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May 23, 1999

FIELD SET FOR NCAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HAZELTINE Regional Winners Minnesota, Georgia Tech, Arizona State Highlight Field

The field has been set for the 1999 NCAA Men's Golf Championships at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., with the conclusion of last weekend's regional play at three sites throughout the country. The top nine teams from the West region, 10 teams from the Central region, and 11 teams from the East region have earned tickets to the June 2-5 event at Hazeltine National.

Minnesota captured the NCAA Central Regional title by three strokes over Northwestern at the Scarlet Course on the campus of Ohio State University. Defending NCAA Champion James McLean claimed medalist honors for the Golden Gophers in leading the program to its first regional golf championship.

Georgia Tech won the NCAA East Regional championship at Rhode Island Country Club in Barrington, Rhode Island by nine strokes over South Carolina despite a late run by the Gamecocks. South Carolina made up six shots on the Yellowjackets in Saturday's final round, but Georgia Tech, led by 1998 National Player of the Year Bryce Molder and 1997 U.S. Amateur Champion Matt Kuchar, held on for the win. South Carolina's Kyle Thompson won medalist honors in the East.

Arizona State, led by a pair of talented sophomores, claimed the NCAA West Regional at Tucson National Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Sun Devil sophomore Jeff Quinney was the low player in the 93-player field, with teammates Matt Jones and Paul Casey also placing in the top 10. Casey, also a sophomore, set an NCAA record earlier this season by firing a 60 in the Pac-10 Championship. The previous low for a collegiate golfer was set by Tiger Woods of Stanford with a 61 at the 1996 Pac-10 Championship.

In addition to the 30 teams that have qualified, six other individual golfers, two from each region, have earned trips to Hazeltine National to compete in the NCAA Championships. Those six along with 150 players on the 30 teams constitute the 156-player field.

The event will kick off with the University of Minnesota Welcome Dinner on Sunday, May 30 at 8 p.m. at the Minneapolis Marriott Airport. The honorary chairman of the 1999 NCAA Men's Golf Championships, PGA touring pro and Golden Gopher great Tom Lehman, will be the featured guest at the event.

Practice rounds for the championship field are on Monday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 1. The first 18 holes of the championship are Wednesday, June 2 followed by the second round of play on Thursday, June 3. Following 36 holes of play, the team field is cut in half -- the top 15 teams survive to play the final 36 holes while the bottom 15 teams are eliminated from contention for the national title. In addition, the top nine individuals not on the top 15 teams will continue play. A total of 84 players will finish the event with 18 holes of play on Friday, June 4 and a final 18 holes on Saturday, June 5.

Listed on the next page of this release are the teams that have qualified out of each region, along with a schedule of events for the tournament. Tee times for each team will be assigned after the teams are seeded. Tickets for the 1999 NCAA Men's Golf Championships can be purchased by calling (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-UGOPHER.

1999 NCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS FIELD

EAST REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFIERS (listed in order of finish)

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Georgia Tech (4)
South Carolina (11)
Florida (8)
Georgia (1)
East Tennessee State (19)
Duke (47)
North Carolina (15)
Richmond
Mississippi (44)
Clemson (3)
Augusta State

EAST REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Michael Capone, Wake Forest (35)
D.J. Nelson, South Alabama

CENTRAL REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFIERS (listed in order of finish)

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Minnesota (10)
Northwestern (12)
Nebraska (13)
Oklahoma State (6)
Houston (5)
Toledo
Illinois
Arkansas
Kansas (27)
Colorado

CENTRAL REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Jamie Broce, Ball State (93)
Martin Maritz, Tulsa (90)

WEST REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFIERS (listed in order of finish)

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Arizona State (7)
UNLV (2)
Brigham Young (16)
California (21)
Oregon (20)
San Diego State (43)
Washington (14)
Colorado State (35)
Arizona

WEST REGIONAL INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

(Latest MasterCard rankings in parenthesis)

Jorge Corral, USC
Justin Peters, Nevada (84)

1999 NCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

(all times are Central - ticket prices listed in parenthesis)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

2 - 8 p.m.

8 p.m.

Team and Individual Registration - Airport Marriott

Welcome Dinner - Airport Marriott

MONDAY, MAY 31

7 a.m.

8 - 9:10 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

12:50 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Range and practice areas open

Practice round, first wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**FREE**)

Practice round, second wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**FREE**)

East-West Matches (#1 & #10 Tees)

Range and practice areas close

GCAA Awards Banquet - Airport Marriott

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

7 a.m.

8 - 9:10 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

7 p.m.

Range and practice areas open

Practice round, first wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**FREE**)

Practice round, second wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**FREE**)

Range and practice areas close

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

6:12 a.m.

7:12 a.m.

Noon

7 p.m.

Range and practice areas open

First Round, first wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$5**)

First Round, second wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$5**)

Range and practice areas close

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

Noon

7 p.m.

Range and practice areas open

Second Round, first wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$5**)

Second Round, second wave (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$5**)

Range and practice areas close

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

7 p.m.

Range and practice areas open

Third Round (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$10**)

Range and practice areas close

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

Conclusion of Play

Range and practice areas open

Final Round (#1 & #10 Tees) (**\$15**)

Awards Ceremony



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MCLEAN HONORED AS FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN Dooley, LeMesurier Among 26 Named Honorable Mention

University of Minnesota sophomore James McLean has been named a first-team All-American by the Golf Coaches Association of America for the second consecutive year in a list of honorees released Monday by the GCAA. McLean becomes the first Golden Gopher to repeat as a All-American since Tom Lehman was a three-time national award winner from 1979-81.

McLean enjoyed a stellar second season after winning the NCAA individual championship as a freshman. The native of Wahgunyah, Victoria, Australia won two individual titles, at the Wolverine Invitational and NCAA Central Regional, while finishing in the top 10 in all but two events during the 1998-99 season. He led the Golden Gophers in stroke average (70.892), and finished the season by carding 17 of his final 25 rounds under par. On the season, McLean fired 22 of his 37 rounds under par, and was a cumulative 22-under par in his last eight tournaments.

McLean has been named to the all-Big Ten team in each of his first two collegiate seasons, and was honored as Big Ten Conference and National Freshman of the Year after the 1997-98 campaign.

Senior captain Adam Dooley and junior Martin LeMesurier were named to the GCAA honorable mention list. Dooley, a native of Albany, Minn., finished in a tie for 12th individually at the 1999 NCAA Championships to lead the Golden Gopher contingent. The two-time member of the all-Big Ten team posted scores at or under par in 11 of his last 21 rounds this season. LeMesurier, the 1996-97 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, was also named to the 1999 All-Big Ten squad.

Northwestern sophomore Luke Donald, the 1999 NCAA individual champion, was named Player of the Year. David Gossett of Texas was honored as Freshman Player of the Year.

Player Of The Year - Luke Donald, Northwestern

Freshman Player Of The Year - David Gossett, Texas

First Team All-Americans

Jeremy Anderson, Junior, UNLV

Jonathon Byrd, Junior, Clemson

Luke Donald, Sophomore, Northwestern

John Engler, Sophomore, Clemson

David Gossett, Freshman, Texas

Charles Howell, Junior, Oklahoma State

Ryuji Imada, Sophomore, Georgia

Joel Kribel, Senior, Stanford

James McLean, Sophomore, Minnesota

Bryce Molder, Sophomore, Georgia Tech

Second Team All-Americans

Paul Casey, Sophomore, Arizona State
Ben Curtis, Junior, Kent State
Michael Kirk, Junior, UNLV
Edward Loar, Junior, Oklahoma State
Andy Miller, Junior, BYU
Jeff Quinney, Sophomore, Arizona State
Jamie Rogers, Senior, Nebraska
Andy Sanders, Sophomore, Houston
Steve Scott, Senior, Florida
Kyle Thompson, Sophomore, South Carolina

Third Team All-Americans

Jamie Broce, Senior, Ball State
David Christensen, Senior, East Tennessee State
Wil Collins, Freshman, New Mexico
Eric Ecker, Junior, South Carolina
Hunter Haas, Senior, Oklahoma
Max Harris, Junior, North Carolina
Troy Kelly, Freshman, Washington
Michael Morrison, Junior, Georgia
D.A. Points, Senior, Illinois
Byron Schlagenhauf, Senior, UCLA

Honorable Mention

Camilo Benedetti, Freshman, Florida
Chris Berry, Senior, UNLV
Eamon Brady, Senior, East Tennessee State
Mike Brennan, Senior, Houston
Adam Dooley, Senior, Minnesota
Robert Duck, Sophomore, Augusta State
Carlton Forrester, Junior, Georgia Tech
Steve Friesen, Senior, Nebraska
Jose Garrido, Junior, BYU
Derek Gillespie, Junior, Arizona
Lucas Glover, Sophomore, Clemson
Billy Harvey, Sophomore, BYU
Don Hill, Senior, North Carolina
Matt Krauss, Freshman, Duke
Hank Kuehne, Senior, SMU
Martin LeMesurier, Junior, Minnesota
Martin Maritz, Junior, Tulsa
Jeff McGraw, Sophomore, UCLA
Jeremy Parrot, Senior, Georgia
Carl Peterson, Junior, North Carolina State
Alex Rocha, Junior, Mississippi State
Victor Schwamkrug, Senior, Houston
Adam Scott, Freshman, UNLV
Chris Thompson, Senior, Kansas
Ryan Vermeer, Junior, Kansas
Chris Wisler, Sophomore, East Tennessee State



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STARTING TIMES FOR SIX 1999 GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL GAMES ANNOUNCED

The University of Minnesota announced today kickoff times for six of its football games during the 1999 season.

With the exception of the Illinois State game on Sept. 18 which was not selected for live television, all game times and television picks are in accordance with the Big Ten Conference's contractual television commitments.

Head Coach Glen Mason's Golden Gophers will open the season at the Metrodome on Sept. 4 against the Mid-American Conference's Ohio University Bobcats at 11:10 a.m. The opener will be televised live on Midwest Sports Channel.

The Golden Gophers will also appear live on MSC the following week when they play host to Northeast Louisiana at 7 p.m. at the Metrodome. The evening start time is due to a Twins conflict earlier that day. Minnesota will close out its non-conference schedule with a regular kickoff time of 1:30 p.m. vs. Illinois State on Sept. 18. That game will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on MSC at noon on Sept. 19.

Three Big Ten games — at Illinois on Oct. 16, the homecoming game vs. Purdue on Oct. 30 and at Penn State on Nov. 6 — will begin at 11:10 a.m. and be televised on either ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional.

The start times and television selections for the Golden Gophers' other five Big Ten games will be decided either 12 days or six days prior to the game per the Big Ten's television selection process. Every Golden Gopher game can once again be heard live on WCCO-AM (830).

The 1999 schedule is listed below:


<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent (Television)</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 4	OHIO (MSC)	11:10 a.m.
Sept. 11	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA (MSC)	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	ILLINOIS STATE (MSC tape-delayed)	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Northwestern	TBA#
Oct. 9	WISCONSIN	TBA#
Oct. 16	at Illinois (ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional)	11:10 a.m.
Oct. 23	OHIO STATE	TBA#
Oct. 30	PURDUE* (ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional)	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 6	at Penn State (ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN Regional)	11:10 a.m.
Nov. 13	INDIANA	TBA#
Nov. 20	at Iowa	TBA#

All times are Central

Game time/television will be announced either 12 days or 6 days before the game

* Homecoming

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26TH ANNUAL MARIUCCI OPEN SCHEDULED

Plans are in full swing for the 26th annual John Mariucci Golf Open to be held on Monday, June 14 at Majestic Oaks Country Club in Ham Lake, Minn. The event's proceeds will be used to help support the Golden Gopher men's hockey program.

The day will begin with golf registration from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. A social hour will be held at 6 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 7 p.m., and the program, prizes, auction and raffle drawing at approximately 8 p.m. Several ex-Golden Gopher greats and current professional hockey players are scheduled to attend. In addition, Golden Gopher Head Coach Don Lucia will make one of his first public appearances in his new position at the event.

The entry fee of \$135 includes green fees, golf carts, beverages, a Golden Gopher golf shirt, a sleeve of golf balls, a photo of your five-person scramble team, buffet dinner, and a donation to the Mariucci Arena Memorabilia Fund. The golf tournament, which will be a five-person team scramble, will be limited to the first 200 paid registrations. Banquet only tickets are available for \$35. Hole sponsorships are also available at various costs.

For further questions or sign-up information, please call Mark Bahr at (612) 624-6889.



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June 8, 1999

36 U OF M MALE STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO SPRING ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAMS

A total of 36 male student-athletes were selected to the Big Ten Spring All-Academic Teams. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, an athlete must be a letterwinner in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a career grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

The men's track and field team led all teams with 13 selections. Leading the pack for the men's team is junior Staffan Strand, who is also a GTE/CoSIDA District V All-Academic selection. He earned All-America honors last weekend placing second in the high jump at the NCAA Championships.

Six members of the Golden Gopher Big Ten runner-up golf team were selected, including three starting competitors. Seniors Jeff Barney and Adam Dooley along with junior Martin LeMesurier all helped the Golden Gophers finish 11th at the NCAA Men's Golf Championships at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn., last weekend.

Seven members of the baseball team were selected. Topping the list is junior Mark Devore, who holds a 3.24 GPA in General Management. A total of three tennis players were selected and seven hockey players were chosen for the at-large team.

1998-99 Academic All-Big Ten Selections

Baseball

Mark Devore (Jr., Bloomington, Minn.)	3.24	General Management
Bob DeWitt (Jr., Wausau, Wis.)	3.11	History
Adam Horton (Jr., New Ulm, Wis.)	3.04	General Management
Jason Kennedy (So., Minnetonka, Minn.)	3.09	Commerical Recreation
Jeremy Negen (Jr., Blomkest, Minn.)	3.04	Kinesiology
Jon Nuss (So., Bloomington, Minn.)	3.01	History
Jason Shupe (So., Spencer, Wis.)	3.20	Foundations of Education

Golf

Jeff Barney (Sr., Appleton, Minn.)	3.18	Management
Adam Dooley (Sr., Albany, Minn.)	3.19	Finance
Santiago Fernandez (So., Bogota, Columbia)	3.81	Business
Martin LeMesurier (Jr., South Hampton, England)	3.04	Pre-Intercollegiate Program
Andrew Tank (So., Des Moines, Iowa)	3.83	Management
Andy Komor (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.)	3.53	Civil Engineering

Tennis

Martin Kristoffersen (Sr., Portsgrunn, Norway)	3.53	Mechanical Engineering
Jon Svensson (So., Kristianstad, Sweden)	3.18	Undecided
Ed Marques (So., Brasillia, Brazil)	3.60	Management

Track and Field

Jonathan Anderson (Sr., Morris, Minn.)	3.24	Computer Science
Nathaniel Clay (Jr., Eden Prairie, Minn.)	3.36	Marketing
Joey Corr (So., Redmond, Wash.)	3.44	Undecided
Adam Freed (Jr., Proctor, Minn.)	3.69	Psychology
Eric Hartmark (So., Duluth, Minn.)	3.27	Pre-Business
Ron Hoffner (Sr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.)	3.70	MIS
Chad Johnson (Sr., Chetek, Wis.)	3.18	Kinesiology
Jason Owen (So., Stewartville, Minn.)	3.33	Kinesiology
Ben Meyer (So., Pine Island, Minn.)	3.32	Engineering
Chuck Smith (Jr., Lakeville, Minn.)	3.32	Business
Phil Smith (Jr., Lakeville, Minn.)	3.09	Pre-Kinesiology
Staffan Strand (Jr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden)	3.79	Computer Engineering
Sami Valtonen (Sr., Lahti, Finland)	3.13	English Education

Men's At-Large (Hockey)

Bill Kohn (Sr., Roseville, Minn.)	3.09	Marketing
Jordan Leopold (So., Robbinsdale, Minn.)	3.32	Pre-Kinesiology
Mike Lyons (Jr., St. Paul, Minn.)	3.19	Marketing
Nate Miller (Jr., Anoka, Minn.)	3.19	Finance
Dylan Mills (So., Duluth, Minn.)	3.12	Geography
Ryan Trebil (Jr., Bloomington, Minn.)	3.09	Biology
Ryan Westrum (So., Apple Valley, Minn.)	3.21	Math



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STATEMENT
FROM
COACH CLEM HASKINS

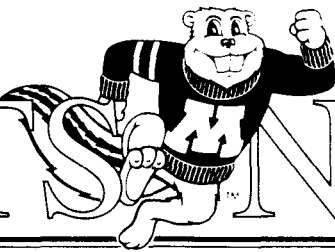
June 11, 1999

On March 22, 1999, I issued a statement denying any wrongdoing regarding the public allegations that had been brought against me. My statement was accurate then and is accurate now. I have, I am, and I will continue to cooperate with the University and its investigation.

I want to express my thanks for the many good wishes that I have received as I am recovering in the hospital from bilateral knee replacement surgery this week. I am pleased with the reports my doctors have given me, and I am looking forward to a complete recovery. I look forward to sharing everything that I know with the investigators when they ask to speak with me and when my doctors will allow.

The University of Minnesota means a great deal to all of us. Thank you.

Coach Clem Haskins



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U OF M ANNOUNCES SALE OF WILLIAMS ARENA COURTSIDE SEATS

Courtside seating will once again be available in Williams Arena for the 1999-2000 Golden Gopher men's basketball season. It marks the sixth consecutive season that front row seats are being made available for auction.

The seats, located directly behind the scores table at courtside, will be awarded to winning fans with a minimum starting bid of \$2,500 per seat, plus the price of the season ticket. With very high renewal rates among season ticket holders in Williams Arena, these seats are the only seats guaranteed to be available each year.

Written bids for the courtside seats are currently being accepted, with bids closing at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23. Information and bid forms are available by calling Mike Bjorkman at 612/626-8030.

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June 15, 1999

GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL TEAM SIGNS STEIDL

University of Minnesota Head Baseball Coach John Anderson announced today that Sam Steidl of Alexandria has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball for the Golden Gophers beginning in the 2000 season.

Steidl is a 5-11, 175-pound outfielder who played his prep baseball at Alexandria High School. He is the son of Mike Steidl who is a former Golden Gopher linebacker and the team captain of the 1973 football team. Steidl batted .453 (24-for-53) this season with two home runs, 24 RBIs and 10 stolen bases.

Also signing on to play baseball at the University of Minnesota is Gary Dick and James Rollins. Dick, a 6-3 215-pound third baseman and catcher from Grand Rapids, Minn. played his prep ball at Grand Rapids High School. Rollins is a left-handed pitcher from LeRoy, Minn. who played his prep ball at LeRoy-Ostrander High School. He was valedictorian of his class graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH TIED FOR 21ST IN FINAL SEARS DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers finished in a tie for 21st place with 330 points in the final standings of the 1998-99 Sears Directors' Cup Competition. Stanford University won its fifth straight Sears Director's Cup amassing a total of 970 points. Since the award's inception, Minnesota has finished in the top 25 the last four years straight and five of the last six years.

The all-sports award, presented by Sears and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), honors Division I schools with points based on their finish in NCAA championships.

The previous best finish for the Gophers was 14th which occurred in the final 1993-94 standings. The Gophers achieved their highest ranking ever in the Sears Directors' Cup standings during the 1996-97 sports season when they were in fifth-place after the winter sports standings were tabulated.

The Golden Gophers finished fourth among Big Ten schools in 1998-99, trailing only third-place Penn State, sixth-place Michigan and 15th-place Ohio State. Every Big Ten school finished in the top 50 in the final standings.


1999 Sears Directors' Cup Final Standings-Top 25

1. Stanford, 970; 2. Georgia, 720; 3. Penn State, 600; 4. Florida, 580; 5. UCLA, 570; 6. Michigan, 520; 7. Duke, 510; 8. Virginia, 490; 9. Arizona, 470; 9. USC, 470; 11. Texas, 440; 12. Arizona State, 420; 12. BYU, 420; 12. Nebraska, 420; 15. Ohio State, 410; 16. LSU, 390; 17. Arkansas, 370; 17. North Carolina, 370; 17. Tennessee, 370; 20. Auburn, 340; **21. Minnesota, 330**; 21. Washington, 330; 23. California, 320; 24. Maryland, 310; 25. Wisconsin, 300; 25. Notre Dame, 300.

Other Big Ten Schools:

34. Michigan State, 260; 35. Indiana, 250; 36. Illinois, 240; 36. Purdue, 240; 43. Iowa, 210; 45. Northwestern, 200.

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THIRD ANNUAL DAN MORGAN GOLF OPEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 3

The third annual Dan Morgan Golf Open sponsored by the Golden Gopher Baseball Dugout Club has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, at Majestic Oaks Country Club in Ham Lake. Former teammates have launched this annual event to raise funds for the University of Minnesota baseball program in the memory of Dan Morgan, a 1977 All-American pitcher who passed away suddenly May 31, 1996.

For an entry fee of \$100 (\$35 tax deductible), golfers will receive: greens fees, a golf shirt, lunch, steak dinner, a golf cart, beverages on the course, a sleeve of balls and a bag of tees.

Registration on the day of the tournament begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow from 11 a.m. to noon. A four-person team scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Following golf, there will be a social hour and steak dinner.

The tournament will be limited to the first 144 paid registrations. Registration must be completed by July 20. For more information, contact Diane Ficenko in the baseball office at (612) 625-1060.



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CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK CAPTAINS SELECTED FOR THE 1999-2000 SEASON

Michael Stoick has been selected cross country captain for the 1999 cross country season and Adam Freed, Eric Pierce and Glenn Lindqvist were selected captains for the 1999-2000 track and field season. All will be seniors next year.

Stoick, a native of St. Michael, Minn., ran a time of 25:20 at the 1998 Big Ten Cross Country Championships held in Ann Arbor, Mich. It was his best time of the season. He ran a time of 26:01 at the 1998 Roy Griak Invitational, which was good enough for 58th place.

Freed, a native of Proctor, Minn., ran a time of 21.94 in the 200m dash at the Arizona State Invitational, and a time of 48.64 in the 400m dash at the Maroon and Gold Open. Both were season records for Freed.

Pierce, a native of Forest Lake, Minn., won two individual titles this year. He ran a time of 14:14.31 in the 5,000m run at the prestigious Drake Relays to earn a place on the victory stand and won his first-ever Big Ten title when he won the steeplechase in a time of 8:55.74.

Lindqvist, a native of Aland, Finland, took second place in the heptathlon at the 1999 Big Ten Indoor Championships with 5,582 points. During the outdoor season, he was ranked fifth in the country in the decathlon when he took fourth place at the Mt. SAC Decathlon early on in the outdoor season. He took 17th place at the 1999 NCAA Outdoor Championships.

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**STATEMENT FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DIRECTOR OF
MEN'S ATHLETICS DR. MARK DIENHART:**

"I had a meeting this afternoon with the members of our basketball team. It gave me the opportunity to discuss with them the University's search process for finding either a permanent or interim head coach for the program. I also reaffirmed their role in that process. I assured them once again that they will be represented on the search committee. I understand their anxiety during this time and feel confident that our meeting helped."

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SPACES REMAINING FOR GOLDEN GOPHER SPORTACULAR AT BEARPATH

NFL Hall of Famer Paul Hornung to speak at dinner

A couple of spots still remain for this year's Golden Gopher Sportacular event which will be held on July 19 at Bearpath Golf and Country Club in Eden Prairie.

Registration, lunch and a chance to hit some balls on the range gets underway at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start planned for 12:30 p.m. Following golf, a dinner will be provided courtesy of Outback Steakhouse starting at 6:30 p.m.

After dinner, NFL-great Paul Hornung will be the featured speaker. Hornung is a 1986 NFL Hall of Fame inductee who played for the Green Bay Packers from 1957-62, 64-66. In 1956, he was awarded the Heisman Trophy his senior season at Notre Dame.

Tickets are available for the whole day of events or just dinner. Admission for the full day's events includes: greens fees, lunch and snack on the course from Outback Steakhouse, a steak dinner and a Goldy Gopher driver cover. There will also be lots of prizes available.

For more information on the Golden Gopher Sportacular, contact the Williams Fund office at (612) 625-1001.

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GOLDEN GOPHER FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY SET FOR AUGUST 13

The 1999 University of Minnesota Football Media Day will be held on Friday, August 13, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge. Media parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in the main lot in front of the Bierman Building.

After lunch is served, Head Coach Glen Mason will be on hand to visit with the media and discuss the upcoming season. Following that, all members of the Golden Gophers' coaching staff and squad will be available for interviews and photos on the outdoor practice field. If there is inclement weather, the interview/photo session will shift to the indoor practice facility.

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page to Marc Ryan, Director of Media Relations, so we can estimate our luncheon count and prepare 1999 media credentials. You can fax your response to (612) 625-0359 or mail it to: 516 15th Ave SE, 208 Bierman Building, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

No, _____ we will not be able to attend Media Day.

Yes, _____ we will attend Media Day.

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for the University of Minnesota football season, and we would like to pick up those credentials at the Gibson-Nagurski Complex on Media Day.

NOTE: If you requested such credentials a year ago and did not pick them up as directed or did not use them for every game, please do not make a similar request for 1999. If you are not able to cover all home games, please request your credentials on an individual game basis.

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SPORTS NEWS

The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark jersey with white stripes on the sleeves and a white belt. It is standing on the letter 'S' of the word 'SPORTS' in the 'SPORTS NEWS' title, holding a small object in its right hand.

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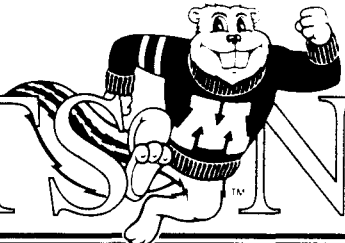
GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS TO COMPETE AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four current and one incoming Golden Gopher wrestlers will compete at the FILA Junior Freestyle and Greco-Roman World Championships in August. Redshirt freshman Garrett Lowney, redshirt freshman Mitch Marr and sophomore Mike Cuperus will represent Minnesota at the FILA Junior Greco-Roman World Championships in Bucharest, Romania, August 12-15. Sophomore Leroy Vega, redshirt freshman Jared Lawrence and incoming freshman Damion Hahn will represent Minnesota at the FILA Junior Freestyle World Championships scheduled for Sydney, Australia, August 19-22.

Marr, of Wyoming, Minn., will wrestle at 152 pounds, Cuperus of Worthington, Minn., will wrestle at 187.25 pounds and Lowney of Appleton, Wis., will wrestle at 213.75 pounds in the Junior Greco-Roman World Championships.

At the Junior Freestyle World Championships, Vega will wrestle at 119 pounds. Last year, Vega, a native of Portage, Ind., finished ninth at the world competition. Lawrence, of Sandpoint, Idaho, will wrestle at 152 pounds and Hahn, from Lakewood, N.J., will compete at 187.25 pounds. In addition, University of Minnesota assistant wrestling coach Mark Schwab will serve as the assistant coach of the USA Junior Freestyle team.

Joe Russell, also a current assistant wrestling coach at Minnesota, will serve as the assistant coach for the 1999 Cadet Greco-Roman World Championships in Nykoping, Denmark, July 28-31. Cadet wrestlers must be born either in 1983 or 1984 to be eligible to wrestle.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS ANNOUNCE 1999-2000 MEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE Minnesota To Host Mariucci Classic, WCHA Final Five, NCAA Regional

The University of Minnesota has released its 36-game regular season men's hockey schedule for the 1999-2000 campaign. The season opens on Oct. 16-17 as the Golden Gophers skate against the defending NCAA Champion Maine Black Bears in Orono, Maine. The home slate opens the following weekend, Oct. 22-23, as Minnesota hosts three-time defending WCHA Champion North Dakota at Mariucci Arena.

Harvard, Northern Michigan, and UMass-Amherst will visit Mariucci Arena for the ninth annual Mariucci Classic on Dec. 27-28 at Mariucci Arena. The Golden Gophers will travel to Michigan and Michigan State in the seventh annual College Hockey Showcase on Nov. 26-27. In addition, Minnesota will host nonconference games against Boston College (Oct. 29-30) at Mariucci Arena. The 28-game WCHA schedule has kept its unbalanced format, meaning Minnesota will not travel to Minnesota State, Mankato or Denver, and will not host Alaska-Anchorage or Michigan Tech during the 1999-2000 regular season.


Game times for all home contests are scheduled for 7:05 p.m., with game times still subject to change. There is a possibility of an exhibition game being added for sometime in mid-December against an international team (to be announced at a later date). The 1999 WCHA Final Five will be held for the second straight season at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., from March 16-18, 2000. The Golden Gophers will also host the 2000 NCAA West Regional on March 24-25 at Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, Minn. Minnesota's first eight games of the season under new Head Coach Don Lucia will be against teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament last year.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 16-17	# @ Maine	Orono, Maine	6:05/3:05 p.m.
Oct. 22-23	NORTH DAKOTA	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Oct. 29-30	# BOSTON COLLEGE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 5-6	@ Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Colo.	8:35/8:05 p.m.
Nov. 12-13	@ Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 19-20	MINNESOTA-DULUTH	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 26	# @ Michigan (CHS)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	6:35 p.m.
Nov. 27	# @ Michigan State (CHS)	East Lansing, Mich.	6:05 p.m.
Dec. 3-4	@ Alaska-Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska	10:35 p.m.
Dec. 10	@ St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7:35 p.m.
Dec. 11	ST. CLOUD STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 27-28	# MARIUCCI CLASSIC (Harvard, Northern Michigan, UMass-Amherst)	MARIUCCI ARENA	4:05/7:05 p.m.
Jan. 14-15	DENVER	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 21-22	@ North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	7:35 p.m.
Jan. 28-29	MINN. STATE, MANKATO	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 4-5	@ Minnesota-Duluth	Duluth, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	COLORADO COLLEGE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 18-19	@ Michigan Tech	Houghton, Mich.	6:35/6:05 p.m.
Feb. 25-26	WISCONSIN	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
March 3	ST. CLOUD STATE	MARIUCCI ARENA	7:05 p.m.
March 4	@ St. Cloud State	St. Cloud, Minn.	7:05 p.m.
Fri., March 10 - Sun., March 12	WCHA First Round	TBA	TBA
Thurs., March 16 - Sat., March 18	WCHA Final Five	Target Center, Minneapolis	TBA
Fri., March 24 - Sun., March 26	NCAA Regionals	MARIUCCI/Albany, N.Y.	TBA
Thurs., April 6	NCAA Semifinals	Providence, R.I.	TBA
Sat., April 8	NCAA Championship	Providence, R.I.	TBA

Home games designated in CAPS and BOLD

All game times Central and subject to change/#-Nonconference games

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STATEMENT FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DIRECTOR OF MEN'S ATHLETICS DR. MARK DIENHART

"I've talked with Terry Holland today and he assured me of his continued interest in our head basketball coaching position. We both concluded, however, that as he continues to evaluate the possibility of returning to the coaching profession, that I needed to move ahead with our search process. As a result, I will continue to identify and interview other potential candidates for the position."

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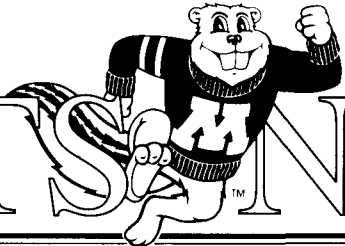
July 19, 1999

HOLLAND WITHDRAWS AS CANDIDATE FOR HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

The University of Minnesota department of men's intercollegiate athletics was informed today that University of Virginia Athletics Director Terry Holland has withdrawn as a candidate for the vacant head basketball coaching position at Minnesota.

“It is unfortunate that the timing wasn't right for Terry to pursue our opening,” said Men's Athletics Director Dr. Mark Dienhart. “We will continue our search and are committed to hiring the best coach available as rapidly as possible. I deeply appreciate the candidacy of a person as highly qualified and respected as Terry is.”

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July 23, 1999

MEN'S ATHLETICS HOSTS GOLDEN GOPHER KICKOFF BBQ

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletics department would like to invite all **prospective** and **current** season ticket holders to the first-ever Golden Gopher Football Kickoff BBQ on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski football complex on the U of M campus.

The event is free and will include music, prizes and tours of the newly developed Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The featured speakers will include: Head Coach Glen Mason, Men's Athletics Director Mark Dienhart and various Golden Gopher players.

To attend the event, RSVP by Aug. 2, by calling Mike Kimball at (612) 624-7342.

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July 24, 1999

MEDIA ADVISORY

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A news conference regarding the head men's basketball coaching position at the University of Minnesota will be held today at 5 p.m. in the Williams Arena Club Room (third level, east end). Media parking will be available on the apron, located on the University Avenue side of Williams Arena.

For those unable to attend the news conference, it can be heard by calling the Golden Gopher Hotline at (612) 625-7887 at approximately 6:30 p.m.



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MONSON NAMED UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

University of Minnesota Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart announced today that Dan Monson, who guided the Gonzaga University Bulldogs to an appearance in the 1999 NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight, has been named the 14th head men's basketball coach in Golden Gopher history.

Monson, 37, has guided the Bulldogs to a record of 52-17 in his two seasons as head coach. He spent the previous three seasons as associate head coach under Dan Fitzgerald (57-30 record which included two postseason appearances) and six additional years as an assistant coach at Gonzaga.

Monson's Gonzaga team defeated the Golden Gophers, 75-63, in the first round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament at Key Arena in Seattle, Wash. The Bulldogs continued their outstanding tournament run by defeating second-seed Stanford, 82-74, in the second round to reach the school's first-ever NCAA "Sweet 16". Gonzaga then defeated Florida, 73-72, to reach the Elite Eight, before bowing to eventual national champion UConn, 67-62, in the NCAA West Region Final.

After nine years as an assistant at Gonzaga, Monson assumed the reins for the 1997-98 season. In his first year the Bulldogs posted a 24-10 record, won the West Coast Conference regular-season title and advanced to the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. The NIT appearance was the fourth postseason trip for the Bulldogs in five years. Monson was the first coach in West Coast Conference history to capture the regular-season title in his rookie season. For his efforts, his WCC peers voted him Coach of the Year and *Basketball Times* accorded him national Rookie Coach of the Year.

Monson has been one of the key figures in the Bulldogs' turnaround over the past decade. Gonzaga has a record of 170-74 over the past eight seasons and has recruited several quality student-athletes to the private, academically selective Spokane, Wash., institution.

Prior to joining the Bulldogs' staff, Monson had worked for two seasons as a graduate assistant coach under Gene Bartow at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Dan is the son of former Idaho and Oregon head coach Don Monson, a Minnesota native from Menahga, who was an assistant under Jud Heathcote at Michigan State University (1976-78). Dan graduated from the University of Idaho in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, and later received his master's degree in athletic administration from UAB in 1988.

A football player for the Vandals, Dan turned his attention to coaching when a knee injury cut short his gridiron career. He coached the boys' basketball team at Oregon City High for one season prior to taking the UAB graduate assistant post.

Monson is engaged to be married to Darci Banta on Aug. 7 in Spokane, Wash.

Monson signed a seven-year contract with a base salary of \$150,000 per year, and a media income and supplemental package amounting to an additional \$340,000 per year.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to coach in what I feel is the best conference in the country at one of the finest institutions in the nation," Monson said. "I've always said that it would take an incredible opportunity for me to leave Gonzaga, and Minnesota has presented me with the opportunity of a lifetime."

"I am excited that we were able to land someone with Dan's record of achievement and potential," Dienhart said. "When we started our national search, we were looking for a proven college head coach and Dan's record the last few seasons at Gonzaga certainly speaks for itself. I know he'll be the catalyst for heading our program and restoring pride to Golden Gopher basketball."

MEDIA NOTE: A taped version of the entire news conference can be heard by calling the Golden Gopher Hotline at (612) 625-7887 at approximately 6:30 p.m.



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July 28, 1999

MONSON NAMES TWO MEMBERS OF BASKETBALL STAFF

University of Minnesota Head Basketball Coach Dan Monson announced today the first two members of his coaching staff. Mike Petersen, the head women's coach at Texas Christian University for the past three seasons, and Bill Walker, an assistant coach at Central Missouri State for the past three seasons, have joined Monson on the Golden Gopher staff.

Both coaches have close ties to Monson. Petersen was an assistant coach for Monson's father Don Monson at Oregon (1989-92) and it was there, working the elder Monson's summer camps, that the two started their relationship. Walker's career was also tied to Dan Monson's. The two coaches served together at the University of Alabama-Birmingham for two seasons (1987-89) under Gene Bartow.

"I'm very excited to have these two coaches join my staff," said Head Coach Dan Monson. "I need to have coaches on my staff who I have a long term relationship with and who know me and my style of basketball. Mike and Bill both fit this description. They are excellent coaches, very good friends, and they bring a wealth and variety of experience to the position. I'm confident that they and the two other staff members I add will do an excellent job and help me get the University of Minnesota basketball program back on track."

Petersen has been a head women's coach for 11 of the past 14 years, starting as the head coach at Gonzaga (1985-89) where he posted a 65-48 record, including a pair of first-place finishes. Included in that record is GU's shocking WCAC title in the team's first year in the conference and only its second year at the Division I level. He followed that with three years as an assistant coach of the men's program at Oregon under Don Monson where he coached current Minnesota Timberwolf Terrell Brandon.

Petersen went on to become the women's head coach at New Mexico State University from 1992-96 where he posted an 81-38 record, with four upper division finishes, three consecutive 20-win seasons and a conference title in four years. While there he coached All-American and current WNBA player Anita Maxwell, making him the only collegiate coach to have coached a NBA and a WNBA player. He became the TCU head coach in

1996 and tallied a 42-41 mark, including a school record-setting 16 wins last year in the program's first winning season ever.

"I'm really excited to be able to join Dan's staff at the University of Minnesota," said Petersen. "I'm respectful of the challenge that lies ahead, but very confident that we will be able to get the job done."

Walker has been the top assistant coach at Central Missouri State University for the past three years. His teams have posted a record of 51-33, including a 21-6 mark in 1996-97. Prior to his stint at Central Missouri, he was an assistant at the University of Missouri at St. Louis for eight years. The 1991-92 team set a school record for wins with a 22-6 mark. Walker signed a player that was named to the all-freshman team each of the last five seasons, two of which were freshman of the year. His sister Barbara is the associate athletics director at Wake Forest and his father Floyd was the athletics director at Central Missouri State University.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to be able to compete at the very highest level in the Big Ten Conference, and also to work with Dan, a head coach that I have the utmost respect for both as a coach and as a person," said Walker. "I'm looking forward to doing the best possible job that I can for the University of Minnesota."

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August 5, 1999

MONSON NAMES THIRD MEMBER TO BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

University of Minnesota Head Basketball Coach Dan Monson named Derek Thomas as the third member of his coaching staff today. Thomas comes from St. Louis University, where he has spent the past four seasons. He was instrumental in the recruitment of the Billikens' 1997 recruiting class which was ranked seventh nationally and was headlined by McDonald's All-American Larry Hughes.

"I am very excited about the addition of Derek to my staff," said Head Coach Dan Monson. "I have known him for a number of years and he is an excellent coach. He comes from a major conference, is an excellent recruiter, a first class person and a great fit for our staff. I'm very impressed with some of things he was able to get done at St. Louis and I'm looking forward to him bringing that same success to Minnesota. This hire fills out the coaching staff except for the basketball operations position, which I will fill after we return from our Europe trip."

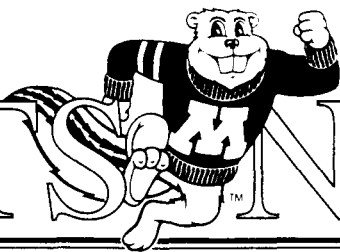
Thomas is a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he was a standout player for the Rivermen. He captained his team to the NCAA Division II "Sweet Sixteen" in 1988. Following his playing days, he began his coaching career as a student coach for his alma mater in 1989. In 1989-91 he joined Charlie Spoonhour's staff at Southwest Missouri where he spent two years as a graduate assistant. He spent the 1991-92 season as an assistant coach at St. Louis University before becoming the head coach at Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis where he remained for three seasons. In 1994 he led CBC to the Metro Catholic Conference title, the district championship and was named coach of the year. In 1995-96 he rejoined Spoonhour as a member of the St. Louis University staff.

"I'm very thrilled to be joining Dan Monson's staff at Minnesota," said Thomas. "I've known him and his staff for quite a while and I'm looking forward to working with them. It will be a privilege to coach in the premier conference in the country at an outstanding institution like the University of Minnesota. I feel that my time at St. Louis University has helped prepare me for this challenge and I can't say enough things about how good St. Louis University has been to my family and I in our five years there."

The native of Kansas City, Mo., attended Hickman Mills High School in Kansas City where he was an all-metro and all-state selection. He still holds the Hickman Mills High School single-game scoring record of 42 points. Following graduation he attended Johnson County Community College and was an All-Jayhawk East selection in 1986. He has a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a masters degree in educational administration from Southwest Missouri State.

Thomas is the son of Emmit Thomas, the former defensive back for the Kansas City Chiefs, and current defensive coordinator for the Green Bay Packers.

Derek and his wife Julie, have two children, Bailey, two, and Samantha, two months.



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August 6, 1999

GOLDEN GOPHER FRESHMEN FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS AUGUST 10

Head Coach Glen Mason's University of Minnesota football team will begin practice sessions Tuesday, Aug. 10, when the freshmen take the field at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex. The first full squad practices are Saturday, Aug. 14.

A reminder to all media that the 1999 Golden Gopher Media Day will be held Friday, Aug. 13 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson-Nagurski Complex players lounge.

The Golden Gophers open the season on Sept. 4 vs. Ohio University at the Metrodome. The practice schedule for the first week is listed below:

Tuesday, August 10	Freshmen (2:15-4 p.m. and 6:45-8 p.m.) * Coach Mason available for interviews at the conclusion of the second practice.
Wednesday, August 11	Freshmen (9:15-11 a.m. and 3:45-5:15 p.m.) * Coach Mason available for interviews at the conclusion of each practice.
Thursday, August 12	No practice
Friday, August 13	Media Day (11:30 a.m. Gibson-Nagurski Complex)
Saturday, August 14	Full squad (8-10:15 a.m. and 3:15-5:15 p.m.) Coach Mason and players will be available for interviews at the conclusion of each practice session.
Sunday, August 16	Full squad (3:15-5:30 p.m.) Coach Mason and players will be available for interviews at the conclusion of practice.

All practice sessions are closed to the general public, but are open to members of the media. Photographers can shoot the first 20 minutes of each session.

* Freshmen are NOT available for interviews until Media Day on Friday, August 13

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MINNESOTA MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD HIRES NEW ASSISTANT COACH

The University of Minnesota men's track and field team has announced that Mario Sategna has been hired as an assistant coach in the throws area.

Sategna comes to Minnesota from Wichita State University where he coached the throws during the 1998 season, where he had a freshman qualify in the javelin for the NCAA Championships.

Prior to his term with the Shockers, he was a volunteer coach at Louisiana State University during the 1996-97 season.

Sategna was a former NCAA Champion in the decathlon at Louisiana State and was also an Olympic Trials qualifier in 1996. He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from LSU.

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SWIMMER ALEX MASSURA WINS SILVER MEDAL IN PAN AMERICA GAMES

The University of Minnesota men's swimmer Alex Massura won the silver medal in the 100m backstroke at the Pan America Games held in Winnipeg, Canada over the weekend.

With winning the silver medal, he qualified for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and will represent Brazil. His time of 55.17 set a new South American record and is currently the fourth-best time in the world.

Massura, a native of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, was also apart of the 400-medley team that beat the U.S. team and won the gold medal in the Pan America Games. Their time of 3:40.27 was a Pan American Games record that broke the U.S. record of 3:40.42 that was set in 1983.



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GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL TEAM OPENS TRAINING CAMP FOR EUROPEAN TRIP SATURDAY

The University of Minnesota men's basketball team will begin practice tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Williams Arena in preparation for its European trip. Head Coach Dan Monson and his staff will practice with the team for the first time Saturday. They will follow that with two practices on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The team has a tentative practice scheduled for Wednesday before its departure for London. The practices are tentatively scheduled at Williams Arena, but could be moved to the Bierman if needed due to heat. Players will only be available from 3:40-4:00. Coach Monson will be available following the team meeting at 4 p.m.


The European trip will be 12 days and includes six games (two games in London, one in Paris and three in Belgium). The team departs on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:45 p.m. for London. They will stay in London until Monday, August 23, when they will depart for Paris by ferry. They will remain in Paris until Thursday, August 26th when they will depart for Brussels. On Sunday, August 29 they will leave Brussels for Amsterdam where they will catch a direct flight back to Minneapolis due in at 6:30 p.m.

Tentative practice schedule

Saturday, August 14	4 p.m.	Williams Arena
Sunday, August 15	10 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Williams Arena
Monday, August 16	10 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Williams Arena
Tuesday, August 17	10 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Williams Arena
Wednesday, August 18	10 a.m.	Williams Arena

Game schedule

Saturday, August 21	7:30 p.m.	Game #1 vs. Manchester Giants
Sunday, August 22	4 p.m.	Game #2 vs. Birmingham Bullets
Tuesday, August 24	8 p.m.	Game #3 vs. Evreux Basketball Club
Thursday, August 26	8 p.m.	Game #4 vs. Union Hons Hainaut Basketball Club
Friday, August 27	5 p.m.	Game #5 vs. Siemanns Basketball Club
Saturday, August 28	8 p.m.	Game #6 vs. Spirou Basketball Club



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August 21, 1999

MEN'S ATHLETICS COACHES TO MAKE APPEARANCES AT STATE FAIR

University of Minnesota Men's Athletics coaches are scheduled to make appearances at the 1999 Minnesota State Fair, beginning with tennis head coach Dave Geatz on opening day from 6-7 p.m. The complete schedule of the coaches' appearances at the Great Minnesota Get Together is as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 26	6-7 p.m.	Dave Geatz	Tennis
Friday, Aug. 27	6-7 p.m.	Phil Lundin	Track & Field
Sunday, Aug. 29			
Milk Run	7:45 a.m.	Steve Plasencia	Cross Country
*Dodge Booth	TBA	Glen Mason	Football
Parade	2 p.m.	Football Team	
Football pep rally	3 p.m.	Football Team	
Monday, Aug. 30	11-noon	Kelly Kramer	Ass't Swimming
	3-4 p.m.	Fred Roethlisberger	Gymnastics
Wednesday, Sept. 1	11-noon	John Means	Golf
	6-7 p.m.	John Anderson	Baseball
Thursday, Sept. 2	5-6 p.m.	Dan Monson	Basketball
Friday, Sept. 3	11-noon	KZ Li	Diving
	5-6 p.m.	Don Lucia	Hockey
Sunday, Sept. 5	10-11 a.m.	Dennis Dale	Swimming
	5-6 p.m.	J Robinson	Wrestling

Goldy Gopher is scheduled for evening appearances. All appearance times and dates are subject to change. Please check the fair booth for more complete details.

Note: This year's Men's Athletics location has moved to the Crossroads Building on Dan Patch Avenue.

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August 25, 1999

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The University of Minnesota football team will visit the St. Joseph's Home for Children in Minneapolis, tonight at 6:30 p.m. A news conference with former governor Arne Carlson, Head Coach Glen Mason and senior captain Tyrone Carter will be held at 6:30 p.m. Shortly afterwards, the entire team will have dinner with the children.

St. Joseph's Home for Children is located at 1121 E. 46th St. in Minneapolis. Take 35W to 46th St. and head east on 46th.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a maroon and gold striped sweater with a white 'M' on the chest. It is standing on the letter 'S' of the word 'SPORTS' in the 'SPORTS NEWS' title.

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GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP GAME TO EVREUX PROFESSIONAL TEAM

The University of Minnesota dropped the third game of its European tour 94-84 to the Evreux Alm professional team today. The Golden Gophers were outscored 34-51 in the first half, but rebounded to score 50 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough as Exreux scored 43 points in the second stanza. The Maroon and Gold was plagued by lack of depth in the front court and poor foul shooting. Center Joel Przybilla was bothered by the flu and was limited to 18 minutes and Dusty Rychart got into early foul trouble with four in the first half. Minnesota was 44 percent from the line (8-18), compared to 75 percent (24-32) for the French club.

The Golden Gophers were led in scoring by Kevin Nathaniel who tallied 17 points in 23 minutes. John Blair Bickerstaff scored 15 points and had six rebounds, while Mitch Ohnstad had 14 points and three steals. Terrance Simmons, Joel Przybilla and Rychart all tallied eight points, with Rychart pulling down a team-high 13 rebounds and Simmons tallying a team-high seven assists.

Former Arizona State star Bobby Lazor tallied 23 points to lead Evreux. Ralph Davis, who played collegiately at UTEP and was a two-time All-WAC selection, scored 15 points. Minnesota did a good job of taking care of the ball with just nine turnovers, but gave up 23 points in transition.

The team will finish off the tour with three straight games in three days in Belgium. The Golden Gophers plan to visit the Palace of Versailles and the Eiffel Tower and other famous sites in Paris.



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GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S BASKETBALL RELEASED FOR 1999-2000 SEASON


The University of Minnesota Department of Men's Athletics released the basketball schedule for the 1999-2000 season today. The season opens Nov. 10 with the first of two home exhibition games. The regular season begins Nov. 20 vs. the University of Texas at Arlington at 7 p.m. in Williams Arena. The Big Ten opener is Jan. 5 vs. Michigan at 8 p.m. There are 15 home games, including eight conference home games, in addition to the two exhibitions. Games at Georgia on Dec. 28 and Nebraska on Dec. 31 were originally scheduled to be played at Williams Arena, but were changed to away games to provide a more attractive and balanced schedule the next few years. The Golden Gophers will play every team in the Big Ten at home and away except for Michigan, Northwestern, Michigan State and Penn State. They will play Michigan and Northwestern at home only, and Michigan State and Penn State only on the road.

This schedule is tentative and subject to ACIA approval.

1999-2000 Tentative Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/10	Exhibition	7 p.m.
11/15	Exhibition	7 p.m.
11/20	Texas-Arlington	3 p.m.
11/27	Morehead State	3 p.m.
11/30	Virginia (Big Ten/ACC Challenge)	8:30 p.m.
12/4	Valparaiso	3 p.m.
12/8	Marquette	7 p.m.
12/14	Maine	7 p.m.
12/18	@ Oregon	TBA
12/23	Furman	7 p.m.
12/28	@ Georgia	6:30 p.m.
12/31	@ Nebraska	1 p.m.
1/5	Michigan	8 p.m.
1/9	@ Ohio State	TBA
1/12	Iowa	7 p.m.
1/15	@ Indiana	TBA
1/19	Purdue	7 p.m.
1/22	@ Wisconsin	7 p.m.
1/26	@ Penn State	7 p.m.
1/29	Northwestern	11:30 a.m.
2/2	@ Illinois	8 p.m.
2/5	Wisconsin	7 p.m.
2/9	Indiana	7 p.m.
2/17	Illinois	6 p.m.
2/19	@ Purdue	1:30 p.m.
2/23	@ Seton Hall	6:30 p.m.
2/27	@ Iowa	1:05 p.m.
2/29-3/2	@ Michigan State*	TBA
3/4 or 3/5	Ohio State*	TBA
3/9-3/12	Big Ten Tournament—Chicago, Ill.	

Note: All times are Central Time



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GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP HEARTBREAKER IN OVERTIME IN BELGIUM

The Golden Gopher basketball team suffered a heartbreaking 87-85 overtime loss to Union Hons Hainaut before 1,109 fans in Quaregnon, Belgium. Minnesota jumped to an early eight-point lead behind Dusty Rychart's six points in the first four minutes of the game. The Belgium team battled back to tie the game at 28-28 and took a 42-36 lead into halftime. Joel Przybilla fouled out with 4:49 left in the second half, and the team trailing by 11 points. The Golden Gophers put together a furious rally to tie the game at 77-77 when Terrance Simmons hit two free throws with eight seconds left in regulation. Mitch Ohnstad scored four of his team-high 18 in the rally and Simmons had six. In overtime, Minnesota got behind by four points, before cutting the lead to two points, but that was as close as they could get.

"This was an excellent game for us," Head Coach Dan Monson said. "We competed at our highest level of this tour and showed excellent character by rallying to tie the game with Joel on the bench. We will never accept losing, but tonight we got beat. When we get all of our players together during the regular season, and compete with this intensity, we will have success."

Minnesota was led in scoring by Ohnstad, who had 18 points and three steals, followed by Rychart who posted a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Terrance Simmons had 14 points, all in the second half and overtime and also dished out five assists. Kevin Nathaniel had 10 points and five steals as Minnesota posted 13 steals against 10 turnovers. The Golden Gophers shot 49 percent (29-59) from the field, but just 2-13 from three-point range. The Golden Gophers were 18-31 from the free throw line, but were 12-18 in the second half and overtime.

The Belgian team featured five former collegiate players, led by Jamal Terry of Northwest Louisiana, who tallied 27 points to lead all scorers. Jim Potter of Idaho State scored 19 points and Melvin McCants of Purdue scored 12 points with 10 rebounds.

Minnesota is averaging 79.0 points per game for the tour, but is giving up an average of 91.3 points. Ohnstad leads the team in scoring on the tour at 11.0 per game. Przybilla is averaging 9.3 points followed by Nathaniel at 8.9 points and Simmons at 8.8 per game. Rychart is averaging 7.8 points and 9.0 rebounds per game. Tonight's game marked the first of three games around the Belgium area. The team will return home to the Twin Cities via Amsterdam on Sunday.

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Saturday's University of Minnesota football scrimmage at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex will be closed to both the media and general public. Head Coach Glen Mason will be available for interviews immediately following the scrimmage at approximately 12:30 p.m. For more information please contact Marc Ryan at (612) 625-4090.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS LOSE TO GENT PROFESSIONAL TEAM

The University of Minnesota basketball team dropped its third consecutive game in four days when they dropped an 85-73 decision to the Siemanns men's basketball club today in Gent, Belgium. The Maroon and Gold played a solid first half holding the game to a 40-40 tie, but ran out of gas in the second half with a injury and foul depleted lineup. Dusty Rychart missed the game vs. Siemanns with a deep thigh bruise and Terrance Simmons played with a sprained ankle. The Golden Gophers were in deep foul trouble in the second half as three players fouled out from the front court. Joel Przybilla, John Blair Bickerstaff and Nick Sinville all fouled out leaving the team with only one front court player at the end of the game and that was walk-on center John Aune. Trailing by as much as 18 points in the second half, the Maroon and Gold showed great heart again by closing the gap to three points with two minutes remaining, but it was not enough as Siemanns outscored them 15-6 in the final two minutes.

"We were very shorthanded tonight and it really showed in the second half when we ran out of players up front due to foul trouble," said Head Coach Dan Monson. "We did hang together as a team and showed great resolve getting back into the game and that is a bright spot. We're looking forward to getting back on the court and trying to finish this tour on a winning note tomorrow."

Terrance Simmons led the team in scoring with 19 points, while Kevin Nathaniel and Przybilla added 13 points each. Mitch Ohnstad tallied seven points and Nick Sinville added six points. Siemanns was led by Belgian native Bernhard Gizzi who tallied 27 points, 20 in the second half.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP FINAL GAME OF EUROPEAN TOUR


The University of Minnesota basketball team lost the final game of its European tour 115-71 to the SpirSpirou Charlerois professional team in front of 4,500 fans at the Charlerois Sports Center. Charlerois is the top Division I team in Belgium and made it all the way to the quarterfinals of the European Cup last season. Minnesota played without the services of Dusty Rychart, who missed his second game with deep thigh bruise. Foul trouble plagued the Golden Gophers again as they finished the game with Joel Przybilla and John Aune out of the game. Head Coach Dan Monson was ejected from the game with 5:39 remaining when he protested a foul call.

Minnesota had four players score in double figures led by Mitch Ohnstad and Kevin Nathaniel who had 13 points each Nick Sinville and John Blair Bickerstaff had 10 points each and Joel Przybilla and Terrance Simmons had eight each. Charlerois was led in scoring Danny Goethals who had 20 points.

The Golden Gophers finished the European tour with a 1-5 record, including an overtime loss to Gent. The team averaged 76.7 points per game on the tour but allowed 95.5. The Maroon and Gold averaged 24 fouls per game compared to 15 per game for their opponents. Mitch Ohnstad led the team in scoring on the tour, with an average of 12.8 points per game. Terrance Simmons was next at 12.6 per game, followed by Joel Przybilla at 12.0 and Dusty Rychart at 10.3. John Blair Bickerstaff averaged 9.0 points per game, with Nick Sinville at 6.6 and Kevin Burleson at 4.2. Rychart led the team with 12.0 rebounds per game, followed by Przybilla and Bickerstaff at 4.5 boards per game. Simmons led the team with 4.2 assists per game and 2.0 steals per game.

“Our goal on this trip from the start was to get to know each other as individuals and as basketball players,” said Head Coach Dan Monson. “We accomplished that and I feel very good about the direction we are headed. This is a great group of guys who really care for each other. They have been through a ton of adversity, including some on this trip, and it has brought them closer together. I’m fortunate to have a team that already possesses that family feeling. When they get more comfortable with the new system and we get all of our players working together for a common goal, we will have a lot of fun.”

The Golden Gophers will bus from Brussels to Amsterdam tomorrow where they will sightsee for a few hours before boarding Northwest Airlines flight 55 for Minneapolis. The team is due to arrive at 6 p.m. Central Time.



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GOLDEN GOPHERS NAME PREVOST AS DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

The University of Minnesota basketball program announced today that Arthur Prevost, the former women's associate head coach at Texas Christian University, was named the Director of Basketball Operations on Head Coach Dan Monson's staff at the University of Minnesota.

Prevost will oversee all administrative areas within the men's basketball program. He will supervise the videotaping efforts of the team, including film breakdown and scouting, as well as supervising all of the Golden Gophers' videotaping at games and coordinating the exchange of team videotapes with opponents. Prevost will also coordinate all on-campus-recruiting visits and be responsible for the Golden Gopher basketball camps. He will serve as the coaching staff's liaison to the academic and student support service units.

"I'm excited to have Art join our staff," Head Coach Dan Monson said. "My goal with all of the staff members I have hired is to surround myself with people that I have long term relationships with and know how I want to coach the game of basketball. Art fits that description to a tee and will be a great addition to our staff."

While at TCU, Prevost acted as the recruiting and academic coordinator for Mike Peterson's Horned Frog program. He was the top assistant to Peterson and now rejoins him on the Minnesota staff.

A 1990 graduate of Lemar University, where he was a two-year letterwinner at point guard, he helped lead the Cardinals to their last 20 win season in 1987-88. Prevost is a member of National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Black Coaches Association.

Prevost and his wife Tona, have a one-year old daughter, Taylon.