

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

March 20-27, 2000

SWIMMING AND DIVING

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, THURS.-SAT., MARCH 23-25 - ALL DAY - AQUATIC CENTER



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers prepared for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend

GOLF



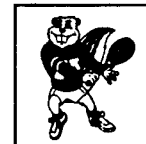
AT DR. PEPPER INTERCOLLEGIATE, SAT.-SUN., MARCH 25-26 - TBA - DENTON, TEXAS

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers finished in a tie for second at the Las Vegas Intercollegiate two weekends ago.

TENNIS

BYU (HAWAII) INVITATIONAL, SUN.-FRI., MARCH 26-31, -TBA-HONOLULU, HI
AT HAWAII, THURS. MARCH 27, -TBA-HONOLULU, HI



Last Week's Results:

- Defeated Michigan State 6-1 on Saturday night; defeated Michigan 7-0 on Sunday

TRACK AND FIELD



BALDY CASTILLO INVITATIONAL, FRI.-SAT., MARCH 24-25, -TBA-TEMPE, AZ.

Last Week's Results:

- Did not compete last weekend

BASEBALL

AT MICHIGAN, FRI., MARCH 24 - 3 P.M., SAT., MARCH 25 - 1 P.M. (2), SUN., MARCH 26 - 1 P.M. -
ANN ARBOR, MICH.



Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota was swept in a three game series by Creighton

GYMNASTICS



NCAA QUALIFYING MEET, MARCH 30; NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, MARCH 31 & APRIL 1
IOWA CITY, IOWA

Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers finished in seventh-place at the Big Ten Championships in East Lansing, Mich.

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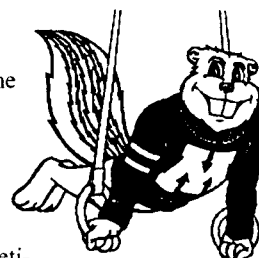
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GYMNASTICS

of 221.85, which they achieved in the last meet of the season against Illinois-Chicago,



LAST WEEK:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships last weekend in East

Lansing, Mich. It was the third consecutive year that the Golden Gophers have finished in the last spot at the Big Ten Championships. The highest finisher for the Golden Gophers was freshman Clay Strother. Strother scored a 9.700 on the pommel horse to finish in a tie for fourth place and qualify for the event finals on Saturday night. Strother, who was the second-ranked floor exercise performer in the nation coming into the championships, turned in a disappointing 9.350 to finish in 22nd place. It was his lowest score of the season on the floor exercise. Minnesota's next highest finisher was sophomore Todd Guilbeau, who turned in a personal season-high 9.550 on the horizontal bar to finished in a tie for 12th place. Sophomore Justin Conner scored a 9.600 on the floor exercise to finish 13th in that event. Conner was also Minnesota's highest finisher in the all-around with a score of 55.000, good enough for 13th place.

A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT:

While it might not show in the team standings at last weekend's Big Ten Championships, the Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team made a significant improvement from where it was last year at this time. In its nine meets last season, Minnesota had a team score average of 214.944. After the Big Ten Championship last weekend, Minnesota's team-score average was 222.742. They surpassed season-highs from last year in five of the six events and have also passed the season team-high score

on five separate occasions. Last year, the team only passed the 220-point mark once, while this season, the team has passed that mark in eight of its nine competitions.

POUNDING THE POMMEL HORSE:

Heading into the Big Ten Championships, the Golden Gopher's pommel horse performers had been nailing their routines. They struggled at the Big Tens scoring only a 37.700 en route to a seventh-place finish. Currently, Minnesota is fourth in the nation on the horse with an NCAA three-score average of 38.317 in this week's rankings. The Maroon and Gold is led by freshman Clay Strother, who is third in the nation (9.846) and Lindsay Fang, who is 15th in the nation with an average of 9.667. Three week's ago in the meet with Illinois-Chicago, Minnesota scored a near-perfect score of 39.425 to set a season high in the event. They came back the next week to score a 39.325 in the event against Nebraska. Overall this season, the Golden Gophers are averaging 38.153 in nine meets on the pommel horse.

WHAT'S UP NEXT:

The Golden Gophers will play the waiting game as they await word to see who will qualify for the NCAA Qualifying Meet in Iowa City, Iowa. Since the team did not qualify, individuals can still qualify for events.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Date	Opponent
Jan. 8	Alumni Meet/L, 223.35-216.05
Jan. 15	Windy City Invitational/5th 219.325
Jan. 22	Illinois/L, 222.250-220.325
Jan. 29	Iowa/L, 223.15-221.325
Feb. 4	Michigan/L, 230.555-223.425
	Penn State/L, 227.300-223.425
Feb. 5	Michigan State/L, 227.550-222.900
Feb. 19	Ohio State/L, 230.725-221.075
	Iowa/L, 228.700-221.075
	BYU/L, 226.375-221.075
March 4	U of Chicago-Illinois/W, 226.175-217.700
March 11	Nebraska/W, 227.275-224.55
March 17-18	*Big Ten Championships/7th 222.850
March 30	#NCAA Qualifying Meet/1 & 7 p.m.
March 31	#NCAA Championships/7 p.m.
April 1	#NCAA Championships/2 p.m.

bold signifies home meet

* Michigan State University - East Lansing, Mich.

University of Iowa - Iowa City, Iowa

2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Name	Yr.	Hometown
Chad Conner	SR	Dallas, Texas
Justin Conner	SO	Dallas, Texas
Bart Cramer	SR	Edina, Minn.
Lindsey Fang	SR	Allentown, Pa.
Robert Goss	JR	Kenosha, Wis.
Todd Guilbeau	SO	Houston, Texas
Brian Hutchinson	FR	Floodwood, Minn.
Matthew Kieffer	SR	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.
Tim Koehler	FR	North Bergen, N.J.
Allen Sopko	JR	Brookfield, Wis.
Jason Stingle	FR	Waukesha, Wis.
Clay Strother	FR	Jasper, Texas
Ryan Winterbourne	SR	Anaheim, Calif.

Head Coach: Fred Roethlisberger (Wisconsin, '66)

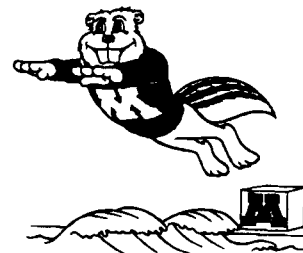
Assistant Coaches: Thom Glielmi, Russ Fystrom

Volunteer Coach: John Roethlisberger

Trainer: Tom Kiff



SWIMMING & DIVING



CROASTON SWEEPS DIVING

EVENTS AT NCAA ZONE DIVING MEET: Junior diver **DAN CROASTON** won all three diving events at the 200 NCAA Zone C Diving Championships held this past weekend at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

On Friday night, Croaston won the three-meter diving competition, scoring 570.5 points and qualified for the NCAA Championships, held on March 23-25 at the Aquatic Center. Sophomore **SHANE HILLSLEY** (Longmont, Colo.) placed 18th, scoring 392.5 points.

On Saturday, Croaston won two more events, first winning the one-meter competition with a score of 568.15 points, then winning the platform diving competition with 516.3 points to complete the three-event sweep. Croaston joins 13 other Golden Gopher swimming and diving athletes that will compete in the NCAA Championships.

SWIMMING AND DIVING QUALIFIES TWO EVENTS FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Sophomore Dov Malnik and the relay team of Alex Massura, **DOV MALNIK** (Rishon le-zion, Israel), **CHAD KRASTINS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), Ricardo Dornelas all provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships hosted by the University of Minnesota on March 23 -25. Malnik qualified in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:58.87. His time was just .08 of the

automatic time.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Alex Massura, Dov Malnik, Chad Krastins and Ricardo Dornelas swam a time of 1:28.03 to earn an NCAA provisional time. The time is currently the 12th-ranked time in the country.

Junior Keam Ang clocked a time of 49.83 in the 100-yard butterfly. **CHRIS BRUNSON** (Madison, Wis.) swam a time of 58.77 in the 100-yard backstroke.

Penn State University had NCAA qualifying times in the 200 medley relay and the 800 free relay.

Alex Massura, Ricardo Dornelas, Jeff Hackler and **YOAV MEIRI** (Modein, Israel) all qualified for the NCAAs in their prospective events earlier in the year. Massura in the 100 and 200 backstroke, Dornelas in the 50 freestyle, Hackler in the 200 breaststroke and Meiri in the 200 butterfly.

The University of Minnesota will host the 2000 NCCA Swimming and Diving Championships on March 23-25 at the University Aquatic Center.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 16	Intrasquad Meet	No Team Scores
Oct. 29	Alumni Meet	No Team Scores
Nov. 5-6	N. Carolina	W, 235-135
	Nebraska	W, 247-123
Nov. 13	Northwestern	W, 198-95
Nov. 19-21	Minnesota Invitational	1st/12 teams
Dec. 3-5	Texas Invitational	No Team Scores
Jan. 21	Iowa	W, 186-83
Jan. 28-29	Triple Duals	
	Purdue	W, 218-118
	Wisconsin	W, 227-100
Feb. 4-5	Minnesota Challenge	No Team Scores
Feb. 24-26	Big Ten Championships	2nd/601 pts.
March 5	Go-Pher It Invitational	No Team Scores
March 9-11	NCAA Diving Zone Qual.	No Team Scores
March 23-25	NCAA Championships	Aquatic Center

Ryan Ayres	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
Ben Bartell	So.	Grafton, Wis.
David Batulis	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Ben Baumann	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Max von Bodungen	So.	Malmo, Sweden
Chris Brunson	Fr.	Madison, Wis.
Blair Buccicone	So.	Rochester, Minn.
Grant Butler	Jr.	West Bend, Wis.
Dan Croaston	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
Brandon Crook	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Travis Crow	So.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Mark Dillion	Fr.	Cumberland, R.I.
Ricardo Dornelas	So.	Jacaraide, Brazil
Chris Forrest	So.	Appleton, Wis.
Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Malnik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Yoav Meiri	Sr.	Modein, Israel
Mike Melrose	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Allen Ong	Fr.	Perak, Malaysia
Brian Porter	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Shane Ryan	Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis.
Brandon Schindler	Sr.	Saratoga, Calif.
Tim Sheely	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Aaron Shilt	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
Todd Smolinski	Fr.	St. John, Ind.
Peter Sonstegard	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Shorewood, Minn.
Nick Toumanoff	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.
Adam White	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.

1999-2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Keam Ang	Jr.	Ipoh, Malaysia
Mark Atoowd	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.



TRACK & FIELD



MCKESSOCK FINISHES 10TH AT THE NCAA INDOOR

TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Sophomore **ANDREW MCKESSOCK** (Owen Sound, Ontario) placed 10th in the mile with a time of 4:07.00 at the 2000 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. McKessock was Minnesota's lone representative at the NCAA Championships. He ran a time of 4:03.49 in the preliminaries of the mile run to place seventh to a spot in the finals.

McKessock's time in the preliminaries was his second best season time of the year. He qualified for the national meet at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 12 when he ran a time of 4:02.56.

The Golden Gophers will start the outdoor season on March 24-25, when they travel to Arizona to compete in the Baldy Castillo Invitational.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

January

Jan. 8	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores
Jan. 15	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores
Jan. 22	Iowa/South Dakota	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores /Wisconsin
Jan. 29	Marquette/Georgia	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores S.W. Missouri State

February

Feb. 5	Drake/Minn. St.	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores
Feb. 11-12	Cyclone Classic	Ames, Iowa/No Team Scores
Feb. 18	Snowshoe	UM Fieldhouse/No Team Scores
Feb. 26-27	Big Ten Indoor	Bloominton, Ind./3rd, 82 points

March

March 3	NCAA Qualifying	Ames, Iowa/No Team Scores
March 10-11	NCAA Indoor	Fayetteville, Ark./No Team Scores

1999-2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Scott Bergen	So.	Hortonville, Wis.
Josh Brang	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Sr.	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Christopher Dixon	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Zach Edmonson	So.	Ballwin, Mo.
Michael Ehlers	So.	Red Wing, Minn.
Mark Fahey	Jr.	Scandia, Minn.
Erik Foley	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Adam Freed	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
Thoams Gerding	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.

Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Marc Johannsen	Jr.	Miller, S.D.
Andy Kummer	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Glenn Lindqvist	Sr.	Aland, Finland
Linus Lindroth	Fr.	
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.
Jesse Madsen	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis.
Wil McComb	Fr.	Midmay, Onatario, Canada
Lyndon McDowell	So.	Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
Andrew McKessock	So.	Bognor, Ontario, Canada
Ryan Melena	Fr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
Ben Meyer	Jr.	Pine Island, Minn.
Brian Meyer	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Joe Palke	Fr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jayme Pantekoeck	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Mitchell Potter	Fr.	Isanti, Minn.
Matthew Prebil	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.
Robert Quade	Jr.	Sherburn, Minn.
Erik Quam	So.	Alexandria, Minn.
Lynden Reder	Fr.	Luverne, Minn.
Fred Rodgers	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Slattery	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Chuck Smith	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Matthew Stark	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Adam Steele	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Derek Sykes	Fr.	North Branch, Minn.
Ben Taylor	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Scott Utne	So.	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Andrew Wiberg	Jr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jude Wimberger	Sr.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Andy Wohlin	So.	St. Paul, Minn.



TENNIS

Freshman Harsh Mankind defeated Michigan's Matt Wright at No. 1 sin-



MEN'S TENNIS TEAM DEFEATS MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN STATE:

The No. 30-ranked Golden

Gopher men's tennis team opened up their home Big Ten season with a 6-1 victory over Michigan State Saturday night at the 98th Street Racquet Club. Minnesota won five singles matches and all three doubles matches.

At No. 1 singles, freshman Harsh Mankad defeated Robert Topalo 7-6, 6-1. At No. 2 singles, sophomore Thomas Haug defeated Ken Kigogo 6-4, 6-2. Junior Tyson Parry won his match at No. 4 singles with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Francisco Trinidad. At No. 5 singles, senior Martin Michalowski defeated Gordan Topalo 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Freshman Eric Robertson also won his match at No. 6 singles.

In doubles action, Haug and Michlaowski defeated Mark Findling and Kigogo 8-5 at the No. 1 position. At No. 2 doubles, junior Jorge Duenas and Mankad defeated Trinidad and Ivica Primorac 8-6. And at No. 3 doubles, junior Jon Svensson and Parry defeated Robert Topalo and Jimmy McGuire 8-4.

On Sunday, Minnesota won all five singles matches and all three doubles matches in route to a 7-0 win over No. 21 Michigan Sunday afternoon at the 98th Street Racquet Club.

gles, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Sophomore Thomas Haug won at No. 2 singles, defeating Jon Lawrence, 6-4, 6-3. Junior Jorge Duenas defeated Henry Beam, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Martin Michalowski defeated Danny McClain, 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4 singles and junior Tyson Parry defeated Ben

Cox, 6-4, 6-3 in No. 5 singles. At No. 6 singles, Jon Svensson defeated Michigan's Ron Nano, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, Michalowski and Haug defeated McClain and Wright, 9-7 at the No. 1 position; Duenas and Mankind defeated Michigan's Long and Cox, 8-3 and Svensson and Parry defeated Beam and Nano 8-2.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Jan. 4-9	Milwaukee Tennis Classic/No Team Scores
Jan. 7	University of Marquette/W, 6-1
Jan. 15-17	Big Ten Singles Championships/No Team Scores
Jan. 21-22	Ice Volleys (98th Street Racquet Club)
	New Mexico/W, 5-2
	Washington/W, 5-2
Jan. 29-30	Louisville Invite (Louisville, Ky.)
	Louisville/W, 5-2
	Middle Tennessee State/W, 5-2
	Kansas/W, 7-0
Feb. 6	Penn State/W, 7-0
Feb. 12-13	SMU Invite
	SMU/L, 4-2
	Boise State/W, 4-1
	Clemson/L, 4-3
Feb. 19	Virginia Tech/W, 5-2
Feb. 19	Ohio State/W, 5-2
March 3-5	Corpus Christi Invitational
	Oklahoma/L, 5-2
	Boise State/L, 4-3
	Michigan State/W, 4-0
	UNLV/W, 4-1
March 18	Michigan State, 6-1

March 19	Michigan 7-0
March 26-31	BYU Invitational (Hawaii)
April 8	Wisconsin
April 9	Iowa
April 14	Illinois (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 15	Northwestern (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 22	Purdue (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 23	Indiana (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 27-30	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasillia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



Golf



GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH IN A TIE FOR SECOND AT LAS VEGAS INTER-COLLEGIATE: The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished in a tie for second at

the Las Vegas Intercollegiate in Las Vegas, Nev., two weekends ago. Arizona State won the tournament in a two-hole playoff over Oklahoma State and Minnesota. All three teams finished the three-day tournament shooting a 848.

The Golden Gophers shot a 283 in the first round, a 284 in the second round and a 281 in the third round. Georgia Tech came in fourth with a three-day total of 849 as well as Texas with a three-day total of 849.

Junior James McLean finished in a tie for seventh place to lead all Golden Gophers. McLean shot a 68 in the first round, followed by a 73 and a third round score of 70 for a three-day total of 211. Six other golfers also scored a 211.

Finishing in a tie for 14th place was senior Dave Gunderson, who shot a 212, after shooting a 74 in the first round, a 70 in the second round and a 68 in the final round. Gunderson tied for 14th with two other golfers. Wilhelm Schauman finished in a tie for 23rd with a three-day total of 216. In the first round, Schauman shot a 74, followed by 70 in the second and a 72 in the third round.

Senior Martin LeMesurier finished in a tie for 35th place. LeMesurier shot a three-day total of 219. In the first round he shot a 69, followed by a 79 in the second and a 71 in the third round. Also tying for 35th place was Ben Meyers, who also shot a 219. He shot a 72 in the first round, followed by a 71 in the second and a 76 in the third round.

Winning the tournament was Clemson's D.J. Trahan, who won the title

in a three-hole playoff with Texas' Matt Brost. Both players shot a three-day total of 207. Finishing in a tie for third was Charles Howell of Oklahoma State and Paul Casey of Arizona State with a 208.

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers will travel to Denton, Texas, March 25-26 to compete in the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Feb. 27-29	NCAA Puerto Rico Challenge/San Juan, Puerto Rico (15th/300-300-301--901)
March 10-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate/Las Vegas, Nev. (T2nd/283-284-281--848)
March 25-26	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate/Denton, Texas
April 22-23	Cobra Intercollegiate/Akron, Ohio
April 29-30	Spartan Invitational/East Lansing, Mich.
May 12-14	Big Ten Championships/West Lafayette, Ind.
May 18-20	NCAA Regional Championships
May 31-June 3	NCAA Championships/Auburn, Ala.

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Joe Affrunti	Fr.	Crystal, Ill.
Bob Brink	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.
David Evenson	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa

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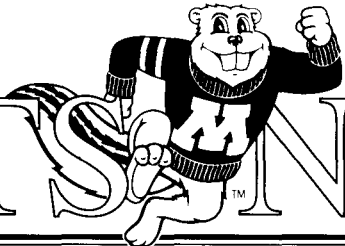
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEN'S TENNIS TEAM RANKED 17TH NATIONALLY

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team moved from 23rd to 17th in the WingspanBank.com College Rankings this week. They have a team dual record of 14-4 overall and 5-0 in the conference. University of Illinois (sixth) is the only Big Ten school currently ranked higher than Minnesota. UCLA is presently first in the nation with Florida and Stanford trailing respectively.

Freshman Harsh Mankad leads the Golden Gophers in single competition with an impressive 22-14 overall record with a 4-1 mark in conference play followed by sophomore Thomas Haug's 19-7 (5-0) record. The combination of senior Martin Michalowski and Haug compile a 13-6 record on the season and 4-1 in Big Ten action.

Up next for the Golden Gophers is the BYU Invitational in Hawaii from March 26-31.



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NINE GYMNASTS QUALIFY FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team qualified nine gymnasts for individual competition at the NCAA Qualifying meet to be held this weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. The Golden Gophers did not qualify as a team, even though they had a higher NCAA three-score average than the University of Massachusetts. UMass received an automatic bid to participate as a team, by virtue of winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference's championship meet.

The Golden Gophers will have five individuals competing on the pommel horse, four on both the parallel bars and horizontal bar, three on the floor exercise and still rings, two on the vault and one in the all-around. Sophomore Justin Conner (Dallas, Texas) will be competing in the all-around for the Golden Gophers. Freshman Clay Strother (Jasper, Texas) will be competing in five of the six events while Todd Guilbeau (Houston, Texas) will be competing in four of the six events.

The all-around qualifying begins Thursday with the finalist competing in the all-around championships on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The individual-event preliminaries will be held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. with the event finals to be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Following is a list of the gymnasts and the respective events that they will be competing in.

Gymnast	Event(s)
Justin Conner	All-Around
Chad Conner	Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar
Lindsay Fang	Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars
Robert Goss	Pommel Horse, Vault
Todd Guilbeau	Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar
Matt Kieffer	Still Rings
Allen Sopko	Still Rings
Clay Strother	Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Vault, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar
Ryan Winterbourne	Floor Exercise, Rings, Horizontal Bar

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GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE CHANGES

The University of Minnesota baseball team has announced changes to its 2000 schedule. The game originally scheduled for Sunday, April 2 at noon against the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles, has been moved to 2:00 p.m. The other two games of the series, set for Friday night at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:00 p.m., will be played at their respective times.

The game originally scheduled for Friday, May 5 versus Indiana at Siebert Field has been moved to Saturday, May 6. The teams will now play two doubleheaders on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. Saturday's first game will be a nine-inning game followed by a seven-inning game, while Sunday's first game will be a seven-inning game followed by a nine-inning game. Both doubleheaders are now scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Minnesota plays the Chicago State University Cougars tomorrow at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at noon at the Metrodome.

Please check www.gophersports.com for an up-to-date 2000 baseball schedule.

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ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH THOMAS RESIGNS; PREVOST APPOINTED TO VACATED POSITION

The University of Minnesota men's basketball office announced today that Assistant Coach Derek Thomas has resigned. Thomas was in charge of recruiting and was the team's defensive coordinator.

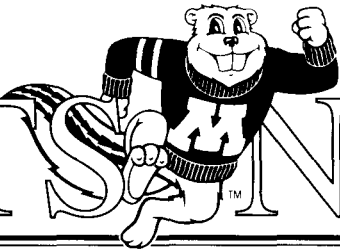
"I have enjoyed my time at Minnesota and will relish the friendships I made," said Thomas. "I have the utmost confidence that Dan (Monson) has the Minnesota program headed in the right direction and I wish him and the rest of the staff all the best."

Director of Basketball Operations Art Prevost has been appointed to the position vacated by Thomas. Prevost has been in charge of day-to-day operations for the Golden Gopher basketball program, as well as coordinating the team's on-campus recruiting visits. He was the top coaching assistant and in charge of recruiting at Texas Christian University for the women's team from 1996-99. During that period, Prevost signed four junior college All-Americans to the Horned Frog program, and his recruiting class was perennially ranked among the top 25 in the nation. Every year he was on the staff at TCU, Prevost had an all-league perimeter player on the program. He was one of the top recruiters on the men's staff while at Lamar University from 1989-90 and 1991-92. Prevost's '91-92 recruiting class was ranked 15th in the nation.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for me to work with a top-notch coach and program," said Prevost. "I am very excited about my change in duties and will give everything I have to help Dan Monson bring Minnesota basketball back to national prominence."

"I want what is best for the people I work with," said Head Coach Dan Monson. "I am excited for Derek and the opportunity that he has to work closer to where his family lives. I feel fortunate that I have someone on my staff in Art Prevost who can step right in and do the job all the while maintaining the continuity that we have established since I took the Minnesota position."

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GOLDEN GOPHER BASEBALL ADDS GAME WEDNESDAY AGAINST ST. SCHOLASTICA

The University of Minnesota announced today that the Golden Gophers will host the College of St. Scholastica in a baseball game scheduled for Wednesday, April 3. The game, which will begin at 5 p.m. at Siebert Field, was scheduled to replace one of the games lost in the Creighton series because of weather.

The Golden Gophers (16-11) are currently on a season-high nine-game winning streak. After the midweek game against the College of St. Scholastica, the Golden Gophers will open the home portion of their Big Ten schedule against the 1999 Big Ten regular season champion Ohio State Buckeyes Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Siebert Field.

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**FOURTH ANNUAL GOLDEN GOPHER EQUIPMENT SALE SET FOR MAY
SIXTH AT GIBSON/NAGURSKI FOOTBALL BUILDING**

The fourth annual Golden Gopher athletic equipment sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2000, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Gibson/Nagurski football practice facility. Used authentic Golden Gopher football, basketball, hockey and baseball uniforms and accessories will be available for purchase by the general public. For questions, call Dick Mattson at 612-625-2318.

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

April 3-10, 2000

BASEBALL

VS. ST. SCHOLASTICA, APRIL 5 (5 P.M.), APRIL 6 (3 P.M.): APRIL 7 (1 P.M.)-APRIL 8 (1 P.M.)- *OHIO STATE
SIEBERT FIELD * LIVE ON WDGY RADIO (630 AM)



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers swept the home series' against Chicago State, 9-6, 13-5, and Oral Roberts, 5-2, 7-0, 11-0

GOLF



AT THE COBRA COLLEGIATE @ FIRESTONE, SAT.-SUN, APRIL 22-23-AKRON, OHIO

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota won the Dr. Pepper Tanglewood Intercollegiate with a score of 845.

GYMNASTICS

NCAA QUALIFYING, MARCH 30; NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS, MARCH 31 & APRIL 1, IOWA CITY, IOWA



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers placed 20th at the NCAA Championships in Iowa City.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

US DIVING ZONE QUALIFYING, APRIL 7-9, AQUATIC CENTER

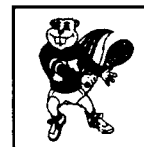


Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers tied for seventh at the NCAA Championships, their highest finish since 1992.

TENNIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT WISCONSIN AND SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT IOWA



Last Week's Results:

Defeated Hawai'i, 6-1, at Hawai'i on March 31 and April 1.

TRACK AND FIELD

AT THE HAYWARD RELAYS IN EUGENE, ORE. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AND SATURDAY APRIL 8



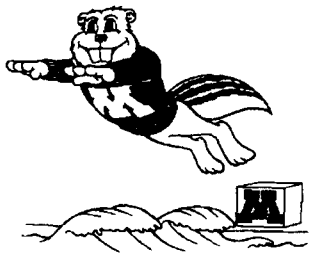
Last Week's Results:

- Junior Marc Johanssen won his second high jump title of the outdoor season with a jump of 6-10 3/4.

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**GOLDEN
GOPHERS
PLACE
SEVENTH
AT THE
NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SWIMMING &
DIVING**

In the 200m breaststroke, freshman Jeff Hackler earned his first All-America honor when he placed third in the event with a time of 2:09.81. Virginia's Ed Moses won the event with a world best, world record, American record and US open record time of 2:06.40. All in all, he broke two world records and earned swimmer of the championship for his accomplishments.

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving team finished in a tie for seventh place with 219 points. It was the highest finish for Minnesota since they finished sixth in 1992. The best the team ever finished was third in 1962. The University of Tennessee also placed seventh. Texas won the championships handily, scoring 538 points, followed by Auburn with 385 points and Arizona with 360.5 points.

Junior Alex Massura placed third in the 200m backstroke with a time of 1:54.99, earning All-America honors for the fourth time in the meet.

"I tried to do my best and hang in there during the first 100 of the race," Massura said. "Besides being tired, I'm happy because I dropped a second off my time and scored points for my team."

In the 1,500m freestyle, Southern California's Erik Vendt won the event with an American-record time of 14:31.02. Michigan junior Chris Thompson placed second with a time of 14:35.95, followed by Ryk Neethling with a time of 14:39.04.

In the 100m backstroke, California's Anthony Ervin won with a US Open Record time of 47.36.

Senior Yoav Meiri placed 15th in the 200m butterfly with a time of 1:58.75. The 400m free relay team of Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Max von Bodungen and Allen Ong placed sixth in the event with a time of 3:15.93.

Minnesota's relay team of Ricardo Dornelas, Alex Massura, Grant Butler, and Allen Ong started things off for Minnesota when they took seventh place in the 200-meter free relay with a time of 1:28.32. The four earned All-America honors in the event.

Dornelas took fifth place in the consolation finals of the 50m freestyle with a time of 22.25.

Junior Dan Croaston earned All-America honors in the one-meter diving with a score of 556.45. Sophomore Troy Dumais of Texas won the event with a score of 605.20.

Minnesota's 400m medley relay team of Todd Smolinski, Jeff Hackler, Keam Ang and Allen Ong placed eighth with a time of 3:38.24.

All in all, Minnesota crowned eight All-Americans on the first day of competition. Senior Ryk Neethling set a US Open record in the 400m freestyle with a time of 3:40.47 and won his eighth NCAA title.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Oct. 16	Intrasquad Meet	No Team Scores
Oct. 29	Alumni Meet	No Team Scores
Nov. 5-6	N. Carolina	W, 235-135
	Nebraska	W, 247-123
Nov. 13	Northwestern	W, 198-95
Nov. 19-21	Minnesota Invitational	1st/12 teams
Dec. 3-5	Texas Invitational	No Team Scores
Jan. 21	Iowa	W, 186-83
Jan. 28-29	Triple Duals	
	Purdue	W, 218-118
	Wisconsin	W, 227-100
Feb. 4-5	Minnesota Challenge	No Team Scores
Feb. 24-26	Big Ten Championships	2nd/601 pts.
March 5	Go-Pher It Invitational	No Team Scores
March 9-11	NCAA Diving Zone Qual.	No Team Scores
March 23-25	NCAA Championships	T7th/219 points

1999-2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Keam Ang	Jr.	Ipoh, Malaysia
Mark Atoowd	Fr.	Alexandria, Minn.
Ryan Ayres	Jr.	Snellville, Ga.
Ben Bartell	So.	Grafton, Wis.
David Batulis	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Ben Baumann	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Max von Bodungen	So.	Malmö, Sweden
Chris Brunson	Fr.	Madison, Wis.
Blair Buccicone	So.	Rochester, Minn.
Grant Butler	Jr.	West Bend, Wis.
Dan Croaston	Jr.	Champlin, Minn.
Brandon Crook	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Travis Crow	So.	Sheboygan, Wis.
Mark Dillion	Fr.	Cumberland, R.I.
Ricardo Dornelas	So.	Jacaraide, Brazil
Chris Forrest	So.	Appleton, Wis.
Karl Frisinger	Fr.	Napa, Calif.
Jeff Hackler	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Ben Herdt	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich.
Shane Hillsley	So.	Longmont, Colo.
Brian Howard	Sr.	Kearney, Mo.
Chad Krastins	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Ryan L'Roy	Fr.	Beaverton, Ore.
Mike Mahoney	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Dov Malnik	So.	Rishon Le-Zion, Israel
Alex Massura	Jr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Marc Maynard	Fr.	St. Paul, Minn.
Yoav Meiri	Sr.	Modein, Israel
Mike Melrose	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wis.
Allen Ong	Fr.	Perak, Malaysia
Brian Porter	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Shane Ryan	Fr.	Cross Plains, Wis.
Brandon Schindler	Sr.	Saratoga, Calif.
Tim Sheely	Jr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Aaron Shilt	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
Todd Smolinski	Fr.	St. John, Ind.
Peter Sonstegard	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Shorewood, Minn.
Nick Toumanoff	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.
Adam White	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.



TRACK & FIELD

The 4 x 100 relay placed second with a time of 40.79, while Minnesota's 4 x 400 relay placed second with a time of 3:15.56.

Junior Tom Gerding placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 21.59, while teammate Matt Taylor placed third with a time of 21.96. Taylor also

placed fourth in the 100m dash with a time of 10.69. Senior Adam Freed placed seventh in the event with a time of 10.50.

Sophomore Steve Burkholder placed sixth in the 400m dash with a time of 49.99, while teammate Andy Wohlin placed seventh in the 400m hurdles with a time of 56.56.

The Golden Gophers will travel to Oregon to compete in the Hayward Relays on April 7-8.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers will head to Eugene, Ore., to compete in the annual Hayward Relays on April 8 and 9. The meet will feature some of the top teams in the nation and will be taped delayed on Fox SportsNet. It is the second weekend in a row that the Golden Gopher track and field team will be featured on television.

MINNESOTA'S JOHANNSEN WINS HIGH JUMP AT THE JIM CLICK WILDCAT SHOOTOUT

Sophomore Marc Johannsen won the high jump at the 2000 Jim Click Wildcat Shootout held at the University of Arizona. Johannsen won the event with a jump of 6-10 3/4. The Shootout featured four teams including Minnesota. The other three teams were Arizona, California and Colorado. Minnesota placed third with 122 points. Arizona won the event with 215 points.

Freshman Steve Slattery placed second in the pole vault with a vault of 15-11. Teammate Jayme Pantekoek placed third with a vault of 14-05 1/4.

Freshman Chris Dixon placed third in the long jump with a jump of 45-02.

In the hammer throw, senior Ben Meyer placed third with a throw of 179-09, while teammates Jude Wimberger and Mike Ehlers placed fifth and seventh respectively with throws of 170-05 and 156-03.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

April		
1	Jim Click Wildcat Shootout	Tucson, Ariz.
7-8	Hayward Relays	Eugene, Ore.
13-15	Mt. Sac	Walnut, Calif.
15	Sun Angel	Tempe, Ariz.
21-22	Arizona Elite	Tucson, Ariz.
28-29	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May		
5	Minnesota Open	Bierman Field
13	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Bierman Field
19-21	Big Ten Outdoor	Iowa City, Iowa
May 30-June 4	NCAA Outdoor	Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

1999-2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Scott Bergen	So.	Hortonville, Wis.
Josh Brang	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Sr.	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Christopher Dixon	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Zach Edmonson	So.	Ballwin, Mo.
Michael Ehlers	So.	Red Wing, Minn.
Mark Fahey	Jr.	Scandia, Minn.
Erik Foley	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Adam Freed	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
Thoams Gerding	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Marc Johannsen	Jr.	Miller, S.D.
Andy Kummer	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Glenn Lindqvist	Sr.	Aland, Finland
Linus Lindroth	Fr.	
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.

Jesse Madsen	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis.
Wil McComb	Fr.	Midway, Ontario, Canada
Lyndon McDowell	So.	Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
Andrew McKessock	So.	Bognor, Ontario, Canada
Ryan Melena	Fr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
Ben Meyer	Jr.	Pine Island, Minn.
Brian Meyer	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Joe Palke	Fr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jayme Pantekoek	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Mitchell Potter	Fr.	Isanti, Minn.
Matthew Prebil	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.
Robert Quade	Jr.	Sherburn, Minn.
Erik Quam	So.	Alexandria, Minn.
Lynden Reder	Fr.	Luverne, Minn.
Fred Rodgers	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Slattery	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Chuck Smith	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Matthew Stark	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Adam Steele	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Derek Sykes	Fr.	North Branch, Minn.
Ben Taylor	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Scott Utne	So.	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Andrew Wiberg	Jr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jude Wimberger	Sr.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Andy Wohlin	So.	St. Paul, Minn.



TENNIS

defeated the Rainbows 6-1.

Freshman Harsh Mankad defeated Hawai'i's Amandeep Singh, 6-3, 6-2. Senior Martin

Michalowski won his matches, defeating Hawai'i's Jakob Nilsson by scores of 6-2 and 6-4. Golden Gophers' Tyson Parry, Jorge Duenas and Eric Robertson all picked up wins to give Minnesota a 6-1 win. In doubles action, Minnesota won all three matches to give them a sweep of the doubles matches.

Up Next:

The Golden Gophers will travel to Madison, Wis., on Saturday, April 8 to take on the Wisconsin Badgers before traveling to Iowa City, Iowa on April 9 to take on the Iowa Hawkeyes.

GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S TENNIS TEAM COMPETES IN HAWAI'I OVER SPRING BREAK

The Golden Gophers won three out of the six singles matches and two out of the three doubles matches against New Mexico State and they won five out of the eight singles matches against Brigham Young (Hawai'i) and all four doubles matches.

Thomas Haug, Martin Michalowski and Jon Svensson all won their singles matches against New Mexico State, while Mankad and Duenas won their doubles match by a score of 8-3 and Svensson and Tyson Parry won their doubles match, 8-7. Against Brigham Young-Hawai'i, Minnesota won five of eight singles matches, with Martin Michalowski, Tyson Parry, Jon Svensson, Eric Robertson and Karl Sloss all taking victories. In the doubles matches, all four Minnesota doubles teams won their matches.

Against Southwest Missouri State, Minnesota won five of the seven singles matches and won three of four doubles matches.

The Golden Gophers competed against the University of Hawai'i and

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Jan. 4-9	Milwaukee Tennis Classic/No Team Scores
Jan. 7	University of Marquette/W, 6-1
Jan. 15-17	Big Ten Singles Championships/No Team Scores
Jan. 21-22	Ice Volleys (98th Street Racquet Club)
	New Mexico/W, 5-2
	Washington/W, 5-2
Jan. 29-30	Louisville Invite (Louisville, Ky.)
	Louisville/W, 5-2
	Middle Tennessee State/W, 5-2
	Kansas/W, 7-0
Feb. 6	Penn State/W, 7-0
Feb. 12-13	SMU Invite
	SMU/L, 4-2
	Boise State/W, 4-1
	Clemson/L, 4-3
Feb. 19	Virginia Tech/W, 5-2
Feb. 19	Ohio State/W, 5-2
March 3-5	Corpus Christi Invitational
	Oklahoma/L, 5-2
	Boise State/L, 4-3
	Michigan State/W, 4-0
	UNLV/W, 4-1
March 18	Michigan State (98th Street Racquet Club)

	W, 6-1
March 19	Michigan (98th Street Racquet Club)
	W, 7-0
March 26-31	BYU Invitational (Hawaii)
	(Hawai'i) W, 6-1
April 8	Wisconsin
April 9	Iowa
April 14	Illinois (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 15	Northwestern (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 22	Purdue (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 23	Indiana (98th Street Racquet Club)
April 27-30	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasillia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



Golf

GOLDEN GOPHERS SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND DR. PEPPER CROWN:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team won the 15-team Dr. Pepper Tanglewood Intercollegiate at the Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas. The Golden Gophers, who won the same event last season, finished seven strokes ahead of runner-up Kent State.

The Golden Gophers were led by senior All-American Martin LeMesurier and junior Dave Gunderson, who each fired 54-hole totals of nine-under par 207 to finish one stroke behind individual champion Michael Harris of Michigan.

LeMesurier, a native of South Hampton, England, shot scores of 69 and 67 on Saturday before closing with a final round 71 on Sunday.

Gunderson, a native of Stillwater, Minn., fired a career-low and tournament low round of 64 on Sunday to pace the team in the final 18 holes. Gunderson had opened the tournament with rounds of 71 and 72 on Saturday.

A total of nine Big Ten Teams participated in the event, hosted by Northern Illinois University.

Next Up:

The University of Minnesota Men's Golf Team will travel to Akron, Ohio to take part in the Cobra Invitational @ Firestone on April 22-23.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Feb. 27-29	NCAA Puerto Rico Challenge/San Juan, Puerto Rico (15th/300-300-301--901)
March 10-11	Las Vegas Intercollegiate/Las Vegas, Nev. (T2nd/283-284-281--848)
March 25-26	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate/Denton, Texas (1st/285-285-275--845)
April 22-23	Cobra Intercollegiate/Akron, Ohio
April 29-30	Spartan Invitational/East Lansing, Mich.
May 12-14	Big Ten Championships/West Lafayette, Ind.
May 18-20	NCAA Regional Championships
May 31-June 3	NCAA Championships/Auburn, Ala.

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Joe Affrunti	Fr.	Crystal, Ill.
Bob Brink	Sr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Matt Burgess	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.
David Evenson	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa



NATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE DAY AT U OF M

For Immediate Release

April 4, 2000

The University of Minnesota men's and women's athletics departments will take part in the 13th annual National Student-Athlete Day on Thursday, April 6. The event was created to honor student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics while having made significant contributions to the University of Minnesota and/or community.

Amongst the 12 hours a week in class, 20 hours a week in practice and time spent on the road competing, the Golden Gophers have managed to maintain high academic standards. Following the 1999 Fall semester, the University had 246 student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. In addition, there currently are eight student-athletes competing who have already received their bachelor degrees and are pursuing their masters or professional degrees and nine student-athletes with 4.0 cumulative GPA's.

The overall GPA for Men's Athletics is currently 2.81 and the overall GPA for Women's Athletics is currently 3.08. In recognition of Student-Athlete Day, the Offices of Academic Counseling and Student Services would like to say **Thank You** to all the Gopher student-athletes for everything they do.

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The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white collar. It is holding a football in its right hand and has its left hand raised in a fist. The mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title.

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BREAKFAST HUDDLE WITH THE GOPHERS SET FOR APRIL 15TH

University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason and wife Kate have teamed up with the Children's Cancer Research Fund (CCRF) to raise money in the battle against childhood cancer. Fans are encouraged to join the Masons on Saturday, April 15, at 9 a.m. for "Breakfast Huddle with the Gophers" immediately preceding the spring football game at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

Admission to "Breakfast Huddle with the Gophers", to be held on the Metrodome Plaza, is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door with all proceeds going to the Children's Cancer Research Fund. All tickets purchased in advance will be entered into a drawing for great prizes including tickets to the Dayton's Challenge Golf Tournament and Fash Bash, Gopher Football gear and more. There is no admission charge to the spring game which begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, please call the Golden Gopher Marketing Office at (612) 625-4879.



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U OF M MALE STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO WINTER ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

A total of 13 male student-athletes were selected to the Big Ten Winter All-Academic Teams. To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, an athlete must be a letterwinner in at least his second academic year at his institution and carry a career grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

The men's gymnastics, men's swimming and diving, and wrestling teams each had four selections. Minnesota sophomore gymnast Justin Conner led the pack with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Conner is one of only four Big Ten men's and women's student-athletes to maintain this impressive academic standard. He is majoring in finance.

1999-2000 Winter Academic All-Big Ten Selections

Basketball

John-Blair Bickerstaff (Sr., Denver, Colo.)	3.14	Speech Communications
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Gymnastics

Chad Conner (Sr., Dallas, Texas)	3.89	Finance
Justin Conner (So., Dallas, Texas)	4.00	Finance
Todd Guilbeau (So., Houston, Texas)	3.01	History, Psychology
Matthew Kieffer (Sr., Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)	3.73	Finance, Insurance

Swimming and Diving

Shane Hillsley (So., Longmont, Colo.)	3.879	Marketing
Brian Howard (Sr., Roeland Park, Kan.)	3.278	Journalism
Dov Malnik (So., Rishan Le-zion, Israel)	3.414	Business
Yoav Meiri (Sr., Modein, Israel)	3.379	Design Communications

Wrestling

Dustin Berger (Sr., Mandan, N.D.)	3.167	Nutritional Science
Brandon Eggum (Sr., Sidney, Mont.)	3.153	Applied Economics
Owen Elzen (So., Eyota, Minn.)	3.267	Sports Medicine
Brett Lawrence (Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho)	3.050	Accounting/Finance

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GOPHER BASEBALL GAME SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON RESCHEDULED DUE TO COLD WEATHER

The University of Minnesota baseball game against Ohio State scheduled for today at 3 p.m., has been rescheduled due to cold weather in the area.

The game will now be played as part of a doubleheader on Sunday, with the first of two-seven inning games beginning at 1 p.m. The two teams will play their regularly scheduled doubleheader Saturday afternoon starting at 1 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

April 10-24, 2000

BASEBALL

VS. IOWA STATE, APRIL 12 (3 P.M.), APRIL 14 (3 P.M.): APRIL 15 (1 P.M.)-APRIL 16 (1 P.M.) *AT NORTHWESTERN
APRIL 19 MSU-MANKATO (3 P.M.) APRIL 21 (3 P.M.), APRIL 22 (1 P.M.), APRIL 23 (1 P.M.) *IOWA AT SIEBERT FIELD
LIVE ON WDGY RADIO, 630 AM



Last Week's Results:

- The Golden Gophers lost the first doubleheader with Ohio State, 6-3, 7-3, before winning the second, 13-5, 7-1

GOLF



AT THE 2000 INTERCOLLEGIATE AT MACGREGOR DOWNS, CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

Last Week's Results:

- Minnesota won the Dr. Pepper Tanglewood Intercollegiate with a score of 845.

TENNIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, VS. ILLINOIS, SATURDAY, APRIL 15 VS. NORTHWESTERN



Last Week's Results:

Defeated Wisconsin, 6-1 and defeated Iowa, 4-3

TRACK AND FIELD



AT THE MT. SAC DECATHLON ON APRIL 13-15, WALNUT, CALIF.; AT THE SUN ANGEL INVITATIONAL
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, TEMPE, ARIZ.

Last Week's Results:

- Senior Eric Pierce won the 3,000m steeplechase with a time of 8:56.38.

Note:
This week's weekly release will cover two weeks instead of one. The next weekly release will come out on April 24.

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Golf

GOLDEN GOPHERS SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND DR. PEPPER CROWN:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team won the 15-team Dr. Pepper Tanglewood Intercollegiate at the Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas. The Golden Gophers, who won the same event last season, finished seven strokes ahead of runner-up Kent State.

The Golden Gophers were led by senior All-American Martin LeMesurier and junior Dave Gunderson, who each fired 54-hole totals of nine-under par 207 to finish one stroke behind individual champion Michael Harris of Michigan.

LeMesurier, a native of South Hampton, England, shot scores of 69 and 67 on Saturday before closing with a final round 71 on Sunday.

Gunderson, a native of Stillwater, Minn., fired a career-low and tournament low round of 64 on Sunday to pace the team in the final 18 holes. Gunderson had opened the tournament with rounds of 71 and 72 on Saturday.

A total of nine Big Ten Teams participated in the event, hosted by Northern Illinois University.

Next Up:

The University of Minnesota Men's Golf Team will travel to Akron, Ohio to take part in the Cobra Invitational @ Firestone on April 22-23.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Feb. 27-29	NCAA Puerto Rico Challenge/San Juan, Puerto Rico (15th/300-300-301--901)
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April 22-23	Cobra Intercollegiate/Akron, Ohio
April 29-30	Spartan Invitational/East Lansing, Mich.
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Zachary Faulds	Fr.	Wardsville, Ontario, Canada
Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa



TENNIS

NO. 21 MINNESOTA DEFEATS WISCONSIN IN MEN'S TENNIS

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Wisconsin, 6-1, in Madison, Wis., this afternoon. The Golden Gophers won all six singles matches and won one doubles match, losing the other two to the Badgers.

The number one singles player for the Golden Gophers, Harsh Mankad, defeated Danny Westerman, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. Thomas Haug defeated Wisconsin's David Chang, 6-2, 6-4 and Jorge Duenas defeated Wisconsin's Adam Shumacher, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Minnesota also received wins from Martin Michalowski, Tyson Parry and Jon Svensson.

In doubles action, Harsh Mankad and Jorge Duenas defeated Wisconsin's Baker and Rutherford, 8-4.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DEFEAT IOWA, 4-3, IN MEN'S TENNIS TO PUSH OVERALL RECORD TO 17-4

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes by a score of 4-3. The Golden Gophers won four out of six singles matches and won one of three doubles matches to win the dual.

In number one singles, Iowa's Tyler Cleveland defeated Harsh Mankad, 6-3, 6-0. In number two singles, Thomas Haug defeated Iowa's Stuart Waters 6-0, 6-1. In number four singles, Martin Michalowski defeated Peter Maudie, 6-0, 6-2. Minnesota also received wins from Tyson Parry and Jon Svensson.

In doubles action, Harsh Mankad and Jorge Duenas defeated Lozowski and Skogman, 8-5.

Up Next:

The Golden Gophers play host to Illinois and Northwestern on April 14 and 15 at the 98th Street Racquet Club.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Jan. 4-9	Milwaukee Tennis Classic/No Team Scores
Jan. 7	University of Marquette/W, 6-1
Jan. 15-17	Big Ten Singles Championships/No Team Scores
Jan. 21-22	Ice Volleys (98th Street Racquet Club)
	New Mexico/W, 5-2
	Washington/W, 5-2
Jan. 29-30	Louisville Invite (Louisville, Ky.)
	Louisville/W, 5-2
	Middle Tennessee State/W, 5-2
	Kansas/W, 7-0
Feb. 6	Penn State/W, 7-0
Feb. 12-13	SMU Invite
	SMU/L, 4-2
	Boise State/W, 4-1
	Clemson/L, 4-3
Feb. 19	Virginia Tech/W, 5-2
Feb. 19	Ohio State/W, 5-2
March 3-5	Corpus Christi Invitational
	Oklahoma/L, 5-2
	Boise State/L, 4-3
	Michigan State/W, 4-0
	UNLV/W, 4-1
March 18	Michigan State (98th Street Racquet Club)

		W, 6-1
March 19	Michigan (98th Street Racquet Club)	W, 7-0
March 26-31	BYU Invitational (Hawaii)	(Hawai'i) W, 6-1
April 8	Wisconsin	
April 9	Iowa	
April 14	Illinois (98th Street Racquet Club)	
April 15	Northwestern (98th Street Racquet Club)	
April 22	Purdue (98th Street Racquet Club)	
April 23	Indiana (98th Street Racquet Club)	
April 27-30	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)	

1999 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasilia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



TRACK & FIELD

Junior Mark Fahey placed sixth in the discus throw with a throw of 175-10 (53.60m) and had a throw of 53.40m in the hammer throw to place eighth. Junior Ben Meyer placed fourth in the event and senior Jude Wimberger placed 11th.

MINNESOTA'S ERIC PIERCE WINS STEEPLECHASE AT 2000 HAYWARD RELAYS

The University of Minnesota track and field team competed at the 2000 Hayward Relays over the weekend. The meet was held on the University of Oregon campus. Senior Eric Pierce won the 3,000m steeplechase with a winning time of 8:56.38. It was his first win in the event this season. Pierce is the defending Big Ten Outdoor champion in the 3,000m steeplechase.

Head Cross Country coach and assistant track coach Steve Plasencia placed second in the 5,000m run with a time of 14:13.25. Sophomore Joey Corr placed seventh in the event with a time of 14:29.23. Teammates Jeremy Polson and Scott Utne placed 14th and 21st respectively, with times of 14:38.44 and 15:05.67.

Minnesota's 4 x 800 relay team placed third with a time of 7:29.45 and Minnesota's distance medley team placed third with a time of 9:52.74, the best time of the season.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers will send some of the squad to the Sun Angel Invitational, which is held in Tempe, Ariz., on April 15 while the decathletes will head to Walnut, Calif., to compete in the Mt. Sac Decathlon on April 13-15.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

April		
1	Jim Click Wildcat Shootout	Tucson, Ariz.
7-8	Hayward Relays	Eugene, Ore.
13-15	Mt. Sac	Walnut, Calif.
15	Sun Angel	Tempe, Ariz.
21-22	Arizona Elite	Tucson, Ariz.
28-29	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May		
5	Minnesota Open	Bierman Field
13	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Bierman Field
19-21	Big Ten Outdoor	Iowa City, Iowa
May 30-June 4	NCAA Outdoor	Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

1999-2000 GOLDEN GOPHERS

Scott Bergen	So.	Hortonville, Wis.
Josh Brang	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Sr.	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Christopher Dixon	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Zach Edmonson	So.	Ballwin, Mo.
Michael Ehlers	So.	Red Wing, Minn.
Mark Fahey	Jr.	Scandia, Minn.
Erik Foley	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Adam Freed	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
Thoams Gerding	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Marc Johannsen	Jr.	Miller, S.D.
Andy Kummer	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Glenn Lindqvist	Sr.	Aland, Finland
Linus Lindroth	Fr.	
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.

Jesse Madsen	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis.
Wil McComb	Fr.	Midway, Ontario, Canada
Lyndon McDowell	So.	Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
Andrew McKessock	So.	Bognor, Ontario, Canada
Ryan Melena	Fr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
Ben Meyer	Jr.	Pine Island, Minn.
Brian Meyer	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Joe Palke	Fr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jayme Pantekoek	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Mitchell Potter	Fr.	Isanti, Minn.
Matthew Prebil	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.
Robert Quade	Jr.	Sherburn, Minn.
Erik Quam	So.	Alexandria, Minn.
Lynden Reder	Fr.	Luverne, Minn.
Fred Rodgers	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Slattery	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Chuck Smith	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Matthew Stark	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Adam Steele	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Derek Sykes	Fr.	North Branch, Minn.
Ben Taylor	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Scott Utne	So.	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Andrew Wiberg	Jr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jude Wimberger	Sr.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Andy Wohlin	So.	St. Paul, Minn.



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HANNAHAN, WERNER EARN PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE WEEK HONORS

University of Minnesota sophomore third baseman Jack Hannahan earned Big Ten co-Player of the Week honors while senior pitcher Kelly Werner earned Big Ten co-Pitcher of the Week honors for their performances this past week. Hannahan shared the honor with Chris Basak from Illinois, and Werner shared the honor with Gabe Ribas from Northwestern.

Hannahan, a native of St. Paul, batted .625 in five games last week for the Golden Gophers. He was 10-17 from the plate with seven RBIs and five runs scored, including two doubles and a home run. In Sunday's 13-5 win over Ohio State, Hannahan was 3-for-4 with four RBIs, two runs scored and a home run. In the second game, a 7-1 Minnesota win, Hannahan was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Werner, a native of Eau Claire, Wis., has been outstanding on the hill for the Golden Gophers in his last three starts. In those starts he is 3-0, has not allowed an earned run in his last 26 innings of work while opponents are batting just .147 (11-75) against him. In Sunday's 7-1 victory over Ohio State, Werner earned his second complete-game win of the year, going seven innings scattering four hits and striking out four. Ohio State's only run of the game was an unearned run, breaking a string of 24 straight scoreless innings. He currently has a record of 4-3 with an ERA of 3.42.

Minnesota (19-13, 6-2) travels to Ames, Iowa to take on the Iowa State Cyclones (9-24, 3-12) in a midweek game on Wednesday. They will then travel to Evanston, Ill. next weekend for a four-game series with the Northwestern Wildcats (15-14, 2-6).

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The Golden Gopher mascot is a cartoon gopher wearing a dark sweater with white stripes on the sleeves and a white collar. It is standing on its hind legs, holding a hockey stick in its right hand and a hockey puck in its left hand. The mascot is positioned behind the word "SPORTS" in the "SPORTS NEWS" title.

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April 12, 2000

GOPHERS SIGN TWO HOCKEY RECRUITS TO SPRING TENDERS

The University of Minnesota men's hockey program has announced the signing of two student-athletes to national letters of intent to play for the Golden Gophers beginning with the 2000-2001 season.

Grant Potulny is a 6'2", 190-pound forward who has played the last two seasons with the Lincoln Stars of the United States Hockey League. Potulny, a native of Grand Forks, N.D., scored 25 goals and assisted on 30 others for a total of 55 points in 56 regular-season games for the Stars this season. Included in his 25 goals were 15 markers on the power play, and two of his goals were game winners. The 20-year old was named the Stars' most improved player in 1998 when he had totals of 7-11—18 in 46 contests.

Joey Martin is a 6'3", 200-pound defenseman who spent the past season with the Omaha Lancers of the United States Hockey League. Martin, a native of Rogers, Minn., and graduate of Buffalo High School, was team captain, most valuable player, and named to the all-conference team as a prep senior during the 1998-99 campaign. Martin, who will turn 19 on July 17, had a goal and four assists in 56 games played this season for the Lancers after totals of 10-9—19 as a senior at Buffalo last season.

"We are extremely pleased with not only the talent on the ice but also the quality of student-athletes that these two young men represent," said Golden Gopher Head Coach Don Lucia. "Both of these recruits are solid students, and that represents something that I feel is extremely important in recruiting kids into your program. And certainly not to be overlooked is the fact that they are also motivated to returning our program to one of the elite in the WCHA and the nation."



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GOLDEN GOPHER MIKE KOBOW EARNS BIG TEN CO-PITCHER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Sophomore RHP Mike Kobow from Hutchinson, Minn. earned Big Ten co-Pitcher of the Week honors for his six-hit, complete-game performance in Minnesota's 4-1 win over Northwestern Friday afternoon. Kobow struck out a career-high 10 batters en route to his fourth win of the season. It is the second straight week that a Minnesota pitcher has earned the honor.

In Friday's game, Kobow gave up a lead-off single to Northwestern's Jeremy Kurella in the bottom of the first inning, but then went on to retire the next 14 batters he faced. After the sixth inning, he retired nine in a row until Northwestern loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth on three straight two-out singles. He was able to close out of the game, striking out Northwestern third baseman Wes Robinson, on three straight pitches.

In his last four starts Kobow is 3-1 with a 2.37 ERA, striking out 22 while walking only six. In three Big Ten starts, he is 2-1 with an ERA of 2.22, striking out 15 and walking only four batters.

Minnesota is scheduled to play Minnesota State, Mankato on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Siebert Field.

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April 18, 2000

GOPHER BASEBALL ANNOUNCES TIME CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY'S GAME WITH MSU, MANKATO

The Golden Gopher baseball program has announced that the time for Wednesday's game at Siebert Field against Minnesota State University, Mankato has been changed from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Minnesota returns to Big Ten action on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. when they host the University of Iowa in the first of a four-game series.



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BENNETT SIGNS NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT WITH GOLDEN GOPHER BASKETBALL TEAM

The University of Minnesota announced today that Travarus Bennett, a 6-7, 205-pound wing player from Southwest Missouri State-West Plains Junior College has signed a national letter of intent.

Bennett helped lead the Grizzlies to a 27-5 record this past season and a No. 8 NJCAA national ranking. He averaged 12 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.6 steals. Bennett shot 49 percent (88-178) from the field, 30 percent from three-point range (34-113) and 67 percent (44-66) from the free throw line, while battling a broken finger on his shooting hand. An extremely athletic player, Bennett has a wingspan of seven feet and led his team in steals with 73 (2.6spg). He was named to the NJCAA all-district team. As a freshman at SMS-West Plains, he averaged 9.0 points per game and shot 57 percent (55-97) from the field and 41 percent (41-99) from three-point range.

“Travarus is a very versatile player that can help us at a number of positions,” said Head Coach Dan Monson. “He is a very good athlete and can do a number of things well, including defend people. I like his demeanor and feel for the game and think he is an excellent fit for our team. We knew with a limited number of scholarships that we needed a player that was comfortable playing two or three different positions, and we have that in Travarus.”

Bennett is a native of Rosedale, Miss., where he was two-time all-state and three-time all-county selection for West Bolivar High School. He led West Bolivar to a 38-1 record his senior year and a second place finish at the Mississippi State High School Tournament.

“I love Travarus because he has legit size and athleticism for the Big Ten,” said Jerry Mullen of *Mullen's Roundball Review*. “He's very long, disruptive defensively and can pull up and shoot the three. He plays very hard and is extremely competitive and is a great fit for Minnesota.”

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NEWS ADVISORY

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MASON TO TEACH AT EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN PLYMOUTH ON FRIDAY AS PART OF EXTREME DAY 2000

University of Minnesota Head Football Coach Glen Mason will be a guest teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth, Minn., on Friday, April 21, 2000 as part of the school's eXtreme Day 2000 celebration. Mason will teach football coaching 1001 to two different classes. The first class is from 8:35-9:30 a.m. and the second class is from 9:35-10:30. East Middle School is located at 1200 Ridgemount Ave. in Plymouth. It is located approximately six blocks west of Hopkins Crossroad, north of I394. Media are asked to park in the upper parking lot, use the middle doors and check in at hospitality room. The contact person for the event is Sandy Lundak (763-745-6278).



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MINNESOTA LISTED 12TH IN SEARS DIRECTOR'S CUP STANDINGS

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THIS WEEK IN MEN'S ATHLETICS

April 24-May 1, 2000

BASEBALL

VS. IOWA STATE AT SIEBERT FIELD, APRIL 26 (6 P.M.): *AT MICHIGAN STATE, APRIL 28 (3 P.M.), APRIL 29 (2) (1 P.M.), APRIL 30 (1 P.M.) LIVE ON WDGY RADIO, 630 AM



Last Week's Results:

- Won all four games against Iowa by scores of 8-5, 2-1, 13-1, and 8-2. Minnesota now ranks first in the Big Ten.

GOLF



AT FOSSUM INVITATIONAL, SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 29-30 (ALL DAY)

Last Week's Results:

- Did not compete.

TENNIS

AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, THURSDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 27-30 (ALL DAY)



Last Week's Results:

- Defeated Purdue 5-2, and Indiana 4-1. The Golden Gophers will enter the Big Ten Tournament as the No. 2 seed.

TRACK AND FIELD



AT DRAKE RELAYS, APRIL 28-29 (ALL DAY)

Last Week's Results:

- Mark Fahey set a new school record in the hammer throw with a 189-0 (57.62m) toss.

Note:

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Golf

Up Next:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to East Lansing, Mich., to compete in the Spartan Invitational Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30.

GOPHER GOLFERS FINISH 10TH IN NORTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT

[Saturday, April 15, 2000]

The University of Minnesota men's golf team struggled to a final round score of 15-over par 303 on Saturday afternoon and finished 10th among 12 teams in The Intercollegiate at the MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary, N.C.

Wake Forest claimed the team title after a final round nine-under par 279 pushed them past day one leader North Carolina State. The Wolfpack were four shots back, with North Florida finishing six shots off the pace in third position.

Freshman Wilhelm Schauman led the Golden Gophers with an even par score of 72 on Saturday, good for a two-over par total of 218 and a 14th-place finish individually. Chris Wisler of East Tennessee State walked away with the individual crown by firing three rounds in the 60s for a 54-hole total of 10-under par 206.

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Santiago Fernandez	Jr.	Bogota, Columbia
Matthew Gibb	Fr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Dave Gunderson	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.
Martin LeMesurier	Sr.	South Hampton, England
James McLean	Jr.	Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia
Ben Meyers	Fr.	Frankston, Victoria, Australia
David Morgan	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Ethan Otterlei	Fr.	Edina, Minn.
Justin Robel	Fr.	Rochester, Minn.
Wilhelm Schauman	Fr.	Djursholm, Sweden
Andrew Tank	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa



TENNIS

**GOLDEN GOPHER MEN'S TENNIS
DEFEATS PURDUE 5-2**

MINNESOTA BEATS INDIANA 4-1; FINISHES 9-1 IN BIG TEN

[Sunday, April 23, 2000]

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Indiana University 4-1 in an early morning match, Easter Sunday. The Golden Gophers finished 9-1 in the Big Ten, and will enter the conference tournament this weekend as the no. 2 seed.

Junior Tyson Parry opened slowly versus Hoosier Paul Jacobson, but went on to win 7-6, 6-1. Freshman Harsh Mankad had no trouble defeating Milan Rakvica in straight sets 6-3, 6-2, while junior teammate Jon Svensson finished strong by beating Rahman Smiley 7-5, 6-1.

Golden Gopher sophomore Thomas Haug teamed up with senior Martin Michalowski to defeat Ian Arons and Gabriel Montilla 8-6 in the doubles competition. In the second match, Mankad paired up with junior Jorge Duenas and won 8-5 over Rakvica and George McGill of Indiana.

[Saturday, April 22, 2000]

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated Purdue University Saturday evening at the 98th Street Raquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers won two doubles matches and four singles matches en route to a 5-2 victory.

Freshman Harsh Mankad forced Purdue's Jason Marshall to three sets, couldn't quite pull out the victory in the first singles match. However, sophomore Thomas Haug and juniors Tyson Parry and Jon Svensson won their singles matches easily to give the Maroon and Gold a comfortable lead.

In doubles action, Haug and senior Martin Michalowski defeated Boilermakers Marshall and Andrew Wakefield 9-7; while Minnesota's Eric Robertson teamed up with Parry to clean up Laith Al Alajaba and Scott Mayer of Purdue. The two doubles victories, along with the four singles wins, gave the Golden Gophers enough points to take the match.

Up Next:

The No. 2 seeded Golden Gophers will compete in the Big Ten Championships Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30.

GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Jan. 4-9 Milwaukee Tennis Classic/No Team Scores
 Jan. 7 University of Marquette/W, 6-1
 Jan. 15-17 Big Ten Singles Championships/No Team Scores
 Jan. 21-22 Ice Volleys (98th Street Racquet Club)
 New Mexico/W, 5-2
 Washington/W, 5-2
 Jan. 29-30 Louisville Invite (Louisville, Ky.)
 Louisville/W, 5-2
 Middle Tennessee State/W, 5-2
 Kansas/W, 7-0
 Feb. 6 Penn State/W, 7-0
 Feb. 12-13 SMU Invite
 SMU/L, 4-2
 Boise State/W, 4-1
 Clemson/L, 4-3
 Feb. 19 Virginia Tech/W, 5-2
 Feb. 19 Ohio State/W, 5-2
 March 3-5 Corpus Christi Invitational
 Oklahoma/L, 5-2
 Boise State/L, 4-3
 Michigan State/W, 4-0
 UNLV/W, 4-1
 March 18 Michigan State W, 6-1

March 19 Michigan W, 7-0
 March 26-31 BYU Invitational (Hawaii)
 (Hawaii) W, 6-1
 April 8 Wisconsin W, 6-1
 April 9 Iowa W, 4-3
 April 14 Illinois L, 4-3
 April 15 Northwestern W, 5-2
 April 22 Purdue W, 5-2
 April 23 Indiana W, 4-1
 April 27-30 Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind.)

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Jorge Duenas	Jr.	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Thomas Haug	So.	Zurich, Switzerland
Harsh Mankad	Fr.	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Ed Marques	Jr.	Brasilia, Brazil
Nathan McLain	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn.
Martin Michalowski	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario
Tyson Parry	Jr.	Chatham, Ontario
Eric Robertson	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Karl Sloss	So.	Kildeer, Ill.
Steve Solberg	Fr.	Fridley, Minn.
Jon Svensson	Jr.	Kristianstad, Sweden



TRACK & FIELD

MEN'S RELAY TEAM SETS SCHOOL RECORD IN 4 X 100 METER RELAY

FAHEY BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD WITH HAMMER THROW

[Saturday, April 22, 2000]

In the second day of competition at the Arizona Elite Classic, Mark Fahey threw himself into the University of Minnesota record books by heaving a 189-0 (57.62m) toss in the hammer throw. He beat the old record of 175-5, which was set by Ben Meyer just last season. Meyer, who also bettered last year's mark, finished second in the competition with a throw of 183-05 (55.92m).

The Golden Gophers earned another first place finish by running 3:14.18 in the 4 x 400. Andy McKessock and Nate Clay finished second and third in the 1,500m invitational with times of 3:45.40 and 3:46.38. Adam Freed edged out the third spot in the 100m by crossing the line at the 10.71 mark, and Jayme Pantekoek's time of 14.99 was good enough for fourth place in the 110m hurdles.

[Friday, April 21, 2000]

The University of Minnesota men's track and field relay team finished second at the Arizona Elite Classic, but set an outdoor school record in the 4 x 100m relay with a time of 40.09, breaking the old record of 40.24 set in 1977.

The Golden Gophers received first place finishes from Toby Henkels in the 800m (1:52.29) and Chris Dixon in the triple jump (50-05.25; 15.37m), and Mark Fahey placed second in the discus with a throw of 174-06 (53.20m). Matt Taylor's time of 21.62 was good enough to earn him a fourth place finish in the 200m.

Other notable finishes include Brian Meyer (1:52.64) and Zach Edmonson (1:54.35) who received fifth and seventh place times in the 800m. Steve Burkholder (21.64) and Adam Freed (22.05) both earned top ten finishes in the 200m by placing sixth and ninth.

Up Next:

Minnesota will head to Des Moines, Iowa Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 to compete in the Drake Relays.

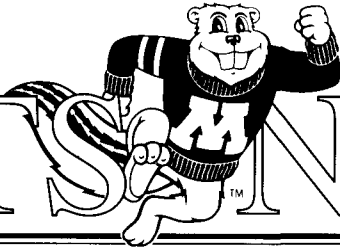
GOLDEN GOPHER SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

April		
1	Jim Click Wildcat Shootout	No team scores
7-8	Hayward Relays	No team scores
13-15	Mt. Sac	No team scores
16	Sun Angel	No team scores
21-22	Arizona Elite	No team scores
28-29	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May		
5	Minnesota Open	Bierman Field
13	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Bierman Field
19-21	Big Ten Outdoor	Iowa City, Iowa
May 30-June 4	NCAA Outdoor	Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

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Scott Bergen	So.	Hortonville, Wis.
Josh Brang	Sr.	Winona, Minn.
Steve Burkholder	Sr.	Superior, Wis.
Nate Clay	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Joey Corr	So.	Redmond, Wash.
Christopher Dixon	Fr.	Burnsville, Minn.
Zach Edmonson	So.	Ballwin, Mo.
Michael Ehlers	So.	Red Wing, Minn.
Mark Fahey	Jr.	Scandia, Minn.
Erik Foley	Fr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Adam Freed	So.	St. Paul, Minn.
Thoams Gerding	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.
Neil Hanson	Fr.	Granada, Minn.
Toby Henkels	So.	Worthington, Minn.
Marc Johannsen	Jr.	Miller, S.D.
Andy Kummer	So.	White Bear Lake, Minn.
Glenn Lindqvist	Sr.	Aland, Finland
Linus Lindroth	Fr.	
Brent Loberg	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Ryan Mack	Fr.	Ukiah, Calif.

Jesse Madsen	Jr.	Menomonie, Wis.
Wil McComb	Fr.	Midway, Ontario, Canada
Lyndon McDowell	So.	Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada
Andrew McKessock	So.	Bognor, Ontario, Canada
Ryan Melena	Fr.	Arden Hills, Minn.
Ben Meyer	Jr.	Pine Island, Minn.
Brian Meyer	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.
Luke Mullranin	Fr.	Bemidji, Minn.
Jason Owen	Jr.	Stewartville, Minn.
Joe Palke	Fr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jayme Pantekoek	So.	Mankato, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.
Mitchell Potter	Fr.	Isanti, Minn.
Matthew Prebil	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.
Robert Quade	Jr.	Sherburn, Minn.
Erik Quam	So.	Alexandria, Minn.
Lynden Reder	Fr.	Luverne, Minn.
Fred Rodgers	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio
Steve Slattery	So.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Chuck Smith	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn.
Matthew Stark	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.
Adam Steele	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn.
Derek Sykes	Fr.	North Branch, Minn.
Ben Taylor	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Matt Taylor	Fr.	Duluth, Minn.
Scott Utne	So.	Falcon Heights, Minn.
Andrew Wiberg	Jr.	Roseville, Minn.
Jude Wimberger	Sr.	Fond du Lac, Wis.
Andy Wohlin	So.	St. Paul, Minn.



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STAY A WINNER CLINIC SET FOR THURSDAY

A reminder to all media that the University of Minnesota men's and women's athletics programs will host the annual Allina/Minneapolis Public Schools "Stay A Winner" Clinic Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex, Bierman Stadium, Williams Arena and the Sports Pavilion.

Approximately 500 fourth, fifth and sixth grade Minneapolis Public School students are expected to come to campus for the event. In addition to conducting the sports clinics, the U of M student-athletes will also stress to the youngsters how they can "Stay A Winner" in life by staying away from drugs, studying hard in school, showing good sportsmanship, etc.

The "Stay A Winner" Clinic is a great annual event which should provide wonderful photo and interview opportunities. The tentative time schedule for Thursday is listed below:

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| 10:15 a.m. | U of M student-athletes report to Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex |
| 10:30 a.m. | Fourth, fifth and sixth graders begin arriving via buses at Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex |
| 10:40 a.m. | Program begins, official welcome |
| 11 a.m. | Clinics begin at Football Complex, Bierman Stadium, Williams Arena and the Sports Pavilion |
| 11:45 a.m. | Clinics end, everyone returns to the Football Complex |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 12:30 p.m. | Event concludes |



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GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLING INKS TWO MORE SIGNEES

In addition to its three recruits this past fall, the University of Minnesota wrestling team announced the signings of Eli Ross (Owatonna, Minn.) and Mike Verdeja (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) to the 2000-2001 Golden Gopher squad.

Ross was a two-time state placer at Owatonna High School and a member of the 17-under National Greco Roman Team where he finished 6th in the world championships. Although wrestling heavyweight in high school, Ross is projected to wrestle in the 197-pound class as a collegian.

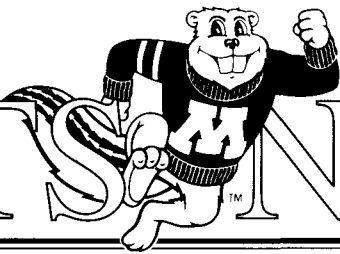
Verdeja joins the Golden Gophers from Simley High School where he was state champion of the 140-pound weight group. At Minnesota, Verdeja will be looked to wrestle in either the 141 or 149-pound class.

“Eli Ross is both the first Division I kid and first recruit from Owatonna to sign with U of M wrestling since Scott Davis was head coach,” said head assistant coach Marty Morgan.

“What impressed us about both Ross and Verdeja is the ways they progressed. Verdeja, whose coach was former Minnesota All-American Willie Short (1993), went from state placer to state champion. Their abilities to excel is what kept us following them throughout the year.”

Both signees join Josh McLay (Hastings, Minn.), Nate Baker (Jackson, Minn.), and Nick Zajac (Hastings, Minn.) who were also signed to letters of intent last fall.

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MINNESOTA WRESTLERS TAKE PART IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Members of the University of Minnesota wrestling team recently participated in both the University National Freestyle Championships held in Evanston, Ill. (April 7-9), and the U.S. Nationals held this past weekend in Las Vegas, Nev.

Freshman Garret Lowney, who is taking an olympic redshirt year, garnered a second place finish at 213 pounds (97 kilo) in Greco-Roman at the U.S. Nationals which now makes him eligible to compete in the final olympic trials to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 21-24.

At the University National Freestyle Championships which is a 24-under tournament open to 400 competitors sponsored by USA Wrestling, redshirts Ryan Lewis (58 kilo) and Damion Hahn (85 kilo) each posted first place finishes, while Jared Lawrence placed second (69 kilo) and Matt Kraft took seventh (85 kilo).

Other notes of interest:

The University of Minnesota 2000 wrestling schedule poster was voted as the nation's second best out of 89 entries in the Division A class. Assistant coach Marty Morgan came up with this past year's motif which finished second to the Auburn University men's basketball collage.

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GOLDEN GOPHER NETTERS WILL FACE NORTHWESTERN IN SECOND ROUND OF BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

After sitting out the first round with a bye, the No. 2 seeded University of Minnesota men's tennis team will prepare to face Northwestern Friday, April 28 at 9 a.m. in the second round of the 2000 Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

The seventh-seeded Wildcats will advance to face the Golden Gophers after eliminating 10th seeded Iowa by a score of 4-3 Friday afternoon.

Minnesota enters the Big Ten Championships ranked No. 21 in the nation with an overall record of 20-5 and a league mark of 9-1. The Golden Gophers, who are having their best season since 1995, will aim to be the spoiler of top-seeded Illinois' run for its fourth consecutive tournament title. The three-time defending tournament champion Illini handed Minnesota its only Big Ten loss of the season two weeks ago.

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GOLDEN GOPHERS HEAD TO 91st ANNUAL DRAKE RELAYS


The University of Minnesota men's track and field team will travel 24 athletes this weekend to the nation's premier outdoor track and field meet, the Drake Relays hosted by Drake University Friday-Saturday, April 28-29.

Minnesota's talented cast of athletes this season is laden with middle distance and distance runners, so the concentrations will be on the relays as the Golden Gophers are slated to compete in the 4 x 1,600m, 4 x 800m, 4 x 200m, 4 x 100m, distance medley, and sprint medley.

Although entering five relay teams into this year's competition, Minnesota is highlighted by its 4 x 1,600m squad which the Golden Gophers seemingly think is one of the best in the country. Sophomore Andrew McKessock and senior Eric Pierce man the helm of the four. McKessock, placed 10th in the mile and has a season best mile time of 4:02.56 at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships earlier in the year, while Pierce placed first in the 5,000m at the Drake Relays a year ago.

In addition to its stellar 4 x 1,600m team, Minnesota returns two defending champions in Pierce and Marc Johannsen. Pierce captured the crown in the 5,000m with a time of 14:14.31 at last year's Drake Relays while Johannsen took the high jump title with a leap of 7-1 1/2. Pierce, however, will not defend his title this year, but Johannsen will look forward to seeking his second consecutive high jump crown.

The Drake Relays cater to competition for high school athletes, college and university competitors, and seasoned professionals. Drake Stadium, the home of the event, holds a capacity crowd of 18,000 spectators, and the venue has sold out on the final day of competition at least 34 times.



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MINNESOTA PLACES IN FIVE EVENTS CONCLUDING DAY ONE OF DRAKE RELAYS

The University of Minnesota men's track and field team placed in five events in the opening day of the Drake Relays which saw its second largest Friday session crowd of 17,050 in the history of the event.

Steve Burkholder placed third in heat one of the 100 meter dash prelims at 10.71 while Matt Taylor, Burkholder, Adam Freed, and Tom Gerding finished second in heat two of the 4 x 100m relay prelims.

In the 4 x 800 meter relay finals, the team of Andrew McKessock, Nathan Clay, Brian Meyer, and Toby Henkels posted an eighth place finish of 7:28.38. Also placing for the Golden Gophers was the 4 x 1,600 meter relay group of Jason Owen, Clay, Eric Pierce, and McKessock who finished fourth with a time of 16:31.68 and Mark Fahey who took sixth place in the discus with a throw of 182-10 (55.72m)

Minnesota will compete in the final day of the Drake Relays Saturday, April 29.

2000 Drake Relays

April 28, 2000

Day 1 Agate (Golden Gopher Races/Events Only)

100 Meter Dash (Prelims) University and College Division

Heat 1

1. Babatunde Ridley, ILLINOIS 10.58 w:-0.3;
2. Kevin Mills, LINDENWOOD 10.69;
3. Steve Burkholder, MINNESOTA 10.71.

4 x 100 Meter Relay (Prelims)

Heat 2

1. Kenny Edwards, Jeff Adam, Cyrus Nichols, Devon Davis, NORTHERN IOWA 40.30;
2. Matt Taylor, Steve Burkholder, Adam Freed, Tom Gerding, MINNESOTA 40.50;
3. Demetric Green, Dedrick Evans, Derrick Wallace, Antwan Dussett, GRAMBLING STATE 40.71.

4 x 800 Meter Relay (Finals)


1. MISSOURI 7:16.23;
2. STANFORD 7:16.94;
3. BAYLOR 7:17.55;
8. Andrew McKessock, Nathan Clay, Brian Meyer, Toby Henkels, MINNESOTA 7:28.38.

4 x 1,600 Meter Relay (Finals)

1. NORTHERN IOWA 16:21.53;
2. STANFORD 16:21.58;
3. DRAKE 16:27.67;
4. Jason Owen, Nathan Clay, Eric Pierce, Andrew McKessock, MINNESOTA 16:31.68.

Discus (Finals) University and College Division

1. Jason Gervais, WYOMING 205-01 APOT (62.50m); 2. Tom Barrett, ILLINOIS STATE 196-10 (60.00m); 3. Stefanos Konstas, TEXAS EL-PASO 190-08 P (58.12m); 6. Mark Fahey, MINNESOTA 182-10 (55.72m).



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GOLDEN GOPHERS ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS AT BIG TENS

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team won four singles matches en route to a 4-1 second round victory over Northwestern Friday at the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

In number two singles, Minnesota's Thomas Haug defeated Northwestern's Jost Hol 6-2, 6-3. At number two singles, Minnesota's Jorge Duenas took care of Northwestern's Josh Axler 6-1, 7-5. Minnesota's Tyson Parry and Jon Svensson then rounded out the four singles victories with Parry defeating Northwestern's Jamie Sahara in the fifth slot 6-3, 6-3, and Svensson winning over Northwestern's Russell Bennett at number six 6-2, 6-1.

Minnesota's Parry and Eric Robertson then teamed up in the number three spot to post the Golden Gophers' only doubles win. The tandem defeated Northwestern's Axler and Sahara by a count of 8-4.

With the win, the Golden Gophers will advance to the semi-finals to face the winner of No. 6 Ohio State and No. 3 Indiana Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

No. 2 Minnesota 4, No. 7 Northwestern 1

Singles:

- No. 1 Harsh Mankad (MINN) vs. Brad Erickson (NW) **Abd 6-3, 6-6 (12-12)**
- No. 2 Thomas Haug (MINN) def. Jost Hol (NW) **6-2, 6-3**
- No. 3 Jorge Duenas (MINN) def. Josh Axler (NW) **6-1, 7-5**
- No. 4 Martin Michalowski (MINN) vs. Jackie Jenkins (NW) **Abd 3-6, 6-3, 3-1**
- No. 5 Tyson Parry (MINN) def. Jamie Sahara (NW) **6-3, 6-3**
- No. 6 Jon Svensson (MINN) def. Russell Bennett (NW) **6-2, 6-1**

Doubles:

- No. 1 Brad Erickson/Hol (NW) def. Haug/Michalowski (MINN) **8-5**
- No. 2 Bennett/Jenkins (NW) def. Duenas/Mankad (MINN) **9-8 (8)**
- No. 3 Parry/Robertson (MINN) def. Axler/Sahara (NW) **8-4**

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EGGUM, ELZEN, GARNER ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

University of Minnesota wrestlers Brandon Eggum and Owen Elzen were named to the National Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-American Team, announced Friday.

Eggum, a senior Applied Economics major from Sidney, Mont., was named to the first-team squad with a grade point average of 3.15 while sophomore Elzen (Eyota, Minn.) was named honorable mention with his 3.27 GPA in Pre-Kinesiology.