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1995 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Hometown Review

## GOPHERS 19TH AT NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving team tied with Kentucky for 19th-place at the 1995 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, March 16-18. Both teams scored 53 points each at the meet, which was at the University of Texas-Austin, Jamail Texas Swim Center. It was the third time in five years that the Gophers have finished among the top 20 teams at the NCAA championships. Minnesota was 10th in 1992 and 18th in 1991. In a seesaw battle for first place between Stanford and Michigan, Stanford came out on top with 497.5 points. Michigan was second (478.5) and was followed by Texas (355), Southern Methodist (306.5) and Arizona (250).

**TWO RECEIVE ALL-AMERICAN HONORS** – Two Gophers earned all-American honors at the championships by finishing among the top eight finalists in their events. Seven also earned NCAA all-American honorable mention honors by placing ninth through 16th place in consolation finals.

**SCHUH TOP FIVE IN SPRINT BUTTERFLY** – Sophomore TANYA SCHUH (LAKE ELMO, MN/STILLWATER) was fifth in 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55 seconds flat, earning all-America honors for her top-eight finish. She also received all-America honorable mention honors as member of the 13th-place 200-yard medley relay team (1:44.30). Schuh also swam in the 200-yard butterfly, where she was 26th with a time of 2:02.95 and was 18th as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team (3:32.30).

**SPLICHALOVA EARNS ALL-AMERICA** – Minnesota's other all-America recipient was frosh OLGA SPLICHALOVA (ZNOJMO, CZECH REPUBLIC) after she finished sixth in the 1650-yard freestyle with a lifetime-best time of 16:18.76. Splichalova was also 12th in the 500-yard freestyle after recording a time of 4:48.95. She set a Minnesota school record in the preliminaries of the event with a time of 4:48.14, breaking the month-old record of 4:49.27, set by Kim Wilson at the Big Ten Conference championships. Splichalova was also 34th in the 400-yard individual medley (4:27.75) and was on the 18th-place 800-yard freestyle relay (7:30.92) team. She was Minnesota's high-point student-athlete at the championships, scoring 18 points.

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**BERG RECEIVES TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS** – Sophomore **ANDREA BERG** (ISSAQUAH, WA/LIBERTY) earned two all-American honorable mention citations at the national meet, placing 11th in 1-meter diving with 348.15 points and 11th in 3-meter diving after scoring 454.15 points.

**MARTIN SCORES IN PLATFORM DIVING** – Senior **KARA MARTIN** (LINCOLN, NE/EAST) earned all-American honorable mention honors in platform diving, placing 16th with 317.40 points. She was also 21st in 1-meter diving (357.35) and on 18th in 3-meter diving (434.90).

**ANDERSON ON CONSOLS RELAY TEAM** – Senior **KIKI ANDERSON** (FALCON HEIGHTS, MN/ROSEVILLE) earned all-American honorable mention honors as a member of the 13th-place 200-yard medley relay team which clocked a time of 1:44.30. Anderson was also on the 400-yard medley relay team which was disqualified during the consolation finals the first night of the championships.

**HELVIG RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION** – Sophomore **SUZIE HELVIG** (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) earned all-American honorable mention honors as a member of the 13th-place 200-yard medley relay team which clocked a time of 1:44.30. She was 48th in the 200-yard freestyle (1:51.99), 56th in the 100-yard freestyle (52.47), 58th in the 50-yard freestyle (23.97), 18th as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team (3:32.30) and the 18th-place 800-yard freestyle relay (7:30.92) team.

**HEGENER ON CONSOLS RELAY TEAM** – Frosh **GRETCHEN HEGENER** (COLOGNE, MN/MAYER-LUTHERAN) received all-American honorable mention honors as a member of the 13th-place 200-yard medley relay team which clocked a time of 1:44.30. She was 17th in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:03.47) after losing a swim-off for 16th-place, 34th in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:21.85) and a member of the 18th-place 400-yard freestyle relay team (3:32.30).

**WILSON IN THREE EVENTS** – Frosh **KIM WILSON** (SOUTH BEND, IN/RILEY) was 18th in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 16:30.39, 50th in the 500-yard freestyle (4:58.71) and on the 18th-place 800-yard freestyle relay team (7:30.92).

**KLASSEN COMPETES IN FOUR EVENTS** – Frosh **KARI KLASSEN** (NORTHFIELD, MN/NORTHFIELD) was 32nd in the 100-yard butterfly (56.47), 57th in the 100-yard freestyle (52.49), was a member of the 18th-place 400-yard freestyle relay team (3:32.30) and the 18th-place 800-yard freestyle relay (7:30.92) team.

# University of Minnesota

## 1994-95 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Dual Record: 10-0    Big Ten: 5-0    Big Ten Finish: 2nd    NCAA Finish:

DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE	DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE
10/28/94	Iowa State	W	172.5-124.5	1/20/95	Nebraska	W	157-143
10/28/94	at Tar Heel Invitational		No team scoring	1/21/95	Gopher Classic		No team scoring
10/29/94	at North Carolina	W	157-143	1/28/95	at Ohio State	W	179-121
11/11/94	at Eastern Michigan	W	159-84	2/3-4/95	at Wisconsin (Quad Duals)	W	181-171
11/12/94	at Michigan State	W	188-107		Purdue (at Wisconsin)	W	223-129
11/18-20/94	Minnesota Invitational	1st	1,288 pts.		Illinois (at Wisconsin)	W	240-106
12/20/94	at Rose Bowl Diving Invite		No team scoring	2/16-18/95	at Big Ten Championship	2nd	536.5
12/22/94	at Maui Invitational		No team scoring	3/10-11/95	at NCAA Zone Diving		
1/7/95	Gold Country Invitational	1st	1,341.5 pts	3/16-18/95	at NCAA Championship		
1/14/95	Kansas	W	164-136				

Meets in **BOLD** at the University Aquatic Center

Times in ( ): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)

Points in ( ): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

### 50y Free (23.19, 23.88, 22.97)

Suzie Helvig	23.73 •
Devon Coellner	23.83 \$
Pam Smith	23.85 •
Kari Klassen	24.07
Kim Bryant	24.27

### 200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.96)

Kiki Anderson	2:03.20
Shona Baillie	2:03.33
Kim Wilson	2:06.64
Kate Wendt	2:07.97
Christina Billman	2:09.76

### 200y Free Relay (1:32.25, 1:35.01, 1:32.77)

1:35.05	Devon Coellner, Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith
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### 100y Free (50.15, 51.65, 50.55)

Suzie Helvig	51.07 •
Kari Klassen	51.47 •
Pam Smith	51.50 •
Devon Coellner	52.75
Kim Bryant	53.42

### 100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:02.69)

Gretchen Hegener	1:03.26 •
Leslie Wilcox	1:04.72
Jessica Smith	1:07.32
Nicole Fiast	1:07.18
Cassandra Holmes	1:07.75

### 400y Free Relay (3:21.52, 3:27.56, 3:22.78)

3:25.40 •	Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith, Devon Coellner,
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### 800y Free Relay (7:17.94, 7:31.07, 7:25.29)

7:25.29* •	Kari Klassen, Suzie Helvig, Olga Splichalova, Devon Coellner
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### 200y Medley Relay (1:41.85, 1:44.90, 1:42.93)

1:42.93* •	Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Suzie Helvig
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### 200y Free (1:48.54, 1:51.79, 1:48.52)

Suzie Helvig	1:49.90 •
Kari Klassen	1:51.15 \$
Alicia Hicken	1:52.46
Olga Splichalova	1:53.02
Devon Coellner	1:53.19

### 200y Breaststroke (2:15.03, 2:19.08, 2:16.37)

Leslie Wilcox	2:18.32 •
Gretchen Hegener	2:18.58 •
Jessica Smith	2:24.12
Cassandra Holmes	2:25.76
Nicole Nelson	2:26.30

### 400y Medley Relay (3:42.18, 3:48.84, 3:44.74)

3:44.74* •	Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Kari Klassen
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### 500y Free (4:47.65, 4:56.27, 4:49.27)

Kim Wilson	4:49.27 •*
Olga Splichalova	4:50.27 •
Alicia Hicken	4:51.37 •
Wendy Woods	5:01.45
Tressia Shaw	5:04.66

### 100y Butterfly (55.09, 56.74, 54.74)

Tanya Schuh	54.74 #*
Kari Klassen	56.09
Kiki Anderson	57.47
Carrie Raeth	57.56
Jessica Grass	58.31

### 1 M Diving (6) (245, 293.13)

Jenny Koski	290.175 %
Andrea Berg	281.900 %
Jenny Cook	274.650 %
Kara Martin	252.450 %
Carrie Hansen	212.780

### 1000y Free (not an NCAA event, 9:49.68\$)

Kim Wilson	9:49.68 •\$
Olga Splichalova	9:53.91 \$
Alicia Hicken	10:09.16 \$
Wendy Woods	10:29.07
Tressia Shaw	10:31.22

### 200y Butterfly (2:00.29, 2:03.89, 2:01.39)

Tanya Schuh	2:01.70 •
Jessica Grass	2:03.85 •
Kari Klassen	2:05.48
Wendy Woods	2:06.01
Kate Wendt	2:06.52

### 1 M Diving (10) (375, 442.05)

Jenny Koski	442.050 %*
Andrea Berg	426.700 %
Kara Martin	393.350 %
Jenny Cook	388.600 %

### 1650y Free (16:24.17, 16:53.69, 16:14.67)

Kim Wilson	16:14.67 #*>
Olga Splichalova	16:24.80 •
Alicia Hicken	16:46.43 •
Tressia Shaw	17:51.12
Michelle Hamren	17:59.32

### 200y IM (2:01.59, 2:05.23, 2:02.29)

Devon Coellner	2:05.58
Gretchen Hegener	2:05.86
Shona Baillie	2:06.46
Jessica Grass	2:08.05
Kate Wendt	2:08.24

### 3 M Diving (6) (255, 332.90)

Andrea Berg	305.400 %
Jenny Koski	300.500 %
Kara Martin	270.825 %
Jenny Cook	249.750
Carrie Hansen	203.630

### 100y Backstroke (55.27, 56.92, 54.21)

Shona Baillie	56.89 •
Kiki Anderson	57.18
Kate Wendt	1:00.31 \$
Christina Billman	1:00.55
Suzie Helvig	1:00.97

### 400y IM (4:18.47, 4:26.22, 4:16.25)

Kim Wilson	4:23.63
Jessica Grass	4:25.31
Olga Splichalova	4:25.54
Wendy Woods	4:28.15
Kate Wendt	4:29.32

### 3 M Diving (11) (425, 528.51)

Jenny Koski	516.050 %
Andrea Berg	490.250 %
Kara Martin	470.450 %
Jenny Cook	457.970 %

### Platform Diving (8) (325, 346.05) +

Kara Martin	346.05 %*
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### Platform Diving (12) (405, 570.75) +

Kara Martin	570.750 %*>
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\$Lead-off split time \*Varsity record #NCAA automatic qualifying time +new event 1994-95

•NCAA Consideration time %NCAA Zone diving qualifying @at NCAA Zone C meet !at NCAA championship >Big Ten Record



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## Hometown Newspaper Review #2

**GOPHERS SECOND AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS** – The University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving team placed second with 536.5 points at the 14th Annual Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. It was the team's best finish since 1992, when Minnesota was third. Overall, the Gopher's have finished second seven times since 1982.

Michigan was crowned the team champion for the ninth consecutive year, earning 857 points, with third-place Northwestern garnering 483 points. The championship was Feb. 16-18 at the IU Natatorium on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis.

**COACH SHAFFER RECEIVES ACCOLADE** – Minnesota diving coach **Doug Shaffer** was named 1995 Big Ten Women's Diving Coach of the Year for the second time. Shaffer, the 1993 NCAA Men's Diving Coach of the Year, was also the 1994 Big Ten Women's Diving Coach of the Year.

**ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS** – Two Gopher swimmers were named all-Big Ten selections after the championships. Frosh **KIM WILSON** (SOUTH BEND, IN/RILEY) was named an all-Big Ten Selection for her winning performance in the 1650-yard freestyle. Sophomore **TANYA SCHUH** (LAKE ELMO, MN/STILLWATER) was voted an all-Big Ten Selection At-Large by the coaches for her butterfly performances in individual and medley relay team events.

**MINNESOTA SETS TWO BIG TEN RECORDS** – Minnesota set two Big Ten meet records, one each in swimming and diving events. Wilson set the Big Ten record in the 1650-yard freestyle with a NCAA qualifying time of 16:14.67, breaking the former record of 16:17.51 set in 1991 by Ohio State's **Susan Gottlieb**. Senior **KARA MARTIN** (LINCOLN, NE/EAST) set the Big Ten platform diving record for a 12-dive program with 566.95 points. Martin established the first-ever record for the event, which was introduced this year. The former platform diving event featured an 11-dive program.

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**WILSON SETS THREE SCHOOL RECORDS, SHARES FOURTH** – Besides setting the Big Ten record with her win in the 1650-yard freestyle, Wilson set three individual-event Minnesota school records. She broke the 1650-yard freestyle Minnesota record of 16:26.25, set in 1990 by Lynn Newton. Wilson's 1000-yard freestyle split time (from the 1650-yard freestyle) of 9:49.68 is also a new Minnesota school record, breaking Newton's 1990 record of 9:56.27. The 1000-yard freestyle is not a Big Ten or NCAA event.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Wilson set the record in the prelims of the event, then resetting her own record in the evening finals. In prelims, she clocked a time of 4:49.80, breaking the former record of 4:50.04, set in 1988 by Jodi Schirmers. In the evening finals, Wilson reset her record with a second-place NCAA consideration time of 4:49.27. She also was seventh in the 400-yard individual medley with a NCAA consideration time of 4:25.14 and was on the fourth-place 800-yard freestyle relay team, which had a record time of 7:25.29. Overall, Wilson scored 56.5 points for the Gophers at the Big Ten meet.

**SISTER ACT** – Minnesota's Kim Wilson went head to head in three events with another Wilson - Kirstin - Kim's older sister who's a sophomore at Purdue University. They were in the same heat of the 1650-yard freestyle, with Minnesota's Wilson winning the event and Purdue's Wilson placing ninth. They were also in the same heat of the 400-yard individual medley, with Kim finishing sixth in the prelims and Kirsten 12th. In the 500-yard freestyle, they were in different heats, with the Minnesota Wilson placing third in the prelims and the Boilermaker Wilson was 18th.

**HELVIG TOP GOPHER SCORER** - Sophomore SUZIE HELVIG (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) was the top scoring Minnesota competitor at the Big Ten meet, scoring 60 points in seven events. Helvig, a member of two school record-setting relay teams, was on the second place 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:42.93 and the fourth-place 800-yard freestyle relay (7:25.29). Both teams also surpassed the NCAA consideration times for the mid-March NCAA championship. Helvig was sixth in the 100-yard freestyle (51.42 - NCAA consideration time), ninth in the 200-yard freestyle (1:49.90 - NCAA consideration time), 10th in the 50-yard freestyle (23.84 - NCAA consideration time), fourth as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:25.40 - NCAA consideration time) and on the fourth-place 200-yard freestyle relay team (1:35.13).

**KLASSEN PLACES IN SIX EVENTS** – Frosh KARI KLASSEN (NORTHFIELD, MN/NORTHFIELD) placed in six of her seven events at the Big Ten meet, scoring 52 points overall. Klassen had NCAA consideration times in two events, placing third in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.09, and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle (51.55). She helped set the Minnesota school record in the 400-yard medley relay, with the team placing second with a NCAA consideration time of 3:44.74 and the 800-yard freestyle relay (7:25.29 - NCAA consideration time), which placed fourth. Klassen was also member of the fourth place 200-(1:35.13) and 400-yard freestyle relay (3:25.40 - NCAA consideration time) teams.

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**SCHUH QUALIFIES FOR NCAA'S** – Tanya Schuh qualified for the NCAA championships in the 100-yard butterfly, and in the process, set the Minnesota school record twice in one day. During the prelims, she recorded a time of 55.11, breaking her Jan. 20 record of 55.98. In the evening finals of 100-yard butterfly, Schuh placed second, resetting her morning record with a NCAA qualifying time of 54.74. She was also third in the 200-yard butterfly with an NCAA consideration time of 2:01.70, which means Schuh will swim both butterfly events at the NCAA championship. She also helped set school records as a member of the 200- (1:42.93) and 400-yard medley relay (3:44.74) teams, both of which had NCAA consideration times, scoring 50 points overall for Minnesota at the championship.

**HICKEN SCORES IN FREESTYLES** – Sophomore ALICIA HICKEN (CAMPBELLVILLE, ON,CANADA/SILVERTHORN) placed in two freestyle events, surpassing the NCAA consideration times in both. Scoring 19 points overall, Hicken was sixth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:51.96 and 11th in the 1650-yard freestyle with a mark of 16:46.43.

**TOP EIGHT IN THREE EVENTS FOR COELLNER** – Sophomore DEVON COELLNER (SALINA, KS/SALINA) scored 26 points for Minnesota at the Big Ten championships, placing in the top eight in three events. She was on the fourth place 400-yard (3:25.40) and 200-yard freestyle relay (1:35.13) and the eighth-place 200-yard individual medley (2:06.64).

**BAILLIE SWIMS IN THREE EVENTS** – Frosh SHONA BAILLIE (OAKVILLE, ON, CANADA/SILVERTHORN & MISSION VIEJO) competed in three events, scoring six points overall for Minnesota. Baillie, who competed with her arm in a splint due to a fractured bone in her wrist, placed 11th in the 100-yard backstroke with an NCAA consideration time of 56.89. She also raced in, but did not score in, the 200-yard backstroke (26th - 2:07.67) and the 200-yard individual medley (28th - 2:09.70).

**RAETH PLACES IN BUTTERFLY** – Sophomore CARRIE RAETH (KALISPELL, MT/FLATHEAD) placed 13th in the 100-yard butterfly with a career best time of 57.56 seconds, scoring four points for the Gophers. She also competed in the 100-yard freestyle (61st -54.85) and the 50-yard freestyle (43rd - 24.87).

**KOSKI SET RECORD ON LOW BOARD** – Junior JENNY KOSKI (ANOKA, MN/ANOKA) reset her Minnesota school record in 1-meter diving with her 10-dive program, scoring 442.05 points for a third place finish in the event. Koski broke her previous record of 429.40 points, set in 1994. In 3-meter diving with an 11-dive program, Koski placed fourth with 516.05 points. Overall, she scored 31 team points for Minnesota at the championship and was the high-point Gopher diver.

**BERG SCORES IN SPRINGBOARD EVENTS** – Sophomore ANDREA BERG (ISSAQUAH, WA/LIBERTY) placed in the top eight in both of her springboard diving events, scoring 28 team points for Minnesota. She was third in 1-meter diving with her 10-dive program after scoring 426.70 points and sixth in 3-meter diving with an 11-dive program with 490.25 points.

**MARTIN BIG TEN CHAMPION AND RECORD HOLDER** – Kara Martin set the Big Ten platform diving record for a 12-dive program with 566.95 points, establishing the first-ever record for the event, which was introduced this year. The former platform diving event featured an 11-dive program. Platform diving has been an exhibition event at the conference championship since 1988. Martin, scoring 23 team points overall, was seventh in 3-meter diving in an 11- dive format with 464.65 points and eighth in the 10-dive 1-meter diving event with 393.35 points.

**COOK SCORES 20 POINTS** – Junior JENNY COOK (ELK RIVER, MN/ELK RIVER) scored 20 team points in the championship after placing eighth in 3-meter diving with 457.95 in her 11-dive program. She was ninth in the 10-dive 1-meter event with 361.86 points.

**ANDERSON SHARES RECORDS IN RELAY EVENTS** – Senior KIKI ANDERSON (FALCON HEIGHTS, MN/ROSEVILLE) helped set two Minnesota school records in the two medley relay events, scoring in three individual events as well. Anderson was on the second-place 200-yard medley relay team, which set a Minnesota school record with a NCAA consideration time of 1:42.93, breaking the former 1992 record of 1:43.20. She was also on the 400-yard medley relay team, which a school record with a NCAA consideration time of 3:44.74, breaking the old record of 3:46.56, set in 1992. In individual events, Anderson was 14th in both the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.81 and the 100-yard backstroke (57.27), and 16th in the 200-yard backstroke (2:04.75). Overall, she scored 23.5 team points for the Gophers.

**SPRINGFIELD'S SMITH SCORES 22 POINTS** – Senior PAM SMITH (SPRINGFIELD, IL/SOUTHEAST) scored 22 team points for Minnesota at the Big Ten championship, placing in four events. She was a member of two fourth-place freestyle relays teams, with the 200-yard freestyle relay clocking a time of 1:35.13 and the 400-yard freestyle relay recording a time of 3:25.40. She placed 13th in the 100-yard freestyle (51.72), 14th in 50-yard freestyle (24.03) and 21st in the 100-yard butterfly (58.39).

**WILCOX SCORES IN BREASTSTROKE EVENTS** – Junior LESLIE WILCOX (EXCELSIOR, MN/MINNETONKA) placed seventh in the 200-yard breaststroke with a NCAA consideration time of 2:18.32, 13th in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.78) and 31st in the 200-yard individual medley (2:10.53). Overall, Wilcox scored 16 team points for Minnesota at the Big Ten meet.

**HEGENER SCORES 42 POINTS AT BIG TEN MEET** – Frosh GRETCHEN HEGENER (COLOGNE, MN/MAYER LUTHERAN) helped set two Minnesota school records in the two medley relay events, and scored in three individual events, earning 42 team points overall for Minnesota. She was on the second-place 200-yard medley relay team, which set a Minnesota school record with a NCAA consideration time of 1:42.93, breaking the former 1992 record of 1:43.20. Hegener was also on the 400-yard medley relay team, which set a school record with a NCAA consideration time of 3:44.74, breaking the old record of 3:46.56, set in 1992. In individual events, she was third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a NCAA consideration time of 1:03.33, 10th in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:18.58 - NCAA consideration time) and 15th in the 200-yard individual medley (2:07.96).

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**GRASS PLACES IN TWO EVENTS** – Sophomore JESSICA GRASS (KNOXVILLE, TN/FARRAGUT) scored 14 team points for the Gophers at the Big Ten championship in two events. She was eighth in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:30.68 and 14th in the 200-yard butterfly (2:05.79). Grass was also 20th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.31.

**SPLICHALOVA SCORES IN FOUR EVENTS** – Frosh OLGA SPLICHALOVA (ZNOJMO, CZECH REPUBLIC) placed in all four of her events at the Big Ten meet with 43.5 team points. She was third in the 1650-yard freestyle with a NCAA consideration time of 16:24.80, 14th in the 500-yard freestyle (4:50.27 - NCAA consideration time) and 12th in the 400-yard individual medley (4:25.54- NCAA consideration time). Splichalova was also a member of the school record setting 800-yard freestyle relay team, which clocked a time of 7:25.29. The former record of 7:26.36 was set in 1990.

**OTHER GOPHER COMPETITORS** – The following student-athletes competed for Minnesota at the Big Ten championship, but did not earn team points for the Gophers.

• Junior WENDY WOODS (MADISON, WI/WEST)

29. 500-yard freestyle	5:01.45
18. 400-yard individual medley	4:28.15
19. 200 butterfly	2:06.01

• Sophomore MICHELLE HAMREN (RICHFIELD, MN/RICHFIELD)

51. 500-yard freestyle	5:18.44
56. 200-yard freestyle	2:02.61

• Sophomore KATE WENDT (RIVER FOREST, IL/OAK PARK RIVER FOREST)

19. 200-yard individual medley	2:08.24
21. 400-yard individual medley	4:29.32
24. 100 butterfly	2:07.42

• Sophomore JESSICA SMITH (PORTLAND, OR/REYNOLDS)

51. 200-yard individual medley	2:14.85
35. 100-yard breaststroke	1:08.48
36. 200-yard breaststroke	2:27.00

• Sophomore NICOLE NELSON (LAKE FOREST, CA/EL TORO)

34. 200-yard breaststroke	2:26.30
52. 200-yard individual medley	2:15.49
31. 100-yard breaststroke	1:07.98

• Frosh NICOLE FIEST (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN)

38. 200-yard breaststroke	2:27.97
43. 200-yard individual medley	2:11.69
29. 100-yard breaststroke	1:07.78

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## • Junior KIM BRYANT (EAGAN, MN/EAGAN)

44. 100-yard freestyle	53.42
27. 50-yard freestyle	24.44
47. 200-yard freestyle	1:57.46

## • Sophomore CASSANDRA HOLMES (MINNEAPOLIS, MN/SOUTH)

32. 200-yard breaststroke	2:25.76
58. 50-yard freestyle	25.49
27. 100-yard breaststroke	1:07.75

## 1995 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Results

1. Michigan	857
2. MINNESOTA	536.5
3. Northwestern	483
4. Wisconsin	383
5. Ohio State	332
6. Penn State	305
7. Purdue	242
8. Illinois	198
9. Indiana	178
10. Michigan State	109
11. Iowa	90.5

## Event Results

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Michigan 1:32.21. 2. Northwestern 1:32.30. 4. Minnesota (Pam Smith, Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Devon Coellner) 1:35.13.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Jocelyn Jay, OSU, 4:49.27. 2. Kim Wilson, Minn. 4:49.27 (school record, NCAA consideration time). 4. Olga Splichalova, Minn. 4:50.27. 6. Alicia Hicken, Minn. 4:51.96.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Rachel Gustin, Mich., 2:01.39. 8. Devon Coellner, Minn. 2:06.64. 15. Gretchen Hegener, Minn. 2:07.96.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Melisa Stone, Mich., 23.08. 10. Suzie Helvig, Minn. 23.84. 14. Pam Smith, Minn. 24.03.

1-meter diving: 1. Jennifer Dixon, IND 455.25. 3. Jenny Koski, Minn. 442.05. 4. Andrea Berg, Minn. 426.70. 8. Kara Martin, Minn. 393.35. 9. Jenny Cook, Minn. 361.86.

400-yard medley relay: 1. Michigan 3:43.03. 2. Minnesota (Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Kari Klassen. 3:44.74 (school record, NCAA consideration time).

200-yard medley relay: 1. Michigan 1:42.55. 2. Minnesota (Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Suzie Helvig) 1:42.93 (school record, NCAA consideration time).

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400-yard individual medley: 1. Jocelyn Jay, OSU, 4:17.00. 7. Kim Wilson, Minn. 4:25.14 (NCAA consideration time). 8. Jessica Grass, Minn. 4:30.68. 12. Olga Splichalova, Minn. 4:25.54 (NCAA consideration time).

100-yard butterfly: 1. Christy Wicke, NW, 54.42. 2. Tanya Schuh, Minn. 54.74 (school record, NCAA qualifying time). 3. Kari Klassen, Minn. 56.09 (NCAA consideration time). 13. Carrie Raeth, Minn. 57.56. 14. Kiki Anderson, Minn. 57.81.

200-yard freestyle: 1. Talor Bendel, Mich., 1:48.72. 9. Suzie Helvig, Minn. 1:49.90 (NCAA consideration time).

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Rachel Gustin, Mich., 1:02.20. 3. Gretchen Hegener, Minn. 1:03.33 (NCAA consideration time). 13. Leslie Wilcox, Minn. 1:04.78.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Alecia Humphrey, Mich., 54.54. 11. Shona Baillie, Minn. 56.89 (NCAA consideration time). 14. Kiki Anderson, Minn. 57.27.

3-meter diving: 1. Karen Dalton, OSU, 548.85. 4. Jenny Koski, Minn. 516.05. 6. Andrea Berg, Minn. 490.25. 7. Kara Martin, Minn. 464.65. 8. Jenny Cook, Minn. 457.95.

800-yard freestyle relay: 1. Michigan 7:18.87. 4. Minnesota (Kari Klassen, Suzie Helvig, Olga Splichalova, Kim Wilson) 7:25.29 (school record, NCAA consideration time).

1650-yard freestyle: 1. Kim Wilson, Minn. 16:14.67 (Big Ten Record, school record, NCAA qualifying time). 3. Olga Splichalova, Minn. 16:24.80. 11. Alicia Hicken, Minn. 16:46.43 (NCAA consideration time).

100-yard backstroke: 1. Alecia Humphrey, Mich., 1:54.71. 16. Kiki Anderson, Minn. 2:04.75.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Rudi Deni, PSU, 50.19. 6. Suzie Helvig, Minn. 51.42 (NCAA consideration time). 12. Kari Klassen, Minn. 51.55 (NCAA consideration time). 13. Pam Smith, Minn. 51.72.

200-yard breaststroke: 1. Jodi Navta, Mich., 2:14.02. 7. Leslie Wilcox, Minn. 2:18.32 (NCAA consideration time). 10. Gretchen Hegener, Minn. 2:18.58 (NCAA consideration time).

200-yard butterfly: 1. Talor Bendel, Mich., 2:00.60. 3. Tanya Schuh, Minn. 2:01.70 (NCAA consideration time). 14. Jessica Grass, Minn. 2:05.79.

Platform diving (exhibition event): 1. Kara Martin, Minn. 566.95 points (Big Ten record, school record).

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Northwestern 3:21.43. 4. Minnesota (Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith, Devon Coellner) 3:25.40 (NCAA consideration time).

# University of Minnesota

## 1994-95 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

Dual Record: 10-0    Big Ten: 5-0    Big Ten Finish: 2nd    NCAA Finish:

DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE	DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE
10/28/94	Iowa State	W	172.5-124.5	1/20/95	Nebraska	W	157-143
10/28/94	at Tar Heel Invitational		No team scoring	1/21/95	Gopher Classic		No team scoring
10/29/94	at North Carolina	W	157-143	1/28/95	at Ohio State	W	179-121
11/11/94	at Eastern Michigan	W	159-84	2/3-4/95	at Wisconsin (Quad Duals)	W	181-171
11/12/94	at Michigan State	W	188-107		Purdue (at Wisconsin)	W	223-129
11/18-20/94	Minnesota Invitational	1st	1,288 pts.		Illinois (at Wisconsin)	W	240-106
12/20/94	at Rose Bowl Diving Invite		No team scoring	2/16-18/95	at Big Ten Championship	2nd	536.5
12/22/94	at Maui Invitational		No team scoring	3/10-11/95	at NCAA Zone Diving		
1/7/95	Gold Country Invitational	1st	1,341.5 pts	3/16-18/95	at NCAA Championship		
1/14/95	Kansas	W	164-136				

Meets in **BOLD** at the University Aquatic Center

Times in ( ): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)

Points in ( ): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

### 50y Free (23.19, 23.88, 22.97)

Suzie Helvig	23.73 •
Devon Coellner	23.83 \$
Pam Smith	23.85 •
Kim Bryant	24.27
Kari Klassen	24.34

### 200y Backstroke (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.96)

Kiki Anderson	2:03.20
Shona Baillie	2:03.33
Kim Wilson	2:06.64
Kate Wendt	2:07.97
Christina Billman	2:09.76

### 200y Free Relay (1:32.25, 1:35.01, 1:32.77)

1:35.05	Devon Coellner, Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith
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### 400y Free Relay (3:21.52, 3:27.56, 3:22.78)

3:25.40 •	Suzie Helvig, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith, Devon Coellner,
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### 100y Free (50.15, 51.65, 50.55)

Suzie Helvig	51.07 •
Kari Klassen	51.47 •
Pam Smith	51.50 •
Devon Coellner	52.74
Kim Bryant	53.42

### 100y Breaststroke (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:02.69)

Gretchen Hegener	1:03.26 •
Leslie Wilcox	1:04.72
Jessica Smith	1:07.32
Cassandra Holmes	1:07.75
Nicole Fiest	1:07.78

### 800y Free Relay (7:17.94, 7:31.07, 7:25.29)

7:25.29*	Kari Klassen, Suzie Helvig, Olga Splichalova, Devon Coellner
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### 200y Medley Relay (1:41.85, 1:44.90, 1:42.93)

1:42.93*	Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Suzie Helvig
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### 200y Free (1:48.54, 1:51.79, 1:48.52)

Suzie Helvig	1:49.90 •
Kari Klassen	1:52.75
Olga Splichalova	1:53.02
Alicia Hicken	1:52.46
Devon Coellner	1:53.19

### 200y Breaststroke (2:15.03, 2:19.08, 2:16.37)

Leslie Wilcox	2:18.32 •
Gretchen Hegener	2:18.58 •
Jessica Smith	2:24.12
Cassandra Holmes	2:25.76
Nicole Fiest	2:27.97

### 400y Medley Relay (3:42.18, 3:48.84, 3:44.74)

3:44.74*	Kiki Anderson, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Kari Klassen
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### 500y Free (4:47.65, 4:56.27, 4:49.27)

Kim Wilson	4:49.27 *
Olga Splichalova	4:50.27 •
Alicia Hicken	4:51.37 •
Wendy Woods	5:01.45
Tressia Shaw	5:04.66

### 100y Butterfly (55.09, 56.74, 54.74)

Tanya Schuh	54.74 #*
Kari Klassen	56.09
Carrie Raeth	57.56
Jessica Grass	58.31
Shona Baillie	58.89

### 1 M Diving (6) (245, 293.13)

Jenny Koski	290.175 %
Andrea Berg	281.900 %
Jenny Cook	274.650 %
Kara Martin	252.450 %
Carrie Hansen	212.780

### 1000y Free (not an NCAA event, 9:49.68\$)

Kim Wilson	9:49.68 *\$
Olga Splichalova	9:53.91 \$
Alicia Hicken	10:09.16 \$
Wendy Woods	10:29.07
Tressia Shaw	10:31.22

### 200y Butterfly (2:00.29, 2:03.89, 2:01.39)

Tanya Schuh	2:01.70 •
Jessica Grass	2:03.85 •
Kari Klassen	2:05.48
Wendy Woods	2:06.01
Kate Wendt	2:06.52

### 1 M Diving (10) (375, 442.05)

Jenny Koski	442.050 %*
Andrea Berg	426.700 %
Kara Martin	393.350 %
Jenny Cook	388.600 %

### 1650y Free (16:24.17, 16:53.69, 16:14.67)

Kim Wilson	16:14.67 #*>
Olga Splichalova	16:24.80 •
Alicia Hicken	16:46.43 •
Tressia Shaw	17:51.12
Michelle Hamren	17:59.32

### 200y IM (2:01.59, 2:05.23, 2:02.29)

Devon Coellner	2:05.58
Gretchen Hegener	2:05.86
Shona Baillie	2:06.46
Leslie Wilcox	2:08.27
Kari Klassen	2:10.23

### 3 M Diving (6) (255, 332.90)

Andrea Berg	305.400 %
Jenny Koski	300.500 %
Kara Martin	270.825 %
Jenny Cook	249.750
Carrie Hansen	203.630

### 100y Backstroke (55.27, 56.92, 54.21)

Shona Baillie	56.89 •
Kiki Anderson	57.18
Kate Wendt	1:00.31 \$
Christina Billman	1:00.55
Suzie Helvig	1:00.97

### 400y IM (4:18.47, 4:26.22, 4:16.25)

Kim Wilson	4:23.63
Jessica Grass	4:25.31
Olga Splichalova	4:25.54
Wendy Woods	4:28.15
Kate Wendt	4:29.32

### 3 M Diving (11) (425, 528.51)

Jenny Koski	516.050 %
Andrea Berg	490.250 %
Kara Martin	470.450 %
Jenny Cook	457.970 %

### Platform Diving (8) (325, 346.05) +

Kara Martin	346.05 %*
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### Platform Diving (12) (405, 570.75) +

Kara Martin	570.750 %*
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\$Lead-off split time \*Varsity record #NCAA automatic qualifying time +new event 1994-95

•NCAA Consideration time %NCAA Zone diving qualifying @at NCAA Zone C meet !at NCAA championship >Big Ten Record

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## MINNESOTA ADVANCES IN NATIONAL RANKINGS, ENDS REGULAR SEASON UNDEFEATED

**GOPHERS MOVE UP IN NATIONAL RANKINGS** – The University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving team moved to 17th-place in the Speedo America's Division I Swimming and Diving Coaches Poll. The rankings, released Feb. 2, saw the Gophers advance one place after being ranked 18th in the last poll (Dec. 7). Big Ten conference schools in the rankings include No. 2 Michigan, Northwestern at 11th, No. 18 Penn State and Wisconsin at 23rd. The next coaches poll is due to be released Feb. 23.

**MINNESOTA HAS UNDEFEATED DUAL MEET SEASON** – The Gophers concluded their dual meet season with three victories Feb. 3-4, giving the team its first undefeated season in 18 years. The Gophers have a 10-0 overall and 5-0 Big Ten Conference record, marking the team's first undefeated season since 1976-77 when they were 10-0 overall and 1-0 in the Big Ten. The team's last undefeated Big Ten season was during the 1991-92 school year, when Minnesota went on to place 10th at the NCAA women's swimming and diving championship. The Gophers' also won both of the scored invitational meets they competed in this year.

Head swimming and diving coach Jean Freeman has a career record of 149-47-2, and 71-28-2 in the Big Ten Conference. Minnesota's next competition is the Big Ten women's swimming and diving championship in Indianapolis, Feb. 16-18.

**A LOOK AT THE YEAR** – Minnesota opened the 1994-95 season at home by defeating the Iowa State Cyclones (Oct. 28), 172.5-124.5, with a partial squad. The rest of the team was competing at the unscored Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. the same day. Minnesota, then ranked 20th in the country, defeated the then 15th-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (Oct. 29) 157-143. The Gophers earned victories over Eastern Michigan (Nov. 11) 159-84 and Michigan State (Nov. 12) 188-107. At the Minnesota Invitational (Nov. 20), the Gophers won with 1,288 points in a field of eight teams, which included 12th-ranked Georgia.

In the Dec. 7 coaches poll, Minnesota moved into 18th place in the national rankings. During the winter training trip, the swimmers competed in the unscored Maui Invitational (Dec. 22) in Lahina, Hawaii, while the divers were at the unscored Rose Bowl Winter Diving Invitational (Dec. 20) in Pasadena, Calif. Returning home tired but stronger, Minnesota won the 10-team Gold Country Invitational (Jan. 7) with 1,341.5 points.

A series of six challenging dual meets followed, starting with 22nd-ranked Kansas (Jan. 14), which Minnesota won 164-136 at the University Aquatic Center (UAC) on the University of Minnesota campus. The win over the Jayhawks was the first for the Gophers in their four-meet series. Fourteenth-ranked Nebraska (Jan. 20) was the next team to fall to Minnesota, 157-143, at the UAC. The win gave the Gophers' a 7-5 advantage in the all-time series record. Minnesota also hosted the non-scored Gopher Classic (Jan. 21), which featured the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The final four meets of the season were against Big Ten Conference schools. The Gophers defeated Ohio State (Jan. 28), 179-121, at Columbus, Ohio. At the Quad Duals meet (Feb. 3-4) in Madison, Wis., Minnesota defeated Wisconsin, 181-171, in team's tightest scoring meet of season, Purdue 223-129 and Illinois 240-106.

## A LOOK AT THE STUDENT-ATHLETES

• Senior tricaptain **KIKI ANDERSON** (FALCON HEIGHTS, MN/ROSEVILLE) earned eight first-place and 27 top three finishes during the season. She was first in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events against Purdue and Illinois and was a member of four winning 200-yard medley relay teams. Anderson also competed in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events and the 400-yard medley relay.

• Frosh **SHONA BAILLIE** (OAKVILLE, ONT., CAN./SILVERTHORN & MISSION VIEJO), a top backstroke recruit for Minnesota, has won five of her six 100-yard backstroke events this year, including wins against North Carolina, Kansas and Nebraska. Baillie was also on seven first-place 200- and 400-yard medley relay teams and on four second-place medley relay teams. Overall, Baillie had 28 top three finishes in individual and relay team events.

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- Sophomore diver **ANDREA BERG** (ISSAQUAH, WA/LIBERTY) has placed first seven times this year in 1- and 3-meter diving with her six-dive program. In her six and 11 dive programs, she has been in the top three 25 times. In the Michigan State meet, Berg was first in both 1- and 3-meter (6) diving. She was also first in 1-meter (6) diving against Iowa State. Three-meter (6) wins came in meets with North Carolina, Nebraska, Kansas and the Rose Bowl Winter Diving Invitational. Berg is the Gophers' top diver this year in the 3-meter (6) diving with 305.40 points and has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet, March 10-11.
- Sophomore **CHRISTINA BILLMAN** (BURNSVILLE, MN/ROCHESTER JOHN MARSHALL) competed in three meets this year, with a victory in the 100-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational. She was also third at the Gold Country in both the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore freestyle specialist **STEPHANIE BRADFORD** (OWATONNA, MN/OWATONNA) has scored points for the Gophers in five separate events. Her best finishes were third place in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Minnesota Invitational and a fifth at the Gold Country Invitational in the 200-yard medley relay. Also at the Gold Country Invitational, Bradford scored in the 50, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events.
- Junior **KIM BRYANT** (EAGAN, MN/EAGAN), a freestyle specialist, has six victories this year in five different freestyle events. She was first in 50-yard freestyle against Eastern Michigan, the 100-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational, the 200-yard freestyle versus Illinois and Purdue at the Quad Duals. Bryant was also a member of the winning 400-yard free and 200-yard medley relay teams against Iowa State and Michigan State, respectively. Overall this season, Bryant has had 26 top three finishes.
- Junior **RACHEL CLAFLIN** (MCFARLAND, WI, MCFARLAND) placed first in the 200-yard freestyle events at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic. Bryant had six top three finishes as member of 200-yard freestyle relay teams this year. Claflin also competed in the 100-yard butterfly, the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, the 400-yard free relay and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore freestyle specialist **DEVON COELLNER** (SALINA, KS/SALINA) has earned 12 first-place finishes this season in four individual events and in two relay events. She won the 50-yard freestyle against Iowa State, the 100-yard freestyle versus Michigan State, the 200-yard freestyle in meets with Eastern Michigan, North Carolina, Purdue and Illinois, the 200-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic and the Gold Country Invitational. As a relay team member, Coellner was first in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Purdue, Illinois and Iowa State and the 800-yard freestyle relay versus Illinois. Overall this year, Coellner has had 34 top three finishes.
- Junior **JENNY COOK** (ELK RIVER, MN/ELK RIVER) returned to Minnesota's diving line-up after sitting out last season due to an injury. Cook has placed in the top three seven times this year at dual and invitational meets. Her best finish of the year was second place at the Gold Country Invitational with 1-meter (10) championship program. Cook was also third at the meet in 3-meter (11) diving. She has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet, March 10-11.
- Freshman **NICOLE FIEST** (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) is one of two Mandan swimmers on the Minnesota team this year; the other is **Suzie Helvig**. Fiest, a breaststroke specialist, was first at the Gopher Classic in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events. She has finished in the top three six times this year in four events, including the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore **JESSICA GRASS** (KNOXVILLE, TN/FARRAGUT) is a butterfly specialist who crosses over into the breaststroke and freestyle events as well as the 200- and 400-individual medley. Featured swimming the butterfly on the cover of this year's swimming and diving media guide, Grass has been first seven times this year in the 200-yard butterfly and has surpassed the NCAA consideration time in the event with a season's best time of 2:03.85. Grass holds the school record in the 200-yard butterfly, set last season with a time of 2:01.39. She has placed among the top three 25 times this year in 100- and 200-yard breaststroke and butterfly events, the 400-yard individual medley, 1000-yard freestyle, the 800-yard freestyle relay and the 200- and 400-yard medley relay events.
- Junior **MICHELLE HAMREN** (RICHFIELD, MN/RICHFIELD) has seen limited action this year, swimming mostly at home, but made the trip to Ohio State. She placed fourth against the Buckeyes in the 1650-yard freestyle. At home, Hamren was second in the 500-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic and in the 1650-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational. She was third in the 1000-yard freestyle in the Gopher Classic and the dual meet with Iowa State.
- Junior diver **CARRIE HANSEN** (LAKEVILLE, MN/ROSEMOUNT/NORTH DAKOTA) had her diving season come to an early end this year after an injury. Hansen had competed only at North Carolina, taking fourth in both 1- and 3-meter diving.

- Frosh **GRETCHEN HEGENER** (COLOGNE, MN/MAYER LUTHERAN) is Minnesota's top swimmer in the 100-yard breaststroke this season and is on the team's fastest 200- and 400-yard medley relays. Hegener has 18 first place finishes this season, including six in the 100-yard and three in the 200-yard breaststroke events, once in the 200-yard individual medley and eight times as a member of the 400-yard medley relay. Overall this year, Hegener has placed in the top three 39 times.
- Sophomore **SUZIE HELVIG** (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) is the second half of the Mandan contingent on the Minnesota women's swimming and diving team. She has placed first 17 times and was a top three placewinner 44 times this year. Helvig was first in the 50-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational and against Ohio State; the 100-yard freestyle at Michigan State and during the preliminaries of races at the Minnesota Invitational; the 200-yard-freestyle in dual meets with Nebraska and Ohio State; the 500-yard freestyle against Eastern Michigan at the Gold Country Invitational, and the 100-yard backstroke and 400-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic. Helvig was on six winning 200-, 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle and medley relay teams. She has clocked the team's fastest times of the year and made NCAA consideration times in the 50-, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events.
- Sophomore **ALICIA HICKEN** (CAMPBELLVILLE, ON, CANADA/SILVERTHORN) is Minnesota's third mid- and distance freestyle specialists with 11 victories and 21 top three finishes this year. She finished first against Iowa State in 200- and 500-yard freestyle events; Michigan State in the 500-yard freestyle; Eastern Michigan and at the Gopher Classic in the 1000-yard freestyle, and the 1650-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational. As a relay team member, Hicken has been first in the 200-yard freestyle relay at the Gopher Classic, the 400-yard freestyle relay with Iowa State and the 800-freestyle relay against Illinois and Purdue.
- Sophomore **CASSANDRA HOLMES** (MINNEAPOLIS, MN/SOUTH) has improved greatly since last year, says Freeman. Holmes has placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke event against Iowa State and Eastern Michigan and as a member of the 400-yard medley relay at Eastern Michigan. She was third in the 200-yard breaststroke at the Minnesota-hosted Gold Country Invitational.
- Frosh **KARI KLASSEN** (NORTHFIELD, MN/NORTHFIELD) competes mainly in the butterfly and freestyle events and is the Gopher's No. 2 swimmer in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Klassen has been first 12 times in individual and relay team events, with 38 top three finishes this season. She was first in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events as well as the 400-yard freestyle relay in the Iowa State dual meet. Against Ohio State, Klassen had three wins with victories in the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle and the 800-yard freestyle relay. She was first at the Gopher Classic in the 50-yard freestyle and as a member of the 200-yard medley relay team. Klassen recorded other relay wins in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Illinois and Purdue, the 800-yard freestyle relay against Illinois and the 200-yard freestyle relay in meets against North Carolina and at the Gold Country Invitational.
- Junior diver **JENNY KOSKI** (ANOKA, MN/ANOKA) is the Gopher's top diver in three diving events and has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet in March. Koski set a Minnesota school record this year in 1-meter (10) diving with 429.40 points at the Gold Country Invitational. She is the top Gopher in 1-meter diving in both the six- and 10-dive programs and in 3-meter (11)-dive competition. Koski is second for the Gophers in 3-meter (6) diving. She swept both the 1- (10) and 3- (11) meter diving events against Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois and at the Minnesota Invitational and the Gold Country Invitational. In 1-(6) and 3- (6) meter diving, Koski won both events with Eastern Michigan and at the Gopher Classic. She also was first in 1-meter (6) diving against North Carolina and Nebraska.
- Senior tricaptain **KARA MARTIN** (LINCOLN, NE/SOUTHEAST) set two Minnesota school records in new platform diving events this year. The NCAA created an eight- and 12-dive format for platform diving this year, replacing the former 11-dive program. At the Gopher Classic, Martin set the eight-dive record with 346.05 points. At the Minnesota Invitational, she set the 12-dive record with 570.75 points. During the season, Martin had seven top three finishes in 1- and 3-meter diving.
- Frosh **OMODELLE MASHA** (LAGOS, NIGERIA/MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH) has seen limited action this year, competing in three of team's home meets. She was first in the 200-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic. Masha has also competed in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and freestyle events.
- Sophomore **NICOLE NELSON** (LAKE FOREST, CA/EL TORO) has competed mostly in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events this year, taking second against Iowa State and third at the Gopher Classic in the shorter event and second in the 200-yard race at the Gold Country Invitational. Nelson also was second as a member of the 200-yard medley relay at the Gopher Classic.
- Sophomore **CARRIE RAETH** (KALISPELL, MT/FLATHEAD) has earned three first place finishes this year, winning the 100-yard butterfly against Michigan State and as a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team versus Michigan State and at the Gopher Classic. Overall, Raeth has had 18 top three finishes combined in the 100-yard butterfly, the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200- and 400-yard medley relays.

- Sophomore **TANYA SCHUH** (LAKE ELMO, MN/STILLWATER) set the Minnesota school record in the 100-yard butterfly against Big Eight Conference opponent Nebraska with a time of 55.98. The former record of 56.14, was set by Uta Herrmann in 1990. Schuh has not finished below second in the 100-yard butterfly this year, with six first-place and four second-place finishes. She was first in the event against Nebraska, Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois, North Carolina and at the Gold Country Invitational. Schuh was also first in the 200-yard butterfly at Eastern Michigan and was a member of eight winning 200-yard medley relay teams.

- Junior distance freestyler **TRESSIA SHAW** (SCOTTSDALE, AZ/ARCADIA) had her swimming season cut short by injury in early December and was unable to compete the rest of the year. Before the injury, Shaw had placed first and second in the 1000-yard freestyle against Iowa State and Eastern Michigan, respectively. She was also second in the 500-yard freestyle against Iowa State.

- Sophomore **JESSICA SMITH** (PORTLAND, OR/REYNOLDS) competed mostly in her specialty this year, the breaststroke. She had three first-place finishes in the 200-yard breaststroke against Michigan State, Iowa State and at the Gold Country Invitational. Her lone 100-yard breaststroke win was with Iowa State. Smith, who also competed in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and the 200-yard individual medley, had nine top three finishes this year. She was also a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic.

- Senior tricaptain **PAM SMITH** (SPRINGFIELD, IL/SOUTHEAST) is a sprint freestyle specialist with 20 individual and relay team victories this year. Smith was first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events against Purdue and Illinois, and the 50-yard freestyle with Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan State. As a freestyle relay team member, Smith was first in the 200-yard race four times and the 400-yard version twice. She also was a member of seven winning 200-yard medley relay teams.

- Frosh **OLGA SPLICHALOVA** (ZNOJMO, CZECH REPUBLIC), Minnesota's premier distance freestyle specialist, has 12 victories this year in six events in her first year as a Gopher. Splichalova has surpassed NCAA consideration times in the 500- and 1650-yard freestyle events. She has three wins in the swimmer's mile - the 1650-yard freestyle - with wins over Nebraska and at the Minnesota and Tar Heel Invitationals. Splichalova also has a pair of victories in the 1000-yard freestyle in dual meets with Kansas and North Carolina, in the 500-yard freestyle against Nebraska and Kansas and the 200-yard freestyle with Michigan State and at the Gold Country Invitational. Competing in the 400-yard individual medley, she has wins over Eastern Michigan and Purdue. Splichalova was on Minnesota's winning 800-yard freestyle relay team against Illinois.

- Sophomore **ANDREA TOFT** (MINNETONKA, MN/MINNETONKA) has nine top three finishes this year, including being a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team at the Gold Country Invitational. Her best finish in an individual event was second in the 100-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational.

- Sophomore **ELIZABETH WELD** (EAU CLAIRE, WI/MEMORIAL) garnered her only win of the year, when she placed first in the 500-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic. Weld had five top three finishes for the year, including a second place as a member of the 200-yard medley relay in a dual meet with Iowa State.

- Sophomore **KATE WENDT** (RIVER FOREST, IL/OAK PARK RIVER FOREST), a 10-event competitor, has won two events and has had 11 top three finishes this season. Wendt was first in the 200-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational and the 200-yard freestyle versus Michigan.

- Junior **LESLIE WILCOX** (EXCELSIOR, MN/MINNETONKA) is Minnesota's fastest 200-yard breaststroke competitor this season and No. 2 in the 100-yard version. She had four wins during the dual meet season, winning the 200-yard breaststroke at the Minnesota Invitational, the 100-yard breaststroke at the Gold Country Invitational and against Michigan State. Wilcox was also a member of the winning 400-yard medley relay in the meet with Kansas.

Frosh **KIM WILSON** (SOUTH BEND, IN/RILEY) is one of the more versatile swimmers on this year's squad with 14 victories in eight different events. She is the team's number two athlete in the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events, having surpassed the NCAA consideration times in each event. Wilson is the No. 1 competitor for the Gophers in the 400-yard individual medley, with a victory at the Gold Country Invitational in the event. In the 200-yard backstroke, Wilson was first against Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and at the Gopher Classic. She had wins against Ohio State and Illinois in the 500-yard freestyle and in the 1000-yard freestyle in meets with Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois and Michigan State. Also at the Gopher Classic, Wilson was first in the 200-yard butterfly and as a member of the 200-yard free relay. At Ohio State, Wilson won the 1650 freestyle.

- Junior **WENDY WOODS** (MADISON, WI/WEST) is a multi-event swimmer with 13 top-three finishes this season. Woods had a pair of second-place marks in the 200-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic. She was also second in the 500-yard freestyle against Michigan State and in the 400-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic.



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## Big Ten Conference Women's Swimming and Diving Championship Hometown Preview

### GOPHERS HOPE FOR TOP THREE FINISH AT BIG TEN WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Minnesota women's swimming and diving team has a top three finish as its goal for the 14th Annual Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championship, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 16-18. The championship is at the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI). Preliminaries begin each day at 11 a.m. for the swimming events and at 1 p.m. for diving. The finals are 7 p.m. each day.

**THE TEAMS** – No. 2 ranked Michigan is expected to win its ninth consecutive Big Ten team title this year, returning four Big Ten champions in five events and eight championship finals placewinners. "Eleventh-ranked Northwestern is the probable second place team at the championship," says Jean Freeman, Minnesota head swimming and diving coach, "with 17th-ranked Minnesota, No. 18 Penn State and Ohio State battling for third through fifth." Freeman expects 23rd-ranked Wisconsin and Purdue to battle for the next two slots with the eighth through 11th being fought for by Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan State.

**THE GOPHERS BY EVENT** – Minnesota is taking 22 swimmers and four divers to the Big Ten meet, with championship meet rules allowing swimmers to compete in three individual and four relay team events, while the divers compete in two scored events and the option of one exhibition (platform) diving event. The top eight competitors from the prelims compete in the finals each night, with the ninth through 16th placewinners racing in the consolations.

In the sprint freestyle events, Freeman believes sophomore SUZIE HELVIG (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) and senior tricaptain PAM SMITH (SPRINGFIELD, IL/SOUTHEAST) will place in the finals of the 50-yard freestyle, with junior KIM BRYANT (EAGAN, MN/EAGAN) and frosh KARI KLASSEN (NORTHFIELD, MN/NORTHFIELD) placing in the consolation round. In the 100-yard freestyle, look for Helvig, Pam Smith and Klassen in the finals, with Bryant and sophomore DEVON COELLNER (SALINA, KS/SALINA) scoring in the consols.

In the mid- and distance freestyle races, Helvig, sophomore ALICIA HICKEN (CAMPBELLVILLE, ON, CANADA/SILVERTHORN) and Coellner should split the scoring in the finals and consols of the 200-yard freestyle. In the 500-yard freestyle, Hicken, along with newcomers KIM WILSON (SOUTH BEND, IN/RILEY) and OLGA SPLICHALOVA (ZNOJMO, CZECH REPUBLIC) are expected to race for top eight finishes, with junior WENDY WOODS (MADISON, WI/WEST) placing in the consols. Splichalova and Wilson are top eight contenders in the 1650-yard distance freestyle with Hicken having a good chance for the consols.

Freeman feels frosh SHONA BAILLIE (OAKVILLE, ON, CANADA/SILVERTHORN/MISSION VIEJO) will finish in the top eight of both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events, with senior tricaptain KIKI ANDERSON (FALCON HEIGHTS, MN/ROSEVILLE) in the consolations of both. Sophomore KATE WENDT (RIVER FOREST, IL/OAK PARK RIVER FOREST) is being looked to as well to place in the consols of the longer race.

The Gopher's depth in the 100-yard breaststroke is evident with five swimmers in possible scoring position. In the finals of the event, look for frosh GRETCHEN HEGENER (COLOGNE, MN/MAYER LUTHERAN) and junior LESLIE WILCOX (EXCELSIOR, MN/MINNETONKA) to score, with sophomores JESSICA SMITH (PORTLAND, OR/REYNOLDS), NICOLE NELSON (LAKE FOREST, CA/EL TORO) and frosh NICOLE FIEST (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) in the consols. In the 200-yard breaststroke, Freeman expects Wilcox and Hegener to be in the finals of the event with sophomore JESSICA GRASS (KNOXVILLE, TN/FARRAGUT) to place in the consolation race.

A big event for the Gophers to rack-up points is the 200-yard butterfly. Grass, sophomore TANYA SCHUH (LAKE ELMO, MN/STILLWATER) and Wendt are all expected to earn points for Minnesota in the finals of the event with Anderson and Klassen delivering more points from the consols. In the 100-yard butterfly, Schuh and Klassen are expected to be in the finals, with more possible points in the consolations of the event from Baillie, Anderson, Pam Smith and sophomore CARRIE RAETH (KALISPELL, MT/FLATHEAD).

Freeman would like to place three in the 200-yard individual medley, with one in the finals and two in the consols of the four-stroke event. Baillie and Coellner are the Gopher's top swimmers in the event, with Hegener and Wendt swimming hard to score. In the 400-yard individual medley, Minnesota is hoping to place a pair in both the finals and consols, with Wilson and Splichalova in the top eight and Grass, Woods and Wendt in the consolation race.

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Minnesota has always been a strong relay team and this year is no exception, with Freeman expecting all five relays to place among the top four in each of the races. Relay team assignments are not usually finalized until the day of the race, but the Gopher's fastest 200- and 400-yard freestyle teams this season have the same four swimmers on each: Helvig, Klassen, Pam Smith and Coellner. Look for Splichalova to join Helvig, Klassen and Coellner in the 800-yard freestyle relay. The 200- and 400-yard medley relays will be led-off by Baillie in the backstroke, Hegener in the breaststroke, the butterfly being swum by Schuh and either Helvig or Pam Smith swimming the freestyle anchor leg of the races.

Minnesota's strong diving contingent expects to place all four divers in both 1- and 3-meter diving. Junior JENNIFER KOSKI (ANOKA, MN/ANOKA) and sophomore ANDREA BERG (ISSAQUAH, WA/LIBERTY) should place in the finals of both springboard events with senior KARA MARTIN (LINCOLN, NE/EAST) and junior JENNIFER COOK (ELK RIVER, MN/ELK RIVER) in the consols of each event. Martin, a 1994 NCAA all-American in platform diving, will also compete in the exhibition platform event at the championship.

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## 1994-95 Women's Swimming and Diving Top Times/Scores

<b>Dual Record: 10-0</b>		<b>Big Ten: 5-0</b>		<b>Big Ten Finish:</b>		<b>NCAA Finish:</b>	
DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE	DATE	MEET	W/L	SCORE
10/28/94	<b>Iowa State</b>	W	172.5-124.5	1/20/95	Nebraska	W	157-143
10/28/94	at Tar Heel Invitational		No team scoring	1/21/95	<b>Gopher Classic</b>		No team scoring
10/29/94	at North Carolina	W	157-143	1/28/95	at Ohio State	W	179-121
11/11/94	at Eastern Michigan	W	159-84	2/3-4/95	at Wisconsin (Quad Duals)	W	181-171
11/12/94	at Michigan State	W	188-107		Purdue (at Wisconsin)	W	223-129
11/18-20/94	<b>Minnesota Invitational</b>	1st	1,288 pts.		Illinois (at Wisconsin)	W	240-106
12/20/94	at Rose Bowl Diving Invite		No team scoring	2/16-18/95	at Big Ten Championship		
12/22/94	at Maui Invitational		No team scoring	3/10-11/95	at NCAA Zone Diving		
1/7/95	<b>Gold Country Invitational</b>	1st	1,341.5 pts	3/16-18/95	at NCAA Championship		
1/14/95	<b>Kansas</b>	W	164-136				

Meets in **BOLD** at the University Aquatic Center

Times in ( ): (NCAA automatic qualifying standard, NCAA consideration standard, Minnesota school record)

Points in ( ): (NCAA zone diving standard, Minnesota school record)

<p><b>50y Free</b> (23.19, 23.88, 22.97)</p> <p>Suzie Helvig 23.73 •</p> <p>Devon Coellner 23.83 \$</p> <p>Pam Smith 24.01 \$</p> <p>Kim Bryant 24.27</p> <p>Kari Klassen 24.34</p>	<p><b>200y Backstroke</b> (1:58.19, 2:01.73, 1:59.96)</p> <p>Shona Baillie 2:03.33</p> <p>Kiki Anderson 2:06.62</p> <p>Kim Wilson 2:06.64</p> <p>Kate Wendt 2:07.97</p> <p>Christina Billman 2:09.76</p>	<p><b>200y Free Relay</b> (1:32.25, 1:35.01, 1:32.77)</p> <p>1:35.05 Devon Coellner, Suzie Helvig Kari Klassen, Pam Smith</p> <p><b>400y Free Relay</b> (3:21.52, 3:27.56, 3:22.78)</p> <p>3:29.64 Suzie Helvig, Devon Coellner, Kari Klassen, Pam Smith</p>
<p><b>100y Free</b> (50.15, 51.65, 50.55)</p> <p>Suzie Helvig 51.37 •</p> <p>Pam Smith 52.50</p> <p>Kari Klassen 52.50</p> <p>Devon Coellner 53.23</p> <p>Kim Bryant 53.75 \$</p>	<p><b>100y Breaststroke</b> (1:02.33, 1:04.19, 1:02.69)</p> <p>Gretchen Hegener 1:04.27</p> <p>Leslie Wilcox 1:04.72</p> <p>Jessica Smith 1:07.32</p> <p>Nicole Fiest 1:08.19</p> <p>Nicole Nelson 1:08.42</p>	<p><b>800y Free Relay</b> (7:17.94, 7:31.07, 7:26.36)</p> <p>7:35.06 Suzie Helvig, Olga Splichalova, Devon Coellner, Kari Klassen</p> <p><b>200y Medley Relay</b> (1:41.85, 1:44.90, 1:43.20)</p> <p>1:45.50 Shona Baillie, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Pam Smith</p>
<p><b>200y Free</b> (1:48.54, 1:51.79, 1:48.52)</p> <p>Suzie Helvig 1:51.79 •</p> <p>Kari Klassen 1:52.75</p> <p>Olga Splichalova 1:53.02</p> <p>Alicia Hicken 1:53.06</p> <p>Devon Coellner 1:54.27</p>	<p><b>200y Breaststroke</b> (2:15.03, 2:19.08, 2:16.37)</p> <p>Leslie Wilcox 2:19.76</p> <p>Gretchen Hegener 2:21.97</p> <p>Jessica Smith 2:24.12</p> <p>Nicole Fiest 2:28.99</p> <p>Cassandra Holmes 2:29.48</p>	<p><b>400y Medley Relay</b> (3:42.18, 3:48.84, 3:46.56)</p> <p>3:48.32 • Shona Baillie, Gretchen Hegener, Tanya Schuh, Suzie Helvig</p>
<p><b>500y Free</b> (4:47.65, 4:56.27, 4:50.04)</p> <p>Olga Splichalova 4:51.50 •</p> <p>Kim Wilson 4:54.27 •</p> <p>Alicia Hicken 4:59.22</p> <p>Wendy Woods 5:03.41</p> <p>Tressia Shaw 5:04.66</p>	<p><b>100y Butterfly</b> (55.09, 56.74, 55.98)</p> <p>Tanya Schuh 55.98 •*</p> <p>Kari Klassen 57.26</p> <p>Shona Baillie 58.89</p> <p>Carrie Raeth 58.80</p> <p>Jessica Grass 59.16</p>	<p><b>1 M Diving (6)</b> (245, 293.13)</p> <p>Jenny Koski 290.175 %</p> <p>Andrea Berg 281.900 %</p> <p>Jenny Cook 274.650 %</p> <p>Kara Martin 252.450 %</p> <p>Carrie Hansen 212.780</p>
<p><b>1000y Free</b> (not an NCAA event, 9:56.27\$)</p> <p>Olga Splichalova 9:56.40 \$</p> <p>Kim Wilson 10:00.42</p> <p>Alicia Hicken 10:23.29</p> <p>Wendy Woods 10:29.07</p> <p>Tressia Shaw 10:31.22</p>	<p><b>200y Butterfly</b> (2:00.29, 2:03.89, 2:01.39)</p> <p>Jessica Grass 2:03.85 •</p> <p>Tanya Schuh 2:04.87</p> <p>Kari Klassen 2:06.23</p> <p>Kate Wendt 2:06.52</p> <p>Shona Baillie 2:08.63</p>	<p><b>1 M Diving (10)</b> (375, 429.40)</p> <p>Jenny Koski 429.400 %*</p> <p>Andrea Berg 400.850 %</p> <p>Jenny Cook 388.600 %</p> <p>Kara Martin 363.600</p>
<p><b>1650y Free</b> (16:24.17, 16:53.69, 16:26.65)</p> <p>Olga Splichalova 16:30.91 •</p> <p>Kim Wilson 16:42.45 •</p> <p>Alicia Hicken 17:13.24</p> <p>Tressia Shaw 17:51.12</p> <p>Michelle Hamren 18:01.98</p>	<p><b>200y IM</b> (2:01.59, 2:05.23, 2:02.29)</p> <p>Shona Baillie 2:06.46</p> <p>Devon Coellner 2:08.34</p> <p>Gretchen Hegener 2:10.14</p> <p>Kari Klassen 2:10.23</p> <p>Leslie Wilcox 2:10.34</p>	<p><b>3 M Diving (6)</b> (255, 332.90)</p> <p>Andrea Berg 305.400 %</p> <p>Jenny Koski 300.500 %</p> <p>Kara Martin 270.825 %</p> <p>Jenny Cook 249.750</p> <p>Carrie Hansen 203.630</p>
<p><b>100y Backstroke</b> (55.27, 56.92, 54.21)</p> <p>Shona Baillie 57.32 \$</p> <p>Kiki Anderson 58.15</p> <p>Kate Wendt 1:00.31 \$</p> <p>Christina Billman 1:00.55</p> <p>Suzie Helvig 1:00.97</p>	<p><b>400y IM</b> (4:18.47, 4:26.22, 4:16.25)</p> <p>Kim Wilson 4:28.45</p> <p>Olga Splichalova 4:29.51</p> <p>Jessica Grass 4:31.42</p> <p>Wendy Woods 4:33.07</p> <p>Suzie Helvig 4:33.95</p>	<p><b>3 M Diving (11)</b> (425, 528.51)</p> <p>Jenny Koski 507.500 %</p> <p>Andrea Berg 479.950 %</p> <p>Kara Martin 470.450 %</p> <p>Jenny Cook 451.750 %</p>
		<p><b>Platform Diving (8)</b> (325, 346.05) +</p> <p>Kara Martin 346.05 %*</p>
		<p><b>Platform Diving (12)</b> (405, 570.75) +</p> <p>Kara Martin 570.750 %*</p>

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## MINNESOTA ADVANCES IN NATIONAL RANKINGS, ENDS REGULAR SEASON UNDEFEATED

**GOPHERS MOVE UP IN NATIONAL RANKINGS** – The University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving team moved to 17th-place in the Speedo America's Division I Swimming and Diving Coaches Poll. The rankings, released Feb. 2, saw the Gophers advance one place after being ranked 18th in the last poll (Dec. 7). Big Ten conference schools in the rankings include No. 2 Michigan, Northwestern at 11th, No. 18 Penn State and Wisconsin at 23rd. The next coaches poll is due to be released Feb. 23.

**MINNESOTA HAS UNDEFEATED DUAL MEET SEASON** – The Gophers concluded their dual meet season with three victories Feb. 3-4, giving the team its first undefeated season in 18 years. The Gophers have a 10-0 overall and 5-0 Big Ten Conference record, marking the team's first undefeated season since 1976-77 when they were 10-0 overall and 1-0 in the Big Ten. The team's last undefeated Big Ten season was during the 1991-92 school year, when Minnesota went on to place 10th at the NCAA women's swimming and diving championship. The Gophers' also won both of the scored invitational meets they competed in this year.

Head swimming and diving coach Jean Freeman has a career record of 149-47-2, and 71-28-2 in the Big Ten Conference. Minnesota's next competition is the Big Ten women's swimming and diving championship in Indianapolis, Feb. 16-18.

**A LOOK AT THE YEAR** – Minnesota opened the 1994-95 season at home by defeating the Iowa State Cyclones (Oct. 28), 172.5-124.5, with a partial squad. The rest of the team was competing at the unscored Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, N.C. the same day. Minnesota, then ranked 20th in the country, defeated the then 15th-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (Oct. 29) 157-143. The Gophers earned victories over Eastern Michigan (Nov. 11) 159-84 and Michigan State (Nov. 12) 188-107. At the Minnesota Invitational (Nov. 20), the Gophers won with 1,288 points in a field of eight teams, which included 12th-ranked Georgia.

In the Dec. 7 coaches poll, Minnesota moved into 18th place in the national rankings. During the winter training trip, the swimmers competed in the unscored Maui Invitational (Dec. 22) in Lahina, Hawaii, while the divers were at the unscored Rose Bowl Winter Diving Invitational (Dec. 20) in Pasadena, Calif. Returning home tired but stronger, Minnesota won the 10-team Gold Country Invitational (Jan. 7) with 1,341.5 points.

A series of six challenging dual meets followed, starting with 22nd-ranked Kansas (Jan. 14), which Minnesota won 164-136 at the University Aquatic Center (UAC) on the University of Minnesota campus. The win over the Jayhawks was the first for the Gophers in their four-meet series. Fourteenth-ranked Nebraska (Jan. 20) was the next team to fall to Minnesota, 157-143, at the UAC. The win gave the Gophers' a 7-5 advantage in the all-time series record. Minnesota also hosted the non-scored Gopher Classic (Jan. 21), which featured the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The final four meets of the season were against Big Ten Conference schools. The Gophers defeated Ohio State (Jan. 28), 179-121, at Columbus, Ohio. At the Quad Duals meet (Feb. 3-4) in Madison, Wis., Minnesota defeated Wisconsin, 181-171, in team's tightest scoring meet of season, Purdue 223-129 and Illinois 240-106.

## A LOOK AT THE STUDENT-ATHLETES

• Senior tricaptain KIKI ANDERSON (FALCON HEIGHTS, MN/ROSEVILLE) earned eight first-place and 27 top three finishes during the season. She was first in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events against Purdue and Illinois and was a member of four winning 200-yard medley relay teams. Anderson also competed in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events and the 400-yard medley relay.

• Frosh SHONA BAILLIE (OAKVILLE, ONT., CAN./SILVERTHORN & MISSION VIEJO), a top backstroke recruit for Minnesota, has won five of her six 100-yard backstroke events this year, including wins against North Carolina, Kansas and Nebraska. Baillie was also on seven first-place 200- and 400-yard medley relay teams and on four second-place medley relay teams. Overall, Baillie had 28 top three finishes in individual and relay team events.

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- Sophomore diver ANDREA BERG (ISSAQUAH, WA/LIBERTY) has placed first seven times this year in 1- and 3-meter diving with her six-dive program. In her six and 11 dive programs, she has been in the top three 25 times. In the Michigan State meet, Berg was first in both 1- and 3-meter (6) diving. She was also first in 1-meter (6) diving against Iowa State. Three-meter (6) wins came in meets with North Carolina, Nebraska, Kansas and the Rose Bowl Winter Diving Invitational. Berg is the Gophers' top diver this year in the 3-meter (6) diving with 305.40 points and has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet, March 10-11.
- Sophomore CHRISTINA BILLMAN (BURNSVILLE, MN/ROCHESTER JOHN MARSHALL) competed in three meets this year, with a victory in the 100-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational. She was also third at the Gold Country in both the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore freestyle specialist STEPHANIE BRADFORD (OWATONNA, MN/OWATONNA) has scored points for the Gophers in five separate events. Her best finishes were third place in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Minnesota Invitational and a fifth at the Gold Country Invitational in the 200-yard medley relay. Also at the Gold Country Invitational, Bradford scored in the 50, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events.
- Junior KIM BRYANT (EAGAN, MN/EAGAN), a freestyle specialist, has six victories this year in five different freestyle events. She was first in 50-yard freestyle against Eastern Michigan, the 100-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational, the 200-yard freestyle versus Illinois and Purdue at the Quad Duals. Bryant was also a member of the winning 400-yard free and 200-yard medley relay teams against Iowa State and Michigan State, respectively. Overall this season, Bryant has had 26 top three finishes.
- Junior RACHEL CLAFLIN (MCFARLAND, WI, MCFARLAND) placed first in the 200-yard freestyle events at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic. Bryant had six top three finishes as member of 200-yard freestyle relay teams this year. Clafin also competed in the 100-yard butterfly, the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, the 400-yard free relay and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore freestyle specialist DEVON COELLNER (SALINA, KS/SALINA) has earned 12 first-place finishes this season in four individual events and in two relay events. She won the 50-yard freestyle against Iowa State, the 100-yard freestyle versus Michigan State, the 200-yard freestyle in meets with Eastern Michigan, North Carolina, Purdue and Illinois, the 200-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic and the Gold Country Invitational. As a relay team member, Coellner was first in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Purdue, Illinois and Iowa State and the 800-yard freestyle relay versus Illinois. Overall this year, Coellner has had 34 top three finishes.
- Junior JENNY COOK (ELK RIVER, MN/ELK RIVER) returned to Minnesota's diving line-up after sitting out last season due to an injury. Cook has place in the top three seven times this year at dual and invitational meets. Her best finish of the year was second place at the Gold Country Invitational with 1-meter (10) championship program. Cook was also third at the meet in 3-meter (11) diving. She has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet, March 10-11.
- Freshman NICOLE FIEST (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) is one of two Mandan swimmers on the Minnesota team this year; the other is Suzie Helvig. Fiest, a breaststroke specialist, was first at the Gopher Classic in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events. She has finished in the top three six times this year in four events, including the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard medley relay.
- Sophomore JESSICA GRASS (KNOXVILLE, TN/FARRAGUT) is a butterfly specialist who crosses over into the breaststroke and freestyle events as well as the 200- and 400-individual medley. Featured swimming the butterfly on the cover of this year's swimming and diving media guide, Grass has been first seven times this year in the 200-yard butterfly and has surpassed the NCAA consideration time in the event with a season's best time of 2:03.85. Grass holds the school record in the 200-yard butterfly, set last season with a time of 2:01.39. She has placed among the top three 25 times this year in 100- and 200-yard breaststroke and butterfly events, the 400-yard individual medley, 1000-yard freestyle, the 800-yard freestyle relay and the 200- and 400-yard medley relay events.
- Junior MICHELLE HAMREN (RICHFIELD, MN/RICHFIELD) has seen limited action this year, swimming mostly at home, but made the trip to Ohio State. She placed fourth against the Buckeyes in the 1650-yard freestyle. At home, Hamren was second in the 500-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic and in the 1650-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational. She was third in the 1000-yard freestyle in the Gopher Classic and the dual meet with Iowa State.
- Junior diver CARRIE HANSEN (LAKEVILLE, MN/ROSEMOUNT/NORTH DAKOTA) had her diving season come to an early end this year after an injury. Hansen had competed only at North Carolina, taking fourth in both 1- and 3-meter diving.

- Frosh GRETCHEN HEGENER (COLOGNE, MN/MAYER LUTHERAN) is Minnesota's top swimmer in the 100-yard breaststroke this season and is on the team's fastest 200- and 400-yard medley relays. Hegener has 18 first place finishes this season, including six in the 100-yard and three in the 200-yard breaststroke events, once in the 200-yard individual medley and eight times as a member of the 200-yard medley relay. Overall this year, Hegener has placed in the top three 39 times.
- Sophomore SUZIE HELVIG (MANDAN, ND/MANDAN) is the second half of the Mandan contingent on the Minnesota women's swimming and diving team. She has placed first 17 times and was a top three placewinner 44 times this year. Helvig was first in the 50-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational and against Ohio State; the 100-yard freestyle at Michigan State and during the preliminaries of races at the Minnesota Invitational; the 200-yard-freestyle in dual meets with Nebraska and Ohio State; the 500-yard freestyle against Eastern Michigan at the Gold Country Invitational, and the 100-yard backstroke and 400-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic. Helvig was on six winning 200-, 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle and medley relay teams. She has clocked the team's fastest times of the year and made NCAA consideration times in the 50-, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events.
- Sophomore ALICIA HICKEN (CAMPBELLVILLE, ON, CANADA/SILVERTHORN) is Minnesota's third mid- and distance freestyle specialists with 11 victories and 21 top three finishes this year. She finished first against Iowa State in 200- and 500-yard freestyle events; Michigan State in the 500-yard freestyle; Eastern Michigan and at the Gopher Classic in the 1000-yard freestyle, and the 1650-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational. As a relay team member, Hicken has been first in the 200-yard freestyle relay at the Gopher Classic, the 400-yard freestyle relay with Iowa State and the 800-freestyle relay against Illinois and Purdue.
- Sophomore CASSANDRA HOLMES (MINNEAPOLIS, MN/SOUTH) has improved greatly since last year, says Freeman. Holmes has placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke event against Iowa State and Eastern Michigan and as a member of the 400-yard medley relay at Eastern Michigan. She was third in the 200-yard breaststroke at the Minnesota-hosted Gold Country Invitational.
- Frosh KARI KLASSEN (NORTHFIELD, MN/NORTHFIELD) competes mainly in the butterfly and freestyle events and is the Gopher's No. 2 swimmer in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Klassen has been first 12 times in individual and relay team events, with 38 top three finishes this season. She was first in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events as well as the 400-yard freestyle relay in the Iowa State dual meet. Against Ohio State, Klassen had three wins with victories in the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard freestyle and the 800-yard freestyle relay. She was first at the Gopher Classic in the 50-yard freestyle and as a member of the 200-yard medley relay team. Klassen recorded other relay wins in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Illinois and Purdue, the 800-yard freestyle relay against Illinois and the 200-yard freestyle relay in meets against North Carolina and at the Gold Country Invitational.
- Junior diver JENNY KOSKI (ANOKA, MN/ANOKA) is the Gopher's top diver in three diving events and has qualified for the NCAA Zone C Diving Meet in March. Koski set a Minnesota school record this year in 1-meter (10) diving with 429.40 points at the Gold Country Invitational. She is the top Gopher in 1-meter diving in both the six- and 10-dive programs and in 3-meter (11)-dive competition. Koski is second for the Gophers in 3-meter (6) diving. She swept both the 1- (10) and 3- (11) meter diving events against Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois and at the Minnesota Invitational and the Gold Country Invitational. In 1-(6) and 3- (6) meter diving, Koski won both events with Eastern Michigan and at the Gopher Classic. She also was first in 1-meter (6) diving against North Carolina and Nebraska.
- Senior tricaptain KARA MARTIN (LINCOLN, NE/SOUTHEAST) set two Minnesota school records in new platform diving events this year. The NCAA created an eight- and 12-dive format for platform diving this year, replacing the former 11-dive program. At the Gopher Classic, Martin set the eight-dive record with 346.05 points. At the Minnesota Invitational, she set the 12-dive record with 570.75 points. During the season, Martin had seven top three finishes in 1- and 3-meter diving.
- Frosh OMODELLE MASHA (LAGOS, NIGERIA/MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH) has seen limited action this year, competing in three of team's home meets. She was first in the 200-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic. Masha has also competed in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and freestyle events.
- Sophomore NICOLE NELSON (LAKE FOREST, CA/EL TORO) has competed mostly in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events this year, taking second against Iowa State and third at the Gopher Classic in the shorter event and second in the 200-yard race at the Gold Country Invitational. Nelson also was second as a member of the 200-yard medley relay at the Gopher Classic.
- Sophomore CARRIE RAETH (KALISPELL, MT/FLATHEAD) has earned three first place finishes this year, winning the 100-yard butterfly against Michigan State and as a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team versus Michigan State and at the Gopher Classic. Overall, Raeth has had 18 top three finishes combined in the 100-yard butterfly, the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200- and 400-yard medley relays.

• Sophomore TANYA SCHUH (LAKE ELMO, MN/STILLWATER) set the Minnesota school record in the 100-yard butterfly against Big Eight Conference opponent Nebraska with a time of 55.98. The former record of 56.14, was set by Uta Herrmann in 1990. Schuh has not finished below second in the 100-yard butterfly this year, with six first-place and four second-place finishes. She was first in the event against Nebraska, Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois, North Carolina and at the Gold Country Invitational. Schuh was also first in the 200-yard butterfly at Eastern Michigan and was a member of eight winning 200-yard medley relay teams.

• Junior distance freestyler TRESSIA SHAW (SCOTTSDALE, AZ/ARCADIA) had her swimming season cut short by injury in early December and was unable to compete the rest of the year. Before the injury, Shaw had placed first and second in the 1000-yard freestyle against Iowa State and Eastern Michigan, respectively. She was also second in the 500-yard freestyle against Iowa State.

• Sophomore JESSICA SMITH (PORTLAND, OR/REYNOLDS) competed mostly in her specialty this year, the breaststroke. She had three first-place finishes in the 200-yard breaststroke against Michigan State, Iowa State and at the Gold Country Invitational. Her lone 100-yard breaststroke win was with Iowa State. Smith, who also competed in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and the 200-yard individual medley, had nine top three finishes this year. She was also a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic.

• Senior tricaptain PAM SMITH (SPRINGFIELD, IL/SOUTHEAST) is a sprint freestyle specialist with 20 individual and relay team victories this year. Smith was first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events against Purdue and Illinois, and the 50-yard freestyle with Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan State. As a freestyle relay team member, Smith was first in the 200-yard race four times and the 400-yard version twice. She also was a member of seven winning 200-yard medley relay teams.

• Frosh OLGA SPLICHALOVA (ZNOJMO, CZECH REPUBLIC), Minnesota's premier distance freestyle specialist, has 12 victories this year in six events in her first year as a Gopher. Splichalova has surpassed NCAA consideration times in the 500- and 1650-yard freestyle events. She has three wins in the swimmer's mile - the 1650-yard freestyle - with wins over Nebraska and at the Minnesota and Tar Heel Invitationals. Splichalova also has a pair of victories in the 1000-yard freestyle in dual meets with Kansas and North Carolina, in the 500-yard freestyle against Nebraska and Kansas and the 200-yard freestyle with Michigan State and at the Gold Country Invitational. Competing in the 400-yard individual medley, she has wins over Eastern Michigan and Purdue. Splichalova was on Minnesota's winning 800-yard freestyle relay team against Illinois.

• Sophomore ANDREA TOFT (MINNETONKA, MN/MINNETONKA) has nine top three finishes this year, including being a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team at the Gold Country Invitational. Her best finish in an individual event was second in the 100-yard freestyle at the Gold Country Invitational.

• Sophomore ELIZABETH WELD (EAU CLAIRE, WI/MEMORIAL) garnered her only win of the year, when she placed first in the 500-yard freestyle at the Gopher Classic. Weld had five top three finishes for the year, including a second place as a member of the 200-yard medley relay in a dual meet with Iowa State.

• Sophomore KATE WENDT (RIVER FOREST, IL/OAK PARK RIVER FOREST), a 10-event competitor, has won two events and has had 11 top three finishes this season. Wendt was first in the 200-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational and the 200-yard freestyle versus Michigan.

• Junior LESLIE WILCOX (EXCELSIOR, MN/MINNETONKA) is Minnesota's fastest 200-yard breaststroke competitor this season and No. 2 in the 100-yard version. She had four wins during the dual meet season, winning the 200-yard breaststroke at the Minnesota Invitational, the 100-yard breaststroke at the Gold Country Invitational and against Michigan State. Wilcox was also a member of the winning 400-yard medley relay in the meet with Kansas.

Frosh KIM WILSON (SOUTH BEND, IN/RILEY) is one of the more versatile swimmers on this year's squad with 14 victories in eight different events. She is the team's number two athlete in the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events, having surpassed the NCAA consideration times in each event. Wilson is the No. 1 competitor for the Gophers in the 400-yard individual medley, with a victory at the Gold Country Invitational in the event. In the 200-yard backstroke, Wilson was first against Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and at the Gopher Classic. She had wins against Ohio State and Illinois in the 500-yard freestyle and in the 1000-yard freestyle in meets with Wisconsin, Purdue, Illinois and Michigan State. Also at the Gopher Classic, Wilson was first in the 200-yard butterfly and as a member of the 200-yard free relay. At Ohio State, Wilson won the 1650 freestyle.

• Junior WENDY WOODS (MADISON, WI/WEST) is a multi-event swimmer with 13 top-three finishes this season. Woods had a pair of second-place marks in the 200-yard backstroke at the Gold Country Invitational and the Gopher Classic. She was also second in the 500-yard freestyle against Michigan State and in the 400-yard individual medley at the Gopher Classic.

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## **NORTHFIELD'S KLASSEN TO BE HONORED DURING HOMETOWN DAY**

University of Minnesota women's swimming and diving student-athlete, Kari Klassen, along with her hometown of Northfield, Minn., will be honored as part of the WCCO Newstalk Radio 830 Hometown Day Campaign. The presentation will take place, Friday, Jan. 20, prior to the 7 p.m. start of the Minnesota vs. Nebraska women's dual meet at the University Aquatic Center.

Klassen, in her first year as a Gopher, is the daughter of Daniel and Karen Klassen and is a 1994 graduate of Northfield High School. During her high school career, Klassen was a two-time state high school champion in the 100-yard butterfly, a seven-time all-state selection and a nine-time Missota Conference champion.

As a Gopher, Klassen is among the five fastest swimmers on the team in six different events, which include the 50-, 100-, and 200-yard freestyle events, the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events and the 200-yard individual medley. She is also a member of the squad's fastest 200-, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams.

A pre-engineering major, Klassen is the sixth of 11 women student-athletes being honored this year as part of the sixth-annual WCCO Newstalk Radio 830 "Hometown Day" Campaign. Hometown Day discount tickets are available at the Northfield High School Activities Office, (507) 633-0632. For more information on Hometown Day, call (612) 624-0800.

