

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the St. Louis Park Sun)

June 10, 1985

(LINDBLAD HELPS GOPHER TRACK TO BEST BIG TEN FINISH SINCE 1977)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former St. Louis Park High School star Beth Lindblad, a freshman, helped the Minnesota women's track team to a sixth-place finish recently at the 1985 Big Ten Championships, its best finish since 1977.

Lindblad helped to set a new school record at the Big Ten Championships, by running the third leg on the Gophers' 1600 meter relay team, which finished eighth in 3:48.74. She nearly made the finals in the 400 meter hurdles, missing the final cut by less than two seconds. The 400 meter hurdles is a new event for Lindblad, who was the state prep champion in the 200 meters in 1984 and the Minnesota high school record holder in that event.

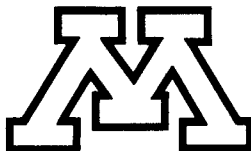
"The 400 hurdles are much tougher to run than the 200 hurdles," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless, "Beth really improved during the year and came close to making the finals at the Big Ten's. It's a tough event to learn, but she'll do well over the next few years."

During the outdoor season, Lindblad ran a personal best of 1:03.98 in the 400 meter hurdles at the Gopher Last Chance Meet in May. She also ran a personal best of :59.5 in the 400 meter dash at the Nebraska Invitational in April. During the indoor season, she won the 400 meters at the Northwest Open in Minneapolis (1:00.8).

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Before graduating from St. Louis Park High School in 1983, Lindblad was an all-conference selection twice in both basketball and volleyball, as well as a team MVP in both sports. In track, she was the 1984 state champion in the 200 meter hurdles as a senior and placed fifth as a sophomore.

A pharmacy major, Lindblad is the daughter of Phillip and Barbara Lindblad of 3025 Aquila Ave. S. in St. Louis Park.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Columbia Heights Sun)

June 10, 1985

(LUNDIN THIRD IN 800 METERS AT BIG TEN TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- After a long series of frustrations, University of Minnesota senior Ann Lundin ended her collegiate running career this spring on a high note. Lundin, a former Columbia Heights High School athlete, chopped five seconds off her previous career best in the 800 meter run this spring and placed third in that event at the 1985 Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships. By doing so, she helped the Gophers to finish sixth in the team standings, their best finish since 1977.

Lundin was third in the 800 meters at the Big Ten meet in 2:09.82. It marked the first time that she scored points -- a top-six finish -- in an individual event at the conference championships. And the competition in the 800 meters was stiff: Of the two runners to beat Lundin, one was the NCAA national champion in the 800 meters during the indoor season, and the other placed seventh at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Prior to the Big Ten Championships, Lundin twice broke school records in the 800 meters this spring. On April 20, she placed fourth at the Kansas Relays in 2:08.47, eclipsing the former school mark by better than two seconds. One week later, she finished third at the prestigious Drake Relays in 2:07.71, breaking her own school record.

Lundin's spring accomplishments helped to ease the pain of the past two seasons. After earning All-American honors as a member of the Gophers 4-by-800 meter relay team as a sophomore, she placed out of the scoring in the 800 meters

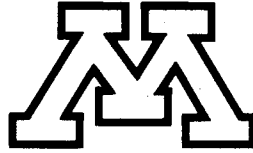
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last season at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships. Then this winter, she missed a chance to compete at the Big Ten Indoor Championships after her name had been inadvertently left off a list of Minnesota competitors eligible for the meet.

"Ann's always been a talented athlete," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless, "but in the past she has struggled. She ended her career with one of those years that we all dream about having."

Before graduating from Columbia Heights High School in 1981, Lundin lettered in track and cross country skiing. She was the regional cross country skiing champion in 1981. In track, Lundin placed second in the 800 meters at the Minnesota prep meet in 1980. She was coached in track by her father, Lynn.

Lundin, who is graduating this spring with a degree in Scandinavian languages, is the daughter of Lynn and Miriam Lundin of 3836 Hayes Street in Minneapolis.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Park Rapids Enterprise)

June 10, 1985

(McGRANE HELPS GOPHER TRACK TEAM TO BEST BIG TEN FINISH SINCE 1977)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Tammy McGrane started her collegiate track career in 1979, but it wasn't until the spring of 1985 that everything seemed to fall into place for the Park Rapids High School graduate. After a three-year hiatus from college athletics, McGrane returned to the Gopher track team this season at the age of 25 to turn in personal best times in each event she ran. McGrane was one of the reasons that Minnesota finished sixth at the 1985 Big Ten Track and Field Championships recently, the team's best finish since 1977.

McGrane ran one of those personal bests in the preliminary heat of the 1500 meter run at the Big Ten Championships. Her time of 4:34.92 was good enough to make the finals, where she finished ninth in 4:39.1. McGrane also ran personal bests in the 800 meters (2:15.5) at the Macalester Invitational and in the 3000 meters (10:18.85) at the Athlete's Foot Invitational.

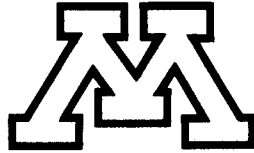
McGrane ran on the Minnesota cross country and track teams for three years -- from fall 1979 through spring 1981 -- before deciding to take time off from competitive running. She attended the University as a part-time student over the last three years before opting to give college athletics one more try. McGrane was the number three runner on the Minnesota cross country team last fall.

"In coming back with this super season, Tammy was able to get rid of some of her past frustrations," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "She was probably the oldest competitor at the Big Ten Championships this year. But she had personal bests in all the events she competed in."

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McGrane was a state champion in the 880 yard run and in the 180 yard hurdles while at Park Rapids High, and also placed second at the state cross country meet. She lettered in four sports at Park Rapids: track and field (five years, including 8th grade), basketball (three years), cross country (two years), and volleyball (two years).

McGrane is the daughter of Earl and Lottie McGrane of 805 Pleasant Ave. in Park Rapids.



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(Special to the Houston County News)

June 10, 1985

(FRESHMAN JOHNSON TAKES FOURTH IN 800 METERS AT BIG TEN TRACK MEET)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman Lisa Johnson, a former track and basketball star at LaCrescent High School, capped her freshman season on the Minnesota women's track team recently by placing fourth in the 800 meter run at the 1985 Big Ten Track and Field Championships. Johnson's performance helped the Gophers take sixth place in the team standings, their best finish since 1977.

Going into the Big Ten meet, Johnson was having a good season, but she was a longshot to even make the finals in the 800 meters. Her best time of the season had been 2:14.4, good enough to win at the Macalester Invitational. But in the preliminaries of the Big Ten Championships, Johnson scorched to the finals in 2:10.97. Proving that her time was no fluke, she placed fourth in the finals the next day in 2:10.76.

"Lisa was easily the surprise of the Big Ten meet in the 800 meters," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "But she had an excellent season, too. Her performance at the Big Ten's bodes well for the future."

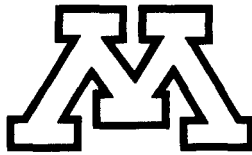
Lawless thinks that Johnson might run the 1500 meters more next season in addition to the 800 meters. Earlier this spring, she ran a personal best of 4:39.18 in the 1500 meters to take third place at the Athlete Foot's Invitational at LaCrosse, Wisc.

Before graduating from LaCrescent High School in 1984, Johnson was second in the 800 meters at the state prep Class A meet as a senior and eighth as a junior. She was also second in the state in the 400 meters as a sophomore.

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Johnson was selected to the first-team all-conference basketball squad as a senior in 1984 and finished third at the conference cross country meet in 1983.

Johnson, an international relations major, is the daughter of Gordon and Carla Johnson of 106 Fireside Court in LaCrescent.



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(Special to the St. Cloud Times)

June 10, 1985

(FETTIG WINS SECOND BIG TEN DISCUS TITLE, ALL-AMERICAN HONORS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Becky Fettig, of St. Cloud, cast off the reputation that she couldn't throw well at championship-level track meets by winning the Big Ten discus title recently. Then she capped the season by earning her first All-American award at the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

On May 19, Fettig won her second Big Ten discus title in three years with a throw of 169 feet-5 inches at the conference championships in Evanston, Ill. Two weeks later, she finished eighth at the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas with a throw of 173-8 in Austin, Texas. It marked the first time that Fettig made it to the final round of competition after three consecutive trips to the annual national championships. The top eight finishers were named All-Americans.

"Becky had some excellent performances at the end of the season," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "It is extremely tough to score at the nationals. It was a solid way to close out her college career."

The former St. Cloud Apollo athlete had built high expectations for Gopher fans two years ago by winning the Big Ten discus title as a sophomore with a throw of 166-1. Last year, she went into the conference championships as the heavy favorite to win the discus, but she finished a disappointing second with her shortest throw of the season -- 155-1.

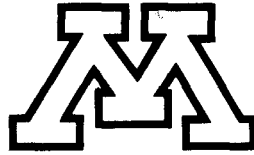
But this year, Fettig had consistency on her side. Three times during the regular season she threw over 175 feet, while her shortest throw was 162-6 into 30 mile-per-hour winds at the Kansas Relays. And she won the discus at the prestigious Drake Relays April 27 with a throw of 175-8 -- 12 feet better than the nearest competitor.

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Fettig qualified for the NCAA Championships with her first, and long-est, throw of the season -- 179-8 at the Willie Williams Classic in Tucson, Ariz. That throw was well over the 168-6 qualifying standard needed to make the NCAA Nationals. She was the only Big Ten discus thrower to qualify for the nationals. Fettig also placed fifth in the shot put at the Big Ten Championships, with a throw of 47-0. Although she did not qualify for the nationals in the shot put, Fettig broke her own outdoor school record earlier this spring with a throw of 49-4 1/2 at the Texas Relays. It is one of three school records that Fettig leaves Minnesota with; the others are in the discus (181-6 in 1984) and the indoor shot put (49-4 1/2 in 1984).

Before graduating from St. Cloud Apollo High School in 1981, Fettig lettered in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She won all-conference honors in track her last three years and was an All-American as a junior and senior. She was the Minnesota prep champ in the shot put in 1980.

Fettig, a social work major, is the daughter of Arthur and Joanne Fettig of 5851 Rolling Ridge Road in St. Cloud.



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(Special to the Racine Journal-Times & the Sawyer County Record)

(For General Release)

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(BANT HELPS GOPHERS TO BEST BIG TEN TRACK FINISH SINCE 1977)

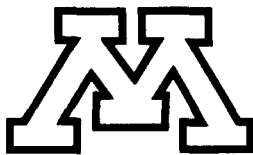
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota senior Stacy Bant, a former running star at J.I. Case High School in Racine, WI, helped the Minnesota women's track team to a sixth-place finish at the 1985 Big Ten Track and Field Championships, its best finish since 1977.

Although she was hampered by injuries throughout the indoor and outdoor track seasons, Bant placed seventh in the 3000 meter run at the Big Ten Championships in 9:58.93. Last fall, Bant earned all-Big Ten honors in cross country after finishing seventh at the Big Ten Championships.

"Stacy had a super cross country season, but she didn't have quite as much luck in track," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "She had troubles with injuries, which hindered her training during the season."

Although Bant is a senior academically, she is eligible to run track next year because she was "redshirted" as a freshman due to injuries. Bant has used all four years of her collegiate cross country eligibility.

Bant led Case High School to the Wisconsin state cross country team title in 1979. She was named female athlete of the year at Case as a senior in 1981 as well as the all-county runner of the year. She is the daughter of Donald and Marilyn Bant of 3645 County Lane in Racine.



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(TWO-SPORT STAR PETERKA SHINES ON GOPHER TRACK TEAM)

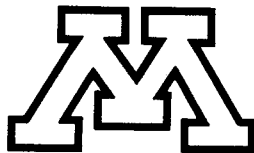
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota basketball standout Carol Peterka traded in her sneakers for track cleats this spring as she joined the Gopher track team for its outdoor season. Peterka, who has been an all-Big Ten selection in basketball each of the last two years, was Minnesota's top high jumper this season and ran well in the 400 meter hurdles.

Peterka's best high jump was 5 feet-6 inches at the Athlete's Foot Invitational in LaCrosse Wisconsin. Earlier in the season, she won at the Minnesota Triangular with a jump of 5-4. Peterka also improved steadily in the 400 meter hurdles. Her best performance was at the Gopher Last Chance Meet in Minneapolis, which she won in 1:03.36.

"Carol improved throughout the season in the 400 meter hurdles," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "She had never hurdled before this year. Carol does surprisingly well for missing the indoor track season. I think she enjoys the break from basketball."

On the basketball court, Peterka was named the Gophers' defensive player of the year for the second consecutive season. She was the team's third-leading scorer with 12.5 points per game. Peterka is fifth on the all-time Gopher scoring list with 1,040 career points.

At St. Cloud Apollo High School, Peterka was a Converse honorable mention All-American in 1982 and led Apollo to the state class AA championship as a senior the same year. A physical education major, she is the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Peterka of 948 Spruce Drive in St. Cloud.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Minneapolis Star & Tribune, the Hopkins Minnetonka Sun, & the Sailor)

(For General Release)

June 10, 1985

(STOLTMAN ELUDES SOPHOMORE JINX AT BIG TEN TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota sophomore Stephanie Stoltman, who starred in track and volleyball at Minnetonka High School, has thumbed her nose at the proverbial sophomore jinx. Stoltman, who finished sixth in the 100 meter hurdles at the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships last year as a freshman, had a hand in breaking three school records this spring. She capped the season by placing fourth in the 400 meter hurdles at the Big Ten Championships, helping the Gophers to take sixth place in the team standings, their best finish since 1977.

Stoltman scored in two events -- a top-six finish -- at the Big Ten Championships at Northwestern University. She was fourth in the 400 meter hurdles in 1:00.27, just two-tenths of a second off the school record. She also ran the second leg on the Gophers' 400 meter relay team, which was sixth in :47.78, again just shy of a school record. And Stoltman nearly scored in a third event -- the 100 meter hurdles -- by finishing in seventh :14.9.

Earlier this spring, Stoltman broke the Minnesota school record in the 100 meter hurdles April 13 at the Nebraska Invitational with a time of :14.48. Then she topped her own school record May 11 by winning at the Gopher Last Chance Meet in :14.34. It was Stoltman's second win of the season in the 100 meter hurdles. Earlier, she won at the Minnesota Triangular in :14.51.

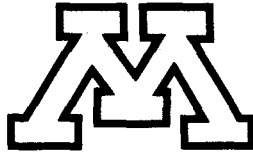
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Stoltman also ran on two Minnesota relay teams that broke school records this spring. At the Macalester Invitational on April 27, she ran the second leg on the Gophers' winning 440 yard relay team, which set a new school mark of :48.3. Then at the Big Ten Championships, she led off the Gophers' 1600 meter relay team, which broke the school record in 3:48.74 despite placing eighth. She also ran Minnesota's best time of the season in the 200 meter dash, by winning at the Gopher Last Chance Meet in :25.19., winning with a time of :25.19.

"Steph is just a sophomore, and this is easily her best season so far," said Gopher coach Mike Lawless. "She has been both a solid and consistent performer for us."

Before graduating from Minnetonka High School in 1983, Stoltman was an all-conference pick and the team captain in volleyball, in addition to being a track standout. She was undefeated in the 100 and 200 meter hurdles as a senior until the Minnesota state meet, where she finished third and second, respectively.

Stoltman, a social work major, is the daughter of Joseph and Dolores Stoltman of 3430 The Mall in Minnetonka.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Star & Tribune, Pioneer Press & Dispatch, & the Highland Villager)

(For General Release)

June 10, 1985

(VERSATILE PETERSON LEADS GOPHERS AT BIG TEN TRACK MEET)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Barb Peterson has pulled off a feat few student-athletes ever accomplish: After taking two years off from college athletics, she returned to perform even better than before.

Peterson, a graduate of Highland Park High School in St. Paul, returned to the Gopher track and field team this season after a two-year hiatus in which she attended the University on a part-time basis. She finished her collegiate career by scoring in four events -- more than anyone else on the team -- at the 1985 Big Ten Track and Field Championships in Evanston, Ill., May 18-19.

Not only is Peterson a shoo-in for the track team's comeback-performer-of-the-year, but she also could be considered the MVP (Most VERSATILE Performer). Although the hurdles are her specialty, Peterson also runs on Gopher relay teams, competes in the long jump, and had the Gophers' best time in the 300 yard dash during the indoor season.

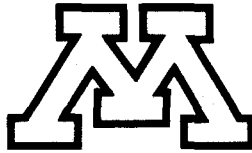
"I wish I had several more just like her," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "We were real pleased that she was able to come back this year."

At the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, Peterson tied a school record in the 400 meter hurdles in 1:00.09, good for third place. She also scored points by placing in the top six of the 100 meter hurdles (fifth in :14.74); the long jump (sixth with a jump of 18 feet-4 inches); and by anchoring the Gophers' 400 meter relay team (sixth in :47.78) to a near school record-breaking time.

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Peterson was part of a school record on the Gophers' 1600 meter relay team, which placed eighth at the Big Ten meet in 3:48.74. At the Big Ten Indoor Championships in March, Peterson was one of two Minnesota runners to score points, placing fifth in the 55-meter hurdles (:08.33).

Peterson lettered in track and field, gymnastics and cross country before graduating from Highland Park High School in 1980. She was named all-state in track and team MVP as a senior in 1980. She is the daughter of Don and Candace Peterson of 1425 Lincoln Avenue in St. Paul.



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Hometown News

(Special to the New Brighton Journal)

June 10, 1985

SMITH, WETZEL HELP GOPHER TRACK TEAM TO BEST BIG TEN FINISH SINCE 1977

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomores Leslie Smith and Charlotte Wetzel, former Irondale High School teammates in track and soccer, helped the Minnesota women's track and field team to a sixth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships recently, its best finish since 1977.

Smith, a shot putter, competed with the Gophers for the first time this season after a year-long injury forced her to sit out her freshman year. Despite missing that year from competition, Smith moved into the number two spot among the Gopher shotputters. Her best throw came during the indoor season with a toss of 45 feet-9 1/2 inches at the Minnesota Invitational in February. During the outdoor season, she placed third at the Nebraska Invitational in April with a throw of 45-8 and 11th at the Big Ten Championships with a throw of 42-8.

"Leslie had a solid season in her first year of college competition," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "She improved two feet over what she threw in high school."

Before graduating from Irondale High School in 1983, Smith was the 1983 Minnesota prep champion in the shot put and the runner-up in 1982. She was also an all-conference pick in soccer and helped Irondale finish second in the state as a senior. Smith is the daughter of Dean and Ruth Smith of New Brighton.

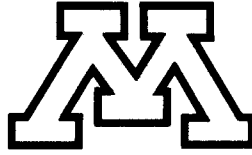
Wetzel, a sprinter, was a member of a school record-breaking relay team during the outdoor season. She ran the third leg of the Gophers' 1600 meter relay team that set a new school mark of 3:48.74 at the Big Ten Championships.

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She also ran personal bests in the 100 meter dash (:12.41) and the 200 meter dash (:25.51) at the Big Ten meet. During the regular season, Wetzel won the 200 meter dash (:26.4) at the Minnesota Triangular in April.

"Char ran well, particularly late in the season," Lawless said. Her time in the 100 meters at the Big Ten's nearly broke the school record."

Wetzel also graduated from Irondale High School in 1983. And she was a teammate of Smith on the Irondale soccer team that finished second in the state. Wetzel was an all-conference pick in track as a senior, and in 1983, she placed sixth at the state prep meet in the 200 meter dash. She is the daughter of Arthur and Geneva Wetzel of Minneapolis.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Stillwater Evening Gazette)

June 10, 1985

(EDER FINISHES TRACK SEASON ON UP NOTE, DESPITE HEALTH PROBLEMS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Jody Eder "struggled" through probably her toughest year yet with the Gopher track team this season. But struggled is a relative term, especially when talking about the five-time All-American from Lake Elmo.

Despite an iron-storing deficiency that hampered her performances throughout the winter and the spring, Eder finished 11th in the 1500 meter run (4:24.5) at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Austin, Texas last week. Two weeks earlier at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, she finished third in the 1500 meters (4:23.49) and sixth in the 3000 meter run (9:47.72) in Evanston, Ill.

"Considering the way the season was going for Jody, she finished well," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. "Jody had an up and down season, and while it was a good one, it wasn't as good as she was used to having."

Even though her performances were still superb, Eder's times began to drop off during the winter indoor season before her iron-storing problem had been diagnosed. Still, she broke school indoor records in the 1500 meters (4:24.03) and the two-mile run (10:23.08) before tiring at the end of the season. Although she qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 1500 meters, she did not make it past the preliminaries into the finals.

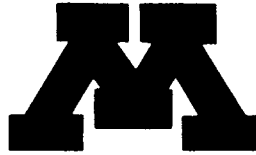
Eder started slowly in the outdoor season, but she came on strong toward the end of the regular season. On April 27, she placed third in the 1500 meters

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at the prestigious Drake Relays in 4:19.21, fast enough to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The following week, she won the 3000 meters at the Veisha Invitational in Ames, Iowa.

Eder has won four All-American awards in track and one in cross country. At the 1983 NCAA Indoor Championships, she was fifth in the 1000 yard run and anchored the Gophers' 4 x 800 yard relay team to a third-place finish. In 1984, she placed fourth in the 1000 meter run at the NCAA Indoor Championships and sixth in the 3000 meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Last fall, Eder placed 14th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships to win her fifth All-American honor.

Before graduating from Stillwater High School in 1982, Eder was an all-state selection in cross country and track. She was the 1981 state champ in the 800 meters. Eder, a recreation major, is the daughter of Jerome and Nancy Eder of Lake Elmo.



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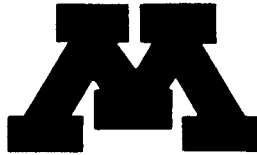
Stoltman also might score -- a top six finish -- in the 400 meter hurdles at the Big Ten Championships. She has Minnesota's best time of the season (1:01.03), good for a personal best and a second-place finish at the Nebraska Invitational. Stoltman won the 400 meter hurdles at the Minnesota Triangular and also at Macalester Invitational in St. Paul.

In addition to the hurdle events, Stoltman is a key member of the Gophers' 4 x 100 meter and 4 x 400 meter relay teams, both of which could score at the Big Ten outdoor meet. And she ran Minnesota's best time of the season in the 200 meter dash last weekend at the Gopher Last Chance Meet, winning with a time of :25.19.

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Peterson was one of two Minnesota runners to score at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in March, placing fifth in the 55-meter hurdles (:08.33). She will compete in the 100 meter hurdles, the 400 meters hurdles and on the Gophers' 400 meter and 1600 meter relay teams. Lawless considers her a threat to score -- a top-six finish -- in the 400 hurdles and possibly in the 100 hurdles.

Peterson turned a personal best of 1:02.4 in the preliminaries of the 400 meter hurdles at the Kansas Relays April 20. Two weeks later, she zipped to a second-place finish in the 100 meter hurdles with a wind-aided time of :14.1 at the Veisha Invitational in Ames, Iowa, another personal best. At the same meet, she had a long jump of 18 feet-1 inch, the best jump on the Gophers this spring, and yes, another personal best for Peterson.

"Barb's times in the 400 meter hurdles have come way down, and she is long jumping very well," Lawless said.

Peterson lettered in track and field, gymnastics and cross country before graduating from Highland Park High School in 1980. She was named all-state in track and team MVP as a senior in 1980. Peterson is the daughter of Don and Candance Peterson of 1425 Lincoln Avenue in St. Paul.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Stillwater Evening Gazette)

May 13, 1985

EDER QUALIFIES FOR NCAA TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, PREPARES FOR BIG TEN'S

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Jody Eder has "struggled" through probably her toughest year yet with the Gopher track team this season. But struggled is a relative term, especially when talking about the five-time All-American from Lake Elmo.

Despite an iron-storing deficiency that has hampered her performances throughout the winter and the spring, Eder has qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 1500 meter run once again this spring. And she is among the favorites in that event at the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 18-19 at Northwestern University.

Although her performances were still superb, Eder's times began to drop off during the indoor season in the winter before her iron-storing problem had been diagnosed. Still, she broke school indoor records in the 1500 meters (4:24.03) and the two-mile run (10:23.08) before tiring at the end of the season. Although she was the only Minnesota athlete to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships, it marked the first time that Eder came home from the track nationals without an All-American award.

Eder's started slowly in the outdoor season but has come on strong in recent weeks. On April 27, she placed third in the 1500 meters at the prestigious Drake Relays in 4:19.21, fast enough to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships (May 27-June 1 at Austin, Texas). The following week, she won the 3000 meters at the Veisha Invitational in Ames, Iowa.

"Jody has been having a tough season, but she is coming around at a good time," said Minnesota track coach Mike Lawless. "She is looking much better in the workouts now. Drake certainly has been the high point of the season for her."

Eder will run in the 1500 meters at the Big Ten Championships, and possibly in the 3000 meters, also. She has the second fastest time in the 1500 meters among Big Ten runners this spring. Last season at the conference championships, Eder placed fourth in the 1500 meters and second in the 3000 meters.

Before graduating from Stillwater High School in 1982, Eder was an all-state selection in cross country and track. She was the 1981 state champ in the 800 meters. Eder, a recreation major, is the daughter of Jerome and Nancy Eder of Lake Elmo.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the St. Cloud Times)

May 13, 1985

FETTIG AIMS FOR ANOTHER BIG TEN DISCUS TITLE

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Becky Fettig has proved herself as one of the top discus throwers in the nation this spring. Now the former St. Cloud Apollo athlete has just one more goal for herself before she leaves Minnesota -- to win another discus title at the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 18-19 at Northwestern University.

Fettig's only Big Ten championship came two years ago as a sophomore in the discus with a throw of 166 feet-1 inch, becoming one of only two Gophers to ever win a Big Ten title. Last year she placed second at the conference championships with a throw of 155-1 -- a somewhat disappointing finish because she went into the meet as a heavy favorite.

But this year, Fettig has consistency on her side. Three times she has thrown over 175 feet, and her shortest throw was 162-6 into winds of 30 miles per hour at the Kansas Relays. And she won the discus at the prestigious Drake Relays April 27 with a throw of 175-8 -- 12 feet better than the nearest competitor.

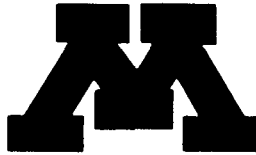
Fettig qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships (May 27-June 1 at Austin, Texas) with her first, and so far her farthest, throw of the season -- 179-8 at the Willie Williams Classic in Tucson, Ariz. That throw was well over the 168-6 qualifying standard needed to make the NCAA Nationals. It marks the third year in a row that Fettig has qualified for the nationals in the discus. So far, no one else from the Big Ten has qualified for the NCAA Championships in the discus, or for that matter, has even come close.

"Becky's at the top of her game," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless. She'll be going in to the Big Ten's as the favorite in the discus and she is capable of placing in the top six at the nationals. She has been throwing the discus and the shot consistently all spring."

Fettig also stands a good chance of scoring in the shot put -- a top-six finish -- at the Big Ten Championships. She broke her own outdoor school record earlier this spring with a throw of 49-4 1/2 at the Texas Relays, the fourth best throw in the conference. Her shot put throws consistently have been in the 48-foot range this spring.

Before graduating from St. Cloud Apollo High School in 1981, Fettig lettered in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She won all-conference honors in track her last three years and was an All-American as a junior and senior. She was the Minnesota prep champ in the shot put in 1980.

Fettig, a social work major, is the daughter of Arthur and Joanne Fettig of 5851 Rolling Ridge Road in St. Cloud.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Columbia Heights Sun)

May 13, 1985

LUNDIN VIES FOR 800 METER TITLE AT BIG TEN TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minneapolis, Minn. -- After a series of frustrations, University of Minnesota senior Ann Lundin is ending her collegiate running career with a roar. Lundin, a former Columbia Heights High School athlete, has chopped five seconds of her previous career best in the 800 meter run this spring. She rates as one of the runners to beat in the 800 meters at the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships, May 18-19 at Northwestern University.

Twice this spring, Lundin has broken school records in the 800 meters. On April 20, she placed fourth at the Kansas Relays in 2:08.47, eclipsing the former school mark by better than two seconds. One week later, she finished third at the prestigious Drake Relays in 2:07.71, breaking her own school record. Only two Big Ten athletes have faster times in the 800 meters this spring.

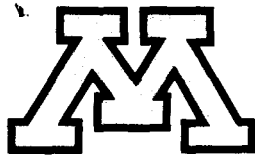
Lundin's spring accomplishments have helped to ease the pain of the past two seasons. After earning All-American honors as a member of the Gophers 4-by-800 meter relay team as a sophomore, she placed out of the scoring in the 800 meters last season at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships. Then this winter, she missed a chance to compete at the Big Ten Indoor Championships after her name had been inadvertently left off a list of Minnesota competitors eligible for the meet.

"Ann's always been a talented athlete," said Minnesota coach Mike Lawless, "but in the past she has struggled. Right now she is on a boom. Hopefully she can still qualify for the nationals."

The qualifying standard in the 800 meters for the NCAA National Championships (May 27-June 1 at Austin, Texas) is 2:06.40. Lundin would have to shave just over a second off best time so far to make the national field. Her only chance remaining to do that will come at the Big Ten Championships.

Before graduating from Columbia Heights High School in 1981, Lundin lettered in track and cross country skiing. She was the regional cross country skiing champion in 1981. In track, Lundin placed second in the 800 meters at the Minnesota prep meet in 1980. She was coached in track by her father, Lynn.

Lundin, a Scandinavian languages major, is the daughter of Lynn and Miriam Lundin of 3836 Hayes Street in Minneapolis.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(SPECIAL TO THE STILLWATER EVENING GAZETTE)

February 25, 1985

EDER IS RUNNING STRONG GOING INTO BIG TEN, NCAA TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota junior Jody Eder is in the midst of another stellar season heading into the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships March 1-2 at Ohio State University. Eder, a former Stillwater High standout and a five-time All-American with the Gophers, has already qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the one mile run. She also broke a school record in the two mile run.

Eder established a new school mark in the two mile run (10:23.08) at the Wisconsin Quadrangular in her first attempt ever at that distance, although she has run its metric equivalent -- the 3000 meters -- during the outdoor season. She now holds school record times in eight individual events and shares in three other school records as a member of Minnesota relay teams.

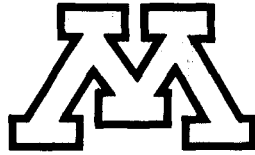
Her best performance during the regular season came at the Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. Eder won the one mile run in 4:42.37, besting the qualifying time for the NCAA Indoor Championships by two seconds. (The NCAA Indoor Championships will be in Syracuse, N.Y., March 8-9.) She also won the 1000 meter run (2:54.90) at the same meet, marking the first time in her college career that she has won two races at the same meet. The times for both races were meet records.

Eder also owns the fastest 880 yard time on the Gophers so far this season --2:14.52 at the Illinois Invitational, where she finished third. Her only other victory has come at the Minnesota Invitational in the one mile run (4:51.7).

Although she has never won a Big Ten championship, Eder has finished second three times -- in the 1500 meters (1983 Big Ten Indoor Championships), the one mile run (1984 Indoor) and the 3000 meters (1984 Outdoor). Minnesota track coach Mike Lawless plans to run Eder in the 1500 meters and in either the 3000 meters or on the Gophers' 4 x 800 meter relay team. She will face tough competition in the 1500 and 3000 meters from Wisconsin's Cathy Branta, who was the 1984 NCAA Champion in the 3000 meters and the Big Ten champ in the one mile and two mile runs last year during the indoor season.

"Jody would obviously like to win a Big Ten championship, but she's pretty realistic about her chances," Lawless said. She just happens to be in an area where the Big Ten is tough. I think she doesn't worry about it, but she'll give it her best shot.

Before graduating from Stillwater High in 1982, Eder was an all-state selection in cross country and track. She was the 1981 state champ in the 800 meters. Eder is the daughter of Jerome and Nancy Eder of Lake Elmo.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(SPECIAL TO THE STILLWATER EVENING GAZETTE)

January 23, 1985

EDER HONORED AS OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE ATHLETE BY MARCH OF DIMES

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Jody Eder has been honored as the Outstanding Collegiate Athlete in an Individual Sport by the Metro Minnesota Chapter of the March of Dimes. The former Stillwater High athlete received the award at the March of Dimes' Fourth Annual Sports Awards Dinner January 22. A total of 11 awards were given to the top athletes on local professional sports teams, collegiate teams and in other amateur sports.

Eder has won five All-American awards with the Gophers, four of them in track and the other in cross country. The Lake Elmo native holds school records in seven track events (and shares three more as a member of Gopher relay teams) and has run the four fastest times in Minnesota cross country history.

A recreation major, Eder was a track, basketball and cross country star before graduating from Stillwater High in 1982. She was the state champion in the 800 meters as a junior and has run one of the fastest miles in Minnesota prep history.

She is the daughter of Jerome and Nancy Eder of Stillwater.