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GYMNAST VANDERSALL TO BE HONORED DURING HOMETOWN DAY

University of Minnesota gymnast Kristen Vandersall, along with her hometown of Plymouth and Armstrong High School, will be honored Saturday, February 12 at the Minnesota Invitational gymnastics meet that is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. A special ceremony honoring Vandersall will begin at 6:50 p.m.

Special Hometown Day tickets will be available at Armstrong High School. For more information, call (612) 546-3266.

Vandersall, the daughter of Bruce and Diane Vandersall, competed for Armstrong High School as a senior -- earning all-conference, all-state and all-American honors. She competed at Level 10 in USGF gymnastics in 1991 and 1992, qualifying for the 1992 nationals as a member of Region IV "A" team.

At the 1992 region USGF meet, Vandersall finished third in the vault, fifth in the floor, seventh in the bars, eighth in the beam and fourth in the all-around. Vandersall earned the trip to the regional meet by winning state in the vault, finishing second in the floor exercise and all-around.

As a Gopher, Vandersall has competed in Minnesota's three meets, recording a high score of 9.250 on the vault, 9.425 on the uneven bars and 9.450 on the floor exercise. Vandersall's score on the uneven bars ties for the season high on the Gopher team.

Vandersall is one of 11 Minnesota women student-athletes being honored this year as part of the fifth-annual WCCO News/Talk 8•3•0 "Hometown Day" Campaign. For more information on Hometown Days, call (612)-624-0800.



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February 3, 1994

MINNESOTA TRAVELS TO AMES, IOWA TO TUMBLE WITH IOWA STATE --
The Minnesota Golden Gophers took to the road for the second time this season, when the team traveled to Ames, Iowa to face the Cyclones of Iowa State on Saturday, February 5. The next home meet for the Gophers will be Saturday, Feb. 12 when Minnesota hosts Iowa and Michigan State for the Minnesota Invitational. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion adjacent to Williams Arena.

GOPHERS HOPING TO TOP RECORD-BREAKING YEAR -- Second-year head coach Jim Stephenson is looking for Minnesota to qualify for the NCAA Central Region Championship for the first time since 1990. Last year Minnesota set school records in six of 10 statistical categories and tied the school mark in another.

New season marks were established in overall scoring average (186.21), balance beam average (46.50), and floor exercise average (47.46). New meet highs were set in team scoring (190.35), balance beam scoring (47.95) and floor exercise scoring (48.15). The Gophers tied the team meet record in uneven bars scoring (48.00).

LINEUP FEATURES FOUR ROOKIES -- Sophomore **SUSAN CASTNER** (WORTHINGTON, OH/THOMAS WORTHINGTON), who qualified for the NCAA Central Regional last season as an individual all-arounder, is the leading Gopher returnee.

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Vandersall is one of four frosh figuring to play key roles for Minnesota this season. The others are **JONDA HAMMONS** (LODI, CA/LODI), **STEPH POLLY** (LINCOLN, NE/SOUTHEAST) and **LACEY PURKAT** (ANNANDALE, VA/W.T. WOODSON). They will be joined by a fifth newcomer, sophomore **JENNY MABLEY** (SHOREVIEW, MN/MOUNDS VIEW), a transfer from George Washington who is expected to be a strong contributor in the vault. **Purkat** appeared as an all-arounder when the Golden Gophers faced Arizona State at the Sports Pavilion on January 29. **Purkat** finished second with a score of 37.25.

Joining **Castner** and **Fisher** as returning gymnasts are seniors **LORI KINDLER** (LAKE ELMO, MN/HILL-MURRAY), **KELLY MCCONNELL** (FORT LAUDERDALE, FL/ST. THOMAS AQUINAS) and **JESSICA WOLF** (OSHKOSH, WI/WEST) and junior **MICHELLE RIEGER** (MARIETTA, GA/WESTFIELD-HOUSTON, TX).

MINNESOTA GYMNASTICS 2-2-2

GOPHERS RECORD SEASON-HIGHS IN THREE EVENTS AGAINST ARIZONA STATE -- Minnesota recorded season-highs in three of four rotations against the Sun Devils, but it was not enough as fourth-ranked Arizona State defeated the Gophers 190.125-186.025. The Gophers team score was also a season-high, as Minnesota bettered its effort of 183.850 set the week before at the Penn State Invitational.

Sun Devil junior Tina Brinkman stole the show as the Sun Prairie, Wis. native won three of the four events. Brinkman won the vault with a score of 9.9, the uneven bars with 9.750 and the floor exercise with an effort of 9.850. Brinkman's vault score was the seventh best score in the nation this year. Her all-around total of 39.075 was the third best in the country this year.

Minnesota recorded season bests in the vault (46.550), the bars (46.025) and the beam (47.100). Minnesota slipped in the floor exercise -- an event that had been the team's strongest during the season -- and recorded a season low 46.325.

Strong individual performances for Minnesota came from Vandersall and Castner. Castner finished second on the beam and third in the uneven bars. Castner recorded a 9.6 on the beam and 9.425 on the bars. Vandersall also finished third on the bars with a 9.425. Purkat recorded a third place finish in the beam with a 9.575.

INJURY UPDATE -- Minnesota was limited against Arizona State because of injuries. Rieger did return after missing the first two weeks because of a knee injury to compete on the bars and beam. Wolf was only able to compete on the bars because of an ankle injury while Polly was out with a foot infection.

GOPHERS SCORE 183.850 AT PENN STATE INVITATIONAL -- Hit with a crucial injury, the Minnesota Golden Gophers battle with the minimum number of competitors in four events to score a 183.850 at the Penn State Invitational in State College, Pa. on January 22.

The University of New Hampshire won the team competition with a score of 189.675. West Virginia finished second with a score of 188.375, while Penn State was third at 187.775.

Starting the meet on the floor exercise, the Gophers lost Wolf for the evening when she injured her ankle on her first pass. Minnesota was forced to compete with five athletes in the vault, bars and floor - the number of scores used in each event towards the team's overall score and one short of the maximum number allowed to compete in each rotation.

Polly tied for third in the beam with a score of 9.6 -- giving the Gophers their highest finish in any of the four rotations.

Minnesota's team score was almost four points higher than the score of 180.25 the Gophers recorded at home last weekend in the Minnesota Challenge. Minnesota improved most on the beam, scoring a 46.650 at Penn State compared to a 44.700 effort at the Minnesota Challenge.

GOPHERS CAPTURE MINNESOTA CHALLENGE AS TEAM OPENS SEASON IN PAVILION -- Minnesota opened a new era of gymnastics on January 15 as the team held its first competition in the new Sports Pavilion. The Gophers won the Minnesota Challenge with a team score of 180.25 - defeating Winona State (168.575), Gustavus Adolphus (160.70) and Hamline (158.70).

MINNESOTA GYMNASTICS 3-3-3

Castner captured the all-around with a score of 36.275. Castner won individual honors in the uneven bars with a score of 9.325 and the balance beam with an effort of 9.250.

Minnesota won all four events with Wolf winning the vault with a score of 9.4 and Kindler claiming the floor exercise with a score of 9.625

GOPHERS SCORE 183.125 AT INTRASQUAD -- Minnesota began its season on January 9 in the Sports Pavilion when the team held its annual Intrasquad meet. As a team, the Gophers recorded a score of 183.125.

Wolf was the top award winner as she took top-honors in the vault with a score of 9.55 and the floor with a mark of 9.50. Castner won the bars and Hammons the beam, both with scores of 9.325.

1993-94 University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics Schedule

January

8	Sat.	INTRASQUAD MEET
15	Sat.	MINNESOTA CHALLENGE (WINONA, GUSTAVUS, HAMLINE)
22	Sat.	at Penn State (University Park, Pa.)
29	Sat.	ARIZONA STATE

February

5	Sat.	at Iowa State (Ames, Iowa)
12	Sat.	MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL (MICHIGAN STATE, IOWA)
19	Sat.	at UCLA Invitational (Los Angeles)
25	Fri.	at Stanford (Palo Alto, Calif.)

March

4	Fri.	at Oregon State (Corvallis, Ore.)
19	Sat.	UTAH
26	Sat.	at Big Ten Championship (University Park, Pa.)

April

9	Sat.	at NCAA Central Regional
21-23	Thur.-Sat.	at NCAA Championships (Salt Lake City, Utah)

1994 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS SUMMARY

W/L	Overall: 3-4	Dual: 0-1	Invites: 3-3	Home: 3-1	Away: 0-3	Big Ten: 0-1					
DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM SCORE		VAULT		BARS		BEAM		FLOOR	
		MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP
1/15	Minn Challenge	180.250		44.400		44.575		44.700		46.575	
	Winona State		168.575		42.500		40.000		42.550		43.525
	Gustavus Adolphus		160.700		41.700		36.750		38.750		43.500
	Hamline		158.700		40.150		36.450		40.050		42.050
1/22	at Penn State Inv.	183.850		45.325		45.275		46.650		46.600	
	New Hampshire		189.675		47.575		47.800		46.600		47.700
	West Virginia		188.375		47.075		46.425		47.375		47.500
	Penn State		187.775		47.750		47.125		46.200		46.700
1/29	Arizona State	186.025	190.800	46.050	48.350	46.550	46.750	47.100	47.475	46.325	48.225
2/5	at Iowa State										
2/12	Minn Inv.										
	Michigan State										
	Iowa										
2/19	at UCLA Inv.										
	Arizona St.										
	Auburn										
	Illinois										
	Michigan										
2/25	at Stanford Inv.										
	California										
	Cal-Davis										
3/4	at Oregon St. Inv.										
	Arizona										
	Nebraska										
	Penn State										
	Washington										
3/10	Gustavus Adolphus										
3/19	Utah										
3/26	at Big Tens										
	Michigan										
	Penn State										
	Michigan State										
	Ohio State										
	Iowa										
	Illinois										

Raw Average

Regional Qualifying Score*:

*The regional qualifying score (RQS) is based on a team's six best regular season meet scores, of which two must be home and two away. To obtain the RQS, the high score and low score are eliminated and the remaining four scores are averaged. Seven teams qualify for the regional.

1994 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM HIGHS BY EVENT--

VAULT	Jessica Wolf	9.400	Minnesota Challenge 1/15
	Jonda Hammons	9.400	vs. Arizona State 1/29
UNEVEN BARS	Kristen Vandersall	9.425	vs. Arizona State 1/29
	Susan Castner	9.425	vs. Arizona State 1/29
BALANCE BEAM	Steph Polly	9.600	Penn State Invitational 1/22
	Susan Castner	9.600	vs. Arizona State 1/29
FLOOR EXERCISE	Lori Kindler	9.650	Penn State Invitational 1/22
ALL-AROUND	Lacey Purkat	37.250	vs. Arizona State 1/29

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TEAM VAULT	46.050	vs. Arizona State 1/29
TEAM UNEVEN BARS	46.550	vs. Arizona State 1/29
TEAM BALANCE BEAM	47.100	vs. Arizona State 1/29
TEAM FLOOR EXERCISE	46.600	Penn State Invitational 1/22
TOTAL TEAM SCORE	183.850	Penn State Invitational 1/22

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VAULT	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	8.45	7.65	8.60		9.00					8.95	9.40
22-Jan. at Penn State	9.075		9.250	8.800	9.150					9.050	
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	9.175		9.400	8.800	9.275			8.950		9.250	
5-Feb. at Iowa											
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL											
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational											
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitational											
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr. at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Vault Scores	3	1	3	2	3			1		3	1
Season Cumulative Total	26.700	7.650	27.250	17.600	27.425			8.950		27.250	9.400
Season Average	8.900	7.650	9.083	8.800	9.142			8.950		9.083	9.400
Career # of Vault Scores	13	9	3	22	3	5		1	7	3	21
Career Cumulative Total	117.800	81.025	27.250	195.700	27.425	44.650		8.950	63.050	27.250	196.300
Career Average	9.062	9.003	9.083	8.895	9.142	8.930		8.950	9.007	9.083	9.348

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UNEVEN BARS		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.325	8.950		8.650				7.500		8.550	9.100
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.425	9.300		9.400				8.300		8.850	
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	9.425	8.900						9.375	9.350	9.425	8.975
5-Feb.	at Iowa											
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL											
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invitational											
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational											
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar.	UTAH											
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Bars Scores		3	3		2				3	1	3	2
Season Cumulative Total		28.175	27.150		18.050				25.175	9.350	26.825	18.075
Season Average		9.392	9.050		9.025				8.392	9.350	8.942	9.038
Career # of Bars Scores		13	11		20		26		3	22	3	25
Career Cumulative Total		123.925	99.950		175.700		239.350		25.175	202.700	26.825	224.275
Career Average		9.533	9.086		8.785		9.206		8.392	9.214	8.942	8.971

1994 Minn. State Women's Gymnastics

BALANCE BEAM		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		9.225	8.400		8.225	8.925	8.900			
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.375	9.400	9.100			9.200	9.600	9.150			
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	9.600	9.050	9.200			9.350		9.575	9.375		
5-Feb.	at Iowa											
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL											
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invite											
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational											
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar.	UTAH											
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Beam Scores		3	2	3	1		3	2	3	1		
Season Cumulative Total		28.150	18.450	27.525	8.400		26.775	16.525	27.625	9.375		
Season Average		9.383	9.225	9.175	8.400		8.925	9.263	9.208	9.375		
Career # of Beam Scores		13	18	3	27		28	2	3	22		14
Career Cumulative Total		121.625	166.550	27.525	234.300		255.475	18.525	27.625	204.275		123.350
Career Average		9.356	9.253	9.175	8.678		9.124	9.263	9.208	9.285		8.811

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FLOOR EXERCISE		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		8.900	9.625			9.350			8.600	9.450
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.125		9.300	9.650			9.425			9.100	
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	8.800		9.575	9.150				9.350		9.450	
5-Feb.	at Iowa											
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Season # of FX Scores		3		3	3			2	1		3	1
Season Cumulative Total		27.175		27.775	28.425			18.775	9.350		27.150	9.450
Season Average		9.058		9.258	9.475			9.388	9.350		9.050	9.450
Career # of FX Scores		13	9	3	28		11	2	1	11	3	23
Career Cumulative Total		121.000	84.925	27.775	260.400		95.150	18.775	9.350	100.250	27.150	214.100
Career Average		9.308	9.436	9.258	9.300		8.650	9.388	9.350	9.114	9.050	9.309

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ALL AROUND	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	36.275										
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23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of AA Scores	3							1			
Season Cumulative Total	110.200							37.250			
Season Average	36.733							37.250			
Career # of AA Scores	13	6		9		5		1	7		14
Career Cumulative Total	484.350	222.950		316.850		177.250		37.250	256.250		514.800
Career Average	37.258	37.158		35.206		35.450		37.250	36.607		36.771



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The Gophers surpassed one record this season, recording a 48.775 on the floor exercise at Iowa State.

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GOPHERS SET SCHOOL RECORDS IN DUAL WITH IOWA STATE -- The Gophers dropped to 3-5 overall for the year as the Cyclones of Iowa State defeated Minnesota 191.15-188.225 on February 5. Iowa State improved to 1-3 for the year.

Minnesota recorded season-highs in two events, including the floor exercise where the team set a school record with a score of 48.775. The effort broke the old record of 48.15 set last season at the University of Alabama.

Minnesota gymnastics 2-2-2

Kindler contributed to the team's record-breaking effort, scoring a 9.9 in the event. Kindler's score broke the school record set by Marie Roethlisberger with a score of 9.825 set at the NCAA finals in 1990. Kindler tied for individual honors on the floor with Cyclone Katie Mazza.

Minnesota also set a season-high on the vault with a score of 46.225.

Other individual winners for the Gophers came from Jonda Hammons on the vault with a score of 9.625 and Lacey Purkat on the beam with an effort of 9.750.

GOPHERS WIN MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL -- Minnesota set a season high score of 188.675 as they defeated both Iowa and Michigan State on Feb. 12 in the Sports Pavilion. Michigan State finished second with a score of 187.200 while Iowa was third with 186.075.

The Gophers set season-highs on both the vault and balance beam. On the vault, Minnesota scored a 46.800 to break the old mark of 46.225 set at Iowa State, while Saturday's beam score of 47.335 was enough to beat the mark of 47.100 set at home against Arizona State.

Individually, six Gophers set personal records. Castner set a season-high on the bars with a score of 9.675 and the beam with a mark of 9.65. Castner's score on the bars was enough to take individual honors. She also set a season-high score of 37.775 in the all-around.

Other individual awards went to Hammons on the floor exercise with a score of 9.750. Hammons shared individual honors with Kim Baker of Iowa. The remaining Gophers that set season-high personal marks included:

- Rieger, Bars, 9.50
- Wolf, Vault, 9.425
- Fisher, Beam, 9.65
- McConnell, Beam (tied), 9.35.

The win improved the Gophers to 5-5 overall and 2-1 against Big Ten competition. Minnesota's next home meet will be Thursday, March 10 against Gustavus Adolphus.

GOPHERS EARN FIFTH PLACE FINISH AT UCLA/GILDA MARX GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL -- The Gophers finished fifth out of six teams at the UCLA/Gilda Marx Gymnastics Invitational on Feb. 19 at Pauley Pavilion on the campus of UCLA.

Minnesota finished with a team score of 187.750. The invitational was won by sixth-ranked UCLA with a team score of 192.875. Fourth-ranked Michigan was second with an effort of 191.950.

Minnesota's top performance was turned in by Hammons on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7. Minnesota recorded a team score of 47.025 on the uneven bars, giving the Gophers their best score for the season on the event.

The Invitational left the Gophers 6-9 overall for the year as a team and 3-2 against Big Ten Conference schools.

GOPHERS PLACE THIRD OUT OF FOUR TEAMS AT THE STANFORD INVITATIONAL -- The Gophers posted a team score of 187.535 at the Stanford Invitational on Feb. 25, finishing third behind 17th-ranked UC Berkeley (189.875) and 15th-ranked Stanford (189.650). UC Davis finished fourth with a score of 183.400.

Minnesota gymnastics 3-3-3

Minnesota was led by the performance of Wolf on the vault with a career-best score of 9.725. Wolf's score ties her for the 11th-best on the all-time vault scores list at Minnesota.

Other top-five performances for the Gophers included Castner on the beam with a score of 9.550 and Kindler on the floor exercise with a score of 9.575.

GOPHERS RANKED 26TH IN THE NATION -- The Gophers continued their steady improvement this season, as the team jumped three spots from No. 29 to No. 26 in the latest national ranking release on March 1. The weekly rankings are updated every Tuesday evening according to the team's regional qualifying score. Minnesota enters its March 4 competition at Oregon State with an qualifying score of 187.381.

The University of Georgia is ranked No. 1 with an score of 195.700. Minnesota is currently ranked seventh in the Central Region. Other teams in the Central Region with nationally ranking in parenthesis are:

1. (3) Alabama	194.019
2. (4) Michigan	193.644
3. (5) Louisiana State	192.437
4. (15) Auburn	189.369
5. (21) Missouri	188.081
6. (23) Illinois State	187.745
7. (26) Minnesota	187.381
8. (28) Iowa	186.856

GOPHER TEAM SCORES RANK AMONG SCHOOLS BEST -- With seven meets to date, the Gophers have recorded some team scores that rank among the best-ever in school history. Minnesota's score of 188.675 at the Minnesota Invitational on February 12 ranks fourth all-time while the second-best effort this season of 188.225 at Iowa State ranks sixth in school history.

Minnesota has recorded two other top 20 scores the past two weeks -- a 187.750 score at UCLA and its 187.525 effort at Stanford. Minnesota's all-time best score occurred last year at the Oregon State Invitational with a score of 190.35.

GOPHERS WEST COASTS ADVENTURES CONTINUE IN OREGON -- For the third consecutive weekend, the Minnesota Golden Gopher women's gymnastics team will travel to the West Coast, this time to participate in the Oregon State/Shanico Invitational in Corvallis, Ore. on March 4 beginning at 9 p.m. CST. Minnesota's opponents in the event are seventh-ranked Oregon State, 12th-ranked Nebraska, 24th-ranked Arizona, 19th-ranked Washington and Penn State.

Minnesota's next home meet is March 10 against Gustavus Adolphus at the Sports Pavilion.

1994 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS SUMMARY

W/L	Overall: 7-11	Dual: 0-2	Invites: 7-10	Home: 5-1	Away: 2-10	Big Ten: 3-2					
DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM SCORE		VAULT		BARS		BEAM		FLOOR	
		MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP
1/15	Minn Challenge	180.250		44.400		44.575		44.700		46.575	
	Winona State		168.575		42.500		40.000		42.550		43.525
	Gustavus Adolphus		160.700		41.700		36.750		38.750		43.500
	Hamline		158.700		40.150		36.450		40.050		42.050
1/22	at Penn State Inv.	183.850		45.325		45.275		46.650		46.600	
	New Hampshire		189.675		47.575		47.800		46.600		47.700
	West Virginia		188.375		47.075		46.425		47.375		47.500
	Penn State		187.775		47.750		47.125		46.200		46.700
1/29	Arizona State	186.025	190.800	46.050	48.350	46.550	46.750	47.100	47.475	46.325	48.225
2/5	at Iowa State	188.225	191.150	46.225	47.200	46.375	47.925	46.850	47.700	48.775#	48.325
2/12	Minn Inv.	188.675		46.800		46.50		47.225		48.15	
	Michigan State		187.20		47.10		47.525		46.80		45.775
	Iowa		186.075		46.175		45.425		47.425		47.05
2/19	at UCLA Inv.	187.750		45.900		47.350		47.025		47.475	
	UCLA		192.875		48.450		48.775		46.950		48.7
	Michigan		191.950		48.300		47.625		47.700		48.125
	Arizona State		191.400		48.100		48.500		47.250		47.550
	Auburn		188.650		47.425		47.250		48.050		45.925
	Illinois		181.275		45.600		43.900		46.625		45.150
2/25	at Stanford Inv.	187.525		46.875		46.375		46.900		47.375	
	California		189.875		48.100		47.250		47.675		46.850
	Stanford		189.650		46.675		48.250		46.675		48.050
	Cal-Davis		183.400		45.175		46.375		45.300		46.550
3/4	at Oregon St. Inv.										
	Arizona										
	Nebraska										
	Penn State										
	Washington										
3/10	Gustavus Adolphus										
3/19	Utah										
3/26	at Big Tens										
	Michigan										
	Penn State										
	Michigan State										
	Ohio State										
	Iowa										
	Illinois										
# --	School Record										
Raw Average		186.042		45.94		46.14		46.63		47.33	

Regional Qualifying Score*: 187.38

*The regional qualifying score (RQS) is based on a team's six best regular season meet scores, of which two must be home and two away. To obtain the RQS, the high score and low score are eliminated and the remaining four scores are averaged. Seven teams qualify for the regional.

1994 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM HIGHS BY EVENT--

VAULT	Jessica Wolf	9.725	at Stanford Invite 2/25
UNEVEN BARS	Susan Castner	9.675	vs. Minn. Invite 2/12
BALANCE BEAM	Lacey Purkat	9.750	at Iowa State 2/5
FLOOR EXERCISE	Lori Kindler	9.900#	at Iowa State 2/5
ALL-AROUND	Lacey Purkat	37.900	at Iowa State 2/5

-- School Record

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Minnesota Gymnasitcs 2-2-2

TEAM VAULT	46.875	at Stanford Invite 2/25
TEAM UNEVEN BARS	47.350	at UCLA Invitational 2/19
TEAM BALANCE BEAM	47.225	vs. Minn. Invite 2/12
TEAM FLOOR EXERCISE	48.775	at Iowa State 2/5
TOTAL TEAM SCORE	188.675	vs. Minn. Invite 2/12

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FLOOR EXERCISE	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		8.900	9.625			9.350			8.600	9.450
22-Jan. at Penn State	9.125		9.300	9.650			9.425			9.100	
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	8.800		9.575	9.150				9.350		9.450	
5-Feb. at Iowa State	9.600		9.675	9.900			9.775	9.575		9.825	
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.450		9.750	9.725			9.600	9.425		9.625	
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	9.175		9.700	9.650			9.525	9.425		8.900	
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitational	9.300		9.550	9.575			9.475	9.375		9.400	
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of FX Scores	7		7	7			6	5		7	1
Season Cumulative Total	64.700		66.450	67.275			57.150	47.150		64.900	9.450
Season Average	9.243		9.493	9.611			9.525	9.430		9.271	9.450
Career # of FX Scores	17	9	7	32		11	6	5	11	7	23
Career Cumulative Total	158.525	84.925	66.450	299.250		95.150	57.150	47.150	100.250	64.900	214.100
Career Average	9.325	9.436	9.493	9.352		8.650	9.525	9.430	9.114	9.271	9.309

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ALL AROUND	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	36.275										
22-Jan. at Penn State	36.925										
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	37.000							37.250			
5-Feb. at Iowa State	36.350							37.900			
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	37.775										
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	37.400										
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitatioal	37.100										
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of AA Scores	7							2			
Season Cumulative Total	258.825							75.150			
Season Average	36.975							37.575			
Career # of AA Scores	17	6		9		5		2	7		14
Career Cumulative Total	632.975	222.950		316.850		177.250		75.150	256.250		514.800
Career Average	37.234	37.158		35.206		35.450		37.575	36.607		36.771

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VAULT	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	8.45	7.65	8.60		9.00					8.95	9.40
22-Jan. at Penn State	9.075		9.250	8.800	9.150					9.050	
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	9.175		9.400	8.800	9.275			8.950		9.250	
5-Feb. at Iowa State	8.600		9.625	9.000	9.225			9.125		9.250	
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.000		9.500		9.225		9.475			9.175	9.425
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	9.000		9.375		8.975		9.275			8.950	9.275
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitational	9.250		9.475		9.275		8.900			9.150	9.725
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr. at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Vault Scores	7	1	7	3	7		3	2		7	4
Season Cumulative Total	62.550	7.650	65.225	26.600	64.125		27.650	18.075		63.775	37.825
Season Average	8.936	7.650	9.318	8.867	9.161		9.217	9.038		9.111	9.456
Career # of Vault Scores	17	9	7	23	7	5	3	2	7	7	24
Career Cumulative Total	153.650	81.025	65.225	204.700	64.125	44.650	27.650	18.075	63.050	63.775	224.725
Career Average	9.038	9.003	9.318	8.900	9.161	8.930	9.217	9.038	9.007	9.111	9.364

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UNEVEN BARS		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.325	8.950		8.650				7.500		8.550	9.100
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.425	9.300		9.400				8.300		8.850	
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	9.425	8.900						9.375	9.350	9.425	8.975
5-Feb.	at Iowa State	9.000	8.900						9.450	9.225	9.425	9.275
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.675	9.250						9.150	9.500	8.800	8.925
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invitational	9.600	9.350						9.650	9.400	9.250	9.350
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational	9.000	9.125						9.500	9.475	9.000	9.275
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar.	UTAH											
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Bars Scores		7	7		2				7	5	7	6
Season Cumulative Total		65.450	63.775		18.050				62.925	46.950	63.300	54.900
Season Average		9.350	9.111		9.025				8.989	9.390	9.043	9.150
Career # of Bars Scores		17	15		20		26		7	26	7	29
Career Cumulative Total		161.200	136.575		175.700		239.350		62.925	240.300	63.300	261.100
Career Average		9.482	9.105		8.785		9.206		8.989	9.242	9.043	9.003

1994 Men's Gymnastics

BAHAMAS TEAM	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		9.225	8.400		8.225	8.925	8.900			
22-Jan. at Penn State	9.300	9.400	9.100			9.200	9.600	9.150			
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	9.600	9.050	9.200			9.350		9.575	9.375		
5-Feb. at Iowa State	9.150	9.200	9.200				9.050	9.750	9.550		
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.650	9.650				9.350	9.425	9.150	8.900		
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	9.625	9.600				9.100	9.250	9.450	8.650		
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitatioal	9.550	9.425	9.425				9.150	8.750	9.350		
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite											
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS											
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr. at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Beam Scores	7	6	5	1		5	6	7	5		
Season Cumulative Total	66.125	56.325	46.150	8.400		45.225	55.400	64.725	45.825		
Season Average	9.446	9.388	9.230	8.400		9.045	9.233	9.246	9.165		
Career # of Beam Scores	17	22	5	27		30	6	7	26		14
Career Cumulative Total	159.600	204.425	46.150	234.300		273.925	55.400	64.725	240.725		123.350
Career Average	9.388	9.292	9.230	8.678		9.131	9.233	9.246	9.259		8.811



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March 30, 1994

GOPHERS REACH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -- The Minnesota Golden Gopher women's gymnastics team will make its first regional appearance since 1990, as the Gophers qualified for the Central Regional Championships, April 9, at the University of Alabama. Minnesota qualified seventh for the seven-team event with a qualifying score of 189.069.

Qualifiers for the Central Region Championships according to seed and qualifying score:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Alabama | 194.819 |
| 2. Michigan | 194.719 |
| 3. Louisiana State | 194.681 |
| 4. Auburn | 191.575 |
| 5. Missouri | 190.669 |
| 6. Iowa State | 190.306 |
| 7. Minnesota | 189.343 |

Five Regional Championships are held with seven teams qualifying for each championship. The regions are divided into the Northeast, Southeast, Central, Midwest and West. The winner of each regional automatically advances to the 12-team NCAA National Championships, April 22-24, at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. The remaining seven spots at nationals are filled by combining the remaining scores from each regional and taking the top seven teams.

The Gophers qualifying score of 189.069 was the team's highest ever. Minnesota has never placed higher than second at the regional and has never qualified for nationals.

The Gophers' regional history and team scores with regional qualifying score in parenthesis:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1992 -- No regional participation | (187.84) |
| 1991 -- No regional participation | (187.62) |
| 1990 -- 188.65, 3rd place | (188.65) |
| 1989 -- 186.10, 4th place | (186.64) |
| 1988 -- 181.80, 5th place | (183.08) |
| 1987 -- 180.20, 5th place | (180.20) |
| 1986 -- No regional participation | (180.92) |
| 1985 -- No regional participation | (179.87) |
| 1984 -- 176.30, 4th place | (182.64) |
| 1983 -- 173.45, 2nd place | (178.125) |

RECORDS FALL IN STEPHENSON'S SECOND YEAR -- Under second-year head coach Jim Stephenson, Minnesota broke four school records during the regular season -- three team and one individual. Most notable, Minnesota broke the team scoring record when the Gophers scored a 191.625 at home against Utah. The score broke the old record of 190.35 set at the Oregon State Invitational last season. Other team records to fall included beam score and floor exercise score. On the beam, the Gophers scored a 48.450 against Utah to break the old record of 47.95 set against Gustavus Adolphus on Feb. 27, 1993. Minnesota scored a 48.775 on the floor at Iowa State to break the score of 48.15 set at the University of Alabama on Feb. 6, 1993.

Individually, senior **LORI KINDLER** (LAKE ELMO, MN/HILL-MURRAY) broke All-American Marie Roethlisberger's floor record of 9.825 set at the NCAA Championships in 1990 when Kindler scored a 9.90 at Iowa State. Kindler later scored a 9.850 at home against Gustavus Adolphus.

In 1993, Minnesota set school records in six of 10 statistical categories and tied the school mark in another. New season marks were established in overall scoring average (186.21), balance beam average (46.50), and floor exercise average (47.46). New meet highs were set in team scoring (190.35), balance beam scoring (47.95) and floor exercise scoring (48.15). The Gophers tied the team meet record in uneven bars scoring (48.00).

LINEUP FEATURES FOUR ROOKIES -- Minnesota will have four frosh in the Central Regional Championships on April 9. **KRISTEN VANDERSALL** (PLYMOUTH, MN/ARMSTRONG) is one of four frosh figuring to play key roles for Minnesota in the championship. The others are **JONDA HAMMONS** (LODI, CA/LODI), **LACEY PURKAT** (ANNANDALE, VA/W.T. WOODSON), and **STEPH POLLY** (LINCOLN, NE/SOUTHEAST). They will be joined by a fifth newcomer to the championship, sophomore **JENNY MABLEY** (SHOREVIEW, MN/MOUNDS VIEW), a transfer from George Washington who is expected to be a strong contributor in the vault.

Joining Kindler as a returning gymnast is seniors, **KELLY MCCONNELL** (FORT LAUDERDALE, FL/ST. THOMAS AQUINAS) and **JESSICA WOLF** (OSHKOSH, WI/OSHKOSH WEST) along with juniors **MICHELLE RIEGER** (MARIETTA, GA/WESTFIELD-HOUSTON, TX) and **SHANNON FISHER** (SHOREVIEW, MN/MOUNDS VIEW) and sophomore **SUSAN CASTNER** (WORTHINGTON, OH/THOMAS WORTHINGTON). Castner competed in the all-around last year at regionals, scoring a 37.575.

--A RECAP OF THE GOPHERS 1994 REGULAR SEASON
GOPHERS FINISH THIRD AT BIG TEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- Minnesota recorded its highest finish at the Big Ten Conference Championship in four years, posting a third place score of 189.200 in College Park, Pa. on March 26, . It was Minnesota's best finish since the Gophers won the championship in 1990 with a score of 189.000

Minnesota's score of 189.200 was the highest score ever for a Gopher team at the championships. Michigan won the team title for the third straight year.

FINAL RESULTS

1. Michigan	194.850
2. Penn State	194.025
3. Minnesota	189.200
4. Michigan State	188.475
5. Ohio State	188.375
6. Iowa	188.250
7. Illinois	185.300

WOLF MAKES STRONG SHOWING ON THE VAULT -- The 1991 Big Ten vault champion as a frosh, Wolf scored a 9.700 on the rotation at the championships, giving her a tie for ninth place on the event. Wolf was the lone Gopher to place in the top ten on any rotation. The score was Wolf's second-best effort of the year, as she scored a 9.725 at the Stanford Invitational on Feb. 25.

Castner was the Gophers second highest finisher, scoring a 9.600 on the uneven bars to place in a tie for 13th.

STRONGEST EVENT HAMPERS GOPHERS -- Previously the Gophers' strongest event during the year, Minnesota scored its lowest score of the year on the floor exercise, posting a 46.725. Heading into the championships Minnesota had averaged 47.60 on the rotation, with two consecutive scores of 48.00 or better. Kindler, the school record holder on the event, scored a 9.525 to place in a tie for 15th and gave Minnesota their highest finish. Kindler's score was her second lowest of the season.

Ironically, the Gophers' weakest event for the season was the team's best performance at the championships. Minnesota's vault score of 47.700 was the team's highest score for the year and only the second team score of 47.000 or better.

GOPHERS SET SCHOOL RECORDS IN DUAL WITH SECOND-RANKED UTAH -- Minnesota recorded a school record for team score March 19 at the Sports Pavilion, as the Gophers scored a 191.625 against second ranked Utah. Utah scored a 195.150 to defeat the Gophers. Minnesota's previous-best team score came at the Oregon State Invitational last season when the Gophers scored a 190.35

Minnesota set a school record on the beam with a score of 48.450, breaking the record of 48.125 set at the Oregon State Invitational on March 4. Minnesota was led by Purkat and Castner on the event. Purkat recorded the school's third-best score with an effort of 9.750, while Castner followed with a score of 9.725. Purkat's score was good enough for a third place finish.

The Gophers scored their second-best team score in school history on the floor exercise with an effort of 48.750. Minnesota set the school record earlier this season with a score of 48.775 set at Iowa State.

Kindler, Purkat and Hammons each scored a 9.800 on the floor to tie for second place on the event behind Utah's Suzanne Metz who scored a 9.825

Other Gopher accomplishments from Saturday include the fourth best bars score in school history with a score of 47.675. Utah recorded the second best bars score in the nation this season with an effort of 49.225.

MINNESOTA SCORES THIRD BEST SCORE IN SCHOOL HISTORY AGAINST GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS -- The Gophers continued their steady improvement this season, as the team defeated Gustavus Adolphus 189.525-176.550 on March 10 at the Sports Pavilion. The score was the third best team score in school history, ranking only behind the Gophers' effort of 189.975 set at Oregon State the week before and the all-time best score of 190.35 recorded at Oregon State on March 6, 1993.

Kindler scored the second-best score on the floor exercise in school history with a 9.850 against Gustavus. The score was also Kindler's second-best effort of the season on the rotation as the Lake Elmo, Minn. native set the school record on Feb. 5 at Iowa State with a 9.90.

Hammons recorded two career-highs in the competition with a 9.650 on the vault and a 9.800 on the floor exercise.

As a team, Minnesota scored its fourth best score in school history on the floor with a 48.025 and its season-best score on the vault with an effort of 47.10. The Gophers set the school record on the floor with a score of 48.775 at Iowa State.

Castner recorded her second best all-around score of the season with a total of 37.575. Castner scored a 38.0 at the Oregon State Invitational.

GOPHERS RECORD SEASON HIGH SCORE AT OREGON STATE

INVITATIONAL -- The Gophers recorded their best score of the season on March 4 at the Oregon State Invitational, finishing third out of six teams with an effort of 189.975. The score surpassed Minnesota's previous season best of 188.675 set at home in the Minnesota Invitational. The 189.975 score at Oregon State ranks second all-time in school history. The Gophers set a school record score of 190.35 last season at the same tournament.

Minnesota did record a school record for team score on the balance beam with an effort of 48.125, breaking the previous mark of 47.95 set last season vs. Gustavus Adolphus.

Purkat set a season-high score on the uneven bars with a score of 9.725, while Castner tied the season-high team best with a 9.750 on the balance beam.

FINAL TEAM RESULTS FROM OREGON STATE INVITATIONAL:

(national ranking in parenthesis)

1. Oregon State (8)	193.725
2. Penn State (10)	191.550
3. Minnesota (26)	189.975
4. Nebraska (11)	188.325
5. Arizona (18)	188.250
6. Washington (21)	186.650

GOPHERS PLACE THIRD OUT OF FOUR TEAMS AT THE STANFORD

INVITATIONAL -- The Gophers posted a team score of 187.535 at the Stanford Invitational on Feb. 25, finishing third behind 17th-ranked UC Berkeley (189.875) and 15th-ranked Stanford (189.650). UC Davis finished fourth with a score of 183.400.

Minnesota was led by the performance of Wolf on the vault with a career-best score of 9.725. Wolf's scored ties her for the 11th-best on the all-time vault scores list at Minnesota.

Other top-five performances for the Gophers included Castner on the beam with a score of 9.550 and Kindler on the floor exercise with a score of 9.575.

GOPHERS EARN FIFTH PLACE FINISH AT UCLA/GILDA MARX GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL -- The Gophers finished fifth out of six teams at the UCLA/Gilda Marx Gymnastics Invitational on Feb. 19 at Pauley Pavilion on the campus of UCLA.

Minnesota finished with a team score of 187.750. The invitational was won by sixth-ranked UCLA with a team score of 192.875. Fourth-ranked Michigan was second with an effort of 191.950.

Minnesota's top performance was turned in by Hammons on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7. Minnesota recorded a team score of 47.025 on the uneven bars, giving the Gophers their best score for the season on the event.

The Invitational left the Gophers 6-9 overall for the year as a team and 3-2 against Big Ten Conference schools.

GOPHERS WIN MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL -- Minnesota set a season high score of 188.675 as they defeated both Iowa and Michigan State on Feb. 12 in the Sports Pavilion. Michigan State finished second with a score of 187.200 while Iowa was third with 186.075.

The Gophers set season-highs on both the vault and balance beam. On the vault, Minnesota scored a 46.800 to break the old mark of 46.225 set at Iowa State, while Saturday's beam score of 47.335 was enough to beat the mark of 47.100 set at home against Arizona State.

Individually, six Gophers set personal records. Castner set a season-high on the bars with a score of 9.675 and the beam with a mark of 9.65. Castner's score on the bars was enough to take individual honors. She also set a season-high score of 37.775 in the all-around.

Other individual awards went to Hammons on the floor exercise with a score of 9.750. Hammons shared individual honors with Kim Baker of Iowa.

The remaining Gophers that set season-high personal marks included:

- Rieger, Bars, 9.50
- Wolf, Vault, 9.425
- Fisher, Beam, 9.65
- McConnell, Beam (tied), 9.35.

GOPHERS SET SCHOOL RECORDS IN DUAL WITH IOWA STATE -- The Gophers dropped to 3-5 overall for the year as the Cyclones of Iowa State defeated Minnesota 191.15-188.225 on February 5. Iowa State improved to 1-3 for the year.

Minnesota recorded season-highs in two events, including the floor exercise where the team set a school record with a score of 48.775. The effort broke the old record of 48.15 set last season at the University of Alabama.

Kindler contributed to the team's record-breaking effort, scoring a 9.9 in the event. Kindler's score broke the school record set by Marie Roethlisberger with a score of 9.825 set at the NCAA finals in 1990. Kindler tied for individual honors on the floor with Cyclone Katie Mazza.

Minnesota also set a season-high on the vault with a score of 46.225.

Other individual winners for the Gophers came from Jonda Hammons on the vault with a score of 9.625 and Lacey Purkat on the beam with an effort of 9.750.

GOPHERS RECORD SEASON-HIGHS IN THREE EVENTS AGAINST ARIZONA STATE -- Minnesota recorded season-highs in three of four rotations against the Sun Devils, but it was not enough as fourth-ranked Arizona State defeated the Gophers 190.125-186.025. The Gophers team score was also a season-high, as Minnesota bettered its effort of 183.850 set the week before at the Penn State Invitational.

Sun Devil junior Tina Brinkman stole the show as the Sun Prairie, Wis. native won three of the four events. Brinkman won the vault with a score of 9.9, the uneven bars with 9.750 and the floor exercise with an effort of 9.850. Brinkman's vault score was the seventh best score in the nation this year. Her all-around total of 39.075 was the third best in the country this year.

Minnesota recorded season bests in the vault (46.550), the bars (46.025) and the beam (47.100). Minnesota slipped in the floor exercise -- an event that had been the team's strongest during the season -- and recorded a season low 46.325.

Strong individual performances for Minnesota came from Vandersall and Castner. Castner finished second on the beam and third in the uneven bars. Castner recorded a 9.6 on the beam and 9.425 on the bars. Vandersall also finished third on the bars with a 9.425. Purkat recorded a third place finish in the beam with a 9.575.

GOPHERS SCORE 183.850 AT PENN STATE INVITATIONAL -- Hit with a crucial injury, the Minnesota Golden Gophers battle with the minimum number of competitors in four events to score a 183.850 at the Penn State Invitational in State College, Pa. on January 22.

The University of New Hampshire won the team competition with a score of 189.675. West Virginia finished second with a score of 188.375, while Penn State was third at 187.775.

Starting the meet on the floor exercise, the Gophers lost Wolf for the evening when she injured her ankle on her first pass. Minnesota was forced to compete with five athletes in the vault, bars and floor - the number of scores used in each event towards the team's overall score and one short of the maximum number allowed to compete in each rotation.

Polly tied for third in the beam with a score of 9.6 -- giving the Gophers their highest finish in any of the four rotations.

Minnesota's team score was almost four points higher than the score of 180.25 the Gophers recorded at home last weekend in the Minnesota Challenge. Minnesota improved most on the beam, scoring a 46.650 at Penn State compared to a 44.700 effort at the Minnesota Challenge.

GOPHERS CAPTURE MINNESOTA CHALLENGE -- Minnesota opened a new era of gymnastics on January 15 as the team held its first competition in the new Sports Pavilion. The Gophers won the Minnesota Challenge with a team score of 180.25 - defeating Winona State (168.575), Gustavus Adolphus (160.70) and Hamline (158.70). Castner captured the all-around with a score of 36.275. Castner won individual honors in the uneven bars with a score of 9.325 and the balance beam with an effort of 9.250. Minnesota won all four events with Wolf winning the vault with a score of 9.4 and Kindler claiming the floor exercise with a score of 9.625

1994 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS SUMMARY

W/L	Overall: 15-16	Dual: 1-3	Invites: 10-12	Home: 6-2	Away: 9-14	Big Ten: 7-5					
DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM SCORE		VAULT		BARS		BEAM		FLOOR	
		MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP	MINN	OPP
1/15	Minn Challenge	180.250		44.400		44.575		44.700		46.575	
	Winona State		168.575		42.500		40.000		42.550		43.525
	Gustavus Adolphus		160.700		41.700		36.750		38.750		43.500
	Hamline		158.700		40.150		36.450		40.050		42.050
1/22	at Penn State Inv.	183.850		45.325		45.275		46.650		46.600	
	New Hampshire		189.675		47.575		47.800		46.600		47.700
	West Virginia		188.375		47.075		46.425		47.375		47.500
	Penn State		187.775		47.750		47.125		46.200		46.700
1/29	Arizona State	186.025	190.800	46.050	48.350	46.550	46.750	47.100	47.475	46.325	48.225
2/5	at Iowa State	188.225	191.150	46.225	47.200	46.375	47.925	46.850	47.700	48.775#	48.325
2/12	Minn Inv.	188.675		46.800		46.50		47.225		48.15	
	Michigan State		187.20		47.10		47.525		46.80		45.775
	Iowa		186.075		46.175		45.425		47.425		47.05
2/19	at UCLA Inv.	187.750		45.900		47.350		47.025		47.475	
	UCLA		192.875		48.450		48.775		46.950		48.7
	Michigan		191.950		48.300		47.625		47.700		48.125
	Arizona State		191.400		48.100		48.500		47.250		47.550
	Auburn		188.650		47.425		47.250		48.050		45.925
	Illinois		181.275		45.600		43.900		46.625		45.150
2/25	at Stanford Inv.	187.525		46.875		46.375		46.900		47.375	
	California		189.875		48.100		47.250		47.675		46.850
	Stanford		189.650		46.675		48.250		46.675		48.050
	Cal-Davis		183.400		45.175		46.375		45.300		46.550
3/4	at Oregon St. Inv.	189.975		46.775		47.225		48.125#		47.850	
	Oregon State		193.725		48.900		48.525		48.350		47.950
	Penn State		191.550		48.025		48.275		48.100		47.150
	Nebraska		188.325		48.175		46.325		47.275		46.550
	Arizona		188.250		47.650		46.175		46.825		47.600
	Washington		186.650		45.875		46.400		47.125		47.250
3/10	Gustavus Adols.	189.525	176.550	47.100	45.275	46.675	42.100	47.725	45.225	48.025	43.950
3/19	Utah	191.625#	195.150	46.750	48.850	47.675	49.225	48.450#	48.650	48.750	48.425
3/26	at Big Tens	189.200		47.700		47.375		47.400		46.725	
	Michigan		194.850		49.325		48.150		48.950		48.425
	Penn State		194.025		48.450		48.875		48.550		48.150
	Michigan State		188.475		47.675		47.325		47.800		45.675
	Ohio State		188.375		47.275		47.725		46.125		47.250
	Iowa		188.250		47.100		46.475		47.875		46.800
	Illinois		185.300		46.750		45.450		47.175		45.925
# -- School Record											
Raw Average		187.512		46.35		46.54		47.10		47.52	

Regional Qualifying Score*: 189.343

*The regional qualifying score (RQS) is based on a team's six best regular season meet scores, of which two must be home and two away. To obtain the RQS, the high score and low score are eliminated and the remaining four scores are averaged. Seven teams qualify for the regional.

1994 INDIVIDUAL & TEAM HIGHS BY EVENT--

VAULT	Jessica Wolf	9.725	at Stanford Invite 2/25
UNEVEN BARS	Lacey Purkat	9.725	at Oregon State Invitational 3/4
BALANCE BEAM	Lacey Purkat	9.750	at Iowa State 2/5
	Susan Castner	9.750	at Oregon State Invitational 3/4
	Lacey Purkat	9.750	vs. Utah 3/18
FLOOR EXERCISE	Lori Kindler	9.900#	at Iowa State 2/5
ALL-AROUND	Lacey Purkat	37.900	at Iowa State 2/5
# -- School Record			--more--

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TEAM VAULT	47.700	at Big Ten Championships 3/27
TEAM UNEVEN BARS	47.350	at UCLA Invitational 2/19
TEAM BALANCE BEAM	48.450#	vs. Utah 3/18
TEAM FLOOR EXERCISE	48.775#	at Iowa State 2/5
TOTAL TEAM SCORE	191.625#	vs Utah 3/18

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VAULT		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	8.45	7.65	8.60		9.00					8.95	9.40
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.075		9.250	8.800	9.150					9.050	
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	9.175		9.400	8.800	9.275			8.950		9.250	
5-Feb.	at Iowa State	8.600		9.625	9.000	9.225			9.125		9.250	
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.000		9.500		9.225		9.475			9.175	9.425
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invitational	9.000		9.375		8.975		9.275			8.950	9.275
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational	9.250		9.475		9.275		8.900			9.150	9.725
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite	9.200		9.575		9.200		9.500			9.175	9.300
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	9.075		9.650		9.325		9.425			8.800	9.625
19-Mar.	UTAH	9.025		9.400		9.225		9.600			9.175	9.350
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.	9.175		9.625		9.375		9.675			9.325	9.700
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Vault Scores		11	1	11	3	11		7	2		11	8
Season Cumulative Total		99.025	7.650	103.475	26.600	101.250		65.850	18.075		100.250	75.800
Season Average		9.002	7.650	9.407	8.867	9.205		9.407	9.038		9.114	9.475
Career # of Vault Scores		21	9	11	23	11	5	7	2	7	11	28
Career Cumulative Total		190.125	81.025	103.475	204.700	101.250	44.650	65.850	18.075	63.050	100.250	262.700
Career Average		9.054	9.003	9.407	8.900	9.205	8.930	9.407	9.038	9.007	9.114	9.382

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UNEVEN BARS	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	9.325	8.950		8.650				7.500		8.550	9.100
22-Jan. at Penn State	9.425	9.300		9.400				8.300		8.850	
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	9.425	8.900						9.375	9.350	9.425	8.975
5-Feb. at Iowa State	9.000	8.900						9.450	9.225	9.425	9.275
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.675	9.250						9.150	9.500	8.800	8.925
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	9.600	9.350						9.650	9.400	9.250	9.350
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitational	9.000	9.125						9.500	9.475	9.000	9.275
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite	9.400	9.575						9.725	8.400	9.350	9.175
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	9.450	9.550						9.250	9.325	9.100	8.850
19-Mar. UTAH	9.575	8.650						9.525	9.675	9.525	9.375
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.	9.600	8.750						9.550	9.475	9.525	9.225
9-Apr. at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Bars Scores	11	11		2				11	9	11	10
Season Cumulative Total	103.475	100.300		18.050				100.975	83.825	100.800	91.525
Season Average	9.407	9.118		9.025				9.180	9.314	9.164	9.153
Career # of Bars Scores	21	19		20		26		11	30	11	33
Career Cumulative Total	199.225	173.100		175.700		239.350		100.975	277.175	100.800	297.725
Career Average	9.487	9.111		8.785		9.206		9.180	9.239	9.164	9.022

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BALANCE BEAM		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		9.225	8.400		8.225	8.925	8.900			
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.300	9.400	9.100			9.200	9.600	9.150			
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	9.600	9.050	9.200			9.350		9.575	9.375		
5-Feb.	at Iowa State	9.150	9.200	9.200				9.050	9.750	9.550		
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.650	9.650				9.350	9.425	9.150	8.900		
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invitational	9.625	9.600				9.100	9.250	9.450	8.650		
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational	9.550	9.425	9.425				9.150	8.750	9.350		
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite	9.750	9.725	9.525				9.500	9.625	9.150		
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	9.700	9.625	9.425				9.400	9.575	9.400		
19-Mar.	UTAH	9.725	9.675	9.625			9.250	9.675	9.750			
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.	9.550	9.275	9.475				9.350	9.500	9.525		
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of Beam Scores		11	10	9	1		6	10	11	8		
Season Cumulative Total		104.850	94.625	84.200	8.400		54.475	93.325	103.175	73.900		
Season Average		9.532	9.463	9.356	8.400		9.079	9.333	9.380	9.238		
Career # of Beam Scores		21	26	9	27		31	10	11	29		14
Career Cumulative Total		198.325	242.725	84.200	234.300		283.175	93.325	103.175	268.800		123.350
Career Average		9.444	9.336	9.356	8.678		9.135	9.333	9.380	9.269		8.811

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FLOOR EXERCISE		Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan.	MINN. CHALLENGE	9.250		8.900	9.625			9.350			8.600	9.450
22-Jan.	at Penn State	9.125		9.300	9.650			9.425			9.100	
29-Jan.	ARIZONA STATE	8.800		9.575	9.150				9.350		9.450	
5-Feb.	at Iowa State	9.600		9.675	9.900			9.775	9.575		9.825	
12-Feb.	MINN. INVITATIONAL	9.450		9.750	9.725			9.600	9.425		9.625	
19-Feb.	at UCLA Invitational	9.175		9.700	9.650			9.525	9.425		8.900	
25-Feb.	at Stanford Invitational	9.300		9.550	9.575			9.475	9.375		9.400	
4-Mar.	at Oregon State Invite	9.450		9.575	9.700			9.650	9.475		9.325	
10-Mar.	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	9.335		9.800	9.850			9.625	9.275		9.400	
19-Mar.	UTAH			9.800	9.800			9.800	9.650		9.575	9.700
26-Mar.	at Big Ten Champ.			9.450	9.525			9.250	9.150		8.750	9.350
9-Apr	at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr	at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of FX Scores		9		11	11			10	9		11	3
Season Cumulative Total		83.485		105.075	106.150			95.475	84.700		101.950	28.500
Season Average		9.276		9.552	9.650			9.548	9.411		9.268	9.500
Carecr # of FX Scores		19	9	11	36		11	10	9	11	11	25
Career Cumulative Total		177.310	84.925	105.075	338.125		95.150	95.475	84.700	100.250	101.950	233.150
Career Average		9.332	9.436	9.552	9.392		8.650	9.548	9.411	9.114	9.268	9.326

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ALL AROUND	Castner	Fisher	Hammons	Kindler	Mabley	McConnell	Polly	Purkat	Rieger	Vandersall	Wolf
15-Jan. MINN. CHALLENGE	36.275										
22-Jan. at Penn State	36.925										
29-Jan. ARIZONA STATE	37.000							37.250			
5-Feb. at Iowa State	36.350							37.900			
12-Feb. MINN. INVITATIONAL	37.775										
19-Feb. at UCLA Invitational	37.400										
25-Feb. at Stanford Invitational	37.100										
4-Mar. at Oregon State Invite	37.800										
10-Mar. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	37.575										
19-Mar. UTAH											
26-Mar. at Big Ten Champ.											
9-Apr. at NCAA Regional											
22-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
23-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
24-Apr. at NCAA Champ.											
Season # of AA Scores	9							2			
Season Cumulative Total	334.200							75.150			
Season Average	37.133							37.575			
Career # of AA Scores	19	6		9		5		2	7		14
Career Cumulative Total	708.350	222.950		316.850		177.250		75.150	256.250		514.800
Career Average	37.282	37.158		35.206		35.450		37.575	36.607		36.771

