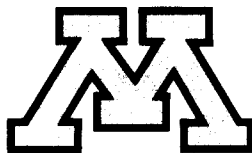


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Hometown News

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(MILLER SISTERS LEAD MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL TO SECOND PLACE BIG TEN FINISH) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- For four years, senior Pam Miller has led the University of Minnesota volleyball team with on-court power and intensity and off-court leadership. How could coach Stephanie Schleuder hope to duplicate her?

Recruit another Miller.

Enter freshman Lori Miller, who came to Minnesota as a heralded high school basketball star but who was overlooked by volleyball recruiters. She started alongside her sister Pam and helped lead the Gophers their best-ever finish in the Big Ten.

The team ended the year second in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record, and the Gophers also posted a 21-11 overall record to give Schleuder her most successful season at Minnesota since joining the program in 1982. But even though the team was ranked sixth in the Mideast Region final poll, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Mideast Region Tournament. Yet the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. This win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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Miller Sisters Lead Minnesota Volleyball Team 2-2-2-2

For 5-11 senior middle hitter Pam Miller, 1986 was her season to shine. The team's sole captain and a dominant hitter and blocker, Miller took charge of the Gophers and led in most major season and career statistical categories. In the process, she finished her career as Minnesota's all-time leading hitter after breaking former Gopher All-American Jill Halsted's career record of 1,350 against Ohio State on October 24. Miller also holds career blocking records with 398 block assists and 536 total blocks.

Miller was selected to the All-Big Ten first team and received votes for the conference MVP. Miller, along with teammate and all-conference selection Andrea Gonzalez, led the conference with a 4.22 kills per game average, and Miller also ranked tenth in hitting efficiency with a .276 kill percentage in Big Ten play. In addition, Miller was selected to the CVCA North Central All-Region team.

Miller was named the Big Ten Player of the Week for her play against Iowa in the final week of the season. Miller's 24 kills, .408 kill percentage, two service aces, 19 digs and three blocks led Minnesota to a 8-15, 15-11, 15-10, 16-14 win and sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

"Pam refused to let us lose at Iowa," said Schleuder. "It's typical of the way she's been playing, especially in the last two years."

Miller's performance this year shows that once more, she has dug deep within herself to improve her play -- a trademark each year of her career. As a sophomore she was the Gophers MVP, with 377 kills, and as a junior co-captain, she had 445 kills and was a second team All-Big Ten selection while leading the conference in blocking with a 1.64 per game average.

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Miller Sisters Lead Minnesota Volleyball Team 3-3-3-3

"Pam set a goal to be the best player on the team this year. Pam is the one that has done the job for us, day in and day out," said Schleuder.

Miller met her goal to be the best player on the team in 1986. She ended the year with 517 kills, just five short of the Minnesota single-season record, and her 1,211 attack attempts are a new season record. Miller also led the Gophers with a .276 kill percentage, a 4.24 kills per game average, 46 block solos and 87 block assists for 1.09 blocks per game average.

A physical education major, Miller plans to teach and coach basketball and volleyball. Next year, she will help coach the Gopher team while finishing her degree. Schleuder is pleased by that prospect: "Pam has been a great role model for the rest of the team. She pushes people to do their best."

Miller also has a chance to play in the newly-formed women's professional volleyball league, as she was drafted in the ninth round by the Minnesota Monarchs on December 22.

While Pam Miller broke records and earned honors, 6-0 freshman Lori Miller earned a starting front-row position on the team. She finished the year second on the team with 37 block solos and 51 block assists and also tied the Williams Arena match record of five block solos against Michigan State on November 15.

A middle hitter, Miller totaled 135 kills and had a .212 kill percentage. She had 72 kills and hit .239 during the Big Ten season, the team's second-highest kill percentage during the conference season.

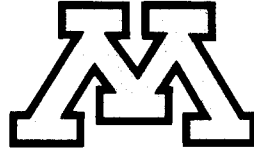
"Lori really came on strong at the end of the season. She did a fine job in the front row, and her blocking was instrumental in a lot of situations," said Schleuder.

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Miller Sisters Lead Minnesota Volleyball Team 4-4-4-4

Schleuder said that Miller was a "sleeper" and that a lot of people underestimated her potential, partially because a teacher's strike wiped out Miller's junior volleyball season. However, Schleuder has high hopes for her: "Lori is a lot like Pam, and I think she will develop into a fine all-around player."

Both Millers graduated from Alan B. Shephard High School where they played volleyball and basketball. They are the daughters of Robert and Helen Miller of Worth.



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Hometown News

(Special to the Palatine Countryside)

(STAAB OVERCOMES INJURY; EARNS STARTING SPOT ON GOPHER VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- Palatine native Karen Staab came to the University of Minnesota as one of the top twenty prep volleyball recruits in the nation, but a broken leg in June slowed the progress of her freshman season. Yet Staab's contributions were not limited, as she earned a starting back-row spot on the team and helped the Gophers to their best-ever Big Ten finish.

The Gophers finished 13-5 and second place in the Big Ten, and the development of Staab's back-row play was a factor in the team's success. That's surprising, considering that Staab was recruited as a front-row player. "We recruited Karen because of her hitting and blocking," said Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "Her back-row play was a plus. I don't think she'd thought of herself as a back-court player, but she developed into one of our best players."

Staab played in all but two of the Gophers' matches, and she totaled 152 digs and 22 service aces. Six of those aces came at Northwestern on October 3, which ranked as one of the top individual performances in the Big Ten.

As Staab recovered from her injury, she saw additional court time in the front row, and she compiled seven block solos and 17 block assists. Staab was the team's leading blocker with two solos and three assists against Purdue on October 11, and she also had a career-best 16 digs in that match.

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Staab Earns Starting Spot on Gopher Volleyball Team 2-2-2-2

"The broken leg was unfortunate for Karen because it affected her hitting," said Schleuder. "She was able to make some contributions in the back row and she played very well throughout the season."

In addition to their strong conference finish, the Gophers posted a 21-11 overall record to give coach Schleuder her most successful season at Minnesota since joining the program in 1982. But even though the team was ranked sixth in the Mideast Region final poll, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Mideast Region Tournament. Still, the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. This win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

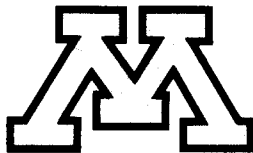
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Staab was a first-team all-state selection as a junior and senior at Palatine High School. She was also a two-time MVP for her Circus Club USVBA team and an AAU All-American in 1984 and 1985. Staab is undecided on a college major, and she is the daughter of Barbara Staab of Palatine.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Arlington Heights Daily Herald)

(BINDER COMPLETES MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL CAREER)

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- Hanover Park native and University of Minnesota senior Julie Binder defied the odds in her recovery from reconstructive knee surgery in 1984. Two years later, as Binder concludes her collegiate volleyball career, she continues to prove that when you really want to do something, you can.

"I have a lot of admiration for Julie," said head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "Her knee surgery has ended the careers of most athletes, but she has maintained her determination and desire. She's been an inspiration to a lot of people on the team."

In the Gophers' 1984 Big Ten opener, Binder leaped for a ball set outside the antenna and came down tearing both ligaments in her left knee. After reconstructive surgery and a year of rehabilitation, Binder's long hours in the training room were rewarded with a back-row starting spot during the 1985 season. But Binder wanted to hit -- not just serve and pass -- and she set her sights on a front-row spot as well, which she gained this year until fate struck again with a shoulder injury at the BYU Invitational in September.

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Binder Completes Minnesota Volleyball Career 2-2-2-2

Before the shoulder injury sidelined her, Binder had earned a starting spot at outside hitter and had set several new career bests. She had a career-best five block assists, seven service aces, and 21 digs against Hawaii-Hilo on September 23 and added a career-high 10 kills in the Hilo rematch on September 24. After missing four matches with the injury, Binder returned to the lineup as a back-row server and passer and played in all of the team's remaining matches.

"Julie was a critical player for us this year and last year," Schleuder said. "We will definitely miss her back row play and her intensity and attitude."

Surprisingly, Binder did not come to Minnesota as a back-row specialist, and Schleuder said that Binder's strong back-row skills were a surprise. "We recruited Julie as a front-row player because she was a strong hitter. But her back-row play came along quickly and after her knee injury she had to concentrate on that," she said.

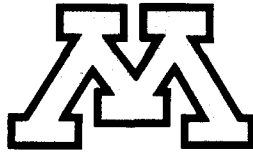
The surprise benefit of Binder's defensive skills were a contributor to the team's best-ever Big Ten finish. The team had a 13-5 conference record and second-place finish, and they were 21-11 overall. However, the Gophers did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA championships, despite being ranked sixth in the Mideast Region final poll. Still, the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. This win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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Although her playing career is over, Binder has a chance to share her determination with next year's team, as she hopes to work with the volleyball team as a student assistant coach next season while completing her degree in physical education.



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Hometown News

(Special to the State Journal-Register)

(COLLINGS CONCLUDES GOPHER VOLLEYBALL CAREER) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- University of Minnesota senior setter Jennie Collings, a native of Rochester, completed her collegiate career as a member of the best Gopher volleyball team in four years. The Gophers finished the year 21-11 overall, 13-5 and second place in the Big Ten, a five-place jump in three years. And Collings, the team's starting setter as a sophomore and junior, had a large role in the overall improvement of the team.

"Jennie was responsible for leading the development of our team," said head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She grew with the team and developed into an outstanding setter."

Although Collings did not play regularly this year, Schleuder utilized her setting abilities to spark the team in several clutch, must-win situations, like the fourth game of the Hawaii-Hilo match and the third game of the Iowa State match. In addition, Collings saw court time as a front-row blocker and back-row server and passer in several matches.

Despite the reduced time, Schleuder was pleased with Collings' play and attitude. "Jennie didn't see as much action, but she showed outstanding leadership. She helped both off the court and on, and she was willing to do whatever was needed."

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Collings Concludes Gopher Volleyball Career 2-2-2-2

Yet the team's impressive finish and sixth-place ranking in the Mideast Region final poll were not enough to guarantee the Gophers an at-large bid to the NCAA Mideast Region Tournament. Still, the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. That win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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Collings held the school assists record of 66 for two years, and averaged nearly eight assists per game in the two years she started. In addition, Collings was a leading blocker throughout her career. She compiled 46 block solos and 166 block assists to rank among the top career blockers. She also holds the school record for most block assists in a match with 11, set against Indiana in 1983.

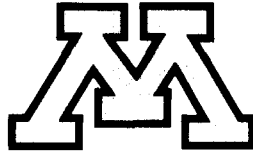
In addition to strong court play and team leadership, Collings is an excellent student. A nursing major, she was an honorable mention selection to the Big Ten All-Academic volleyball team for her academic and athletic achievements. She also received a Patty Berg Academic Award in 1985-86.

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Collings Concludes Gopher Volleyball Career 3-3-3-3

"Jennie represents everything we hope to see in our student-athletes," said Schleuder. "She can be proud of her accomplishments here."

Collings was an all-conference selection in 1981 while playing on the Rochester High School volleyball team. She is the daughter of Carolyn Collings of Rochester.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Waconia Patriot)

(GOETZ NAMED TO BIG TEN ALL-ACADEMIC VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- For University of Minnesota junior Rochele Goetz, the 1986 season started strong, but a shoulder injury hampered her play throughout the Big Ten season. However, Goetz's play and academic achievements earned her selection to the Big Ten All-Academic volleyball team. A 5-9 hitter, Goetz received a Patty Berg Academic Award and currently has a 3.5 career grade point average as a journalism major.

"Rochele's injury in early October slowed her down and limited her role," said Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "Next year she'll take it slow and we'll see how things go." Goetz underwent exploratory surgery in December, but removing the problem, a bone chip, would have meant major reconstructive surgery. Instead, Goetz will go through rehabilitation in the off-season in hopes of regaining her early-season form.

Before the injury struck, though, Goetz was on her way to her best season as a Gopher. During the team's pre-season trip to Hawaii and Utah, she earned a starting spot at outside hitter and tied several career bests, including 29 attack attempts and four service aces against Utah State on September 18.

Goetz's play also gave the Gophers a win over Weber State on September 17 with a block assist for the 15th point and a kill for the 16th point of the match-deciding fifth game. Goetz also had the second highest kill percentage of her career, .308, with five kills and one error in 13 attempts in that match.

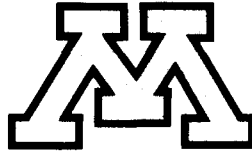
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Goetz Named to All-Academic Volleyball Team 2-2-2-2

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Goetz was an two-time all-conference selection while playing at Waconia High School, and she led her team to four consecutive league championships. Goetz was not the only Gopher athlete in the family, as her brother Ron was a freshman fullback on the Gopher football team. Goetz is the daughter of Gary and Donna Moonen of Waconia.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Tiempo Argentino/Clarue)

(GONZALEZ NAMED TO ALL-BIG TEN FIRST TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- University of Minnesota sophomore Andrea Gonzalez improved upon the successes of her spectacular rookie season in 1986 and helped lead the Gopher volleyball team to their best Big Ten finish ever. Gonzalez was named to the All-Big Ten first team for the second straight year after leading the Big Ten with a 4.22 kills per game average. In addition, she was named to the CVCA All-North Central Region team.

A native of Buenos Aires, the 5-11 Gonzalez moved to outside hitter this year and totaled 475 kills and averaged 3.99 kills per game, both second on the team. She now has 997 kills after only two years at Minnesota and could break the career record of 1,519 as a junior next year.

Gonzalez also improved her defensive play and set a new single-season record of 322 digs. She broke the old record of 293 with a career-best 23 digs against Indiana on November 21. On the season, Gonzalez averaged 2.71 digs per game and ranked sixth in the Big Ten.

"Andrea's passing improved a lot this year. She was one of the top three passers on the team," said Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder, who also praised Gonzalez's overall court play. "Andrea's not extremely quick, but she reads hitters well. She's always a threat in the front row, and when things got tough for us this year she made some great plays."

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Gonzalez Named to All-Big Ten First Team 2-2-2-2

The 1985 Gopher MVP and Freshman of the Year, Gonzalez has had a definite impact on the fortunes of the Minnesota volleyball program. In 1985 the team finished 22-12 overall, 11-7 and fourth place in the Big Ten, but this year they improved to 21-11 overall, 13-5 and second place in the conference.

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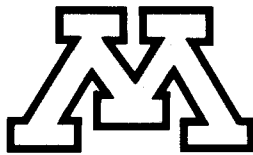
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Gonzalez Named to All-Big Ten First Team 3-3-3-3

Schleuder is confident that Gonzalez will continue to be a dominant player in the conference and nation for the next two years. "Andrea is an elite player and fun to watch. She has a great attitude and she's very cool under pressure. She is a definite All-American candidate for next year," she said.

Gonzalez is studying computer science at Minnesota. She is the daughter of Jorge and Vincenta Gonzalez of Buenos Aires.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Frankfort Times)

(OESTERLING EARNS STARTING POSITION ON MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- Frankfort native Sharon Oesterling arrived at the University of Minnesota in August as a top Division I recruit, and she quickly lived up to her billing. The starting setter for most of the season, Oesterling's play was an important factor in the team's 13-5 second-place finish in the Big Ten Conference. The Gophers improved from fourth to second in the conference and finished 21-11 overall, due in a large part to Oesterling's ability to step in as a freshman and run a collegiate volleyball offense.

"We had a lot of hope in Sharon and she didn't disappoint us," said Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "Sharon is an exceptional athlete. Her development throughout the season was amazing."

Oesterling distinguished herself as a blue-chip athlete early in the season when she won the team's fitness/endurance test on the first day of practice. She was the starting setter by the end of the Gophers' pre-season training trip to Hawaii and Utah, and she re-set the school's single-match assists record with 68 against Montana on September 18. But she didn't fizzle after a quick pre-season start. In the team's final match against Iowa on November 25, Oesterling's service ace in the fourth game gave the Gophers an 8-15, 15-10, 15-11, 16-14 win and sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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Oesterling Starts for Minnesota Volleyball Team 2-2-2-2

On the season, Oesterling averaged 10.43 assists per game, and 10.78 in conference matches -- fourth in the Big Ten. Her play did not pass without notice, as Oesterling received votes for the Big Ten's Newcomer of the Year award which went to Purdue's Debbie McDonald.

Oesterling also contributed on defense, as she was third on the team with 283 digs and a 2.48 per game average. In addition, she was the only Big Ten player to consistently use a jump serve during the season, and she finished the year with 35 service aces, and a .31 per game average.

Schleuder was pleased with Oesterling's adjustment to Division I volleyball: "I thought she did an outstanding job at running our offense. It's very unusual for a freshman to come into a Big Ten, Division I, school and run the team."

Oesterling's play had a major role in Minnesota's best-ever Big Ten season and Schleuder's best season as the Gopher coach. But even though the team defeated Iowa after trailing them throughout the Big Ten season, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Mideast Region Tournament.

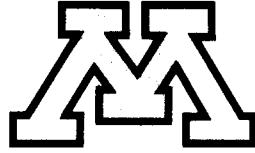
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Oesterling Starts for Minnesota Volleyball Team 3-3-3-3

Schleuder is confident that Oesterling's play will continue to lead the team in the next three years: "Sharon is a smooth and consistent player, and I think she is one of the best setters in the conference as a freshman. She will be a crucial player for us."

A graduate of Clinton Prairie High School, Oesterling was valedictorian of her high school class and is currently enrolled in the University's honors program as a math education major. She is the daughter of Donald and Jean Oesterling.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Dixie News)

(FRESHMAN SCHAEFER EARNS STARTING SPOT ON MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- All athletes have their most memorable moments, and for University of Minnesota freshman Chris Schaefer that moment was the Montana match at the BYU Invitational on September 18. After all, it's not every match where the rookie replaces the star.

Head coach Stephanie Schleuder sent in Schaefer to play at left-side hitter and, much to Schaefer's surprise, she played in place of sophomore sensation Andrea Gonzalez. But after the shock wore off, Schaefer went out and led the team with a career-high 21 kills in only three games and set additional career bests with 56 attack attempts and 14 digs. In the process, Schaefer's personal goal of starting by mid-season was speeded up to starting in the second Big Ten match.

"The Montana match was a turning point for Chris," said Schleuder. "She saw the opportunity and made the most of it. It was really exciting to see her play so well."

After that hot start, Schaefer continued to improve, and she finished the year fourth on the team with 187 kills for a 2.23 average per game. She played in all but three of the Gophers' matches and started throughout the Big Ten season. Schaefer's best match of the Big Ten season came at Ohio State on November 22. She hit a career-best .533 with eight kills and zero errors in 15 attempts, and she added a career-high two block solos.

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Schaefer Earns Starting Spot on Minnesota Volleyball Team 2-2-2-2

Schleuder was pleased with Schaefer's improvement and overall play: "Chris came up with some good games when we needed her to," she said. "Her overall court play improved and she did an outstanding job throughout the season." Schleuder is also optimistic about Schaefer's future at Minnesota, as she says that Schaefer's on-court team enthusiasm makes her a potential sparkplug player.

Enthusiasm also ran high for the Minnesota team, as they came very close to earning an at-large bid to the NCAA championship. But even though they ended the year with a 21-11 overall record and 13-5 and second place in the Big Ten, they did not earn the bid despite being ranked sixth in the final Mideast Region coaches poll. Still, the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. That win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

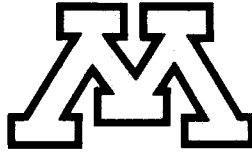
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A native of Florence, Schaefer is a graduate of St. Henry High School. While at St. Henry, she was named the 1985 Region Player of the Year and was a three-time all-conference, all-region, and all-tournament player. Academically, Schaefer graduated seventh in her class and served as president of the National Honor Society. A pre-med major at Minnesota, Schaefer is the daughter of Michael and Anne Schaefer.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hometown News

(Special to the Minneapolis Star and Tribune)

(SOUTHWEST GRAD KARYN DALINE CONCLUDES GOPHER VOLLEYBALL CAREER) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- When she was a student and star volleyball player at Minneapolis Southwest High School, Karyn Daline wanted one thing: to play her collegiate career at Minnesota. Once she arrived, she wanted to start. She did, and since then Daline played in virtually every match in her stellar career at Minnesota. In the process, Daline's steady and consistent play was one of the major reasons that the Minnesota team placed second in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record and 21-11 overall record in 1986.

A 5-9 outside hitter, Daline became only the fifth player to ever pass the 1,000 career kill mark at Minnesota. She concluded her career fourth on the all-time list with 1,073 kills. In addition, she has been one of the program's most consistent passers and servers as she led the team in digs for three years and was the team's best passer for all four years.

"Karyn was a cornerstone of our program. Her consistency and all-around play were important to the progress of the team," said head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She will go down as one of the all-time great players at Minnesota. She slowly made her way into the record books."

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Daline Concludes Gopher Volleyball Career 2-2-2-2

A quick glance at the Gopher career record books shows that Daline was a dominant player, both on offense and defense. She ranks fourth with 1,073 career kills, third with 3,196 attack attempts, fourth with a .221 career hitting percentage, and fourth with 171 block assists, to name a few.

Daline's consistency and accuracy are also evident as she had only 58 service errors in her career, by far the best ever in Minnesota history. Daline also racked up 1,067 digs, and at one time held the single-season record of 293 digs.

Daline holds several single-match and single-season records, including the school single-match record of 28 digs and the Williams Arena record of nine block assists. In 1985, she set a new fewest service errors record of 11 in 491 attempts, and as a freshman in 1983 she had only 84 hitting errors in 826 attack attempts.

Yet surprisingly, Daline's accomplishments have largely gone by unnoticed by the general public. Still, Schleuder knows that replacing Daline will be no small task. "Nobody realizes how much we will miss Karyn next year. It will be hard to replace her consistency," she said.

Daline's senior season was a continuation of her steady play. After missing two matches due to an ankle sprain, Daline regained her starting outside hitting position and totaled 232 kills and averaged 2.39 kills per game, third on the team. Daline's defensive totals were again impressive as she compiled 292 digs and ranked fifth in the Big Ten with a 3.3 digs per game average.

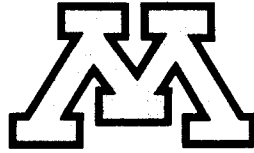
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Schleuder said that Daline had an outstanding career and senior season, and she was particularly pleased with her blocking. "Karyn wasn't known as a blocker for her first three years here, but she did a real good job this year," said Schleuder. Daline set a new career best with four block solos in matches against Northwestern and Montana.

But volleyball wasn't the cornerstone of Daline's college years. Her strong religious beliefs led her overseas with the Athletes in Action volleyball team during the summer of 1983, and last summer she ministered in the Middle East.

A commercial art major, Daline is daughter of Wayne and Barb Daline of Minneapolis.



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(Special to the Glen Ellyn Times Press)

(LARSON ADJUSTS TO NEW ROLE ON GOPHER VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- University of Minnesota junior Missy Larson changed positions on the Gopher volleyball team this year, and was a starter during the team's early-season competition. A native of Glen Ellyn, Larson switched from setting to playing as a back-row defensive specialist.

Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder was pleased with Larson's adjustment to the new position: "Missy went through a transition from being primarily a setter to primarily a defensive specialist, and this was an adjustment for her. She played really well at the beginning of the season."

Larson started during the Gophers' pre-season training trip to Hawaii and Utah, and saw action in 12 Big Ten matches. On the season she totaled 60 digs and 12 service aces, up from only two aces in the 1985 season. Against Michigan State on November 14, Larson had three service aces, the second-best total of her career.

The 1987 season will bring another adjustment for Larson. As one of the team's two seniors next year, Schleuder will look to Larson to provide on and off-court leadership. Schleuder also anticipates that Larson's playing time will increase. "Missy will help us in the back row. Her role could be very crucial for us," she said.

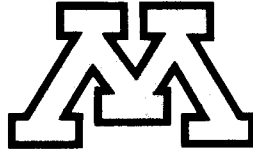
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Larson's new position was a positive influence on the Gophers' fortunes, as they ended the year second in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record for their best Big Ten finish since league play began in 1982. The Gophers also posted a 21-11 overall record, giving Schleuder her most successful season at Minnesota since joining the program in 1982. Although the team was ranked sixth in the Midwest Region final poll, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Midwest Region Tournament, but the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. This win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

The season opened in Hawaii with seven matches in as many days. After defeating Chaminade University and Hawaii Pacific, the team dropped matches to BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii-Honolulu, a top-ranked Division I school, but they rebounded to defeat Hawaii-Hilo twice. Next the team defeated Weber State and competed at the Brigham Young Invitational in Provo, UT. They finished 11th, which later hurt the Gophers' chances for at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

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A graduate of Glenbard West High School, Larson led her team to the 1983 Illinois state AA volleyball title and was an all-state selection as a senior. A business major, she is the daughter of Norman and Barbara Larson.



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(Special to the Livingston County Press)

(HIPSCHEN COMPLETES SOPHOMORE SEASON ON MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL TEAM) --

(Minneapolis, Minn.) -- University of Minnesota sophomore Shaleen Hipschen competed on the Gopher volleyball team during the 1986 season as a back-row defensive specialist. Despite seeing limited playing time this year, head coach Stephanie Schleuder is optimistic that Hipschen will play a larger part in the team's game plan in the future.

"Shaleen was recruited primarily as a defensive specialist," Schleuder said. "She will help with passing next year, especially with the loss of our top two passers."

Hipschen saw increased court time this year, as she played in 20 games in 16 matches. She matched her career-high of three digs against Michigan on October 18 and totaled 13 digs this season. Schleuder said that Hipschen's already strong defensive play was much improved in 1986.

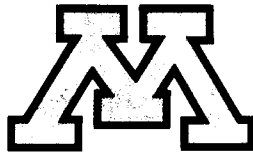
Just as Hipschen's play improved, so did the team, as they ended the year second in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record for their best Big Ten finish since league play began in 1982. The Gophers also posted a 21-11 overall record, giving Schleuder her most successful season at Minnesota since joining the program in 1982. But even though the team was ranked sixth in the Mideast Region final poll, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Mideast Region Tournament. Still, the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. That win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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A graduate of Howell High School, Hipschen led her prep team to three consecutive conference titles and was an all-conference and all-region player as a junior and senior. An elementary education major, she is the daughter of Lawrence and Eileen Hipschen.



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(Special to the Burnsville Current)

(ILLNESS SHORTENS RASMUSSEN'S VOLLEYBALL SEASON) --

(Minneapolis, Minn) -- After a much-improved start, an illness shortened sophomore Dawn Rasmussen's season on the University of Minnesota volleyball team. Rasmussen, a native of Eagan, contracted mononucleosis in mid-October and could not play for the rest of the year.

Before the illness, however, Rasmussen had shown great improvement as a front-row hitter. A 5-10 hitter, she saw her first action of the season during the third game of the Iowa State match on September 28, where she had service lines for the 12th and 14th points of the game. Rasmussen also had the match-winning kill against Wisconsin on October 31.

"Dawn has continued to improve her skills, and she did a fine job this year," said Minnesota head coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She is a positive influence on the team with her tremendous attitude and great desire."

The Gophers also showed great improvement in 1986. They ended the year second in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record, their best Big Ten finish since league play began in 1982. The Gophers also posted a 21-11 overall record, giving head coach Stephanie Schleuder her most successful season at Minnesota since joining the program in 1982. Although the team was ranked sixth in the Midwest Region final poll, they did not earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Midwest Region Tournament, but the season ended on a high note with a 3-1 win over Iowa on November 25. This win gave the Gophers, who had trailed the Hawkeyes throughout the Big Ten season, sole possession of second place in the Big Ten.

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Rasmussen was a three-year letterwinner while playing at Burnsville High School, and was named all-conference as a senior. A business major at the university, she is the daughter of James and Cheryl Rasmussen.