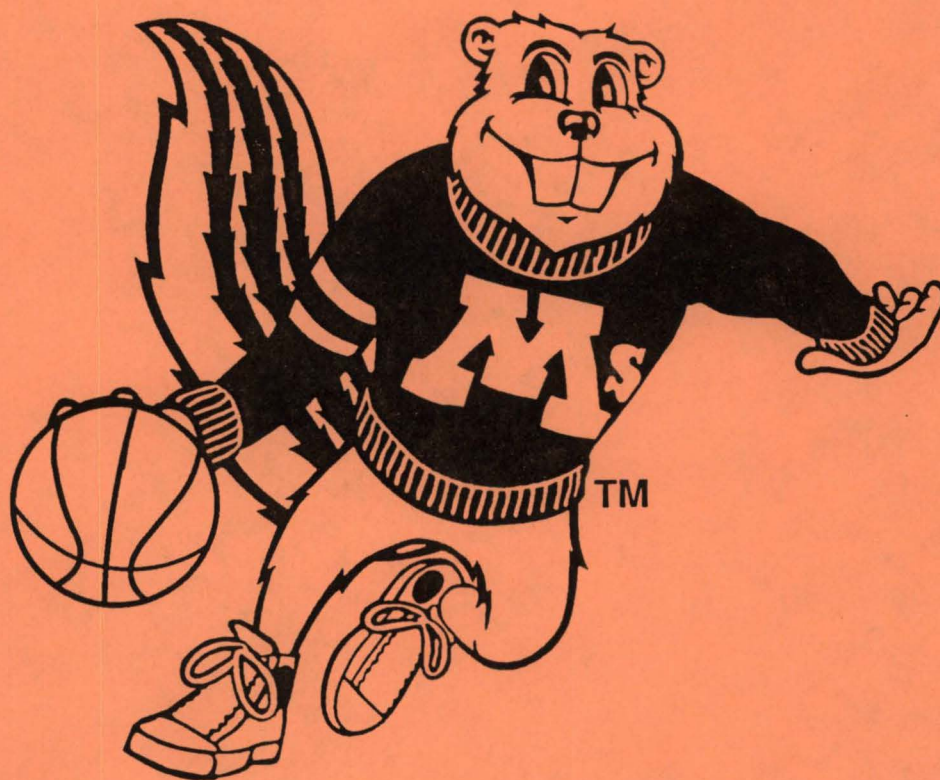


**1992-93
MINNESOTA
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**



PROSPECTUS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Minneapolis, MN 55455
Founded 1851
Enrollment: 39,000
Nickname Golden Gophers
Colors Maroon and Gold
Conference Big Ten
Affiliation NCAA Division I
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Alma Mater West Chester State '70
Career Record 180-171 (12 years)
School Record 14-41 (2 years)
Assistants Joan Kelly (West Chester '78)
Lori Herrmann (Principia College '84)

1992-93 TEAM INFORMATION

1991-92 Record 8-19
1991-92 Conference Record/Finish 3-15/tie 9th
Starters Returning/Lost 2/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 9/3
Newcomers 3



1992-93 MINNESOTA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
11	Lisa Roell*	SO	G	5-8	Iron Mountain, MI/North Dickinson
12	Cara Pearson*	SO	F	5-11	St. Paul, MN/Harding
15	Mary Klotzbeecheer*	JR	G	5-7	Harrisburg, PA/Bishop McDevitt
20	Nancy Alexander	JR	F	5-11	Brockport, NY/Brockport
21	Shannon Loeblein*	SO	G	5-9	St. Paul, MN/Harding
22	Crystal Flint*	JR	G/F	5-9	Roxbury, MA/South Boston
24	Nancy Shudlick	FR	F	5-11	Apple Valley, MN/Apple Valley
31	Kelly McNulty	FR	F	6-1	Edina, MN/Edina
32	Nikki Coates*	JR	G	5-7	Leavenworth, KS/Leavenworth
34	Jenny Dillon	SR	C	6-4	Greenfield, IN/Greenfield Central
35	Stacy Carver *	SR	F	6-1	Montrose, MN/Buffalo
40	Lori Lawler*	SO	G/F	5-11	Rochester, MN/Lourdes
42	Carol Ann Shudlick*	JR	C/F	6-0	Apple Valley, MN/Apple Valley
51	Cheri Stafford	FR	C	6-2	Blaine, MN/Blaine

* Returning Letterwinners (9)

Personnel Breakdown

STARTERS LOST

Name	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG
Dana Joubert	C	6-1	13.4	8.2
Jenny Zeller	G	5-10	3.8	2.2
Holly Thompson	G	5-4	2.9	2.2

STARTERS RETURNING

Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG
Carol Ann Shudlick	Jr.	F	6-0	20.3	7.0
Stacy Carver	Sr.	F	6-1	9.5	4.6

OTHER TOP RETURNERS

Shannon Loeblein	So.	G	5-9	6.9	2.0
Lori Lawler	So.	G	5-11	5.0	2.4
Cara Pearson	So.	F	5-11	4.4	3.5
Crystal Flint	Jr.	F	5-9	3.1	1.9
Nikki Coates	Jr.	G	5-7	2.9	1.2

NEWCOMERS

Kelly McNulty	Fr.	F	6-1
Nancy Shudlick	Fr.	F	5-11
Cheri Stafford	Fr.	C	6-2

HEAD COACH LINDA HILL-MACDONALD

Entering her third year as head coach at Minnesota, Linda Hill-MacDonald stands firm in her philosophy that winning is an attitude. "Being a winner means knowing that whatever challenge you're going to accept, that you're going to be successful."

Hill-MacDonald's first two seasons at Minnesota were marked by injury and inexperience, factors she hopes are part of the past. In her initial season, the Gophers finished 6-22 after a series of stress fractures depleted the roster to the point that a manager was called upon to play. The Gophers raised the slate to 8-19 in 1991-92 with a roster made up of nine freshmen and sophomores.

But she has been in this position before. When Hill-MacDonald accepted the head coaching job at Temple in 1980, the Lady Owls had compiled just one winning season in seven years. Two years after Hill-MacDonald took over, Temple earned an invitation to the WNIT and within three years the Lady Owls were Big 5 Champions.

In 10 years at Temple, Hill-MacDonald coached her teams to seven winning seasons and in five of her last seven years led the Lady Owls to top four regular season finishes in the Atlantic 10 Conference. In 1989, Temple advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament before falling to top-seeded Auburn.

Hill-MacDonald's list of coaching honors includes being named Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 1987 and 1989, Big 5 Coach of the Year in 1989 and Philadelphia Coach of the Year in 1983. She was also named National Coach of the Year in 1983. The Women's Basketball Coaches

Association (WBCA) named Hill-MacDonald the 1989 recipient of the Carol Eckman Award, which honors the demonstration of service and integrity in the coaching profession.

Hill-MacDonald believes the philosophy about winning attitudes carries over into every aspect of life. "To be a winner you have to think like a winner," Hill-MacDonald said. "A winning attitude isn't something you change like a sweater, putting it off and on. It's in everything — the way you talk, think and act. It's something special about you. We have a team of winners here. We just need to bring that out, starting with attitude."

When she arrived at Minnesota, Hill-MacDonald inherited a team that had not won more than nine games in a season in five years. And while the process of rebuilding is never an easy one, Hill-MacDonald knows it takes more than X's and O's to build a winning program.

In the 10 seasons between 1975-76 and 1984-85, Minnesota had nine winning seasons and competed four times in post-season play. While she knows success does not come overnight, Hill-MacDonald's goals are to bring the Gophers back into national prominence. And her past accomplishments indicate that she is just the person to do that.

Prior to being named head coach at Temple, Hill-MacDonald taught health and physical education while coaching lacrosse and basketball at a suburban Philadelphia high school (Ridley Senior High). Ridley's basketball teams were 81-27 (.750) in six seasons

under Hill-MacDonald. During her stint as head basketball coach, Ridley won two league championships, advanced to three district finals and reached the state quarterfinals in 1976.

Hill-MacDonald became Temple's second full-time head women's basketball coach in July 1980. She also served as a freshman academic advisor in 1981-82 and was responsible for the organization of study skill sessions and tutoring programs for women student-athletes. During the 1983-84 academic year, Hill-MacDonald served as acting associate director of athletics for women.

A 1970 graduate of West Chester University and a native of Morton, Pa., Hill-MacDonald was a three-sport standout while in college. She played on the 1969 National Collegiate Invitational championship team coached by the late Carol Eckman and earned all-college honors three times in lacrosse and twice in field hockey. In 1970, Hill-MacDonald was the recipient of the school's Outstanding Female Athlete Award.

She earned a master's degree in physical education from her alma mater in 1984 and was inducted into the West Chester University Women's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

1992-93 SEASON OUTLOOK

Winning is an attitude

Prior to the 1991-92 season, head coach Linda Hill-MacDonald shied away from predictions, but promised that the team would be more competitive. In a season marked by improvement, Hill-MacDonald made good on her promise, as the Gophers narrowed their average margin of defeat in Big Ten games by nine points, while losing eight games by nine points or less.

Once again steering clear of predictions, Hill-MacDonald will say that some positive changes, if not surprises, are to be expected in 1992-93. "Last year we played our games a lot closer," she said. "This year we will play closer but expect to *win* some of those close games we fell short of winning before. Winning is an attitude, and that's something we're trying to instill in our players. We accept the challenge and are planning to rise to that challenge."

While last year's team carried nine freshmen and sophomores, the 1992-93 squad has a more veteran look to it. Nine letterwinners return, including seven juniors and seniors plus a sophomore class with some valuable experience.

"One of the differences between this year's team and last is the upperclassmen who have now had two years of experience in this system," Hill-MacDonald said. "I also consider the experience of the sophomore class to be a strength. Another difference is the attitude. This is a highly motivated group with a level of determination that will help them be successful."

Moving on up

The 1992-93 squad may be more veteran, but gone from the squad are a group of key players in starters Dana Joubert, Holly Thompson and Jenny Zeller. Joubert was the team's leading rebounder and second-leading scorer for the past two seasons, while Thompson led the team from the point and Zeller was the team's defensive sparkplug.

Headlining the Golden Gopher squad is junior **Carol Ann Shudlick**, who made a name for herself a year ago with her smooth and quiet scoring. She will be counted on inside for continued leadership in scoring and rebounding. No longer a secret, Shudlick's newfound reputation will make her a key target for defenders. "We're not worried about what teams will do to try and stop her," Hill-MacDonald said. "Somehow Carol Ann finds a way to get it done. She's the kind of player coaches dream of having." Named to the all-Big Ten second team as a sophomore, Shudlick led the Gophers in scoring with 20.3 ppg and was second in scoring among all Big Ten players. She broke the Minnesota single-game scoring record with a career-high 44 points against Marquette.

Also playing the post position is sophomore **Cara Pearson**, last year's winner of the team "Hustle Award." A focused and intense player, she made great contributions as a freshman and is expected to add scoring and rebounding with the loss of Joubert. Junior **Crystal Flint** is a consis-

tent and versatile player who can play inside or outside. "Crystal can always be counted on to make a positive contribution in any game, whether it be a key layup or a steal" said Hill-MacDonald. "She had great leaping ability and quickness and is a definite asset for us inside." Senior **Jenny Dillon** and freshman **Cheri Stafford** may also see some time at the post position.

Senior forward **Stacy Carver** is one of two returning starters and the team's second-leading returning scorer (9.5 ppg). A swing player, Carver is a pure shooter who has added more penetration to her offensive repertoire.

Junior **Nancy Alexander** is expected to see increased playing time at the swing position. A quick shot and good court sense are her greatest strengths. Freshman **Kelly McNulty** will also see action at swing forward.

They say the best thing about freshmen is that they grow up to be sophomores, and sophomore off guard **Shannon Loeblein** is a perfect example. Loeblein finished last season as the team's fourth-leading scorer with 6.9 ppg and was the Gophers' representative on the Big Ten team that played in Australia this summer. "Shannon Loeblein will make her mark on Minnesota basketball," Hill-MacDonald said. "She brings back improved confidence from her summer experience and has a work ethic that doesn't quit." Loeblein has good three-point range and runs the floor well. **Lori Lawler**, another member of the strong sophomore class, is a versatile player who may swing

between the off and swing forward positions. Lawler is a strong defensive player with great discipline who can drive to the basket or shoot from the perimeter.

Sophomore **Lisa Roell** saw limited action as a freshman but gained useful experience. "Lisa was put into more critical game situations last year than the others," said Hill-MacDonald. "The experience of going in at those times...we trusted her to get the shot we needed...that will help in her growth." A talented shooter with a great attitude, she has worked hard over the summer and returns with more refined skills. **Nancy Shudlick**, a 5-11 freshman, will be seeing action at the off guard slot as well.

One of the biggest question marks on this year's squad is at the point guard slot. "We have a healthy competition going on at the point," said Hill-MacDonald. The candidates for the open starting position are juniors **Mary Klotzbeecheer** and **Nikki Coates**. Klotzbeecheer has elevated her game since arriving at Minnesota and is a pleasant surprise, according to Hill-MacDonald. "She has improved her overall skills, gained confidence and worked extremely hard." Klotzbeecheer, who possesses good ball-handling and defensive skills, appeared in 19 games last year. **Coates** has good court sense and has gained the confidence of her teammates on the floor. She has a keen ability to see the floor and the open player. "People respond well to Nikki," said Hill-MacDonald. "Her biggest asset is that she is a very smart floor player."

The Freshmen

"The freshman class is very talented," said Hill-MacDonald, "But even more important than their talent is their determination and dedication. Each one brings a different aspect to the team."

The Gophers' three freshmen all hail from Minnesota and all could contribute in this year's lineup. All-state and all-metro performer **Kelly McNulty**, a 6-1 forward, graduated as Edina High school's all-time leading scorer (1,201 points) and rebounder. A versatile outside shooter with the ability to penetrate, she possesses quickness and good ball-handling skills.

A 6-2 post player, all-state selection **Cheri Stafford** holds the school record for most points and most rebounds in a season at Blaine High School. A physical inside player, she can score tight to the basket but also has the ability to step away from the hoop. **Nancy Shudlick**, an all-state performer out of Apple Valley High School and sister of Gopher teammate Carol Ann, is a player who has good range as well as a keen understanding of the game.

The Schedule

The schedule will once again prove challenging for the Gophers, with six of the eight possible preseason opponents being NCAA or NWT tournament participants a year ago.

Minnesota opens the season on Dec. 1 with a home matchup against Big Eight defending champion and NCAA participant Kansas before hosting NCAA runner-up Western Kentucky on

Dec. 4. A mid-December trip to the Diet Pepsi Shootout, hosted by Santa Clara, highlights the pre-season road schedule.

Big Ten play begins at home against defending conference champion Iowa on Jan. 10.

"The only way to move up in the conference is to win games," Hill-MacDonald said. "We know that and we're prepared to do just that."

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1992-93 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Dec. 1	Tue.	Kansas	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	FRI.	Western Kentucky	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Dec. 13	Sun.	Georgia Tech	Williams Arena	2 p.m.
Dec. 17-20	Thur-Sun.	at Santa Clara Tournament (Boise State, California-Santa Barbara, Minnesota, Santa Clara)	Santa Clara, CA	
Dec. 28	Mon.	at Wisconsin-Green Bay	Green Bay, WI	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	Wed.	at Kansas State	Manhattan, KS	TBA
Jan. 5	Tue.	Marquette	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	Sun.	Iowa*	Williams Arena	2 p.m.
Jan. 12	Tue.	at Wisconsin*	Madison, WI	TBA
Jan. 17	Sun.	Illinois*	Williams Arena	2 p.m.
Jan. 22	Fri.	Purdue*	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	Sun.	Indiana*	Williams Arena	2 p.m.
Jan. 29	Fri.	at Michigan State*	East Lansing, MI	7:30p.m.
Jan. 31	Sun.	at Michigan *	Ann Arbor, MI	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	Fri.	Penn State*	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sun.	at Northwestern *	Evanston, IL	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	Sun.	Northwestern	Williams Arena	Noon
Feb. 19	Fri.	at Indiana*	Bloomington, IN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Sun.	at Purdue*	West Lafayette, IN	2 p.m.
Feb. 26	Fri.	Michigan*	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	Sun.	Michigan State*	Williams Arena	2 p.m.
Mar. 4	Thurs.	at Ohio State*	Columbus, OH	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 7	Sun.	at Penn State*	University Park, PA	2 p.m.
Mar. 10	Wed.	Wisconsin*	Williams Arena	7 p.m.
Mar. 12	Fri.	at Iowa*	Iowa City, IA	7:30 p.m.

* Big Ten games
All times are local

