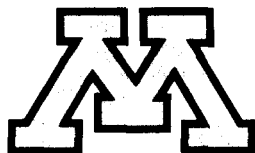


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(COENEN'S JERSEY IS RETIRED/RECAP OF HER GOPHER CAGE CAREER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- She is, quite simply, the best women's basketball player to ever wear the maroon and gold at the University of Minnesota, and while the official title of "all-american" eluded Neenah, Wis. native Laura Coenen during her cage career, her legacy will remain etched in the Gopher record books.

But before the final chapter is written on her career, Coenen will have another shot at basketball, as she attends tryouts April 11-12 for the National team which will represent the United States at the World University Games in Kobe, Japan, August 24-September 4 and at the R. William Jones Cup in Taipei, Taiwan, June 15-28.

Coenen's basketball career accomplishments were recognized by the University of Minnesota when it was announced before the final home game that No. 44 would be officially retired at a ceremony next season - the first women's basketball jersey to attain such recognition. The announcement came two days after Coenen shattered the Gophers career scoring record for men and women, and became the first Minnesota player to surpass the 2,000 career point plateau.

For the record, Coenen scored 2,044 career points besting men's record holder Mycal Thompson (1974-78, 1,992 points), and former women's record holder Linda Roberts (1977-81, 1,856 points). She also gathered 1,029 caroms, again bettering men's record-holder Thompson, but behind Robert's 1,413 rebounds. Coenen's career averages are an even 20.0 points-per-game and 10.1 rebounds.

In all, Coenen holds 13 school single game, season, and career marks and reset eleven of those this year. She scored in double figures 91 of 102 career games and rebounded in double figures in 53 of those. But the record book cannot tell the tale of a player who battled physical adversity and consistently played with all-out intensity and desire.

There were four distinct years for Laura Coenen. The brash freshman who could score at will, make passes her teammates couldn't catch, and whose frustration with herself was verbalized on the court. That player started in 24 of 28 games as Minnesota posted an 18-10 overall mark, captured the AIAW Region 6 Championship and advanced to the AIAW National quarterfinals, where Coenen led the team with a 26 point performance against Rutgers. For the year she averaged 16.3 ppg, 11.7 rebounds and was named to the College All-Freshmen First Team while receiving recognition on the Kodak All-Region 6 team. She was also the Region 6 tournament MVP and Minnesota's Gopher Award winner.

Coenen's sophomore year, the Gophers challenged for the Big Ten title, as Coenen and then senior Debbie Hunter at point guard terrorized opponents on fast-breaks. Coenen was named the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player after leading the conference in scoring and was a Kodak All-American Region 4 pick. She shattered eight Minnesota school records and her 24.2 points per game average was eighth in the nation (the second highest scoring for a sophomore).

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COENEN CAREER -2-2-2-

The Gophers were third in the first year of Big Ten double round-robin play with a 13-5 record and 20-7 overall mark. Coenen was on her way to becoming an all-american, despite suffering shin problems near the end of the year which forced her to sit out three games (breaking a consecutive starting streak of 46 games). Coenen and Hunter were chosen the Gophers co-MVP's and co-recipients of the Gopher Award. For the year Coenen averaged 24.2 ppg, 9.1 rebounds while shooting a blistering .549 from the field.

With the graduation of Hunter, Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson was looking to build her team around Coenen the next season. It seemed an appropriate enough expectation given her performance the previous two years, but as the junior season began something about Coenen's play just wasn't right. She was perpetually tired, suffered from extreme personality swings, and had lost considerable weight. Her condition, a hyperactive thyroid, was not diagnosed until December. Then there was an adjustment period which lasted the remainder of the season to stabilize the treatment.

Coenen's scoring average dropped to 13.6 points per game, her rebounding in a weakened condition was 6.5 caroms, and she had 40 steals instead of 93 as in her sophomore season. In addition, Coenen contracted bronchitis and was forced to sit out the final four season games. The Gophers record dropped to 12-15, the only losing season in Hanson's 11-year coaching career, and the team placed seventh in the Big Ten (9-9). But the year gave Coenen a chance to think about life, priorities, and how she wanted to be perceived and remembered as a basketball player.

The senior season was at hand. Coenen quickly dispelled any doubts about her health by setting a new school record with 42 points at the Gophers Dial Classic against Nebraska resetting her school record of 41 points set in her healthy sophomore season, and tying the men's school single game mark. It was only the beginning for a season in which she would score 30 or more points in ten games, and grab a career high 21 rebounds twice - against Drake and Illinois in the Big Ten opener.

Coenen was recognized during the season on the all-tournament teams at the Dial and Lady Griz Classics, and was the Big Ten's Player of the Week three times. But once again it was not a season without injury, as Coenen suffered a severe thigh bruise early in the Big Ten season and limped through several weeks of games.

But Coenen never considered not suiting up, as the word "can't" was not in her vocabulary. "It's my character to go out and give 100 per cent. I don't go and do things 50 per cent or 75 per cent, I want to go out and give my best," Coenen has explained. "Pain, injuries are all part of the game. You realize that when you start playing a sport that its just mind over matter. You start thinking about the game and just forget about what's wrong with you if you have a pain."

After scoring a career low of one point the previous season in a game, Coenen was in double figures all year with twenty or more points in 23 of 28 games. After averaging 6.5 rebounds her junior year, Coenen led the Gophers with a 12.2 average and led the Big Ten in rebounding as a senior. She ended the season ranked sixth in the nation in scoring with 25.3 points per game and was also ranked twentieth in rebounding.

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Once again Coenen was recognized as a member of the All-Big Ten first team, as a Wade Trophy finalist, and as a member of the Kodak All-American Region IV team. The Women's Basketball News Service picked her as the "Comeback Player of the Year" and as a member of their first team all-america. But when the Kodak committee voted on the top ten players, Coenen's name was not on the list. She was, not surprisingly, the Gophers Most Valuable Player and Gopher Award winner one last time.

To Coach Hanson, Coenen is an all-american. "There's no doubt in my mind that Laura is one of the top ten players in the country," says Hanson. "She has always had an impact on games and she's always been there to get that key rebound, or take the key shot, and she has certainly been an example for all the other players with the type of intensity and competitiveness that she has. We're certainly going to miss her from every standpoint."

Coenen is a graduate of Neenah High School where she lettered for three years in basketball, was MVP, co-player of the year, all-conference and all-state. She was also MVP, captain and all-conference in volleyball and was most improved her one year on the swim team. She is the daughter of Duane and Donna Coenen of 657 Grove Street in Neenah.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME 30 POINT CLUB

Laura Coenen	36 vs. North Dakota State	12/7/83
	35 vs. Purdue	3/7/85
	35 vs. Michigan	2/17/85
	34 vs. Illinois	1/7/83
	33 vs. Ohio State	3/3/85
	33 vs. Indiana	3/1/85
	32 vs. Indiana	2/4/83
	31 vs. Northwestern	2/22/85
	31 vs. Colorado	11/14/84
	30 vs. Illinois	1/4/84
	30 vs. Michigan State	1/20/85
	30 vs. Montana	11/16/84
	30 vs. Kansas	2/20/82
Debbie Hunter	34 vs. Purdue	3/10/83
Linda Roberts	37 vs. Rhode Island	12/1/79
	35 vs. Iowa	12/23/78
Carol Peterka	32 vs. Michigan	3/4/84
Marty Dahlen	32 vs. Drake	11/28/79
Molly Tadich	31 vs. Michigan State	1/20/85

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME 40 POINT CLUB

Laura Coenen	42 vs. Nebraska	11/30/84
	41 vs. Wisconsin	2/18/83

MINNESOTA 6-1 SENIOR FORWARD LAURA COENEN

YEAR-END NOTES --

- *Ranked 6th in nation in scoring (25.3 ppg)
- *Ranked 20th in nation in rebounding (12.2)
- *Led Big Ten in rebounding, 2nd in scoring
- *All-Big Ten first team, Player of Week (3 times)
- *Comeback Player of Year (Women's BKB News Service)
- *First Team All-American (Women's BKB News Service)
- *Kodak All-American Region IV Team

FINAL CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
1981-82	28/ 24	189/ 385	.491	78/ 110	.709	456	16.3	327	11.7	109/10	63	120	39	89	893
1982-83	24/ 24	251/ 457	.549	79/ 120	.658	581	24.2	218	9.1	92/ 7	59	111	22	93	793
1983-84	22/ 21	127/ 269	.472	45/ 69	.652	299	13.6	143	6.5	72/ 2	45	115	17	40	627
1984-85	28/ 28	275/ 536	.513	158/ 209	.756	708	25.3	341	12.2	99/ 5	88	142	24	68	1023
Total	102/ 97	842/1647	.511	360/ 508	.709	2044	20.0	1029	10.1	372/24	255	488	102	290	3336

COENEN & THE BOOK * indicates record holder, others list place
MINNESOTA MARKS & indicates reset her mark, or broke this year

CAREER:

- *& Points -- 2,044 (1st for men and women)
- *& Scoring avg. - 25.3 current (reset 24.2 82-83, men's 25.9)
- Rebounds -1,029 (2nd only to Linda Roberts 1413, Thompson's is 956)
- Rebounding Average: 10.1 (2nd to Roberts 10.95)
- *& FGmade - 842, (1st for men and women)
- *& FGattempts - 1647 (1st for women, men's 1635 by Chuch Mence1 (1951-55))
- FTmade - 360 (2nd to Roberts 496, ahead of men's mark)
- FTattempts - 508 (2nd to Roberts 673, ahead of men's mark)
- *& Most times fouled out -- 24 (1st)

SEASON:

- *& Points -- 708 (1st for men and women)
- Rebounds -- 341 (fourth women, men's mark 349)
- Rebounding Avg. -- 12.2 (2nd to Denise Erstad 15.8 74-75 & men 14.3)
- *& FGmade -- 275 (1st for men and women)
- *& FGattempts - 536 (1st for men and women)
- *& FTmade -- 158 (1st for women, men's 181)
- FTattempts -- 209 (3rd to Roberts 254 77-78, men's 251)
- * Most times fouled out -- 10 (tied with Roberts)

GAME:

- *& Points -- 42 (vs. Nebraska 11/30/84, ties men's mark)
- * FGmade -- 17 (vs. NDSU 12/7/82, men's is 18)
- *& FGattempts -- 32 (vs. Purdue 3/7/85 men's is 42)

LAURA COENEN CAREER HONORS

- 1985 Wade Trophy Finalist
- 1985 Kodak All-American Region IV Team
- 1985 All-Big Ten First Team
- 1985 First Team All-America (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1985 Comeback Player of the Year (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1985 Co-Big Ten Player of the Year (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1985 Big Ten Player of the Week (3/11/85)
- 1985 Big Ten Player of the Week (2/19/85)
- 1985 Big Ten Player of the Week (1/21/85)
- 1985 Minnesota's Most Valuable Player and Gopher Award Recipient
- 1985 Lady Griz All-Tournament Team (at Montana)
- 1985 Dial Classic All-Tournament Team (at Minnesota)
- 1985 Pre-Season First Team All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1985 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1985 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Women's Basketball Yearbook)
- 1984 March of Dimes Minnesota Collegiate Athlete of the Year (Team's Sport)
- 1984 Pre-Season High Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1984 Pre-Season Big Ten Player to Watch (Coaches' Picks by Mel Greenberg)
- 1984 Pre-Season First Team College All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Kodak All-American Region 4 Team
- 1983 Big Ten Most Valuable Player, All-Big Ten
- 1983 Nominee, Player of the Year (Women's Varsity Sports Magazine)
- 1983 Honorable Mention All-American First Team Great Lakes Region (Fast Break Magazine, AWSF)
- 1983 Third Team All-American National Sports Writers' Women's Basketball
- 1983 First Team All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Big Ten Conference Player of the Year (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Big Ten Player of the Week
- 1983 Dial Classic MVP and All-Tournament Team (at Minnesota)
- 1983 Dial Christmas and New Year's Classic All-Tournament Team (at Miami)
- 1983 Minnesota's Co-MVP and Co-recipient of Minnesota Gopher Award
- 1983 Pre-Season Big Ten Player to Watch (Coaches' Picks by Mel Greenberg)
- 1983 Pre-Season First Team College All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1982 College All-Freshman First Team
- 1982 Honorable Mention All-American Team
- 1982 AIAW Region 6 MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 AIAW Kodak All-Region 6 Team
- 1982 Dial Classic MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 Northern Lights Invitational MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 Minnesota's Gopher Award

COENEN STATS

1981-82: FRESHMAN YEAR

1982-83: SOPHOMORE YEAR

OPPONENT	PTS.	REB.	SCORE	OPPONENT	PTS.	REB.	SCORE
China (Exhib.)	11	9*	L 93-72	\$ DePaul	22*	9*	W 82-64
at Iowa	22	16*	W 77-52	\$ Memphis State	25*	15*	W 84-76
at Wisconsin	10	11*	W 72-63	\$ N. Illinois	29*	8*	W 91-70
Louisiana State	12	10*	W 75-63	\$ Univ. of Chi.	28*	9*	W 81-49
Drake	11	15*	L 78-58	\$ N. Dakota St.	36*	12*	W 90-61
\$ San Francisco	22*	9*	W 98-66	\$ at Kansas	10	2	L 78-72
\$ Washington State	24*	8*	W 82-68	\$ at Nebraska	22*	11	W 81-70
\$ at Iowa State	2	9*	L 68-62	\$ Cleveland St.	24*	13*	W 84-81
\$ at Long Beach St.	7	12*	L 81-59	\$ Georgia	19*	5	L 65-61
\$ at Southern Cal	4	4	L 91-52	\$ at Illinois	34*	7*	W 91-75
\$ National College	15*	10	W 81-44	\$ at Purdue	16	5	W 86-75
\$ at Indiana	16	16*	W 79-65	\$ Michigan	22*	12*	W 90-43
\$ Wisconsin	17*	8	W 63-60	\$ Michigan State	28*	15*	W 75-65
\$ Iowa	12	20*	W 90-43	\$ at Iowa	20*	5	W 73-62
\$ at Chicago Circle	10	9*	L 62-61	\$ at Northwestern	23*	4	L 72-67
\$ at Northwestern	14	10*	W 71-63	\$ Wisconsin	20*	7	W 73-60
\$ at Drake	10	9*	L 87-60	\$ Indiana	32*	14*	W 86-80
\$ at Kansas State	15*	7	L 77-68	\$ Ohio State	22*	17*	W 68-56
\$ Ohio State	16	12*	L 68-66	\$ at Ohio State	19*	7*	L 79-48
Iowa State	16*	14*	W 84-66	\$ at Indiana	18*	10*	L 80-69
\$ Kansas	30*	17*	W 73-57	\$ at Wisconsin	41*	13*	W 77-71
\$ Washington	29*	19*	W 80-79	\$ Northwestern	28*	2	L 97-92
\$ Arizona State	18	15*	W 76-58	Iowa	Did Not Play		W 78-53
\$ Indiana	19*	15*	W 70-66	at Mich. St.	Did Not Play		L 94-79
\$ Missouri	8	9	L 58-57	at Michigan	Did Not Play		W 84-77
\$ Iowa State	25	10*	W 81-62	\$ Purdue	22*	5	W 115-88
\$ Cen. Missouri St.	28*	15*	W 76-71	\$ Illinois	21*	11*	W 89-65
\$ St. John's	20*	13*	W 68-56				
\$ Rutgers	26*	7*	L 83-75				

\$ starting lineup

* game high for Minnesota

CAREER -- Top Rebounding Games

Number	Opponent	Class	Date
21	at Illinois	Senior	1 / 4/85
21	Drake	Senior	12/ 9/84
20	at San Diego State	Senior	12/27/84
20	Iowa	Freshman	1 /16/82
19	Washington	Freshman	2 /26/82
17	Ohio State	Sophomore	2 / 6/83
17	Kansas	Freshman	2 /20/82

1983-84: JUNIOR YEAR

1984-85: SENIOR YEAR

OPPONENT	PTS.	REB.	SCORE	OPPONENT	PTS.	REB.	SCORE
\$ Miami-Ohio	12	11	W 76-56	\$ Wayland Baptist	16	7	L 59-52
\$ Arkansas	16*	8	L 76-60	\$ Texas-San Antonio	21	16*	W 60-57
\$ Iowa State	21*	10*	W 61-48	\$ Florida A&M	24*	16*	L 66-57
\$ at Tennessee	14*	10	L 54-50	\$ Nebraska	42*	12*	W 90-79
\$ at W. Kentucky	24*	8	L 69-61	\$ NE Louisiana	18	10	L 82-66
\$ at C. Michigan	21*	5	L 92-71	\$ Drake	22	21*	W 68-58
\$ Cheyney State	13	9	L 79-71	\$ Colorado	31*	7	W 84-61
\$ Youngstown St.	15	6	W 92-73	\$ at Montana	30*	15*	L 83-61
\$ Villanova	12	6	L 76-69	\$ at San Diego St.	27*	20*	L 82-66
\$ Illinois	6	4	W 71-57	\$ Texas-San Antonio	25*	14*	W 86-72
\$ Purdue	22*	6	W 83-67	\$ at Illinois	30*	21*	W 77-61
at Michigan	22*	9*	W 92-67	\$ at Purdue	20*	8	W 69-64
at Michigan St.	26*	9	L 92-67	\$ at Iowa	13*	9	L 60-38
\$ Iowa	5	6	W 57-55	\$ Michigan	21*	11*	W 76-49
Northwestern	Did Not Play		L 82-73	\$ Michigan State	30	9	W 84-70
\$ at Wisconsin	7	2	L 63-59	\$ at Wisconsin	14	15*	W 59-58
\$ at Indiana	12	10	W 75-67	\$ at Northwestern	25*	6	L 80-74
\$ at Ohio State	8	2	L 80-63	\$ Ohio State	18	11*	L 64-58
\$ Ohio State	19*	8	L 106-79	\$ Indiana	22*	6	W 69-65
\$ Indiana	11	7	L 78-65	\$ Iowa	20*	12*	L 66-58
\$ Wisconsin	1	4	W 62-51	\$ at Michigan St.	22*	9	W 68-62
\$ at Northwestern	8	3	L 74-68	\$ at Michigan	35*	13*	W 84-75
\$ at Iowa	4	0	L 79-58	\$ Northwestern	31*	15	W 82-70
Michigan St.	Did Not Play		L 66-60	\$ Wisconsin	24*	10	W 79-70
Michigan	Did Not Play		W 89-78	\$ at Indiana	33*	11*	W 90-77
at Purdue	Did Not Play		W 71-69	\$ at Ohio State	33*	7	L 85-72
at Illinois	Did Not Play		W 71-67	\$ Purdue	35*	15	W 97-83
				\$ Illinois	26*	15*	W 74-67

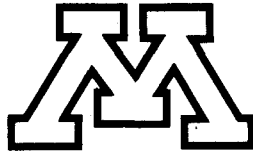
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Career Double Figures in Scoring: 91 of 102 games (89.2%)
 Career Double Figures in Rebounding: 53 of 102 games (52.0%)
 # of games Coenen lead Minnesota in scoring: 64 of 102 games (62.7%)
 # of games Coenen lead Minnesota in rebounding: 56 of 102 games (54.9%)

Twenty or More Points: 57 Games (9 Fresh., 19 Soph., 6 Junior, 23 Senior)
 Thirty or More Points: 15 Games (1 Fresh., 4 Soph., 0 Junior, 10 Senior)
 Fifteen or More Rebounds: 22 Games (9 Fresh., 3 Soph., 0 Junior, 10 Senior)

Total Career Points: 2044 (#1 in Minnesota history)
 Total Career Rebounds: 1029 (#2 in Minnesota history)



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(PETERKA/HILMERSON KEY PERFORMERS FOR 'U' HOOPS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The University of Minnesota basketball team depended on 6-0 junior forward Carol Peterka of St. Cloud/Apollo and 5-10 freshman guard Debbie Hilmerson of Little Falls, Minn. in the Gophers 18-10 overall and 13-5 third place Big Ten finish this year.

Peterka was named the team's Best Defensive Player for the second straight season and was the Gophers third leading scorer averaging 12.5 ppg overall and 14.6 in the Big Ten (seventh in conference). She had a career milestone in surpassing the 1,000 point mark with a 23 point scoring effort at Indiana. For her career, Peterka is fifth on the Gophers all-time scoring list with 1,040 points. Starting in 27 of 28 games this year, Peterka scored in double figures in 21 games, and also averaged 6.2 rebounds and 32.8 minutes.

Hilmerson earned considerable playing time as a rookie point guard, and appearing in 26 of 28 games, starting five. She was fifth on the team in minutes played (21.7) and averaged 2.4 ppg and 1.9 assists.

At the forward position, Peterka drew the toughest defensive assignments, including the nation's leading scorer Anucha Browne of Northwestern, and final-four Northeast Louisiana's Lisa Ingram. Against Drake, Peterka shut-down the Bulldog's Wanda Ford who was averaging 25.8 ppg, holding her to just seven points (3-17 in field goals). Meanwhile, Peterka led all scorers with 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the Gophers 68-58 victory.

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PETERKA/HILMERSON 'U' HOOPS -2-2-2-

Peterka started the season on a scoring surge. During the Gophers Dial Classic, she pumped in a second best effort of her career with 28 points in a win over Nebraska and then led Minnesota with 24 points against Northeast Louisiana. For the two day tournament, Peterka had 52 points, and shot .510 in field goals (25-49). But following those games, Peterka suffered ankle problems and foul problems in the next seven games.

Finally, Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson sat Peterka on the bench for the first time in 50 games, since the middle of her freshman year, for the Michigan game. Peterka responded by entering the game and scoring 15 points including 9-10 in free throws in 22 minutes, regaining her starting position.

Following that, Peterka had several stellar performances. Against Wisconsin she led the Gophers with 18 points in a 59-58 win, and at home against Ohio State she led Minnesota with 21 points. On the road at Michigan State, she again led the Gophers with 22 points and sealed the 68-62 win by hitting a fifteen footer and all four of a pair of 1 & 1 free throws in the closing minutes.

It seemed as if Peterka was always there when the Gophers needed her to score. "Whenever Laura (Coenen) wasn't able to play, Carol came through with a glittering performance," said Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "She is a great athlete, and she always played great defense."

Hilmerson proved she could handle the ball at the point guard position, despite being a freshman. She came off the bench and played 32 minutes early in the year against Drake scoring six points, and mid-year started four straight games. Her first start at Wisconsin, she was 0-7 in field goals, but iced the game by hitting both ends of a 1 & 1 with :11 remaining.

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PETERKA/HILMERSON 'U' HOOPS -3-3-3-

The next game, she had a trio of sixes - points, rebounds, and assists, at Northwestern playing the full 40 minutes. Hilmerson also had six points in a home victory over the Wildcat's, and started the last weekend of play against Purdue scoring five points and dishing out five assists.

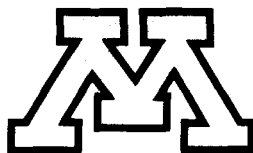
But Hilmerson's contributions cannot be measured in points. "Debbie had a very calming effect on the other players and they had confidence in her, maybe more than she had in herself," said Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "Debbie is a fine, fine defensive player, and she's an intense player that goes all-out all of the time." For next year Hanson will be looking for more balance from her team with the loss of All-American candidate Laura Coenen (25.3 ppg).

"We will have to have eight solid players next year and be more balanced in scoring," Hanson said. "Carol needs to focus more on her responsibilities for the minutes that she is in the game so she is in the right place," Hanson said adding that, "Debbie is going to have to be a scorer as well as a playmaker, but she's gained confidence this year and wants to play."

At Apollo High School, Peterka was a Converse honorable mention All-American in 1982 and led Apollo to the state class AA championship her senior year. She is also a member of the Gophers track and field team in the outdoor season. At Little Falls High School, Hilmerson led her team to a 26-0 record and 1984 state championship title, as an all-stater and player of the year by KMSP tv (channel 9).

A physical education major, Peterka is the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Peterka of 948 Spruce Drive in St. Cloud. Hilmerson is the daughter of Jim and Donna Hilmerson of rural Little Falls.

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(MILBANK'S SCHAD KEY RESERVE FOR GOPHER HOOPS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 6-1 junior forward Gretchen Schad of Milbank, S.D. played a key role as an off-the-bench player although her contributions cannot be found in the statistics. Schad appeared in 21 of 28 games overall and 17 of 18 Big Ten contests as the Gophers posted an 18-10 overall record and 13-5 conference mark, finishing third in the Big Ten.

A highlight for Schad came over Christmas break against Texas San-Antonio when she came off the bench in the second half and scored a career high 13 points (5-8 FG, 3-4 FT) in just 24 minutes of playing time. On the year, Schad averaged 8.5 minutes, 2.0 points, and 1.1 rebounds.

"Gretchen did a real nice job for us in a reserve role and in a couple of games she got baskets that were really important," says Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "She got caught playing behind two really fine players (All-American candidate Laura Coenen and Carol Peterka) but she really worked hard against them in practice which made all the difference in how they played."

Hanson would like to utilize Schad even more in her senior season. "We need Gretchen to be a player that we can depend on, but we haven't been able to give her the playing time. With losing Laura (Coenen, 25.3 ppg.) we will have to be more balanced next year. I'd like to have eight solid players with the starting people going 14, 14, 12, 11, eight points and get 20 to 25 points off the bench with those three people," says Hanson.

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SCHAD KEY RESERVE -2-2-2-

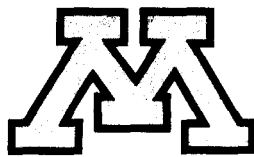
For next year, Hanson says it will be "tough" for the Gophers to stay third in the conference, but she sees the season as a challenge to the returning players. "We are losing our main point scorer, but we have good people left and maybe they will decide to see if they can do better than this year's team. I'm real upbeat about next season -- I was pleased with this year and everyone finished with an upbeat attitude."

As a freshman, Schad played a reserve role starting three games late in the year when Laura Coenen was injured. Last year, her chances of earning a starting position were hampered by two ankle injuries during the year.

At Milbank High School Schad was a first-team high school Converse All-American, an all-state pick, and a South Dakota Miss Basketball finalist as a senior. She was captain and MVP of both the basketball and track teams.

A physical therapy major, she is the daughter of Wayne and Patricia Schad of 607 South Fifth Street in Milbank.

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(PIRAM NAMED "MOST INSPIRATIONAL" FOR GOPHER HOOPS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Gopher 6-0 freshman Susie Piram of St. Paul was named the "Most Inspirational Player" at the annual Lady Gopher awards banquet following the conclusion of the 1984-85 season. Piram, a former prep standout at Derham Hall High School, always encouraged her teammates and was a hard-worker according to Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson.

"Susie was an inspiration all of the time. She played hard, worked hard in practice and was always encouraging everyone from the bench...she never gave up hope and continued to work despite little playing time," said Hanson.

Piram appeared in 13 of the Gophers 28 games averaging 5.4 minutes and 1.5 rebounds. In the Big Ten season, she averaged 1.2 points and 1.2 boards. Ironically, her greatest playing time in a game was in the season opener at Wayland Baptist when she played 20 minutes and grabbed five rebounds. But her season high points of six came in just five minutes against Michigan on 2-2 field goal and 2-2 free throw shooting.

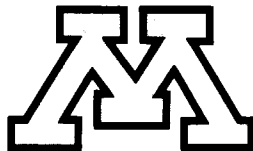
One reason for her limited playing time was the strength of the Gophers front-line. Piram practiced against centers Molly Tadich and Diane Kinney, and as a forward was behind veterans Laura Coenen, Carol Peterka, and Gretchen Schad. With spring practice commencing in May, Hanson plans to work with Piram on some fundamentals.

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"The critical thing for Susie is to get that shot down and we will work on that in spring practice. She improved a lot on her defensive play this year," Hanson said. The Gophers concluded the season at third in the Big Ten behind an 18-10 overall and 13-5 conference mark.

At Derham Hall High School, Piram led her team to a 24-1 record and Class AA consolation championship in 1984 and was an all-state pick by the coaches' poll, St. Paul Dispatch and WCCO (channel 4). She also received MVP and the Derham Hall Student-Athlete Award, and was a varsity softball and volleyball player as well.

Piram is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Piram of 631 So. Hamline Ave. in St. Paul.



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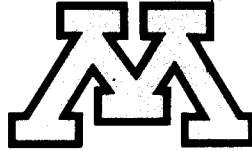
(NOWAK ENDS YEAR AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-7 freshman guard Mary Jo Nowak of Cudahy, Wis. completed her first season on the Gopher basketball squad. Although Nowak did not see much playing time, appearing in just six games, she was a very positive individual, according to Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson.

"Mary Jo was a very, very strong team player. She always encouraged other people and was very coachable," says Hanson. Nowak was hindered mid-year by a nerve problem in her foot, which unfortunately coincided with a time during the season when she might have gained additional playing time.

The Gophers ended the year with an 18-10 overall record and 13-5 Big Ten mark good for third place. Spring practice which focuses on conditioning and individual fundamentals will commence in May.

At Cudahy High School Nowak averaged 16.0 points per game and was an honorable mention all-stater as a senior. She was selected all-conference four times and was MVP and captain twice. Nowak plans to major in business.



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(TADICH NAMED TO SECOND ALL-BIG TEN TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The accomplishments of University of Minnesota 6-3 sophomore center **Molly Tadich**, formerly of Bloomington/Jefferson have often been in the shadow of Gopher career scoring leader Laura Coenen. Take the Gophers final home weekend, for example. Tadich scored a career high 32 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as Minnesota defeated Purdue 97-83, but Coenen scored 35 points and broke the men's and women's school scoring record, while also surpassing 2,000 career points.

As a member of the Gophers strong front-line, Tadich has quietly muscled her way inside the paint and earned the respect of Big Ten opponents. This year her efforts were recognized by the Big Ten coaches who selected her to the second All-Big Ten team, and the stats tell why. Tadich led the league in blocked shots with a 2.5 average, was second in rebounding (10.9), sixth in scoring (17.1 ppg) and was ranked fifth in free throw percentage and sixth in field goal percentage. In addition, she had a Big Ten single game high of six blocked shots in the Gophers win at Indiana.

Tadich had proven herself as a top rebounder after her freshman year when she led the Gophers with a 10.7 average, but this year, she also became a scoring threat improving her average from 11.2 ppg to 15.6 ppg overall. "Molly worked hard on improving her offense," says Gopher Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "She has always been a good defensive player. Molly is competitive - she wants to win and hates to lose."

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TADICH ALL-BIG TEN -2-2-2-

Tadich led the Gophers this season in the following categories: minutes played (37.0), field goal percentage (.528), and blocked shots (2.1). She was second in free throw percentage (.765), points (15.6), and rebounds (10.7) while averaging 2.0 assists and 1.4 steals. In addition, Tadich averaged the fewest turnovers per minutes played of any of the Gophers.

This year, she scored in double figures in 21 of 27 games and rebounded in double figures in 16 contests. Tadich bettered her career high three times this year, scoring 26 points at Illinois in the Gophers season opening Big Ten win, and pumping in 31 points and adding eleven boards in a home victory over Michigan State.

Early in the year, Tadich iced a win over Texas San-Antonio at the Wayland Baptist Queens Classic by hitting both ends of a one-and-one with :12 remaining after scoring 22 points and grabbing 13 boards. She was named to the All-Tournament team at the Montana Lady Griz Classic with double figure scoring and rebounding performances in two games.

Tadich reached the 500 career rebounding mark at Michigan State and with 577 caroms is eighth on the Gophers career rebounding list. For her two seasons, she has scored 726 points (13.4 ppg), and has a 10.7 rebounding average and .744 free throw percentage.

With the loss of Coenen, Coach Hanson plans to utilize Tadich at forward and center next year, with 6-4 sophomore (to be) Diane Kinney at the center position part-time. "Molly's role is going to change with Diane's improvement," says Hanson. "We are going to work on Molly's confidence in moves facing the basket. I'd like to see her be able to play a power forward position."

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TADICH ALL-BIG TEN -3-3-3-

There is no question that Tadich will be a stalwart for the Gophers next year. Minnesota placed third in the league this year with a 13-5 conference record and 18-10 overall mark, but the Gophers will have to make up 25 points per game that Coenen provided.

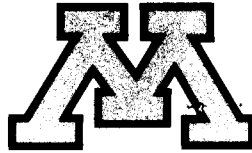
"We will have to be more balanced next year with eight solid players," says Hanson. "It will be tough for us to stay third, but I see it as kind of a challenge to the returning players. We have good people left, and maybe they will decide to see if they can do as well or better than last year's team."

Spring practice which concentrates on conditioning and fundamentals work will commence in May. Tadich will be attending tryouts April 12-14 for the North National Sports Festival team. The Sports Festival will be held in Baton Rouge, La. July 23-August 2. Tadich was a member of the North team following her senior season at Bloomington Jefferson High School.

In high school, Tadich was a three-time all-state and four-time all-conference pick. She was MVP her junior year at Lincoln High School and her senior year at Jefferson.

Although she has not decided upon a major, Tadich was named to the Big Ten all-academic basketball team this year as well for her 3.24 g.p.a. She is the daughter of Donald and Mary Tadich of 9133 Toledo Rd. South in Bloomington.

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(PHILLIPS IMPROVES FOR 'U' BASKETBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-10 sophomore guard Cindy Phillips of E. Lansing, Mich. was a key ingredient in the Gophers 18-10 overall season and 13-5 Big Ten record. Phillips appeared in 19 of the Gophers 28 games, starting 13 at the point guard position.

While she averaged just 4.0 points during the Big Ten season and 1.6 assists, Phillips was sixth on the team in minutes played with an 18.6 conference average. But what the statistics do not show is Phillips speed and ability to run the Gophers on a fast-break offense.

"Cindy came through in some critical games this year," says Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "Like the game at Michigan State when she got the team running again. She had spurts of improvement this year and the main thing she needs to improve upon is in getting her game completely under control."

Phillips started the first game of the season at Wayland Baptist, and then for two six game stretches during the remainder of the year. She had season best performances of nine points coming off the bench in a win over Colorado and ten points (second highest of career) in a home win over Wisconsin converting 2-4 in field goals and 6-6 in free throws. For the season Phillips shot .727 from the charity stripe (16-22).

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PHILLIPS CONTRIBUTES -2-2-2-

Phillips doubled her starting games from six as a freshman to 13 this year. She split time at the point guard position with freshman Debbie Hilmerson and junior Lisa Hoelscher who anchored a starting spot at either point or off-guard. For the future, Hanson would like to see continued improvement in control, as Phillips led all of the guards with a 2.9 turnover average.

"Cindy has improved on her control a lot from last year to this year and we need her to continue to take advantage of her strength which is her quickness, and force a defensive player to take her and then convert with a shot or a pass to a person that is open. She needs to play under control, and with her teammates," Hanson says.

At Everett High School Phillips averaged 10 points and six rebounds per game her senior year, as Everett placed third in the Michigan State Championship. She was captain, MVP, all-area and honorable mention all-state.

A pre-law major with a minor in business, she is the daughter of Woodrow and Sadie Phillips 740 Durant in E. Lansing.

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(BRECKENRIDGE'S DENISE FREESE FINISHES GOPHER CAREER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- When University of Minnesota 5-10 senior guard/forward Denise Freese was given an opportunity to start in her last game as a Gopher she made the most of it. Freese was a factor in the Gophers final home season victory over Illinois, 74-67, with a season and career best nine points and five rebounds in just 20 minutes of playing time.

For the Breckenridge native, it was a chance to go out in style. She had started seven of the first eight games early in the year, but then had seen action in just nine of the remaining 20 games. For the season, Freese averaged 9.7 minutes of playing time and 2.0 points per game.

Ironically, Freese's nine points tied her career high set in 1984 against Northwestern when she came off the bench at a small forward position when the Gopher starters were in foul trouble. It was a new position for Freese, who had been utilized at the point and shooting guard positions up to that point. But Freese ended up starting the last four games of her junior year at small forward.

It seems that fortune twisted the best laid plans for Freese's Gopher career. When she entered the program, Freese was an honorable mention All-American in basketball and an all-stater in basketball and volleyball. After her freshman year of college, she made it to the final round in tryouts of the National Sports Festival basketball team. She planned on becoming a starting guard within a few years.

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FREESE FINISHES CAREER -2-2-2-

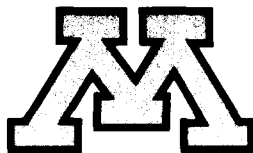
But as a sophomore, just as Freese was ready to crack the starting lineup, a combination of illness and a broken finger slowed her development and by mid-way through her junior year, Freese was still struggling to become a starting guard. Then came the shift to small forward which placed her behind Laura Coenen, Carol Peterka, and Molly Tadich this year when freshman Diane Kinney was utilized at the center spot.

According to Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson, Freese has been a dependable team player. "Denise has always been a very strong team player, and she's been willing to play at either a guard or a forward position depending on what the team needed, and that versatility has been a real credit to her as an athlete and also as a team player.

"Throughout her career there were different points in time where we could put Denise in either as a forward or a guard and she fulfilled the role we needed to have done," says Hanson.

Freese does not regret her Gopher career. "I made a lot of friends and learned a lot from basketball," she says. "I'd like to be remembered as someone who played with a lot of desire, who tried hard, and played with a good attitude."

A business administration major with a minor in computer science, Freese plans to complete her degree in summer school. She is the daughter of Francis and Louella Freese of rural Kent, Minn.



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(HOELSCHER NAMED MOST IMPROVED/SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-8 junior guard Lisa Hoelscher of Elmhurst, Ill. was named the team's Most Improved Player and was awarded the FastBreak Club's Sportsmanship Award at the basketball banquet recently.

Hoelscher had a stellar junior year, earning a starting role at guard in 24 of 28 games, and had started 22 straight at season's end.

"Lisa was a pleasant surprise this year," said Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "She became one of the players that you had to have on the floor. She could score and be a player that carried some weight, and she had some big baskets in games. Another thing Lisa has always done is play great defense."

After playing as a reserve as a freshman, and splitting time with two other guards last year (starting in six games), Hoelscher was second on this year's team in minutes played in the Big Ten season (35.9). She averaged 6.7 points in the Big Ten and 6.0 overall, well above her 3.9 career average. Hoelscher also averaged 3.1 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.1 steals, and shot .730 from the free throw line.

Although she had only scored in double figures once prior to this year, Hoelscher scored in double figures in six games this season. Her career high of 16 points came in a home victory over Indiana behind 7-11 field goal and 2-2 free throw shooting. Hoelscher also had 14 points against San Diego State, 12 points at Wisconsin, and 10 points against Northwestern, Michigan, and Indiana on the road.

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HOESLCHER MOST IMPROVED -2-2-2-

Other career bests for Hoelscher were eight rebounds in a home win over Nebraska, four steals at Ohio State and six assists in games against Purdue, Montana, and Nebraska. A big factor in Hoelscher's improvement was her gained confidence.

"Lisa became confident to take the ball down the court or score," said Hanson. "Next year, with a lot of playing time again this summer, she is going to come back ready to tear-up. I look for her to be a leader and turn into a very complete basketball player."

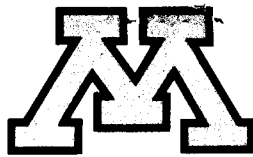
Spring practice, commencing in May, will emphasize individual fundamentals and conditioning. Hanson views next year's team, with the loss of All-American candidate and leading scorer Laura Coenen (25.3 points per game), as a more balanced squad.

"We are losing our main scorer, but we have good people left. We will have to have eight solid players and I'd like them to go 14, 14, 12, 11, eight points and then get 20 to 25 points off the bench from those three people," Hanson said.

She acknowledges that it will be "tough" for the team to equal their third place Big Ten finish (13-5 conference, 18-10 overall) next year. "I think it is a challenge to the returning players to see if they can do better than this year's team. I'm real upbeat about next season -- I was pleased with this year, and everyone finished with an upbeat attitude."

At York Community High School, Hoelscher was an honorable mention Converse All-American and led York to a 26-2 record her senior season. A history major, she is the daughter of Jerry and Joanna Hoelscher of 240 Highview in Elmhurst.

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(KINNEY GOPHERS "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR")

Minneapolis, Minn. --University of Minnesota 6-4 freshman center Diane Kinney of Burnsville, Minn. was named the Gophers "Rookie of the Year" at the annual awards banquet recently. Kinney's play in her first season was a "strong contributing factor" in the Gophers 18-10 overall and 13-5 third place Big Ten finish, according to Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson.

"Diane gave us versatility to go with a big lineup and make that a factor for other teams to play against on offense," said Hanson. "She certainly has improved on defense and offensively she is playing harder and stronger - with more intensity."

Kinney appeared in 24 of the Gophers 28 games, starting four and averaging 12.6 minutes overall and 14.5 minutes in the Big Ten games. Her first start came early in the year, at the Gophers Dial Classic against nationally ranked Northeast Louisiana. Kinney played 19 minutes scoring six points and grabbing five rebounds. At a tournament in Montana, Kinney came off the bench again and scored eight points in 16 minutes, and after being a regular sixth player earned a starting role for three consecutive conference games.

Her first Big Ten start was against Michigan, and Kinney grabbed a season best 10 rebounds in 15 minutes, and on Sunday she started against Michigan State and scored five points. The following Friday at Wisconsin Kinney started and played 37 minutes (her most on the year) scoring nine points, grabbing nine rebounds and blocking a season best four shots as the Gophers won 59-58.

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KINNEY ROOKIE OF YEAR -2-2-2-

But besides handling a starting role, Kinney proved she could be a game winner off the bench in the Gophers home 69-65 victory over Indiana. She came in when starter Molly Tadich fouled out with 2:26 to go and built a Gopher lead from just two points 63-61 to six points by hitting a basket off a rebound and sinking both ends of a 1 & 1.

The next Friday, she started against Iowa and in 32 minutes had eight boards, six points and two blocks. Again, Kinney contributed to a Gopher rally by scoring at one end, blocking an Iowa shot, and converting a second field goal to cut Iowa's lead from nine points to five, but the Hawkeye's prevailed 66-58.

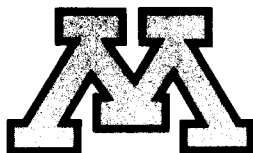
For the season, Kinney was fourth on the team in rebounding, averaging 4.0 during the Big Ten season. She also averaged 3.3 points, and with 14 blocks had a .9 average in conference play.

With spring practice starting in May, Coach Hanson plans to work with players on fundamentals and conditioning, but she sees a bright future for Kinney. "With work on her strength and assertive offensive moves Diane is going to fill a major role in our program. All she needs is strength, assertiveness and confidence in her own ability," Hanson said.

At Burnsville High School Kinney was a key factor in the Braves 24-2 record and runner-up spot in the 1984 state tourney. She was a three-time all-conference pick in the Lake South and was prep athlete of the week her senior season by WTCN (channel 11) and the Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

Interested in majoring in business, Kinney is the daughter of Lionel and Patricia Kinney of 13508 Knob Hill Road in Burnsville.

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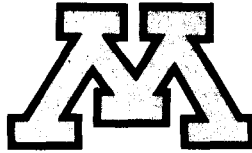
(HUFFORD ENDS FIRST SEASON AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Gopher freshman 5-10 guard Beth Hufford of Mt. Vernon, Iowa recently ended her first season on the University of Minnesota basketball team. The Gophers finished third in the Big Ten with a 13-5 mark and were 18-10 overall.

Hufford saw limited playing time appearing in eleven of the Gophers 28 games and averaging 4.9 minutes. She scored four points in two games -- the season opener at Wayland Baptist in ten minutes of playing time, and in a tournament against Colorado in just four minutes. She also had one starting opportunity, against nationally ranked Northeast Louisiana, and played sixteen minutes but was 0-3 in field goal attempts.

The Gophers will commence spring practice drilling on fundamentals in May. At Mt. Vernon High School Hufford was a Carnation prep and academic All-American in 1984 as a first team all-state and all-tournament pick. She averaged 38.4 points and led her team to the state tourney in 1983 and 1984.

A pre-business major, Hufford is the daughter of Ann and Harold Hufford of Lisbon Road in Mt. Vernon.



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January 15, 1985

(COENEN BETTER THAN EVER FOR GOPHER BASKETBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota basketball senior Laura Coenen of Neenah, Wis. is back for her final season and is playing better than ever. The 6-1 forward has stabilized to medication for a hyperactive thyroid condition which limited her play her junior season, after a stellar sophomore year.

So far this year Coenen has led the Gophers, who face Wisconsin in Madison Jan 27 at 7:30 p.m., in nine of their 13 games in both scoring and rebounding. She was ranked fourth in the nation in scoring and 13th in rebounding as of Dec. 9, and currently sports a 24.5 ppg. average and 13.5 rebounding mark.

Her top performances to date in the 1984-85 season include a new school scoring record of 42 points in the Gophers Dial Classic against Nebraska. That mark tied the Minnesota men's record, and broke her 41 point total set at Wisconsin Feb. 18, 1983. She has scored 30 points in the Big Ten opener at Illinois and at Montana, and also pumped in 31 points against Colorado.

But it is in rebounding that Coenen is really better than ever. She has tied her career high of 21 rebounds twice this year -- against Drake, and at Illinois (setting a new Assembly Hall record). And she also grabbed 20 caroms while scoring 27 points against top ten ranked San Diego State.

As a sophomore in 1982-83, Coenen was on her way to becoming the most successful Minnesota player ever: she was named the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player and was a Kodak All-American Region 4 pick. She shattered eight Minnesota school records and was ranked eighth in the nation in scoring average (24.2 ppg.- the second highest sophomore in scoring).

But in the middle of her junior year, Coenen learned she was suffering from a hyperactive thyroid. The condition had caused a tremendous loss of strength and the treatments had temporary negative side effects. In light of her illness, observers realized that Coenen's statistics were more impressive than ever: after 20 games she led Minnesota with 14.4 ppg and was second in rebounding with a 7.0 average. However, with her weakened condition, Coenen contracted bronchitis and was forced to sit out the final four season games. Still, she was the Gophers second leading scorer with 13.6 ppg and also averaged 6.5 rebounds.

With her play back in top form, Coenen still has a shot at becoming Minnesota's all-time scoring leader. She currently has 1,655 career points, behind Linda Roberts (1977-81) 1,856, but because of her illness will probably be shy of the 2,000 point mark. She is also second in rebounding with 864, but surpassed Roberts as the career field goals made leader in the opening Big Ten weekend.

This year, Coach Ellen Mosher Hanson sees Coenen as more of a leader. "She has been around and is experienced," says the coach. "She has been very consistent this season, and she is versatile. We will be moving her outside of the basket more now so that team's won't be able to sag in on her."

The Gophers are currently 2-1 in the Big Ten and 7-6 overall prior to hosting Michigan Jan. 18 and Michigan State Jan. 20.

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LAURA COENEN CAREER HONORS

- 1985 Lady Griz All-Tournament Team (at Montana)
- 1985 Dial Classic All-Tournament Team (at Minnesota)
- 1985 Pre-Season First Team All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1985 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1985 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Women's Basketball Yearbook)
- 1984 March of Dimes Minnesota Collegiate Athlete of the Year (Team's Sport)
- 1984 Pre-Season High Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1984 Pre-Season Big Ten Player to Watch (Coaches' Picks by Mel Greenberg)
- 1984 Pre-Season First Team College All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Kodak All-American Region 4 Team
- 1983 Big Ten Most Valuable Player, All-Big Ten
- 1983 Nominee, Player of the Year (Women's Varsity Sports Magazine)
- 1983 Honorable Mention All-American First Team Great Lakes Region (Fast Break Magazine, AWSF)
- 1983 Third Team All-American National Sports Writers' Women's Basketball
- 1983 First Team All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Big Ten Conference Player of the Year (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Big Ten Player of the Week
- 1983 Dial Classic MVP and All-Tournament Team (at Minnesota)
- 1983 Dial Christmas and New Year's Classic All-Tournament Team (at Miami)
- 1983 Minnesota's Co-MVP and Co-recipient of Minnesota Gopher Award
- 1983 Pre-Season Big Ten Player to Watch (Coaches' Picks by Mel Greenberg)
- 1983 Pre-Season First Team College All-American (Women's Basketball News Service)
- 1983 Pre-Season Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith)
- 1982 College All-Freshman First Team
- 1982 Honorable Mention All-American Team
- 1982 AIAW Region 6 MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 AIAW Kodak All-Region 6 Team
- 1982 Dial Classic MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 Northern Lights Invitational MVP and All-Tournament Team
- 1982 Minnesota's Gopher Award

MINNESOTA SCHOOL RECORDS

(thru 13 games 1984-85)

- CAREER** Points -- 1,655 (2nd, should move to 1st this year)
- Rebounds - 864 (2nd, behind Linda Roberts 864)
- Field Goals Made - 690 First
- Field Goals Attp. - 1,366 (2nd, should move to 1st this year)
- Free Throws Made - 275 (2nd, behind Linda Roberts 496)
- Free Throws Attp. - 399 (2nd, behind Linda Roberts 673)

SEASON Most Points -- 581 (1982-83) SINGLE GAME

- Highest Scoring Avg. - 24.2 (82-83) Most Points -- 42 (84-85)
- Field Goals Made - 251 (82-83) Most Field Goals Made - 17 (82-83)
- Field Goals Attp. - 457 (82-83) Most Field Goals Attp. - 26 (82-83)

CAREER TOTALS LAURA COENEN (thru 13 games 1984-85)

YEAR	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	TOT							
								REB	AVG	PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
1981-82	28/ 24	189/ 385	.491	78/ 110	.709	456	16.3	327	11.7	109/10	63	120	39	89	893
1982-83	24/ 24	251/ 457	.549	79/ 120	.658	581	24.2	218	9.1	92/ 7	59	111	22	93	793
1983-84	22/ 21	127/ 269	.472	45/ 69	.652	299	13.6	143	6.5	72/ 2	45	115	17	40	627
1984-85	13/ 13	123/ 255	.482	73/ 100	.730	319	24.5	176	13.5	51/ 3	39	64	14	25	489
Total	87/ 82	690/1366	.505	275/ 399	.689	1655	19.0	864	9.9	324/22	206	410	92	248	2801

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GAME BY GAME BASKETBALL STATISTICS--Individual Performances (Points/Rebounds) - 1/14/85

Record: 7-6

DATE	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	COEN	FREE	HILM	HOEL	HUFF	KINN	NOW	PETER	PIRAM	PHIL	SCHAD	TAD
11/22	L	ϕvs. Wayland Bapt.	52-59	*16- 7	* 2- 2	DNP	0-2	4-1	0-3	DNP	*18- 9	2-5	*2-0	DNP	* 8-12
11/22	W	ϕvs. UT-San Ant.	60-57	*21-16	* 3- 1	0-0	2-2	DNP	2-1	DNP	*10- 4	DNP	DNP	DNP	*22-13
11/22	L	ϕvs. Fla. A&M	57-66	*24-16	* 4- 1	4-0	*2-2	0-0	1-2	DNP	*12- 8	DNP	0-0	DNP	*10- 8
11/30	W	#vs. Nebraska	90-79	*42-12	* 4- 3	4-3	*6-8	DNP	DNP	DNP	*28-10	0-3	0-0	DNP	* 6- 6
12/1	L	#vs. NE Louisiana	66-82	*18-10	0- 0	DNP	0-0	*0-1	*6-5	DNP	*24- 9	1-1	4-1	4-4	* 9-14
12/9	W	vs. DRAKE	68-58	*22-21	* 0- 0	6-4	2-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	*26- 9	0-0	DNP	0-0	*12- 6
12/14	W	\$vs. Colorado	84-61	*31- 7	* 2- 0	3-0	*6-0	4-0	2-2	1-1	* 6- 5	0-1	9-3	2-0	*18-10
12/16	L	\$at Montana	71-83	*30-15	* 2- 0	2-0	*9-2	0-0	8-3	DNP	* 4- 7	DNP	DNP	DNP	*16-13
12/27	L	at San Diego St.	66-82	*27-20	DNP	2-1	*14-5	DNP	0-0	DNP	* 9- 6	0-1	*3-3	DNP	*11-12
12/31	W	@vs. UT-San Anton.	86-72	*25-14	2- 1	2-1	*8-3	0-0	6-3	2-0	* 5- 4	1-1	*4-2	13-4	*18- 9
1/4	W	at Illinois	77-61	*30-21	DNP	0-0	*2-7	DNP	DNP	DNP	*16- 6	DNP	*3-3	0-2	*26- 9
1/6	W	at Purdue	69-64	*20- 8	DNP	0-3	*8-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	*19- 4	DNP	*4-3	4-3	*14-11
1/11	L	at Iowa	38-60	*13- 9	0- 1	0-0	*5-2	0-1	6-5	0-0	* 8- 5	0-1	*2-1	0-0	* 4- 5
1/18		vs. MICHIGAN													
1/20		vs. MICHIGAN ST.													
1/25		at Wisconsin													
1/27		at Northwestern													
2/1		vs. OHIO STATE													
2/3		vs. INDIANA													
2/8		vs. IOWA													
2/15		at Michigan St.													
2/17		at Michigan													
2/22		vs. NORTHWESTERN													
2/24		vs. WISCONSIN													
3/1		at Indiana													
3/3		at Ohio State													
3/7		vs. PURDUE													
3/9		vs. ILLINOIS													

HOME GAMES IN CAPS AT WILLIAMS ARENA

- *Indicates starters
- ϕPlainview Queens Classic, 6th Place
- #Dial Classic
- \$Lady Griz Classic (Montana)
- @Played at San Diego State

CUMULATIVE
Basketball Statistics — University of Minnesota 1984-85
(Includes 13 Games)

Overall Record: 7-6 Big Ten: 2-1 Home: 2-1 Away: 2-4 Neutral: 3-1

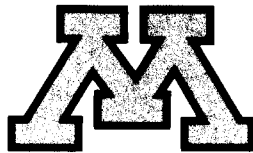
PLAYER	G/ GS	FG/ FGA	FG%	FT/ FTA	FT%	PTS	AVG	TOT		PF/ D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
								REB	AVG						
Laura Coenen	13/ 13	123/ 255	.482	73/ 100	.730	319	24.5	176	13.5	51/ 3	39	64	14	26	488
Carol Peterka	13/ 13	81/ 197	.411	23/ 39	.590	185	14.2	86	6.6	45/ 3	32	72	3	27	415
Molly Tadich	13/ 13	69/ 140	.493	36/ 42	.857	174	13.4	128	9.9	42/ 1	29	38	20	23	487
Lisa Hoelscher	13/ 11	26/ 67	.388	12/ 19	.632	64	4.9	42	3.2	20/ 0	36	37	4	12	423
Gretchen Schad	7/ 0	10/ 17	.588	3/ 4	.750	23	3.3	13	1.9	5/ 0	2	5	0	2	70
Cindy Phillips	10/ 6	12/ 43	.279	7/ 12	.583	31	3.1	16	1.6	29/ 2	17	29	1	3	194
Diane Kinney	10/ 1	13/ 31	.419	5/ 9	.556	31	3.1	25	2.5	11/ 0	0	4	1	2	98
Debbie Hilmerson	11/ 0	9/ 26	.346	5/ 9	.556	23	2.1	16	1.5	17/ 0	16	25	2	5	207
Denise Freese	10/ 7	7/ 21	.333	5/ 8	.625	19	1.9	9	.9	4/ 0	4	15	0	2	108
Beth Hufford	8/ 1	3/ 13	.231	2/ 2	1.000	8	1.0	3	.4	1/ 0	0	11	0	2	50
Mary Jo Nowak	4/ 0	0/ 0	.000	3/ 6	.500	3	.8	2	.5	0/ 0	1	0	0	0	7
Susie Piram	8/ 0	0/ 4	.000	4/ 9	.445	4	.5	13	1.6	2/ 0	0	3	2	0	53
Team Rebounds								44							
Minnesota	13/ 13	353/ 814	.434	178/ 259	.687	884	68.0	573	44.1	227/ 9	176	303	47	104	—
Team Rebounds								51							
Opponent Totals	13/ 13	368/ 871	.423	148/ 230	.644	884	68.0	494	38.0	249/11	143	250	26	146	—

PER-GAME AVERAGES

PLAYER	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PTS	REB	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Laura Coenen	9.5	19.6	5.6	7.7	24.5	13.5	3.0	4.9	1.1	2.0	37.5
Carol Peterka	6.2	15.2	1.8	3.0	14.2	6.6	2.5	5.5	.2	2.1	31.9
Molly Tadich	5.3	10.8	2.8	3.2	13.4	9.9	2.2	2.9	1.5	1.8	37.5
Lisa Hoelscher	2.0	5.2	.9	1.5	4.9	3.2	2.8	2.9	.3	.9	32.5
Gretchen Schad	1.4	2.4	.4	.6	3.3	1.9	.3	.7	.0	.3	10.0
Cindy Phillips	1.2	4.3	.7	1.2	3.1	1.6	1.7	2.9	.1	.3	19.4
Diane Kinney	1.3	3.1	.5	.9	3.1	2.5	.0	.4	.1	.2	9.8
Debbie Hilmerson	.8	2.4	.5	.8	2.1	1.5	1.5	2.3	.2	.5	18.8
Denise Freese	.7	2.1	.5	.8	1.9	.9	.4	1.5	.0	.2	10.8
Beth Hufford	.4	1.6	.3	.3	1.0	.4	.0	1.4	.0	.3	6.3
Mary Jo Nowak	.0	.0	.8	1.5	.8	.5	.3	.0	.0	.0	1.8
Susie Piram	.0	.5	.5	1.1	.5	1.6	.0	.4	.3	.0	6.6
Minnesota	27.2	62.6	13.7	19.9	68.0	44.1	13.5	23.3	3.6	8.0	—
Opponent Totals	28.3	67.0	11.4	17.7	68.0	38.0	11.0	19.2	2.0	11.2	—

SCORE BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	OT	TOTAL	DEADBALL REBOUNDS
Minnesota	419	465	0	0	884	21
Opponent Totals	382	502	0	0	884	39

OVERALL TEAM RECORD	7- 6	CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE	9244	TOTAL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	711
Big Ten	2- 1	HOME	2335	HOME AVERAGE	778
Dial Classic	1- 1	AWAY	6909	AWAY AVERAGE	691
Plainview Queens Classic	1- 2				
Lady Griz Classic	1- 1				



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(FOR USE AS DESIRED)

January 15, 1985

HOELSCHER BECOMES A PERMANENT FIXTURE IN GOPHERS' STARTING LINEUP

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Lisa Hoelscher, a junior from Elmhurst, Ill., has emerged this season as a dependable starting guard for the Gopher basketball team after spending most of her first two years as a substitute. She has started 11 of 13 games at the off-guard position, complementing the Gophers' high-scoring front court by playing solid defense and by making few of the ball-handling mistakes that troubled the Minnesota guards a year ago.

Hoelscher is averaging 36 minutes per game -- by far the most playing time of any of the guards. Yet she has made far fewer turnovers per minute played than anyone else in the backcourt, averaging less than three a game.

Hoelscher's offensive contribution cannot be underestimated either. Her season's scoring average -- 4.9 points -- is somewhat deceiving: Since she moved into the starting lineup for good in mid-December, Hoelscher has been scoring nearly eight points per game, including a career-high 14 points against top twenty ranked San Diego State.

"Lisa has anchored down one guard spot," said Minnesota coach Ellen Mosher Hanson. "Lisa's been wanting to shoot the ball a lot more than she did at the beginning of the year, and she is shooting well."

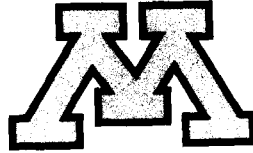
Hoelscher's struggle to win a role as a starter has required patience. After coming to Minnesota as a honorable mention All-American at York Community High School in suburban Chicago, Hoelscher watched most of the action from the bench as a freshman, although she appeared in 23 games with limited playing time. Last year she average 19.4 minutes and started six games, but it wasn't until she played in a Chicago summer league in 1984 that Hoelscher developed significantly on the court.

"There were only eight players on the team and I was the only guard -- a kind of do-everything guard," Hoelscher says of her experience with the Head First team in Chicago last summer. "We played twice a week and I often played 40 minutes a game. Playing that much helped a lot."

Hanson agrees. "Lisa really came on at the end of last season," the coach said, "and we really felt that if she had a good summer she could fit in (to the starting lineup) this year and do a good job ."

Hoelscher led York High to a 26-4 record her senior season in 1982, averaging 24 points, 3.5 steals, 5 rebounds and 2 assists per game. She lettered in cross country and track in addition to basketball at York.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Joanna Hoelscher of 240 Highview in Elmhurst.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Gopher Sports News

(for general release)

January 3, 1985

MT. VERNON TURNS OUT TO SEE "BOOTS" HUFFORD RETURN TO IOWA

Minneapolis, Minn. -- "Homecoming" is a term most often associated with football. But for Iowa native Beth "Boots" Hufford, freshman guard on the Minnesota women's basketball team, Friday, Jan. 11 figures to be nothing short of a homecoming when the Gophers invade Carver-Hawkeye Arena to meet Iowa at 7:30 p.m.

It will be the first collegiate game in Iowa for Hufford, who was named a Carnation prep and academic All-American in 1984 as a senior at Mt. Vernon High. The hoopla surrounding her return is reminiscent of a homecoming event: Mt. Vernon High has rescheduled its boys and girls basketball games from Jan. 11 to the following night so that local fans can watch the Minnesota-Iowa contest. And the Copper Dollar Bar, an Iowa City tavern, has even printed T-shirts for sale in Hufford's honor to mark her return.

Beth is the youngest of seven Hufford children who played sports at Mt. Vernon High. All four brothers and two sisters attended the University of Iowa, where her brothers Joe, Mike and Paul played Hawkeye football. Joe, a 1978 graduate, played nose guard; Mike, a 1984 graduate, started at tight end; and, Paul, a senior, was an all-Big ten defensive tackle.

Despite her stellar prep career, Hufford was not recruited by Iowa. Instead, she accepted Minnesota coach Ellen Mosher Hanson's scholarship offer to play basketball across the state border. The fact Iowa did not recruit Hufford has left a bitter taste in the mouths of many Hawkeye fans, especially around Mt. Vernon.

"We're expecting a pretty good contingency of former Hawkeye fans to cheer on Minnesota," joked Tom Mattson, Mt. Vernon High's principal and athletic director.

Hufford has started one game at guard for the Gophers -- against fifth-ranked Northeast Louisiana. She has seen limited action this season, scoring a season-high four points in two different games.

Hufford averaged 38.4 points and four rebounds per game as a senior at Mt. Vernon, shooting 63.9% from the floor and 79.3% from the free throw line. She led Mt. Vernon to the state tourney in 1983 and 1984, and was named to the first-team all-tournament and all-state squads in 1984. Hufford, who was an all-state volleyball player in 1981, was a three-time all-conference pick and two-time all-Eastern Iowa selection in basketball. She also played on state champion AAU basketball teams during the summers of 1983 and 1984.

She is the daughter of Harold and Ann Hufford of Lisbon Road, Mount Vernon, IA.