

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

September 13-17, 1999

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL VS. ILLINOIS STATE, SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 -- 1:30 P.M. -- METRODOME
MIDWEST SPORTS CHANNEL TAPE DELAYED (SEPT. 19 - NOON) OR WCCO 830-AM LIVE



Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota 35, UL Monroe 0
- Sept. 11, at the Metrodome (38,137)
- Senior Thomas Hamner set a career-high with 174 yards on 33 carries (tied career-high). Hamner also scored a career-high three touchdowns en route to earning Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS THE 10TH ANNUAL ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL
LES BOLSTAD COURSE (LAUDERDALE, MINN.) SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

Last Week's Results:

- Senior Eric Pierce took top honors in the first cross country meet of the season with a time of 25:13. The Golden Gophers placed second (29 points) to Drake University (28 points).



GOLF

GOLF AT PING/GOLFWEEK NCAA PREVIEW
GRAND NATIONAL GOLF CLUB (OPEILIKA, ALA.) SUNDAY-TUESDAY, SEPT. 19-21



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers open their 1999 fall season with the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview meet at the Grand National Golf Club in Opeilika, Ala.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, September 13:

Defensive Coordinator DAVID GIBBS previews the Illinois State game.

Tuesday, September 14:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S weekly news conference.

Wednesday, September 15:

Senior strong safety TYRONE CARTER previews the Illinois State game.

Thursday, September 16:

Senior wide receiver LUKE LEVERSON previews the Illinois State game.

Friday, September 17:

Junior linebacker JUSTIN HALL previews the Illinois State game.

Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S Illinois State postgame news conference.

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CROSS COUNTRY



MINNESOTA'S ERIC PIERCE TAKES TOP HONORS IN FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET OF SEASON:

University of Minnesota cross country senior **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) took top honors in the first cross country meet of the season as the Golden Gophers took second place to Drake University. Drake scored 28 points to Minnesota's 29 points.

Pierce clocked a time of 25:13 to take first place, while Drake's Matt Gabrielson took second place with a time of 25:17. Minnesota's **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owen Sound, Ontario) finished in fifth place with a time of 25:32, while teammate **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.) took sixth place with a time of 25:49.

Other finishers for the Golden Gophers include: senior captain **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.), who finished eighth with a time of 26:25; Senior **NATE CLAY** (Rochester Hills, Mich.), who finished ninth with a time of 26:28 and freshman Scott Utne, who finished 10th with a time of 26:33.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Golden Gophers will host the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course starting at 9 a.m. This year finds 11 of the top 30 cross country teams from last year's NCAA Championships, including UCLA, Oregon, Duke, Providence

and Iowa The Golden Gophers took fifth place last year, and junior **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) was Minnesota's top finisher with a time of 25:11 to take 15th place. Providence College grabbed the team title with 106 points. Providence also had the individual winner in Ben Noad, who clocked a time of 24:25. In the Division II and III race, South Dakota, with 80 points, edged out North Dakota with 82 points to take top honors.

Individually, Central Missouri State's Vladimar Golias won the event with a winning time of 25:32. Golias, along with Ben Noad, are the only back-to-back winners in the invitational's history.

Jonah Kiptarus of Nebraska holds the course record with a time of 23:57, which was set in 1996. Wisconsin has won the team title four consecutive times from 1994-97. Iowa State runs a close second with three team titles. The Cyclones have the most individual winners with five.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 10	Drake, South Dakota	2nd/29 pts.
Sept. 25	Roy Griak Invitational	Les Bolstad
Oct. 1	Blue/Gold Invitational	Eau Claire, WI
Oct. 16	Pre-NCAA	Bloomington, IN
Oct. 23	Marathon Sports	Les Bolstad
Oct. 30	Big 10 Championship	University Park, PA
Nov. 13	NCAA Districts	Champaign, IL
Nov. 22	NCAA Championship	Bloomington, IN

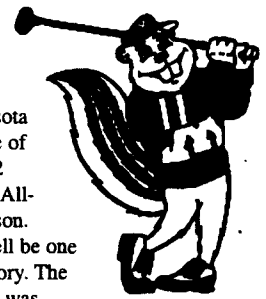
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Joshua Brang**	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Nate Clay**	Sr.	Rochester Hills, Mich.
Joey Corr*	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Eric Hartmark*	Jr.	Duluth, Minn.
Andy Kummer	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.
Andrew McKessock*	So.	Owens Sound, Ontario
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	So.	Stewartville, Minn.
Eric Pierce**	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
Jeremy Polson***	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Jesse Prince	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Erik Quam	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Chuck Smith*	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Michael Stoick***	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Scott Utne	Fr.	Shoreville, Minn.

* letters earned



Golf



GOLDEN GOPHERS SET FOR THE 1999

FALL SEASON: The Golden Gopher golf team begins the 1999 season at the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview at the Grand National Golf Course in Opelika, Ala., Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 19-21. The

host school, Auburn University, will also showcase the 2000 NCAA Championships at the same course.

Among the biggest challenges for the 1999-2000 Golden Gopher men's golf team will be finding players to fill holes left by three veteran, outgoing seniors from the 1998-99 squad. Among the least of Head Coach John Means' concern is finding veteran experience to lead the team in that search.

Although the Golden Gophers lose 308 collegiate rounds of experience in Bill Thompson, Adam Dooley, and Jeff Barney, the return of senior Martin LeMesurier and two-time All-American James McLean are more than enough for optimism to run high for conference and national success.

The measure of the program's recent spoils can be gauged by the team's resume over the course of the last five seasons in particular - 14 tournament championships and 44 top five finishes of the 65 tournaments in which it has competed. The 1998-99 team also posted a most impressive 161-36-0 record.

This year's edition of Golden Gopher men's golf will be built around two players from opposite ends of the earth - junior James McLean of Australia and senior Martin LeMesurier of England.

McLean burst upon the scene in his rookie season by becoming just the fifth freshman in NCAA history to capture the NCAA individual championship. To say that his sophomore season was a "disappointment" is not looking at the consistency that the Aussie supplied from tournament to tournament as a sophomore. McLean has posted 16 top ten finishes in his 19 collegiate career tournaments, and added two more individual championships to his resume (Wolverine Invitational and NCAA Central Regional). The NCAA Regional title was the second for a Golden Gopher in the last four seasons (Rob Kerr). McLean advanced to the match-play portion of the U.S. Amateur for the second consecutive summer, and played well in

both the Minnesota State Amateur and Minnesota State Open. McLean led the team and was one of the best in the nation last season with a 70.892 stroke average. He was selected to the GCAA All-America first team for the second straight season.

Martin LeMesurier, now a senior, may well be one of the steadiest players in Golden Gopher history. The England native, whose 72.750 stroke average was third on the team behind All-Americans McLean and Dooley, will bid to be one of the top players in the conference and nation in his final collegiate season. Although he did not break through into the win column, LeMesurier posted a pair of runner-up finishes, a third-place, and a fourth-place showing last season. LeMesurier, who was honored on the all-Big Ten team for the second time in three seasons, claimed nine top 20 finishes in 13 starts last season.

Freshman Ben Meyers of Frankston, Victoria, Australia, who has been in school since winter quarter, 1999, is another top foreign amateur who comes with lofty credentials. Meyers qualified locally for the medal play portion of the U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach this past summer, and is excited to try and follow in fellow Aussie James McLean's footsteps as he begins playing collegiately in the United States.

Only four other players on the Golden Gopher roster have collegiate tournament experience, meaning competition for playing time will be fierce early in the season. Minnesota native seniors Bob Brink (Bemidji) and Matt Burgess (Mankato) hope that their patience and time in the program will pay dividends this season. Talented junior Santiago Fernandez of Columbia shows flashes of brilliance, while junior Dave Gunderson gained valuable experience last season playing as a marker in the 1999 Big Ten Championships.

A talented corp of freshmen arrive on campus looking to make their mark on a program full of history and pride. Two second-year players from Canada, Zachary Faulds and Matthew Gibb, are back after redshirt seasons. Local product Ethan Otterlei of Edina also reshirted last season. First-year players include Joe Affrunti, David Evenson, David Morgan, Justin Robel, and Wilhelm Schauman.


GOLDEN GOPHER FALL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 19-21	NCAA Preview	Opeilika, AL
Oct. 4-5	Windom Memorial	Evanston, IL
Oct. 11-12	Pepperdine Intercollegiate	Pepperdine, CA
Oct. 18-19	Jerry Pate	Shoal Creak, AL
Nov. 22-23	Stan Sheriff Invitational	Ko'Olau, HI
Nov. 25-26	Mauna Kea Invitational	Mauna Kea, HI

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Joe Affrunti	Fr.	Crystall, Ill.
Bob Brink	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.
David Evenson	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa

SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark jersey with the number 15 and a white scarf. It is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title, appearing to be in motion as if running or jumping.

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For Immediate Release

August 31, 1999

GOLDEN GOPHERS NAME PREVOST AS DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

The University of Minnesota basketball program announced today that Arthur Prevost, the former women's associate head coach at Texas Christian University, was named the Director of Basketball Operations on Head Coach Dan Monson's staff at the University of Minnesota.


Prevost will oversee all administrative areas within the men's basketball program. He will supervise the videotaping efforts of the team, including film breakdown and scouting, as well as supervising all of the Golden Gophers' videotaping at games and coordinating the exchange of team videotapes with opponents. Prevost will also coordinate all on-campus-recruiting visits and be responsible for the Golden Gopher basketball camps. He will serve as the coaching staff's liaison to the academic and student support service units.

"I'm excited to have Art join our staff," Head Coach Dan Monson said. "My goal with all of the staff members I have hired is to surround myself with people that I have long term relationships with and know how I want to coach the game of basketball. Art fits that description to a tee and will be a great addition to our staff."

While at TCU, Prevost acted as the recruiting and academic coordinator for Mike Peterson's Horned Frog program. He was the top assistant to Peterson and now rejoins him on the Minnesota staff.

A 1990 graduate of Lemar University, where he was a two-year letterwinner at point guard, he helped lead the Cardinals to their last 20 win season in 1987-88. Prevost is a member of National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Black Coaches Association.

Prevost and his wife Tona, have a one-year old daughter, Taylon.



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September 7, 1999

GOPHER HOCKEY NAMES CAPTAINS FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASON

University of Minnesota men's hockey coach Don Lucia announced today that senior forward Nate Miller, junior defenseman Dylan Mills, and junior forward/defenseman Erik Westrum have been named captains of the Golden Gopher hockey team for the upcoming 1999-2000 season.

Miller, a native of Anoka, Minn., has played in 122 of 124 games in his first three seasons as a Golden Gopher. Miller, who has 19 career goals, has played in 98 straight games dating back to his freshman season.

Mills, a native of Duluth, Minn., led the team with a +6 plus/minus rating last season. He was honored on both the all-WCHA and all-Big Ten academic teams following the 1998-99 campaign.

Westrum, a native of Apple Valley, Minn., doubled his point production from his freshman season (6-12--18) to his sophomore season (10-26--36). Westrum, who is considered one of the most versatile performers in the WCHA, played both forward and defense each of the last two seasons for the Golden Gophers.

Minnesota opens official practice on Fri., Oct. 1. The season opener is slated for Sat., Oct. 16 in Orono, Maine against the defending NCAA Champion Maine Black Bears.



SPORTS & FITNESS NEWS

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Sept. 10, 1999

MINNESOTA TRACK ATHLETES AWARDED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Athletics and the Williams Fund has announced that two Minnesota track and field athletes have received endowed scholarships. Roy Griak, former track coach and current administrative assistant for track and field, has championed the effort of raising over \$825,000 in cash, pledges and future gifts to endow these scholarships. These two scholarships will be awarded annually to qualified track and field and cross country student-athletes.

The first scholarship, named the Jim Nielsen Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Tom Gerding and the second scholarship, named the Dick Kilty Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Jason Owen.


Gerding, a junior long sprinter from Waconia, Minn., was one of five Big Ten Champions for the Golden Gophers during the 1999 outdoor season when he finished first in the 400m dash with a time of 46.61. Gerding was also named the Big Ten Athlete of the Week (May 3) for his performance at the Iowa Twilight Invitational on May 1, where he took top honors in the 400m dash and set a school record with a time of 46.10.

Owen, a junior from Stewartville, Minn., took third place in the 800m run with a time of 1:50.43 at the 1999 Big Ten Outdoor Championships. Owen also took third place (4:05.84) behind record holder and Olympian Paul McMullen and Mark Hauser of HPI at the 1999 Drake Relays.

Jim Nielsen and Dick Kilty were both track and field letterwinners in 1948-49 and teammates of former track and field coach Roy Griak. Nielsen was a Big Ten Champion in the high hurdles in 1949 and Kilty was an All-American and Big Ten Champion in the two-mile in 1948. They both have been instrumental in the success of raising the necessary funds to create the endowed scholarships.

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CARTER APPEARS ON THE BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD "WATCH LIST"

University of Minnesota All-America senior strong safety Tyrone Carter is one of 12 players to make the Bronko Nagurski Award "Watch List." The Bronko Nagurski Award, named after the legendary Golden Gopher great, is awarded to the best overall defensive player in college football each season. Five finalists will be announced in late November. The award winner will be announced Dec. 6, in Charlotte, N.C.

The 1999 Bronko Nagurski Award "Watch List"

LaVar Arrington (LB, Penn State)
Tyrone Carter (SS, Minnesota)
Chris Combs (T, Duke)
Eniis Davis (T, USC)
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (E, San Diego State)
Chris Hovan (NG, Boston College)
Corey Moore (E, Virginia Tech)
Rob Morris (LB, Brigham Young)
Corey Simon (T, Florida State)
Mark Simoneau (LB, Kansas State)
Adalius Thomoas (T, Southern Mississippi)
Darwin Walker (T, Tennessee)

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GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH 13TH IN TOP FIELD AT NCAA PREVIEW

The 15th-ranked University of Minnesota men's golf team shot its best round of the tournament on the final day, a six-over par score of 296, to place 13th at the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview at Grand National Lake Course in Opeilika, Alabama. The event, hosted by Auburn University, is played each fall at the golf course that plays host to the following spring's NCAA Men's Golf Championships.

Senior returning All-American Martin LeMesurier led Minnesota's final standing by carding a one-under par 71 in Monday's rain-hampered round. LeMesurier shot a four-over par 76 on Tuesday morning to finish the event with a six-over par total of 222. Freshman Wilhelm Schauman posted a pair of one-over par scores of 73, sandwiched around a second-round 81, in his first collegiate event.

Northwestern ran away with the team portion of the event, claiming the title with a eight-stroke win over first-day leader Clemson. Arizona State finished third, with Georgia Tech placing fourth.

The Wildcats also claimed the top two individual finishers in the tournament. Defending NCAA individual champion Luke Donald was the medalist with a three-day total of eight-under par total of 208. Donald's teammate Jess Daley was just one stroke back at seven-under par 207. Donald and Matt Jones of Arizona State shared the best score of the final day with five-under par totals of 67.

The tournament featured 18 teams, all of which are ranked in the Golfweek preseason top 25. To qualify for the event, a team must finish in the top 15 in the nation at the previous year's NCAA Championships, be one of two wild-card selections, or be the host school. The Golden Gophers placed 11th at the 1999 NCAA Championships.

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Par: 72**

Yardage: 6,978

Final Team Standings

Team	Score				
1 Northwestern	285	281	282	848	-16
2 Clemson University	279	284	293	856	-8
3 Arizona State U.	289	292	282	863	-1
4 Georgia Tech	290	291	283	864	E
5 Georgia, U. of	285	290	293	868	+4
Oklahoma State U.	289	298	281	868	+4
7 Houston, Univ. of	292	297	288	877	+13
8 South Carolina	300	292	289	881	+17
9 Auburn University	295	295	296	886	+22
New Mexico, U. of	293	296	297	886	+22
11 UNLV	299	302	286	887	+23
12 Texas, Univ. of	300	302	294	896	+32
13 Florida, U. of	313	298	291	902	+38
Minnesota, Univ. of	299	307	296	902	+38
15 UCLA	298	299	306	903	+39
16 North Carolina, U of	306	299	303	908	+44
17 East Tennessee St.	303	307	300	910	+46
18 Nebraska, U. of	320	307	307	934	+70

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2 Jess Daley	N'western	71	69	69	209	-7
3 Lucas Glover	Clemson	71	67	72	210	-6
4 Matt Jones	Arizona St	70	74	67	211	-5
5 Bubba Watson	Georgia	67	75	71	213	-3
6 Charles Howell	Okla. St.	72	74	68	214	-2
Brandon Di Tullio	UCLA	70	70	74	214	-2
Nick Cassini	Georgia	73	70	71	214	-2
John Engler	Clemson	69	72	73	214	-2
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HAMILTON NAMED TO THE OUTLAND TROPHY "WATCH LIST"

University of Minnesota junior center Ben Hamilton is one of 16 players to be named to the Outland Trophy "Watch List." The Outland Trophy, established in 1946 and the third oldest award in college football, is awarded to the best interior lineman in college football each season. Three finalists will be announced Nov. 23. Those three finalists will appear on the ESPN College Football Awards Show, Dec. 9, at Orlando, Fla.

The Outland Trophy "Watch List"

Mark Baniewicz (OT, Syracuse)
Travis Claridge (OG, USC)
Cosey Coleman (OG, Tennessee)
Chris Combs (DT, Duke)
Ennis Davis (DT, USC)
Ben Hamilton (C, Minnesota)
Chris Hovan (NG, Boston College)
Steve Hutchinson (OG, Michigan)
Chris McIntosh (OG, Wisconsin)
Damion McIntosh (T, Kansas State)
Rob Riti (C, Missouri)
Chris Samuels (OG, Alabama)
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Adalius Thomas (DT, S. Mississippi)
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13 Florida, U. of	313	298	291	902	+38
Minnesota, Univ. of	299	307	296	902	+38
15 UCLA	298	299	306	903	+39
16 North Carolina, U of	306	299	303	908	+44
17 East Tennessee St.	303	307	300	910	+46
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MINNESOTA-NORTHWESTERN GAME TO BEGIN AT 11:10 A.M.

The Oct. 2 University of Minnesota football game at Northwestern will begin at 11:10 a.m. There will be no live television coverage of the game, but it will be carried live on WCCO-AM (830). WCCO's radio broadcast of every Golden Gopher game this season can also be heard live anywhere around the world once again via the webcast on www.gophersports.com.

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METAMOR WORLDWIDE TO SPONSOR GOLF EVENT

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department and Metamor Worldwide announced today that they have reached an agreement for Metamor Worldwide to become the title sponsor of its annual collegiate invitational men's golf event. The Metamor Collegiate Invitational will take place in the fall of 2000 at a local course to be announced at a later date. The prestigious event will showcase 12 of the nation's top golf programs for a 54-hole tournament.

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Division I men's teams competing at the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational

Northern Arizona

Butler

UCLA

Drake

Duke

Illinois State

Iowa

Iowa State

Marquette

Miami (Ohio)

MINNESOTA

Missouri

Nebraska

UNC-Charlotte

Oregon

Penn State


Portland

Providence

Weber State

Wisconsin

Wyoming



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GOLDEN GOPHERS HOST THE 1999 ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL

The Golden Gophers will host the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at 9:30. The race will consist of the men's gold race, which is made up of the Division I teams, the men's maroon race, which is made up of the Division II and III teams, the women's gold race and the women's maroon race. There is also a boys' and girls' high school race that will take place after the college races.

Former Minnesota cross country coach Roy Griak and U of M women's coach Gary Wilson started the Roy Griak in 1989. It was formerly called the Minnesota Invitational, then the Norstand Invitational and finally, in 1997, it was changed when Wilson suggested it be called the Roy Griak Invitational, to honor Minnesota's cross country and track and field coach of 33 years.


This year, there will be 18 Division I teams, 11 of which competed in last year's NCAA championships, 18 Division II and III teams and numerous high school teams competing. All in all, there will be over 100 men's, women's and high school teams that will come to compete in the Roy Griak Invitational.

The Golden Gophers will be looking to capture their first title in their home event after taking fifth place at last year's Roy Griak Invitational, with senior Jeremy Polson finishing in 15th place, the highest Golden Gopher finisher. Freshman Joey Corr was the next-highest finisher the Maroon and Gold when he took 20th place with a time of 25:14. Senior Josh Brang finished in 31st place with time of 25:37 to round out the top three for the Golden Gophers.

Providence College took the team title last year with 106 points. They also captured the individual title with Ben Noad winning the event with a time of 24:25. He will not be back this year to defend his title. On the Division II and III side, South Dakota, with 80 points, edged out North Dakota with 82 points to take top honors. Individually, Central Missouri State's Vladimir Golias took his place on the victory stand with a winning time of 25:32. Golias, along with Noad, are the only two back-to-back individual winners in the invitational's history.

The Roy Griak Invitational starts at 9:30 with the Men's Maroon Race (Division II and III teams) with the Women's Maroon Race starting shortly after at 10:30. The Men's Gold Race is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. with the Women's Gold Race beginning at noon. The Roy Griak Invitational is held at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course and ticket prices are \$3.

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MINNESOTA-ILLINOIS FOOTBALL GAME TO BE TELEVISED ON ESPN2

The University of Minnesota football game at Illinois on Oct. 16 will begin at 11:10 a.m. (Central) and will be nationally-televised on ESPN2.

The remaining Golden Gopher schedule is listed below with starting times and television selections that have been announced to date:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Television</u>	<u>Time (Central)</u>
Oct. 9	WISCONSIN	ESPN2 or ESPN Regional	11:10 a.m.
Oct. 16	at Illinois	ESPN2	11:10 a.m.
Oct. 23	OHIO STATE	TBA	TBA
Oct. 30	PURDUE	ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 6	at Penn State	ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 13	INDIANA	TBA	TBA
Nov. 20	at Iowa	TBA	TBA

Every Golden Gopher game can be heard live on WCCO-AM 830 (also www.gophersports.com).

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

September 20-26, 1999

FOOTBALL

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WCCO 830-AM LIVE



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CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY HOSTS THE 10TH ANNUAL ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL
LES BOLSTAD COURSE (LAUDERDALE, MINN.) SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers did not compete last weekend. Senior Eric Pierce took top honors in the first cross country meet of the season with a time of 25:13. The Golden Gophers placed second (29 points) to Drake University (28 points).



GOLF

GOLF AT WINDOM MEMORIAL
(EVANSTON, ILL.) MONDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 4-5



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Thursday, September 23:

Senior wide receiver LUKE LEVERSON previews the Illinois State game.

Friday, September 24:

Head Cross Country Coach STEVE PLASENCIA previews the Roy Griak.

Saturday-Sunday, September 25-26:

Head Cross Country Coach STEVE PLASENCIA previews the Roy Griak.

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CROSS COUNTRY



MINNESOTA'S PIERCE TAKES TOP HONORS IN FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET OF SEASON

The University of Minnesota cross country senior **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) took top honors in the first cross country meet of the season as the Golden Gophers took second place to Drake University. Drake scored 28 points to Minnesota's 29 points.

Pierce clocked a time of 25:13 to take first place, while Drake's Matt Gabrielson took second place with a time of 25:17. Minnesota's **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owen Sound, Ontario) finished in fifth place with a time of 25:32, while teammate **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.) took sixth place with a time of 25:49.

Other finishers for the Golden Gophers include: senior captain **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.), who finished eighth with a time of 26:25; Senior **NATE CLAY** (Rochester Hills, Mich.), who finished ninth with a time of 26:28 and freshman Scott Utne, who finished 10th with a time of 26:33.

NEXT UP FOR THE GOLDEN GOPHERS: On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Golden Gophers will host the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course starting at 9 a.m. This year finds 11 of the top 30 cross country teams from last year's NCAA Championships, including UCLA, Oregon, Duke, Providence and Iowa.

The Golden Gophers took a fifth place finish last year, where junior **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) was Minnesota's top finisher with a time of 25:11 to take 15th place. Providence College grabbed the team title with 106 points. Providence also had the individual winner in Ben Noad, who clocked a time of 24:25. In the Division II and III race, South Dakota, with 80 points, edged out North Dakota with 82 points to take top honors. Individually, Central Missouri State's Vladimir Golias won the event with a winning time of 25:32. Golias, along with Ben Noad, are the only back-to-back winners in the invitational's history.

Jonah Kiptarus of Nebraska holds the course record with a time of 23:57, which was set in 1996. Wisconsin has won the team title four consecutive times from 1994-97. Iowa State runs a close second with three team titles. The Cyclones have the most individual winners with five.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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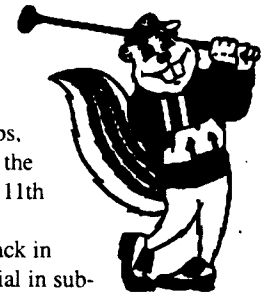
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Jeremy Polson***	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Jesse Prince	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Erik Quam	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
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Golf



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Northwestern ran away with the team portion of the event, claiming the title with a eight-stroke win over first-day leader Clemson. Arizona State finished third, with Georgia Tech placing fourth.

The Wildcats also claimed the top two individual finishers in the tournament. Defending NCAA individual champion Luke Donald was the medalist with a three-day total of eight-under par total of 208. Donald's teammate Jess Daley was just one stroke back at seven-under par 207. Donald and Matt Jones of Arizona State shared the best score of the final day with five-under par totals of 67.

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7 Houston, Univ. of	292	297	288	877	+13
8 South Carolina	300	292	289	881	+17
9 Auburn University	295	295	296	886	+22
New Mexico, U. of	293	296	297	886	+22
11 UNLV	299	302	286	887	+23
12 Texas, Univ. of	300	302	294	896	+32
13 Florida, U. of	313	298	291	902	+38
Minnesota, Univ. of	299	307	296	902	+38
15 UCLA	298	299	306	903	+39
16 North Carolina, U of	306	299	303	908	+44
17 East Tennessee St.	303	307	300	910	+46
18 Nebraska, U. of	320	307	307	934	+70

GOLDEN GOPHER FALL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 19-21	NCAA Preview	T13th/902
Oct. 4-5	Windom Memorial	Evanston, IL
Oct. 11-12	Pepperdine Intercollegiate	Pepperdine, CA
Oct. 18-19	Jerry Pate	Shoal Creak, AL
Nov. 22-23	Stan Sheriff Invitational	Ko'Olau, HI
Nov. 25-26	Mauna Kea Invitational	Mauna Kea, HI

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Joe Affrunti	Fr.	Crystall, Ill.
Bob Brink	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.
David Evenson	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa

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September 27-October 3, 1999

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CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY AT THE BLUE/GOLD INVITATIONAL
(EAU CLAIRE, WIS.) SATURDAY, OCT. 8

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers took 14th at the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational with 361 points, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course. Senior Eric Pierce finished 18th to lead all Golden Gophers with a time of 25:03, his best time of the season.



GOLF

GOLF AT WINDON MEMORIAL
(EVANSTON, ILL.) MONDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 4-5



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TENNIS

TENNIS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE INVITATIONAL
(RALEIGH-DURHAM, N.C.) FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 1-3

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers open their fall season at the North Carolina State Invitational in Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Minnesota is coming off a tie for third place in the Big Ten Championships and a first round loss in the NCAA Tournament. The team is minus three seniors, but returns six letterwinners.



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Offensive Coordinator STEVE LONEY previews the Northwestern game.

Tuesday, September 28:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S weekly news conference.

Wednesday, September 29:

All-America strong safety TYRONE CARTER previews the Northwestern game.

Thursday, September 30:

Junior center BEN HAMILTON previews the Northwestern game.

Friday, October 1:

Junior defensive end KARON RILEY previews the Northwestern game.

Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S post-game news conference from Evanston, Ill.

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CROSS COUNTRY



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Senior **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) once again was the top finisher for the No. 13 Golden Gophers when he finished in 18th place with a time of 25:03, his best time of the season. Sophomore **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.) was the next finisher for Minnesota in 51st place with a time of 25:36.

The University of Wisconsin picked up their fifth individual Roy Griak individual team title in six years as they took top honors with 86 points. Brigham Young University took a distant second with 133 points and Northern Arizona rounded out the top three with 143 points. No. 5 Oregon took fourth place with 172 points.

The Men's Gold race individual winner was Steve Fein of Oregon, who ran a winning time of 24:13. Jay Driscoll of Portland took runner-up honors with a time of 24:23, while senior Jay Schoenfelder of Wisconsin took third place with a time of 24:24.

The Men's Maroon Race team winner was Minnesota State, Mankato with 72 points, just two points over Wisconsin-LaCrosse, who had 73 points. North Dakota State took third place with 191 points.

The individual winner for the Men's Maroon Race was Mark McKeown, who was running unattached with a time of 25:03. Matt



Hoyt, also running unattached, took second place with a time of 25:16 and Minnesota senior **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), running as an unattached runner, took third place with a time of 25:23.

Other Golden Gopher finishers include: sophomore **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owen Sound, Ontario) (92nd) with a time of 26:06; senior **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) (94th) with a time of 26:07; **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) (106th) with a time of 26:15; **NATE CLAY** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) (114th) with a time of 26:18; freshman **SCOTT UTNE** (Shoreview, Minn.) (174th) with a time of 27:03; senior **CHUCK SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.) (191st) with a time of 27:29; freshman **ERIK QUAM** (Alexandria, Minn.) with a time of 28:03, and freshman **WILL MCCOMB** (Port Elgin, Minn.) with a time of 28:58.

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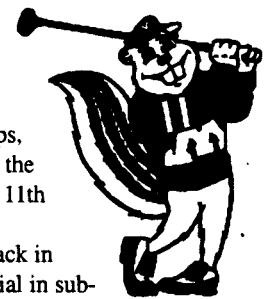
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1999 Cross Country Statistics

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Eric Pierce	25:13 (1st)	25:03 (18th)
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Andy Kummer	26:54 (14th)	DNC
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Will McComb	DNC	28:58 (217th)



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12 Texas, Univ. of	300	302	294	896	+32
13 Florida, U. of	313	298	291	902	+38
Minnesota, Univ. of	299	307	296	902	+38
15 UCLA	298	299	306	903	+39
16 North Carolina, U of	306	299	303	908	+44
17 East Tennessee St.	303	307	300	910	+46
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Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
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MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN FOOTBALL GAME TO BEGIN AT 11:10 A.M.

The Oct. 9 University of Minnesota vs. Wisconsin football game at the Metrodome will begin at 11:10 a.m. Depending on the outcome of Major League Baseball's first round playoffs, the Golden Gopher-Badger game will be televised by either ESPN2 or ESPN Regional (WCCO-TV locally). An announcement on the television coverage will be forthcoming next week.

NOTE: Just a reminder that this Saturday's Golden Gopher game at Northwestern will also begin at 11:10 a.m. There will be no live television coverage of the game, but Midwest Sports Channel will televise the game on a tape-delayed basis at 9 p.m. Saturday.

MEDIA ADVISORY

DATE: September 27, 1999
TO: Golden Gopher Men's Hockey Media Outlets
FROM: Brad Ruitter, U of M Media Relations
RE: media related issues

First Practice

The University of Minnesota men's hockey team will hold their first official team practice of the 1999-2000 season on **Fri., Oct. 1** at Mariucci Arena. To allow players and coaches the necessary time to prepare for practice, **all interviews must be concluded with players and coaches at least 15 minutes before practice starts.**

12:30 p.m. Players and coaches available for interviews before practice
1 p.m. ALL player and coach interviews must be concluded
1:15 p.m. Practice begins
***3 p.m.** Players and coaches available for interviews after practice
*(time approximate)

Any requests for interviews can be made through myself, and to insure that they can be done in a timely fashion, should be made known to me before that afternoon.

New Media Policies

The Golden Gopher locker room is **CLOSED** to the media. All interviews should be done either on the bench area or in the hallway outside the Golden Gopher locker room.

WEDNESDAY is the only day of the week (other than the first day of practice), that media interviews will be granted for players or coaches. Practice is still open to the media on other days of the week, but **WEDNESDAY** is the only day that interviews will be available. **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY!!**


Credential Requests

Also, requests for season credentials should be made to the Media Relations Office, on company letterhead, by **Tues., Oct. 5**. Credentials will be issued on the following criteria: past coverage, attendance, and press box space and seating. Your cooperation is appreciated. Keep in mind that credentials for the 2000 NCAA West Regional will be granted to local media on the basis of coverage and attendance during the regular season.

Hockey Media Day

Hockey media day is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 13 at 11:45 a.m. Head Coach Don Lucia and captains Nate Miller, Erik Westrum, and Dylan Mills will be in attendance. More information will be sent out on hockey media day in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact me in the Media Relations Office at (612) 625-4389.





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STAUBER TO FILL VACANT POST ON GOPHER STAFF

University of Minnesota head men's hockey coach Don Lucia announced today that 1988 Hobey Baker Award winning goaltender Robb Stauber has been named volunteer goaltending coach for the 1999-2000 season.

Stauber replaces Bob Mason, who recently accepted a position with the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers. Mason had served as a Golden Gopher assistant since the beginning of the 1996-97 season. Stauber joins assistant coaches Mike Guentzel and John Hill on Lucia's staff for this season.

"I am excited to have Robb aboard as a member of our coaching staff," said Lucia. "When you think about the great players in Golden Gopher history, Robb's name immediately comes to mind. Being able to tap into his vast knowledge and experience as a collegiate and professional goaltender will be a real asset to our program."

Stauber, a first-team All-American and all-WCHA selection, still holds numerous goaltending records at the University of Minnesota, including career records for most games played (98), minutes played (5,717), wins (73), and saves percentage (.906). During Stauber's three-year career at Minnesota, the team posted a 102-34-4 record, back-to-back WCHA Championships in 1987-88 and 1988-89, and three straight NCAA Frozen Four appearances. A draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings, he played professionally for eight seasons with the Kings, Buffalo Sabres, and New York Rangers organizations.

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HOCKEY SINGLE-GAME TICKET SALE SET FOR SATURDAY

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department has announced that a limited amount of single-game hockey tickets for the upcoming 1999-2000 season will go on sale by phone only on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. Tickets will be limited to two games per household at the rate of four tickets per game.

The cost of the single-game seats are \$21 per ticket for reserved seating and \$18 for reserved standing room tickets, with the exception of the tickets for the Mariucci Classic, which are \$26.50 per ticket for reserved seating and \$23.50 for reserved standing room tickets. Accepted payment methods over the phone are Visa, Mastercard, Novus (Discover), and American Express credit cards.

Fans may call (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER to purchase tickets. If there are any tickets remaining after Saturday's phone sale, they will be available over the counter beginning Monday, Oct. 4 at the Golden Gopher Ticket Office at Mariucci Arena.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Oct. 1, 1999

2001 FINAL FOUR LOGO TO BE UNVEILED IN MINNEAPOLIS ON TUESDAY

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department and the NCAA will unveil the 2001 Final Four logo at a press conference on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1999, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. The press conference is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Scandinavian Ballroom West.

Craig Thompson, Chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, will be in the Twin Cities to unveil the logo. Thompson, who also serves as the Commissioner of the Mountain West Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in journalism.

Also expected to participate in the press conference will be Minnesota Men's Athletics Director, Dr. Mark Dienhart and Senior Vice President of the NCAA, Tom Jernstedt.

The 2001 Final Four is scheduled for March 31 and April 2 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

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October 4, 1999

HOFFMAN NAMED BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

University of Minnesota junior linebacker Sean Hoffman, a native of Fargo, N.D., has been named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Golden Gophers' 33-14 victory at Northwestern Saturday.

Hoffman collected 12 tackles, including a single-game school-record six tackles for a loss of 12 yards. The previous school mark in a single-game was five by Robert Stein vs. Iowa in 1966. Hoffman, who ranks second on the team with 30 tackles including 21 unassisted, also collected one sack and forced a fumble in the win over the Wildcats.

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

October 4-10, 1999

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL VS. WISCONSIN, SATURDAY, OCT. 9 - 11:10 A.M. - METRODOME
ESPN2 OR ESPN REGIONAL LIVE - WCCO 830-AM LIVE



Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota 33, Northwestern 14 Oct. 2, at Evanston, Ill. (24,439)
- The Golden Gophers won their first Big Ten road game since a 17-14 win over Wisconsin, Oct. 22, 1994 and their first Big Ten road opener since a 19-7 win over Purdue, Oct. 6, 1990.

CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY AT THE BLUE/GOLD INVITATIONAL
(EAU CLAIRE, WIS.) FRIDAY, OCT. 8

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers took 14th at the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational with 361 points, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course. Senior Eric Pierce finished 18th to lead all Golden Gophers with a time of 25:03, his best time of the season.



GOLF

GOLF AT WINDON MEMORIAL
(LAKE FOREST, ILL.) MONDAY-TUESDAY, OCT. 4-5



Last Week's Results:

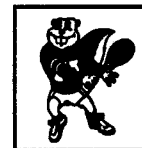
- The Golden Gophers are in competition Monday and Tuesday at the Windon Memorial in Lake Forest, Ill. Results were not available at press time.

TENNIS

TENNIS AT ALL-AMERICAN TOURNAMENT
(AUSTIN, TEXAS) THURSDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 14-17

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers opened their season with tough competition against North Carolina State, South Carolina and North Carolina at the North Carolina State Invitational in Raleigh-Durham, N.C. No team scores were recorded in the flight tournament format.



GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, October 4:

Defensive Coordinator DAVID GIBBS previews the Wisconsin game.

Tuesday, October 5:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S weekly news conference.

Wednesday, October 6:

All-America strong safety TYRONE CARTER previews the Wisconsin game.

Thursday, October 7:

Senior quarterback BILLY COCKERHAM previews the Wisconsin game.

Friday, October 8:

Junior linebacker BEN MEZERA previews the Wisconsin game.

Saturday-Sunday, October 9-10:

Head Football Coach GLEN MASON'S post-game news conference.

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CROSS COUNTRY



GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH 14TH AT THE 1999 ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's cross country team took 14th place at the 1999 Roy Griak Invitational with 361 points, held at the Les Bolstad/University of Minnesota Golf Course.

Senior **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) once again was the top finisher for the No. 13 Golden Gophers when he finished in 18th place with a time of 25:03, his best time of the season. Sophomore **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.) was the next finisher for Minnesota in 51st place with a time of 25:36.

The University of Wisconsin picked up their fifth individual Roy Griak individual team title in six years as they took top honors with 86 points. Brigham Young University took a distant second with 133 points and Northern Arizona rounded out the top three with 143 points. No. 5 Oregon took fourth place with 172 points.

The Men's Gold race individual winner was Steve Fein of Oregon, who ran a winning time of 24:13. Jay Driscoll of Portland took runner-up honors with a time of 24:23, while senior Jay Schoenfelder of Wisconsin took third place with a time of 24:24.

The Men's Maroon Race team winner was Minnesota State, Mankato with 72 points, just two points over Wisconsin-LaCrosse, who had 73 points. North Dakota State took third place with 191 points.

The individual winner for the Men's Maroon Race was Mark McKeown, who was running unattached with a time of 25:03. Matt

Hoyt, also running unattached, took second place with a time of 25:16 and Minnesota senior **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), running as an unattached runner, took third place with a time of 25:23.

Other Golden Gopher finishers include: sophomore **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owen Sound, Ontario) (92nd) with a time of 26:06; senior **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) (94th) with a time of 26:07; **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) (106th) with a time of 26:15; **NATE CLAY** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) (114th) with a time of 26:18; freshman **SCOTT UTNE** (Shoreview, Minn.) (174th) with a time of 27:03; senior **CHUCK SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.) (191st) with a time of 27:29; freshman **ERIK QUAM** (Alexandria, Minn.) with a time of 28:03, and freshman **WILL MCCOMB** (Port Elgin, Minn.) with a time of 28:58.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Eau Claire, Wis., Oct. 8 to take part in the Blue/Gold Invitational.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 10	Drake, South Dakota	2nd/29 pts.
Sept. 25	Roy Griak Invitational	14th/361 pts.
Oct. 8	Blue/Gold Invitational	Eau Claire, WI
Oct. 16	Pre-NCAA	Bloomington, IN
Oct. 23	Marathon Sports	Les Bolstad
Oct. 30	Big 10 Championship	University Park, PA
Nov. 13	NCAA Districts	Champaign, IL
Nov. 22	NCAA Championship	Bloomington, IN

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Joshua Brang**	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Nate Clay**	Sr.	Rochester Hills, Mich.
Joey Corr*	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Eric Hartmark*	Jr.	Duluth, Minn.
Andy Kummer	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.
Andrew McKessock*	So.	Owens Sound, Ontario
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	So.	Stewartville, Minn.
Eric Pierce**	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
Jeremy Polson***	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Jesse Prince	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Erik Quam	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Chuck Smith*	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Michael Stoick***	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Scott Utne	Fr.	Shoreville, Minn.

* letters earned



Golf



GOLDEN GOPHERS COMPETE AT WINDON MEMORIAL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team will compete Monday and Tuesday at the Windon Memorial

in Lake Forest, Ill., at the Conway Farms Golf Club, which was the home of the 1997 NCAA Championships. A total 15 teams will participate (Duke, Kansas, Kent, North Florida, Northwestern, Pepperdine, Purdue, Southern California, Stanford, Texas A&M, Toledo, Vanderbilt, Washington and the Swedish National Team). Minnesota won the tournament last year, while graduated senior Adam Dooley took the individual title.

GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH 13TH IN TOP FIELD AT NCAA PREVIEW: The 15th-ranked University of Minnesota men's golf team shot its best round of the tournament on the final day, a six-over par score of 296, to finish 13th on Tuesday at the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview at Grand National Lake Course in Opelika, Ala. The event, hosted by Auburn University, is played each fall at the golf course that plays host to the following spring's NCAA Men's Golf Championships.

Senior returning All-American Martin LeMesurier led Minnesota's final standing by carding a one-under par 71 in Monday's rain-hampered round. LeMesurier shot a four-over par 76 on Tuesday morning to finish the event with a six-over par total of 222. Freshman Wilhelm Schauman posted a pair of one-over par scores of 73, sandwiched around a second-round 81, in his first collegiate event.

Northwestern ran away with the team portion of the event, claiming the title with a eight-stroke win over first-day leader Clemson.

Arizona State finished third, with Georgia Tech placing fourth.

The Wildcats also claimed the top two individual finishers in the tournament. Defending NCAA individual champion Luke Donald was the medalist with a three-day total of eight-under par total of 208. Donald's teammate Jess Daley was just one stroke back at seven-under par 207. Donald and Matt Jones of Arizona State shared the best score of the final day with five-under par totals of 67.

The tournament featured 18 teams, all of which are ranked in the Golfweek preseason top 25. To qualify for the event, a team must finish in the top 15 in the nation at the previous year's NCAA Championships, be one of two wild-card selections, or be the host school. The Golden Gophers placed 11th at the 1999 NCAA Championships.

GOLDEN GOPHER FALL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 19-21	NCAA Preview	T13th/902
Oct. 4-5	Windon Memorial	Lake Forest, IL
Oct. 11-12	Pepperdine Intercollegiate	Pepperdine, CA
Oct. 18-19	Jerry Pate	Shoal Creek, AL
Nov. 22-23	Stan Sheriff Invitational	Ko'Olau, HI
Nov. 25-26	Mauna Kea Invitational	Mauna Kea, HI

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Joe Affrunti	Fr.	Crystall, Ill.
Bob Brink	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.
David Evenson	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa



Tennis



GOLDEN GOPHERS OPEN 1999-2000 SEASON WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE INVITATION-

AL: The Men's tennis team opened its 1999 fall season at the North Carolina State Invitational in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., Friday-Sunday. The Golden Gophers began competition vs. North Carolina State Friday in a flight tournament format, which means no team scores were kept.

Minnesota won four singles matches and two doubles matches in the first day against N.C. State. Junior Tyson Parry defeated Shaun Thomas 7-6, 6-2 at the No. 2 singles position. Junior Jorge Duenas defeated Devang Desai 7-5, 6-4. Also winning close matches for the Golden Gophers was freshman Nate McLain, with a 7-6, 6-4 decision over Shane Sealy and sophomore Karl Sloss with a 6-3, 7-6 win over Brad Kilgore.

In the second day of competition, Minnesota won four singles matches and all three doubles matches over South Carolina. Freshman Harsh Mankad defeated Nasir Sherazi 6-2, 6-3. Duenas defeated Dave Nelson 6-3, 6-4, McLain topped Jeff Bergman 6-3, 6-4 and Sloss defeated Rodrigo Pachecho 6-4, 6-4. The doubles teams of Mankad/Duenas, Parry and sophomore Jon Svensson and Sloss and junior Ed Marques all won matches.

The final day of competition brought Minnesota six singles wins and one doubles win. Parry defeated Tryston Menione of North

Carolina, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Mankad also won his match 6-1, 6-3 over David Cheatwood. Duenas, Svensson and Sloss also won singles matches for the Golden Gophers. The doubles team of Parry and Sloss defeated Greg Archer and Tyne Brownlow, 8-4, to win the lone doubles match for Minnesota.

FOUR FRESHMEN JOIN THE GOLDEN GOPHER ROSTER:

Four new faces will join the Golden Gopher tennis roster this year. Harsh Mankad comes all the way from Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, to Minnesota this season. Mankad won the Junior National Championships in India in 1997. Freshman Nathan McLain, originally from Prior Lake, Minn., attended high school at New Braunfels, Texas. Milwaukee, Wis., native Eric Robertson crosses the border to join the Golden Gophers. Robertson won the Wisconsin state title in 1996, '98 and '99. Finally, Steve Solberg joins the team. The Fridley, Minn., native won the regional singles title in Minnesota in 1997.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers will have a week off before competing in the All-American Tournament in Austin, Texas, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 14-17.

GOLDEN GOPHER FALL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 1-3	N. C. State Invitational	No Team Scores
Oct. 14-17	All-American Tournament	Austin, TX
Oct. 22-24	Penn Fall Tournament	Philadelphia, PA
Oct. 22-24	Tulane Invitational	New Orleans, LA
Nov. 5-7	Regional Championships	East Lansing, MI
Nov. 13-15	Oregon Fall Tournament	Eugene, OR

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Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasillia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



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October 5, 1999

JENNIFER BOHAC NAMED DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

The University of Minnesota announced today that Jennifer Bohac has been named Assistant Director of Academic Counseling and Student Services. She will be in charge of student development programs for men's and women's athletics departments. Bohac's main responsibilities will center around community outreach, personal development seminars, career development, leadership development, and life skills for student-athletes.


Bohac, 34, comes to Minnesota from Texas A&M University, where she served as the school's assistant director for athletics career services for the past five years. Prior to that experience she also served for five years as an academic advisor at the College Station, Texas school.

Bohac was previously the Big 12 Conference representative to the Division I-A Athletics Directors/NCAA Like Skills Program national advisory board. She has already been named the Big Ten representative since arriving at the University of Minnesota.

Bohac holds a bachelor of science degree in ag business and master's degree and doctorate degrees in higher education administration from Texas A&M. Bohac hails from Houston, Texas.

"I am excited for the opportunity that the University of Minnesota has presented to me, and I'm looking forward to getting to know the student-athletes and helping guide them through their experiences as a student-athlete," Bohac said. "The University of Minnesota is one of the most highly regarded institutions in the country, and it is exciting to be a part of what is happening here."

"Dr. Bohac has a well deserved reputation as a national leader in student development programs for student-athletes," said John Blanchard, Director of Academic Counseling and Student Services. "We are thrilled to have her on staff and excited to watch her address the needs of our student-athletes in the critical area of their lives."



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MARC RYAN NAMED ASSISTANT A.D. FOR MEN'S ATHLETICS

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department announced today that Marc Ryan has been named Assistant Athletics Director for External Relations. He will oversee efforts in the media relations department, marketing department, spirit squads, and group sales.

Ryan, 37, has been with men's athletics for the past 10 years, including the last six as the media relations director. Upon arriving at the University of Minnesota, Ryan served as an assistant sports information director under Bob Peterson.

A 1984 graduate of Moorhead State University and native of Rosemount, Minn., Ryan came to the University of Minnesota in 1989 after two years as an assistant SID at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Prior to that, he was the sports information director, head cross country coach and assistant track & field coach at Macalester College in St. Paul for two years.

"I am looking forward to the challenges that this new position will bring and am excited to continue to be a part of Golden Gopher athletics," said Ryan. "This is an exciting time to be a part of men's athletics, and I am looking forward to the bright future that lies ahead for this department."

"Marc is a very talented administrator whose abilities will significantly help in the coordination of the efforts of all of our external units," said Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart.

Ryan, who will continue to handle the football duties through the end of the 1999 season, will assume his additional duties immediately. A search for Ryan's previous position will commence sometime in the spring of 2000.

MEDIA ALERT

DINTY MOORE® BEEFS UP THIS YEAR'S GOPHERS VS. BADGERS "BORDER BATTLE"

- *College Football Fans Can Gear Up Lumberjack-Style For The Interstate Showdown*
- *Two Lucky Fans Will Attempt To Kick Their Way To The Rose Bowl*

WHAT: **Kickoff activities for fans at the 109th "Border Battle" football game**
To stir up school spirit for this year's "Battle for the Axe" between the Minnesota Golden Gophers and Wisconsin Badgers, Hormel Foods DINTY MOORE® brand will host kickoff activities before the game. Activities are free and include:

- **Lumberjack's Battle For The Axe:** Before the two teams feud over Paul Bunyan's fabled Axe, two lumberjacks will have an axe duel of their own, challenging one another in events such as log rolling, power sawing, axe throwing and more.
- **Free food:** To help fans fuel up for an intense game, hot DINTY MOORE® stew will be served.
- **Gopher prizes:** Fans can win tickets to the Gophers vs. Purdue home game (Oct. 30) and Gopher apparel in a random giveaway at kickoff activities.
- **Photo opportunity:** Fans can bring cameras to pose with a 6-foot replica of Paul Bunyan's legendary Axe and the lumberjacks, including the DINTY MOORE® lumberjack mascot.

CONTEST: Two lucky fans will attempt a 35-yard field goal during the DINTY MOORE® **Halftime Field Goal Contest** for a free trip for two to the 2000 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. The contestants will be chosen randomly and notified a day before the game. For a chance to win two tickets to the game and participate in the contest, fans can visit DINTY MOORE® displays at retailers, such as Cub Foods, Cash Wise Foods, County Market or Hy Vee Foods. Fans can also visit "News & Events" on the Hormel Foods Web site at www.hormel.com or "Gopher Sports News" online at www.gophersports.com. All entries must be received by October 6, 1999. Fans also can receive a free "Border Battle" T-shirt through in-store DINTY MOORE® displays.

WHO: **Kickoff activities:** Fans of all ages.
Field Goal Contest: Fans 18 years of age or older from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 1999
9:00 a.m. – Pre-game activities on the Plaza
11:10 a.m. – Game time

WHERE: The Plaza – HHH Metrodome
900 S. Fifth St., Minneapolis, Minn.

GAME: The "Border Battle" is the longest-running rivalry in Big Ten football, and at stake is the fabled Paul Bunyan Axe. The Badgers have had the Axe since 1995, but this year, the Golden Gophers are hoping to carry the Axe into the new millennium, so it could be a brutal clash.

TICKETS: To purchase game tickets, call 800/U-GOPHER or 612/624-8080.

CONTACT: Allan Krejci, Hormel Foods, 507/437-5435
Beth Pratt, Shandwick, 612/841-6178

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The logo features the Golden Gopher mascot, a stylized gopher wearing a letterman-style jacket with the number '1' on the chest. The mascot is positioned behind the word 'SPORTS' in the 'SPORTS NEWS' title, appearing to hold the letter 'S'.

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GOLDEN GOPHERS TO TIPOFF SEASON WITH MIDNIGHT MADNESS DJ Jazzy Jeff, Big Daddy Kane and Biz Markie highlight hip-hop concert

The 1999-2000 Golden Gopher basketball season gets underway this week with Midnight Madness, Friday, Oct. 15, at Williams Arena. New Head Coach Dan Monson and the team will be unveiled at the stroke of midnight, but before their unveiling, there will be an exciting schedule of events for fans to enjoy. Mike Max, of Midwest Sports Channel and WCCO radio, will host the event.

KDWB 101.3 FM will broadcast live from outside Williams Arena from 6-10 p.m. The doors will open at 9:30 p.m., and admission is free. The entertainment begins with the University of Minnesota pep band playing from 9:30-10 p.m. They will be followed by a hip-hop concert featuring DJ Jazzy Jeff, Big Daddy Kane and Biz Markie. From 11:15-11:45 p.m., there will be a number of interactive contests for fans to win cash and prizes. The final fan contest of the night will be a half-court shot for an opportunity at a \$10,000 scholarship. There will be a special performance by percussion artists UMOJA. At Midnight, the 1999-2000 edition of Golden Gopher basketball will hit the floor, and put on a warm-up exhibition with a dunk show and a scrimmage.

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MINNESOTA-OHIO STATE FOOTBALL GAME TO BEGIN AT 11:10 A.M.

The University of Minnesota football game vs. Ohio State at the Metrodome on Oct. 23 will begin at 11:10 a.m. (Central). The game will be nationally-televised on either ESPN or ESPN2.

The remaining Golden Gopher schedule is listed below with starting times and television selections that have been announced to date:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Television</u>	<u>Time (Central)</u>
Oct. 16	at Illinois	ESPN2	11:10 a.m.
Oct. 23	OHIO STATE	ESPN or ESPN2	11:10 a.m.
Oct. 30	PURDUE	ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 6	at Penn State	ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 13	INDIANA	TBA	TBA
Nov. 20	at Iowa	TBA	TBA

Every Golden Gopher game can be heard live on WCCO-AM 830 (also www.gophersports.com).