



MINNESOTA BASKETBALL

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SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Nov. 9	URAL GREAT (EX)	7 p.m./MSC
Nov. 16	PHILIPPINE NATL. (EX)	7 p.m./MSC
Nov. 21	APPALACHIAN	7 p.m./MSC
Nov. 24	SETON HALL	7 p.m./MSC
Nov. 28	WINTHROP	4 p.m./MSC
Nov. 30	OREGON	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 4	@ Fresno State	9 p.m./MSC
Dec. 12	EASTERN MICHIGAN	2 p.m./MSC
Dec. 16	CINCINNATI	8:30 p.m./ESPN
Dec. 19	@ Nebraska	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 22	MONTANA STATE	7 p.m./MSC
Dec. 29	SACRAMENTO STATE	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 2	@Purdue	1 p.m./KSTP
Jan. 6	NORTHWESTERN	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 9	PENN STATE	8 p.m./ESPN2
Jan. 13	@ Michigan State	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 16	IOWA	1 p.m./KSTP
Jan. 20	MICHIGAN	7 p.m./MSC
Jan. 23	@ Ohio State	11 a.m./KSTP
Jan. 26	INDIANA	6:30 p.m./ESPN
Jan. 30	@ Wisconsin	11:15 a.m./KSTP
Feb. 3	ILLINOIS	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 7	@ Michigan	Noon/CBS
Feb. 10	@ Iowa	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 13	MICHIGAN STATE	8:30 P.M./ESPN
Feb. 17	@ Penn State	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 24	PURDUE (ESPN Wildcard)	7 p.m./MSC
Feb. 27	@ Northwestern	3:30 p.m./KSTP
Mar. 4-7	Big Ten Tournament (United Center, Chicago, Ill.)	CBS/ESPN

Note: Big Ten games broadcast on MSC and KSTP TV are produced by ESPN Regional Television.

RELEASE

Minnesota vs. Ural Great (Russia)

Monday, Nov. 9 – Williams Arena
 Start Time: 7 p.m. (Central) - Minneapolis, Minn.

The Series: NA

Television: MSC/Dick Bremer, play-by-play; Jim Dutcher, analyst.

Radio: None

Probable Minnesota Starters (1997-98 stats)

	Ppg	Rpg	Apg
G - 6-2 Sr, Savannah, GA - #10 KEVIN CLARK	11.6	4.1	2.6
G - 6-3 So, Haughton, LA - #23 TERRANCE SIMMONS	UA	UA	UA
C - 6-11 So, Thief River Falls, MN - #51 KYLE SANDEN	4.4	2.3	0.6
F - 6-7 Sr, Little Rock, AR - #20 QUINCY LEWIS	14.5	5.6	1.9
G - 6-8 Sr, Oakland, CA - #42 MILES TARVER	4.4	6.3	1.5

Head Coach: Clem Haskins, 12th season, 223-154 (17th overall, 324-227)

Assistant A.D. For Basketball Operations: Charles Cunningham

Associate Head Coach: Bobby Jones

Assistant Coaches: Bill Brown, Brent Haskins

Next Up For the Golden Gophers:

Minnesota vs. Philippine National Team

Monday, Nov. 16 – Williams Arena
 Start Time: 7 p.m. (Central) - Minneapolis, Minn.

DID U KNOW?

Minnesota will have 16 home games this season at Williams Arena split equally between Big Ten and nonconference games. In addition, two exhibitions will be played starting on Monday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. when the Golden Gophers will play a Russian team. Minnesota has a 649-243 (.728) all-time record at the "Barn" in regular season games. Last year the Golden Gophers started slowly with two straight losses at Williams, but won 14 of the next 18 at home including eight straight to end the season, before advancing to New York to win the NIT.

Fact Box

MEDIA DAY

The Golden Gophers will host the 1998-99 Media Day on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Noon in the Clubroom at Williams Arena. Head Coach Clem Haskins, his entire staff and the senior class of this year's team will be at the luncheon. Coach Haskins and the players will be available for interviews regarding the upcoming basketball season. Other players will be available at 2:15 p.m., courtside at Williams Arena. Practice will begin at 3 p.m. sharp and the first 30 minutes will be open to the media. Season credentials will be issued to those who have made requests. For more information, contact the Media Relations Office at 625-4090.

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Golden Gophers Open Season With a Pair of Exhibitions: The University of Minnesota will open up the 1998-99 season vs. the Ural Great Team from Russia. The Ural Great team is a Russian professional team from the East Division of the Russian Super League. Currently they are in first place in the East Division. They play a six-game U.S. tour starting with a Nov. 3 game at the University of Dayton. They follow that with a game at Detroit Mercy on Nov. 5, Central Michigan on Nov. 7, before arriving in the Twin Cities. The Ural team concludes its tour with games at Illinois State and Northwestern.

Philippian Dream Team To Visit Williams Arena: What is being hailed as the Philippian "Dream Team" will play the Golden Gophers on Nov. 16 at Williams Arena. It is the first time the University of Minnesota has played an Asian basketball team. The Philippian team is preparing for the Asian games which will be played in Bangkok, Thailand in December. The Philippines are also in the midst of their centennial celebration so there will be a great deal of involvement around the game from Twin Cities Philipinos. The national team is a collection of professional players chosen from the Philippine Basketball Association. The team is formed every four years to compete in the Asian Games. They are coached by an American, Tim Cone, who has been coaching in the Philippines for 30 years.

How Haskins Ranks: Clem Haskins is in his 12th season as the Golden Gopher head coach. He has a 223-154 record and a 324-227 career coaching record. He is now third for length of tenure with 12 seasons. Dr. L.J. Cooke leads the list with 27 seasons (1897-1924), while Dave MacMillan is second with 18 seasons (1927-42, 1945-48). Haskins' 223 wins at the University of Minnesota puts him second to Cooke (244), trailing by just 21 wins.

Lewis and Clark Lead the Way: Minnesota's tandem of **Quincy Lewis (Sr., Little Rock, Ark.)** and **Kevin Clark (Sr., Savannah, Ga.)** will lead the Golden Gophers this season as they look to follow the trail to St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Final Four. Lewis, an All-Big Ten Tournament selection last year, is coming off a fine summer that saw him help Team USA to the Gold Medal at the Goodwill Games in New York city. Lewis is the top returning scorer on the team at 14.5 points per game which was second overall last year. Clark was on fire the second half of last season and finished as the MVP of the NIT when he averaged 29 points in the two final games. An excellent marksman from outside, he finished fourth in the Big Ten in three-point field goal percentage at 46 percent. He can also score inside in transition and is an excellent defender.

Unveiling: The first exhibition will mark the unveiling of nine new players for the Golden Gophers. Leading the way is a pair of transfers who sat out last season. **Terrance Simmons (So., Houghton, La.)** is the heir apparent to Eric Harris at point guard. A physical player at 6-3, 185, he is very athletic and had all of last year to learn the Haskins system. Simmons played in 29 games as a freshman at LSU, averaging 4.2 points per game. He was highly-recruited by Minnesota in high school when he led the state of Louisiana with a 29.5 points per game scoring average. The second transfer is a Minnesota native who came home to the Golden Gophers after spending a year in California at Cal-Poly SLO. **Mitch Ohnstad (So., Faribault, Minn.)** was Minnesota's "Mr. Basketball" in 1996. He played in 30 games two years ago at Cal-Poly, starting 24 and averaging 10.9 points per game. He can play either guard position and is the fastest Golden Gopher from baseline to baseline.

Seven Freshmen Look To Contribute: The Golden Gophers have seven freshmen on the roster looking to contribute. Two redshirt freshmen who practiced all last year are ready to compete for playing time. **Dusty Rychart (Grand Rapids, Minn.)** is a small forward who is a fine outside shooter and runs the floor very well. **John Aune (Maple Grove, Minn.)** is a 6-10, 260-pound post player who adds size and strength to the roster. The Golden Gophers have five incoming freshmen on the roster. **Joel Przybilla (Monticello, Minn.)** is a highly-touted center who was ranked as high as number-two in the nation overall (Bob

Clem Sez:



On Quincy Lewis

"Quincy is one of the premier small forwards in the nation. He had an excellent summer with Team USA and gained valuable experience. He needs to be a consistent scorer for us and a strong leader and I look for him to have his finest season ever."

On Kevin Clark

"Kevin is an explosive player as I've ever had and that includes some great ones. He has showstopping moves and is a superb athlete. He has the ability to dominate a game at both ends of the court. We need him to give us the same kind of output he had at the end of the season last year, every day this year. If he does that, good things will happen for this team."

On The Team

"I really like this team. It has great depth and athleticism. We have size, scoring and strong defenders. If we can develop the kind of chemistry we have had in 1997-98 and build off our momentum of winning the NIT last year, we can have an excellent season and keep playing deep into March."

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Gibbons). The McDonald's All-America selection has great size (7-1, 240) and shot blocking ability and can rebound and score inside. **Nick Sinville (6-6, 230, Shreveport, La.)** was the Class AA Player of the Year in Louisiana and is a physical force in the post area. **Kevin Burleson (6-3, 170, Seattle, Wash.)** is a silky smooth guard who can play either point or shooting guard. A two-time all-city selection, who led his team to the state title his junior year, he has been one of the pleasant surprises of fall camp. **Ryan Keating (5-11, 175, Minnetonka, Minn.)** is the only true point guard in the class. A four-year starter at point guard and quarterback for Minnetonka High School (Minn.), he was a *Street and Smiths* honorable mention All-America selection in both sports. He brings great ball handling and decision making to the mix of backcourt players. **Greg Halbert (6-8, 200, White Bear Lake, Minn.)** is a swing player who is an excellent three-point shooter and can go in and rebound and score inside. An honorable mention all-state selection, he finished second on the Bear's all-time scoring list with 1,141 career points.

California Connection: The Golden Gophers' California connection has brought them senior captain **Miles Tarver (Oakland, Calif.)** and sophomore **Kevin Nathaniel (Camarillo, Calif.)**. Tarver is a physical player who was the team's leading rebounder last season with 6.2 per game. A fine low post defender and excellent passer, he does much of the dirty work necessary to get the job done. Nathaniel is an explosive athlete who can play the one, two or three positions. He was hampered by a nagging ankle injury last year and has had an excellent fall camp now that he is healthy.

Depth is Back: After playing last year with very little depth due to injuries and unanticipated departures, the Golden Gophers are back to full strength. The Maroon and Gold are two-deep at every position and can now play the type of pressure defense that took them all the way to the Final Four in 1997. With 17 players on the roster, the competition for playing time is intense. Coach Haskins will play from 8-12 players per game depending on the situation. In 1996-97 Minnesota had nine players averaging in double figures for minutes played.

There's No Place Like Home: There is no place like home, and sophomore **Antoine Broxsie (6-10, 230, Tampa, Fla.)** is looking to go home with his teammates in the spring for the Final Four. Last year the Golden Gophers took Eric Harris home to the NIT in New York and the team goal this year is to get to Broxsie's home town. Broxsie is a big part of that equation. A fine shot blocker (second on team in '98 with 37), he has made big progress as a scorer and rebounder and gives Minnesota a trio of big players in the paint.

"Surf The Net": Information on the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department is now available on the Internet. The World Wide Web site contains news releases, statistics, rosters, schedules, student-athlete/coach/administration profiles, departmental directory, ticket and merchandise information and much, much more. The Web page can be accessed at: <http://www.gophersports.com>.

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.). The information can be accessed by calling (770) 399-3066 and entering the Big Ten passcode #282. This is for media use only. The University of Minnesota basketball "cell" numbers are listed below:

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The Last Time

Minnesota scored 100 points or more:

Dec. 22, 1997. Minnesota beat Sacramento State 100-56 at Williams Arena. Minnesota forced 30 turnovers and had 20 steals in the victory. Sam Jacobson had 21 points to lead the way.

Minnesota allowed 100 points or more:

Feb. 20, 1988. Iowa beat Minnesota 107-86 at Williams Arena in one of the worst home defeats in school history.

Minnesota won an overtime game:

March 24, 1998. Minnesota beat Fresno State 91-89 in overtime to advance to the finals of the NIT. Kevin Clark scored 30 points and Sam Jacobson added 24 points.

Minnesota lost an overtime game:

Jan. 24, 1996. Minnesota led the game the entire way until Wisconsin tied it with 37 seconds left and went on to win in overtime 75-63. Sam Jacobson led the team with 19 points.

Minnesota won a triple overtime game:

March 5, 1994. Minnesota beat Iowa 107-96 in triple overtime at Williams Arena. Voshon Lenard had a career-high 37 points.

Minnesota held an opponent to less than 60 points:

Jan. 27, 1998. Minnesota beat Wisconsin 58-48 in a defensive thriller. The Golden Gophers held the Badgers to 33 percent shooting. Minnesota forced 13 turnovers and had five blocks.