



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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## SOFTBALL HOMETOWN #1

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**MINNESOTA STRUGGLES IN ARIZONA**—The University of Minnesota softball team (7-9) had a 1-5 weekend against top-flight competition at the Arizona Softball Classic on March 4-6 in Tucson, Ariz. Four of Minnesota's five losses came against teams that are currently ranked in the NCAA top five. The Gophers were finally shut out in their 15th game of the season Saturday, with fourth-ranked California shutting down the Gopher offense by a score of 5-0. Fifth-ranked Cal State Fullerton eliminated the Gophers 2-0 later on Saturday.

**GOPHERS SPLIT SIX IN LOUISIANA**—Minnesota went 3-3 and took second place at the five-team Louisiana Classics tournament February 26-28 in Lafayette, La. Minnesota hit .291 as a team in the six games to raise its season average to .267. Catcher **LISA SOJKA** (FRANKFORT, IL) and junior infielder **MARIANN DUKART** (OAK GROVE, OR/REX PUTNAM) were named to the all-tournament team. Sojka leads the Gophers in 1993 with a .355 batting average and is tied for the club leadership with six runs scored. Dukart hit .421 in Louisiana to lead the Gopher attack and now leads Minnesota with eight runs batted in.

**MINNESOTA WINS THREE OF FOUR IN CALIFORNIA** — For the most part, softball teams from the Midwest will struggle on road trips to the West Coast in February for two reasons. The teams in the Midwest have to practice indoors, while the teams on the West Coast get to practice outdoors, which is an advantage. Also, the balance of power in NCAA Division I softball has traditionally been on the West Coast. Six of the top eight teams in the NCAA preseason softball poll are from California or Arizona. This did not deter Minnesota from earning a winning record at the San Diego State Spring Classic against four teams from the state of California. On February 16, Minnesota handed San Diego State its first loss in seven games by defeating the Aztecs 6-3. The next day, the Gophers defeated St. Mary's 3-1 and headed into its first game with fourth-ranked California with a 2-0 record. The Gophers rallied from 1-0 and 4-1 deficits, but dropped a 6-5 decision to the Bears in a ninth-inning tiebreaker. Minnesota came back strong on the final day of the tournament, as **SARAH MASCHKA** (MANKATO, MN/MANKATO EAST) threw a one-hitter and **JODI MASSUCCI** (ST. PAUL, MN/HARDING) and **MISCHEL DOERR** (EUGENE, OR/SHELDON) provided run-scoring singles in a 2-0 win over eighth-ranked Long Beach State. The Gophers are 3-1 after four games for the first time since 1985. That record includes a split with two top-10 NCAA teams. Minnesota will play three games against Southwest Louisiana this weekend, which is another top-10 NCAA team.

**THREE HITTERS AT .300 OR BETTER**—Minnesota has three hitters that are currently hitting at least .300. Senior catcher **LISA SOJKA** (FRANKFORT, IL) continues to lead the Gophers with 16 hits, a .327 batting average and a .429 slugging average. Sojka, who hit .151 in 1992, needs three hits to surpass her total for the entire 1992 season. Senior **LEZLIE WEISS** (FOREST LAKE, MN) is hitting .319 and leads the Gophers with seven runs scored. Her 219 career hits currently rank her fifth on the all-time Big Ten list. Sophomore shortstop **KIKI ROMERO** (ALTA LOMA, CA/ST. LUCY PRIORY) hit .333 in Arizona to raise her batting average to .300. Romero has already surpassed her 1992 total of 11 hits with 12 in the first 16 games of the 1993 season.

**RECORDS AT A GLANCE**—Minnesota center fielder **Mischel Doerr** is just 12 at bats away from the Minnesota career record. Her 666 at bats trail only the 678 accumulated by **Kari Blank** between 1988 and 1992. **Lezlie Weiss** moved closer to becoming the Gophers' all-time career leader in walks. Weiss now has 62 walks, just three short of the record which is shared by Barb Drake and Dani Ortler. Senior pitcher **Sarah Maschka** moved past Drake into fourth place on the all-time games pitched list this past weekend. Maschka now has 91 career games pitched.

**THE COACH**—Minnesota's **Lisa Bernstein** (Arizona '86) is in her second year as the head coach of the Gopher program. Her career record is 40-37-1 (.519). She is assisted by **Julie Standering** (Arizona '91) and **Cindy Stella-Zelinsky** (Wayne State '82).

**FULLERTON TRIP STARTS MARCH 21**—The Gophers' final excursion to the West Coast will start March 21. Minnesota will play in the Fullerton Round-Robin against DePaul, followed by a game against Ohio State or Cal State Fullerton. The Gophers will play Utah in a non-conference doubleheader at Fullerton on March 23, before beginning play in the Pony Tournament the next day.

# 1993 University of Minnesota Softball Results

## S.D.S.U. Spring Classic--Bakersfield, California

2/19	vs. San Diego State	W, 6-3 (6, rain)
2/20	vs. St. Mary's	W, 3-1
2/20	vs. California	L, 5-6 (9T)
2/21	vs. Long Beach State	W, 2-0

## Louisiana Classic--Lafayette, Louisiana

2/26	vs. Georgia Tech	W, 5-1
2/26	at Southwestern Louisiana	L, 2-3
2/26	at Southwestern Louisiana	L, 1-5
2/27	vs. DePaul	L, 2-4 (8)
2/27	vs. DePaul	W, 5-3
2/28	vs. Samford	W, 3-2 (8)

## Arizona Softball Classic--Tucson, Arizona

3/4	vs. Fresno State	L, 4-5
3/4	vs. Washington	L, 1-5
3/5	vs. Northwestern	W, 1-0
3/5	at Arizona	L, 1-2
3/6	vs. California	L, 0-5
3/6	vs. Cal State Fullerton	L, 0-2

## Fullerton Round Robin--Fullerton, California

3/21	vs. DePaul	3 p.m.
3/21	vs. Ohio State/Cal State Fullerton	5 p.m.

3/23	vs. Utah at Fullerton, CA	2 p.m.
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## Pony Tournament--Fullerton, California

3/24	vs. Cal Poly Pomona	5 p.m.
3/25	vs. Fresno State	3 p.m.
3/26	vs. Florida State	11 a.m.
3/26	Double-elimination bracket begins at	5 p.m.
3/28	Champ./Conso. Semis/Final begins at	9 a.m.

4/2	at Michigan	3 p.m.
	at Michigan	
4/3	at Michigan	1 p.m.
	at Michigan	

4/6	MANKATO STATE	4 p.m.
	MANKATO STATE	
4/9	at Penn State	3 p.m.
	at Penn State	
4/10	at Penn State	1 p.m.
	at Penn State	
4/13	IOWA STATE	4 p.m.
	IOWA STATE	
4/16	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
	at Northwestern	
4/17	at Northwestern	1 p.m.
	at Northwestern	
4/21	at Iowa State	3 p.m.
	at Iowa State	
4/27	IOWA	3 p.m.
	IOWA	
4/30	OHIO STATE	6 p.m.
	OHIO STATE	
5/1	OHIO STATE	1 p.m.
	OHIO STATE	
5/4	at Iowa	3 p.m.
	at Iowa	
5/7	INDIANA	6 p.m.
	INDIANA	
5/8	INDIANA	1 p.m.
	INDIANA	
5/11	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	6 p.m.
	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	
5/14	MICHIGAN STATE	6 p.m.
	MICHIGAN STATE	
5/15	MICHIGAN STATE	1 p.m.
	MICHIGAN STATE	

(I)=extra innings T=international tie-breaker HOME GAMES at the Bierman Softball Complex. All times local.

## 1993 BIG TEN SOFTBALL STANDINGS

<b>Overall Record:</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>Big Ten Record:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Home:</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>Road:</b>	<b>0-3</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>vs. Division I:</b>	<b>7-9</b>
<b>vs. NCAA Top 20:</b>	<b>1-7</b>	<b>Streak:</b>	<b>Lost 3</b>
<b>Head Coach:</b>	<b>Lisa Bernstein</b>		
<b>Record:</b>	<b>40-37-1 (2nd year at Minnesota)</b>		
<b>Asst. Coaches:</b>	<b>Julie Standering</b>		
	<b>Cindy Stella-Zelinsky</b>		

	Big Ten		Overall	
	Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.
Iowa	0-0	.000	3-1	.750
Penn State	0-0	.000	4-2	.667
Michigan	0-0	.000	7-5	.583
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>.438</b>
Ohio State	0-0	.000	2-4	.333
Northwestern	0-0	.000	4-9	.308
Michigan State	0-0	.000	1-5	.167
Indiana	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

**CUMULATIVE**  
**Softball Statistics -- University of Minnesota 1993**  
**(Includes 16 Games)**

**\*\* BATTING Statistics \*\*\***

PLAYER	BA	G/ GS	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB/SBA	SB%	BB	SO	HBP	S/SF	TB/SLUG%	PO	A	E	DP	FLD%
Chris LaPoint	.500	5/ 1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0/ 0	.000	0	0	0	0/ 0	3/1.500	1	1	1	0	.667
Kara Salava	.500	2/ 0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	0	0	0/ 0	1/ .500	0	0	0	0	.000
Lisa Sojka	.327	16/ 16	49	6	16	5	2	0	1	2/ 2	1.000	1	4	1	0/ 1	21/ .429	61	13	3	0	.961
Lezlie Weiss	.319	16/ 16	47	7	15	0	2	1	0	3/ 3	1.000	5	11	1	4/ 0	19/ .404	12	66	2	0	.975
Liki Romero	.300	15/ 15	40	3	12	5	1	1	0	2/ 3	.667	5	6	0	3/ 0	15/ .375	26	35	8	0	.884
Katie Peterson	.289	16/ 16	45	2	13	5	1	0	0	0/ 0	.000	1	5	1	1/ 0	14/ .311	14	0	0	0	1.000
Melissa Wold	.234	16/ 16	47	5	11	4	0	0	0	3/ 4	.750	3	5	0	5/ 0	11/ .234	16	0	0	0	1.000
Terby Norman	.226	16/ 16	53	5	12	1	0	0	0	2/ 2	1.000	1	3	1	3/ 0	12/ .226	0	0	0	0	.000
Mariann Dukart	.220	16/ 16	50	4	11	9	1	2	0	1/ 1	1.000	3	2	0	1/ 0	16/ .320	143	11	0	0	1.000
Mischel Doerr	.185	16/ 16	54	5	10	3	0	0	0	8/ 10	.800	2	10	2	0/ 0	10/ .185	16	0	1	0	.941
Jodi Massucci	.167	7/ 0	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	3	0	0/ 0	1/ .167	0	0	0	0	.000
Jenny Lopez	.148	16/ 14	27	1	4	0	0	0	0	1/ 3	.333	3	7	1	1/ 0	4/ .148	44	26	4	0	.946
Jennifer McGuinness	.000	7/ 0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	3	1	0/ 0	0/ .000	0	0	0	0	.000
Sachelle Tveter	.000	2/ 1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	1	1	0	0/ 0	0/ .000	0	1	2	0	.333
Jennifer McCann	.000	7/ 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	0	0	0/ 0	0/ .000	0	10	1	0	.909
Jennifer Johnson	.000	7/ 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	0	0	0/ 0	0/ .000	0	4	0	0	1.000
Sarah Maschka	.000	9/ 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/ 0	.000	0	0	0	0/ 0	0/ .000	1	27	0	0	1.000
Minnesota	.249	16/ 16	430	41	107	34	7	5	1	22/ 28	.786	25	61	8	18/ 1	127/ .295	334	194	22	1	.960
Opponent Totals	.256	16/ 16	422	47	108	41	12	3	4	13/ 23	.565	37	61	1	21/ 2	138/ .327	332	171	23	1	.956

**\*\*\* PITCHING Statistics \*\*\***

PITCHER	ERA	G/ GS	W	L	PCT	SAVE	CG	SHTOUT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	IBB	HB	WP	BK	2B	3B	HR	TB/SLUG%	AB/BAVG.
Jennifer McCann	1.12	7/ 6	3	1	.750	0	2	1	31.3	25	8	5	11	21	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	31/ .270	115/ .217
Sarah Maschka	1.91	9/ 7	3	5	.375	1	6	1	51.3	47	19	14	11	26	1	1	1	0	3	3	2	62/ .315	197/ .239
Jennifer Johnson	3.42	7/ 3	1	3	.250	0	2	0	28.7	36	18	14	15	14	0	0	1	0	6	0	1	45/ .409	110/ .327
Minnesota	2.07	16/ 16	7	9	.438	1	10	2	111.3	108	47	33	37	61	1	1	3	0	12	3	4	138/ .327	422/ .256
Opponent Totals	2.02	16/ 16	9	7	.563	0	13	2	110.7	107	41	32	25	61	0	8	11	1	7	5	1	127/ .295	430/ .249

**\*\*\* CATCHER'S Corner \*\*\***

CATCHER	G/ GS	PASSED BALLS
Lisa Sojka	16/ 16	2
Minnesota	16/ 16	2
Opponent Totals	16/ 16	1