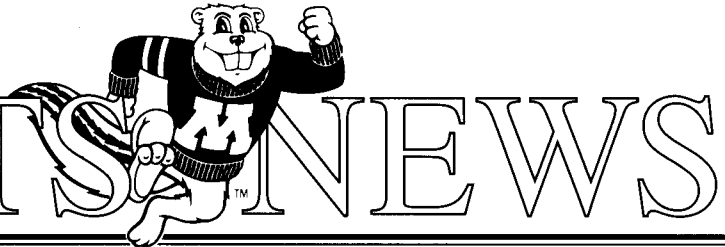
## **MEN'S GOLF WELCOME BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY**

A banquet to honor the 1998 University of Minnesota men's golf team and 1998 NCAA Champion James McLean will be held this Thursday, June 4 at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, Minn. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with a buffet dinner scheduled for 7 p.m. and a program wrapping up the evening at 8 p.m.

The Golden Gopher golf team just recently concluded their best season in over 50 years with a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Freshman James McLean from Wahgunyah, Victoria, Australia captured the individual title, just the second U of M golfer to win an individual national championship. Louis Lick, who won the other Golden Gopher individual crown, led the program to a second-place finish in 1944.

For ticket information and reservations, please call Karen Knutson at (612) 884-8552.

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June 3, 1998

## **PAULSON RECEIVES BIG TEN MEDAL OF HONOR AWARD**

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June 4, 1998

## **MEN'S ATHLETICS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EFFIE AWARD**

The University of Minnesota men's athletics department, in conjunction with Fallon McElligott, were honored Wednesday by the American Marketing Association for the "Marge and Barb" football campaign last year. Pat Forciea, assistant athletic director for external relations at the U of M, and Golden Gopher Marketing Coordinator Greg Gerlach accepted the Effie award in New York on behalf of the department.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized among the best marketing campaigns in the country," said Forciea. "So many people worked together to make this award possible, and there are a lot of thanks to go around for everyone's support, effort and patience."

The Effie recognizes the top advertising and marketing campaigns in the country across a variety of categories. The U of M's campaign was selected over the WNBA's "We Got Next" campaign and Major League Baseball's "Thoughts" campaign in the National Sporting Events category. It is the first time a university athletics campaign has ever been honored with an Effie.

The *Wall Street Journal* recently described the Effies as "the most coveted honor in American advertising and marketing." In the past, the National Sporting Events category has been awarded to a professional team or the U.S. Olympic Committee. In the words of the American Marketing Association, the Effies "honor advertising and marketing that exhibits bottom line effectiveness and proven performance."

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June 6, 1998

## **FOOTBALL STAFF TO SPONSOR FREE CLINIC FOR MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL CITY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS**

The University of Minnesota football coaching staff, in partnership with SuperValu, will be providing a free camp for Minneapolis and St. Paul city high school football players in grades 9-12. The one-day camp will be held at Minneapolis North High School on Wednesday, June 10.

The camp will run from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided to all participants courtesy of SuperValu.

Interested players should see their respective high school coaches for registration information. There will be no walk-up registration the day of the camp. For more information, please contact Steve Loney at the University of Minnesota football office at 624-9866.



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June 8, 1998

**MCLEAN NAMED CO-FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR AND ROLEX COLLEGE GOLFER OF THE MONTH**


University of Minnesota freshman men's golfer James McLean has been honored with two separate national awards. McLean won the NCAA Individual Men's Golf Championships held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from May 27-30.

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McLean finished the year with a score of 12-under par in his final eight tournaments, and posted 15 rounds under par in 31 collegiate rounds this season. Included among his honors this season were being selected Big Ten Freshman of the Year, named to the All-Big Ten team, and honored as Big Ten Athlete of the Month for April. McLean is a leading candidate for the conference athlete of the month honor for May. That award will be announced later this week.

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## GOLDEN GOPHER MEN SWEEP BIG TEN ATHLETE OF THE MONTH HONORS


Three University of Minnesota men's athletes took Big Ten Athlete of the Month honors, sweeping the field for the month of May. The conference recognized freshman James McLean in golf, junior Tom Chicoine in tennis and sophomore Staffan Strand in track and field.

McLean, from Wahgunyah, Victoria, Australia, won the NCAA individual men's golf title in Albuquerque, N.M., May 27-30. He fired a championships record-tying 17-under par score of 271 to become just the second Golden Gopher golfer to win an individual golf national championship. McLean led Minnesota to a seventh-place finish in the tournament, the team's highest placing since 1944.

McLean finished the year with a score of 12-under par in his final eight tournaments, and posted 15 rounds under par in 31 collegiate rounds this season. Included among his honors this season were being selected Big Ten Freshman of the Year, named to the All-Big Ten team, and honored as Big Ten Athlete of the Month for April. One of eight All-Americans, McLean also was named National Co-Freshman of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association (GCA). He shared the honor with Georgia Tech freshman Bryce Molder, the 1998 GCA Player of the Year.

Chicoine, from Neenah, Wis., went 7-1 in the month of May, winning all of his matches at the Big Ten and NCAA Region IV Championships. Three of his victories at the NCAA Region IV Championships came against ranked players, two of which were among the nation's top 25. An NCAA singles championship selection, Chicoine helped the Golden Gophers win the regional and advance to the NCAA Championships as a team. He finished the year with his third consecutive 20-win season, posting a 27-18 record.

Strand, of Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden, won his fourth consecutive high jump title while setting a Big Ten Championship record of 7-4 1/2 at the conference meet May 24. He placed third at the NCAA Outdoor Championships June 3 with the same height, garnering his fourth All-America honor. In his first outdoor meet this season Strand tied the University of Minnesota school record, leaping 7-5 at the Maroon and Gold Open May 9.



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## **SUNDET FAMILY NAMED DONORS OF THE YEAR BY NAADD FOR DONATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

Leland (Lee) and Louise Sundet have been selected as donors of the year by the Officers of the National Association of Athletic Development Directors (NAADD) for the 1997-98 year for their generous contributions to the University of Minnesota and the Men's Athletics department. The award will be presented Friday at the NAADD/NACMA (National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators) awards luncheon at the Marriott Resort in Marco Island, Fla.

The Sundets, who have been supporters and season ticket holders to University of Minnesota football and men's basketball games since their days as students at the U of M, were selected from a national field of signature donors to college and university athletics programs.

The Sundets have contributed gifts to Men's Athletics of more than \$1 million and have made gifts to the U of M in excess of \$3 million. Recently, they gave a \$500,000 gift to Men's Athletics which will be used to construct a 2,000-square-foot atrium for the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The new addition will house the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Hall of Fame and museum, featuring interactive displays, trophies, banners, a gallery of past student-athletes and champions, and photos of current Golden Gophers.

The gift, which matches the largest single cash donation to Men's Athletics, was part of an overall \$2 million contribution to the University of Minnesota which also endows a chair in New Testament & Christian Studies. Prior to that, the Sundets established an endowed scholarship and helped with the private fundraising to build Mariucci Arena, renovate Williams Arena, and convert the old Mariucci Arena into the Sports Pavilion for men's and women's athletics.

"The Sundets are tremendously generous, big picture people who are great supporters of the entire University, not only Golden Gopher athletics," said Dienhart. "This is a great honor for them and for the University. They were selected from among all of the major donors to athletics programs nationwide for this award."



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## THIRTY-FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

Thirty-five University of Minnesota student-athletes were selected to the spring and at-large Academic All-Big Ten Teams in their respective sports.

Seniors Jason Godbout of Woodbury, Minn., and Niles Deneen of Saint Paul, Minn., along with junior Jon Anderson of Morris, Minn., were all honored for the third time in their careers. Godbout, a defenseman on the hockey team, carried a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) in an individually designed program, while Deneen, a Minnesota school record holder in the hurdles, held a 3.44 GPA in design communication, and Anderson, a pole vaulter, posted a 3.46 GPA in computer science.

In addition, nine other student-athletes are repeat selections, including the 1998 NCAA indoor pole vault champion Vesa Rantanen. Rantanen, who sported a 3.48 GPA in psychology, was also named to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

Big Ten Coach of the Year Phil Lundin, who led the Golden Gopher track and field team to its first ever Big Ten indoor title and its first outdoor Big Ten crown since 1968, had the most student-athletes honored of any Big Ten school. Fifteen U of M track and field athletes were honored, led by four-time Big Ten high jump champion Staffan Strand. Strand, a sophomore, maintained a 3.89 GPA in computer engineering. He also was selected to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. Of the 15 track and field athletes, seven are returning honorees.


The Big Ten Tournament champion baseball team had eight selections, including All-Big Ten Tournament Team selection Ben Birk, a sophomore pitcher from Saint Paul, Minn.

Name	Sport	Yr	Pos	GPA	Major	Hometown
Ben Birk	Baseball	So.	Pitcher	3.40	Management	St. Paul, Minn.
Mark Devore	Baseball	So.	Infield	3.26	Management	Bloomington, Minn.
Bob DeWitt	Baseball	So.	Pitcher	3.02	History	Wausau, Wis.
Eric Gangl	Baseball	Jr.	Catcher	3.09	Pharmacy	Nashwauk, Minn.
Adam Horton	Baseball	So.	Infield	3.14	Management	New Ulm, Minn.
Dan McGrath	Baseball	So.	Pitcher	3.17	Psychology	Victoria, Australia
Jeremy Negen	Baseball	So.	Catcher	3.00	Kinesiology	Blomkest, Minn.
Jason Shupe	Baseball	So.	Pitcher	3.10	Education	Spencer, Wis.
Jeff Barney	Golf	Jr.		3.23	Management	Appleton, Minn.
Adam Dooley	Golf	Jr.		3.18	Finance	Albany, Minn.
Andy Komor	Golf	Jr.		3.47	Civil Engineering	New Brighton, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Golf	So.		3.06	Undecided	Hampshire, England
Justin Royer	Golf	So.		3.98	Management	Trimont, Minn.
Bryan Santee	Golf	So.		3.36	Finance	Hudson, Ohio
Martin Kristoffersen	Tennis	Jr.		3.64	Mechanical Engineering	Porsgrunn, Norway
Jon Anderson	Track/Field	Jr.	Decathlon	3.46	Computer Science	Morris, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Track/Field	So.	Sprints	3.07	Kinesiology	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Track/Field	So.	Distance	3.36	Business Management	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Niles Deneen	Track/Field	Sr.	Hurdles	3.44	Design Comm.	St. Paul, Minn.
Adam Freed	Track/Field	So.	Sprints	3.73	Psychology	Proctor, Minn.
Tye Harvey	Track/Field	Sr.	Pole Vault	3.07	Design Comm.	Jamestown, Calif.
Eric Hartmark	Track/Field	So.	Distance	3.29	Business	Duluth, Minn.
Ron Hoffner	Track/Field	So.	Distance	3.67	Mgmt. Info. Systems	Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Wil Kurth	Track/Field	Jr.	High Jump	3.03	History	Rochester, Minn.
Charlie McClure	Track/Field	So.	Distance	3.40	Mechanical Engineering	Brookfield, Wis.

Ben Meyer	Track/Field	So.	Throws	3.06	Business	Pine Island, Minn.
Jason Owen	Track/Field	So.	Distance	3.09	Undecided	Stewartville, Minn.
Vesa Rantanen	Track/Field	Jr.	Pole Vault	3.48	Psychology	Virrat, Finland
Staffan Strand	Track/Field	So.	High Jump	3.89	Computer Engineering	Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden
Chad Yenchesky	Track/Field	Sr.	Throws	3.43	Physiology	DePere, Wis.
Ben Clymer	Ice Hockey	So.	Defense	3.30	Kinesiology	Bloomington, Minn.
Jason Godbout	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Defense	3.00	Indiv. Designed Prog.	Woodbury, Minn.
Bill Kohn	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Defense	3.08	Marketing	Roseville, Minn.
Mike Lyons	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Defense	3.31	Management	St. Paul, Minn.
Nate Miller	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Forward	3.20	Management	Anoka, Minn.



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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FINISHES 17TH IN SEARS DIRECTORS' CUP FINAL STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota finished in 17th-place in the fifth annual Sears Directors' Cup final standings. The competition recognizes the finest all-around collegiate athletics programs in the nation.

The all-sports award, presented by Sears and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), honors Division I schools with the best performances in 20 sports--10 sports for men and 10 for women.

Sears Directors' Cup points are based on national tournament finishes. A new scoring system was put into place this year where each national champion receives 100 points, while the second place team receives 80 points (exceptions include brackets of eight teams - 2nd=75 points; or brackets of two or four teams - 2nd=50 points). Previously, national champions received 64 points for first place, 63 for second place, 62 for third, etc. Under the old scoring system the Golden Gophers would have challenged for a top 10 finish in this year's final standings.


Minnesota's highest finish ever was a 14th-place showing in the inaugural Sears Directors' Cup competition in 1993-94. With this year's 17th-place finish, the Golden Gophers have now finished in the top 25 in four of the five years the competition has been held.

The Sears Directors' Cup finish capped off quite a year for the Golden Gophers. Minnesota fell just 1.5 points shy of a second consecutive Big Ten men's unofficial all-sports title this year with 87 points. Michigan finished first with a total of 88.5 points even though the Golden Gophers had one more Big Ten team title than the Wolverines. The Golden Gophers won swimming and diving, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field conference titles this season, to go along with a Big Ten Tournament crown in baseball. With five conference regular season titles in a two-year span, the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons are the best back-to-back seasons for the Men's Athletics program in over 15 years.

Since 1989-90, Minnesota has finished no lower than fourth in the unofficial conference men's all-sports standings, including the first-place finish in 1996-97 and five second-place finishes. A total of seven different Golden Gopher teams have won at least one conference regular season or tournament title in the past six years.

**Final Sears Directors Cup Standings:** 1. Stanford, 1010; 2. Florida, 660; North Carolina, 660 (tie); 4. UCLA, 630; 5. Michigan, 620; 6. Arizona, 510; 7. Georgia, 500; 8. Washington, 460; 9. Nebraska, 450; 10. LSU, 440; Southern California, 440 (tie); 12. Arizona State, 430; 13. Virginia, 420; 14. Arkansas, 400; 15. Penn State, 380; Texas, 380 (tie); **17. Minnesota, 370**; 18. Brigham Young, 360; 19. California, 330; Colorado, 330; Maryland, 330; Tennessee, 330 (tie); 23. Ohio State, 320; 24. Oklahoma State, 310; 25. Auburn, 300; Clemson, 300; Princeton, 300 (tie).

**Other Big Ten schools:** 30. Illinois, 280; 34. Iowa, 250; Wisconsin, 250 (tie); 46. Purdue, 200; 51. Indiana, 180; 54. Michigan State, 170; 75. Northwestern, 110.



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## **FIELD SET FOR RELIASTAR PING/GOLFWEEK NCAA PREVIEW**

The field has been set for ReliaStar presents the 1998 Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview tournament held at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. The tournament, held each fall at the site of the coming year's NCAA Championships, will be held from Sept. 27-29.

The 15-team field will include the top 10 in the final Golfweek/Taylor Made national rankings, led by NCAA Champion and top-ranked UNLV, which this season became the first team to ever win the Preview in the fall and the NCAA the following spring. Also from this list are Clemson, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State, TCU, Houston, Arizona State, Georgia, Arizona and South Carolina.

The top three highest finishing teams from the 1998 NCAA Championships who were not among the top 10 also qualified. Those schools are Ohio State, Minnesota, and UCLA. Since Minnesota already was eligible as host team, it's spot was designated to Auburn, the next highest finisher at the NCAA not otherwise eligible. Rounding out the field will be Florida, an at-large selection.

Some of the biggest names in collegiate golf will be participating, including Golden Gopher 1998 NCAA Champion James McLean, 1997 U.S. Amateur Champion Matt Kuchar of Georgia Tech, and 1998 National Player of the Year Bryce Molder also of Georgia Tech. Kuchar, who was the low amateur at the 1998 Masters, is also participating in the 1998 U.S. Open at Olympic Hills in San Francisco, Calif.

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## GOPHER ATHLETES HONORED ON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

University of Minnesota junior Vesa Rantanen and sophomore Staffan Strand were named to the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America third team for their excellence both in the classroom and in athletics. Both Rantanen and Strand were key pieces of the Golden Gopher track and field team which won the indoor and outdoor Big Ten Championship this year.

Rantanen, who carries a 3.48 grade-point average (GPA) in psychology, is the defending NCAA indoor champion in the pole vault and took second in the event at this season's conference outdoor championship. Strand, who holds a 3.89 GPA in computer science, is a four-time Big Ten high jump champion and has both Minnesota and conference indoor and outdoor records in the event.

Rantanen and Strand were honored on the District V Academic All-America team and on the Academic All-Big Ten team as well.



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 June 24, 1998

## 1998-99 MEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota has released its 1998-99 36-game regular season men's hockey schedule. The season opens on Oct. 9-10 with the Icebreaker Cup at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, Minn., and the regular-season opener slated for Oct. 16 as the Golden Gophers host Minnesota-Duluth at Mariucci Arena.

Boston College, St. Lawrence, and Ohio State will visit Mariucci Arena for the Icebreaker Cup, with Boston University, Ohio State, and Princeton scheduled for the eighth annual Mariucci Classic on Dec. 27-28 at Mariucci Arena. The Golden Gophers will also host Michigan and Michigan State in the annual College Hockey Showcase on Nov. 27 and 29 at Mariucci Arena. In addition, Minnesota will play nonconference games against Boston College (Jan. 2-3) in Boston, Mass., and Mankato State (Jan. 15-16) at Mariucci Arena. The 28-game WCHA schedule has kept its unbalanced format, meaning Minnesota will not go to Michigan Tech or host Denver during the 1997-98 season.

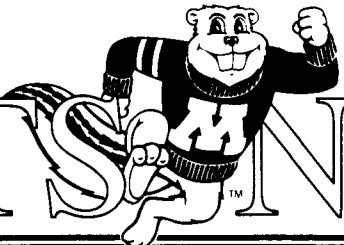
Game times for all contests will be 7:05 p.m., with the exceptions being the Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29 game against Michigan State (2:05 p.m.), and the second evening of the Icebreaker Cup (game times at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.). The 1999 WCHA Final Five will be held from March 18-20 at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 9-10	*ICEBREAKER CUP (St. Lawrence, Ohio State, Boston College)	MARIUCCI ARENA	4/7 p.m.
Oct. 16-17	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	MARIUCCI ARENA	5/8 p.m.
Oct. 23	ST. CLOUD STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	@ St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 30-31	@ Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 6-7	COLORADO COLLEGE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 13-14	NORTH DAKOTA	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 20-21	@ Alaska-Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10:05 p.m.
Nov. 27	#MICHIGAN	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 29	#MICHIGAN STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	2:05 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	#MARIUCCI CLASSIC (Ohio State, Boston Univ., Princeton)	MARIUCCI ARENA	4/7 p.m.
Jan. 2-3	#@ Boston College	Boston, Mass.	1:05 p.m.
Jan. 8-9	@ Denver	Denver, Colo.	TBA
Jan. 15-16	#MANKATO STATE	Mariucci Arena	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 22-23	@ North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 29-30	MICHIGAN TECH	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 5-6	@ Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8:35 p.m.
Feb. 12-13	ALASKA-ANCHORAGE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 19	@ St. Cloud State	National Hockey Center	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 20	ST. CLOUD STATE	Mariucci Arena	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 26-27	@ Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
March 5-6	WISCONSIN	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Fri., March 12 - Sun., March 14	WCHA First Round	TBA	TBA
Thurs., March 18 - Sat., March 20	WCHA Final Five	Target Center, Minneapolis	TBA
Fri., March 25 - Sun., March 27	NCAA Regionals	Madison, Wis./Worcester, Mass.	TBA
Thurs., April 1	NCAA Semifinals	Anaheim, Calif.	TBA
Sat., April 3	NCAA Championship	Anaheim, Calif.	TBA

Home games designated in CAPS and BOLD

All game times Central and subject to change/#-Nonconference game/\*-Exhibition game

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## **GOODWILL GAMES TEAM TO FACE FORMER GOLDEN GOPHER GREATS IN FREE SCRIMMAGES AT WILLIAMS ARENA**

The 1998 USA Basketball Goodwill Games Team, coached by University of Minnesota Head Men's Basketball Coach Clem Haskins, will scrimmage against an impressive list of former Golden Gopher greats at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11 at Williams Arena.

Both scrimmages are free to the general public. Fans are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the arena which will be donated to the Second Harvest food banks of the Twin Cities. Bins will be set up at all arena entrances each night.

The USA Basketball Goodwill Games Team features Golden Gopher forward Quincy Lewis, former Minneapolis North High School star and current University of Connecticut guard Khalid El-Amin, and University of Utah guard Andre Miller, who helped lead the Utes to the NCAA championship game this past season.

The team of former Golden Gophers will be led by current NBA players Bobby Jackson (Denver Nuggets) and John Thomas (Toronto Raptors). They will be joined by Walter Bond, Willie Burton, Mario Green, Kevin Lynch, Arriel McDonald, Melvin Newbern and Trevor Winter.

The scrimmages will serve as a tuneup for Haskins' USA squad which will open the Goodwill Games competition on Sunday, July 19 against defending champion Puerto Rico in New York's Madison Square Garden.

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July 6, 1998

## **SECOND ANNUAL DAN MORGAN GOLF OPEN SET FOR AUGUST 4 AT MAJESTIC OAKS C.C.**

The University of Minnesota baseball office has announced that the second annual Dan Morgan Golf Open will be held on August 4 at the Majestic Oaks Country Club in Ham Lake, Minn.

The event is named after Dan Morgan, a first team All-American pitcher in 1977, who passed away on May 31, 1996. Morgan posted a 22-2 record in three years for the Golden Gophers. He went on to pitch in the Montreal Expos farm system.

Former teammates launched this annual event last year to raise funds for the University of Minnesota baseball program in his memory. Tee times are still available for \$100, which includes green fee, golf shirt, sleeve of balls, lunch, dinner, golf cart and a bag of tees.

For registration information, please contact Dianne Ficenko in the Minnesota baseball office at (612) 625-1060

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## **MEMORANDUM**

July 16, 1998

TO: Coach Mason  
FROM: Marc Ryan  
RE: Football Media Day

The 1998 Golden Gopher Football Media Day will be held Friday, August 14, from approximately 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. A tentative time schedule is listed below:

### **Tentative Time Schedule:**

11 a.m. Food service is set up and ready to go in the players lounge. Early media arrivals are served immediately to keep things moving along. Karen will issue 1998 media credentials at the door.

11:10 a.m. Player photos begin on the outdoor practice field(s). Wendell will circulate exact photo time schedule and which field(s), along with plans to move it indoors in the case of inclement weather.

11:30 a.m. Official start time of media luncheon in players lounge.

11:50 a.m. Coach Mason addresses the media in the players lounge.

12:30 p.m. Coach Mason and media members move from the players lounge to the outdoor practice field(s). After team photo is taken, media can begin one-on-one interviews with requested players/coaches. In the case of inclement weather, this will be moved to the indoor practice facility. All players/coaches not requested by the media are excused.

1:15 p.m. End

cc: Boston, Dienhart, Schemmel, Buell, Forciea, Allen, Fahey, Gerlach, Ellison, Tollison, Gibbs, Loney, Adamle, Axman, Browning, Mitchell, Shaw, Snyder, Stripling, Hartman, Bowen, Chism, Hiller, Smith, Locy, Millikin, Stroessner, Baumgartner, Bertram, Brandt, Crumley, Ruitter, Lockrem, Vandersluis, Lee, Marcus, Zwach, Filkins, Helgeson, Romo, Capell, Graupmann, Pietruszewski, Bjorkman, Simmons, Schoemann.



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**July 16, 1998**

## **GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR AUGUST 14**

The 1998 University of Minnesota Football Media Day will be held on Friday, August 14, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge (same place that the weekly media luncheons were held in 1997). Media parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building.

After lunch is served, Head Coach Glen Mason will be on hand to visit with the media and discuss the upcoming season. Following that, all members of the Golden Gophers' coaching staff and squad will be available for interviews and photos on the outdoor practice field. If there is inclement weather, the interview/photo session will shift to the indoor practice facility.

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page to Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations, so we can estimate our luncheon count and prepare 1998 media credentials. You can fax your response to (612) 625-0359 or mail it to: 516 15th Ave SE, 208 Bierman Building, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

No, \_\_\_\_\_ we will not be able to attend Media Day.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ we will attend Media Day.

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

(media agency)

(city or community)

We will be represented by:

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If space permits, we request: (number of) \_\_\_\_\_ '98 press credentials

(number of) \_\_\_\_\_ '98 photo credentials

(number of) \_\_\_\_\_ '98 parking credentials

for the University of Minnesota football season, and we would like to pick up those credentials at the Gibson-Nagurski Complex on Media Day.

NOTE: If you requested such credentials a year ago and did not pick them up as directed or did not use them for every game, please do not make a similar request for 1998. If you are not able to cover all home games, please request your credentials on an individual game basis.



# SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white scarf. It is standing on its hind legs, holding a football in its right hand and pointing upwards with its left hand. The mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title.

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**August 4, 1998**

## **GOLDEN GOPHER FRESHMEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS AUGUST 11**

Head Coach Glen Mason's University of Minnesota football team will begin practice sessions Tuesday, Aug. 11, when the freshmen take the field at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The first full squad practices are Saturday, Aug. 15.

A reminder to all media that the 1998 Golden Gopher Media Day will be held Friday, Aug. 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge (same location that the weekly media luncheons were held in 1997).

The Golden Gophers open the season on Sept. 5 vs. Arkansas State at the Metrodome. The practice schedule for the first week is listed below:

Tuesday, August 11	Freshmen (2:15-4 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.)
Wednesday, August 12	Freshmen (9:15-11 a.m. and 2:45-4:45 p.m.)
Thursday, August 13	No practice
Friday, August 14	Media Day (11:30 a.m. Gibson-Nagurski Complex)
Saturday, August 15	Full squad (8-10:30 a.m. and 3:15-5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, August 16	TBA

Coach Mason and players will be available for interviews at the conclusion of each practice session.

All practice sessions are closed to the general public, but are open to members of the media. Photographers can shoot the first 20 minutes of each session.

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## **MARIUCCI ARENA TO HOST NCAA WEST REGIONAL IN 2000**

The NCAA has announced that the University of Minnesota will host the 2000 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey West Regional on March 24-25, 2000 at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, Minn. The East Regional will take place at Pepsi Arena in Albany, N.Y., on March 25-26, 2000 with Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (RPI) as the host school. The 2000 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Championship will be held in Providence, R.I. on Apr. 7-9, 2000.

The bid marks the first time the Golden Gophers have hosted a men's ice hockey regional since the NCAA went to the current 12-team format with the beginning of the 1991-92 season. The 1999 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey regionals will be hosted by the University of Wisconsin (West, Madison, Wis., March 27-28) and Boston University (East-Worcester, Mass., March 26-27), with the 1999 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Championships hosted by Alaska-Anchorage at Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim in Anaheim, Calif.



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## GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTED BY 16 HOME GAMES

The 1998-99 University for Minnesota men's basketball schedule was released today. The Maroon and Gold will play 16 regular season home games this season, (eight conference, eight nonconference, as well as two exhibitions). The first exhibition is Nov. 9 vs. a foreign traveling team to be determined. The regular season opener is Nov. 21 against Appalachian State. The Big Ten home opener is Jan. 6 vs. Northwestern.

The Golden Gophers will have five nationally-televised games, three on ESPN, one on ESPN2 and one on CBS. The ESPN games are vs. Cincinnati (12/16), Indiana (1/26) and Michigan State (2/13). The ESPN2 game is vs. Penn State (1/9). The CBS game is at Michigan (2/7). The Minnesota/Purdue game on Feb. 24 at Williams Arena is an ESPN wildcard game and could be picked up by the network and moved to Feb. 23 or 25. The Golden Gophers will play five times as the Big Ten game of the week and those games will be picked up locally by KSTP-TV. Minnesota will appear on Midwest Sports Channel a minimum of 17 times (depending on ESPN Wildcard pick on 2/24), with one game on WCCO-TV.

The 1998-99 schedule is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time/TV
11/9	Exhibition	7 p.m./MSC
11/16	Exhibition	7 p.m./MSC
11/21	Appalachian State	7 p.m./MSC
11/24	Seton Hall	7 p.m./MSC
11/28	Winthrop University	4 p.m./MSC
11/30	Oregon	7 p.m./MSC
12/4	@ Fresno State	9 p.m./MSC
12/12	Eastern Michigan	2 p.m./MSC
12/16	Cincinnati	8:30 p.m./ESPN
12/19	@ Nebraska	7 p.m./MSC
12/22	Montana State	7 p.m./MSC
12/29	Sacramento State	7 p.m./MSC
1/2	@ Purdue	1 p.m./KSTP
1/6	Northwestern	7 p.m./MSC
1/9	Penn State	8 p.m./ESPN2
1/13	@ Michigan State	7 p.m./MSC
1/16	Iowa	1 p.m./KSTP
1/20	Michigan	7 p.m./MSC
1/23	@ Ohio State	11 a.m./KSTP
1/26	Indiana	6:30 p.m./ESPN
1/30	@ Wisconsin	11:15 a.m./KSTP
2/3	Illinois	7 p.m./MSC
2/7	@ Michigan	Noon/CBS (WCCO-TV)
2/10	@ Iowa	7 p.m./MSC
2/13	Michigan State	8:30 p.m./ESPN
2/17	@ Penn State	7 p.m./MSC
2/24	Purdue (ESPN Wildcard on 2/23 or 2/25)	TBA (MSC or ESPN)
2/27	@ Northwestern	3:30 p.m./KSTP
3/4-3/7	@ Big Ten Tournament (United Center)	TBA



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**August 4, 1998**

## **GOLDEN GOPHER FRESHMEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS AUGUST 11**

Head Coach Glen Mason's University of Minnesota football team will begin practice sessions Tuesday, Aug. 11, when the freshmen take the field at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The first full squad practices are Saturday, Aug. 15.

A reminder to all media that the 1998 Golden Gopher Media Day will be held Friday, Aug. 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge (same location that the weekly media luncheons were held in 1997).


The Golden Gophers open the season on Sept. 5 vs. Arkansas State at the Metrodome. The practice schedule for the first week is listed below:

Tuesday, August 11	Freshmen (2:15-4 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.)
Wednesday, August 12	Freshmen (9:15-11 a.m. and 2:45-4:45 p.m.)
Thursday, August 13	No practice
Friday, August 14	Media Day (11:30 a.m. Gibson-Nagurski Complex)
Saturday, August 15	Full squad (8-10:30 a.m. and 3:15-5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, August 16	TBA

Coach Mason and players will be available for interviews at the conclusion of each practice session.

All practice sessions are closed to the general public, but are open to members of the media. Photographers can shoot the first 20 minutes of each session.

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For Immediate Release

August 14, 1998


## **WEEKLY FOOTBALL MEDIA LUNCHEONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1**

A weekly luncheon/news conference with University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason will be held each Tuesday (except Sept. 22) at 11:30 a.m. throughout the season in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex Players Lounge, with the first one scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Selected Golden Gopher players will also be available for media interviews at the luncheon. This will be the best opportunity for player interviews during game week.

In addition, media attending the luncheon will also have the opportunity to interview that week's opposing coach via teleconference call.

Parking is available in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building. For more information, call the Media Relations Office at (612) 625-4090.



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For Immediate Release

August 17, 1998

## **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NAMES 1998 FOOTBALL TEAM CAPTAINS**


Seniors Troy Duerr, Antoine Richard and Parc Williams have been named captains of the 1998 University of Minnesota football team.

A three-year letterwinner who is a steady performer for the Golden Gophers at tight end, Duerr will serve as the team captain on offense. The native of Buffalo, Minn., has never missed a game during his career, appearing in 34 consecutive contests heading into the 1998 season. A solid blocker, he has caught one touchdown pass in each of the past three seasons.

Richard and Williams will be the team captains on the defensive side of the ball. One of the unsung heroes of the Golden Gopher defense, Richard is a three-year letterwinner who will be the veteran leader of the team's defensive line this season. The defensive tackle from Houston, Texas, has played in 33 career games thus far and racked up 120 career tackles, including 12 tackles for loss.

Williams will serve as a team captain for the second straight season. The three-year letterwinner, who has 269 career tackles entering the 1998 season, is only 20 tackles away from cracking the school's all-time career top 10 list. A great success story, the Zumbrota, Minn., native suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament to his left knee as a true freshman in the 1994 season opener vs. Penn State on his very first collegiate play. Since rehabilitating the knee, the three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection has not missed a game the past three seasons, appearing in 34 consecutive games with 25 starts.

The Golden Gophers will open the 1998 season in the Metrodome on Sept. 5 at 1:30 p.m. against Arkansas State.



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August 31, 1998

## **COHEN HIRED AS ASSISTANT MEN'S TENNIS COACH**

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has named former Golden Gopher Adam Cohen as the new Assistant Men's Tennis Coach. Cohen will replace P.J. Priest, who left after two years as the assistant coach to become the Junior Development Coordinator of the North Tennis Association at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington.

Cohen, a native of Buffalo, Minn., was a two-time letter winner at Minnesota from 1993-95. During his time as a Golden Gopher, Cohen compiled a 29-13 overall record in singles play and a 9-4 overall record in doubles. He was also a member of two Big Ten champion teams in 1994-95.

Before playing at Minnesota, Cohen was a three-time letter winner at Southern Illinois in Edwardsville, Ill. As a Cougar, Cohen compiled an overall record of 23-1 and an overall doubles record of 19-15.

Cohen spent last year as the assistant men's tennis coach at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Prior to that, Cohen was an assistant coach at Forest Lake High School for three years, assisting with both the boys and girls teams.

"I'm excited to be back in Minnesota," Cohen said. "Hopefully I can help Coach Geatz bring back a Big Ten championship to Minnesota, something that hasn't been accomplished since I was here in 1995."



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September 1, 1998

## **KREMER NAMED AS ASSISTANT MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING COACH**

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department named Kelly Kremer as the Assistant Men's Swimming and Diving coach.


Kremer, a native of Mandan, N.D., has extensive swimming credentials, including a fifth place finish in the 100 back at the U.S. Open in Minneapolis in 1991. He also competed in the 1992 Olympic Trials in the 100 back at Indianapolis, Ind. During his collegiate days at Drury College in Springfield, Mo., Kremer was a 24-time NAIA National Champion and a 29-time NAIA All-American.

Kremer began his coaching career in 1988, with the Springfield Aquatic Swim Club. From 1992-94, Kremer was a graduate assistant coach for Drury College. Upon earning his Master's Degree in Education from Drury, Kremer served as the head swimming coach at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., from 1994-95.

The past three years, Kremer was the Assistant National Team Coach for the Mission Viejo Nadadores in Mission Viejo, Calif. In the summer of 1997, Kremer was inducted into the Drury College Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a student-athlete.



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Sept. 1, 1998

## **COACH MASON LUNCHEONS SET TO BEGIN FRIDAY**

The University of Minnesota Goal Line Club will once again present "Lunch with Mason" at the Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center in Bloomington before each of the six Golden Gopher home football games this season.

Coach Glen Mason will take a look back at the previous week's game and will look ahead to the next opponent. He will be joined by one of his assistant coaches and two players who will be interviewed by a celebrity emcee.

Registration and a social hour at 11:30 a.m. will kick off the festivities, followed by lunch at noon and the program at 12:30 p.m.

The first luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4. The cost is \$13 per luncheon. Those who plan to attend need to make reservations by calling the U of M Marketing Office at (612) 625-4879 the Wednesday prior to each luncheon. For more information, call Mark Williams at (651) 483-3621.

# SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title. The mascot is a stylized gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white scarf. It has its right arm raised in a fist and is holding a baseball bat in its left hand. The mascot is smiling and looking towards the viewer.

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## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVERING THE GOLDEN GOPHERS IN '98

### Weekly Coach Mason Media Luncheons

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### Weekly Big Ten Coaches Teleconference

The Big Ten coaches teleconference will take place every Tuesday (starting Sept. 1) during the season beginning at 11 a.m. Central. Each Big Ten coach will be available for 10 minutes to preview their upcoming game. Coach Mason is scheduled from 12:40 to 12:50 p.m. Call the media relations office for the phone number in order to participate. All times are Central.

11 a.m. - John Cooper, Ohio State  
11:10 a.m. - Lloyd Carr, Michigan  
11:20 a.m. - Cam Cameron, Indiana  
11:30 a.m. - Nick Saban, Mich. St.  
11:40 a.m. - Hayden Fry, Iowa  
11:50 a.m. - Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin

Noon - Ron Turner, Illinois  
12:10 p.m. - Joe Tiller, Purdue  
12:20 p.m. - Joe Paterno, Penn State  
12:30 p.m. - Gary Barnett, Northwestern  
**12:40 p.m. - Glen Mason, Minnesota**  
12:50 p.m. - Players of the Week (if available)

### Coach/Player Interviews

Requests for coach and/or player interviews, either in person or via the telephone, will be arranged by the Media Relations Office. In addition to his weekly Tuesday media luncheon and Big Ten teleconference call (see above), Coach Mason will also be available for television interviews during the season on the field 15 minutes before practice on both Monday and Wednesday. Interested media must contact Marc Ryan in the Media Relations Office the day before they plan to attend practice in order to facilitate arrangements. Tuesday's media luncheon will also provide the best opportunity each week for player interviews. In addition, player interviews can be conducted Monday and Wednesday either before the prepractice position meetings or after the conclusion of practice following a brief cooling-off period. There will be no player/coach interviews after Wednesday of game week until the conclusion of Saturday's game. Interviews must not conflict with classes, meetings, training room treatments or other team obligations. The team locker room and training room are off limits to the media at all times.

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### **Practice Information**

All practices are closed to the general public, but Monday - Thursday practice sessions are open to the media. Photographers can shoot the first 20 minutes of practice each day. Friday's practice will be closed each week. Media members who plan to attend practice on a particular day should call Marc Ryan in the Media Relations Office.

### **Postgame Interviews**

The Minnesota locker room will be closed to the media after games. Following a 10-minute cooling-off period, and then his WCCO postgame radio show, Coach Mason will be available for media interviews in the interview room. Selected Golden Gopher players will be available for media interviews in the interview room following Coach Mason. Media should notify a member of the U of M Media Relations Staff no later than midway through the fourth quarter which player(s) they would like to interview following the game.

### **www.gophersports.com**

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### **Golden Gopher Hotline**

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Fri.-Sun. (Aug. 14-23): Head Coach Glen Mason  
Mon. (Aug. 24): Defensive Coordinator David Gibbs  
Tues. (Aug. 25): Offensive Coordinator Steve Loney  
Wed. (Aug. 26): Strong Safety Tyrone Carter  
Thurs. (Aug. 27): Center Ben Hamilton  
Fri. (Aug. 28): Linebacker Parc Williams  
Sat.-Sun. (Aug. 29-30): Head Coach Glen Mason

### **Fax On Demand**

One phone call from a fax machine handset allows instant access to the Big Ten member schools' up-to-date information (releases/game notes, statistics, depth charts, etc.). This is for media use only. For more information call the Big Ten communications office at (847) 696-1010. The University of Minnesota football "cell" numbers are listed below:

#2210 Weekly release (includes notes, quotes, statistics, depth chart, etc.)  
#2211 Cumulative team & individual statistics  
#2212 Rosters/Schedule  
#2213 Statistics from most recent game

### **Media Credentials**

Requests for working media credentials for Golden Gopher home and away games must be made in advance on letterhead to Marc Ryan. The U of M Media Relations Office fax number is (612) 625-0359.

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**DATE:** September 8, 1998

**TO:** Golden Gopher Hockey Media Outlets

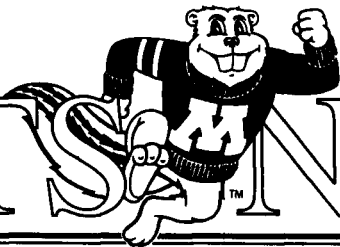
**FROM:** Brad Ruitter, University of Minnesota

**RE:** Press Conference Tomorrow

The University of Minnesota men's athletics department will conduct a press conference tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 10:30 a.m. at Mariucci Arena to unveil plans for the first number retirement in the 77-year history of Golden Gopher hockey.

The event will take place on the east end of the arena in the ticket office lobby. Director of Men's Athletics Mark Dienhart, Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog, Assistant Athletic Director Pat Forcica, and 1998-99 team captain Wyatt Smith will take part in the press conference. Please call me at (612) 625-4389 if you have any questions.





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September 9, 1998

## **GOLDEN GOPHER RECRUITING CLASS RECEIVES NO. 1 RANKING**

The University of Minnesota wrestling program's 1998-99 recruiting class was ranked No. 1 by *Wrestling U.S.A.* magazine, one of the premier wrestling publications in the nation. The recruiting class was already ranked No. 1 in the country by *Wrestling Institute Newsmagazine*.

Minnesota's recruiting class includes three-time Wisconsin state champion at heavyweight, Garrett Lowney of Appleton, Wis., two-time Minnesota state champion at 165 pounds Jacob Clark of South St. Paul, Minn., four-time Idaho state champion at 133 pounds, Jared Lawrence, of Sandpoint, Idaho, Minnesota state champion at 149 pounds, Mitch Marr, three-time Minnesota state champion at 157 pounds, Luke Becker of Cambridge, Minn., Minnesota state champion at 133 pounds, Dave Redinius of Eden Prairie, Minn., and runner-up in the Florida state championships, Casey McGraw.

Rounding out the top ten:

1. MINNESOTA
2. Arizona State
3. Oklahoma
4. Oklahoma State
5. Iowa
6. Northern Iowa
7. Wisconsin
8. Nebraska
9. Michigan State
10. Michigan.

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## ~ This Week in Gopher Sports ~

Saturday, September 19  
Football



vs. Memphis  
Metrodome  
2:30 p.m.  
MSC tape delayed 6 p.m.  
WCCO (830 am) live

Friday - Saturday, September 18-19  
Golf



Northern Intercollegiate  
Les Bolstad/University of  
Minnesota Golf Course  
All Day

Saturday, September 26  
Cross Country



Roy Griak Invitational  
Les Bolstad Course  
All Day

## Recapping Last Season's Finishes

As the University of Minnesota enters the 1998-99 season Golden Gophers sports season, we take a look back at the 1997-98 season which earned Minnesota 17th place in the Sears Director's Cup standings.

Sport	Overall Record	Big Ten/Finish	NCAAs
Baseball	45-13	19-9/2nd	1st Rnd.
Basketball	20-15	6-10/8th	--
Cross Country	--	4th	18th
Football	3-8	1-7/T9th	--
Golf	192-43-5	T3rd	7th
Gymnastics	1-12	0-5/7th	--
Hockey	17-22	12-16/6th	--
Ind. Track & Field	--	1st	14th
Out Track & Field	--	1st	35th
Swim & Diving	7-1	3-1/1st	14th
Tennis	14-13	5-5/5th	1st Rnd.
Wrestling	19-2	6-2/3rd	2nd

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**Monday, September 14:**

Offensive Coordinator **STEVE LONEY** talks about the game vs. Houston last Saturday.

**Tuesday, September 15:**

Head Football Coach **GLEN MASON'S** weekly news conference.

**Wednesday, September 16:**

Sophomore linebacker **BEN MEZERA** talks strategy for the Golden Gophers' upcoming game vs. Memphis.

**Thursday, September 17:**

Senior running back **THOMAS HAMNER** previews Saturday's game vs. Memphis.

**Friday, September 18:**

Senior linebacker **PARC WILLIAMS** talks about the defensive plan of attack vs. Memphis.

**Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20:**

Head Football Coach **GLEN MASON'S** postgame Memphis News Conference.

### WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1998-99 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.

# Cross Country



## GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WINS FIRST MEET OF THE SEASON

Freshman **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owens Sound, Ontario) took a second place finish with a time of 20:28.86 to lead the University of Minnesota men's cross country team to a first-place team finish with 26 points. The All-American Invitational was hosted by Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Freshman **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.) finished fourth with a time of 20:29.85 and junior **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) was fifth, clocking a time of 20:33.18. Senior **MATT CARTER** (Janesville, Wis.) also finished in the top ten for the Golden Gophers in eighth-place with a time of 20:25.26. Mike Gunthro of the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse won the meet with a time of 20:25.26.

University of Wisconsin at La Crosse took a second place team finish with 32 points, Augustana was third with 104 points, St. Olaf was fourth with 150 points and Macalester finished fifth with 161 points.

## What Happened Last Season...

### First NCAA Championship appearance since 1981

The Golden Gophers turned out a season of surprises and accomplishments, capping off the year with an 18th-place finish at the NCAA Championships held Nov. 24 at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. It was the first time since 1981 Minnesota competed as a team at the NCAA Championships. Leading the way for the Maroon and Gold was junior transfer **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) who finished 44th among runners with teams competing (scored) and 60th overall (which included runners who qualified individually). Pierce, who took 21st at the 1996 NCC Cross Country Championships, turned out the 10K time of 30:51.

Also competing at the NCAA Championships for Minnesota were senior captain Tony Riter (Shoreview, Minn.), who was second on the team, scoring in 64th place (83rd overall, 31:09), sophomore **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), who took a score of 97th (121st, 31:44), redshirt freshman **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.), who placed with a score of 100th (125th, 31:47), sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.), who finished with a score of 119th (146th, 32:13), junior **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.), who had a score of 123rd (151st, 32:18), and senior transfer Chad Johnson (Chetek, Wis.), who finished with a score of 138th (168th, 33:04).

# Scoreboard

## GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 12	<b>All-American Invitational</b>	1st/26pts
	2. Andrew McKessock, 20:28.86	
	4. Joey Corr, 20:29.85	
	5. Todd Landgraff, 20:33.18	
	8. Matt Carter, 20:49.92	
	11. Mike Stoick, 21:03.30	
	16. Phil Smith, 21:17.87	
	24. Chuck Smith, 21:39.79	
	26. Andy Hopko, 21:42.45	
	45. Ron Hoffner, 22:14	
Sept. 26	<b>Roy Griak Invitational</b>	Les Bolstad St. Paul Minn.
Oct. 10	<b>Minnesota Octoberfest</b>	Les Bolstad St. Paul, Minn.
Oct. 24	<b>Marathon Sports 5K</b>	Les Bolstad St. Paul, Minn.
Nov. 1	<b>Big Ten Championships</b>	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Nov. 14	<b>NCAA District V</b>	Wichita, Kan.
Nov. 23	<b>NCAA Championships</b>	Lawrence, Kan.

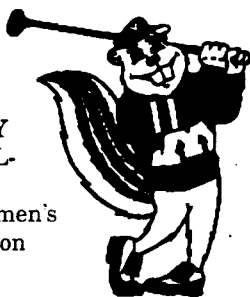
# Gopher Flashes

## 1998 Golden Gophers

Chris Anderson*	So.	Jr.	Chisago City, Minn.
Joshua Brang*	Jr.	So.	Winona, Minn.
Matthew Carter*	So.	So.	Janesville, Wis.
Nate Clay*	Sr.	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Fr.	Redmond, Wash.
Zach Edmondson	Fr.	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.
Eric Hartmark*	Jr.	So.	Duluth, Minn.
Ron Hoffner**	Sr.	Jr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Andy Hopko	So.	Fr.	Big Lake, Minn.
Andy Kullmer	Fr.	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Todd Landgraff***	Sr.	Jr.	St. Peter, Minn.
Charles McClure**	Sr.	Jr.	Brookfield Wis.
Andrew McKessock	Fr.	Fr.	Owens Sound, Ontario
Bryan Meyer	So.	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Fr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Eric Pierce*	Sr.	So.	Forest Lake, Minn.
Jeremy Polson**	Jr.	So.	Duluth, Minn.
Erik Quam	Fr.	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Matt Schadow	Fr.	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.
Chuck Smith	Jr.	So.	Lakeville, Minn.
Phil Smith	Jr.	So.	Lakeville, Minn.
Michael Stoick**	Sr.	Jr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Scott Utne	Fr.	Fr.	Shoreville, Minn.
Sami Voltonen	Fr.	Fr.	Lahti, Finland

\* indicates letter earned

# Golf



## GOLFERS OPEN THE SEASON BY HOSTING NORTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will launch the 1998-99 season this weekend as they play host to the Northern Intercollegiate at Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course. The Golden Gophers are fresh off their best NCAA finish in 54 years, placing seventh at last season's championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Northern Intercollegiate is held each fall by the school that is hosting the following spring's Big Ten Championships. Specific information about the Northern Intercollegiate is listed below:

**Event:** Northern Intercollegiate

**Dates:** September 18-19, 1998

**Course:** Les Bolstad / University of Minnesota

**Par:** 71

**Yards:** 6,450

**Teams (12):** Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Ball State, Penn State, Toledo, Western Kentucky, Loyola, Minnesota (host)

**Start Times:** Friday - 36 holes (8 a.m.) / Saturday - 18 holes (8 a.m.)

**How To Get Results:** Results will be posted on Fax-On-Demand's Info. Connection service. Call the media relations office for more information.

## LAST SEASON AT THE NORTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Minnesota tied for second among 17 teams in last season's Northern Intercollegiate played at Forest Akers Golf Club in East

Lansing, Mich. Golden Gopher Rob Kerr captured individual medalist honors by touring the course in six-under par 210. **MARTIN LeMESURIER** (South Hampton, England), **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.), and **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) all supplied steady play of seven-over par 223 to lead the Maroon and Gold to a solid finish. Kent State won the team title by finishing 10 shots better (868) than the Golden Gophers and Miami (878).

## 1998-99 SEASON OUTLOOK

In most cases, trying to top the program's best NCAA finish in over 50 years and having an individual attempting to repeat as national champion would be a task that may be impossible. But in the case of the 1998-99 University of Minnesota men's golf team, the task could be very achievable.

The measure of the program's recent spoils can be gauged by the team's resume over the course of the last four seasons in particular - nine tournament championships and 34 top five finishes of the 52 tournaments in which it has competed. The 1997-98 edition also posted a most impressive 192-43-5 record.

This year's edition of Golden Gopher men's golf will be built around a player who hasn't even been in the United States for an entire year. He may be new to this country, but in just a few short months **JAMES McLEAN** (Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia) has won in such a fashion that it is almost becoming old hat when trying to put his accomplishments into words.

McLean burst upon the scene with a less than terrific debut at the Bridges All-American, finishing in a tie for 50th in his first collegiate event. That was about the last time anyone would see the name McLean not towards the top of the leaderboard in 1998, as the freshman went on to post seven top 10 finishes capped off with the NCAA Championship. After a summer of more titles in the state of Minnesota, the Aussie seems primed to defend his national title at Hazeltine this spring. McLean captured the State Amateur, State Open, and Pine-to-Palm championships in Minnesota this

# Scoreboard

## GOLDEN GOPHER FALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 18-19	Northern Intercollegiate	Les Bolstad St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 28-29	NCAA Preview	Hazeltine Chaska, Minn.
Oct. 5-6	Windom Invitational	Northwestern Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 10-12	Missouri Bluff's Intercollegiate	St. Louis, Mo.

# Gopher Flashes

## 1998 Golden Gophers

Name	Yr.	Career Avg.	Hometown
Jeff Barney*	Sr.	77.0	Appleton, Minn.
Robert Brink	Sr.	77.4	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Jr.	76.5	Mankato, Minn.
Erik Christopherson	Jr.	n/a	Mendota Heights, Minn.
Garrett Clegg	Fr.	n/a	Bountiful, Utah
Adam Dooley*	Sr.	74.9	Albany, Minn.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	n/a	Wardsville, Ontario
Santiago Fernandez	So.	80.8	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	n/a	Toronto, Ontario
Andy Komor**	Sr.	75.7	New Brighton, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier**	Jr.	73.2	South Hampton, England
James McLean*	So.	71.4	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	n/a	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	n/a	Edina, Minn.
Justin Royer	Jr.	72.7	Trimont, Minn.
Bryan Santee	Jr.	82.5	Hudson, Ohio
Andrew Tank	So.	n/a	Des Moines, Iowa
Bill Thompson**	Sr.	74.9	Wayzata, Minn.

\* indicates letter earned

past summer, and reached the match play round at the U.S. Amateur.

McLean became the second Golden Gopher in as many years to be honored as Big Ten Freshman of the Year, following 1997 selection **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (South Hampton, England) in winning the award. LeMesurier, now a junior, provided steady play down the stretch last season while battling a back injury. The England native's 72.8 stroke average was second on the team behind McLean, and looks to be a solid cog in Minnesota's lineup heading into the 1998-99 season.

One of the more pleasing aspects of the spring and summer months of 1998 has been the emergence of senior **ADAM DOOLEY** (Albany, Minn.). The Albany, Minn., native and all-Big Ten selection had an outstanding summer of golf after flashes of brilliant play late last season. His leadership and experience will be valuable in his final season as a Golden Gopher. Another very solid local product who should provide many of the same tools as Dooley is fellow senior **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.). The Wayzata, Minn., native was an instrumental part of Minnesota's second-round surge at last season's NCAA Championships with a four-under par 68. Thompson's steady play and experience will help solidify the Golden Gopher lineup this season.

The Golden Gophers lost only one starter from their seventh-place NCAA team of a year ago, but filling the shoes of an All-American will be a tough chore for someone. Rob Kerr leaves Gold Country with five individual tournament titles and a well-deserved all-Big Ten selection his senior season. Among the top candidates to step into his spot in the lineup is senior **JEFF BARNEY** (Appleton, Minn.).

Barney has the experience of playing 71 collegiate rounds through his junior campaign, and is fresh off a solid summer in which he missed qualifying for match play at the U.S. Amateur by a mere stroke. Barney, who filled in for the injured LeMesurier at the conference championships last May and posted a respectable 23rd-place finish, has the potential to fit nicely into the team's

plans during his final season.

By no means are the remaining roster players ready to concede spots in the lineup to the afore mentioned players. This team is deep in talent, as demonstrated by players such as senior **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) and senior **BOB BRINK** (Bemidji, Minn.). Komor advanced to the third round of the U.S. Amateur Publiclinks this past summer while Brink showed flashes of brilliance with an opening round 69 in the State Open after an impressive fifth-place finish in the State Amateur. Both players appear ready to make a major push at a lineup spot in their final seasons as Golden Gophers.

Along with LeMesurier, four other juniors round out a talented group of upperclassmen. **MATT BURGESS** (Mankato, Minn.), qualified for the match play portion of the 1998 U.S. Amateur Publiclinks. King Cobra Collegiate Tour event winner **ERIK CHRISTOPHERSON** (Mendota Heights, Minn.), 1995 Class A state runner-up **JUSTIN ROYER** (Trimont, Minn.), and Ohio high school all-state selection **BRYAN SANTEE** (Hudson, Ohio), are all juniors who are ready to compete for tournament playing time.

Talented sophomore **SANTIAGO FERNANDEZ** (Bogota, Columbia), who at 16 was the youngest player ever to win the Columbian Open, brings outstanding raw talent that, with time, can be honed for the highest level of play. Sophomore **ANDREW TANK** (Des Moines, Iowa) will benefit from the experience of having spent one year in the program.

Incoming freshmen can sometimes be a pleasant surprise (see McLean). The list of newcomers for the 1998-99 season includes **GARRETT CLEGG** (Bountiful, Utah); **ZACHARY FAULDS** (Wardsville, Ontario, Canada); **MATTHEW GIBB** (Toronto, Ontario, Canada); **BEN MEYERS** (Frankston, Victoria, Australia); and **ETHAN OTTERLEI** (Edina, Minn.). Meyers brings similar credentials as McLean did a year ago, while Gibb qualified for the stroke play pool of the U.S. Amateur.

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## **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO RETIRE MAYASICH JERSEY**

The University of Minnesota men's athletics department has announced plans for retiring Golden Gopher hockey great and U.S. Olympic hockey gold medal winner John Mayasich's number eight in a pregame ceremony before the Golden Gopher/North Dakota men's hockey game on Sat., Nov. 14 at Mariucci Arena. It will mark the first time that a number has been retired in the 77-year history of Golden Gopher hockey.

Mayasich, a native of Eveleth, Minn., is the University of Minnesota's all-time leading scorer with career totals of 144 goals and 154 assists for 298 points in just 111 career games played. Last season, Mayasich was honored by *The Hockey News* as the WCHA's All-Time Best Player as a part of the magazine's 50th anniversary in October.


Part of Mayasich's greatness was his consistent level of high performance in his time as a Golden Gopher. He scored 62 points as a freshman, 78 in both his sophomore and junior seasons, and 80 points on 41 goals and 39 points as a senior. Mayasich was honored as a three-time member of the All-American (coaches association), All-WCHA, and NCAA Tournament teams (1953, 1954, 1955). Mayasich also owns the second-longest scoring streak in school history, 23 games, spanning two seasons (1951-52 to 1952-53).

"John is arguably the greatest hockey player to ever don the Maroon and Gold," said University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Director Mark Dienhart. "While hockey fans across the country recognize John's on-ice accomplishments, people across our state are also aware of John's lifetime commitment to the University of Minnesota."

"It will be a great honor for all of us who are part of Golden Gopher hockey to be part of the evening," said Head Coach Doug Woog. "John set a standard of excellence for Golden Gopher hockey that will be difficult for anyone to ever duplicate."

Some highlights surrounding the jersey retirement of Mayasich's number are listed below:

- October 7 – A thirty-foot mural of Mayasich will be unveiled on the east end of Mariucci Arena. The mural will remain up for the entire season.
- November 9 – The world's largest hockey jersey - a fifteen-foot high x twenty-five foot wide replica of Mayasich's number eight - will be unveiled at a ceremony at the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Mayasich's hometown of Eveleth, Minn. The jersey will be brought back to Mariucci Arena for the weekend ceremony.
- November 14 – Mayasich's number eight will be retired in a special pre-game ceremony that evening. A pre-game reception with Mayasich's former Golden Gopher and 1960 Olympic teammates, along with a number of other former Golden Gopher hockey players will be held at Mariucci Arena.



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## **GOLDEN GOPHER STUDENT-ATHLETES RATED HIGH ACADEMICALLY**

The University of Minnesota Men's and Women's Athletics Departments have produced 28 GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans during the 1990s, ranking them ninth among all Division I institutions and second in the Big Ten.

Nebraska led the nation with 77 Academic All-Americans. Southern Illinois and Stanford rounded out the top 10 with 27 each. The top 10 institutions in the 1990s are as follows:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Academic All-Americans</b>
1. Nebraska	77
2. Notre Dame	43
3. Georgia	34
Kansas	34
5. Penn State	33
6. Bucknell	32
7. Florida	31
8. Ball State	30
9. Minnesota	28
10. Southern Illinois	27
Stanford	27

*Source: Millsport*



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## **LIVE CONCERT ON METRODOME PLAZA SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS PRE-GAME EVENTS**

The University of Minnesota welcomes the musical talents of "Room Full of Blues" with the Memphis Horns to the Metrodome plaza Saturday, prior to the Golden Gophers' football game vs. Memphis. A tailgate party will kick off the day's events at 10:30 a.m. The blues band will take the stage from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the Golden Gophers' marching band will follow with a pepfest on the plaza at 1:30 p.m. Kickoff for the Golden Gophers game against Memphis at the Metrodome is 2:30 p.m.

In addition, the WCCO Radio morning show will be broadcast live from the Metrodome Plaza Friday, from 6-9 a.m. Men's Athletic's Director Mark Dienhart will be on hand as well as Goldy Gopher and the University of Minnesota cheerleaders. Breakfast will be provided by Kellogg's.

The University of Minnesota marching band and spirit squads will make their season debut at the third annual Downtown St. Paul Employees Appreciation Party Friday. The Greater St. Paul Association of Building Owners and Managers (BOMA) will host the pepfest to thank the tenants and employees of downtown St. Paul, and to help cheer on the Golden Gophers as they prepare to take on Memphis. The marching band will set out from Rice Park at 11:30 a.m. and march to the pepfest, arriving at Robert Street between Fifth and Sixth streets by noon. Golden Gophers' Head Coach Glen Mason will be on hand, as well as Dr. Dienhart. Fans are encouraged to join BOMA in thanking the tenants and employees of downtown St. Paul, enjoy free pizza and pop, and support the Golden Gophers.