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Schedule May 25-31

May 23, 1983

- May 25-28 Nancy Harris competes at NCAA Golf Nationals
(University of Georgia, Athens)
- May 28 CREW Lake Phalen Regatta
- May 30-June 4 TRACK Individuals at NCAA Nationals, University
of Houston
- May 31 Patty Berg Awards Banquet

NOTES -- The women's softball tournament that was scheduled last weekend at Nebraska was cancelled due to the lack of a fourth team being secured by the hosts...Minnesota ended the year with a 32-18 overall record, 22-1 home record and 13-9 Big Ten mark for third place...senior Gretchen Larson of Edina was named to the NCAA Midwest Regional team as a utility and outfielder player...her name will be placed on the ballot for NCAA All-American... Larson posted a 12-9 pitching mark with six shutouts and an .86 ERA, and was the second best batter at .291 this year...she is the career record holder for most hits (159), and was an AIAW All-American outfielder in 1981...

SUMMER TEAMS AND TRYOUTS --

SOFTBALL -- Gretchen Larson will tryout for the U.S. Pan American softball team June 3-10 at Colorado Springs...as an outfielder, she will be one of 15 players trying for a spot...this summer Larson plans to play in Connecticut with the Raybestos Brackettes... the Brackettes are the National Champions in ASA women's major fast-pitch and have had some of the best pitchers in the world including Kathy Arendsen and Joan Joyce...

VOLLEYBALL -- Jill Halsted, an honorable mention NCAA All-American this year, tried out last weekend for the World University Games team...she should hear within a week if she made the squad...the World University Games for volleyball are July 12-16 in Edmonton, Canada...Halsted is the Gophers career kill leader... Incoming freshman Karyn Daline from Minneapolis/Southwest H.S. has been named to the North Team for the U.S. Sports Festival June 24-July 3 in Colorado Springs...

BASKETBALL -- Upcoming junior Laura Coenen and sophomore Carol Peterka will attend the USA National Women's Basketball Trials June 8-12 at Colorado Springs...Two teams will be selected, the first for the FIBA World Women's Championships June 24-August 6 in Sal Paulo, Brazil and for the Pan American Games August 14-29 in Caracas, Venezuela; the second team for the World University Games July 1-11 in Edmonton, Canada...Coenen was the Big Ten scoring leader all year at 24.2 ppg and also had 9.1 rebounds... Graduating senior Cindy Kuhlman competed overseas for a U.S. team May 8-22... she was picked for her ability at center...she played against teams from five foreign countries...Incoming freshman Molly Tadich of Bloomington/Jefferson has been selected to the North Team for the U.S. Sports Festival... Upcoming sophomore Jill Nelson of Forest Lake will travel to Tokyo, Japan with the Athletes in Action basketball team, starting training June 19 and heading overseas June 29...

CREW HOSTS REGATTA THIS SATURDAY

Minnesota will host the only home crew event of the year this Saturday at Lake Phalen. Coach Ron Korpi says that there will be eight events for women and 10 for men, with numerous club teams competing. Events will include Novice 8, Varsity 8, Junior 8, Novice 4, Varsity 4, Junior 4, Single and Pair. "This is the opening weekend for the club season which runs all summer," says Korpi. The following weekend, June 4-5, the Gophers will compete in the National Women's Collegiate Rowing Championship at Lake Wingra in Madison, Wisconsin.

TRACK HAS TWO BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS, BEST TEAM FINISH SINCE 1978

Minnesota placed seventh at the Big Ten Track and Field Championship at Purdue last weekend for their best team finish since 1978, and the Gophers had two individual champions for the first time since 1980.

Sophomore Becky Fettig of ST CLOUD won the discus with a 166' 1" throw which was a personal best, school record, and national qualifier beating the 164' NQ standard. Her previous best this year was 151' 8" at the Drake relays. Fettig also set a school record in the shot put where she placed fourth with a 47' 1" throw. Old mark 45' 8 3/4" by Fay Farrar.

Junior Loreena Anderson of ALEXANDRIA was the Gophers other individual champion. Anderson captured the javelin title with a 159' 1" effort, just missing the National Qualifying distance of 160'. The throw was a new school record and personal best, with her previous best 156' 8" at the Drake Relays.

OTHER GOPHER INDIVIDUALS -- Sophomore Eva Ljungstrom set a new school record and placed seventh in the 10,000 m. in 35:18.54...her previous best was 36:03 at the Drake Relays...in the shot put senior Julie Rask of Golden Valley fifth with a 45' 9 1/2" throw, bettering the old record (which Fettig broke)... senior Fay Farrar of Maplewood was sixth in 45' 7"...freshman Jody Eder of Stillwater had the second fastest time in the 1500 m. trials in 4:25.30 and placed second in the finals in 4:25.6...junior Cathy Gorecki of Stillwater had the third fastest time in the 400 m. hurdle trials in 60:43 and was fourth in the finals in 61:00...junior Kellie Benzow of Racine, Wisc. scored points placing sixth in the 3,000 m. in 10:08.5 and Sue Alm of Bloomington scored sixth in the 5000 m. in 17:22. Jane Mattke was seventh in the long jump in 18' 6"...

TEAM TOTALS -- Freshman Katie Ishmael of Wisconsin won the women's athlete of the meet award for winning the 5,000 and 10,000 meters...Wisconsin placed first with 94 points followed by Michigan (93), Iowa (82), Indiana and Illinois (57), Michigan State (48), MINNESOTA (44), Purdue (42), Ohio State (41) and Northwestern.

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EDER/FETTIG TO NATIONALS -- Jody Eder of Stillwater and Becky Fettig of St. Cloud are the sole qualifiers for the NCAA Track Nationals May 30-June 4 at the University of Houston. Fettig qualified in the discus, winning the Big Ten Title and Eder has qualified in the 1500 meters with a 4:21.76 time at a meet with Nebraska earlier this year.

BRISK/HECKMAN END BANNER SEASON AT NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The rookie doubles team of freshman Kathleen Heckman of St. Joseph, Mo. and Claudia Brisk of Skokie, Ill. advanced to the second round of the NCAA Nationals last weekend, before suffering their first loss in 13 matches. Brisk and Heckman defeated Northwestern's Maeve Quinlan and Courtney Lord in the first round 6-3, 7-5, but then lost to fourth-seeded USC's Sue Pendo and Janet Legasse in three sets, 6-2, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2. Pendo and Legasse were then eliminated in the semi-finals.

BANNOR YEAR -- The two established numerous Minnesota records including:

LONGEST DOUBLES WINNING STREAK -- 12, with first round victory at nationals. Heckman and Brisk last lost to, ironically, Quinlan and Lord of Northwestern April 9. Streak 12 straight until 2nd round.

MOST SEASON DOUBLES WINS BY A TEAM 35, old record 31 Bjornson-Wadden (80-81)

MOST DOUBLES WINS BY INDIVIDUALS 36, Heckman, Brisk Old mark 32 (several)

FINAL RECORD: 35-6 Overall, 11-1 Fall, 14-5 Spring

Of 41 matches, only 10 went to three sets

ALL-BIG TEN: The two were named All-Big Ten in doubles, and Heckman was also named in singles.

COACH PEDEN SAYS: "I think they should feel good about the way they played in their first year together. They had a lot of good wins and a terrific season. There is a lot of pressure at nationals and the second match was closer than the score indicates."

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TRACK & FIELD TOP RESULTS thru 5/23/83

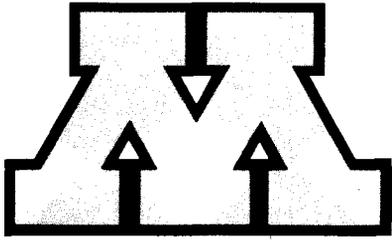
<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME OR DISTANCE</u>	<u>MEET</u>
<u>100 METERS</u>		
1. Sherry Tetu	:12.60 (Personal Best)	Nebraska
2. Rhonda Feimster	:12.65 (Personal Best)	Nebraska
<u>200 METERS</u>		
1. Sherry Tetu	:25.7 (Personal Best)	Nebraska
2. Judy Harju	:26.53	Arizona
<u>400 METERS</u>		
1. Jane Mattke	:58.9	MN Collegiate
2. Julie Kosowski	:59.13	Nebraska
<u>800 METERS</u>		
1. Jody Eder	2:10.6 (Personal Best)	Drake Relays
2. Anne Lundin	2:13.1	Midwest Classic
3. Kris Rens	2:13.39 (Personal Best)	Arizona
<u>1500 METERS</u>		
1. Jody Eder	4:21.76 (Per. Best, NQ)	Nebraska
2. Stacy Bant	4:44.38	Nebraska
<u>3000 METERS</u>		
1. Sue Alm	9:47.8 (Personal Best)	Midwest Classic
2. Kellie Benzow	10:06.30 (Personal Best)	Nebraska
<u>5000 METERS</u>		
1. Sue Alm	16:57.5 (Personal Best)	MN Collegiate
2. Eva Ljungstrom	17:24.9 (Personal Best)	Midwest Classic
3. Kellie Benzow	17:27.1 (Personal Best)	Macalester Invit.
<u>10,000 METERS</u>		
1. Eva Ljungstrom	35:18.54 (Sch. Rec. & Per. Best)	Big Ten's
2. Sue Alm	35:22.4	Macalester Invit.
<u>100 METER HURDLES</u>		
1. Karen Dogans	15.60	Drake Invitational
2. Polly Oas	16.30	Arizona
<u>400 METER HURDLES</u>		
1. Cathy Gorecki	1:00.3 (Personal Best)	MN Collegiate
2. Linda Gohman	1:05.6 (Personal Best)	Midwest Classic
<u>LONG JUMP</u>		
1. Jane Mattke	19' 9 3/4"/6.04m	MN Collegiate
2. Sherry Tetu	18' 3 3/4"/5.59m (Per. Best)	Drake Invitational
<u>SHOT PUT</u>		
1. Becky Fettig	47' 1" (PB, Sch. Rec.)	Big Ten's (4th)
2. Julie Rask	45' 9 1/2"	Big Ten's
3. Fay Farrar	45' 7"	Big Ten's

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TRACK & FIELD RESULTS CONTINUED
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<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME OR DISTANCE</u>	<u>MEET</u>
<u>DISCUS</u>		
1. Becky Fettig	166' 1" (NQ, PB & Sch.Rec)	Big Ten's (1st)
2. Loreena Anderson	156' 3"/47.62m	Nebraska
<u>JAVELIN</u>		
1. Loreena Anderson	159' 1" (PB & Sch.Rec)	Big Ten's (1st)
2. Polly Oas	121' 5"/37.02m (Personal Best)	Nebraska
<u>4 X 100 METER RELAY</u>		
1. Tetu, Chestnut, Harju, Gorecki	48.7	Midwest Classic
2. Tetu, Feimster, Perlich, Gorecki	49.1	MN Collegiate
<u>1600 METER RELAY</u>		
1. Kosowski, Rens, Eder, Gorecki	3:50.0	Nebraska
<u>4 X 800 METER RELAY</u>		
1. Lundin, Bant, Rens, Eder	8:47.83	Drake Relays
2. Alm, Rens, Eder, Lundin	9:16.40	Drake Invitational
<u>800 METER MEDLEY RELAY (100, 100, 200, 400)</u>		
1. Chestnut, Tetu, Harju, Gorecki	1:47.37	Drake Relays

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OUTDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/26	at Willie Williams (Tucson, AZ)	No team pts. kept
4/2	at Iowa State University Invit.	SNOWED OUT
4/9	MINNESOTA FIVE-WAY	SNOWED OUT
4/15-16	at Drake Invitational	90 Points(4th of 9 teams)
4/23	MINNESOTA COLLEGIATE	No team pts. kept
4/29-30	at Drake Relays (Des Moines, IA)	No team pts. kept
4/30	at Macalester Invitational	No team pts. kept
5/6	at Nebraska-Lincoln Dual	NEB.81 - 41 MN
5/13-14	at Midwest Classic (Des Moines, IA)	No team pts. kept
5/21-22	at Big Ten Championships	7th Place
5/30-6/4	at NCAA National Championships (Houston, TX)	
5/17-19	at TAC National Championships (Indianapolis, IN)	



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(Summer Notes)

Softball -- ASA team to Nationals August 3-6...last practice 7/31 7 p.m. Bierman Field
The incoming University of Minnesota freshmen players and current team members
playing for Outbound Travel have qualified for the ASA Women's Major Fast Pitch
Nationals August 3-6 at the Cottonwood Softball Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah...
the team defeated Stockman's of South Dakota at the Regional tournament in St. Paul
last weekend 7-1 in 8-innings to earn the berth to nationals and have a 29-4 record
on the summer...team members include by class for 1983-84 academic year:

Ann Flis, sophomore, MENOMONIE, WI; Judy Oliverius, sophomore, SPRING LAKE PARK;
Tam Seifert, senior, JORDAN; Deb Juberian, senior, BLOOMINGTON; Danne Leininger,
junior, BLOOMINGTON; Kim Katzenmeyer, sophomore, FERGUS FALLS; Jeana Cullen,
sophomore, COON RAPIDS; Julie Zieminski, senior, OAKDALE; Nancy Jungkans, junior,
SALEM, WI; Diane Portner, senior, NEW ULM; Barb Drake, freshman, ST. PAUL;
Peggy Bradley, former Gopher, MINNEAPOLIS; Charlene Sennewald, Asst. Coach.

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Golf --- University of Minnesota coach Anne Zahn and upcoming senior Nancy Harris
of ROSEAU have had an active summer...upcoming plans include the Minnesota State
Amateur (stroke play) August 9, 10 and 11 at Midland Hills...Zahn won the State
Amateur title in 1976 and 1981...Zahn has an automatic invitation to the U.S.
Amateur in Summit, NJ August 15 and Harris is attempting to qualify for the U.S.
Amateur August 3 in Chicago...Results of the duo to date include the Broadmore
Invitational in Colorado July 1-6 where the two drew each other in the first round
with Harris winning over Zahn 4 to 2. Zahn went on to win the consolation
championship and Harris advanced to the third round before losing...in the
Minnesota State Amateur match play, Zahn was runnerup to Jody Rosenthal while
Harris was defeated in the quarterfinals by Rosenthal...Zahn will hold tryouts
for the 1983-84 Gopher team Sept. 6-7 and Minnesota will host an invitational
tournament at the Les Bolstad course Sept. 16-17...

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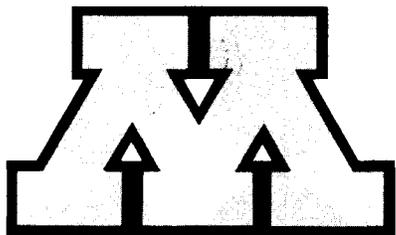
Tennis -- First year coach Jack Roach will hold tryouts the week of Sept. 12 for the 1983-84 Minnesota women's tennis team...Nancy Rost, who competed two years ago, will be returning and July 21-24 Rost was runnerup in singles at the Northwest Sectional Women's Open Tennis Tournament... Gopher Lisa Martin of St. Paul was a semifinalist in singles and Claudia Brisk teamed with former Gopher Marnie Wheaton to win the women's open doubles title (Brisk qualified for the NCAA Nationals with Kathleen Heckman this past Spring)...current Gophers Cathie Wadden and Kathy Bjornson were defeated in the semifinal round of the Northwest tournament in doubles... the team's first home meet of the 1983-84 season will be a Minnesota Quadrangular with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Wichita State October 14-16...

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Volleyball -- Practice begins August 15 at Bierman for the 1983 season and the team will have an Alumni Game August 27 at Bierman and a scrimmage against Minnesota-Duluth in Forest Lake August 29...Jill "Killer" Halsted, the Gophers all-time career kill leader and Honorable Mention All-American last year will stay on as a Student Assistant Coach this season...Coach Stephanie Schleuder has been working at camps at Apple Valley High School and St. Catherines the past two weeks...August 31- Sept. 19 the team will embark on a three-week journey via Winnebago including seven matches and two tournaments before the home opener Sept. 26 vs. Iowa State at Williams Arena...

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Basketball -- Ellen Mosher completed her basketball camp at Carlton College July 10-22 and now heads to California with Gophers Laura Coenen, Mary Dressen and graduate Debbie Hunter July 30 - August 8 for another camp... incoming freshman Molly Tadich played in the Sports Festival at Colorado Springs in June...Mosher announced that Jenny Sell of West Bend, Wisconsin has decided to transfer to Wisconsin-Green Bay for next year...a 5-10 forward, Sell played in eight games as a freshman reserve player last season... former Gopher Cindy Kuhlman of St. Cloud will be heading to France August 15 to play in Division III of the European women's basketball league next year... she expects to return to the U.S. in April or May...Debbie Hunter of Cloquet is also attempting to play in Italy next year...Kuhlman competed for an AAU U.S. team in May in Cuba for a two day tournament...September 20 fall conditioning begins for the Gophers and October 15 is the first regular practice...



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(WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT JOINS STATE FAIR)

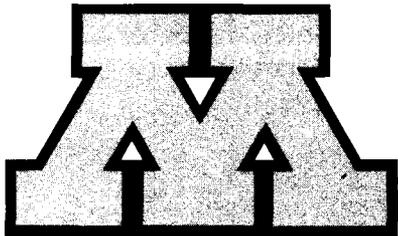
August 18, 1983

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The University of Minnesota women's athletic department will have a booth at the Minnesota State Fair for the first time this year. The women's athletic department booth will be located in the entrance to the grandstand, across from the men's athletic department booth.

A slide show will be shown continuously, and schedule cards and season tickets for basketball will be available this year. In addition, many items will be on sale including t-shirts, frisbees, posters, paper cubes, and other gift items.

BOOTH STAFFING -- The schedule of athletes, coaches and department staff is as follows:

- August 25 -- Department staff members
- August 26 -- Tennis team
- August 27 -- Basketball team
- August 28 -- Volleyball team
- August 29 -- Track and Cross Country team
- August 30 -- Department staff members
- August 31 -- Golf team
- Sept. 1 -- Department staff members
- Sept. 2 -- Gymnastics team
- Sept. 3 -- Softball team
- Sept. 4 -- Swimming team
- Sept. 5 -- Department staff members



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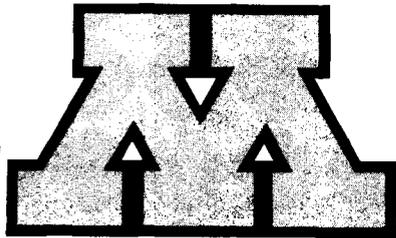
Nov. 2, 1982

(ST. CHARLES' BEHRENS FEATURED IN GOPHER INTRASQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The University of Minnesota women's basketball team will play an intrasquad game at St. Charles (Minn.) High School on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1.50 for students and \$2.00 for adults.

Featured for the Gophers will be 6-2 freshman forward/center Kelli Behrens from St. Charles. Behrens is certainly no stranger to St. Charles basketball fans. She was a two-time all-stater and four year team MVP at St. Charles, and last year led them to the state A consolation championship. Behrens averaged 24.5 points and 15 rebounds per game in being named to both the Converse and Carnation High School All-American teams last season. Behrens and all the Gophers will be available for comments and interviews following the game.

Minnesota is ranked 20th in the Street & Smith pre-season poll this year. The Gophers are also expected to be one of the top three challengers for the Big Ten title, along with Ohio State and Northwestern. Minnesota will open its intersquad season with the annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Nov. 20 and begin the regular season by hosting the Dial Classic at Williams Arena. The Dial Classic will feature teams from Oregon, Memphis State, DePaul and Minnesota, beginning on Friday, Nov. 26 and concluding on Saturday the 27th.



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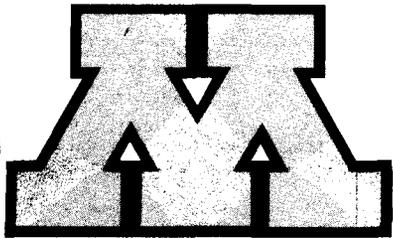
(FORMER HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS PETERKA AND KUHLMAN FEATURED IN MINNESOTA BASKETBALL INTRASQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- The University of Minnesota women's basketball team will play an intrasquad game in St. Cloud at Apollo High School on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1.50 for students and \$2.00 for adults.

Featured for the Gophers will be two former Apollo standouts, freshman Carol Peterka and senior Cindy Kuhlman. Apollo fans are sure to remember Peterka, a 5-11 forward who led St. Cloud to the state class AA championship last season. She averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds in being named a Converse High School honorable mention All-American and a Miss Basketball candidate in Minnesota a year ago.

Kuhlman was a three-time all-state and all-conference selection at Apollo. The 6-2 senior forward played in 27 of 28 games for the Gophers last year, averaging 5.2 rebounds and 4.1 points per game while splitting starting time on the frontline. Kuhlman, Peterka and the rest of the Gopher team will be available to reporters and spectators after the game.

Minnesota is ranked 20th in the Street & Smith pre-season women's basketball poll this year and senior Debbie Hunter and sophomore Laura Coenen have been named Honorable Mention All-Americans. The Gophers are expected to be one of the top three challengers for the Big Ten title this year, along with Ohio State and Northwestern. The Gophers next intrasquad game will be in St. Charles, Minn., on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Minnesota will open its season with the annual Alumni Game on Saturday, Nov. 20 and begin the regular season by hosting the Dial Classic at Williams Arena. The Dial Classic will feature teams from Oregon, Memphis State, DePaul and Minnesota, beginning on Friday, Nov. 26 and concluding on Saturday the 27th.



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BASKETBALL HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHTS

The Gopher women's basketball team upped their overall record to 7-2 over Christmas break in Miami, Fla. at the Dial Christmas and New Year's Classic. Minnesota edged Cleveland State 84-81 in overtime and narrowly lost to ninth ranked Georgia 65-61. The two games were the last contests before Minnesota enters the Big Ten double round-robin schedule.

CLEVELAND STATE -- Gopher senior captain Debbie Hunter (CLOQUET, MN) scored ten of Minnesota's 12 overtime points and hit a shot from the top of the key with one second remaining to tie the game 72-72 and force the overtime period. Cleveland State's Mary Petrecca missed two one-and-one opportunities. The first with 18 seconds on the clock was rebounded by the Gophers Barb Meredith (ST. CLOUD) who passed the ball to Hunter. Hunter missed her first jumper from the top of the key, and Petrecca was fouled again. Petrecca missed her second free throw attempt, Meredith again grabbed the rebound, and this time Hunter drove down the court and hit her jumper from the top of the key to force the overtime. Minnesota trailed the Vikings 40-38 at half-time but tied the game three times before the end of regulation. Hunter hit three field goals and hit four free throws in the overtime and ended the game with 18 points, 7-14 from the field and 4-4 from the line. Sophomore Laura Coenen (NEENAH, WI) hit a game high 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, but fouled out with 1:44 to play in regulation. Freshman Carol Peterka (ST. CLOUD) hit 14 points, 6-10 from the field and 2-2 from the line and grabbed six rebounds. Meredith ended with nine points and eight rebounds, while senior Cindy Kuhlman (ST. CLOUD) scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds. Coach Ellen Mosher said she was pleased with the play of freshman Gretchen Schad (MILBANK, S.D.) who played eight minutes scoring three points, 1-1 from the field and 1-2 from the line, before suffering a minor ankle sprain. Freshman Jill Nelson (FOREST LAKE, MN) played 18 minutes, scoring one basket, while freshman Kelli Behrens (ST. CHARLES, MN) played 15 minutes, scoring two field goals.

GEORGIA -- Although the Gophers lost to the ninth ranked Bulldogs 65-61, the Gophers played superb defense, holding Georgia's All-American 6-3 forward Janet Harris to eight points - only the second time in her career the Freshman of the Year in 1982 forward has scored under ten points. Harris averaged 24.5 entering the game. Georgia took the lead for good 14-12 with 10:18 in the first half. The Bulldogs blew out to a 17 point lead in the second half, 54-37 with 11:03 to play but Minnesota outscored Georgia 14-5 in a seven minute stretch and came within one point, 59-60 with 1:05 to play on an outside jumper by Debbie Hunter (CLOQUET, MN). However, Georgia hit their free throws and the Gophers committed two turnovers in the last :38.

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GEORGIA CONTINUED --

Minnesota 6-1 sophomore forward Laura Coenen (NEENAH, WI) led Minnesota with 19 points and grabbed five rebounds. Coenen suffered a minor ankle sprain with 2 minutes to play but remained in the game until fouling out with seven seconds left. She is back in practice. Freshman Carol Peterka (ST. CLOUD) scored a career high 10 rebounds (eight offensive) and scored 10 points going 6-6 from the free throw line. Junior Mary Dressen (BROWERVILLE, MN) took advantage of Georgia's defense on Hunter scoring 14 points, 6-9 from the field and 2-2 from the line. Cindy Kuhlman (ST. CLOUD) added nine points for the Gophers while Barb Meredith (MANKATO, MN) had five points and five rebounds. Minnesota's 39.7 team field goal percentage was their lowest of the year, and Georgia outrebounded Minnesota 50-30.

COMMENTS FROM COACH ELLEN MOSHER

Georgia Game

"I thought we played great defense. They (Minnesota) did what we talked about in the game plan. We held them to 65 points, and usually you win when you hold a team to that few points. We just couldn't generate enough offense.

Players

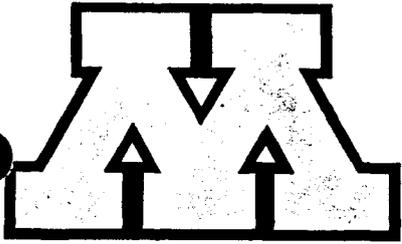
"Mary (DRESSEN) had another really good game for us. They were playing a tight defense on Hunter, so she was the free guard and hit the shots. Debbie (HUNTER) contributed more than she knows. (Hunter was held to four points in Georgia game) When we pulled Debbie and put her on the bench it confused their defense - they didn't know what to do. Against Cleveland State Debbie was a game winner, especially when she missed her first shot and made the next shot.

"We have gotten good play from our freshman. One of the strengths of this team will be our balance and our depth. I'm really pleased with the way we've progressed.

"Carol (PETERKA) has become a very good player - very versatile. I've started her once at forward and once at guard. That says a lot there. She's a tough player. She comes through in the clutch. Carol has a knack of knowing how to get the offensive rebound.

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NOTE TO HOMETOWN MEDIA -- You should all be receiving the weekly press release which contains cumulative statistics and upcoming game information. You should also have received mug shots of players from your area. If you would like additional information, action photos, etc. please phone me at my office number listed on the letterhead. --Karen Smith



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(KUHLMAN/PETERKA VALUABLE STARTERS IN RECORD-BREAKING BASKETBALL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former St. Cloud Apollo basketball players Cindy Kuhlman and Carol Peterka were key ingredients in the University of Minnesota's women's basketball season. A 6-2 senior center, Kuhlman started in all but one game averaging 8.8 points and 8.2 rebounds, while Peterka, a 6-0 freshman, earned a starting spot mid-year and averaged 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds.

The Gopher's broke eight team records in a 20-7 overall season including a third place finish in the Big Ten with a 13-5 record. Minnesota was 13-1 at home, their best home winning percentage of all-time.

Kuhlman ended her career in style this season. Her 601 career rebounds places her fifth on the Gophers all-time rebounding list and she averaged 9.4 rebounds in the Big Ten season, good for sixth place in the conference.

The end of this season, Kuhlman came into her own hitting double figures in points and rebounds the last six games for a 14.8 point and 10.7 rebound average. Kuhlman started playing stronger as the Gophers leading scorer and rebounder, Laura Coenen, was injured with a stress fracture.

"The last six games showed what Cindy Kuhlman can do," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She went out feeling good about herself and she earned a lot of my respect in how she performed in the last part of the season."

It was a long four years for Kuhlman since her freshman year when she hit 18 points in her first game as a Gopher. She contacted mononucleosis and spent her freshman and sophomore years toughening up all-time scorer and rebounder Linda Roberts in practice. Last year she started the first seventeen games but finished the season as a reserve player.

"I was always nervous," says Kuhlman of her play her junior year. "I knew the position wasn't really mine - that I had to perform well every game. I know it affected me."

This year, Kuhlman hit her career high of 20 points mid-season against Iowa, and got used to her role as a starter. At St. Cloud Apollo, Kuhlman was a three-time all-state and all-conference selection in basketball and also played volleyball and competed in track.

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Apollo Grads lead Gopher women's Basketball add one

One of six freshmen on the team, Carol Peterka soon asserted herself as a powerful forward. "She certainly has made a contribution that a coach can't really expect from a freshman," says Coach Mosher. "As the season went on Carol really showed her true grit and her development from a raw freshman. She began to express her personality and prowess on the floor."

Although she started the last 12 games primarily as a forward, Peterka earned two early starts. The second was at guard against ninth-ranked Georgia, and Peterka responded with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Her first Big Ten start came at home against Wisconsin, and she guaranteed herself a starting position by scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

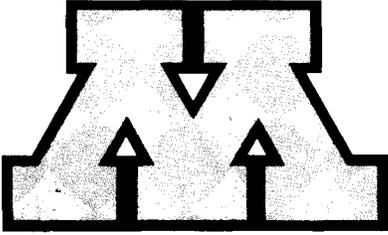
Starting came somewhat as a surprise to Peterka. "I kind of thought I could be the sixth person and I was working for a starting spot but I didn't think it would be so early in the season," she says. "But as she (Mosher) put me in, I got more confidence in myself and I knew I could play with the starting five."

Peterka hit a career high of 19 points at home against Northwestern and grabbed 12 rebounds twice, against Purdue and Iowa. She scored in double figures in 12 games.

At St. Cloud Apollo, Peterka was a standout in basketball and track and also played volleyball. She led her basketball team to the State AA Championship last year, with a 21 point and 10 rebound average, and was named a Converse Honorable Mention All-American.

But track is also a love for Peterka, who hopes to compete during her career at Minnesota. St. Cloud Apollo won the state championship in 1980 and Peterka won the state 400 m. dash her sophomore and junior years while finishing state runnerup in the 200 m. hurdles her sophomore year and in the high jump last year.

A therapeutic recreation major, Kuhlman is the daughter of Rev. Marvin and Phyllis Kuhlman of 1773 Wildwood Road in St. Cloud. A physical education major, Peterka is the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Peterka of 948 Spruce Drive in St. Cloud.



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Northwestern
Milwaukee Sentinel

(COENEN NAMED TO KODAK REGION 4 ALL-AMERICAN TEAM, ENDS YEAR WITH 1,016 POINTS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 6-1 sophomore forward Laura Coenen of Neenah, Wisc. was recently named to the Kodak All-American Region 4 basketball team. Five players from a six state region were named to the team, and Coenen's name will be placed on the ballot for consideration for the All-American team to be selected April 1 and 3 during the NCAA Final Four Championship at Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Va.).

Although she missed three games near the end of the season due to a stress fracture, Coenen returned in Minnesota's last two games and surpassed the 1,000 career point mark. She now has 1,016 points in just 52 games for a 19.9 career scoring average.

Coenen led the Big Ten Conference in scoring average all season (12 weeks) ending with a 24.4 Big Ten average. Her 24.2 overall scoring average ranked her eight nationally in scoring and led Minnesota in points. Coenen also led the Gophers in rebounds with a 9.1 average.

Her outstanding play this season earned her Big Ten Conference Player of the Year and All-American first team honors by the Women's Basketball News Service, and she was selected Big Ten Player of the Week Jan. 24. In addition, Coenen was named Most Valuable Player and All-Tournament team at Minnesota's Dial Classic, and to the All-Tournament team of the Dial Christmas and New Year's Classic in Miami, Fla.

Coenen broke seven Minnesota school records during a season in which the Gophers broke eight team records with a 20-7 overall and 13-5 Big Ten record, good for third place in the conference.

Her new Minnesota records included season records of most points (581), best scoring average (24.2), most field goals made (251), and most field goals attempted (457). But, Coenen also set single game marks of most field goals made (17 vs. North Dakota State) and against Wisconsin (at Madison) most points (41) and most field goals attempted (26, 15-26).

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Coenen add one

With some time off to rest up her leg, Coenen plans to attend the United States Pan American game tryouts June 9-12. In the meantime, Coach Ellen Mosher hopes Coenen will be considered for All-American honors.

"There is no question about it that Laura is one of the very top players in the country," says Mosher. "She does all the things an All-American does. Her presence on the floor is not only what she can get for herself but what she creates for everybody else. Something that does not show up statistically is the confidence she gives our team."

Coenen scored over 30 points in four games this year. Early on she hit 36 in the Gophers win over North Dakota State, and then sunk 34 points in the opening Big Ten contest at Illinois. Coenen was instrumental mid-year in Minnesota gaining a tie for first place with Ohio State during home victories over the Buckeye's and Indiana. She scored 32 points versus the Hoosiers and 22 against Ohio State. Finally, her 41 points in an important road win at Wisconsin was a school and Wisconsin field house record.

"The Wisconsin game was one of my most enjoyable games," says Coenen. "I played very well scoring wise and I had a lot of hometown fans there. It was sentimental and it was a big game. Wisconsin is our biggest rival and it is always a really close match-up."

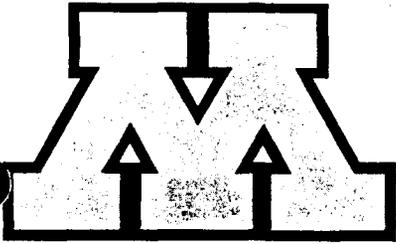
Coenen grabbed a season high 17 rebounds against Ohio State and rebounded in double figures eleven games. She ended fourth in the Big Ten in field goal percentage (52.5), second in steals (54, 3.6 avg.) and seventh in rebounding (8.9).

Pre-season Coenen was picked a Big Ten Player to Watch by the Coaches', an Honorable Mention All-American (Street and Smith), and a First Team College All-American (Women's Basketball News Service).

As a freshman, she averaged 16.3 points per game and 11.7 rebounds and was named to the College All-Freshmen First Team as well as an Honorable Mention All-American.

At Neenah High School, Coenen lettered for three years in basketball and was MVP, co-player of the year, all-conference and all-state. She was MVP, captain and all-conference in volleyball as well.

A recreation major, Coenen is the daughter of Duane and Donna Coenen of 657 Grove Street in Neenah.



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(Special to the Cloquet Pine Knot)

(HUNTER ENDS RECORD BREAKING BASKETBALL CAREER/NAMED KODAK ALL-AMERICAN REGION 4)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former Cloquet, Minn. resident Debbie Hunter closed out her basketball career at the University of Minnesota in style this season. The 5-10 senior point guard leaves the Gophers holding 13 school records, and in second place on the all-time scoring list with 1,363 career points.

Adding to her long list of honors over her career, Hunter was recently named to the Kodak Region 4 All-American basketball team, and her name will be placed on the ballot for the All-American team to be selected April 1 and 3 during the NCAA Final Four Championship at Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Va.).

Hunter was sole captain of the Minnesota squad this year which broke eight school team records with a 20-7 overall and 13-5 Big Ten record, good for third place in the conference. She was the teams' second leading scorer averaging 17.7 points per game, 6.4 assists and 4.4 steals. But more importantly, at point guard she controlled the Gopher attack.

"Debbie has been a very important person in our program," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She has been the one guard over my past four years who has consistently been our leader on the floor and directed our attack no matter which people we had to go with her. Her experience at that position will be missed."

Although Hunter had hoped to end her career with another Big Ten title (the Gophers won the Big Ten Tournament in 1980-81) she rose to the occasion in Minnesota's last two home games. Against Purdue she scored a career high 34 points to move into second on the all-time scoring list and broke her single game assist record with 13. And, in her last game as a Gopher, Hunter recorded 15 assists against Illinois.

Hunter was nationally ranked all season in field goal and free throw percentage, and led the Big Ten Conference many weeks in assists and steals. She was named the Big Ten Player of the Week Jan. 11 following her performances against Purdue and Illinois, and in Minnesota's season opening Dial Classic was named to the All-Tournament team.

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Hunter ends career add one

Hunter was instrumental in icing several victories this season. Against Cleveland State she had two tries at a jumper from the top of the key in the waning seconds, and hit the second try to put the game into overtime. Then, Hunter scored 10 of Minnesota's 12 overtime points to secure the win 84-81. Against Nebraska she went 8-8 from the free throw line to secure a win, and at one point Hunter had a 14-14 free throw streak.

A communications major, Hunter came to the Minnesota program during a building period. She almost went to a Division III school, but instead came to the 'U' and helped build the Gophers into a national contender.

"Debbie has been an important cog in the total development of our basketball program," says Mosher. "She accepted how to be a leader and enjoyed that role."

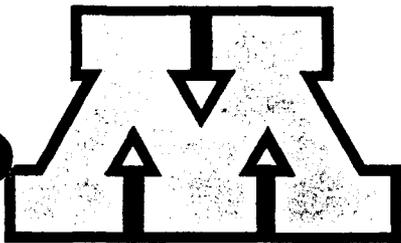
As a junior, Hunter was sidelined the first half of the season with an ankle sprain but still averaged 10.7 points, 96 steals and 129 assists. She was named an honorable mention All-American and the Gophers' Most Valuable Player.

In her healthy sophomore season, Hunter broke numerous Minnesota records, including best field goals percentage in a season (.600, 174-290), most assists (241) and most steals (139). She played in 35 games and started in 34 (both records) and had most steals in a single game (12) and best game field goal percentage (.917, 11-12).

Hunter spent two summers with the Athletes in Action basketball team overseas and came back ready to play this year. That she did, breaking the season free throw percentage record (.829, 97-117), her assist record (15), and setting new career marks of best career field goal percentage (.519) and best career free throw percentage (.758). And, of course, she holds the career assist (633, 5.4 avg) and steal (413, 3.5 avg.) marks.

Past honors include in 1980-81 All-Big Ten and AIAW All-Region 6; in 1981-82 Dial Classic All-Tournament Team, Northern Lights All-Tournament team, Kodak All-Region 6 team, and Honorable Mention All-American; and pre-season this year an Honorable Mention All-American (Street & Smith), and High Honorable Mention All-American (Women's Basketball News Service).

Hunter is the daughter of Richard and Ferne Hunter of Rush City, Minn.



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(MEREDITH KEY IN RECORD BREAKING 'U' BASKETBALL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 6-1 junior Barb Meredith of Mankato, Minn. was a key contributor in the women's basketball teams 20-7 overall season. The Gophers broke eight team records enroute to a third place Big Ten finish (13-5).

Meredith started the first 15 games at a forward slot, and then split time at both center and forward. She averaged 5.6 points and 4.4 rebounds during 21.9 minutes of playing time.

Near the end of the season, when leading scorer Laura Coenen was out with a stress fracture, Meredith came through with a career high 14 points against Iowa and grabbed a season high 10 rebounds in the victory over Michigan.

"You couldn't ask for anyone to give more than Barb does in practice and games," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She is a smart player and she understands what to do. Her shooting has been her biggest weakness, but she became very selective on her shots near the end of the season and improved her percentage."

Meredith's strength is her defensive play. "Barb's defense has been excellent this year. There are few people who really understand defense and defensive concepts, but she reads other offensive people very well. She let's them have their weaknesses and takes away their strong points," says Mosher.

Her freshman year, Meredith was a third string center behind all-time scoring and rebounding leader Linda Roberts and last year she split starting time at forward and center. She first became interested in attending the 'U' after playing in the Pizza Hut All-Star Classic her senior year.

"I didn't think I was good enough to play for a major Division I school," recalls Meredith. "At that time women's sports wasn't publicized and I had my mind set on a small private school. I would have never known if I hadn't come here how well I could play or how much I could improve myself."

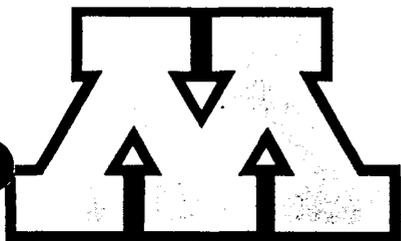
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Meredith aids 'U' add one

At Mankato East High School, Meredith as a three-time all-stater, a Miss Basketball Finalist and a Pizza Hut All-Star her senior year. She also played volleyball for three years, but her basketball team was rated No. 1 in the state both her junior and senior years and won the state consolation title twice.

A Physiology major, Meredith is the daughter of Donald and Marge Meredith of 40 Hanten Drive in Mankato.

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(Special to the Browerville Blade)

March 24, 1983

(DRESSEN SHINES IN FIRST SEASON AS STARTER FOR 'U' BASKETBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-9 guard Mary Dressen of Browerville, Minn. earned a starting spot on the women's basketball team this year and turned in consistent game performances averaging 11.7 points per game. Dressen was the only Gopher, outside of All-American candidates Debbie Hunter and Laura Coenen, to average in double figures.

A free throw shooting ace, Dressen hit 72-90 (80.0) percent on the season, which ranked her twenty-third nationally. She had been ranked as highly as thirteenth in the nation during the season, and Dressen ended in sixth place in the Big Ten (76.7). She scored in double figures in 19 games, including two career high 23 point performances.

"Mary stepped into her role and did it as well as anybody did theirs the whole year long," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She was consistent from one time to the next."

Dressen started the year off with a bang, scoring 23 points in the Dial Classic Championship game vs. Memphis State, while hitting 11-16 from the floor, grabbing six rebounds, and adding four assists and two steals. As the opposite guard to point guard Debbie Hunter, Dressen found herself open when teams keyed in on Hunter. Against ninth-ranked Georgia, she responded with 14 points.

In the waning minutes, Dressen iced the Purdue game hitting 5-5 free throws, and over three games mid-season had an 11-11 free throw streak. When the Gophers were without Laura Coenen during three games at the end of the season, Dressen picked up the slack with a career high 23 points against Iowa, and 16 points against both Michigan and Michigan State.

Her freshman year Dressen was the teams' fourth guard, and last year the third guard. She averaged just 4.5 points last season while playing 15.7 minutes. This season she started 26 of 27 games and averaged 33.5 minutes of playing time.

Mosher says Dressen was a key player, both last year and this year. "Mary played very well last year, especially at the end of the year as the third guard. She came in and won a lot of games for us."

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Dressen aids 'U' basketball add one

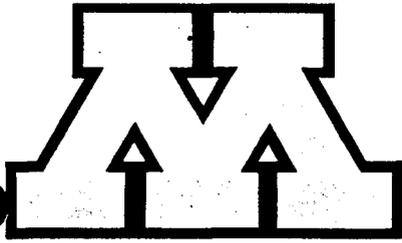
In addition to her basketball prowess, Dressen holds a 3.75 g.p.a. at the 'U' where she is majoring in English Education and plans to teach at the high school level and coach "all sports". Her academic honors along with basketball play this season earned her recognition on the College Sports Information Directors District IV Academic All-American Basketball Team.

At Browerville High School, Dressen was the basketball teams leading scorer and was an all-conference selection in basketball, volleyball and track as well as being named to the all-state basketball team. She graduated first in her class from high school with a 4.0 grade point average.

Dressen aided the Gophers in one of their finest seasons. Minnesota ended with an overall 20-7 record, broke eight team records, and placed third in the Big Ten with a 13-5 conference mark.

Dressen is the daughter of John and Jo Dressen of Browerville.

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(BEHRENS MEMBER OF 'U' BASKETBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 6-2 freshman forward/center Kelli Behrens of St. Charles, Minn. was a member of the women's basketball team during a successful 20-7 overall season. The Gophers broke eight school records enroute to a 13-5 third place Big Ten Conference record.

Behrens played a reserve role, averaging 6.5 minutes in 19 games for a 1.5 scoring and rebounding average. But, Coach Ellen Mosher says that she recruited Behrens for her future potential.

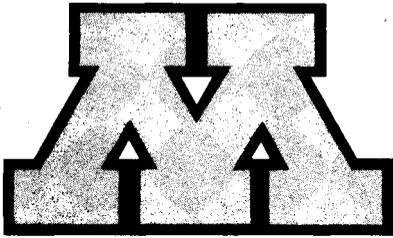
"Kelli is a person that works and works and works and she never once second guessed what her role was," says Mosher. "Towards the end of the season she began to assert herself more. She is an excellent shooter and will become a better player as she gains strength and assertiveness."

Behrens has started an extensive weight lifting program during the season which should aid her next year. At St. Charles High School, she was named to both the Converse and Carnation High School All-American basketball teams last year. She was a four-time basketball MVP and two-time all-stater and her 24.5 points and 15 rebounds led St. Charles to the State A consolation championship last year. She was also an all-state volleyball player in high school.

Behrens is the daughter of Don and Jan Behrens of 701 Bluff Ave. in St. Charles.

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(HOELSCHER AIDS 'U' BASKETBALL TEAM) *Elmhurst Press*

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-8 freshman guard Lisa Hoelscher of Elmhurst, Ill. picked up a year's experience this season as the women's basketball team broke eight team records enroute to a 20-7 overall record and third place 13-5 Big Ten Conference mark.

Hoelscher played behind the Gophers All-American candidate and point guard Debbie Hunter and averaged 7.5 minutes of playing time in 23 games. Her season high was five points against DePaul and Northern Illinois early in the season.

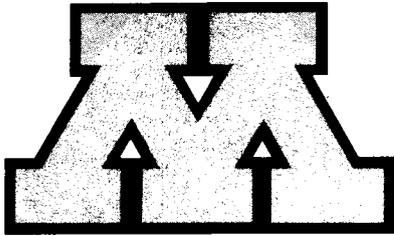
"Lisa spent a year playing behind an All-American candidate and learning from her," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She performed well for Debbie, even when she had to play only three minutes. Putting her in that role (point guard) as a freshman, she did a pretty good job."

While it would have been easy for Hoelscher to get discouraged, Mosher credits her with a very "positive" attitude. "Lisa didn't get frustrated and down, she just worked really hard. She's not a quitter. She made a lot of improvement."

At York Community High School, Hoelscher averaged 24 points her senior year and was named a Converse High School Honorable Mention All-American. She led her team to a 26-2 record last season.

A History major, Hoelscher is the daughter of Jerry and Joanna Hoelscher of 240 Highview in Elmhurst.

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Grant County Review

(SCHAD MEMBER OF 'U' BASKETBALL TEAM IN RECORD-BREAKING SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-11 freshman forward Gretchen Schad of Milbank, S.D. was a member of the women's basketball team which posted a 20-7 overall record enroute to a third place Big Ten finish with a 13-5 conference mark.

Schad played primarily at forward, but was also relegated to a guard role when one of the Gophers' reserve guards was injured most of the year. She played in 24 games, averaging 9.3 minutes and 1.9 points and 1.5 rebounds.

A top reserve, Schad was put in a starting role in three games near the end of the year when leading Big Ten scorer Laura Coenen was out with a stress fracture. Coach Ellen Mosher was pleased with the way Schad responded under the pressure of starting.

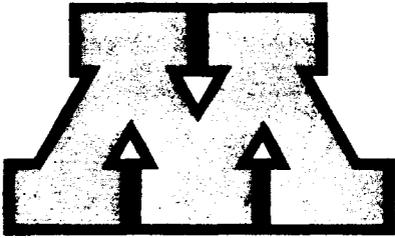
"I demanded more of her after Laura was hurt and she responded to that. She's very tough minded and a fighter," says Mosher. "Gretchen is a good enough all-around athlete to do a lot of things and we moved her around so she never got a chance to concentrate on one position."

Schad scored her season high of eight points and grabbed six rebounds early in the season in the Gophers 81-70 road win over Nebraska. In her first start against Iowa she had six points and six rebounds in 28 minutes.

At Milbank High School, Schad averaged 24 points and 13 rebounds and was named a Converse High School first-team All-American last year. She was an all-stater and Miss Basketball Finalist in South Dakota and was named MVP and captain of both the basketball and track squads.

A Physical Therapy major, Schad is the daughter of Wayne and Patricia Schad of 607 South 5th St. in Milbank.

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(NELSON MEMBER OF 'U' BASKETBALL RECORD BREAKING TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 6-3 freshman center Jill Nelson of Forest Lake, Minn. was a member of the women's basketball team which recorded a 20-7 overall season record. The Gophers broke eight team marks and with a 13-5 Big Ten Conference record, placed third in the league.

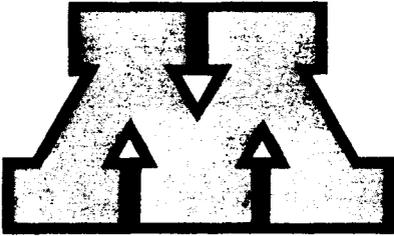
Nelson played in 23 games averaging 7.9 minutes, 1.3 points and 1.4 rebounds as a reserve player. She scored a season high of six points early in the year against Northern Illinois and in the next to last game against Purdue. Her rebounding high was five points in a home victory over Michigan.

With the season over, Nelson plans to play basketball overseas this summer with the Athletes in Action women's basketball team. Several Gophers have competed on the AIA volleyball and basketball teams in past summers.

At Forest Lake High School, Nelson averaged 23 points and 10 rebounds per game as a senior and was a three-time all-conference pick and all-state her senior year.

Nelson is the daughter of Robert and Fayma Nelson of 15554 Zodiac St. in Forest Lake.

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(SELL MEMBER OF 'U' WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-10 freshman forward Jenny Sell of West Bend, Wisc. was a member of the women's basketball team during a season in which the Gophers broke eight team records enroute to a 20-7 overall and 13-5 Big Ten record, good for third place in the conference.

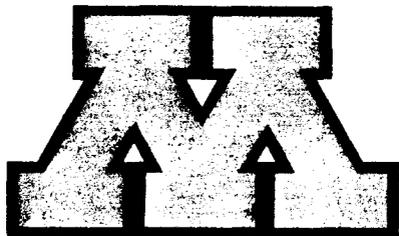
A walk-on, Sell played in eight games averaging 2.9 minutes. But, Coach Ellen Mosher credited her for her hard work and positive attitude during the year.

"It took a lot of courage, commitment and character for Jenny to make this team and put out all year with very little reward," says Mosher. "She has a good attitude and felt good about being a part of the team."

At West Bend East High School, Sell led her team in scoring while being named all-conference and all-area her senior year. She was a four year track letterwinner and MVP and finished fourth in the state in the shot put. She was also an all-conference tennis player and played in the state tournament her junior and senior seasons.

A Psychology major, Sell is the daughter of Raymond and Kathleen Sell of 1111 Mulberry Circle in West Bend.

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(INJURY BENCHES FREESE DURING RECORD BREAKING 'U' BASKETBALL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota 5-10 sophomore guard Denise Freese of Breckenridge, Minn. sat out most of the basketball season with a broken finger. The Gophers broke eight team records enroute to a 20-7 overall and 13-5 Big Ten record, good for third place in the conference.

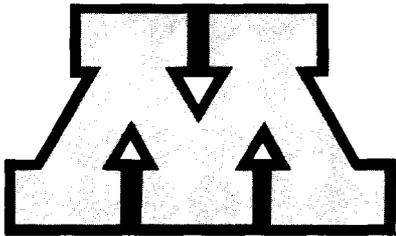
Freese came into practice suffering from an iron deficiency and spent the fall recovering her strength. She played in eleven games, averaging 6.1 minutes, and was an instrumental player in the Gophers' 84-81 overtime win against Cleveland State, during which she played 11.5 minutes.

But, Freese broke her finger in January at the beginning of the Big Ten season and played on it too soon, forcing her to miss most of the year. She was Minnesota's fourth guard her freshman year averaging 2.6 points in 10 minutes per contest.

At Breckenridge High School Freese was an honorable mention High School All-American and an all-stater in both basketball and volleyball. She was also a member of Breckenridge's fourth place 400 m. relay team at the 1980 state track tournament.

A Business administration major with a minor in computer science, Freese is the daughter of Francis and Lou Ella Freese of Kent, Minn.

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(LANSING'S CINDY PHILLIPS WINS STARTING JOB AT POINT GUARD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman guard Cindy Phillips of East Lansing (Everett High School) has won a starting position on the women's basketball team just in time for her first trip home. The 5-10 Phillips will be in East Lansing Sunday, Jan. 15, when the Minnesota Gophers square off against the Michigan State Spartans.

Phillips made her first start for the Gophers this past weekend in the Big Ten season opener against Illinois and played the entire 40 minutes at point guard. She had six points (the best in her short career), grabbed two rebounds, and had four assists, as Minnesota defeated the Illini 71-57.

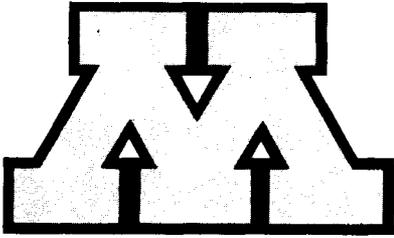
For Coach Ellen Mosher, Phillips debut performance was encouraging. "Cindy played as well as any freshman I've seen at the point. I'm very pleased with her play," said Mosher who had started two other players in the pre-Big Ten season.

On Sunday, Phillips again got the nod as Minnesota hosted Purdue and notched a 83-67 victory. She played 29 minutes, as Mosher unloaded her bench, and scored five points and added three assists.

Minnesota, which placed third in the Big Ten (tied with Northwestern) at 13-5 last year and 20-7 overall, is now 2-0 in the Big Ten and 5-6 overall. The Gophers pre-season included three narrow losses to top twenty ranked Tennessee (50-54), Western Kentucky (61-69) and Cheyney State (71-79). Last year the Gophers split with Michigan State winning at home 75-65 and losing at Lansing (without Big Ten scoring leader Laura Coenen who was injured) 75-94.

Phillips played two years of varsity basketball at Everett High, earning all-state honorable mention her junior year, and a second team spot her senior year. She was team captain, Most Valuable Player, all-league and all-area last year as Everett placed third in the State Championship.

A pre-law major, Phillips is the daughter of Woodrow and Sadie Phillips of Lansing.



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(TADICH PREPARED TO PACE 'U')

(Special to Bloomington Sun)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Minnesota freshman center Molly Tadich has stepped onto the court for the Gophers this year and has done an exceptional job as a freshman ball player. "I was surprised that she was so consistent," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She's certainly a top freshman and is really filling her role for us."

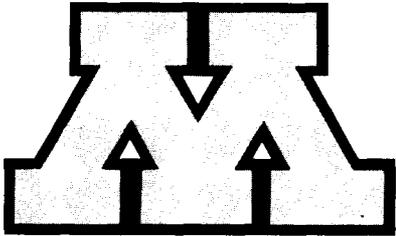
The Gophers will rely on Tadich to continue her consistent scoring and rebounding performances as they host the league leaders the next two weekends. Last year's co-champions Ohio State (February 10, 8:00 p.m.) and Indiana (February 13, 2:00 p.m.) are up first on the slate, followed by arch-rival Wisconsin (February 17, 8:00 p.m.).

At 6'3" Tadich gives the Gophers a height advantage in the front line, but she has also established herself by leading the team in rebounding (10.1 avg.) and ranking third in scoring average (10.9). In the Big Ten, Tadich is second in blocked shots (with a high of 6 vs. Purdue) and is in the top five in rebounding.

In her collegiate debut, the Gophers' season opening Dial Classic, Tadich came off the bench to score 28 points and collect 22 rebounds in two games. Her performance in the tournament earned her Most Valuable Player honors. After that, Tadich scored 10 points and had 11 rebounds against #5 ranked Tennessee, and put in 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against #18 Western Kentucky.

In a road game at Central Michigan in December, Tadich led the Gophers with 11 rebounds and scored 10 points despite playing just 15 minutes. The problem was she broke her nose at the start of the second half. "I just ran into somebody's head," recalls Tadich. "I was running full speed after the ball and so was she (opponent)." Fortunately for Minnesota, Tadich was able to resume playing with a face mask.

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(MEREDITH HAVING BEST SEASON WITH GOPHERS)

(Special to Mankato Free Press)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- "I'm a lot more relaxed this year," commented Barb Meredith, a senior on the University of Minnesota's women's basketball team. "This is my final year to ever play basketball. I'm not scared and intimidated. I took pride in my defense in past years, but I was not able to contribute offensively."

This year, offense has not been a problem, and Meredith has improved in every game. At the mid-point of the Big Ten season, she is averaging 12.4 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

Her importance to this year's team is emphasized, however, by the amount of time she spends on the floor. She averages 30.6 minutes of playing time (out of a possible 40), and has started every game.

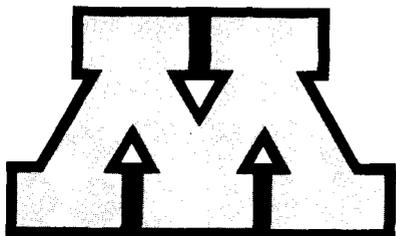
The Gophers will rely on Meredith extensively, as they host the league leaders the next two weekends. Last year's co-champions Ohio State (February 10, 8:00 p.m.) and Indiana (February 12, 2:00 p.m.) are up first on the slate, followed by arch-rival Wisconsin (February 17, 8:00 p.m.).

Meredith has set career bests in a number of categories this season. She hit a high of 18 points in two games, including 8/9 field goals (close to 90% from the floor) in a 57-55 victory over Iowa.

Last year, Meredith played a key role in the Gophers' 20-7 season (13-5 and third place in the Big Ten). She alternated at center and forward, averaging 5.6 and 4.4 rebounds per game.

At Mankato East High School, Meredith was a three-time all-state basketball selection. She was also picked to the All-Region and All-Big 9 Conference teams three years running. Mankato East won two state consolation championships during her tenure. She was also an all-state volleyball player.

A psychology major at Minnesota, she is the daughter of Donald and Marge Meredith of 40 Hanten Drive, Mankato, Minnesota.



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(PETERKA BREAKS 'SLUMP' and STARS FOR 'U' HOOPS)

(Special to St. Cloud Daily Times)

Note -- The Gophers (4-3 Big Ten, 7-9 overall) travel to last year's Big Ten co-champions Indiana and Ohio State this weekend. Following that, the toughest home games of the season are on tap -- Friday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. Ohio State, Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 P.M. Indiana, and Friday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. Wisconsin.

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Heading into the 1983-84 season, Gopher sophomore Carol Peterka was assured a starting spot at forward in the basketball lineup. Her freshman year, Peterka won a starting position in the last twelve games of the year, and averaged 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds. She also had several outstanding games including a 10 point and rebound performance against final-four Georgia, and a career high 19 points against Northwestern.

However, in the Gophers first five games of the season, Peterka scored in double figures only twice, and had zero points against Tennessee for only the second time in her short career. Then, starting at the La Salle Invitational, Peterka began a scoring surge and is averaging 16.5 points and 9.9 rebounds over the Gophers' past ten games.

It seems the problem was that Peterka just couldn't "relax" on the court. "I think Carol has stopped trying to carry all the load herself and she has just been able to relax on the court," says Coach Ellen Mosher. Peterka agrees. "I had a lack of confidence. Maybe I was hesitating a little bit. I spent a lot of time thinking about what to do on offense. Now, I'm concentrating more on my defense."

Peterka first started "calming down" in Philadelphia over the holidays, and her performance was anything but soothing for the Gophers' opponents. In the first round game against nationally ranked Cheyney State, Peterka scored 22 points, and the next two days scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a victory over Youngstown State, and pumped in 16 points and added 10 caroms against Villanova.

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Returning home to Minnesota, Peterka showed her new-found confidence on the court by leading Minnesota to their first conference win over the Illini with a career high 23 points (10-19 in field goals and 3-6 in free throws), while tying her career high with 12 rebounds. On Sunday against Purdue, Peterka found herself in foul trouble and played for only 13.5 minutes. But that was enough time for her to score 11 points and gather a career best 14 rebounds. For her two game performance, Peterka was named the Big Ten's Player of the Week.

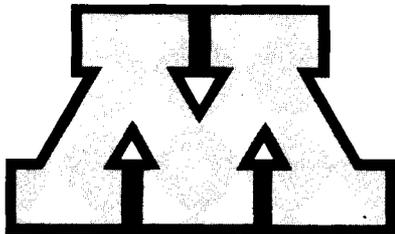
In other Big Ten games, Peterka scored 17 points in a win over Michigan, and had 12 points against both Michigan State and Iowa. In the Gophers last home game against Northwestern, she scored a career best 24 points and collected 13 rebounds in a losing effort. Presently, she has a 10-10 straight free throw streak.

A physical education major with plans to teach and coach after graduation, athletics are a big part of Peterka's life. At Apollo High School, she led her basketball team to the State Class AA Championship her senior season while averaging 21 points and 10 rebounds per game, and was a Miss Basketball candidate.

Another love is track and field. She won the state 400 yard dash in her sophomore and junior years in high school, and was runner-up in the state 200 meter hurdles as a sophomore, and in the high jump as a senior. Peterka would like to compete in track at the 'U' as well.

Although she is learning to relax on the court, it hasn't affected her concentration. "I try to put my mind on the game, nothing else, and running the play through," says Peterka. "My rebounding has improved because I'm concentrating more on blocking my girl out, and I know which side of the basket to block out on."

Coach Mosher is not worried about Peterka's future. "She's a good athlete with tremendous balance, flexibility, agility and quickness. The biggest thing for Carol will be to keep improving on the mental aspect of the game...to be thinking rather than just reacting. All of those things will come with game experience."



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(DRESSEN EMERGES AS GOPHER TEAM LEADER)

(Special to Browerville Blade)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- One of Mary Dressen's goals for this basketball season is consistency. You can't argue with results, and the Browerville native has already put together an 18 in-a-row free throw streak midway through her senior season with the University of Minnesota women's basketball team.

Dressen means more to the Gophers than free throws. She has emerged this season as a team leader, and is having the best year of her career.

Minnesota will rely on Dressen's accuracy as they host the league leaders the next two weekends. Last year's co-champions Ohio State (February 10, 8:00 p.m.) and Indiana (February 12, 2:00 p.m.) are up first on the slate, followed by arch-rival Wisconsin (February 17, 8:00 p.m.).

In the free throw department, she has hit 100% in six games and went 11/13 (85%) against Illinois, January 6th. Dressen has a team-high of 85.7% free throw percentage, which ranks her fifth in the nation. Overall, Dressen averages 10 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

She won all-tournament honors at the Dial Classic in November, shooting 8/10 field goals in the first game, and scoring 18 points. She also had five steals and six assists. In playing time, she averages a team-high of 34.4 minutes per game (out of 40).

Last year, Dressen played a key role in the Gophers' 20-7 season (13-5 and third place in the Big Ten). As shooting guard, she was the team's third leading scorer with 11.7 points per game. She was sixth in the Big Ten in free throw percentage (80%).

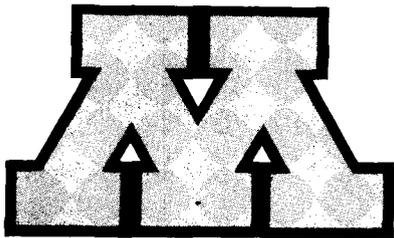
Dressen saw limited playing time her first two years at Minnesota.

"You go through some hard times," she says. "After being a top high school player, you aren't used to sitting. If someone would have told me I'd be fourth guard my freshman year, third guard my sophomore year, and starting my junior and senior years, I'd say that's all you can ask.

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Dressen was an all-state and all-conference pick from Browerville High School her senior year, and led the team in scoring. She was one of only 12 Minnesotans picked for the elite Pizza Hut contest against Indiana's all-stars that year. When not on the basketball court, she was earning all-conference honors in volleyball and track. She also graduated number one academically in her class.

An English Education major, Dressen is the daughter of John and Jo Dressen of Browerville, Minnesota.



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(COENEN GOPHER LEADER DESPITE ILLNESS)

(all Wisconsin media)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Six foot one junior Laura Coenen of Neenah, Wisconsin is the scoring leader for the Gophers this season for the third year of her career with a 15.1 points per game average. She has hit a season best of 26 points and 11 rebounds so far, started all but two games, and has been in double figures 16 of 19 games.

Those stats would be considered impressive for most players, but then Laura Coenen has never been like "most" players.

Last season she was a basketball sensation, building on a reputation she established her freshman season when she averaged 16.3 points and 11.7 rebounds while earning numerous honors including making the College All-Freshman First Team and grabbing a career best 20 rebounds.

Coenen dazzled fans by hurling her body all over the court in all-out hustle and averaging 24.2 points per game, eighth best in the nation, and second highest for a sophomore. She set seven school records including a 41 point performance at Wisconsin, and was in double figures every game scoring over 30 points four times.

By the time her career ends, Coenen, who ranks in the top five in every list, will hold virtually every Minnesota school record. In 71 games she is presently fourth in career scoring (1,323) and third in rebounding (681).

This was predicted to be the year that Coenen would make the prestigious Kodak All-American team. She narrowly missed recognition last year, but was named to the District IV Kodak All-American team, and was named the Big Ten Conference's Most Valuable Player. She entered the season as a co-captain and pre-season All-American pick by Street and Smith and the College Basketball News Service.

Although Coenen's statistics are certainly not below par, her performance on the court has just not been the same as last year, and all season opposing teams, the Minnesota coaches, and Coenen herself were wondering what was wrong.

During the fall, Coenen lost around 15 pounds and found herself increasingly hyperactive. After a complete physical, it was discovered that she was suffering from a hyperactive thyroid which caused her heart rate to increase, her body to shake uncontrollably, and her moods to change as she lost her appetite. No one knows what causes the thyroid - which controls the body's metabolism and growth rate - to become hyperactive, and there is no permanent cure.

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"I felt something was wrong, but I didn't know what it was," says Coenen. "I would get the shakes so bad that I couldn't hold my foot still to have my ankle taped. People were asking me if I was anorexic or saying that I wasn't hustling."

According to athletic trainer Leah Wallenburg, Coenen has been taking medication to control her heart rate as well as beginning treatment to stabilize her condition. The treatment will cause her present thyroid to reverse itself and become "sluggish" and then synthetic pills will mimic the thyroid's job in controlling the body's metabolism. But the adjustment for Coenen has been both physical and mental.

"The first part of the year was hard because Laura didn't know what was going on," says Wollenburg. "Then number one, she found out something was wrong, and number two, she had to deal with the fact that it was not going to go away. She doesn't like to use it as an excuse for her performance even when it is."

During games, Coenen sometimes finds herself dizzy and unable to focus her eyes. Wollenburg watches her closely and keeps an orange on the bench, and Coenen eats an orange and a candy bar at halftime.

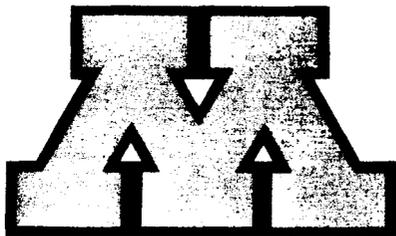
Sometimes Coenen is pulled from the game just to rest. "It took me a little bit to accpet it (illness)...I'm still trying to accept it," admits Coenen. "My strength has gone down and I'm not rebounding as well. I don't have the enthusiasm and the hustle. It was a lot easier to go after a ball, fall down, get up and run to the other end of the court last year.

"I watch films from last year, and I say 'where is that girl?'. I want to go out there and do what she's doing and be that person. It (thyroid) shouldn't be an excuse and I don't want it to be."

Coach Ellen Mosher moved Coenen from power forward to a small forward at the beginning of the season, and beginning at Wisconsin switched her again to guard - a position she has never played in college. Mosher considers Coenen's current statistics a tribute to her great athletic ability.

"Even with all of the problems she has had she's still a fine athlete. It's frustrating, because you know how good she could have been this year if she had not been ill. She's a very good all-around player," says Mosher. "I'm concerned with her health... that she can stabilize and feel consistently good day in and day out. Her play will come naturally."

For Coenen, what is important now is the remainder of this season. "My role is to go in there and do the best I can. I hope that we can go and win the rest of our games this year. We have the physical talent, it's just the mental talent that we need."



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Duane and Donna Coenen
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coenen:

Enclosed is a copy of a release which has been forwarded to all Wisconsin media, as well as a copy of the story which appeared in the Minneapolis Star & Tribune, and which you have probably already seen.

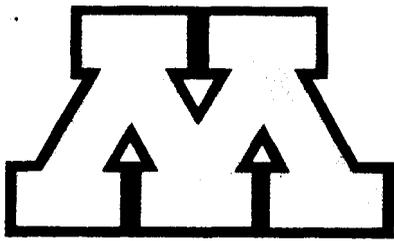
I wanted you to know that we decided to release the information about Laura's illness after consultation with her and discussions with Ellen and Merrily Baker. We thought it was important that people know why she is not performing as well as last year so everytime she walks on the court she won't be asked if she is anorexic by opponents. We also want people who consider candidates for All-American to know why she is having an off year, so it will not jeopardize her chances for that honor in the future.

I know that this has been a difficult year, and I hope Laura's condition stabilizes and that she is healthy. Whatever happens in the remainder of her career is secondary to that.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ellen Mosher



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(COENEN SITS OUT FINAL FOUR GAMES/STILL SECOND IN SCORING)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It was not a place she was used to residing, but Minnesota junior Laura Coenen of Neenah, Wisc. found herself on the Gopher bench for the final four basketball games of the 1983-84 season. After battling a hyperactive thyroid while playing the majority of the season, Coenen contacted strep throat and bronchitis and was forced to the sideline. She watched as her teammates won three of the final four games, finishing seventh in the Big Ten (9-9) and 12-15 overall.

For the record, Coenen was second in scoring (13.6 ppg) and third in rebounding (6.5 avg.) and started in 21 games. But it was apparent early in the year that this was not the Laura Coenen of the previous two seasons.

Coenen has started treatment for the hyperactive thyroid which caused her to lose weight, shake uncontrollably, and change moods. But it will take months for her body to stabilize under the treatment.

"The biggest thing for Laura is to just get healthy," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She needs to get her consistency in health and strength back. We're not going to put pressure on her from the coaching staff for next year. We want her to give her best, but we don't want her to have to be any different than anyone else on the team."

Heading into this season, Mosher was counting on Coenen to help lead a young Gopher squad. The Big Ten MVP, and a Kodak All-American Region 4 selection as a sophomore, Coenen was someone her teammates were used to relying on in game situations. But with the illness, it was a role Coenen was unable to fulfill.

She still hit in double figures in 15 games including bests of 26 points at Michigan State and 22 points vs. Purdue and Michigan. Coenen was a co-captain this year and a pre-season All-American by Street and Smith and the Women's Basketball News Service. Last year, she led the Big Ten in scoring (24.2 ppg), set seven school records including most points in a game (with 41 at Wisconsin), and was in double figures every game scoring over 30 points four times. As a freshman, Coenen was named to the College All-Freshman First Team and averaged 16.3 points and 11.7 rebounds.

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Coenen sits out final four games -2-2-2-

Coenen's name is scattered all across the Gopher record book. She is ranked third in career rebounding (688) and fourth in career scoring (1336) and is in the top five in free throws and field goals. She holds the season scoring record (581, 1982-83), and field goals made (251) and attempted (457) records, both last year.

In 22 games this year, Coenen shot .472 from the field (127-269) and .652 in free throws (45-69). She led the team with 40 steals (1.8 avg.), and averaged 2.0 assists.

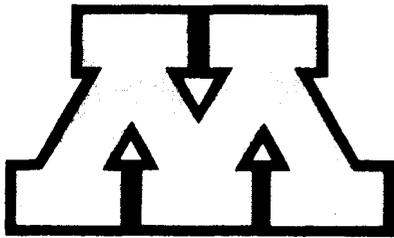
At Neenah High School, Coenen was MVP, co-player of the year, all-conference and all-state in basketball. A recreation major, she is the daughter of Duane and Donna Coenen of 657 Grove Street in Neenah.

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Laura Coenen Career Statistics

Year	G	FG/FGA	Pct.	FT/FTA	Pct.	REb/Avg.	TP/Avg./HI	A/Avg.	S
1981-82	28	189/385	.490	78/110	.709	327/11.7	456/16.3/30	63/2.3	89
1982-83	24	251/457	.549	79/120	.658	218/9.1	581/24.2/41	59/2.5	93
1983-84	22	127/269	.472	45/69	.652	143/6.5	299/13.6/26	45/2.0	40
Career	74	567/1111	.498	202/299	.668	688/9.2	1336/16.8/41	167/2.3	222

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(BEHRENS SLOWED BY INJURIES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 6-3 sophomore forward Kelli Behrens of St. Charles was slowed by tendinitis in her achilles mid-season this year and never really recovered her game. Behrens had started the year averaging 12.5 minutes as a reserve forward in the first six games, and had a 5.0 ppg average after the first six games.

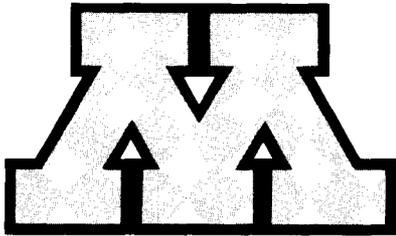
She opened the year with 14 points in two games during the Dial Classic and against Youngstown State at the LaSalle Invitational in Philadelphia, scored a career high 12 points and grabbed a career best 10 rebounds. It looked as though Behrens, who has an excellent outside shot, would play a key role in the Gophers Big Ten season.

But instead, Behrens was sidelined for the Big Ten opening weekend, returned for two games, and was sidelined for three more. She returned vs. Indiana and played 10 more games, scoring a best of six points in 13 minutes against Wisconsin. For the year, Behrens played in 18 of 27 games, averaged 8.1 minutes and 3.0 ppg. She hit .489 from the field (24-49) and .666 in free throws (6 for 9).

"Kelli was playing strong in the middle of the season, but I don't think she ever came back from being injured. She has a nice outside shooting touch but needs to develop the intensity to go hard every minute, and to go after rebounds and loose balls. She needs to increase her physical strength and assertiveness," says Coach Ellen Mosher.

The Gophers ended the year seventh in the conference (9-9) and 12-15 overall. Coach Mosher termed the season a rebuilding year, but expects the Gophers to be a young team again this season. So far, she has signed one player -- 5-9 forward/guard Debbie Hilmerson, an all-stater from Little Falls.

At St. Charles High School Behrens was her team's MVP for four years and was twice named to the All-State team. Her senior year, she averaged 24.5 ppg. 15 rebounds as St. Charles won the state consolation championship. She was second in the Miss Basketball balloting that year and was also an all-state volleyball player and MVP on the track team as a sophomore. She is the daughter of Don and Jan Behrens of 701 Bluff Ave.



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(TADICH BIG TEN LEADER AS FRESHMAN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 6-3 freshman center Molly Tadich established herself in her rookie season with the Gopher basketball team by leading the Big Ten Conference in total rebounds and blocked shots. Tadich ended the year tied for first in blocks with 40 in 18 games for a 2.2 average while Big Ten MVP Anucha Browne of Northwestern had 37 in 17 games (also 2.2 avg.). Browne ended with an 11.2 rebounding average while Tadich had a 10.8 rebound average, but Tadich had 195 rebounds to Browne's 191.

It is not often that a freshman steps into a starting lineup and ends as a team leader. "For a freshman, Molly was an excellent player," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She was extremely important to our team. She really filled up the middle and it's quite an accomplishment to lead the conference in rebounds and blocked shots."

Tadich averaged 11.2 points overall (305 total pts.) and led Minnesota with 289 rebounds and a 10.7 overall average. Her 289 caroms is seventh on the season scoring list and 10.7 average is sixth for season rebounding.

She earned a starting position in the last 13 games of the year, but opened the season with a 28 point and 22 rebound performance during the Dial Classic earning tournament MVP honors. Tadich averaged 28.6 minutes of playing time and her season high point performances were 23 against Villanova and 20 vs. Miami-Ohio.

In the pre-Big Ten season, Tadich suffered a broken nose against Central Michigan and played several games with a face mask. Her first start came at home against Northwestern, and she responded by scoring 11 points in 39 minutes and grabbing a record 23 rebounds. That mark set a new Minnesota school record (former record 21 by Mary Manderfeld vs. Wisconsin 3/3/81) and tied the Big Ten Conference record.

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Tadich Big Ten Leader as Freshman -2-2-2-2

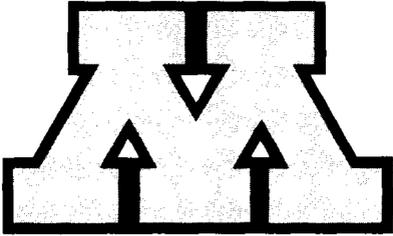
It is not unusual for a player to average double figures in over half of a season's games, but rebounding is another story. Tadich did both this year scoring in double figures in 18 of 27 games and averaging in double figures in caroms in 16 of 27 games. Her other rebounding bests were 19 vs. Wisconsin (2), and 17 vs. Indiana (2).

Tadich had the most blocks in a single game of any player in the Big Ten with six against both Wisconsin (2) and Purdue (1). She had four blocks in four other games during the year and with 54 total, averaged 2.0 overall on the season.

In free throws, Tadich went 8-8 from the line against Tennessee, and hit 71-102 on the year (.696). She shot 117 of 269 from the field (.434), and played 40 minutes in two games.

At Bloomington-Jefferson high school Tadich was MVP and averaged 19 points and 14 rebounds as a senior. She was MVP the previous year at Lincoln High School and was a three time All-State selection. She ended her high school career with 1,510 points, and played for the North Team at the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs last summer.

Tadich is the daughter of Donald and Mary Tadich of 9133 Toledo Road South in Bloomington.



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(DRESSEN ENDS CAREER AS GOPHER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 5-9 senior guard Mary Dressen of Browerville, ended her career with the Gopher basketball team with an excellent season. The co-captain was named to the All-Big Ten Academic basketball team for her 3.76 g.p.a. in English, led the Big Ten in free throw percentage (57-69, .826), and was ninth in the nation in free throw shooting (75-90, .833).

Dressen averaged 10.1 points while starting all 27 games and leading the team in minutes played (34.6). She scored in double figures in 16 of 27 games, including season bests of 19 points behind a career high and Williams Arena record 11 for 13 free throws against Illinois (1), and also scored 18 points in the season opener against Miami-Ohio.

A shooting guard in her first season as a starter last year, Dressen was utilized as a ball handler and court leader as well as shooting guard this year. It was a role for which she was not naturally suited, but inherited after the loss of All-Big Ten point guard Debbie Hunter to graduation.

"We put more responsibility on Mary's shoulders this year," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She had to carry the load with handling the ball which is not the best part of her game. At times it was frustrating, but she came through like a real trooper in being a leadership guard and not just a shooting guard. She had a real fine season this year."

Dressen will go down in the record books as one of the best free throw shooters in Gopher history. She has hit 100 per cent in free throws in 26 games during her career, had a streak of 12-12 mid-year this season, and set a new school season free throw record this year. Her .833 free throw percentage breaks the old season record of .829 by Debbie Hunter (97-117, 1982-83).

She hit a high of 8-8 from the line vs. Purdue (1) this year, and ends her career with a .796 free throw percentage. She is ranked fifth in free throws made (191) and sixth in free throws attempted (243) on the Gophers career list. With 797 career points, Dressen ranks ninth in career scoring and is seventh in games played at 108.

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Dressen ends career as Gopher -2-2-2-

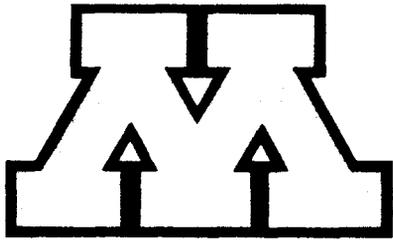
Dressen's career best for points scored is 23, against Memphis State and Iowa during her junior year. She converted career highs of 11 for 16 in field goals in the Memphis State game. This year she had a career high 8 assists against Wisconsin (1) and five steals vs. Miami (Ohio). She played 40 minutes in 14 games during her career, the most of any Gopher on this year's team.

At Browerville High School, Dressen was an all-state and all-conference basketball selection and was ranked No. 1 academically in her class. She is the daughter of John and Jo Dressen of Browerville.

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Mary Dressen Career Statistics

Year	G	FG/FGA	Pct.	FT/FTA	Pct.	Reb./Avg.	TP/AVG/HI	A/AVG	S
1980-81	27	31/77	.403	22/32	.688	36/1.3	84/3.1/9	31/1.1	10
1981-82	27	50/111	.450	22/31	.710	60/2.2	122/4.5/15	26/1.0	23
1982-83	27	122/256	.477	72/90	.800	113/4.2	316/11.7/23	62/2.3	38
1983-84	27	100/224	.446	75-90	.833	77/2.8	275/10.1/19	95/3.5	30
Career	108	303/668	.454	191/243	.796	286/2.7	797/8.2/23	214/2.5	101



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(MEREDITH ENDS CAREER WITH CAREER HIGH PERFORMANCE)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota senior Barb Meredith (Mankato/East) ended her basketball career with the Gophers in style. The 6-2 forward scored a career high 22 points behind career bests of 11 for 20 field goal shooting in the final conference victory at Illinois 71-67.

For Meredith, that performance capped off an outstanding senior season in which she averaged 11.6 points (third best on the team) and 5.8 rebounds. After serving as a reserve forward/center her first two years and losing a starting spot mid-year last season, Meredith came into her own this year and started all 27 games while averaging the second most minutes played (31.8).

But more than that, Meredith put the ball through the hoop. Consider the following: in 1982-83 Meredith shot .406 from the field (56-137) while this year she averaged .481 (131-272); in 1982-83 Meredith scored in double figures in only 4 of 27 games while this year she was in double figures in 16 of 27 and actually led the team in scoring in five games; and this season Meredith tied her previous career high of 14 points three times and set new career scoring bests six times.

Always known for her defensive ability, Meredith finally shone as an all-around player. "Her whole senior year has topped off her career and been rewarding for all of the hard work she has put in," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "Barb has a great attitude and is a hard worker. She is not a great athlete but worked very hard to become a good basketball player. At times she could have easily given up, but she stuck it out and worked real hard and it all paid off this year. She has played very well for us this season."

Meredith was second for the Gophers this year in total points (312), and has 647 career points (7.8 avg.). She is ranked fifth in career games played (111) and ninth in rebounding (445).

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Meredith ends Career with Career High Performance -2-2-2

Meredith's other high scoring performances this year came against Iowa (1) when she had 18 points behind best field goal percentage shooting (8-9); Cheyney State (18 pts.); Michigan (2) (19 pts); Central Michigan (17 pts); Indiana (1) (17 pts); and Wisconsin (1) (16 pts).

Her rebounding career high was set against Northwestern (1) when she grabbed 14 caroms, and also dished out a career high six assists. Although Meredith had never played a full 40 minutes prior to this year, she did so in four games this season.

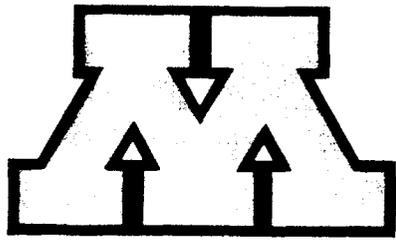
Formerly a physiology major, Meredith is changing her career plans to surgical nursing. At Mankato East High School, she was a Miss Basketball finalist her senior year (1980) and a three time all-state selection. Mankato was the state consolation champion in both 1978 and 1980.

Meredith is the daughter of Donald and Marge Meredith of 40 Hanten Drive in Mankato.

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Barb Meredith Career Statistics

Year	G	FG/FGA	PCT.	FT/FTA	PCT.	REB/AVG.	TP/AVG/HI	A/AVG	S
1980-81	31	22/60	.367	27/45	.600	81/2.6	71/2.3/9	9/.3	19
1981-82	26	47/107	.439	21/46	.456	90/3.5	114/4.4/12	16/.6	12
1982-83	27	56/137	.409	38/71	.535	118/4.4	150/5.6/14	27/1.0	20
1983-84	27	131/272	.481	50/86	.581	156/5.8	312/11.6/22	22/.8	28
Career	111	256/576	.446	136/248	.556	445/4.6	647/7.8/22	74/.7	79



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(FREESE ENDS YEAR AS STARTER FOR U BASKETBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 5-10 junior guard Denise Freese of Breckenridge, really was playing in her sophomore season this year after being injured much of last year. She played in 22 of the Gophers 27 games, starting seven games, and in 13.2 minutes averaged 2.0 ppg overall and 2.7 in the Big Ten.

Freese scored a career high of nine points vs. Northwestern and also had six points against Wisconsin and five points against Purdue. But more importantly, she had a chance to play basketball.

"This is really Denise's first year of basketball," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She got a decent amount of playing time, and while it was an up and down year, she made a lot of improvement and I was pleased with her play at the end of the season. She has gained confidence and I look for her to have a strong senior season."

When she entered the Gopher basketball program three years ago, Freese was the fourth guard behind Debbie Hunter, Christine Durand and this year's co-captain Mary Dressen. She played in 18 of 28 games, averaged 2.6 points in 9.4 minutes and had her previous career high of eight points against Drake.

Last year, Freese was ready to be the Gophers' third guard. She needed playing time so that this season she would be in line to be a regular starter. But, instead of playing in that third guard position last year, Freese experienced a season of frustration and barely played at all.

"At the beginning of the year I was tired all the time and I didn't have any physical drive," Freese recalls. "The doctors didn't know what was wrong." After a painful bone marrow test, because of the possibility of leukemia, it was determined that Freese had an iron deficiency. With treatment, she recovered and played in ten games during the fall and it looked as if her health would return just in time for the Big Ten schedule.

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Freese ends year as starter for U basketball -2-2-2

But her first day back from Christmas break, Freese was going for a ball during practice and fractured her little finger on her right hand. This time she hit the bench and emerged only once -- for five minutes against Ohio State -- during the remainder of the season.

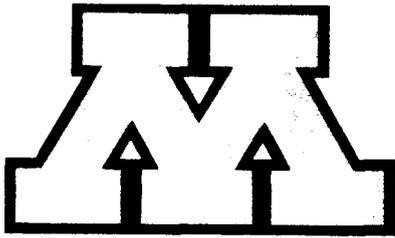
For Freese, last year was a learning experience. "I've grown up a lot and matured through all my mishaps. I've adjusted more to reality," she says. "Being injured (last year) definitely set me back for this year. I should have been third guard last year, but once I started feeling better, I broke my finger and that took care of it right there."

Freese won a starting position during the LaSalle Invitational in Philadelphia right before the Big Ten season opened, but did not regain that position until the final four games of the year. Her role this year as a shooting guard, small forward, and even point guard represented a versatility that Coach Mosher appreciated.

"Denise has been very helpful to us this year. She's been there working every day in practice. Whether she's started or not, she's always been supportive of other people," says Mosher.

A business administration major, Freese plans to give her all for the remainder of her career. "I just play my hardest and whatever happens, happens," she says. "This year I was almost considered like a sophomore because of all my setbacks, but I plan to work hard over the summer and hopefully next year things will work out. I'm optimistic."

The youngest of nine children, Freese grew up in Breckenridge and was an honorable mention High School All-American in basketball and an all-stater in both basketball and volleyball. She competed in track as well and was a member of the fourth place 400 meter relay team at the 1980 state tournament. Her freshman year, Freese was selected to the final round at the national sports festival in basketball. She is the daughter of Francis and Louella Freese of Kent, Minnesota.



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(HOELSCHER ENDS YEAR WITH CAREER HIGH)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 5-8 sophomore guard Lisa Hoelscher of Elmhurst/York Community H.S. ended her second season with the Gophers in style. Hoelscher came off the bench at Illinois and scored a career high 11 points behind 4-5 shooting from the field and 3-4 shooting at the line. She also had two steals and blocks, as Minnesota won the game 71-67.

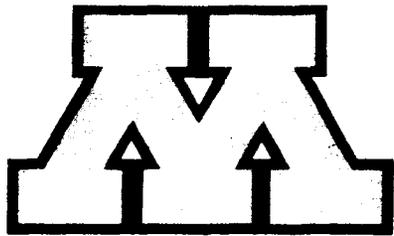
"Lisa played very well towards the end of the year," says Coach Ellen Mosher. "She had a lot of confidence, and was willing to accept some leadership. The biggest thing for her is to develop consistency and cut out turnovers. She plans to play a lot this summer, and that's what she needs to do."

Ironically, Hoelscher's other best game performance came in the season opening Dial Classic. Against Miami-Ohio, she started at point guard and scored nine points (3-6 and 3-4) while dishing out four assists in 32 minutes. Hoelscher started the first six games of the season, but scored an average of only 2.8 ppg, and although averaging 2.3 assists, also averaged 2.3 turnovers.

For the year, Hoelscher played in 21 of 27 games, averaging 19.4 minutes 2.9 ppg and 1.5 assists. She played well in a home game against Indiana, scoring eight points in 20 minutes and dishing out four assists, and had a best of four assists four times this season.

At York Community High School, Hoelscher was named an honorable mention All-American by Converse in 1982 after leading her York team to a 26-2 record by averaging 24 ppg, 3.5 steals, 5 rebounds and 2 assists. A history major, she is the daughter of Jerry and Joanna Hoelscher of 240 Highview in Elmhurst.

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(PETERKA NAMED ALL-BIG TEN, ENDS YEAR AS GOPHER HOOPS LEADER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 6-0 sophomore Carol Peterka of St. Cloud/Apollo may have started the 1983-84 basketball season slowly, but she finished the season in style. Peterka was named to the second team All-Big Ten, was Big Ten Player of the Week twice, and was ranked in the top five in every major conference statistical category.

After earning a starting position in her freshman year when she averaged 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds, Peterka was guaranteed a starting position this year and Coach Ellen Mosher was counting on her to help lead the Gopher team. Peterka started the year slowly, averaging 6.7 points over the first six games including a career low of zero against Tennessee. But then, Peterka scored 56 points in three games at the December LaSalle Invitational in Philadelphia and entered the Big Ten season with Player of the Week honors following the first weekend of play.

In a complete reversal of her season start, Peterka averaged 22.3 points over the last six conference games, and broke her personal scoring best six times this year ending with a career high of 32 points vs. Michigan (2). Peterka ended the year in Big Ten standings tied for fourth in scoring (16.8 avg.), fifth in field goal percentage (.531), fifth in free throw percentage (.776), and sixth in rebounding (8.3 avg.).

In addition to her Big Ten statistics, Peterka led Minnesota in nearly every overall season statistical category. She started all 27 games, led the team with 400 points and a 14.8 scoring average, and was first in field goal percentage (.511). She was second for the Gophers in rebounding (196, 7.2 avg.), and in free throw percentage (.776), and was third in minutes played (30.0 avg.).

But in addition to her scoring ability this season, Coach Mosher credits Peterka with marked improvement in her defensive play. "Defensively, Carol has improved immensely so that she is a very tough defensive player, but offensively she is also strong. She is one of the best players in the Big Ten."

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Peterka named All-Big Ten -2-2-2

Mosher says that Peterka's biggest need for the coming season will be adjusting to her new role on the Gopher team. "Every time Carol Peterka gets the ball she should be a scoring threat. Sometimes this year, she would be more willing to pass the ball, which is only natural because Carol is such a team player. Her role is to be one of the best players on our team. Now she will be an upperclassmen, and she is very important and valuable to our team."

The Gophers ended the year seventh in the Big Ten with a 9-9 conference record and 12-15 overall record. Mosher will have eight players returning next season and hopes to sign enough new players to fill a roster of 15. So far, she has signed 5-9 guard/forward Debbie Hilmerson of Little Falls, and April 15 is the signing date for all other recruits.

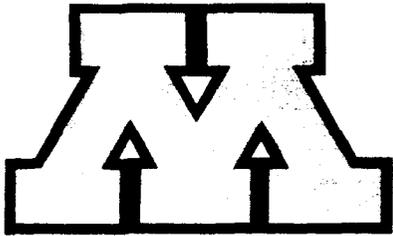
In her two seasons at Minnesota, Peterka has scored 635 points (11.8 avg.) and gathered 350 rebounds (6.4 avg.). She is ranked tenth in career free throw attempts (173) and eighth in free throws made (131) and this seasons' 80-105 free throws ranks seventh in season free throws made and ninth in season free throws attempted.

Peterka broke or tied every career high this year, and many more than once. She was in double figures 20 of 27 games, with career bests of 22 pts vs. Cheyney State, 23 pts. vs. Illinois (1), 24 pts. vs. Northwestern (1), 26 pts. vs. Northwestern (2), 28 pts. vs. Iowa (2) and 32 pts. vs. Michigan (2). Her 32 point performance against Michigan also included career bests of 14-21 in field goal shooting and 10 assists.

Against Iowa (2), Peterka shot 14 of 18 free throws, setting career bests and a season best in the Big Ten. She tied her previous rebounding best from last year of 12 three times, and set new bests of 13 vs. Northwestern and 14 vs. Purdue (2). Prior to this year, Peterka had not played a full 40 minutes, but did so in five games this year.

A physical education major, Peterka may try out for the Gopher track team this Spring. At Apollo High School she was the state 400 yard dash winner two years and led her team to the state class AA basketball championship her senior year. She averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds per game and was a Miss Basketball candidate as a senior.

Peterka is the daughter of Charles and Dorothy Peterka of 948 Spruce Drive in St. Cloud.



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(PHILLIPS SHOWS POTENTIAL IN FRESHMAN SEASON WITH GOPHER BASKETBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 5-10 freshman guard Cindy Phillips of Lansing/Everett H.S. showed her potential in her first year on the Gopher basketball team. Phillips played in 22 of the Gophers 27 games, starting in six contests mid-year, and averaged 3.3 ppg and 2.5 assists while playing 16.4 minutes.

Phillips quickness, passing skills, and clutch free throw shooting were demonstrated in several games during the season. She earned a starting spot for the Big Ten opener after dishing out seven assists in the final two games of the LaSalle Invitational where she played 32 minutes at point guard.

During the six Big Ten games she started, Phillips averaged 5.2 ppg, and 4.7 assists, but also committed an average of 6.3 turnovers. It is those turnovers that Coach Ellen Mosher says Phillips must cut down on.

"Cindy has tremendous quickness but we have to harness some of that so it will pay off for us. She has to be able to control the tempo of the game - right now she has one speed, full speed ahead," says Mosher.

"Cindy is an excellent penetrator and that is a characteristic that will add to her success. Right now she is trying to learn what she can get by with and what she will get called on," Mosher added.

In her first start against Illinois, Phillips scored six points and dished out four assists as the Gophers won the game. She scored five points and had three assists against Purdue, playing 29 minutes as Mosher cleared the bench.

At Michigan, Phillips scored eight points, hitting 8-8 from the free throw line, and passed out 7 assists, but the following Sunday at Michigan State had just two points in 14 minutes. Returning home, Phillips started against Iowa and Northwestern, and had seven points and a season high 8 assists against the Wildcats, but committed 19 turnovers in the two contests.

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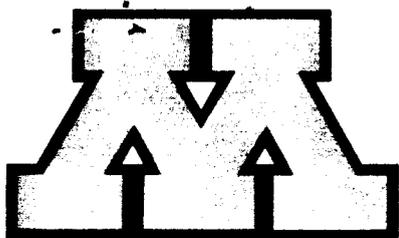
After that, Phillips lost her starting spot, but came off the bench in a loss at Ohio State to scored 10 points (2-4 from the field and 6-7 in free throws) in just 19 minutes of play. She played a key role in a late game comeback against Michigan State at Williams Arena, scoring 11 points (season best) behind 5-7 from the field and 1-1 from the line shooting and dishing out 7 assists in 20 minutes of playing time. She tied the game with 1:29 to play, but Michigan State prevailed 66-60.

The Gophers ended the year seventh in the Big Ten, with a 9-9 record, and were 12-15 overall. Mosher termed it a rebuilding year, but still expects the Gophers to be a young team next season.

At Everett High School, Phillips played two years of varsity basketball, earning all-state honorable mention her junior year and a second team spot her senior season. She was team captain, MVP, all-league and all-area as a senior and paced Everett to third in the State Championship.

A pre-law major, Phillips is the daughter of Woodrow and Sadie Phillips of 740 Durant in Lansing.

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(SCHAD HINDERED BY ANKLE INJURIES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota 6-1 sophomore forward Gretchen Schad of Milbank, S.D. was hindered by recurring ankle problems this season. Schad sat out four games early in the year, including the Big Ten opener, and although she played in 22 of 27 games, averaging 8.4 minutes, 1.6 ppg, and 1.4 rebounds, she never came back at full strength according to Coach Ellen Mosher.

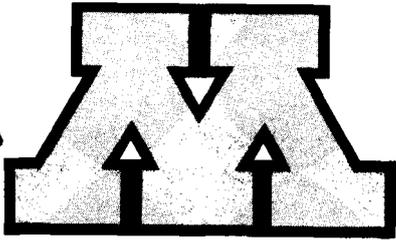
"Gretchen was playing well, but she was plagued by her ankle. I don't think she ever really came out of that," says Mosher. "She hesitated driving into the middle and going after rebounds and that's the type of player she is -- her strength is to go from the forward spot and really mix it up inside. Hopefully, she will strengthen her ankle over the summer."

Schad scored seven points in 18 minutes of play against nationally ranked Tennessee prior to injuring her ankle. During the middle of the Big Ten season, she put together her best weekend on the road at Indiana and Ohio State. Schad had 12 points and 10 rebounds in the two games. She also scored six points in a road loss at Iowa late in the year.

At Milbank High School, Schad was named to the Converse first-team high school All-American and was an all-stater and Miss Basketball finalist. She averaged 24 points and 13 rebounds and was captain and MVP of both the basketball and track teams.

A physical therapy major, she is the daughter of Wayne and Patricia Schad of 607 South 5th Street in Milbank.

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Minneapolis, MN -- Julie Doan, a junior from Minnetonka, Minn., was a "pleasant surprise" for the University of Minnesota women's cross country coach Mike Lawless this season. Doan showed consistent improvement throughout the season and had her second best time of the year at the year at the NCAA District IV Tournament in Purdue in the Gophers' last meet of the season. Her best time was 18:57.8 at the Tom Jones Invitational in Madison, Wisc., which earned her 20th place, her top finish of the year.

"Julie ran in seven of our eight meets this year and was a real pleasant surprise for us," said Coach Lawless. "She reported in the fall in good shape and really ran well all year, but especially the last four meets of the season." Doan cut 72 seconds from her opening season time in Kentucky with her performance at NCAA Districts.

Doan was a three-year track and two-year cross country letterwinner at Wayzata High School. She was an honorable mention cross country selection and member of Wayzata High School. She was an honorable mention cross country selection and member of Wayzata's third place regional team in 1978. As a senior, she was also captain of the track squad.

Doan will also compete in Minnesota's indoor and outdoor track seasons this winter and spring. She is a "really hard worker," according to Lawless, and will run the distance events for the Gophers. Doan is a chemistry major with a minor in Finnish and is the daughter of Pat and Robert Doan.

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(Rens provides leadership, talent for young Gopher cross country squad)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- In only her second year on the team, senior Kris Rens from Randall, Minn., played more than one important role for the University of Minnesota women's cross country team. Besides establishing herself as the Gophers' number three runner on the course, Rens, the only senior on the squad, provided the necessary leadership to mold the young Gophers into a team.

Rens finished in the individual top 20 in five of Minnesota's eight meets. Her best place and time of the year came at the Purdue Invitational, where she was eighth in 18:13.9. She was also eighth at the Gophers' only home meet, the Minnesota Quadrangular (18:30.1). It was a fine season for someone who had never run cross country until a year ago, and whose track career had been devoted to the sprinting events.

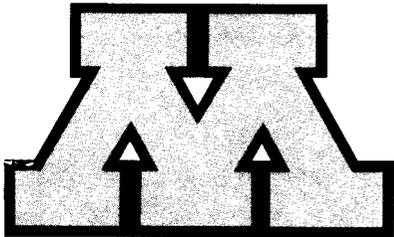
"Kris had a frustrating year last year," Coach Mike Lawless said, "but it was only her first year out. It was an adjustment period. But this year she ran very well all season. And just as importantly, as the only senior, she gave us the leadership that made this a really close, unified team."

Rens was a four-time all-conference and state tournament track performer at Little Falls Community High School from 1976 through 1979. As a senior, she was captain of the track team, captain and MVP of the swimming team, and named Female Athlete of the Year at Little Falls in 1979.

Rens will perform in the indoor and outdoor track seasons for the Gophers this year, and Lawless her to be strongest in the 800 meters event. She already shares two Gopher school records in the 3,200-meter relay and the distance medley relay and the distance medley relay. "I'm sure her good cross country season will rub off on a good track season as well," said Lawless.

Rens is an agricultural education major and is the daughter of Jackie and Roger Rens.

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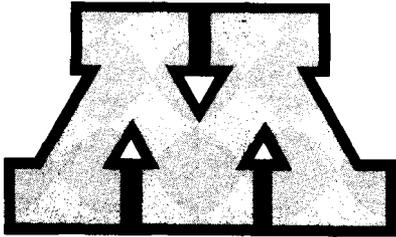
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Kellie Benzow from Racine, Wisc., came on strong toward the end of the University of Minnesota women's cross country season, establishing herself as the Gophers' number four runner and a consistent scorer. Benzow, a transfer from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, saved her best performance for last, turning in her season best time of 18:40.0 at the NCAA District IV Tournament in Purdue. Her best finish of the year (14th) also came at West Lafayette, at the Purdue Invitational (18:41.8).

"Kellie started slowly this year," Coach Mike Lawless said, "but you could see her improving from week to week. She turned in a solid season for us, and was our third best runner at NCAA Districts."

Benzow was an NAIA All-American in both cross country and track at Wisconsin-Parkside, in 1980 winning the NAIA indoor mile event and finishing third at NAIA Nationals in cross country. As a senior at Case High School, Benzow was captain of Case's state champion cross country team in 1979. She was also captain and MVP of the track squad, and captured fifth in the Wisconsin state mile.

Benzow will also participate in the indoor and outdoor track seasons for the Gophers this year, and Coach Lawless says she "will certainly help our middle-distance events, the 1,500 and 3,000 meters."

Benzow is a microbiology major and is the daughter of Genevieve and Roland Benzow.



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(Freshman Eder the Gophers' top runner in '82)

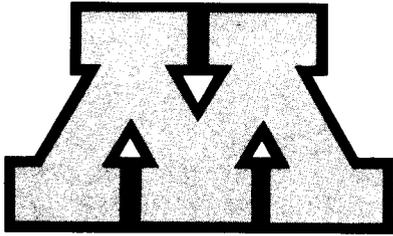
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman Jody Eder was the surprise of the University of Minnesota women's cross country season as the Stillwater native topped the team in scoring seven times in eight meets. Eder finished in the top ten in six of those meets, and her 17:37.1 time at the Tom Jones Invitational (Madison, Wisc.) was the best Gopher effort of the season. In addition, Eder placed second at the Minnesota Invitational, third at the Saluki (Ill.) Invitational, fourth at the Tom Jones and fifth at the Purdue Invitational.

"We had high hopes for Jody at the start of the season," Coach Mike Lawless said, "but we didn't envision her becoming our top runner. She has certainly been a pleasant surprise for us."

Eder is a former state high school 800-meter champion and was an all-state cross country and track selection at Stillwater High School. She was also captain of her cross country team and has run one of the fastest state high school miles in history (4:57.3).

Only a freshman, Eder will surely figure prominently in the Gophers' running success for the next few years. "She certainly has the potential to be a fine cross country runner," Lawless said. "We expect nothing but good things from her in the future."

Eder will also participate in Minnesota's winter and spring track seasons, and Lawless expects her to run the middle-distance events (1,500 and 3,000 meters). A physical therapy major, she is the daughter of Nancy and Jerome Eder.



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(Gopher Sue Alm coming off her finest cross country season)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Sue Alm from Bloomington had her finest cross country season as a Gopher this year, finishing in the individual top ten in six of Minnesota's eight meets. Alm's best time of the season (17:58.3) came at the Tom Jones Invitational in Madison, Wisc., earning her eighth place. Her highest finish of the year was third at the Minnesota Quadrangular (18:08.5) in September. In addition, Alm was fourth at the Saluki (Ill.) Invitational, sixth at the Purdue Invitational, and eighth at the Kentucky Invitational.

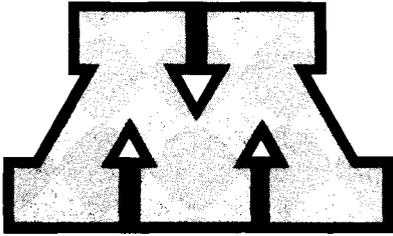
"Sue has been improving every year," said Coach Mike Lawless, "and this was easily her best season. You could see her confidence growing every week, and she began developing into a real team leader."

Alm was a two-time all-conference track performer at Lincoln Senior High School. She was elected captain of her cross country team in her only year on the varsity squad (1979), and was named team MVP that same season. No stranger to competition, Alm comes from an athletic family; five of her uncles (Tim, Larry, Rick, Tony and Mike) have been members of the Gopher hockey team.

Alm will participate in Minnesota's indoor and outdoor track seasons this winter and spring, and Lawless expects her to run the 5,000 meter event. Last year, Alm was ninth at the AIAW Track and Field Nationals in the 5,000 meters. She is a recreational therapy major with a minor in nursing, and is the daughter of Carol and Gary Alm.

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Correction: Gary Alm (Father) did play hockey.
Tim and Tony did not!



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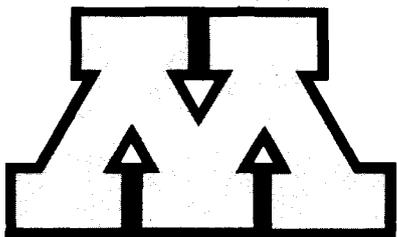
Minneapolis, MN -- Sophomore Eva Ljungstrom, a native of Harnosand, Sweden and 1978 student at Minnetonka High School turned in an "improved" cross country season for the University of Minnesota women's team this fall and now must gear up for the indoor track season. Ljungstrom saved her best performance of the year for last, logging her best time of 19:00.9 at the NCAA District IV Tournament in Purdue in the Gophers' season finale.

"Eva improved throughout the season, but especially our last few meets," Coach Mike Lawless said. "She had some injury problems early in the year, but she's healthy now and ready for the track season."

Ljungstrom was a foreign exchange student at Minnetonka High School in 1977-78. She won the state two-mile event as a member of Minnetonka's track team and also lettered in cross country that season. She returned to her native Sweden for her final two years of high school, then returned to Minnesota in the fall of 1981 to attend the University of Minnesota.

Although injuries also kept Ljungstrom from competing in last year's track season, Coach Lawless is confident that she is healthy and ready to make her contribution. Lawless said her strength is in the long distances, "the longer the better," and expects her to run the two-mile event for the Gophers.

A physical education major, Ljungstrom is the daughter of Gun-Inger and Evert Ljungstrom.



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(SPECIAL TO STILLWATER EVENING GAZETTE)

(EDER PACES GOPHERS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Sophomore Jody Eder of Lake Elmo led the Minnesota women's cross country team to its first-ever appearance at the NCAA National Championships this fall. Eder, an All-American in track, was the top Gopher runner in every meet this year, and set a new school record.

"Jody made a great deal of progress over last year," commented women's cross country Coach Mike Lawless. "She found out she could run cross-country. Until this year, I think she viewed herself as strictly a track runner."

Minnesota had its most successful year this year, finishing third in the Big Ten, second at the NCAA District IV Championships (among 19 teams), and becoming one of only 16 teams in the country to qualify for the NCAA National Championships this year.

Eder also had a banner year. She won a dual meet with Wisconsin-LaCrosse, out-kicking NCAA Division III individual champion Tori Neubauer in the last 200 meters, and falling just four seconds short of the Minnesota course record. She also won the Tom Jones Invitational in Madison, Wisconsin.

During the regular season, Eder finished in the top ten in every race, and was lower than fourth only once. She set a new school record at the Big Ten Championships, where she placed eighth (16:56 for the 5,000 meters). One week later, among most of the same competition, Eder improved her finish by two places, finishing sixth in the NCAA District IV meet.

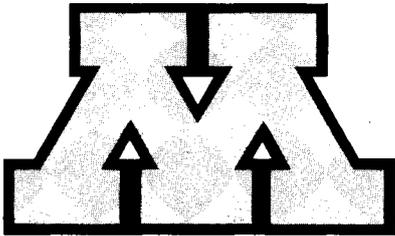
At the NCAA championships, against the best competition in the country, she finished a strong 35th, just missing qualifying for All-American honors.

Even as a sophomore, Eder is no stranger to national competition. Last year, she became the first Minnesota woman to win individual All-American honors during the indoor track season. She did so by finishing fifth in the 1000 yard run at the NCAA National Indoor Championships. Eder also won All-American honors as a member of the two-mile relay team.

At Stillwater High School, Eder was a state 800 meter champion, as well as an all-state cross country and track selection. She was captain of the cross country team, and has run one of the fastest state high school miles in history (4:47.3)

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She is a physical therapy major, and the daughter of Nancy and Jerome Eder of Lake Elmo.



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(SPECIAL TO THE BLOOMINGTON SUN)

(ALM LEADS GOPHERS TO MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Senior Sue Alm of Bloomington led the Minnesota women's cross country team to its first-ever appearance at the NCAA National Championships this fall. Alm finished a fine cross country career with her best season, finishing 12th in the Big Ten Championships and eighth in the NCAA District IV Championships.

"Sue ran well in every meet," says women's cross country coach Mike Lawless. "It was particularly pleasing to see her performance in the final three, and most important meets. She had her usual consistent season."

Minnesota cross country had its most successful year, finishing third in the Big Ten and second at the NCAA District IV meet, qualifying for the NCAA National Championships for the first time. Only 16 teams qualify for the NCAAs each year.

Alm ran in the number two slot for the Gophers again this season, usually finishing right behind sophomore Jody Eder. Her best time this year was at the Big Ten Championships (17:21 for the 5,000 meters), and her best finish was at the Tom Jones Invitational in Madison Wisconsin, where she placed second.

In five of Minnesota's six regular season meets, Alm was among the top five finishers. She steadily improved against Big Ten competition, finishing 20th at the 14 team Illinois Invitational in October, 12th in the Big Ten Championships in November, and 8th at the NCAA District IV meet the following week.

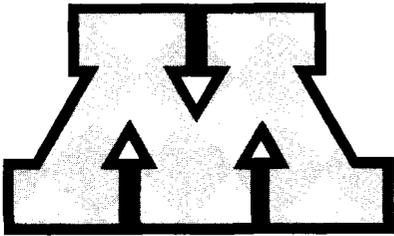
Alm finished a respectable 43rd at the NCAA National Championships, among the best competition in the country.

Also a stand-out on the track team, Alm set school indoor records in the three mile and two mile events last year. She was one of only six Gophers to place at the Big Ten outdoor championships (sixth in the 5,000 meters). She plans to run the 3,000 and 5,000 meter races indoor this season, and the 5,000 and 10,000 outdoors.

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Alm's cross country career began during her junior year at Bloomington Lincoln High School, and she ran varsity only her senior year when she was elected captain and named Most Valuable Player that season. She also was a two-time all-conference track performer.

Alm is an occupational therapy major, and is the daughter of Gary and Carol Alm of Bloomington.



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(SPECIAL TO THE RACINE JOURNAL TIMES)

(BENZOW'S IMPROVEMENT KEY TO GOPHERS' TRIP TO NATIONALS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Without senior Kellie Benzow of Racine, the University of Minnesota women's cross country team would not have qualified for the NCAA National Championships. Benzow improved her finish from 38th at the Big Ten Championships to 19th at the NCAA District IV Championships, just one week later and against most of the same competition.

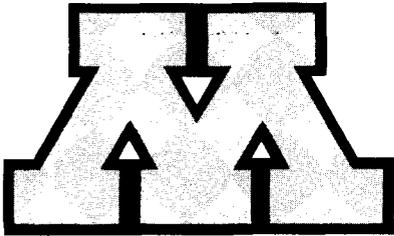
Benzow was part of a surprise ending for Minnesota cross country. The team tied its best Big Ten finish in history (third), upsetting Iowa, then placed second at the District IV meet, upsetting Iowa and Northwestern and qualifying for a first-ever trip to the NCAA National Championships. The Gophers finished a strong tenth nationally.

"Kellie missed the first two meets, after some injury problems over the summer," says Coach Mike Lawless. "The next two meets, she didn't run very well. All of a sudden, though, she turned around and ran the race of her life in the District meet. She was a big factor in Minnesota qualifying for the nationals."

Benzow wasn't in top form until mid-season, when she had her best finish, a ninth against NCAA Division III champs Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Her best time for the 5,000 meters was 18:15 at the Big Ten meet at Illinois.

During Minnesota's 1983 track campaign, Benzow was one of only six Gophers to place at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, finishing seventh in the 3,000 meter. She will run the 3,000 and 5,000 meter events for the Gophers again this track season.

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(SPECIAL TO VASTERNOORLANDS ALLEHANDA)

(LJUNGSTROM OVERCOMES INJURIES, HELPS LEAD CROSS COUNTRY TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Junior Eva Ljungstrom from Harnosand helped lead the University of Minnesota women's cross country team to its first appearance in the NCAA National Championships this fall. Only 16 collegiate teams in the country qualify for the national championships each year.

"Eva had a good season," says Coach Mike Lawless. "She ran well, despite some injury troubles at the end of the season. She is very supportive of the other athletes, and made a strong contribution to our success."

Ljungstrom, also a track standout at Minnesota, ran her best time at the Illinois Invitational (18:29 for 5,000 meters), and had her best finish in a dual meet with NCAA Division III champs Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where she finished 13th.

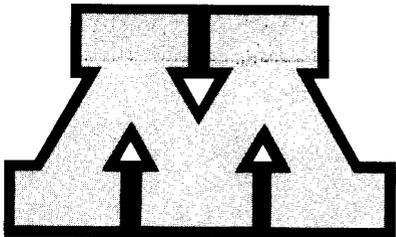
Minnesota earned its first trip to the NCAA championships by placing second at the NCAA District IV Championships. The Gophers also finished a strong third in the rugged Big Ten Conference.

Ljungstrom had an outstanding track season last spring, breaking the school record in the 10,000 meter during the outdoor season by 61 seconds. She also had career bests in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter events.

In 1977, Ljungstrom came to Minnesota as a Swedish foreign exchange student. She competed in three different sports at Minnetonka High School, including junior varsity gymnastics, along with varsity cross country and track and field. In 1978, she won the regional two-mile championships and finished third in the state in the two-mile.

In 1981, Ljungstrom competed with Club Athletic de Montreux in Switzerland, placing fourth in the European Championships for mountain races. She also competed with Club Enhorna, and won the Swedish Championships for the 25,000 meters and for the marathon.

A physical education major, Ljungstrom is the daughter of Evert and Fun-Inger Ljungstrom of Harnosand.



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(SPECIAL TO THE FARIBAULT DAILY NEWS)

(DICKISON HELPS GOPHERS EARN TRIP TO NATIONALS COMPETITION)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Senior Cindy Dickison of Faribault provided one of the most exciting moments in a season full of excitement for the Minnesota women's cross country team.

The Gophers earned their first-ever trip to the NCAA National Championships, where they finished tenth. The team finished third in the rugged Big Ten, and second in the 19 team NCAA District IV Championships.

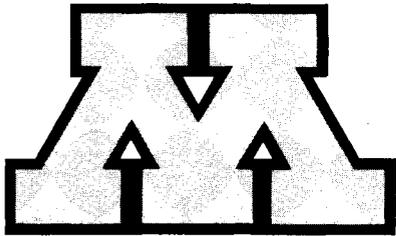
The excitement came in the Big Ten meet, where Minnesota beat out fourth place Iowa by only five points. The Gophers' fifth and sixth runners, including Dickison, passed Iowa's fourth runner at the end of the 5,000 meter course, enabling Minnesota to finish third.

"Cindy didn't run at all last spring," says Coach Mike Lawless, "and it is tough coming back and adjusting to the competition. She improved all season, and ran well in the big meets at the end of the season."

Dickison turned in her best time of the year (18:14) at the Big Ten Championships at Illinois. Her best finish was an 11th against NCAA Division III champs Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

Dickison started setting Faribault High School track records in her sophomore year, when she established the mark for the 110 yard hurdles. During her junior season, she set the record for the long jump; and in her senior year set records for the 100 meter and 200 meter hurdles.

Dickison is a forestry major, and is the daughter of Fred and Carol Dickison of Faribault.



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(SPECIAL TO THE OSAKIS REVIEW)

(GRUNDMAN ADDS DEPTH TO STRONG GOPHER SQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- In her first year of competition with the Minnesota women's cross country team, senior Peggy Grundman of Osakis provided the Gophers with much-needed depth. She finished in the top ten in three of the team's six regular season meets, and turned in strong showings at the Big Ten Championships and the NCAA District IV Championships.

"Peggy had never run cross country before this year," says Coach Mike Lawless, "and this will be her only year of competition. She turned in super performances at the Big Ten, District, and National meets. We will miss her next year."

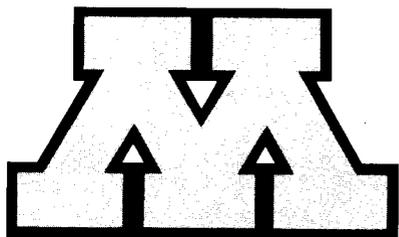
The Gophers earned their first-ever trip to the NCAA National Championships, where they finished tenth. The team finished third in the rugged Big Ten, and second in the 19 team NCAA District IV field.

Grundman's best finish was a fifth place at the Tom Jones Invitational in Madison, Wisconsin. She also finished seventh in a dual meet against NCAA Division III champions Wisconsin-LaCrosse, and ninth at the Tennessee Invitational. She was the third Minnesota finisher at both the Big Ten Championships and the NCAA National Championships. Her best time for the 5,000 meters was 17:42 at the Big Ten meet.

Before transferring to Minnesota, Grundman competed at the University of Minnesota-Waseca, where she placed in both the indoor and outdoor track Junior College Nationals. This spring, she will run the 3,000 and 5,000 meter events for the Gopher track team.

At Osakis High, she competed on the varsity track team all four years, was named most improved in 1976 and 1977, and received most valuable player honors in 1978 and 1979. In 1979, her senior year, she also was named female athlete of the year at Osakis High.

Grundman is an agricultural education/animal science double major, and is the daughter of Herb and Marilyn Grundman.



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(RENS FINISHES CAREER WITH APPEARANCE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Senior Kris Rens of Randall finished her collegiate cross country career in style, by helping lead Minnesota's women's squad to their first appearance at the NCAA National Championships. Only 16 teams win a trip to the national meet each year.

Rens is no stranger to national competition. Last year, she became a track All-American as part of the Minnesota two-mile relay team that finished third at the NCAA National Indoor Championships.

The Gopher cross country team had its most successful year this fall, and Rens remained their strong number three runner. She finished in the top 20 in five of the team's six regular season meets, and finished a strong 28th at the Big Ten Championships.

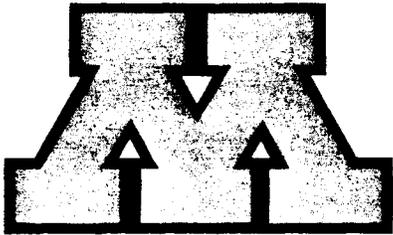
"Kris ran well all season," commented Coach Mike Lawless. "She has always been a leader and a steadying influence. We'll miss her team spirit, which was a big factor in this year's success."

Minnesota finished third in the Big Ten, second in the 19 team NCAA District IV Championships, and tenth in the NCAA National Championships.

Rens has been a versatile performer on the Gopher track squad as well, and completed her eligibility last spring.

A four-year stand-out at Little Falls Community High School, Rens was selected to the all-conference team, and competed in the state meet every year of her high school career. She captained the track team in both her junior and senior years, and was named Female Athlete of the Year at Little Falls in 1979. She was also MVP and captain of the swim team.

Rens is an agricultural education major, and is the daughter of Roger and Jackie Rens of Randall.



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(HILGER KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO FINEST WOMEN'S GOLF SEASON)

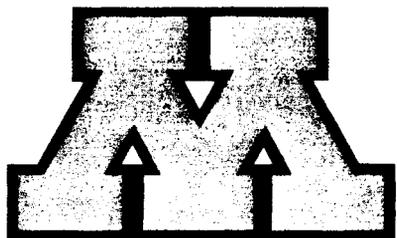
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Monica Hilger of St. Paul, was a key contributor in the women's golf teams finest fall season. Playing at No. 4, Hilger averaged 81.5 over 13 rounds of golf, with her highest tournament finish in sixth place with a 78-77-155 at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

Hilger also tied for sixth in a field of 55 at the Iowa State Invitational with a 88-87-84-259 and tied for 26th out of 105 individuals at the Lady Northern Intercollegiate (at Ohio State) with a 80-76-80-236.

First year Coach Anne Zahn, the five time Minnesota women's state amateur champion, credits Hilger with great strides in her golf game. "Monica is only in her fourth year of playing golf," says Zahn. "She has realized that she can break 80 and has the confidence to shoot scores to help the team."

Hilger aided the Gophers in their best fall season. Minnesota won the Indiana, Iowa State and Northern Iowa Invitationals, placed second at Ohio State's Lady Northern Intercollegiate, and placed ninth at the 19 team Lady Tar Heel Invitational at North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

At Hill-Murray High School, Hilger was captain of the basketball and softball teams her senior year and competed in the state basketball tournament in 1976-77 and 1977-78. She is the daughter of Gene and Darlene Hilger of 2200 E. 6th St. in St. Paul.



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(LENNOXVILLE'S SMITH NO. 2 GOLFER FOR MINNESOTA IN MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON)

Minneapolis, MN -- University of Minnesota junior Jocelyn Smith of Lennoxville, Quebec, was an important contributor in the golf team's finest fall season. Playing at No. 2, Smith averaged 78.2 strokes over 13 rounds and placed third at two tournaments.

Smith opened the season at the eleven team Indiana Invitational placing third with a 77-78-155 total and also placed third individually at the nine team Iowa State Invitational with a 77-78-85-240 54-hole total.

At Minnesota's other three tournaments, Smith ended tied for sixth at the 22 team Lady Northern Intercollegiate at Ohio State University with a 74-74-80-228 and scored a 75-82-157 at Northern Iowa and 79-75-81-236 at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational at North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

First year Coach Anne Zahn, the five time Minnesota state women's amateur champion, credits Smith as being a "smart, intelligent" golfer. "Jocelyn is capable of being medalist at any time. She is very dedicated and when she's out there playing in a tournament she is giving it 100 per cent."

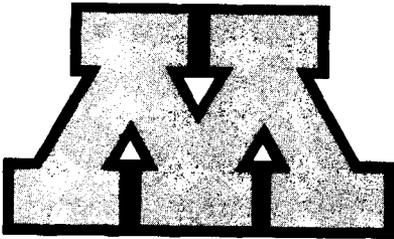
Smith was a big factor in the team's most successful fall season to date. Minnesota won the Indiana, Iowa State and Northern Iowa Invitationals, placed second at Ohio State's Lady Northern and were ninth at the 19 team Lady Tar Heel Invitational.

A computer science/math major, Smith competed at the AIAW national golf tournament last spring. At Alexander Galt High School, Smith competed in soccer, cross country, basketball, hockey, badminton and track and field. She is the daughter of Garth and Sylvia Smith of 12 Clough St. in Lennoxville.

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(JOHNSON IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO FINEST WOMEN'S FALL GOLF SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Cyndy Johnson of Alexandria was a key contributor to the women's golf teams finest fall season.

Johnson averaged 82.8 over 13 rounds of play and had her highest finish of third at the Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls) Invitational where she carded a 77-75-152.

Johnson improved during the season posting scores of 79-85-164 at the Indiana Invitational and 81-77-79-237 at the Lady Northern Intercollegiate (at Ohio State). She tied for 21st in a field of 55 golfers at the Iowa State Invitational with an 82-89-85-256 total.

First year Coach Anne Zahn, the five time Minnesota state women's amateur champion, credits Johnson as a long ball hitter. "Cyndy calls her driver the 'Big Chief' and she strikes the ball very well," says Zahn. "If she improves her consistency, she could be much more of a contributor."

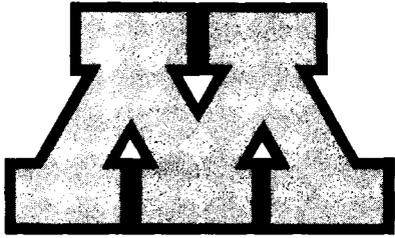
Johnson aided the Gophers in their best fall season. Minnesota won the Indiana, Iowa State and Northern Iowa Invitationals, placed second at Ohio State's Lady Northern Intercollegiate, and placed ninth at the 19 team Lady Tar Heel Invitational at North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

A recreation major, Johnson transferred to Minnesota this year from the University of Kansas where she lettered in golf ~~three~~ ^{two} years. Johnson says she wanted to be closer to home. At Jefferson Senior High, she lettered in basketball and swimming as well as in golf four years. She was medalist of the Central Lakes Conference and her team won the Minnesota State Golf Championship in 1977. +1978

Johnson is the daughter of Donovan C. and Marilyn Johnson of 2019 Fairway Lane in Alexandria.

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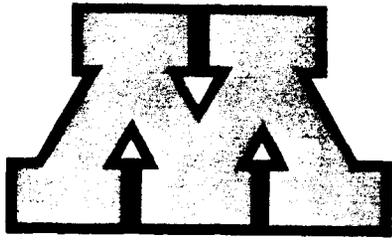
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Leigh Klasse of Westbrook, Minn., was a key contributor to the women's golf teams finest fall season. Klasse, playing at No. 3, averaged 81.2 over 13 rounds of golf as an important scorer for the team.

Klasse opened by carding an 78-84-162 at the Indiana Invitational and the following weekend scored an 82-76-77-235 at the Lady Northern Intercollegiate at Ohio State University. She placed twelfth in a field of 55 at the Iowa State Invitational with an 86-84-83-253, and carded her two day low of 79-80-159 at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

First year Coach Anne Zahn, the five time Minnesota women's state amateur champion, credited Klasse as an "important scorer". "Leigh is certainly capable of scoring well everytime she plays and of breaking 80."

The team depth in third and fourth scorers paid big dividends this fall as Minnesota won the Indiana, Iowa State and Northern Iowa Invitationals, placed second at Ohio State's Lady Northern Intercollegiate, and placed ninth at the 19 team Lady Tar Heel Invitational at North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

A physical education major, Klasse transferred to the 'U' from Southwest Minnesota State University in 1980. At Westbrook High School, she earned letters in volleyball, basketball and track. Klasse is the daughter of Roger and Sharon Klasse of Westbrook.



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(ROSEAU'S HARRIS MEDALIST AT TWO TOURNAMENTS, NO. 1 GOPHER GOLFER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Nancy Harris of Roseau, Minn., had her finest season this fall as the No. 1 golfer on the Gopher women's golf team. Harris averaged 75.8 over 13 rounds of golf, was medalist at two tournaments, and finished second at two other invitationals.

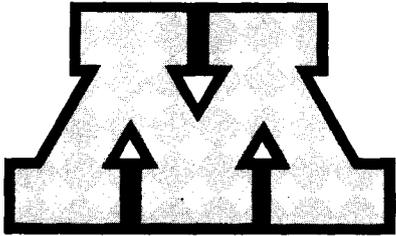
Harris opened the year by capturing medalist honors at the eleven team Indiana Invitational scoring 75-72-147 in the field of 57 golfers. The following weekend, Harris tied for first, but lost a play-off on the first hole to end up tied for second at the 22 team Lady Northern Intercollegiate at Ohio State University carding a 78-72-73-223 on the par 71 course. The Lady Northern field included all of the Big Ten teams, as well as other strong Midwestern schools and a field of 155 individual contenders.

On an unforgiving golf course at the Iowa State Invitational, Harris captured her second title with a 74-78-78-230 in the nine team field. The following weekend at Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls) Harris finished second with a 77-74-151. She ended the year at the 19 team Lady Tar Heel Invitational at North Carolina - Chapel Hill in twelfth place with 76-80-78-234.

First year Coach Anne Zahn, the five time Minnesota women's amateur champion, credited Harris with an outstanding fall. "Nancy is a very determined player and is capable of playing against any collegiate player in the country," says Zahn. "She is extremely consistent, doesn't hit the ball into trouble, and is very accurate from tee to green."

Harris was a big factor in the team's success this fall. Minnesota won the Indiana, Iowa State and Northern Iowa Invitationals, placed second at Ohio State's Lady Northern and were ninth at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational.

A physical therapy major, Harris competed at the AIAW National golf tournament last spring, and placed third in stroke play in the Minnesota state amateur last summer. At Roseau High School, she lettered in golf and tennis four years and basketball three years. She is the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Harris of 311 3rd Ave. NE in Roseau.



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(HARRIS WAS THIRD BEST FALL SEASON IN GOPHER HISTORY)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- University of Minnesota senior Nancy Harris of Roseau continued her reign this fall as the Gopher's number one women's golfer. She averaged 76.7 strokes over 19 rounds, and was medalist in the first three tournaments of the year. She finished among the top 11 individuals in three of the other four tournaments.

Her 76.7 average gives her the third best fall season in Gopher history. She also holds school records for best fall average (75.8, 1982), best spring average (77.3, 1983), and best total season average (76.6, 1982-83). Her three tournament victories give her a career total of nine--third on the all-time individual medalist list.

The Gopher's faced stiff competition early in the year with most of the Big Ten teams in their first tournament, the Lady Badger at Madison, Wisconsin. Minnesota finished second as Harris took individual medalist honors in a sudden death play-off with a 36 hole score of 74-75--149.

Harris continued her play the next weekend capturing a come-from-behind victory to lead Minnesota to a team victory at their own Invitational. It was her first medalist title in four years on the tough Les Bolstad University Golf Course in Minneapolis (79-78-76--233).

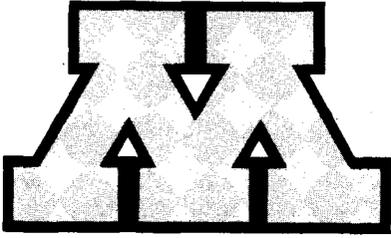
Her third victory came at the Lady Spartan in East Lansing, Michigan the following week. Harris' 71-76-76--223 gave her a two-stroke victory and paced the team to a second place finish in the 15 team field.

"Nancy had a very good fall, overall," says Coach Anne Zahn. "I'm looking forward to a good spring for her. She's a great competitor, and I know she'll be ready to play."

This past summer, Harris won the Minnesota State Amateur Stroke Play tournament, setting a new course record at Midland Hills the second day with a 71. She also qualified for the U.S. Amateur, advanced to the third round of the Broadmoor Invitational, and lost in the semi-finals of the Minnesota Women's Golf Association Match Play tournament. Last year, Harris was Minnesota's golf MVP and she qualified for the NCAA National Championships.

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Harris is a physical therapy major. Her father, Robert, played hockey at Minnesota, and her brothers Robert and John both played golf and hockey for the University. She is the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Harris of Roseau.



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(SPECIAL TO THE SHERBROOKE RECORD) •

(SMITH HOLDS DOWN NUMBER TWO SPOT AT MINNESOTA)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Jocelyn Smith of Lennoxville continued as a strong contributor to the University of Minnesota's women's golf team this past fall. She remains the team's number two player, averaging 80.3 strokes over 19 rounds for the fall.

Smith finished in the top ten in three of the seven tournaments, and was 12th in a fourth tournament. Her best finish came at home, as she placed fourth in the Minnesota Invitational, shooting an 80-79-78--237 on the tough Les Bolstad University Golf Course in Minneapolis.

Her other top ten finishes came at the Lady Spartan in East Lansing, Michigan (79-81-75--235; seventh), and at the Northern Iowa Invitational (83-81-77--241; sixth). Her best 54 hole score came at the Lady Northern Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa (73-79-77--229; twelfth place).

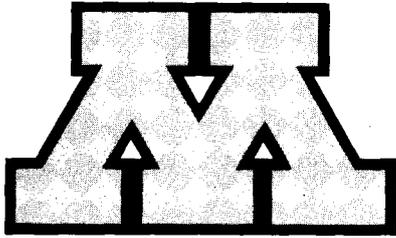
In seven tournaments this fall, Minnesota won their own invitational, finished second at both the Lady Badger in Madison, Wisconsin, and the Lady Spartan; and finished third at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

According to women's golf coach Anne Zahn, "Jocelyn has the capability of challenging for the number one spot. She should have a strong spring, and is a very smart player."

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Smith used those smarts to win the Quebec Amateur Golf Championship this past summer. She has the fifth best fall scoring average in Minnesota history, as well as the third best spring season, and third best total season.

In 1980, Smith was ranked the number one junior golfer in Canada. At Alexander Galt High School, she competed in soccer, basketball, hockey, badminton, cross country, and track and field. She is a computer science and math major, and her father, Garth, is athletic director at Bishops University in Lennoxville. She is the daughter of Garth and Sylvia Smith.



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(SPECIAL TO THE LEWISTON JOURNAL)

(HENNESSEY WINS SPOT ON MINNESOTA VARSITY SQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Freshman Julie Hennessey of Lewiston won a spot on the University of Minnesota women's golf team this fall, and earned the praise of coach Anne Zahn. Those are fine accomplishments for a first year performer.

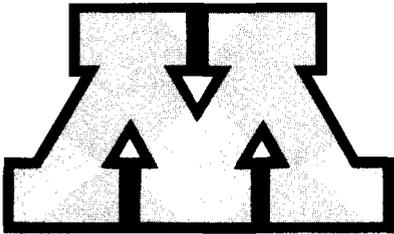
"Julie contributed to our team all season," says Coach Anne Zahn. "She was in the line-up for five of our seven meets, played well, and shows a lot of potential. She will help us tremendously in the future."

Hennessey played a consistent fourth in the six-woman line-up, and had the team's third-best scores in two of the last three meets. In fact, her best 54 hole tournament score came in the last meet of the fall season, at the Stanford Invitational (82-83-82--247). She posted an 83.8 average over 14 rounds this fall.

In seven tournaments this fall, Minnesota won their own invitational, finished second at the Lady Spartan and the Lady Badger, and took a third at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

Hennessey spent six years on the varsity golf team at Lewiston/Altun High School, and was named most valuable player all six years. In 1982, she won the state class "A" championship, and was runner-up in 1983. She qualified for the state tournament four times, and served as captain for the team three years.

Hennessey is the daughter of Thomas and Mitzie Hennessey of Lewiston.



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(SPECIAL TO THE DAKOTA COUNTY TRIBUNE)

(FORSBERG ONE OF TOP THREE GOPHER GOLFERS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- In her first collegiate golf season, freshman Dee Forsberg of Farmington has earned a spot in the varsity line-up on the Minnesota women's golf team, and has won the praise of Coach Anne Zahn.

"I was very pleased with her performance as a freshman," says Coach Zahn. "She contributed to the team in every meet, which is quite an accomplishment for a freshman. Her short game steadily improved during the fall, and she has a lot of potential."

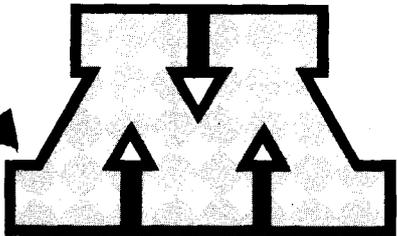
Forsberg alternated between the number two and three positions this fall -- another fine accomplishment for this first year competitor. Over 19 rounds of golf, she averaged 80.5 strokes. She finished eighth at the Minnesota Invitational with an 82-79-83 on the tough Les Bolstad University Golf Course in Minneapolis. The next week, she finished eleventh at the Lady Spartan at Michigan State with a 75-78-85--238. The best round of the year for Forsberg came in the Gophers' last fall meet at the Stanford Invitational, where she shot a 79-80-78--237.

In seven tournaments this fall, Minnesota won their own invitational, finished second at the Lady Spartan and Lady Badger, and took a third at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

This past summer was one of accomplishment for Forsberg, as well, as she won the state MWGA Junior Girls' Golf Tournament, and was medalist at the MGA Junior Girls' Tournament. She also won a tournament sponsored by the St. Paul Jaycees, and finished fifth in the Minnesota State Public Golf Association tournament.

A six-year member of the Farmington High School varsity golf team, Forsberg finished fourth in the state high school meet last spring, was voted the team's Most Valuable Player three times, and was team co-captain two years.

Forsberg is majoring in psychology, and is the daughter of Barbara and Richard Forsberg. Her father coaches three sports at Rosemount High School.



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(SPECIAL TO THE LeSUEUR NEWS HERALD)

(FRESHMAN ROSS WINS STARTING SPOT WITH GOPHER GOLFERS)

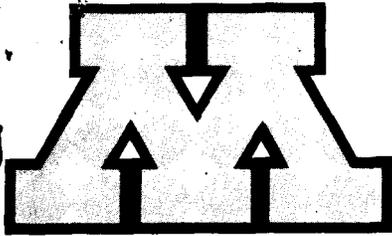
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Dana Ross of LeSueur won a spot on the University of Minnesota's varsity women's golf squad this fall, and earned the praise of Coach Anne Zahn. Both are fine accomplishments for a freshman and first year competitor.

"Dana worked her way into the line-up, and played in the last five tournaments," says Coach Zahn. "I'm definitely pleased with the way she performed this fall."

Ross averaged 85.4 strokes over 14 rounds of golf. Her best 54 hole tournament score came in Iowa City, at the Lady Northern Invitational, where she posted an 82-81-82--245.

In seven tournaments, the Gophers won their own invitational; placed second at the Lady Spartan in East Lansing, Michigan, and at the Lady Badger in Madison, Wisconsin. The team took a third at the Northern Iowa Invitational.

Ross competed for six years on the LeSueur High School golf team. During her last two seasons, the team won the state class "A" championship. She is the daughter of Sharon and Dennis Ross of LeSueur.



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(SKALICKY RAISES 'U' GOLF HOPES FOR BIG TEN TITLE)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- When does a knee injury turn out for the best?

Obviously, it's not anything you would wish on anyone, but Kelly Skalicky's knee injury at Christmas time in 1981 may have been one of the most fortunate of unfortunate events for the University of Minnesota women's golf team.

Skalicky was playing golf and basketball for Louisiana State University at the time. In fact, she had tied for tenth at the NCAA National Championships in golf and was the starting point guard for the LSU basketball team. It was during that basketball season, her first as a college player, that she injured her knee, which ended her career in that sport.

Golf, however, was a different story and Skalicky returned to the LSU team her sophomore year, playing in three tournaments and averaging 75.9. But Minnesota was a strong draw, close to home and family. Some recruiting by Minnesota golf coach Anne Zahn didn't hurt. Since she couldn't continue to play two sports - one of the big reasons she chose LSU in the first place - Skalicky decided to transfer to Minnesota.

After sitting out the fall season this year at Minnesota, Skalicky has returned to the course. She placed sixth in the Gophers' first tournament of the season, ten shots off the pace and one shot behind Minnesota's leader, Nancy Harris.

In the third tournament of the spring she placed third, only two shots back from the leader, and was the top Gopher finisher. According to Coach Zahn, Skalicky and the Minnesota team haven't reached their season peaks.

"We still haven't shot our potential, although I am very pleased with the week-to-week improvement," Zahn commented. "Kelly is really coming around and did particularly well in our last tournament, when she was only two shots back from the leader."

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If last weekend was any indication, Skalicky and Minnesota will peak just in time for the Big Ten Championships April 27, 28, 29 at the University of Iowa. She placed third at the Penn State Invitational with a 76-76-75-227 total, the best 54-hole round of the spring for the Gophers. Last year, Minnesota was fourth at the Big Tens and Coach Zahn is hoping for a finish in the top two teams. Skalicky, at No. 2, has a 77.8 stroke average over nine rounds. Only one tournament, the Lady Buckeye Invitational at Ohio State in which six of the Big Ten schools will compete, remains (April 20, 21, 22) before the Big Ten tournament. Following that, Skalicky will hope to qualify for the NCAA Nationals May 23-26

Skalicky's high school performances read like a fairy tale. She was an All-American in both golf and basketball her senior year (1981) at Albany High School and was named the Minnesota Miss Basketball that year.

All told, Skalicky played varsity golf and basketball six years. She was named All-Conference in both sports five times and All-State in both sports four times. In 1978, between her freshman and sophomore years, she was invited to the U.S. Olympic basketball tryouts and was a member of the Midwest U.S. Sports Festival team. She also found time that year to win the Minnesota Junior Girls' golf championship.

Skalicky led Albany to the state championship in basketball in 1980 and to the state golf championship in 1979 and 1980. In 1981, she was the individual state golf champ.

Between golf and basketball, she did manage to attend class and finished eleventh in her class with a 3.90 high school grade point average. At Louisiana State, she earned close to a 4.00 her freshman year and at Minnesota her grades hover at around 3.65.

A history/education major, Skalicky is the daughter of Norman and Mae Skalicky of Avon, Minnesota.

KELLY SKALICKY

Junior - Avon, Minnesota

Albany High School (1981 graduate)

11th in class with 3.90 GPA

3.65 GPA at Minnesota

History/Education major

Louisiana State University

Freshman Year (1981-1982)

--played #1 on golf team

--second place in Memphis Invitational - course record 69

--LSU NCAA National Championships - tied for 10th

Sophomore Year (1982-1983)

--played nine rounds, three tournaments - 75.9 average

--Bests: 18 holes 73; 36 holes 150; 54 holes 226

Freshman Year (Basketball)

--started at point guard until knee injury at Christmas. Never came back

--originally went to LSU with assurances would play both sports

University of Minnesota

Spring of 1984 - her first golf season with Gophers

--third at Lady Lion Invitational with 76-76-75--227...two shots off pace

--top Gopher finisher at Lady Lion

--Raybourn Classic - sixth with 79-77-81--237 in first tourney of year...

10 shots off pace, one shot back of top Gopher finisher Nancy Harris.

--Penn State - third with 76-76-75--227; best 54 total of spring

Summer of 1983 - U.S. Public Quarter-finalist

High School (Albany High School)

--played varsity golf and basketball six years

--All-Conference in both basketball and golf for five years (1976-1981)

--All-State in both golf and basketball for four years (1977-1981)

--Minnesota Miss Basketball 1981

--golf state champs in 1979-1980. Individual state golf champ 1981 and runner-up both 1979 and 1980.

--basketball state champs in 1980 and runners-up in 1978

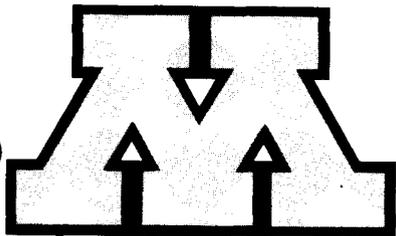
--All-American in both golf and basketball in 1981

--1978 - invited to USA Olympic Basketball tryouts. Member of Midwest U.S. Sports Festival team

--Golf - Minnesota Jr. Girls champ in 1978. U.S. Jr. Girls quarter-finalist in 1979. All-American High School champ in 1981.

Daughter of Norman and Mae Skalicky of Avon, Minnesota

Current Average 4/18/84 - 700 strokes, grounds, 77.8 average;
golfing No. 2 - capable of being best scorer



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(SKALICKY FINISHES AT NUMBER TWO FOR GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Kelly Skalicky turned in a fine performance in her first season on the Gopher women's golf team. The Albany native averaged 79.1 strokes over 14 rounds - second best on the team.

Skalicky's spring season average is also fifth best in Minnesota history. She finished 15th among 54 competitors at the Big Ten Golf Championships this spring with an 81-85-79--245.

Her best outing was a 76-76-75--227 at the Lady Lion Invitational at Penn State--the Gophers' third tournament of the spring. Skalicky finished third individually at the Lady Lion - best among the six Minnesotans and only two shots behind the medalist - leading the Gophers to a second place finish in the eleven team field.

Skalicky finished sixth in her first tournament as a Gopher, shooting a 237 at the Raybourn Classic in Texas, 10 shots off the pace and one shot behind Minnesota's leader Nancy Harris.

Minnesota had its best finish in the Big Ten this year, placing second behind a powerful Ohio State team. The Gophers' 953 team score over 54 holes was 31 strokes behind the Buckeyes and 14 shots ahead of third place Indiana. The team has steadily improved in two years under Coach Anne Zahn. Minnesota was fourth in the Big Ten last year and seventh the year before.

Skalicky was an All-American in both golf and basketball her senior year (1981) at Albany High School and was Minnesota Miss Basketball that year. She began her collegiate sports career at Louisiana State University, where she played golf and basketball as a freshman.

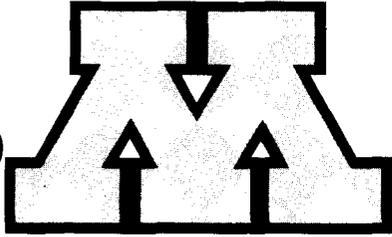
She started at point guard on the LSU basketball team and tied for tenth at the NCAA National Golf Championships. A severe knee injury ended her basketball career in the middle of that freshman season. She returned to the LSU golf team

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her sophomore year, playing in three tournaments and averaging 75.9 strokes. But, since she couldn't continue to play two sports - one of the big reasons she chose LSU - she decided to transfer to Minnesota.

She sat out a year - last spring and this past fall - and was first eligible to compete at Minnesota this spring. Skalicky is not sure if she will continue to play next year, saying she may opt to spend more time on her studies. She finished eleventh in her class in high school, earned close to a 4.0 her freshman year at LSU, and has around a 3.65 at Minnesota as a history/education major.

She is the daughter of Norman and Mae Skalicky of Avon, Minnesota.



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(HENNESSY HELPS GOPHERS TO BIG TEN SECOND)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman Julie Hennessy of Lewiston continued her strong performance as a member of the University of Minnesota women's golf team this spring, helping the Gophers to a second place finish at the Big Ten Championships -- their best ever.

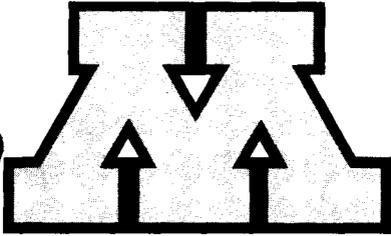
Hennessy finished 24th in her first appearance at the conference championships, among 54 competitors. But, it's when a team's No. 4 and No. 5 players finish 15th and 24th that a team can make a run for the championship.

Over 14 rounds this spring, Hennessy averaged 83.1 strokes. Her average during the fall season was 83.8 over the same number of rounds. Her best finish was a 10th place at the Lady Lion Invitational at Penn State with a 54 hole total of 240. She shot a 36 hole total of 163 at the Lady Budkeye Invitational at Ohio State, finishing 20th in a 90 golfer field.

Minnesota's 953 team score at the Big Ten championships was 32 strokes behind the powerful conference champions, Ohio State, and 14 shots in front of third place Indiana. The team has steadily improved in their two years under Coach Anne Zahn. Two years ago, the Gophers were seventh in the Big Ten and last year they were fourth.

Hennessy spent six years on the varsity golf team at Lewiston/Alturn High School and was named most valuable player all six years. In 1982 she won the state class "A" championship and was runner-up in 1983. She qualified for the state tournament four times and was team captain at LAHS for three years.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Mitzie Hennessy of Lewiston.



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(FORSBERG 11th AT BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- After earning a spot on the Minnesota varsity women's golf team last fall, freshman Dee Forsberg of Farmington continued to turn in strong performances during the spring season. She finished 11th individually at the Big Ten Conference Championships among 54 competitors.

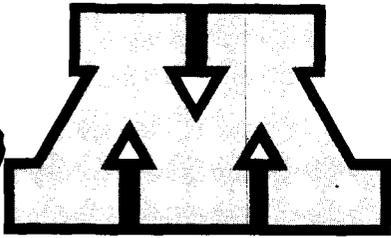
Forsberg posted an 83.0 average over 14 rounds this spring. Her fall and spring combined average is 81.6 strokes over 33 rounds. Her 242 54 hole total at the Big Championships was also her best round of the spring. Her best round of the year was a 237 in the last tourney of the fall season at Stanford.

Minnesota had its best finish ever at the Big Ten Championships this year, placing second with a team 54 hole total of 953, 31 strokes behind champion Ohio State and 14 shots ahead of third place Indiana. The Gophers have steadily improved in their two years under coach Anne Zahn. The team was seventh in the Big Ten two years ago and fourth last year.

Last summer, Forsberg won the state MWGA Junior Girls' Golf Tournament and was medalist at the MGA Junior Girls' Tournament. She was also fifth in the Minnesota State Public Golf Association tourney.

A six-year member of the Farmington High School varsity golf team, Forsberg finished fourth in the state high school meet last spring, was voted the team's Most Valuable Player three times, and was team co-captain two years.

Forsberg is majoring in psychology and is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Forsberg. Her father coaches three sports at Rosemount High School.



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(SMITH FIFTH IN BIG TEN)

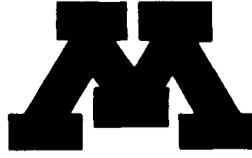
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Jocelyn Smith of Lennoxville posted the best finish of her career at this year's Big Ten Conference Golf Championships, placing fifth among 54 tough competitors, 13 shots off the pace and only five strokes out of second place. Last year Smith was eighth in the conference.

This spring, Smith averaged 80.2 strokes over 14 rounds - the seventh best spring average in Minnesota history. Her average for both the fall and spring seasons was 80.3 over 33 rounds.

With Smith's fifth place finish in the Big Ten, the Gophers were able to finish second as a team - their best ever in the conference. Minnesota's 953 team score over 54 holes was 31 strokes behind the powerful Ohio State team and 14 shots ahead of third place Indiana. The team has steadily improved under Coach Anne Zahn. Minnesota finished seventh in the Big Ten two years ago and fourth last year.

Smith's best 54 hole total for the spring was 74-79-77--230 at the Lady Lion Invitational at Penn State, where she placed fourth individually, five shots behind the winner. With her steady play at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions, the Gophers finished no lower than sixth in five tournaments this spring, squaring off against as many as 19 teams in a tourney.

Last summer, Smith came home to win the Quebec Amateur Golf Championship. In 1980 she was ranked the number one junior golfer in Canada. At Alexander Galt High School, she competed in soccer, basketball, hockey, badminton, cross country, and track & field - as well as golf. She is a computer science and math major at Minnesota. Her father, Garth, is ^{assistant} athletic director at Bishops University in Lennoxville.



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(SPECIAL TO THE SHERBROOKE RECORD/TRIBUNE)

December 18, 1984

SMITH ONE OF GOPHERS' TOP GOLFERS

Minneapolis, Minn. -- With the graduation of all-Big Ten golfer Nancy Harris, the University of Minnesota golf team left Jocelyn Smith of Lennoxville, Quebec, with some big shoes to fill. As the only senior on this year's squad, Smith has been asked to provide leadership and consistency for the Gophers. And that's exactly what she did during Minnesota's recently completed fall season.

Smith was second on the team in stroke average with 79.8 over 15 rounds, the 10th best fall average in Gopher history and an improvement from her 80.3 season average as a junior. The 1978 Alexander Galt High School graduate placed in the top three in two of the Gophers' meets this fall, including a third-place finish at the Lady Badger Invitational (81-75--156) in Madison, Wis., and third at the Gopher Classic in Minneapolis.

"Jocelyn is a really good leader for our young people," said Minnesota golf coach Anne Zahn. "She shot two 79's on our course (at the Gopher Classic), which is extremely hard to score on.

"Jocelyn's strength is in her ability to think her way around a golf course," Zahn added. "I've seen her come out of more bad situations, like saving a double bogey where other players may get a triple bogey or worse."

Last summer, Smith placed second at the Quebec Invitational after winning that tournament in 1983. She won the Quebec Foursomes and four other invitationals and came in second at the Quebec Team Trials. Smith was Minnesota's MVP as a sophomore and was ranked the number one junior golfer in Canada in 1980. She competed in six sports at Alexander Galt High: Soccer, basketball, hockey, badminton, cross country and track.

Smith and the rest of the Gophers will kick off their spring golf season at the South Carolina Invitational March 29. She is the daughter of Garth of Sylvia Smith of 12 Clough St., Lennoxville, Que.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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December 18, 1984

HENNESSY TOP GOPHER GOLFER IN FALL SEASON

Minneapolis, Minn — Sophomore Julie Hennessy of Lewiston emerged as Minnesota's top golfer during the recently completed fall season, leading the team with a stroke average of 78.3 over 12 rounds, the sixth best fall average in Gopher history. The 1983 Lewiston-Altura High School graduate was the top Minnesota finisher in four of the team's six matches and the medalist at the Lady Badger Invitational (76-76-152) in Madison, Wisc.

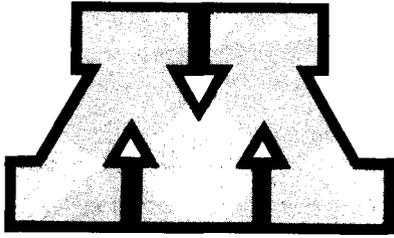
"The difference between Julie as a sophomore and Julie as a freshman is noticeable," said Minnesota golf coach Anne Zahn. "Julie has always been a long hitter, but her shot making is much more consistent this year. Now she doesn't let a few bad shots hurt her overall game."

Besides her victory at the Lady Badger, Hennessy placed second at the Hawkeye Invitational (77-73-79-229) and ninth at the Gopher Classic (83-79-162), helping the Gophers to a team victory. Zahn hopes that Hennessy will continue to improve when Minnesota starts its spring season March 29 at the 1985 South Carolina Invitational.

As a freshman, Hennessy compiled a 83.4 stroke average for both the fall and spring seasons, and finished 23rd at the Big Ten Championships in May. Over the summer, she won the Lewiston Invitational and the Rochester Women's Classic and placed fourth at the MGA state medal play championships.

Hennessy lettered six times in golf at Lewiston-Altura High (7th-12th grade) and twice in volleyball. She was the 1982 Minnesota Class A Golf Champion and the runner-up as a senior in 1983, as well as a four-time District III champ. Hennessy was the regional champ twice and qualified for the state meet four times and the regional meet six times. She was also an all-conference pick in volleyball twice.

Julie is the daughter of Thomas and Mitzie Hennessy of Lewiston.



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April 19, 1983

(KOT FIGHTS INJURIES, COMPLETES FINE SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Despite an assortment of injuries, freshman Julie Kot (BURNSVILLE) turned in a fine season for the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team. Recurring knee problems kept Kot from performing in the all-around for all but the first and last meets of the season, and a painful wrist injury limited her effectiveness in post-season competition. Still, Kot was Minnesota's number two vaulter and uneven parallel bars worker in 1983, and she was certainly the most determined competitor on a team that had its finest year ever in '83.

Minnesota compiled an unblemished 7-0 dual meet record and finished 9-3 overall during the regular season. The Gophers were second at the Big Ten Championships in March, their best place ever, and were also second at the NCAA Region 5 Gymnastics Championships. They defeated four nationally ranked teams during the season and entered the top twenty in January. They were rated as high as seventh in the national standings and finished the regular season with the tenth highest team total in the nation (180.30).

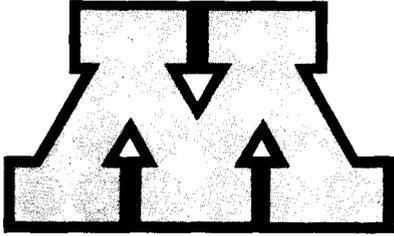
Coach Katalin Deli said Kot was "national championship caliber" on the uneven parallel bars before the season even started, and her pupil did nothing to dispel those thoughts in '83. Her 9.55 bars performance at San Jose State in February shattered the Minnesota school record of 9.45. Her reign lasted less than five minutes, however, as All-American teammate Robin Huebner reset the standard with a phenomenal 9.65. No matter. Kot's 8.97 season bars average was second best on the squad. Also a superb vaulter, Kot had only one score below 9.00 in that event all season. She matched her season best of 9.20 three times and her season vaulting average of (9.08) was second best on the team.

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"Julie is really something else," Deli said. "I really admire her courage for putting up with all the injuries. She's extremely dedicated to the team. She does all the things she's supposed to do and you can always count on her being there to give 100 percent."

Examples of "one-hundred percent" came in Minnesota's first and last meets of the year. In the season opener against Missouri, Kot aggravated her old knee injury during her floor exercise routine. Limping in pain she stubbornly completed the routine, then was helped from the mat by her teammates. She salvaged a 7.60 score and it proved the meet as the Gophers topped Mizzou 170.25 - 169.05. Then, with teammate Wendy Dorsey out with a shoulder injury, Minnesota had only four healthy floor exercise performers (five scores are counted) for the NCAA Regional Championships. So Kot returned to floor competition after nearly four months, and turned in a strong, if not gutty, 8.80 routine. The Gophers finished second at the regional meet; a no score or poor score in the floor exercise would have spelled disaster for Minnesota in the team standings.

A year ago, Kot was a member of Burnsville High School's state AA gymnastics team and a diver on Burnsville's state champion swimming team. A former member of the TAGS gymnastics club, Kot was a four-year competitor on the national level. She is currently a physical therapy major at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of Margarit and Raymond Kot of 11712 Galtier Drive of Burnsville, Minn.



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(SPECIAL TO THE EDINA SUN)
(AN OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR DORSEY)

April 19, 1983

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman Wendy Dorsey (EDINA) became only the second women gymnast ever to record an all-around score of 36.00 or better at the University of Minnesota in 1983. Dorsey had three performances above the 36.00 plateau, bettered only by All-American teammate Robin Huebner, who eclipsed 36.00 four times in 1982 and a school record eight times this year. Huebner and Dorsey combined to lead Minnesota to its finest season ever in 1983.

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Dorsey's best all-around effort (36.30) gave her a third place finish at the Big Ten Championships in Iowa City, just one-tenth of a point behind Huebner and only .45 of a point behind Ohio State's Tracy Rinker, the conference champion. Dorsey was also second in the vault (18.45) and balance beam (18.25) at the Big Ten meet. She was Minnesota's most consistent vaulter throughout the season, compiling a 9.14 average and a season best of 9.30. Also a fine floor and beam worker, Dorsey's averages of 8.98 and 8.88 were second and third on the team, respectively.

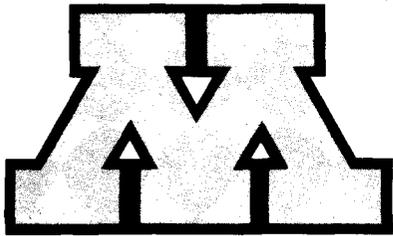
A shoulder sprain sustained during practice ended Dorsey's season prematurely after the Big Ten Championships. The injury kept her from competing at the Region 5 meet and without their number two all-arounder, the Gophers could not overtake Nebraska who they had defeated earlier in the season with Dorsey in the lineup. Only regional champions earn automatic bids to the NCAA National Championship and Minnesota did not receive an at large berth.

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"Wendy had a very good season for us," Coach Katalin Deli said. "She is a strong all-arounder with an awful lot of potential. She is going to be a big part of our team next year and it will be great to have her back."

Dorsey was a six-year member of Edina's KEGA Gymnastics Club before becoming a Gopher. Under the tutelage of Bob and Joan Rice, Dorsey finished ninth all-around at Elite Nationals a year ago. She was also fourth at the seven team regional meet and second all-around at the Minnesota state meet. "Wendy's strong club background certainly made it easier for her to step in and do well at the collegiate level," Deli said.

Dorsey is majoring in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of Ardis and William Dorsey of 6622 Parkwood Road in Edina, Minn.



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(SPECIAL TO THE EDINA SUN)
(INJURIES SLOW KLEIN IN JUNIOR SEASON)

April 19, 1983

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Slowed by a variety of injuries throughout the '83 season, junior Judi Klein (EDINA) did not attain her All-American form of a year ago. Still, Klein competed all season in the floor exercise and finished fifth in the uneven parallel bars at the Big Ten Championships. Her participation in those events was essential as the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team turned in its finest season ever.

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Klein's injury problems began when she strained her back before the Utah State meet on Jan. 24, then bruised it in a fall during balance beam competition that same evening. She continued to perform all-around, but three weeks later sustained a severe strain in her foot in a meet at California-Berkeley. That injury kept Klein off the balance beam and out of the vault, her strongest event, until the last meet of the season.

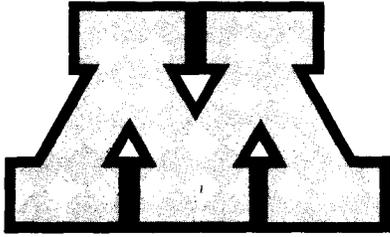
Nevertheless, Klein performed well in the uneven bars, with six scores of 9.00 or better during the year. Her best effort (9.40) came in Minnesota's top team output of the season (180.30 vs. Iowa State), and her 18.00 composite bars score put her fifth at the Big Ten Championships. With five individual scores counting to the team total in all events, Klein's competition in the floor exercise was needed, because the Gophers had only four others in that event. Again, her best score of the year (8.90) came in the record-setting meet against Iowa State.

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"Judi had her ups and downs this year," Coach Katalin Deli said. "She just had too many injuries to be able to put it all together. But she will be back next year. She's a very talented athlete, and I think she has great potential to be an outstanding gymnast."

A year ago, Klein was an AIAW All-American in the vault, finishing fourth at the National Championships. She was also the Big Ten champion on the uneven parallel bars and finished eighth all-around at the conference meet. She was runner-up in the vault and uneven bars, third all-around at the conference meet. She was runner-up in the vault and uneven bars, third all-around, and fourth on the balance beam at the AIAW Region Championships in '82. In 1980, she was captain of Edina East's State high school gymnastics championship team. She was second in the bars and third in the vault at the state meet that year.

Klein is currently a child development major at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of George and Martha Klein of 6832 Gleason Road in Edina, Minn.



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(SPECIAL TO THE SHAKOPEE VALLEY NEWS)

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(PLOOF CONCLUDES FINE CAREER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- A fine four year career came to a conclusion this spring for senior All-American Karie Ploof (SHAKOPEE). Along with teammate Robin Huebner, Ploof formed the nucleus of University of Minnesota women's gymnastics teams' that emerged as national contenders during their sophomore seasons. In 1983, Ploof was one of only two Gophers to compete all-around in every meet of the year, and she shattered her own school record in the balance beam at the Big Ten Championships. Ploof's excellent beam routines and consistent all-around scores played a big part in Minnesota's finest season ever.

The Gophers compiled an unblemished 7-0 dual meet record and finished 9-3 overall during the regular season. Minnesota was second at the Big Ten Championships. The Gophers defeated four nationally ranked teams during the season and entered the top twenty in January. They were rated as high as seventh in the national standings and finished the regular season with the tenth highest team total in the nation (180.30).

Ploof, along with Huebner and junior Judi Klein, were Minnesota's first ever All-Americans in 1982. Always considered a superb balance beam performer, Ploof was second in that event at AIAW Nationals in '82. Ploof was the Big Ten's balance beam champion in 1982, and came within two-tenths of a point of repeating this season. She reset her school record on the beam with a 9.5 routine at Big Ten's in '83.

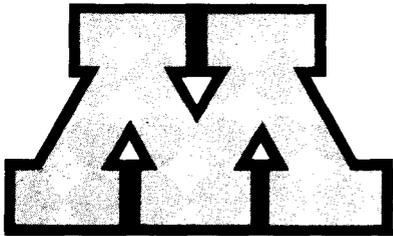
Often overlooked, however, were her all-around talents. She was also an All-American all-arounder, finishing tenth at the '82 Nationals, twice she was a top ten all-arounder at the Big Ten Championships (5th in '82, 7th in '83), and she finished second all-around at the AIAW Regional Championships in 1982.

"Karie has done a lot for us," Coach Katalin Deli said. "She had a really good four years here, and she did a lot for gymnastics at Minnesota. She was a big part of our team for all these years, and we will really miss her next year."

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Ploof was the 1976 USGF Minnesota Intermediate state champion in the all-around, balance beam, and uneven bars while performing for the SAGA Gymnastics club. In 1978, as a member of Gleason's Gymnastics club, Ploof repeated her state championships in the balance beam and uneven bars, and finished fifth in the all-around. And, at USGF Elite Nationals in '78, she captured second in the vault and tenth in the all-around.

Ploof is pursuing a degree in exercise physiology at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of John and Janice Ploof of 319 E. Shakopee in Shakopee, Minn.



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(SPECIAL TO THE HASTINGS STAR-GAZETTE)
(MORLAND CONSISTENT IN FRESHMAN SEASON)

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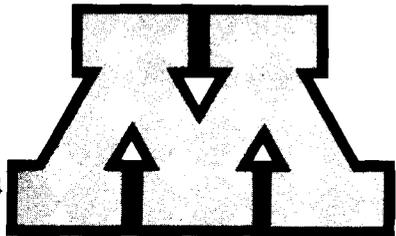
Minneapolis, Minn.--Consistency was the name of the game for University of Minnesota women's gymnastics freshman Lianne Morland. Morland (HASTINGS) was one of only two Gopher's to compete all-around in every meet of the year as Minnesota turned in its finest season ever.

The Gophers compiled an unblemished 7-0 dual meet record and finished 9-3 overall during the regular season. Minnesota was second at the Big Ten Championships in March, its best place ever, and was also second at the NCAA Region 5 Gymnastics Championships. The Gophers defeated four nationally ranked teams during the season and entered the top twenty in January. They were rated as high as seventh in the national standings and finished the regular season with the tenth highest team total in the nation (180.30).

Morland's strongest event throughout the season was the vault, where her average of 8.85 was fourth best on the team. She tied for seventh in that event at the Big Ten Championships with a composite score of 17.95. Also a strong floor worker, Morland's 8.85 was third best on the squad. Her best score on the floor was a 9.15 and came against then 12th-rated Utah State at Williams Arena. Morland, along with teammates Julie Kot and Wendy Dorsey, formed a trio of outstanding freshmen talent that will be the backbone of Gopher teams to come.

"Lianne has the potential to be an outstanding collegiate gymnast," Coach Katalin Deli said. "She is a very hard worker and an excellent performer in practice. With a year of competition behind her, she will be back stronger next season. As for this year, we couldn't have done what we did without her."

Morland is a former Olympic Gymnastic Academy performer and competed in USGF Class I state and regional meets in her years there. Just one year ago as a senior at Hastings High School, she finished second in all-around competition at the Minnesota state meet. She is an accounting major at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of Lily and Edward Morland of 2201 Pine Street in Hastings, Minn.



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SCHOTT ADDS TALENT, DEPTH TO GOPHER SUCCESS)

Minneapolis, Minn -- Senior Linda Schott (EDEN PRAIRIE) came on strong late in the season to give the Gophers a big boost in post-season competition. Her performances were essential as Minnesota turned in its finest season ever.

The Gophers compiled an unblemished 7-0 dual meet record and finished 9-3 overall during the regular season. Minnesota was second at the Big Ten Championships in March, its best place ever, and was also second at the NCAA Central Regional Championships. The Gophers defeated four nationally ranked teams during the season and entered the top twenty in January. They were rated as high as seventh in the national standings and finished the regular season with the tenth highest team total in the country (180.30).

Schott recorded her best vault score of the season at the Big Ten Championships (8.80) and her best balance beam (8.35) at the Central Regional. She added much-needed depth to a Gopher team that lacked personnel in numbers from the start of the season, and was stung by injuries throughout the year. Schott vaulted in the opening meet of the season when All-American Robin Huebner was hurt, and stepped into the vaulting lineup for good at mid-season when All-American Judi Klein severely sprained an ankle. In all, six of her seven vault scores counted toward the team total, and her balance beam performances at the conference and regional meets figured in the team score.

"Linda really helped out team a lot," Coach Katalin Deli said. "When we needed her scores, she was there to get them for us. She improved a lot from just last season and it continued during the year. You can see it in her scores at Big Tens and Regionals."

Schott was the Suburban West Conference all-around champion in 1978 while at Eden Prairie High School and was an all-conference selection in both '78 and 1979. She was the team's Most Valuable Player in 1979 and led Eden Prairie to fourth place in the state meet that year. She began her collegiate gymnastics career at Arizona State University (this year's national runner-up) in 1979 before transferring back to Minnesota for the '81-82 season. That year she finished third in the vault at the AIAW Region 6 Championships.

Schott is currently a business major at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of Margit Schott of Eden Prairie.

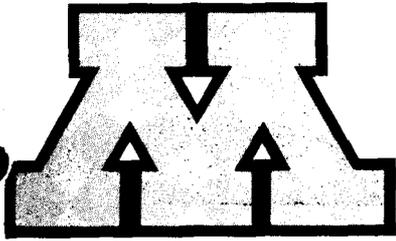
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Ploof is pursuing a degree in exercise physiology at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of Mrs. Janice (Lund) Ploof formerly of Franklin and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peterson and the late Philip Lund.

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(KAISER ONE OF U'S TOP GYMNASTS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Laurie Kaiser has had some nagging, minor injuries during the early going in the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics season. A look at the scores, however, shows that last year's top high school gymnast in the country has picked up where she left off.

The Minnesota freshman and All-American at Armstrong High School last year, has placed in the top five in all-around in each of the Gophers' four meets this year. Kaiser feels that she's just starting to come around.

"I think I'm making progress slowly but surely," Kaiser explains. "I've had a problem with my lower back and a stress reaction in my leg, but I can still compete."

Kaiser has already won a place in the Gopher record book, tying the school record for the vault (9.40). She also has earned one of the top ten scores in Minnesota history in two other events. Women's gymnastics coach Katalin Deli says she is pleased with Kaiser's performance so far this year, but that she has plenty of potential.

"I'm delighted with the way Laurie works out. She works hard, even though she has had a couple of minor injuries that have prevented her from training at 100%.

"Laurie has some technical problems and her routines need some cleaning up, but she has also learned some new skills -- a new and more difficult mount on the balance beam for example. With her skill and ability, she could very well score a 37.00 all-around or better by the end of the year."

Minnesota is off to a good start this year with a 3-3 record. That record doesn't tell the whole story as every opponent has been rated in the top 20 at some point this year. The latest competition came January 13-14 against #10 Georgia, former #20 Oklahoma State, and a powerhouse team in #5 Florida. Florida scored the highest team score in the country when they met the Gophers.

Still, Kaiser enjoyed competing at Florida, and led the Gophers all-around placing fourth in the meet ("all-around" is the gymnastics term for "overall" -- it is computed by adding the gymnasts scores for each of the four events).

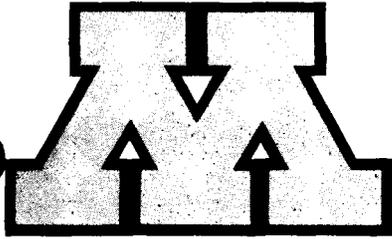
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"They had over 6,000 spectators there," she exclaims. "It's a lot easier to get psyched up when there's a crowd."

As a senior at Robbinsdale-Armstrong last year, Kaiser won All-American status in every event: the all-around, vault, floor exercise, uneven bars, and balance beam. Her averages came close to, or exceeded, 9.50 in each event. She placed first in the state in the all-around, vault, and floor exercise; and second in the uneven bars and balance beam.

In regional competition, Kaiser was first in every event, except the uneven bars where she placed second.

The Minnesota women's gymnastics team will compete at home against Big Ten rival Michigan State on Friday, January 27. The meet begins at 8:00 p.m. at Williams Arena.



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January 19, 1984

(EDINA'S DORSEY TOP ALL-AROUNDER FOR 'U' GYMNASTICS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- If the early season results are any indication, this will be another fine year for Wendy Dorsey, a sophomore on the women's gymnastics team at the University of Minnesota. In just her second meet of the year, the Edina native turned in the third best "all-around" score in the country ("all-around" is the gymnastics term for "overall" -- it is computed by adding a gymnast's scores for each of the four events).

That outstanding performance came December 8, against Stanford University, which was rated #20 in the country at the time. During that meet, she tied the second highest score in Minnesota history for the floor exercise which was also a Williams Arena record. Dorsey has led the Gophers "all-around" in all but one of the four meets so far this year.

Minnesota is off to a good start this year with a 3-3 record. That record doesn't tell the whole story, as every opponent has been rated in the top 20 at some point this year. The latest competition came January 13-14 when they faced #10 Georgia, former #20 Oklahoma State, and a powerhouse team in #5 Florida.

Florida scored the highest team score in the country when they met the Gophers. Minnesota beat Oklahoma State and lost to Georgia by less than 4 points.

Last March, Dorsey was ready to put the finishing touches on one of the finest freshman seasons in Minnesota history. Then came a shoulder sprain just before the NCAA regional competition.

"It was difficult for all of us to handle -- the whole team," explains women's gymnastics coach Katalin Deli. "Wendy had just finished third all-around in the Big Ten, then she injured her shoulder and couldn't go to the regionals." Deli believes Dorsey would have qualified for the NCAA national competition.

The shoulder healed over the summer as Dorsey stayed away from gymnastics training and competition, and concentrated on conditioning. As a result, she has started the 1984 season in excellent physical condition.

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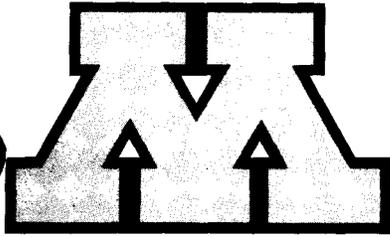
"Wendy was in top form right away," says Coach Deli. "The conditioning combined with her discipline and good work habits, gave her a head start this season."

Last year's season reads like a dream come true for the former Edina High School stand-out. As a freshman, she was the only gymnast in the Big Ten to place in the top six in four events at the Big Ten Championships. She finished third all-around, with second place finishes in the vault and balance beam, and a sixth on the uneven bars. Dorsey also set a Williams Arena record for the vault last year, tying the third best vault score in school history.

During her senior year of high school, Dorsey finished second all-around at the Minnesota state meet, then placed seventh all-around at the regional meet and ninth all-around at the national competition.

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(BLOOMINGTON'S BROWN TALENTED GYMNAST AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- "Steady progress" best describes the early going in Shelly Brown's first collegiate gymnastics season. University of Minnesota women's gymnastics coach Katalin Deli calls Brown, a freshman on the squad, "strong and talented."

"She has a lot of potential, and I look for her to grow and improve," commented Coach Deli. "While her technique needs some cleaning up (not uncommon for a freshman), she has already learned some new skills, such as a new and more difficult mount on the balance beam."

Brown did not do as well as she had hoped during the Gophers' first two meets. She did place fourth all-around (the gymnastics term for "overall" -- computed by adding the competitor's scores in each of the four events) in the second meet of the season against Stanford. Deli says Brown had some problems but is starting to come around.

"She was upset with herself before the first two meets," the coach explains. "But in our most recent meet against Florida and Oklahoma State, she felt better and performed much better. Now, she should go, go, go!"

Brown turned in her best performance of the year against Florida and Oklahoma State, finishing fifth with a season-high all-around score of 35.15. Minnesota is off to a good start this year with a 3-3 record. That record doesn't tell the whole story, as every opponent has been rated in the top 20 at some point this year.

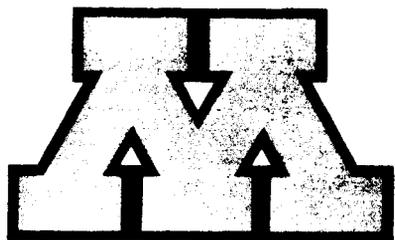
The latest competition came January 13-14 against #10 Georgia, former #20 Oklahoma State, and a powerhouse #5 Florida team which scored the highest team score in the country when they met the Gophers. Minnesota beat Oklahoma State and lost to Georgia by less than four points.

Brown, whose father is Bill Brown the former Minnesota Viking, trains hard, and her discipline is evident from her high school record. She broke all of the school records last year during her senior season at Thomas Jefferson High School in Bloomington.

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During her three-year varsity career at Jefferson, Brown served as team captain all three years, and was voted most valuable player each year. She won all-conference, all-state, and all-american honors her senior year. In the Minnesota state meet that year, she placed second in the floor exercise (her Minnesota teammate Laurie Kaiser of Plymouth was first), and was third all-around.

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SPECIAL TO THE NCAA NEWS

(BIG TEN NAMES KAISER GYMNAST OF THE MONTH)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The Big Ten Conference has named Laurie Kaiser, a freshman at the University of Minnesota, as the women's gymnast of the month for January. The announcement was made at the Big Ten offices in Evanston, Illinois.

Kaiser holds the top All-Around score in the conference so far this year, with a 36.95, set in a meet against Michigan State on January 27. Her score ties her for the 20th highest all-around score in the country as of January 31.

Also during the Michigan State meet, Kaiser won the vault (9.30), balance beam (9.10), and floor exercise (9.40). She placed second on the uneven bars (9.15).

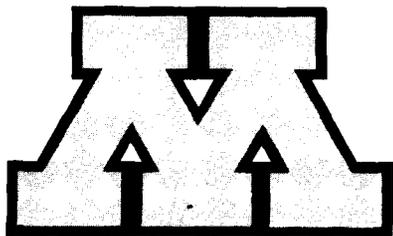
Earlier in January, Kaiser tied the Minnesota school record in the vault, with a 9.40 in a first place finish against Florida on January 14. Her all-around scores improved considerably during January, from a respectable 35.15 in her first meet of the month, to the 36.95 in the last.

As a high school senior last year, Kaiser was named the top girls gymnast in the country by the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association. She won All-American honors in all four events and all-around.

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(BANDROWSKI BECOMING ONE OF MINNESOTA'S TOP GYMNASTS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- For Marie Bandrowski, the gymnastics season started about a month late this year. The University of Minnesota freshman from Milford injured her elbow just before the first women's gymnastics meet in early December, and spent the first month of the season on the sidelines.

She has come on strong, improving in each of the four meets since she returned to the line-up, and is fast becoming one of the Gophers top performers on the balance beam and floor exercise.

Bandrowski broke the 9.00 barrier in both events during Minnesota's last meet against the number one team in the country -- the University of Utah. She scored 9.20 on the beam and 9.05 on the floor exercise for her best performances so far this year.

Minnesota is off to a good start this year with a 4-5 record. That record doesn't tell the whole story, as all but two opponents have been rated in the top 20 at some point this year. The Gophers are rated #15 in the country, and have beaten Oklahoma State, Stanford, and Big Ten rivals Illinois and Michigan State.

Gymnastics Coach Katalin Deli is happy to have Bandrowski healthy at just the right time, so she peaks at the Big Ten Championships March 9th. Deli says the Milford native has the ability to score much higher on the floor, and to help the team in its weakest event-- the balance beam.

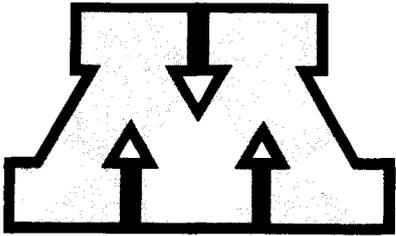
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Gymnastics was not Bandrowski's only concern while in high school. The 1983 Milford High graduate finished 35th in a class of 355 with a 3.60 grade point average. She says academics and athletics compliment one another.

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"I've learned things from one area that help with the other," she explained. "Discipline, scheduling, and using your time efficiently are all important for success in school and sports."

Marie is the daughter of Michael and Marie Ann Bandrowski of Milford, MN.



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(DORSEY REPEATS AS ALL-BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- When you look at Wendy Dorsey's second season with the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team, "consistency" keeps running through your mind.

For the second year in a row, she earned all-Big Ten honors as an all-arounder (the gymnastics term for "overall," which means she competes in all four individual events). She finished third all-around at the Big Ten meet, also for the second year in a row, and finished sixth in the vault competition. She led the Gophers to a second place Big Ten finish, again for the second straight year.

The record also shows her consistency from meet to meet. Dorsey was the top Minnesota all-arounder in half of this year's 12 meets, including the Big Ten and NCAA Midwest championships. She was the second highest Gopher in five of the other six meets, and averaged above 9.00 in both the floor exercise and vault and 8.90 on the uneven bars.

According to gymnastics coach Katalin Deli, "Wendy is the most consistent gymnast on the team. More than that, though, she is the 'heart' of the team. She is a leader and a very hard worker -- someone the freshmen look up to. And she is a very 'clean' performer."

The Minnesota record book also reflects Dorsey's consistently high scores. She posted the second highest floor exercise score in Minnesota history (9.55), which also set a new Williams Arena record, and holds the fifth best vault score (9.30).

Minnesota had one of its most successful seasons this year, despite facing the toughest schedule in recent memory. At some point during the season, the Gophers competed against five of the ten teams which qualified for the NCAA National Championships.

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The team earned its second trip in a row to the NCAA Regional Championships, where Dorsey finished 14th all-around among 29 competitors. Minnesota placed fourth at the regional meet, behind three national qualifiers -- Utah, Arizona State, and Arizona.

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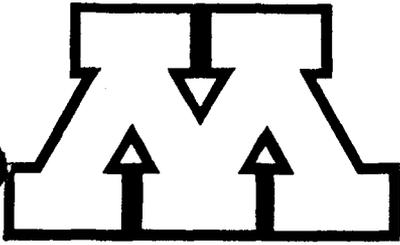
Dorsey says the team began to gain momentum midway through the year. "I think that, as a team, we pulled together toward the middle of the season and began to do a lot better. Individually, I started out a lot stronger this year, and that helped my overall season."

Next year, Dorsey and the Gophers should be at least as strong. The team loses only Edina native Judi Klein to graduation, although her strong performances on the uneven bars, one of Minnesota's weakest events, will be sorely missed.

"Next year," says Dorsey, "I would like to learn some new skills to increase the difficulty (thereby increasing the potential for higher scores) in all four events."

During her freshman season last year, Dorsey was the only gymnast in the Big Ten to place in the top six in four events. A shoulder injury kept her from going on to compete in the NCAA regional meet. As a high school senior, she finished second all-around at the Minnesota state meet, then placed seventh at the regional meet and ninth at the national competition.

The daughter of William and Ardy Dorsey of Parkwood Road in Edina, Wendy is a speech communication major. She plans to spend the summer as a lifeguard at a camp.



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(BEDNAR ADDS DEPTH TO GOPHER SQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- While gymnastics seems to be primarily an individual sport, a team needs plenty of depth to score points and win meets. One or two strong individuals can't do it all.

Fortunately, the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team had that depth this year. Linda Bednar of Maple Grove was one athlete providing the depth the Gophers needed to take second place at the Big Ten Championships and earn a berth at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships.

Bednar specialized in the vault toward the end of the season and posted her two highest scores when they were needed - in the last two meets of the season. Her 9.05 against Iowa State gave her a third place in the vault and gave Minnesota a high enough team score to qualify for the NCAA Regionals.

At the Regionals, Bednar turned in her best vault of the season. Her 9.15 was the best on the team and good enough for a 14th place finish in the toughest region in the country.

"Linda was a walk-on," says Coach Katalin Deli, "and had to work hard to make the team. She trained strong and hard to come back from a foot injury she suffered last year."

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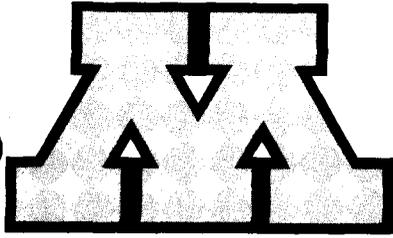
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Bednar led Osseo High School to two consecutive Region 5AA gymnastics titles, and was first in the region all-around and in the vault, floor exercise, and uneven bars competition last year. She was Osseo's Most Valuable Player and an all-conference pick for two years.

In 1979, competing with Musinger's Gymnastics Club during the non-high school season, Bednar was fourth at the United States Gymnastics Federation's Class I Regionals and qualified for the sectionals in Houston.

Bednar is leaning toward a major in the sciences at Minnesota and is the daughter of Robert and Barbara Bednar of Maple Grove.



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(BANNIE ADDS DEPTH TO GOPHER SQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- While gymnastics seems to be primarily an individual sport, a team needs plenty of depth to score points and win meets. One or two strong individuals can't do it all - as the cliché goes, you're only as strong as your bench.

Fortunately, the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team had that depth this year. Edina's Gennie Bannie was one athlete providing the Gophers with the strength they needed to take second place at the Big Ten Championships.

Bannie started slow, recovering from a broken foot. In fact, early in the year, there was a question if she would make the team.

"She is a super-talented gymnast," says gymnastics coach Katalin Deli, "but she broke her foot and had to do a lot of ground work and conditioning. In September I never would have thought she would have made the team."

She did make the team and came on strong in the floor exercise at the end of the year as the Gophers fought for a berth at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships. Bannie had her second highest score of the year at the regional meet, placing third for the team in the floor exercise.

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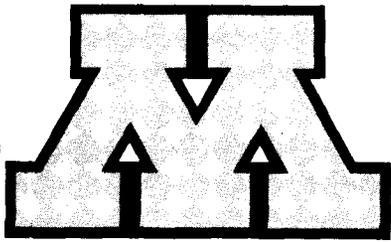
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Bannie missed her senior season at Edina High with torn ligaments in her ankle. In 1982, she finished fourth in the state in the uneven bars and was third the year before. She was an all-conference selection both of those years.

In 1979, Bannie finished fourth all-around in the United States Gymnastics Federation state meet and competed at USGF nationals. She was sixth all-around at the USGF state meet in 1978.

Edina won the state gymnastics title in Bannie's sophomore and freshman years, when Gopher team captain Judi Klein was also there. She is a marketing major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Sharon Johnson of Edina and Edward Bannie of St. Paul.



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(DOELL TAKES TWO "FOURTHS" IN BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Candace Doell's freshman season with the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics team was one of accomplishment, but also of disappointment.

On the accomplishment side, the Saskatoon native helped lead the Gophers to a strong second place finish at the Big Ten Conference Championships. She was one of only eight conference gymnasts to qualify for the individual finals in the vault competition where she finished fourth. She also was one of eight to qualify for the balance beam finals, finishing fourth in that event as well.

Clearly, placing in the top four in two events of the conference championships is quite an accomplishment for any gymnast, let alone a freshman. However, an injury prevented her from doing even more, which was disappointing to both Doell and head gymnastics coach Katalin Deli.

"Obviously, we were happy she was able to do all she did in two events," Deli said. "But she was capable of being our number two all-arounder, with her skills and talent."

That's on a team that boasts two all-Big Ten performers. However, Doell suffered a wrist injury early in the season. The injury confined her performances to the two events requiring the least strain on a wrist -- the balance beam and vault.

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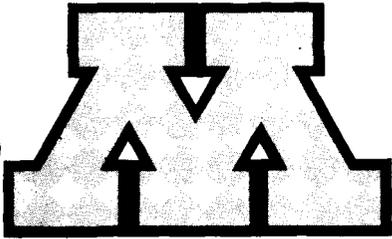
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Doell was named Female Athlete of the Year in Saskatchewan in 1981 and 1982. She won the vaulting competition at the Western Canadian Gymnastics Championships three years in a row, from 1979 through 1981, and finished second in 1982 -- a year in which she competed in only three meets because of a knee injury.

She has a long history of gymnastics competition in the Western Canadian Championships and the Canadian National Championships. Since 1977, when she won the all-around in her division at the Western Canadian Championships, Doell has competed in the Western meet and the National meet annually. She also competed at the Canada Winter Games in 1979.

In 1981, Doell competed on the Canadian Junior National Team, finishing first on the vault, fourth on the balance beam, fifth in the floor exercise, and fifth all-around (i.e. overall) in a meet against France and Switzerland.

Doell was an honor student at E.D. Feehan High School in Saskatoon and trained at the Marian Gymnastics Centre. She is a dentistry major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Henry and Delina Doell.



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(BANDROWSKI RECOVERS FROM INJURY; PLACES EIGHTH IN BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Marie Bandrowski's freshman year on the University of Minnesota women's gymnastics squad was one of personal improvement. As a team member; however, she was invaluable, coming on strong down the home stretch and helping the Gophers qualify for the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships.

The Milford native missed the first part of the season with an injured elbow, then began competing regularly in her two best events -- the balance beam and floor exercise. By the end of the season, she was Minnesota's number four all-arounder, providing much-needed depth to increase the team score and help the Gophers win meets.

Bandrowski helped lead Minnesota to a second place finish at the Big Ten Championships. She finished eighth all-around (the gymnastics team for "overall") in the conference, and just missed qualifying for the individual finals in the vault. Her score was just five-hundredths of a point below the qualifying standard, placing her ninth in the event.

"Marie came back quickly after injuring her elbow," says head Coach Katalin Deli. "She wasn't 100 percent right after her injury, but was in the gym every day working on conditioning, even with her elbow in a cast. By the end of the season, she was very clean on the beam and floor."

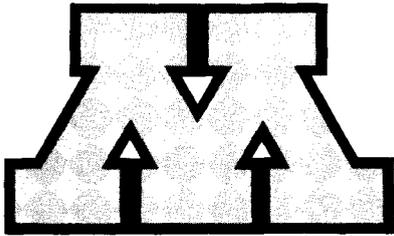
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Gymnastics was not Bandrowski's only concern while in high school. The 1983 Milford High graduate finished 35th in a class of 355 with a 3.60 grade point average. She is the daughter of Michael and Marie Ann Bandrowski of Milford.



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(BROWN'S STRONG PERFORMANCES KEY TO GOPHERS' SUCCESS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Gymnastics is a sport that seems to be primarily individual, but a team needs plenty of depth to score well and to win meets. As the consistent number three all-arounder for the University of Minnesota Women's Gymnastics squad, freshman Shelly Brown of Bloomington turned in strong performances all year to enable the Gophers to challenge for the Big Ten championship.

"She did well as a freshman," says Coach Katalin Deli of Brown's year, "and she is capable of doing much more. Now that she has overcome the typical freshman problems of adjusting to school and competition, she should have a good year next year."

Brown's freshman year was far from typical, however, as she placed tenth all-around at the Big Ten Championships. She missed qualifying for the individual finals in the vault by five-hundredths of a point, finishing ninth. She also finished twelfth in the floor exercise competition.

During the regular season, Brown equalled the second highest balance beam score in Minnesota history with a 9.45. She broke the 36.00 mark all-around once, and had strong season averages in the vault and floor exercise (with an 8.92 average in each event).

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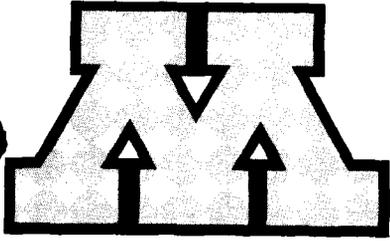
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Brown, whose father is former Minnesota Viking Bill Brown, trains hard, and her discipline is evident from her high school record. She broke all of the school records last year, during her senior season at Jefferson High School.

During her three-year varsity career at Jefferson, Brown served as team captain all three years and was voted most valuable player each year. She won All-Conference, All-State, and All-American honors her senior year.

In the Minnesota state meet that year, she placed second in the floor exercise (to Minnesota teammate Laurie Kaiser of Plymouth). Brown was third all-around in that meet.

Brown is a physical therapy major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Bill and Karen Brown of Bloomington,



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(KLEIN HELPS GOPHERS TO SECOND IN BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Judi Klein of Edina completed her last year of competition in University of Minnesota women's gymnastics by helping lead the team to a second place finish at the Big Ten Gymnastics Championships.

Klein, a former All-Big Ten and All-American gymnast, was the team's captain and its only senior member. Her leadership and experience helped lend stability to a team that included seven freshmen. She also provided leadership in one of the Gopher's weakest events this year, the uneven bars. Klein consistently posted scores above 9.00 in that event, including two scores of 9.35 - second highest for the season on the team. "Her last season was her best," commented Coach Deli.

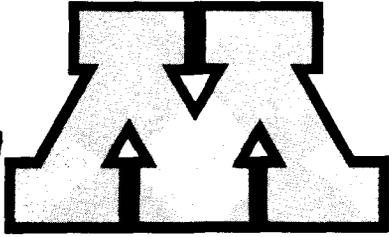
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Last year Klein was plagued with injury problems, but came through at the end of the season, placing fifth in the uneven bars at the Big Ten Championships. Two years ago she was an All-American in the vault, finishing fourth at the AIAW National Championships. She was also the Big Ten champion on the uneven bars and placed eighth all-around at the 1982 conference meet.

In 1980, Klein was captain of Edina East's state high school gymnastics championship team. She placed second in the bars and third in the vault at that meet.

Klein is a child development major at the University of Minnesota and is the daughter of George and Martha Klein of Edina.



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(KOT LEADS GOPHERS ON UNEVEN BARS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- "Julie Kot has so much drive and dedication, sometimes I can't believe it. Her knee goes out and she just gets back up there to perform."

That quote from University of Minnesota women's gymnastics coach Katalin Deli sums up Burnsville sophomore Julie Kot's contribution to the team. Kot wears a brace on an unpredictable knee and became the Gophers' expert on the uneven bars this year.

She applied her "drive and dedication" to that one event and placed first for Minnesota in the bars in all but two of the team's 12 meets - and she sat out one of those because of her knee. Kot qualified for the Big Ten individual championships on the bars, one of only eight athletes in the conference to do so, and finished sixth.

Kot posted the highest average for the uneven bars on the team. In fact, the event was the Gophers' weakest, and her 9.20 was the only season average above 9.00 in that event. Kot had the highest score on the bars for the Gophers all season -- a 9.50 earned in the second meet of the season. She fell below 9.00 only once in 11 performances.

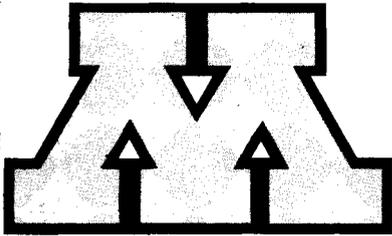
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Last year, her freshman season, Kot had the team's second highest average score on the vault. At the NCAA Regional Championships last year, the Gophers lost their number two all-arounder to an injury, so Kot returned to the floor exercise, an event she hadn't competed in for four months, to score a strong 8.80. The Gophers finished second, and a poor score would have spelled disaster in the team standings.

Two years ago, Kot was a member of Burnsville High's state AA gymnastics team and a diver on the state champion swim team. She is a physical major and the daughter of Margaret and Raymond Kot of Burnsville.



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(KAISER WINS ALL-BIG TEN HONORS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It's been a year of achievement and rewriting the record books for freshman All-Big Ten gymnast Laurie Kaiser. She traveled with the University of Minnesota women's gymnasts team to the Big Ten Championships and tumbled away with two out of four individual championships and a second place finish in a third event.

Gymnastics Coach Katalin Deli wonders how it might have been, had nagging injuries not hampered Kaiser all season -- a sore back, sore foot, and then an illness during the biggest meet of the year - the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships, where she finished 18th all-around.

"Laurie is a very talented gymnast," says Minnesota head coach Katalin Deli. "I felt so sorry that she was hampered by injuries this year. Doctors still can't tell her what is wrong with her back."

Most of Kaiser's performances show no evidence of a sore back. Take the vault, for example. She tied the Minnesota record of 9.40 early in the season, broke her own record twice with a 9.45, then posted a 9.55 at the Big Ten Championships. She won the vault in seven of ten meets, including the Big Ten meet where she set a new Big Ten record of 18.95 (9.55 and 9.40 -- the individual championships are determined over a two-day period).

Kaiser also won the Big Ten floor exercise title, and won that event in five of the Gophers' ten meets this year. She tied the school floor exercise record in a meet with the University of Utah with a 9.60.

Her averages in each event tell much of the story of the season. Kaiser averaged 9.27 on both the vault and floor, 9.01 on the balance beam, and 8.42 on the uneven bars. Not coincidentally, she had the most problems on the bars all year. In fact, that event probably cost her the Big Ten all-around championship, as she fell during her routine and could not regain the momentum. Despite a poor showing on the bars, she finished fifth all-around in the Big Ten.

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"Laurie does need to clean up her technique in a lot of areas," agrees Coach Deli, "but she has made a lot of improvement throughout the year. She has cleaned up a lot on the bars, and added some difficulty to her routine."

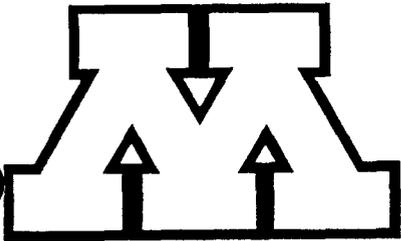
After winning two of the four individual events at the Big Ten meet and being named Big Ten Gymnast of the Month for January and February, Kaiser was expected to be near the top in the all-around competition at the NCAA Midwest Regionals. An illness prevented her from training much before the meet, however, and hurt her performance.

"She's fired up to train for next year," says Deli. And, certainly, she has a lot to be proud of from this year.

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Last year, Kaiser was named the top girls high school gymnast in the country by the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association. She was an All-American in all four events and all-around. She is a pre-med, clinical psychology major and the daughter of Ed Kaiser of Plymouth and Pat Adams of Golden Valley.



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(ZIEMINSKI NAMED CO-CAPTAIN 1984 GOPHER SOFTBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Julie Zieminski of Oakdale, Minn. was a key ingredient as center fielder in this year's successful 32-18 season and has been named a co-captain for the 1984 Gopher softball team by Coach Linda Wells.

As center fielder, Zieminski committed only three errors in 74 chances for a .959 fielding percentage. She batted .236 with three doubles and was third on the team in walks with 16.

As a batter, Zieminski had seven game winning RBI's and eleven multi-hit games. She scored two game winning runs and stole three bases, and overall had 15 runs and had 34 hits. Her on base percentage was .398.

The Gophers were nearly unbeatable at home with a 22-1 record. The only loss came in an 18-inning battle with Northwestern. In the first year of Big Ten single round-robin competition, Minnesota placed third in the league with a 13-9 record.

Zieminski played in 49 of this year's 50 games, and for her career has a .225 batting average in 128 games, and a .932 fielding average. A graduate of Tartan High School, Zieminski was captain of the softball, basketball and tennis teams and MVP in both softball and tennis.

A physical education major, Zieminski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zieminski of 6580 - 40th Ave. North in Oakdale.

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(SOLBERG NAMED MVP, BIG TEN ALL-ACADEMIC IN STELLAR SOFTBALL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Barb Solberg of Aberdeen, Maryland was named Most Valuable Player of this year's successful 32-18 softball team. As the starting left fielder, Solberg was errorless in the outfield, with 83 putouts and two assists for a 1.000 fielding percentage.

Solberg tied the record for most games played as she started in all 50, and batted .222 with a .370 on base percentage. She was second on the team in sacrifices (10), fourth in runs (17) and walks (14) and fifth in hits (35).

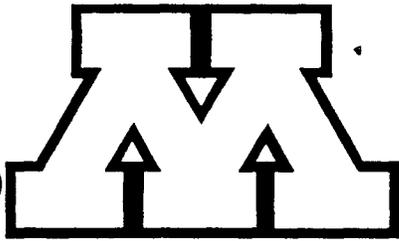
In addition to her performance, Coach Linda Wells recognized her quiet leadership, and named Solberg a co-captain for next year's team. Solberg had six multi-hit games, and two multi-run games and hit the game winning RBI against Santa Barbara and scored game winning runs against Mankato State (Minn.) and North Dakota State.

She was named to the Big Ten Academic Softball team for her .243 Big Ten batting average and 3.0 cumulative grade point average as a Civil Engineering major.

Solberg played a major part in Minnesota's 22-1 home record and third place Big Ten Conference finish with a 13-9 conference record.

At Aberdeen High School, she was a member of the field hockey, basketball and softball teams, and was an All-Country selection in all three sports. Her field hockey team won the state tournament in 1978 and 1979, and her softball team won the state tournament in 1977 and 1979. She set individual scoring and rebounding records in the county during her basketball career.

Solberg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Solberg of 106 South Rogers Street in Aberdeen.



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(Special to the Fergus Falls Daily Journal)
(KATZENMEYER PLAYS KEY ROLE IN ROOKIE SEASON)

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Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota softball freshman Kim Katzenmeyer of Fergus Falls was a key player at right field in her first year with the Gophers. Katzenmeyer originally began as a reserve catcher but when a starting outfielder broke their wrist, she moved to right field.

Playing in 25 of 50 games, Katzenmeyer was the third best on the team in batting average at .273, hit three doubles, and boasted a .386 on base percentage and .300 slugging percentage. She had multi-hit games in Minnesota's wins over Northern Colorado and Northwestern as well as Fresno State.

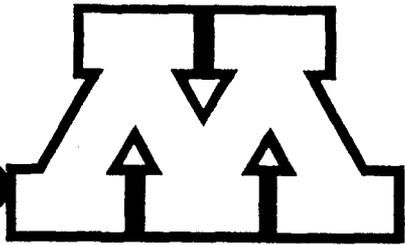
"Kim had an exceptional bat as a freshman," says Gopher Coach Linda Wells. "And she really helped us out in the outfield." Katzenmeyer committed only one error in the field, in the second game of the season, and made 45 putouts and five assists for a .980 fielding percentage.

The Gophers boasted a 32-18 overall record, including a 2-0 win over then No. 1 ranked Cal Poly-Pomona, and had a 22-1 home record. In the first season of single Big Ten round-robin competition, Minnesota ended third in the conference with a 13-9 mark. Senior co-captain Gretchen Larson was named an NCAA All-American as a utility player post-season.

At Fergus Falls Senior High Katzenmeyer captained the basketball, volleyball and track teams her senior year. In 1981 she was a member of the boys varsity and junior varsity baseball team, and was highest scorer in basketball her senior year, MVP her junior and senior years in volleyball, and MVP her sophomore year in track. All together, she earned 10 varsity letters in three sports.

A graphic design major, Katzenmeyer is the daughter of Carole and Don Katzenmeyer of 522 E. Alcott in Fergus Falls.

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(Special to the Bloomington Sun)

(BLOOMINGTON'S LEININGER AND JUBERIAN AID GOPHER SOFTBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Deb Juberian and sophomore Danne Leininger of Bloomington were key ingredients in the Gophers successful 32-18 softball season. Leininger, in her second season as a starter, made a smooth transition from shortstop to third base, and Juberian was the Gophers center fielder.

Juberian played in only 13 games, as she suffered a broken wrist making a diving catch against Northern Colorado. She had the Gophers game winning two-out double in the ninth inning against Cal Poly-Pomona which lifted the Gophers to 2-0 win when Cal was ranked No. 1 in the nation. Juberian also hit a game winning RBI in the Gophers win over Utah.

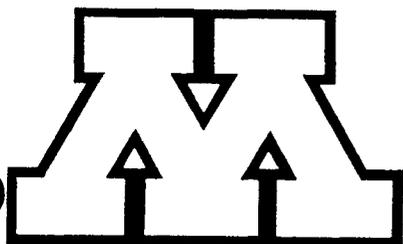
Leininger had a stellar season this year. She led the team in runs (24), doubles (7), triples (2) and stolen bases (6 for 7). She was second on the team in at-bats (161), hits (42) and walks (17) and as a lead-off hitter, was fourth on the team in RBI's with 14. Leininger averaged .253 at the plate with a .401 on base percentage and .329 slugging percentage and boasted a .949 fielding percentage.

"Danne made an excellent adjustment to third base," praised Coach Linda Wells. "She has the potential for many future honors." Leininger was named to the All-Tournament team in the Gophers opening trip to New Mexico.

Leininger was a valuable lead-off hitter and runner. She scored Minnesota's first run in 14 games and the Gophers won 10 of those. She also had nine multi-hit games, five multi-run games, scored eight game winning runs, and had one game winning RBI in the tenth inning against Northern Colorado.

At Bloomington-Lincoln High School Juberian lettered in soccer, basketball and softball and in 1979 was named Female Athlete of the Year at Lincoln High School. At Bloomington-Jefferson High School, Leininger lettered in soccer, basketball and softball and was the Athena Award Winner and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce winner as well as women Athlete of the Year for her high school.

A psychology major, Juberian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Juberian of 10108 Penn Ave. South. A business major, Leininger is the daughter of Mr. and



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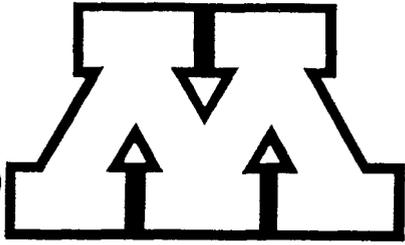
(OSTERBERG ENDS CAREER AS GOPHER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Jean Osterberg of Brooklyn Park ended her career with a very "clutch" season according to Coach Linda Wells. As a second and third baseman, Wells said Osterberg continually came up with the big defensive plays.

Osterberg played in 29 of the Gophers 50 games and averaged .236 at bat. She was second on the team in on base percentage at .439, and in the field committed only one error in 65 chances for a .985 fielding percentage.

She had multi-hit games against Indiana, Iowa State and Winona State and scored the game winning run against North Dakota State. Osterberg ends her career with a .230 batting average in 94 games including 46 hits.

A pre-dental major, Osterberg earned 7 varsity letters at Brooklyn Park High School in volleyball, basketball and softball. Her team was the conference championship in basketball in 1979 and Osterberg was named MVP in softball in 1979 and All-Conference her junior and senior years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osterberg of 1924 Laramie Trail in Brooklyn Park.



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(CALLAHAN BATTING LEADER IN SENIOR SEASON WITH GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Kelly Callahan of Apple Valley did her job as designated hitter on the Gopher softball team. She led the squad in batting average (.314), sacrifice flies, and RBI's (22) and had six game winning RBI's.

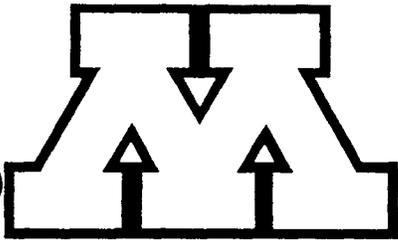
Callahan played in 43 of the Gophers 50 games and had eight multi-hit games. She had five doubles, walked 11 times, and boasted a .409 on base percentage and .363 slugging percentage.

The Gophers boasted a 32-18 overall record and were nearly unbeatable at home with a 22-1 mark. The only loss came in an 18-inning battle against Northwestern. In the first year of Big Ten single round-robin competition, the Gophers placed third in the league with a 13-9 record.

Callahan is a graduate of Rosemount Senior High School where she earned eleven letters in volleyball, basketball and softball. In softball she was named All-Missota Conference in 1978 and 1979, and Most Valuable Player in 1979 when her team won the state tournament.

A secondary education, social studies major, Callahan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Callahan of 13096 Euclid Ave. in Apple Valley.

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(HANSON POSTS 9-5 PITCHING MARK)

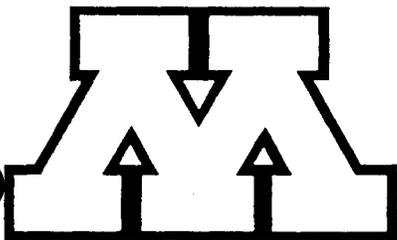
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Mary Lee Hanson of St. Paul (Harding H.S.) was a key member of the Gopher softball team this year. As a pitcher, Hanson posted a 9-5 record with a 1.02 ERA. She started nine games and allowed only three runs in her last four starts.

Used mostly as a reliever this year until the end of the season, Hanson made 18 appearances on the mound and with the graduation of No. 1 and 2 pitchers Lynn Schlichting and Gretchen Larson, will see a lot more action next year.

Her career ERA is 1.2 in 51 games and she has 88 strikeouts. This year she struckout 38. The Gophers posted a 32-18 overall record, and in the first year of Big Ten single round-robin competition, placed third with a 13-9 mark. Minnesota was virtually unbeatable at home, with a 22-1 mark. The only loss came in an 18-inning marathon against Northwestern.

At Harding High School, Hanson was a member of the gymnastics and softball teams and captained both sports. She was All-State her junior and senior years in softball, and MVP her senior year when her team placed second in the state tournament.

A management major, Hanson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson of 2046 Suburban Ave. in St. Paul.



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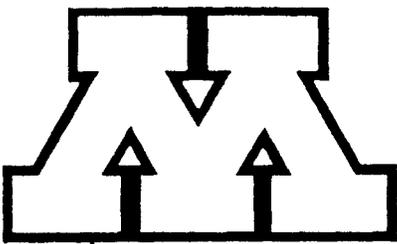
(SEIFERT MEMBER OF SUCCESSFUL GOPHER SOFTBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Tam Seifert of Jordan was a member of the Gopher softball team which posted a 32-18 overall record this season. A pitcher, Seifert posted a 2-1 record, starting in six games on the mound and ending with a 1.78 ERA. Coach Linda Wells says she looks for Seifert to make a larger contribution to the team next year with the graduation of two starting pitchers.

In addition to their overall record, the Gophers placed third in the Big Ten with a 13-9 mark in the first year of single round-robin competition. Minnesota was virtually unbeatable at home, with a 22-1 record. The only loss came in an 18-inning battle against Northwestern.

Seifert's career ERA is 1.54 in 17 games. A physical education major, she played volleyball, basketball and softball at Jordah High School and was MVP in both volleyball and softball. She was named All-State in softball, won the Athena Award, and was named Best Female Athlete in her high school. Seifert posted a 45-1 pitching record.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Seifert of 20156 Sand Creek Drive in Jordan.



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(CULLEN STARTER AT SHORTSHOP IN SUCCESSFUL U SOFTBALL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Jeanna Cullen of Coon Rapids earned a starting position at shortstop and was a key ingredient in the Gophers successful 32-18 season. "Jeanna is on a roll as a defensive player," says Coach Linda Wells. "She did an excellent job for us this year."

Cullen started in 48 of the Gophers 50 games and boasted a .915 fielding average. In the nightcap against North Dakota State University, Cullen set-up the first known triple play in Gopher history. She made a leaping catch of a line drive and threw out the runner returning to first, and then the Gophers caught the runner from third at the plate.

Her fielding and throwing skills figured in victory more than once. She preserved a 1-0 victory over Northwestern in the second game of the series, by throwing the tying run out at home in the top of the seventh inning.

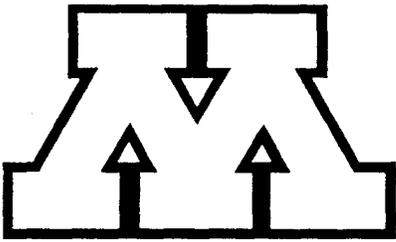
Although she batted only 50 times, Cullen hit a game winning RBI against Winona State and drove in two runs against North Dakota State. Her batting average was .120

At Coon Rapids High School, Cullen earned nine letters in volleyball, softball and basketball. Her softball team placed third in the state in 1981 and second in 1982 and were conference champions all three years. She was MVP of the volleyball and basketball teams, and her basketball team won the state championship in 1981.

An education major, Cullen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cullen of 822-109th Ave. NW in Coon Rapids.

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(OLIVERIUS KEY STARTER IN FRESHMAN SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Judy Oliverius of Spring Lake Park was a key starter at first and second base in her first season with the Gophers. Oliverius played in all 50 games, tying the school record, and led the team in hits (43) and at bats (168) and hit the only home run of the year.

She was fifth in batting average (.256), second in RBI's (19) and third in runs (18) and on base percentage (.410). Oliverius struck-out only six times all year and only once in her last 33 games, or 112 at-bats.

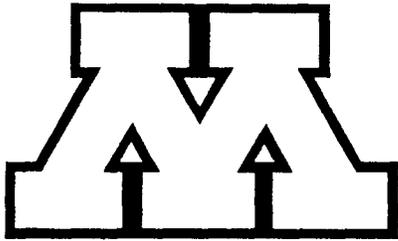
Her hitting prowess translated into victories as she hit game winning RBI's in four games, and had 10 multi-hit games. She scored three game winning runs as well. Oliverius was ranked 15th in batting in the Big Ten Conference where she had a .273 average.

Not only did Minnesota post a 32-18 overall record, but the Gophers were nearly unbeatable at home with a 22-1 mark. The one loss came in an 18-inning match-up with Northwestern. The Gophers ended in third place in the Big Ten in the first season of single round-robin competition with a 13-9 mark and senior Gretchen Larson was named an NCAA All-American.

At Spring Lake Park High School, Oliverius lettered and was MVP in basketball for four years and was All-Conference for three years in both basketball and softball. She was softball MVP her sophomore and senior seasons and her team was co-conference champions in 1981-82. She also participated in volleyball and tennis.

Oliverius is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliverius of 450 Sanburnol Drive in Spring Lake Park.

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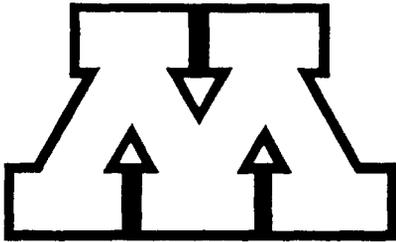
(KEIRSTEAD MEMBER OF U SOFTBALL TEAM'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota sophomore Anne Keirstead of Chelmsford, Mass. was a member of the Gopher softball team as a first baseman this season. She played in 25 games and boasted a .978 fielding average and .296 on base percentage despite hitting just .155 in 71 at bats.

Keirstead did have multi-hit games against Northern Colorado, Fresno and Northwestern and scored one game winning run. The Gophers compiled a 32-18 overall record, and in the first season of Big Ten single round-robin competition, ended up third in the league at 13-9.

A computer science major, Keirstead carries a 3.87 grade point average, the highest on the team. At Whitnall High School she played softball, volleyball and basketball and was captain, MVP and All-Conference in softball.

Keirstead is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keirstead of 12 Stillwater Drive in Chelmsford.



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(JUNGKANS MEMBER OF U SOFTBALL TEAM IN SUCCESSFUL SEASON)

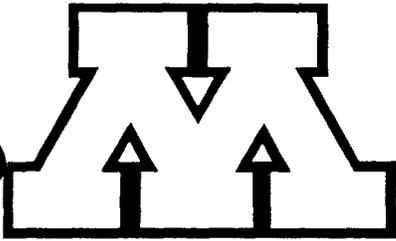
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota sophomore Nancy Jungkans of Salem, Wisc. was a member of the Gopher softball team in their successful 32-18 season. Jungkans played in 19 games at second base, but Coach Linda Wells calls her a versatile player with potential for the outfield.

Jungkans committed only two errors for a .938 fielding average and in 33 at bats averaged .182. She had a game winning single RBI against North Dakota State, and had a multi-hit game against Mankato State.

In the first season of Big Ten single round-robin competition, Minnesota placed third with a 13-9 mark. The Gophers were nearly unbeatable at home with a 22-1 record, and the only loss came in an 18-inning marathon with Northwestern.

Interested in the field of athletic training, Jungkans earned 12 letters in volleyball, golf, basketball and softball at Salem Central High School. She was team MVP for three years in softball.

Jungkans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jungkans of 7110 - 248th Ave. in Salem.



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(FLIS GAINS EXPERIENCE IN FIRST SEASON AS GOPHER)

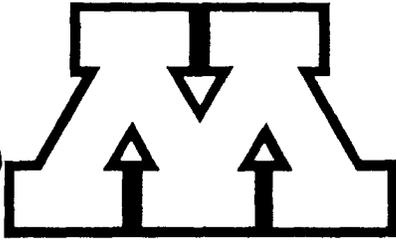
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Ann Flis of Menomonie, Wisc. gained experience as a varsity reserve player in her first season with the Gopher softball team.

Flis pitched for the junior varsity team, and should move up to varsity status next season, and played primarily as a pinch-hitter with the varsity. There she averaged .240 at the plate playing in 16 games. She had three RBI's on six hits and had more than one hit against Michigan and Michigan State.

The Gophers posted a 32-18 overall record and in the first year of round-robin Big Ten competition ended third with 13-9 mark. Minnesota was nearly unbeatable at home with a 22-1 record, and the only loss came in an 18-inning marathon with Northwestern.

A pre-law major, Flis earned letters in volleyball, basketball and softball at Menomonie High School. She was MVP for three years in softball and the leading hitter in 1982. Flis is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Flis of 1104 Knapp Street in Menomonie.

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Gretchen Larson

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(LARSON NAMED ALL-AMERICAN, TO TRI-NATION TEAM IN END OF SOFTBALL CAREER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Gretchen Larson of Edina had a stellar season in her last year of play for the Gopher softball team. She was named to the NCAA All-American team as a utility player, after being named All-Regional at both outfield and utility, and was recently named to the Tri-Nation team which competed against Venezuela and Japan at Colorado Springs.

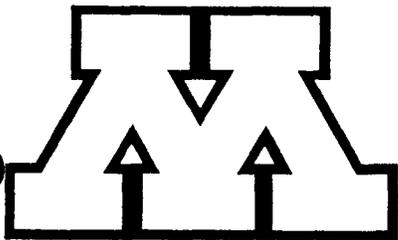
Larson made her mark this season as a pitcher and outfielder. She started in 21 games and completed 16 on the mound, and led the team with 12 wins and 9 losses, and 52 strikeouts. Her ERA was the lowest at .571, and she pitched four shutouts against Pima, Cal-Poly Pomona (then the No. 1 ranked team), Michigan and Northern Iowa. In addition, Larson won eight of her last nine decisions and was ranked seventh of the Big Ten pitchers.

At the plate, Larson set career records for most at bats (495), most games played (170), and most hits (159). Her career batting average is .321 with 55 RBI's and her career pitching ERA is .815 in 31 games (two years).

Larson was the second team leader in batting average at .291 and led the Gophers in walks (25), sacrifices (11), and on-base percentage (.448). She had game winning RBI's against Northern Iowa and Northwestern and had 10 multi-hit games. She was ranked 14th in the Big Ten in batting with a .274 average.

A co-captain this year, Larson was named an AIAW All-American in the outfield in 1981 and was Minnesota MVP in 1982. She was a second-team ASA All-American in 1979 and plans to play with the Raybestos Brackettes ASA team this summer.

A mechanical engineering major, Larson earned 12 letters in swimming, basketball, and softball at Edina East High School. She captained the softball and swim teams and was an All-Conference selection in softball and basketball. Larson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Morgan Larson of 7204 Monardo Lane in Edina.



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(SCHLICHTING ENDS CAREER WITH RECORD-BREAKING SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior pitcher Lynn Schlichting of Brooklyn Center ended her softball career this season with record-breaking performances. Schlichting was named Big Ten Player of the Week this year following the Gophers home series with Northwestern, and to the Big Ten Academic Softball team for her performance and 3.22 g.p.a. in recreation.

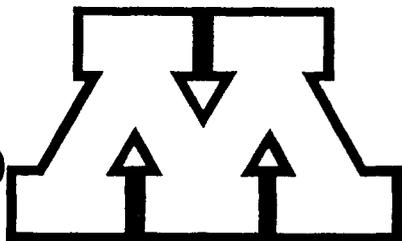
Schlichting leaves the U as the career record holder in the following categories: most games pitched (85), most innings pitched (433 2/3), most wins (36, her record 36-22), and most strikeouts (182). In addition, she set a season record for best ERA (75 or more innings) with .604 in 104 1/3 innings this year.

On the mound this year Schlichting completed 12 of 14 games with a 12-9 win-loss record and had seven shutouts, including four in a row against Northern Iowa, Ohio State (twice) and Duluth. She struck out 10 hitters in two different games, in a seven inning battle with Duluth and 18-inning game with Northwestern. She had only one wild pitch in all 104 1/3 innings, walked only 17 all season, and struckout 45 batters.

In the Big Ten, Schlichting was the third ranked pitcher with a .703 ERA and 5-3 record which included 26 strikeouts. She was a big factor in the Gophers 32-18 overall record and 13-9 third place Big Ten mark. The Gophers were nearly unbeatable at home, with a 22-1 record.

At Brooklyn Center High School, Schlichting earned 12 letters in tennis, basketball and softball and served as captain of all three teams. She scored 1,005 career points in basketball and was named All-Conference in all three sports.

Her brother, Jack, is a member of the U baseball team. A recreation major, Schlichting is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlichting of 6044 Girard Ave. N. in Brooklyn Center.



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(ANDERSON ENDS CAREER WITH GOPHER SOFTBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Lezlie Anderson of Richfield ended a successful career as the starting catcher on this year's softball team. The Gophers posted a 32-18 overall record, and ended tied for third in the Big Ten with a 13-9 mark.

Anderson was named Big Ten Player of the Week following the Gophers opening series against Michigan. She hit the game winning RBI with a two-out double in the third inning of the third game of the series and in the final game, drove in the winning run in the eleventh inning with a two-out single. Anderson also had a game winning two-out single in a conference win over Iowa.

With a .261 batting average, Anderson had 37 hits, two doubles and 15 RBI's and as a catcher had a .982 fielding average. She also had a .409 on base percentage and had eleven multi-hit games.

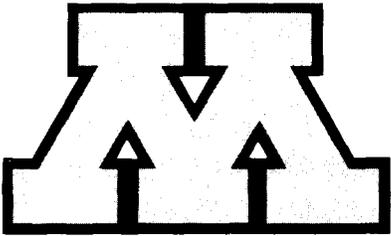
In her career, Anderson has played in 155 games with a .262 batting average and .969 fielding average. She has 123 career hits and 53 career RBI's. In 1981, Anderson was named to the All-Big Ten team and led the team in RBI's and extra base hits in 1980.

At Richfield Senior High School, Anderson was MVP, All-Conference and led the team in both offensive and defensive statistics. She also competed on the volleyball, basketball and track teams.

Anderson is only one of two women to ever graduate from the U with a Mining Engineering degree. Her father, Robert P. Anderson, was a member of the U baseball team from 1952-1956 and her mother, Lois J., lettered in golf in 1958. The Anderson family resides at 7066 Lyndale Ave. S. in Richfield.

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University of Minnesota senior Mary Lee Hanson enters her fourth year on the mound for the Gopher women's softball team. She was ranked ninth in Big Ten pitching last season, with a 1.02 earned run average.

Hanson's softball career has continued during the summer, as well, as a starting pitcher for the American Softball Association (ASA) St. Paul Raiders. The Raiders have taken the league championship in each of Hanson's four years with the team. They have been state champs two of those years, regional champions one year, and regional runners-up one year. In 1980, the Raiders placed fifth in the ASA national championships.

Last year, Hanson was named the Minutemen Award recipient by the Women's Athletic Department. The award is provided and funded by the Minutemen of St. Paul, and the recipient is chosen according to athletic and academic criteria.

During the 1983 season, Hanson appeared in 18 games for the Gophers, posting a 9-5 record. She completed eight of the nine games she started and had 38 strike-outs.

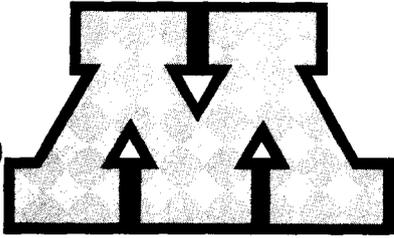
Her career ERA of 1.20 places her fifth in the all-time Gopher record book. She is also fifth in career strike-outs (88), fifth in won-loss percentage (.585), and fourth in career wins (24). Her role as a work-horse on the mound is also reflected in the career records--she is third in games pitched (51) and fourth in innings pitched (279).

Last year, the Gophers had a 32-18 record, placed third in the Big Ten with a 13-9 conference mark, and went 22-1 at home.

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Hanson was an all-state softball selection two years at Harding High School in St. Paul, and all-conference three years. She was captain and MVP of the softball team her senior year, leading Hardin to a second place state tourney finish. She was also captain and MVP of the gymnastics team.

A business major, she is the daughter of Lois and Robert Hanson of St. Paul.



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(DRAKE GOPHER LEADER AS FRESHMAN SOFTBALLER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells says she sometimes forgets that Barb Drake, a freshman transfer from the Air Force Academy, is only in her first season on the Gopher team. It's easy to understand why because Drake is a starting pitcher, catcher, and cleanup hitter for the Gophers.

Through 24 games, Drake leads the team with nine RBI's, seven doubles, two triples and 18 hits for a batting average of .310. She has the team's highest slugging percentage (.500) and an on-base percentage of .429.

In addition, Drake plays both pitcher and her favorite position, catcher in the starting rotation. In 33 innings pitched, she has a 1.06 ERA and a 0-4 record which Wells says does not reflect her pitching ability. She pitched a 0-1 loss to #3 Cal Poly-Pomona, a 0-1 loss to Santa Barbara, and a 2-4 loss to #6 ranked Pacific where two opponent runs were scored on Minnesota errors. In the Big Ten, she allowed two runs in her first start against Michigan State which Wells credited to poor umpiring, and against Northwestern took a 0-1 loss against the top pitcher in the Big Ten.

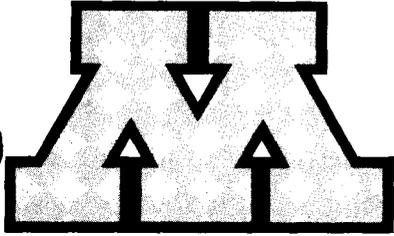
"The fact that Barb doesn't win on the mound is not a discredit to her pitching," says Wells. "She has had a lot of hard games to pitch and has been mostly unsupported by our bats. I'm not only depending on her to pitch ball games, but she has to hit three and four...that's a tall order to not only pitch but knock in the runs and sometimes it's too much to ask."

In the Big Ten opening weekend, Drake went 5-11 with two doubles and four RBI's as the Gophers defeated Michigan State three out of four games. That performance included a game tying two RBI double in the bottom of the third inning of game four. Last weekend at Northwestern, Drake allowed one earned run and four hits with four strikeouts despite losing the 0-1 game against freshman sensation Lisa Ishikawa of the Wildcats who struckout nine Gopher batters and allowed just two hits. In the second game, Drake singled in the top of the sixth and pinch-runner Becky Harkema later scored for the winning margin 4-3 in the top of the sixth inning.

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Drake Gopher leader -2-2-2

Drake, although originally recruited by Wells in high school, finally came this year after a stint at the Air Force Academy. She was a three-time all conference selection in softball at Kellogg High School, and was two-times all conference in tennis as well as lettering in basketball. A health sciences major, she is the daughter of Larry and Dorothy Drake.



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(HANSON ACE IN GOPHER PITCHING STAFF)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota softball senior Mary Lee Hanson, of St. Paul/Harding is enjoying her final year as the top pitcher on the Gopher staff. For Hanson, that status comes after three years of considerable pitching time but little recognition behind All-American Grêtchen Larson and record-holder Lynn Schlichting.

Now Hanson is pacing the Gophers and knocking on the record book doors. "Mary Lee has had her share of starts and wins every year, but she has been overshadowed by our other good players, particularly Larson and Schlichting last year," says Coach Linda Wells. "She knows how to be aggressive, but it is a different psychology for her this year knowing she is an ace on the rotation. She has to always be prepared to go into relief and to win the games she's started."

Through 24 games, Hanson has started eight and completed seven for a 5-4-1 record (.555) and 1.00 ERA (13 runs, nine earned). She has pitched 62 1/3 innings, and struckout 26 batters while pitching in 13 games.

By the time the season ends, Hanson will be knocking on the door for most games pitched (record 74 by Schlichting) with 64 games to date and innings pitched where she has 341 2/3 (record 433 2/3 by Schlichting). She is currently fourth in wins with 29, and holds a career mark of 29-21-2 (.577). She is also fourth in career strikeouts (114), and has a career ERA of 1.17.

Hanson opened the year with a shutout against Oklahoma City College, allowing just two hits in Minnesota's 5-0 victory. Of her four losses, three were by just one run to #1 ranked Cal-Fullerton 0-1, #4 ranked Texas A&M 0-1, and Kansas (3-4). Her 0-3 loss to Santa Barbara was later avenged by a 5-1 win, and Hanson also picked up a win over San Diego (3-1).

In the Big Ten season, Hanson was a key in the Gophers three of four game opening series victories against Michigan State. She won the first game striking out five and allowing one earned run and six hits. She then picked up a save in the second game, facing the last four batters in the seventh and protecting a 2-1 victory and also pitched the final three innings of the Gophers only loss.

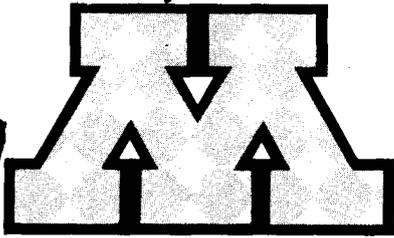
Against #8 ranked Northwestern, Hanson pitched the second game striking out six, to pick up her second conference victory. She is 2-0-1 in the Big Ten so far this year.

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Hanson Ace in Gopher Pitching Staff -2-2-2

At Harding High School, Hanson was a member of the gymnastics and softball teams and captained both sports. She was All-State her junior and senior years in softball, and MVP her senior year when the softball team placed second at the state tournament. A management major, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson of 2046 Suburban Ave. in St. Paul.

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(SOLBERG CLUTCH CAREER PLAYER FOR 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It was the top of the sixth inning and the University of Minnesota softball team was losing to Michigan 3-1. The Gophers were battling for second place in the Big Ten, a possible NCAA tournament bid, and badly needed the win. Senior Barb Solberg of Aberdeen came to the plate.

Solberg's home run in the fourth accounted for the Gophers' only score. She came to the plate with two on and nobody out and clobbered her second home run of the game, accounting for all four RBIs and Minnesota's 4-3 victory.

Coach Linda Wells says that situation is exactly when she wanted Solberg at the plate, and shows why the Gophers will miss their senior co-captain so badly next year.

All told, Solberg went 6 for 13 at the plate in the four-game set at Michigan, with seven RBIs and scoring three runs. For that performance, she was named Big Ten Player of the Week. At the end of the season, she was named to the first team All-Big Ten as an outfielder.

"Barb always caught the ball, always hit the ball, and always played smart," says Wells. "If she didn't lead the team in a category, it was close. She caught balls all the time that other players would have let taken a skip."

Another example emphasizes Wells' point. Solberg's only error in the last two years came in a game early this season. Solberg charged a ball from her left field position that just cleared the shortstop's reach. There was a runner on second going with the pitch, and it would take a running catch and throw to nail the runner.

The ball took a bad hop, hit the heel of Solberg's glove, and dribbled by her. The runner scored and Solberg got the error, but it was a play many outfielders would not have attempted.

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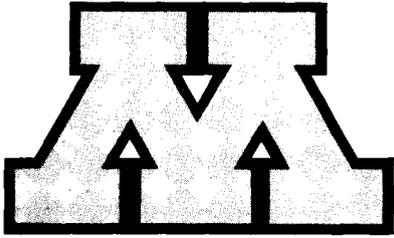
"She would have to be among the tops in career accomplishments of any player I have coached," Wells reflected. "She is a silent leader who leads by example."

This was probably Solberg's finest year, especially in Big Ten conference play. In conference games she hit .348, good for fourth in the league batting race. She was third in the Big Ten in RBIs with 12, including winning RBIs in three games in a row (including two at Michigan). She had 22 RBIs for the season to lead the team and posted a .274 overall batting average.

Solberg's name is all over the Minnesota record book. She set new marks for career games played (187) and at bats (553); in fact, she missed only two games her entire career. She is second in career hits (149), RBIs (79), doubles (18), and fewest in errors (only eight in her entire career).

This year, in that game against Michigan, Solberg tied the single game records for home runs (2) and RBIs (8). She sports a .269 career batting average and was team MVP and named to the Big Ten All-Academic team last year. This season, her teammates voted her co-captain.

Solberg will remain at Minnesota for part of the academic year next year to finish her civil engineering degree. She is the daughter of Carol and Anthony Solberg of Aberdeen.



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(DRAKE/HANSON LED 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

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Minneapolis, Minn. -- The St. Paul contingent of the University of Minnesota softball team placed two out of two members on the All Big-Ten team this season. Barb Drake, former Kellogg High star, took first team All-Big Ten honors and was named second team All-American in her first year of collegiate competition. Mary Lee Hanson, former Harding High standout, is a second team All-Big Ten selection.

Drake finished second in the Big Ten batting race with a .391 average in conference games (and a team-leading .326 overall average). She was also second in the Big Ten in RBIs with 14 in conference games (20 overall).

"She led the team in a lot of offensive categories," says Coach Linda Wells. "And that's despite a lot of teams pitching around her - she got a lot of bad pitches and a lot of walks, which meant that whoever batted behind her got a lot of good pitches."

Drake led the Gophers in doubles (11) and tied for the lead in triples (3), and led the team in game-winning RBIs (4) and game-winning runs scored (6). Her best series came in the four-game set with Ohio State. She went 7 for 11 at the plate with eight RBIs.

"The only stat she where she is not strong is her win/loss record on the mound," says Wells. Drake split her time between catching duties, pitching, and playing outfield. For the most part, though, she was behind the plate when not on the mound.

She posted a 3-6 win/loss record as a pitcher, starting ten of Minnesota's 49 games and allowing 24 runs - but only eleven of those were earned and she had a fine 1.17 earned run average. She completed seven of the ten games she started.

Minnesota's leading pitcher was Mary Lee Hanson. She appeared in 29 of the Gophers' 49 games this year, had a 14-5 record and a .688 earned run average.

Hanson reset the career wins record with 38 and the career games record, appearing in 76 during her four years. She also holds the record for most saves (3), and is second in most innings pitched (411).

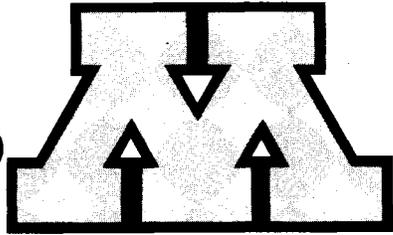
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"She won 14 games by being very steady all year," says Wells. Hanson was fourth in the Big Ten in pitching with a .950 conference ERA.

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten race this year with a 14-8 conference record and a 30-19 record overall. The Gophers led the conference in hitting with a .283 team batting average. The team also led in runs scored, hits, and RBIs. Minnesota was second in team fielding and placed third in team pitching.

Three Gophers placed in the top ten in Big Ten hitting, the most of any team in the league, and placed two players on the All-Big Ten first team and two on the All-Big Ten second team.

Drake, who transferred from the Air Force Academy, is the daughter of Dorothy and Larry Drake of St. Paul and has three years of eligibility left. Hanson, a senior this year, is the daughter of Lois and Robert Hanson of St. Paul.



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(JUBERIAN COMPLETES CAREER AT 'U')

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- For University of Minnesota senior Deb Juberian, this softball season was one of too many good outfielders on the Gopher roster.

Juberian completed her career with Minnesota this year, after being redshirted in what would have been her final season last year. She broke her arm early last season, making her eligible for one more year.

She played in half the Gophers' games this year, gathering four hits and a .098 batting average. Her career batting average is .167.

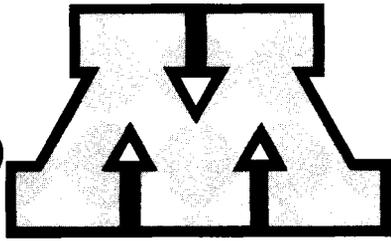
"Deb is a credit," says Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells. "She came out as a walk-on as a freshman and performed well. She would have played last year, but this was a different year. The year she missed made a big difference, especially in hitting.

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten this season with a 14-8 conference record and a 30-19 overall record. The Gophers led the league in hitting with a .283 batting average as well as in runs, hits and RBIs. Defensively Minnesota was second in team fielding and third in team pitching.

Juberian's best season at Minnesota came in 1981 when she hit .321 and collected two RBIs. She was playing regularly last season, appearing in 13 games and hitting .100 before breaking her arm.

At Bloomington Lincoln High she was captain of the softball team and all-conference her senior year. She was also captain of the basketball team and all-conference and MVP in that sport twice. In soccer she was also captain, all-conference twice, and MVP her senior year. She was named the female athlete of the year at Lincoln in 1979.

A psychology major at Minnesota, she is the daughter of Diane Anderson of Minnetonka and Donald Juberian of St. Paul.



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(LEININGER HAS BEST SEASON OF CAREER)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Minnesota junior Danne Leininger, former all-conference and MVP third-baseman at Bloomington-Jefferson, had her "best year so far at the 'U'," according to Gopher softball coach Linda Wells.

The third-baseman earned second team All-Big Ten honors this season and helped pace Minnesota to a second place finish in the conference softball standings. Leininger was eighth in the Big Ten batting race with a .311 average in conference games and a .283 overall average.

Leininger was the team's lead-off hitter all season and had a knack for getting on base - doing so almost half the time she went to the plate. She also sparked the team on the base paths, leading in stolen bases and scoring the winning run in five games - second highest on the team.

"Danne had a very nice season and is beginning to play to her potential," Wells commented. "She was probably deserving of first team All-Big Ten, but had a very good player ahead of her. She really improved her leadership skills."

Leininger's average soared halfway through the season; a 5-11 performance in three games against Ohio State raised it 54 points from .236 to .290. The next series, against Iowa State, she went 4-6 in the two game set.

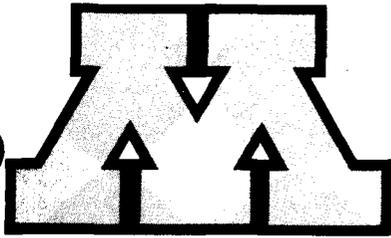
Minnesota also depends on her glove, and this season the junior moved into second place on the Gophers' career "assists" list with 322. She led the team in assists during the last two seasons. Leininger is also in the top ten in several career statistics, including games (127), at bats (372), hits (93), and doubles (14). She holds single game records for assists and hits - a record she set last year with a 4-4 performance against Iowa State.

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten with a 14-8 conference record. The team led the league in hitting with a .283 team batting average, as well as in runs scored, hits, and RBIs. The Gophers posted a 30-19 overall record and placed second in the conference in fielding and third in team pitching.

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Next year, Leininger's senior season, Wells will look for her to be even more of a team leader. "Next year I look for Danne to be an even stronger player overall. She will probably move down from lead-off in the line-up; maybe to number three next year."

At Jefferson High Leininger was an all-conference selection three times in softball and twice in basketball and soccer. She was named the most valuable player on the softball, basketball and soccer teams her senior year and was the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Women's Athlete of the Year. The business major is the daughter of Henrietta and Timothy Leininger of Bloomington.



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(COON RAPID'S CULLEN/CORDES VALUABLE TO 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Two years ago, University of Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells went to Coon Rapids High looking for someone to help the Gopher infield. She walked away with half the Coon Rapids infield -- second baseman Kathy Cordes and shortstop Jeana Cullen, both sophomores at Minnesota this year.

Cullen has worked her way into a steady job at shortstop for the Gophers, while Cordes has been battling a leg injury for two years.

"Cullen had a great year," says Coach Wells. "She was recruited to play defense - we knew she was not a strong hitter. She came in at a time when we needed defensive help and she continues to show what a great defensive player she is. She will continue to have an important role next year and we'll look to her for more leadership."

Cullen played in 36 of the Gophers' 49 games this year and posted a fine .925 fielding average. She hits only .095, but her diving catches and steady defensive play at shortstop don't lend themselves to statistical recognition.

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten this year with a 14-8 conference record. The Gophers were 30-19 overall. They led the Big Ten in hitting with a .283 team batting average as well as in runs scored, hits and RBIs. The team was second in the conference in fielding and third in team pitching.

Cordes, on the other hand, has had to focus most of her attention on rehabilitation. She suffered a bad leg injury the summer after her high school senior year on a slide into second base. She required surgery that fall, then reinjured herself during the winter, requiring a second round with the surgeon and forcing her to miss her first college season.

Wells redshirted Cordes, meaning this past season was her first year of eligibility. She was able to play in only eight games this year. "She has had to work hard on rehabilitation," says Wells. "She worked on it all last summer, but was injured intermittently this year. It's hard on her because she has had to sit and watch."

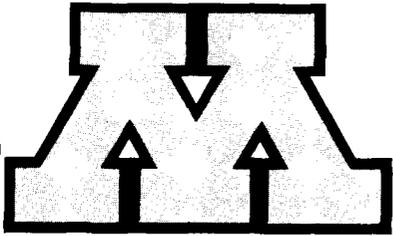
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Cordes was captain, most valuable player, and an all-conference selection her senior year at Coon Rapids High. She led the team in RBIs and batting average as well, and was captain of the cross country and basketball team. She also earned all-conference honors in cross country and was named MVP in basketball.

Cullen played volleyball and basketball, as well as softball, during her high school career. She was named MVP on the volleyball team and on the basketball team.

Coon Rapids finished first in the conference three years in a row with the help of Cordes and Cullen and finished third in the state in 1981 and second in 1982. Coon Rapids was also the conference and regional champ in volleyball and the state champion in basketball.

Cordes is the daughter of Rosemary and Larry Cordes, now of Bloomington and Cullen is the daughter of Joann and Robert Cullen of Coon Rapids.



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(OLIVERIUS CRUCIAL TO GOPHERS' SUCCESS)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It looked like Judy Oliverius was caught. The University of Minnesota sophomore tried to stretch a single into a double in one of the Gophers' softball games and was in a "run down" between the bases. Meanwhile, another Minnesota runner was on third, but was staying put. The first baseman had the ball and looked at Oliverius, who pointed at home, as if the runner had made a break. The first baseman looked and Oliverius bolted for second, sliding in before anyone realized what had just happened.

That situation shows why Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells calls the former Spring Lake Park High star an "intense player."

"Judy is an enthusiastic, clutch player," says Wells. "It was a good year for her and she has such great potential. Her leadership role will be much stronger next year."

That will take some doing. This year, Oliverius led the team in hits (44), was third in RBIs (17) and had a .299 batting average. She held down two key positions for the Gophers, starting in the regular pitching rotation and playing first base when not on the mound.

Oliverius started the year hitting everything in sight. When the Gophers returned from a five game trip to New Mexico in early March, she was hitting an even .500. Over spring break, Minnesota headed for California, where softball is a year-round sport. The team faced a grueling 13 game schedule in just seven days against many of the top teams in the country. Oliverius responded and had a .396 average at the end of the trip.

She was still hitting .358 by the end of the Gophers' first two Big Ten series, but then the average started to slide. However, according to Wells, playing two positions and hitting around .300 for the season is certainly nothing to complain about.

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Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten this season with a 14-8 conference record. The Gophers led the league in hitting with a .283 batting average, as well as in runs scored, hits and RBIs. Minnesota had a 30-19 overall record and placed second in the conference in fielding and third in team pitching.

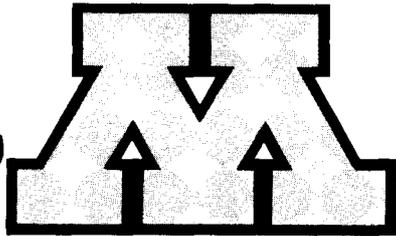
Oliverius contributed in all of those categories. She posted the second highest batting average on the team and was the second busiest pitcher on the staff, working 76 1/3 innings and completing eight of the 12 games she started. She ended the season with a 5-4 record and a 1.47 ERA. In the Big Ten, she was seventh in pitching with a 1.52 conference ERA and a 3-1 conference record.

Oliverius is already on the Gophers' top ten career lists in numbers of at bats (315) and hits (87).. She ranks third in career put-outs (492) and is third in fielding percentage (.975 with 628 chances). And she has two years left.

Last year she played in all 50 games and hit .256 while playing primarily second base. Coach Wells expects a lot more of Oliverius next season, saying she will take on more pitching duties as well as continue to play at first base.

Oliverius was a stand-out in softball, basketball and volleyball at Spring Lake Park High. She was most valuable player on the softball team two years and all-conference three years. In basketball she was MVP four years and all-conference three years. WCCO named her to its all-state basketball team her senior year and the St. Paul Pioneer Press named her to its all-metro team her junior year. She was also all-conference in volleyball.

She is a biology education major and the daughter of John and Jeannette Oliverius of Spring Lake Park.



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(PORTNER EARNS STARTING SPOT)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Statistics can be misleading. Take the case of Diane Portner, a junior playing her first season for the University of Minnesota softball team this year after transferring from South Dakota State.

Portner's batting average at the end of the season is .182. What that doesn't say is that she was hitting just .069 going into the Big Ten schedule and raised her average by over 100 points in the last half of the year - when it counted for conference play and when she could help the Gophers claim second place in the Big Ten.

She also contributed eight RBIs, including three that won games for Minnesota. Portner's best four-game series was against Iowa, when she went four for ten at the plate and gathered two RBIs.

"Diane has good speed," says coach Linda Wells. "She had a good last half of the season and earned a spot in the starting line-up. Now she needs to accept the responsibility that goes with starting - she'll be our only returning outfielder next year."

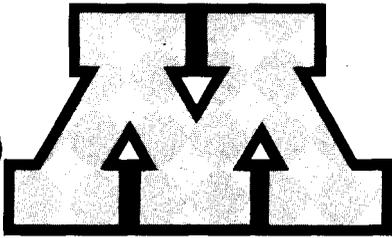
Minnesota posted a 14-8 conference record on its way to a second place Big Ten finish this year. The Gophers led the league in hitting with a .283 batting average as well as in runs scored, hits, and RBIs. The team had a 30-19 overall record and placed second in the conference in fielding and third in team pitching.

Last summer Portner and many of her Gopher teammates earned a trip to the American Softball Association national tournament as members of the Outbound Travel team in Minneapolis.

Before transferring to Minnesota, she played two years of softball and volleyball at South Dakota State. She helped the Jackrabbits to second in the state tournament both years in softball and helped the volleyball team to a state championship her sophomore year.

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Portner won the senior athlete of the year award at Cathedral High in New Ulm her senior year. She played varsity softball three years, and was captain of both the basketball and volleyball teams and an all-region honorable mention in both sports her senior year. An applied design major at Minnesota, she is the daughter of George and Angeline Portner of New Ulm.



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(ZIEMINSKI ENDS CAREER WITH GOPHERS)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It was a fitting end to a fine career. Julie Zieminski, senior and co-captain of the University of Minnesota softball team, went to the plate as a pinch hitter in the last series of the season as the Gophers battled Indiana for second place.

Bases were loaded in the sixth inning, with no score in the game, and there were two outs. A victory over Indiana would clinch second in the Big Ten for Minnesota.

Zieminski, who had been suffering from a broken thumb, comes to the plate and hits a single to knock in the game's only run. Minnesota wins 1-0, clinches second place, and Zieminski has the last hit and RBI of her career.

It was a good year for the Gophers and for Zieminski. She hit .256 with five doubles and a triple. She had nine RBIs, including two that won games for the Gophers, and scored four game-winning runs. She had two of her best series of the year against third place Indiana and fourth place Michigan, going 3-8 and 4-8, respectively, in those four-game sets.

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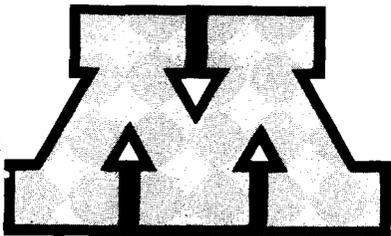
Zieminski ends her career with a .233 batting average, 39 RBIs and a .937 fielding average. She is second on the career "games played" list with 174 and fifth in "at bats" with 464. She is also in the top ten in runs scored (62), hits (108), doubles (10) and RBIs (39). She holds the single game records for most put-outs by an outfielder (8) and most assists by an outfielder (2).

Zieminski has also spent her summers on the diamond, playing for the Outbound Travel team in Minneapolis with many of her Gopher teammates. Last year the team went to the American Softball Association national tournament.

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Four years ago, at Tartan High School, Zieminski was captain and MVP of the softball team and was an all-conference selection. She was also all-conference team captain and MVP in tennis and captain of the basketball team.

A physical education major at Minnesota, she is the daughter of Marie and Joseph Zieminski of Oakdale.



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(JUNGKANS DEFENSIVE SPARK FOR GOPHERS)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Diving catches and short-hop stops became routine on the University of Minnesota softball diamond this season, thanks to junior Nancy Jungkans of Salem, Wisconsin. The Gophers' regular second baseman made the tough plays look easy and supplied the clutch defense to help the Gophers to a second place finish in this year's Big Ten race.

"Nancy made some great defensive plays," says Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells. "She made some game-saving plays with those diving stops."

Jungkans had a .214 batting average this year and five RBIs -- but she made them count. Two of those RBIs won games for the Gophers and she scored the winning run in a third. She also contributed eleven sacrifices -- tops on the team and integral to Wells' strategy of bunting runners into scoring position.

She also had a fine .974 fielding average, led the team's non-first baseman in put-outs and was third on the team in assists.

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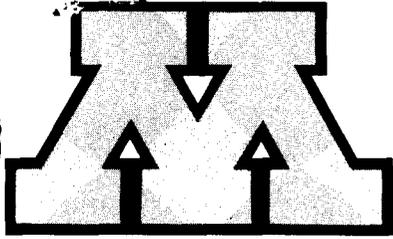
Jungkans came into her own this year, playing in all but four of Minnesota's 49 games. During her first two seasons, she saw action in only about half the Gophers' games. Wells is glad that Jungkans didn't become discouraged.

"Nancy was a walk-on and didn't have a very good season her freshman year," Wells pointed out. "But she kept at it and proved herself. I give her a lot of credit -- a lot of people would have given up. Now she's had an outstanding year."

Last summer, Jungkans and many of her Gopher teammates earned a trip to the American Softball Association's national tournament as members of the Outbound Travel Team of Minneapolis.

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At Salem Central High, she was the team MVP and all-conference for three years in softball. Jungkans was also MVP of the volleyball team and all-conference for two years, MVP on the golf team, and a two-year all-area selection in basketball. The physical education major is the daughter of Lil and Robert Jungkans of Kenosha.



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(CRAY PROVES ABILITY FOR 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Carla Cray, last year's all-state shortstop from Crestwood High, can mark April 22, 1984 on her calendar as the day she made it in the Big Ten.

Cray, a freshman shortstop at the University of Minnesota this year, played in eleven of the Gopher's 27 games during the first part of the season, with a .077 batting average. Then Ohio State visited Minneapolis. When the Buckeyes left town, Cray was sporting a .283 average, with a 5 for 9 performance at the plate over three games.

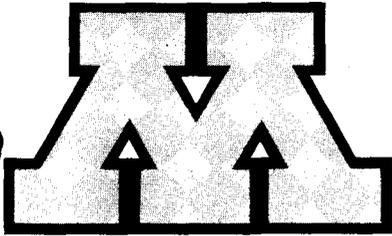
"I thought she did a great job this year," said Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells. "She has good range and good game sense, and she started to put the bat on the ball more. I think it is the 'experience factor'."

Cray ended the year hitting .255 and playing regularly at shortstop. She ended the year in style with a 2 for 3 performance against Indiana in the last game of the season. She had a .389 on-base percentage for the year.

The Gophers finished second in the Big Ten this year with a 14-8 conference record and a 30-19 overall record. Minnesota led the league in hitting with a .286 team batting average; and also led in hits, runs scored and RBIs. The team was second in fielding average and third in pitching.

Next year, Coach Wells says Cray will be one of the three starting Gopher pitchers and will continue to play at shortstop. "She throws the ball fast," according to Wells, "and it is a live ball -- it moves a lot." Cray will also pitch and play shortstop this summer on the Twin City based ASA Class AA Outbound Travel team - a team that went to the national tournament last year.

Besides winning all-state honors in softball at Crestwood, Cray was a three-year all-conference selection and honorable mention all-state in basketball. She was a state competitor in the softball throw in track and was the conference champion in the 100 meter dash. She was the 1983 Female Athlete of the Year at Crestwood High. A commercial art major at Minnesota, she is the daughter of Richard and Lorraine Cray of Cresco.



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(KEIRSTEAD KEY DESIGNATED HITTER FOR 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Statistically, this was junior Anne Keirstead's best season so far with the University of Minnesota softball team. Keirstead, of Chelmsford, Mass., played in 34 of the Gophers' 49 games this season, splitting her time between first base and the designated hitter slot.

Keirstead hit .198 this season, which compares to a .164 career average coming into the year. She made her 17 hits count, however, and had eight RBIs for the season, including a home run against Big Ten champion Northwestern.

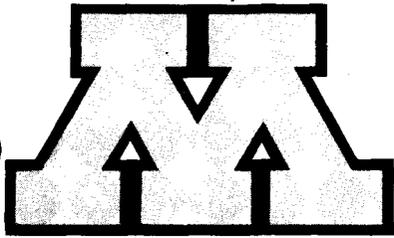
"I really felt like she gave 100 percent all year," says Coach Linda Wells. "She did well to hit .200 with limited playing time. When you don't play all the time, you just don't have the opportunity to play through your slumps. She was a good, positive influence on the team."

Minnesota finished second in the Big Ten this season with a 14-8 conference record. The Gophers led the league in hitting with a .283 batting average as well as in runs scored, hits and RBIs. The team had a 30-19 overall record and placed second in the conference in fielding and third in team pitching.

Keirstead continued her steady defensive play, posting a .964 fielding average with 151 put-outs -- second highest on the team. She is now fifth on the all-time career put-out list for the Gophers with 442.

She played her high school softball at Whitnall High in Greenfield, Wisconsin and was MVP for the conference champions as a junior with the highest batting average on the team. As a senior she was captain, all-conference, and led the team to a regional championship. She was also all-conference in basketball and volleyball.

Keirstead is a computer science major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Elizabeth and Donald Keirstead of Chelmsford.



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(FLIS KEY HITTER FOR 'U' SOFTBALL)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It was a good year on the University of Minnesota softball diamond for sophomore Ann Flis, former Menomonie High most valuable player. The Gophers and Flis both benefited from the designated hitter rule, which is used in softball.

"Ann is a victim of our strength at her two best positions - first base and third base," says Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells. "But she had a good year and really helped us offensively."

Flis played in 36 of the Gophers' 49 games this year - many at designated hitter and some at first base. She posted a .269 batting average and tied for fourth on the team in RBIs with 14. In addition, her fielding average was a fine .959.

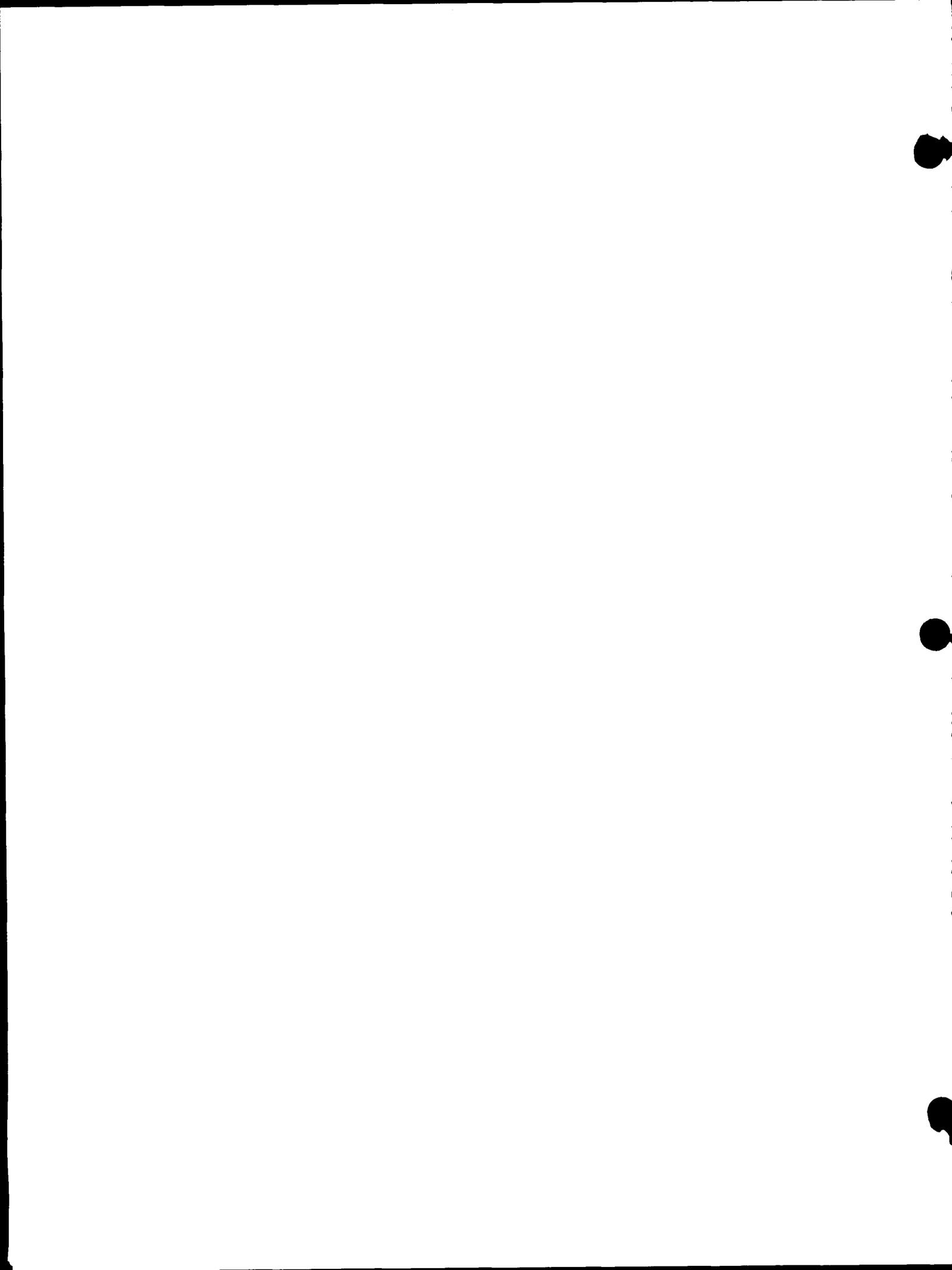
Proving to be a clutch hitter, Flis slugged the game-winning RBI in three of the Gophers' 30 victories - tied for second best on the team.

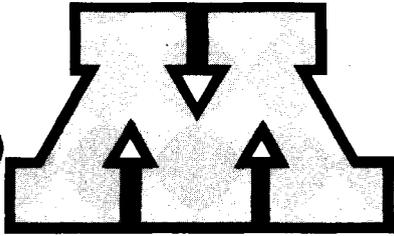
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Last year Flis had a .250 average and three RBIs, appearing in 16 Gopher games. She also went to the American Softball Association national tournament last summer with many of her Gopher teammates, playing for Outbound Travel in Minneapolis.

At Menomonie High, Flis was MVP on the softball team for two years and led the team in hitting her senior season. She was also the MVP and most improved player on the volleyball team and the most improved player in basketball.

She is a business administration major at Minnesota and is the daughter of James and Lois Flis of Menomonie.





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(KATZENMEYER HELPS GOPHERS TO SECOND)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Last year catcher Kim Katzenmeyer of Fergus Falls had to play behind the University of Minnesota softball team's leading hitter. It was Katzenmeyer's freshman year and she expected to learn a lot. She played in half the Gophers' games at catcher and posted a fine .273 batting average.

This year she was the victim of Gopher strength behind the plate again, playing behind Barb Drake, an All-Big Ten and second team All-American selection. Katzenmeyer shared the catching duties with Drake and played in the outfield, appearing in 31 of Minnesota's 49 games and hitting .203 with five RBIs. She also had eight sacrifices -- second highest on the team and an important part of Coach Linda Wells' strategy.

Overall, Wells was pleased with Katzenmeyer's performance. "She had the best individual series of anyone on the team at Indiana," Wells said. The Gophers played their last four-game series of the year at Indiana and needed two wins over the Hoosiers to take second in the Big Ten. With Katzenmeyer's performance, Minnesota got those two wins.

"Kim got more playing time this year," Wells continued, "and probably will continue to have more. She is a good outfielder and continues to improve behind the plate."

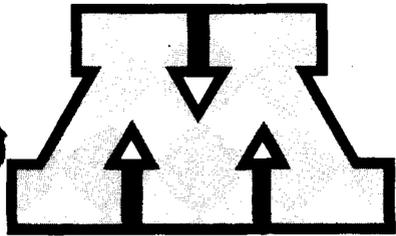
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Katzenmeyer played in the American Softball Association national tournament last summer with many of her Gopher teammates, as a member of the Outbound Travel team of Minneapolis.

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At Fergus Falls High, she played on the boys' baseball team. She was also captain and highest scorer her senior year in basketball. In volleyball she was captain of the team three years and MVP twice and she was captain of the track team her senior year, earning a trip to the state tournament in the discus.

Katzenmeyer is an applied design major at Minnesota and the daughter of Carole and Don Katzenmeyer of Fergus Falls.



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(SEIFERT KEY PITCHER IN SENIOR SEASON)

(by Dean Woodbeck)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior Tam Seifert turned in the best pitching performance of her career at the University of Minnesota this past season. With an 8-4 won-loss record, she was second on the pitching staff in number of games won and in winning percentage.

"Tam was one of our top two pitchers this year," commented Minnesota softball coach Linda Wells. "She is a very accomplished pitcher and has shown incredible improvement over the last four years."

Seifert came into her own this year, starting more games (10) than in the last two seasons combined. She worked 64 1/3 innings, earned one save, and posted a 1.20 ERA (second lowest on the staff). Her career record is 10-7 and career ERA is 1.36.

Seifert was one of the key ingredients to Minnesota's second place finish in the Big Ten this season. The team had a 14-8 conference record and was 30-19 overall. The Gophers led the league in hitting with a .283 batting average as well as in runs scored, hits and RBIs. Defensively the team was second in the Big Ten in fielding and third in team pitching.

Last summer Seifert played on the Outbound Travel team in Minneapolis with many of her Gopher teammates and went to the American Softball Association national tournament.

Seifert was an all-conference and all-state pitcher at Jordan High School four years ago. She earned most valuable player honors as well on her way to a 45-1 record. She was also all-conference in basketball and volleyball and MVP in volleyball. A physical education major, she is the daughter of Carol and Jerry Seifert of Jordan.

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JANE SAGE COWLES STADIUM DEDICATION SET FOR SATURDAY

The dedication ceremony for the Jane Sage Cowles Stadium, the new home for the University of Minnesota softball team, is Saturday, April 29, prior to the Golden Gophers' game against Big Ten rival Purdue. The ceremony will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Jane Sage Cowles and her parents, Sage and John Cowles, will be in attendance to participate in the dedication celebration. University President Mark Yudof, University Vice President and Chief of Staff Tonya Moten Brown, Women's Athletics Director Chris Voelz and Golden Gopher players and coaches will join the Cowles family in a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with activities for children adjacent to the stadium. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. for the afternoon's festivities. Fans will receive a commemorative bat and program. Another featured attraction will be sky divers from Twin Cities Skydivers delivering the ball for the ceremonial first pitch.

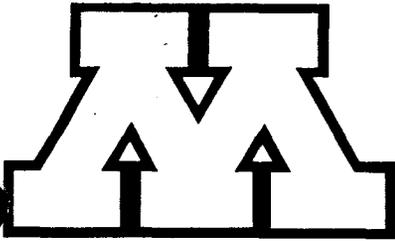
A \$2.1 million dollar facility, the Jane Sage Cowles Stadium was funded by a gift of over \$1 million dollars from the Cowles family and \$1 million dollars appropriated from the Minnesota state legislature. The facility, constructed around the previous Bierman field, features stadium (box-chair) seating and grandstand (bench-back) seating for 1,000 spectators.

Along with the primary playing field complete with dugouts and bullpens, a two-story building behind home plate houses many amenities. The second level features a clubhouse for hospitality and game management, a media and multi-purpose room and a deck. The first level contains team rooms, an athletic training facility and public concessions and restrooms.

Jane Sage Cowles is the daughter of Sage and John Cowles. She was a collegiate softball player at Utah State University, and was one of the founders of the Women's Professional Softball League (WPSL). The Cowles are among the largest backers of the WPSL. Jane's love of the sport of softball was the reason the Cowles family became involved in both the professional league and softball at the University of Minnesota

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(Note: Interview opportunities with Sage, John, or Jane Cowles are available by contacting Bruce Wolfe in the Minnesota Women's Sports Information Office.)



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(JOHNSON LEADS 'U' SWIM TEAM AT BIG TENS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Denise Johnson of Burnsville was a crucial performer in helping this year's swim team to their highest Big Ten finish ever at third. Johnson was the leading Minnesota scorer at the Big Ten Championship, earning ninety points, and was the 200 yard individual medley Big Ten champion (2:06.15), setting a new Minnesota varsity record in that event.

She also set varsity records in the 100 yard individual medley, finishing fifth (1:00.36), the 500 yard freestyle (5:00.53) placing tenth and set a varsity record during the preliminaries of the 200 yard freestyle (1:53.33) while placing fifth (1:53.78) in the finals of that event. In the 400 yard individual medley, Johnson placed second (4:26.69), .02 seconds behind teammate Marja Raikkala who won the event, setting a new Minnesota varsity record. Johnson's four varsity records contributed to the Gophers highest ever total of eighteen new varsity records.

Minnesota set two new Big Ten records in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle relays. Johnson was a member of the Big Ten record setting 400 yard freestyle relay (3:27.34) and was also a member of the varsity record setting 800 yard freestyle relay (7:39.55) which placed third.

In addition to the Big Ten meet, Johnson competed in two individual events at the NCAA National Swimming Championship, finishing 30th in the 200 individual medley and 33rd in the 400 yard individual medley. She also swam on the 400 yard freestyle relay which placed 16th (3:29.12), the 200 yard freestyle relay which placed 21st (1:36.68) and the 800 yard freestyle relay which placed 24th (7:42.34).

In dual meets this season, Johnson placed first or second in the 100 and 200 yard individual medley, in every meet as the Gophers compiled a near perfect 11-1 dual meet season record.

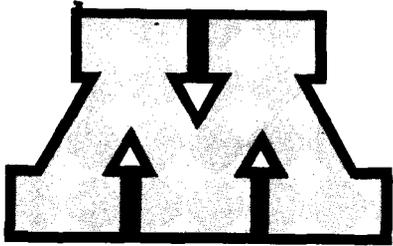
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According to Swimming Coach Jean Freeman, Johnson is a very disciplined work-out swimmer and has been training since the official swimming season in preparation for competition at the U.S. Senior Nationals April 6-9, where she will compete in the 200 and 400 yard individual medleys.

Johnson had her best swimming season ever this year, posting lifetime bests in almost every event - no small accomplishment for an athlete who won All-Conference, All-State and All-American honors while attending Burnsville High School. She also received Burnsville's Tracy Caulkins and Athena awards and earned three letters each in track and cross country skiing.

A business major, Johnson is the daughter of Dennis and Ramona Johnson of 13008 Irving Ave. South in Burnsville.



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(WALLNER STANDOUT IN 'U' SWIM SEASON)

University of Minnesota freshman Diane Wallner of St. Paul (Alexander Ramsey) was a standout in her first year on the swim team. She was the team's third leading scorer with 177 points in varsity meets, reset two individual varsity records, and was a member of three varsity record breaking relay teams.

The 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams both set new Big Ten records this year, in 1:35.19 and 3:27.34 respectively, and Wallner was a member of both. She also swam on the Big Ten third place 800 yard freestyle relay team which set a new varsity record in 7:39.55.

Wallner collected a pair of second place marks at the Big Ten Championships in the 50 yard freestyle (23.87) and the 100 yard freestyle (51.64). Both were new varsity records and qualified her for competition at the NCAA National Championships. In addition, Wallner finished tenth in the 50 yard backstroke (28.31) at Big Tens.

Besides competing in two individual events at the NCAA National Championships, Wallner also swam on three relays. She placed 25th in the 50 yard freestyle but did not reach the finals in the 100 yard freestyle. However, she swam on the 400 yard freestyle relay which placed 16th, the 200 yard freestyle relay which finished 21st and the 800 yard freestyle relay which placed 24th.

Wallner distinguished herself in relay events by swimming 50 and 100 yard freestyle legs on all the winning relays. "Diane is a very good relay swimmer, and a good team worker," said swimming Coach Jean Freeman. In addition, Wallner took first place in the 100 freestyle in every dual meet in which she competed and finished first in all but one dual meet in the 50 yard freestyle.

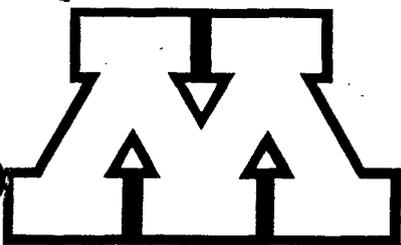
The Gophers finished the season with an 11-1 dual meet record, one of the best in Coach Freeman's ten year career at Minnesota, set eighteen varsity records and finished third at the Big Ten Championships, their highest finish ever.

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Wallner was a six-time high school All-American and seven-time state champion in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle and an All-American USS swimmer. She made the 1980 and 1982 U.S. teams with a sixth-place finish at the national meets.

A pre-med major, Wallner is the daughter of Alfred and Rose Wallner of 2731 Huron in St. Paul.



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(SURGERY HALTS WILK FROM NATIONAL MEET - CLOSSES OUT SWIM CAREER AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Although emergency surgery prevented her from becoming a three time All-American, University of Minnesota senior co-captain Britta Wilk finished her last year on the swim team as a member of two Big Ten Conference record-breaking relay teams.

Wilk was slated to swim on four of the five relays that Minnesota qualified for the NCAA National Swimming Championships but unfortunately she had emergency appendicitis surgery and then contacted double pneumonia shortly before the championship and was unable to attend.

"Britta was in very good shape this year and always does her best at nationals," said Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman. "She learned from this that you can't take anything for granted. As athletes we tend to take our bodies for granted, that they will always perform."

In her four years at Minnesota, Wilk was the leading team scorer at the Big Ten Championship's in 1981 and 1982 and was the second leading scorer her other two years. She was also a top team scorer overall for two of her four years. "Britta is definately a leader," siad Freeman, "we're going to miss her alot." Wilk was co-captain of the team for two years.

At Big Tens Wilk finished thrid in the 50 yard butterfly (26.34), fourth in the 100 yard butterfly (58.22), sixth in the 100 yard freestyle (52.77), thirteenth in the 50 yard freestyle (24.82) and fifteenth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:54.76). She was a member of the first place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:35.76) and the first place 400 yard freestyle relay (3:27.34), both of which set new Big Ten records. She also swam on the Gopher varsity record breaking 800 yard freestyle relay (7:39.55) which placed third.

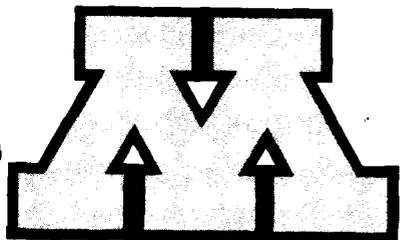
Wilk holds Minnesota varsity records in the 50 and 100 yard butterflies, and is a co-holder of varsity records on four relay teams as well as a two-time All-American. She collected six varsity records her freshman year, seven her sophomore season and nine during her junior year.

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This season Wilk placed in the top two in the 50 and 100 yard butterflies in all dual meets and in the top three in the 200 yard freestyle, contributing to the Gophers' 11-1 finish in dual meet competition. She was instrumental in leading the team to their highest Big Ten finish, third, and in helping the team to break a phenomenal eighteen varsity records. Coach Freeman is confident Wilk's success in swimming will be duplicated in other walks of life. "Britta will succeed in any endeavor she undertakes following her swimming career at Minnesota," said Freeman.

A native of Tampa, Fla. Wilk was the 1979 Florida State high school 50 yard freestyle champion and a standout in volleyball at her high school, the Academy of the Holy Names. Wilk was also an All-American in sixteen events during her high school swimming career. A speech-communications major, she is the daughter of Roger and Edwina Wilk of 10005 Hampton Place in Tampa, Fla.

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(CARROLL SETS VARSITY RECORDS ON 'U' SWIM TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota sophomore Coleen Carroll from St. Paul, Minn. improved her finishes at the Big Ten Championships by four places this year over her tenth place finishes in the breaststroke events as a freshman.

"Coleen worked hard at practice and the real breakthrough came in her confidence at the big meet," according to swimming coach Jean Freeman.

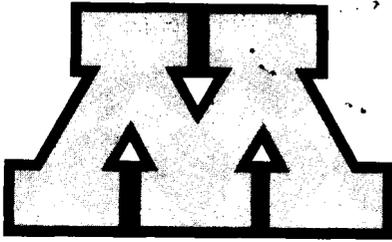
All through the year Carroll was an important breaststroker, placing in the top four in the 50, 100 and 200 yard events during the dual meet season. But, her big breakthrough came at the Big Ten Championships where she set new varsity records in all the breaststroke events.

Her records came from sixth place finishes in the 50 yard breaststroke (31.49) and the 100 yard breaststroke (1:07.78) and a seventh place mark in the 200 yard breaststroke (2:25.24). Carroll also set a record for the 100 yard breaststroke in the preliminaries of that event, finishing fifth in 1:07.52. In addition to her individual records, Carroll swam on the 400 yard medley relay team which set a Minnesota varsity record at the Big Tens placing third in 3:57.13.

As a team, Minnesota swam to their highest Big Ten finish with 605 points for third place, and Gopher swimmers broke eighteen varsity records at the Big Ten Championship. The dual-meet season record of 11-1 was one of the best in Coach Jean Freeman's ten year career as coach at Minnesota.

Carroll qualified for the NCAA National Championships where she set a varsity record in the 50 yard breaststroke (30.77) during the time trials. She was also a member of the 400 yard medley relay team which swam a varsity record time of 3:56.65, but, unfortunately, was disqualified for a bad start.

An All-American honorable mention at Kellogg High School, Carroll was three times All-Conference and All-State, swam in the 1982 Junior Olympics and briefly held the high school state record in the 100 yard breaststroke. A political science major, she is the daughter of Thomas and Virginia Carroll of 3131 North Lexington in St. Paul, Minn.



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(OLSON TO CAPTAIN UNIVERSITY SWIM TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Only a sophomore, University of Minnesota swimmer Marci Olson of Cottage Grove, Minn. was thought of as a leader on the team this year, according to swimming coach Jean Freeman. She was recently named as one of the Gopher tri-captains for next year's team and was also honored as one of two Most Improved Gopher Swimmers for this year, at the team's awards banquet.

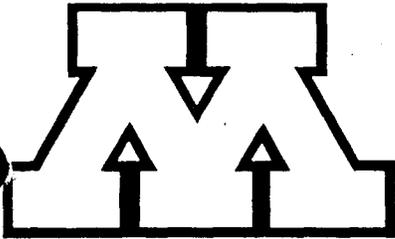
Olson finished in the top two in the 200 yard butterfly in all dual meets in which she competed, the top four in the 100 yard butterfly, and the top three in the 200 yard freestyle. Minnesota finished the season with an 11-1 dual meet record, one of the highest in Coach Freeman's ten year career with the Gophers. The team also set two new Big Ten records in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:35.19) and the 400 yard freestyle relay (3:27.34), and swam to their highest Big Ten finish with 605 points for third place.

At the Big Ten Championships Olson bettered the old Minnesota varsity record in the 200 yard butterfly with a sixth place finish in 2:07.67 and competed on the varsity record setting 400 yard medley relay which placed third (3:57.13). At Big Tens Olson also placed in four other events including sixth in the 100 yard butterfly (58.57), eleventh in the 50 yard butterfly (26.90), fourteenth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:54.32) and sixteenth in the 100 yard freestyle (53.75).

At the NCAA National Championships Olson was a member of the sixteenth place 400 yard freestyle relay (3:29.12), the 800 yard freestyle relay (7:42.34) and the 400 yard medley relay which was disqualified due to a bad start.

"I think Marci will be in the finals in individual events next year," said Freeman, who noted that Olson's adjustment to attending a large university has helped improve her swimming times since her freshman year. "Marci has a good attitude to make the team improve," said Freeman.

Olson was All-State, All-Conference, regional champion and a record-holder at Park Senior High, and was a three time MVP in eleven years of AAU swimming. A business major, Olson is the daughter of Curtis and Marian Olson of 8151 - 83rd Street South in Cottage Grove, Minn.



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(IWERKS HIGHEST SCORER DURING SEASON FOR GOPHER SWIM TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota sophomore Elyce Iwerks was the highest scorer on the women's swimming team at varsity meets this season. She scored 185 3/4 points in aiding the Gophers to an 11-1 dual meet record.

Iwerks finished first in the 50 yard backstroke at every dual meet in which she swam the event and also finished first in the 200 yard backstroke except in the meet with Nebraska where first place was taken by a nationally ranked Nebraska backstroker.

In addition, Iwerks finished in the top two at every dual meet in both the 100 yard backstroke and freestyle.

"Elyce was the most consistent swimmer this year," said Coach Jean Freeman. "She is a hard worker, quiet and steadily improving." According to Freeman Iwerks improved her training in her sophomore season over what she had done as a freshman.

This year's team record was one of the best in Coach Freeman's ten year career at Minnesota. The Gophers broke eighteen varsity records, and had their highest Big Ten Championship finish, with 605 points, for third place. Minnesota set two new Big Ten records in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:35.19) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:27.34).

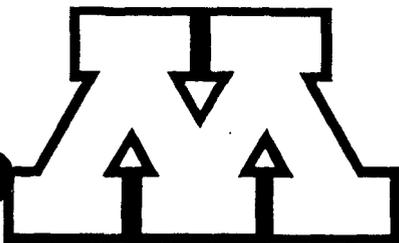
Iwerks was a member of the varsity record setting 400 yard medley relay which placed third at the Big Ten Championships in 3:57.13. She was also a member of the 200 yard medley relay which placed fourth at Big Tens in 1:48.32.

Participation in four individual events at the Big Ten Championships brought Iwerks a fourth place finish in the 100 yard backstroke, where she set a new varsity record of 59.51. Iwerks also placed fifth in the 200 yard backstroke (2:09.28), sixth in the 50 yard backstroke (28.02) and sixteenth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:58.14).

At the NCAA National Swimming Championship Iwerks was a member of the 200 yard medley relay which placed twenty fifth (1:49.33), and the 800 freestyle relay which placed twenty fourth (7:42.34). The 400 medley relay which was disqualified for a bad start finished in 3:56.65 which would have been a new Minnesota varsity record.

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Iwerks was named an All-American last year for her part in the 400 freestyle relay team and has had ten years of AAU swimming experience. In 1980, she was named the South Dakota women swimmer of the year. A physical therapy major, Iwerks is the daughter of Don and Carol Iwerks of 324 Park in Aberdeen, South Dakota.



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(FRESHMAN JO ELSEN PLACES HIGH AT BIG TEN'S; COMPETES AT NCAA NATIONALS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Jo Elsen from Richfield, Minn. is a talented and hard working addition to the University of Minnesota Swimming Team. In dual meet competition this year, Elsen placed in the top two in the 50 yard butterfly, first in the 100 yard butterfly, in the top three in the 200 yard butterfly and 50 yard freestyle, second in the 100 yard freestyle and in the top four in the 200 yard freestyle.

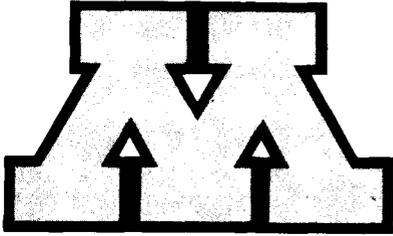
At the Big Ten Championships Elsen took second place in the 50 yard butterfly (26.30), eighth in the 100 yard butterfly (58.92) and fifteenth in the 50 yard freestyle (24.87). She was also a member of the 200 yard freestyle relay team which finished first in 1:35.19 setting a new Big Ten record. Elsen was also a member of the 200 yard medley relay team which finished fourth in 1:48.32.

Minnesota swam to their highest Big Ten finish ever this year gaining 605 points for third place. The team broke eighteen varsity records this year and finished the dual meet season with an 11-1 record, one of the best in Coach Jean Freeman's ten year career with the Gophers.

Although a freshman Elsen competed on two relay teams at the NCAA National Swimming Championships in Lincoln, Neb. She was a member of the 200 yard freestyle relay team which finished twenty first (1:36.68), and the 200 yard medley relay team which placed twenty fifth in 1:49.33.

"Jo really is talented in the freestyle and butterfly," said coach Jean Freeman. "She can do the sprints but also trains well in workouts and distance events." Elsen was injured during the swim team's Christmas training trip to Hawaii when she was struck by a surfboard. The injury kept Elsen out of practice for two weeks and the time she lost hindered her training.

An All-American honorable mention from Richfield Senior High School, Elsen was a member of the state championship team in 1981 and was a conference champion in five events. Jo is the daughter of Gerald and Rosemary Elsen of 6809 Columbus South in Richfield.



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(SHEEHAN PLANS TO HANG UP SWIMSUIT)

St. Paul

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Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota All-American junior Anna Sheehan of St. Paul recently decided that she will hang up her swim suit for good because she has accomplished all the goals she set for herself in collegiate swimming.

One of Sheehan's goals was to score in the top eight at the Big Ten Championships. She did so, finishing fifth in the 50 yard freestyle (24.31) and was also a member of two Big Ten record breaking relay teams - the 400 yard freestyle relay (3:27.34) and the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:35.19).

Sheehan also swam on the 200 medley relay which finished fourth (1:48.32) at Big Tens and the varsity record breaking 400 yard medley relay which finished third (3:57.13).

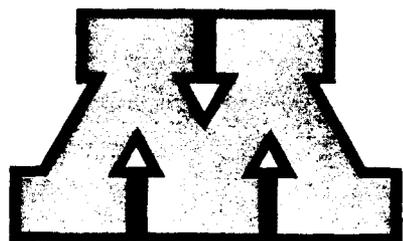
"Anna is a relay person - she has always swam faster in relays than in individual events," said swimming coach Jean Freeman. Even so, Sheehan swam lifetime bests in all her events this year finishing first six times in the 50 freestyle and in the top five in the 100 freestyle in all dual meets this season.

She helped Minnesota compile an 11-1 dual meet record, one of the best in Coach Jean Freeman's ten year career as coach. The Gophers also had their highest finish in the Big Ten this year, scoring 605 points for third place, and set eighteen new Minnesota varsity records during the course of the year.

At the NCAA National Championships, Sheehan competed on four of five Minnesota relay teams: the 16th place 400 yard freestyle (3:29.12), the 21st place 200 yard freestyle (1:36.68), the 25th place 200 yard medley (1:49.33) and the 400 medley relay which swam a Minnesota varsity record breaking time of 3:56.65 but unfortunately was disqualified for a bad start.

Sheehan transferred to Minnesota from Iowa State her sophomore year and was a honorable mention All-American at Mounds View High School and captain and All-Conference in both swimming and track.

Sheehan is the daughter of James and Margaret Sheehan of 5 Willow Road in St. Paul, Minn.



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(DRISCOLL AWARDED KATHLEEN C. RIDDER SCHOLARSHIP)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior swimming team member Erin Driscoll was awarded the Kathleen C. Ridder scholarship at last May's Patty Berg Awards Banquet. Driscoll was the first recipient of the scholarship which will be awarded annually to a junior or senior woman student-athlete based upon merit and potential. The recipient must maintain an acceptable academic standing and be working toward a degree in medicine, science, health science, mathematics or another non-traditional profession for a woman.

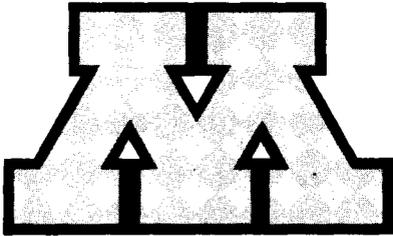
Driscoll is a pre-med major and held a 3.41 grade point average when awarded the scholarship. She was valedictorian at East Grand Forks Senior High School where she held a 4.0 grade point average and was president of the National Honor Society.

1983-84 Season Highlights:

The Minnesota Gophers have posted a 2-1 record so far this season, defeating Northwestern 78-33 and Hamline 69-44 and losing to Southern Illinois 57-65. The team took third place at the Chicago Relay Meet and twelfth at the Canada Cup Meet.

Driscoll was a member of two relay teams which have clocked the fastest times for the Gophers so far this season; the 200 yard freestyle relay which placed third at the Chicago Relay Meet with a 1:40.55 time and the 400 yard freestyle relay which placed first against Southern Illinois in 3:36.64.

Driscoll took first in the 50 yard freestyle in the Hamline meet in :26.14 and took a first in the 100 yard freestyle against Northwestern with a :55.31 time. She took second place in the 200 yard individual medley against Northwestern with a 2:16.26 time. Driscoll took third place in the 200 yard freestyle vs. Southern Illinois in 1:59.46. At the Minnesota Time Trials she captured second in the 200 yard backstroke with a 2:23.71 time and third in the 200 yard individual medley in 2:17.02 and the 100 yard freestyle in :55.93.



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(BURNSVILLE'S SWIMMERS STAR AT 'U')

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Minneapolis, MN -- Besides being two of the best swimmers on the Minnesota team, sophomore Denise Johnson and freshman Sue Roell have other things in common. Both attended the Burnsville Swim Club and graduated from Burnsville High School, the two say they enjoy other sports besides swimming, and they have the same goal for this year's Big Ten Championship - they want the Gophers to win.

"Denise and Sue are both used to very hard work, due to the coaching of Dennis Dale of Burnsville Swim Club and High School. His team is more disciplined than any other team in Minnesota, and he instills high goals and a desire to win in his swimmers," said Minnesota Swimming Coach Jean Freeman.

Those high goals are evident in both swimmers' careers. Johnson was the first individual from the Burnsville Swim Club to attend the Junior Olympics and the Senior Nationals. She was named All-Conference, All-State and All-American in high school, was a member of the 1981-82 state champion team and received Burnsville's Tracy Caulkins and Athena awards.

Roell was voted Minnesota's Most Outstanding Senior Female Swimmer in 1982, gained All-American honors in 1980 and 1982, was the state record holder in the 100 yard breaststroke. She also reigned as the state champion for three years in that stroke.

The pair have known each other since swimming in the Burnsville Swim Club together. "When we were both younger I would go to meets with Sue's family when mine couldn't make it, but we really became friends when we went to Burnsville High School together," said Johnson. Johnson decided to attend the University of Minnesota because she knew she would always stay near home. "Mom's been timing meets since I was young and even went to nationals with me," said Johnson. "It seems like it's always been me, mom and my coach." Roell on the other hand was considering other schools to attend, but is happy she decided on Minnesota.

Johnson has contributed a lot in her year and a half with the Gophers. She holds Minnesota varsity records in the 200 and 500 yard freestyles, the 100 and 200 yard individual medleys, and is a member of two record holding relay teams.

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She placed in five individual events at the Big Ten Championship last year and was as a member of two relay teams that placed first and third. The 400 yard freestyle relay team, of which she was a member, set a new Big Ten record. So far this season Johnson has placed first or second in all the individual medleys and freestyles that she has entered.

A personal goal for the rest of the season for Johnson is to stay undefeated in the 200 yard individual medley. Last year she only lost to Maria Krug of Wisconsin. Krug finished first in 2:09.23 and was followed by Johnson with a 2:11.54 time. "I'll get her this year," predicts Johnson. The Gophers face the Badgers at a home meet on January 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Cooke Hall Pool. Looking towards the Big Ten Championship, Johnson says she would like to defend her 200 yard individual medley title and win the 400 yard individual medley, but would like teammate Marja Raikkala to follow in second place -- last year they finished the other way around. Johnson also wants the Gophers to win the Big Ten championship. "I think we can win Big Ten's and I'll be disappointed if we don't. It will be hard, but we can do it as well as any other team. It will be a good meet this year."

Roell echoes that sentiment saying, "I want most for this year to have our team win Big Ten's. I think we could really do it if we put our hearts into it." The Gophers face tough competition at the Big Ten meet February 23-25 in Milwaukee, WI, however they were the surprise team last year finishing in third place behind Ohio State and Michigan.

Roell also looks forward to the Big Ten's personally as a chance to establish herself in the conference. "When first coming to a new school you have to prove yourself. I look forward to Big Ten's because I can look to proving myself not just to this team, but to others as well, as not just an ordinary swimmer."

Roell can't be considered just an "ordinary" swimmer. When joining the Minnesota team she already held Cooke Hall Pool records in the 50 and 100 yard breaststrokes. So far this season she has placed first in the 100 yard breaststroke three times and holds Minnesota season best times in both the 50 and 100 yard breaststrokes. In spite of these accomplishments Roell considered high school swimming more intense because of its short season. "In high school your season is for only three months and in college everyone is thinking about school, family, career -- their whole life, and that's the way it should be," said Roell. "It's not as intense until Big Ten's."

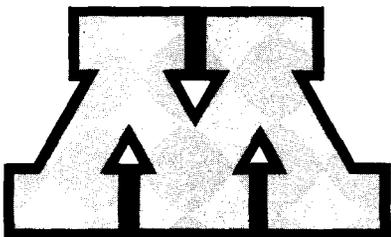
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As opposed to Johnson, who swims all year, Roell quits swimming for about four months out of the year to play softball. "Softball is my little out from swimming, everyone has to take two steps back and look at what they've done, everyone has their own way of doing it," said Roell. For two summers Roell has played for the Lacota Softball League in Burnsville. Roell lettered two years in softball during high school earning the third most RBI's, highest batting average, most runs scored and most number of hits on the team.

Johnson too enjoys other sports. She lettered in both track and cross country skiing in high school and still participates in these sports. A case in point is a Sunday when Johnson got up early and went cross country skiing but the snow was bad, so afterwards she went running and when she returned home did aerobics. "I always have a lot of energy, I can't just sit around," explained Johnson.

Along with being a member of the University Swim Team and participating in other sports in her free time, Johnson is also a member of the honors program at the University. She is majoring in accounting and hopes to establish herself as a Certified Public Accountant in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area. Johnson decided her major in eighth grade where she was already two years ahead of classmates in math. "I make things out of numbers and pick out numbers all the time," said Johnson. At a recent lunch she pointed out to friends that in one more minute the time would be the same as the date, the time was 1:11 and the date January 12. Besides being adept at number handling, Johnson also attributes her desire to become a CPA to meeting Burnsville CPA Rudy Borowicz as a young girl. "When I was little dad and I were in Indian Princesses and he was a father in that, and I've always looked up to him," said Johnson.

Roell is undecided in a major but is pursuing an interest in management. Roell is the daughter of Thomas and Jo Ann Roell, and Johnson's parents are Dennis and Ramona Johnson.



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(IWERKS UNDEFEATED IN 100 AND 200 YARD BACKSTROKE THIS SEASON WITH GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Junior swimmer Elyce Iwerks of Aberdeen South Dakota has won all but two 200 yard backstroke events during the last two swimming seasons for the Gophers. So far this year she has won all the 100 and 200 yard backstrokes, and is a member of the 200 yard medley relay team which has five first place finishes so far this season.

Iwerks also holds Minnesota season bests in the 500 yard freestyle, 100 and 200 yard backstrokes, and she is a member of all the relay teams which hold Minnesota season best times. "Elyce is motivated by winning and having challenges along the way," said Gopher Coach Jean Freeman.

If that is the case, Iwerks should have a very good showing the rest of the season. She modestly admits that, "the season is going really well." "I hope to keep dropping my times or at least hold them the same until Big Ten's. I want to stay strong and keep my endurance," said Iwerks. "I think your mental attitude is more than half the battle. You have to be in shape and have endurance behind you, but your attitude has to be good or you're not going to swim well."

Swimming well for Iwerks means fulfilling the hope of performing lifetime bests at this year's Big Ten meet, February 23-25 at the Schroeder Aquatic Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Coach Freeman has hopes for Iwerks also. "She should do really well at Big Tens. I'd love to see her win the backstroke events. She has a chance of winning both backstrokes or at least placing in the top three as well as finishing in the top eight in freestyle events," said Freeman.

A team oriented person, Iwerks hopes that each of the swimmers can accomplish their goals at the Championship. "We're going for our best season ever, and if everyone got one of their goals, even if we don't win -- which would be really nice -- that would still be a win for the team. I look forward to the team spirit there. It's really different at the Championship, the team is really together," said Iwerks.

Last year at the Big Ten Championships Iwerks earned the third most points for Minnesota as the Gophers finished third behind Ohio State and Michigan.

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In the 100 yard backstroke Iwerks took fourth place (:59.51), setting a Minnesota varsity record, was fifth in the 200 yard backstroke (2:09.28), and sixth in the 500 yard backstroke (:28.02). She also placed sixteenth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:58.14), and was a member of the third place 400 yard medley relay team (3:57.13), which set a varsity record and qualified for the NCAA Nationals as well as the fourth place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:48.32), which also qualified for Nationals.

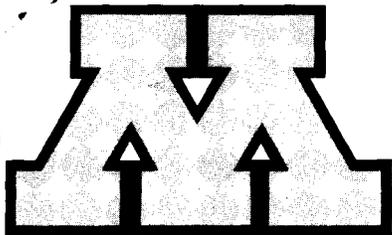
In addition to these accomplishments, Iwerks holds the Minnesota varsity record in the 100 yard freestyle, and is a member of two more varsity record setting relay teams, the 800 yard freestyle relay and the 200 yard medley relay. She is well on her way to repeating as the Gophers top individual point scorer in varsity meets, which she accomplished last season with 185 3/4 points.

Swimming is a high priority in Iwerks life and she takes it seriously. "We have our set practice times, and I have the responsibility to make those times, and arrange my classes and free time around that. I committed myself to that when I joined the team," she said.

Before joining the Minnesota team, Iwerks compiled ten years of AAU swimming experience, beginning swimming at the age of eight. She was named the South Dakota Woman Swimmer of the Year in 1980, and was named All-State at Aberdeen Central High School. Iwerks also competed in track and basketball in high school. "A lot of times I miss track and basketball, and I think about them a lot, and wish I could participate, but I really don't have the time. I think swimming is my strongest sport, but I do miss the other sports."

Iwerks swims year round and has never taken a summer off from swimming. "I think it would be harder to take the summer off. I feel better about it if I swim year round," said Iwerks. She does think she will take a break from swimming after her college career is ended. "I'm sure I'll swim day to day after college, but I may take a break in between.

Iwerks is the daughter of Don & Carol Iwerks of 324 Park Avenue, Aberdeen, South Dakota.



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(WASHINGTON SWIMMERS MAKE A SPLASH IN MINNESOTA)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Three University of Minnesota women swimmers hail from the state of Washington -- veteran Kari Anderson, a junior, and newcomer Cindy Hovet, both from Bellevue, while senior Claudia Sanders is from Seattle.

Both Hovet and Sanders swam in the finals of this year's Big Ten Championships, helping the Gophers to their best finish in history. Minnesota is placed second with 506 points while third year champions Ohio State won with 522.5 points. The 16.5 point margin was the tightest between first and second place in the history of the Big Ten and Coach Jean Freeman was named the Big Ten Swimming Coach of the year. The Gophers compiled a 5-3 record during the dual meet season.

Gopher tri-captain Sanders finished her career at the championship, taking ninth place in both the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes with 1:07.06 and 2:23.81 times respectively. Her time in the 200 yard breaststroke set a new Minnesota varsity record, and she also holds the Cooke Hall Pool record in that stroke with a 2:28.10 time. Her sophomore year she competed at the AIAW Nationals in the 200 yard breaststroke.

During the last two years, Sanders has finished in the top three in the 200 yard breaststroke in dual meet competition. This year she also finished in the top three in the 100 yard breaststroke and the top four in the 100 yard butterfly.

At Roosevelt High School in Seattle, Sanders lettered four years in swimming and was team captain her senior year. She placed in the city meet all four years and placed in the state meet her junior and senior years.

Another breaststroker, freshman Cindy Hovet made her debut at this year's Big Ten Championships with a twelfth and tenth place finish in the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes with 1:08.77 and 2:24.97 times respectively. During her first season with the Gophers, Hovet finished in the top five in both the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes in dual meet competition. She took first place against Iowa with a 1:10.03 time in the 100 yard breaststroke and a 2:27.59 time gave her first place against Nebraska in the 200 yard event.

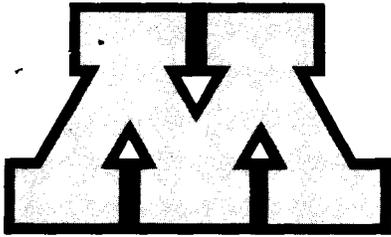
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At Interlake High School in Bellevue, Hovet lettered four years in swimming, was co-captain of the team her senior year and a member of the National Honor Society. She was a state finalist in the 100 yard breaststroke three years and the 200 yard individual medley one year and won the district championship title in the 100 yard breaststroke in 1983. Also in 1983 she was a Junior National finalist in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Junior Kari Anderson did not qualify for the finals at this year's Big Ten Championships; however, she placed twentieth in the 200 yard backstroke and butterfly in the preliminaries. In the 200 yard butterfly, Anderson has placed in the top five the last two years during the dual meet season and in the top six in the 200 yard backstroke. Anderson suffered from a strained back last season and was unable to swim this summer, and the injury continued to hamper her performance this year.

At Interlake High School, Anderson was captain of her swim team her junior year and was a state finalist three years and finished third at the state meet her senior year.

A psychology major, Sanders is the daughter of Claude and Margie Sanders of 7726 57th NE in Seattle. Hovet is majoring in engineering and is the daughter of Richard and Jean Hovet of 16805 NE 18 in Bellevue. Anderson is a mechanical engineering major and the daughter of Robert and Kay Anderson of 1825 184th NE in Bellevue.



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(LIBBESMEIER CONTRIBUTES TO MINNESOTA SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM WITH HIGH SCORES AND ATTITUDE)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior diver Carol Libbesmeier was a solid performer for the Gopher swim team in dual meets this season and, in her role as tri-captain of the team, contributed greatly to the Gophers' morale. "Carol is always a positive person and her personality made a large contribution to the team," said Diving Coach Craig Lincoln.

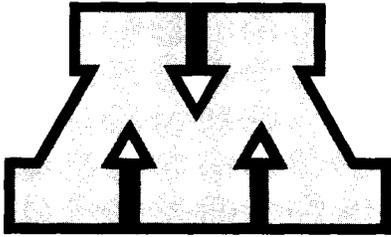
Libbesmeier finished in the top two in 3 meter diving and the top three in 1 meter diving in all but one dual meet this season. Her best performance of the year came against Nebraska where she had NCAA Zone Qualifying scores in both the 1 and 3 meter events, placing second in the 1 meter event with a 252.00 score and taking first place in the 3 meter event with 267.00 points.

In post season competition, Libbesmeier placed sixteenth in the finals of the 3 meter diving competition at this year's Big Ten Championships. At the NCAA Zone Qualifying meet she placed eighteenth in the 1 meter event with a score of 355.25 and twenty-first in the 3 meter event with a 376.00 point score. Neither score qualified Libbesmeier for this year's NCAA National Championships; however, she did compete at the AIAW National Championships in 1982.

The Minnesota team had their best finish ever at this year's Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, placing second with 506 points. Ohio State won their third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin was the tightest between first and second place in Championship history. Minnesota Swimming Coach Jean Freeman was named the Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet. During the dual meet season, the Gophers compiled a 5-3 record.

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This past summer Libbesmeier coached and dove for the West Suburban Diving Team, which won the Regional USA Diving meet. At St. Cloud Tech High School, Libbesmeier lettered four years as a member of the varsity swim team, was named All-State and All Conference her junior and senior years, and was the Regional Diving Champion her senior year. She also lettered four years on the varsity gymnastics team and was named All-Conference her junior and senior years. She is a retail merchandising major and the daughter of Roger and Mardell Libbesmeier of 2015 10th Avenue South.



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(ST. PAUL SWIMMERS AND DIVER CONTRIBUTE TO MINNESOTA SWIM TEAM WINS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The Minnesota Swimming and Diving Team had their best finish ever at this year's Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, finishing second with 506 points. Ohio State won their third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin between first and second place was the tightest in Championship history. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet. During the dual meet season, the Gophers compiled a 5-3 record. Contributing to Minnesota's success this season were two St. Paul swimmers and one diver.

Diving Coach Craig Lincoln says that junior Patty Weiss' excellent form comes from exceptional control of her body when she dives. This may be due in part to her previous training as a gymnast. Weiss was named All-Conference, regional champion, MVP and captain of the Alexander Ramsey High School gymnastics team. In addition, she played three years of varsity soccer and was named All-Conference, MVP and captain in that sport. All of this was on top of her activities as a three year varsity diver, as which she earned three letters, was named All-State and All-Conference, and was also the team captain.

Weiss placed in the top three in both the 1 and 3 meter diving events during the Gophers regular season; however, after qualifying for the NCAA Zone Qualifying meet, finished seventeenth in the 1 meter diving with a 359.35 score and twentieth in the 3 meter diving with 382.40 points.

Junior breaststroker Coleen Carroll holds the Minnesota varsity record in the 50 yard breaststroke and during the dual meet season placed in the top four in the 200 yard breaststroke and the top five in the 100 yard breaststroke as well. Last season she placed in the top three in the 100 yard breaststroke and the top four in the 50 and 200 yard breaststrokes.

At this year's Big Ten Championships, Carroll placed sixth in the 200 yard breaststroke with a 2:24.49 time and eighth in the 100 yard breaststroke with a 1:07.72 finish. Six Minnesota swimmers finished in the top sixteen in the 100 yard breaststroke.

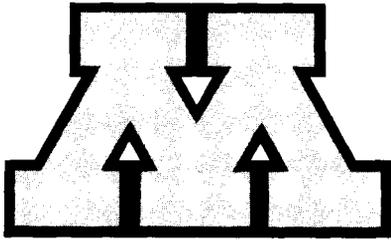
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While attending Kellogg High School, Carroll was named three time All-State and All-Conference, briefly held the high school state record in the 100 yard breaststroke and was named honorable mention All-American.

Contributing in the backstroke events for Minnesota is junior Ruth Christensen. During the dual meet season, Christensen finished in the top three in the 100 and 200 yard backstrokes and the 100 yard butterfly. At the Big Ten Championships, Christensen finished twelfth in the finals of the 100 yard backstroke with a 1:00.88 time. Christensen also contributed a direction for the team, with a checkered arrow painted on ther back during the tournament.

Christensen was a three year letter winner at Irondale High School and was named All-State one year and All-Conference two years. She was the conference champion in the 100 yard backstroke her senior year and was also named captain and MVP of her swimming team. She also participated in soccer her junior and senior years.

An animal science and agriculture economics major, Christensen is the daughter of Berwyn and Muriel Christensen. Carroll is the daughter of Thomas and Virginia Carroll and a retail merchandising major and Weiss is the daughter of John and Dorothy Weiss and is a physical therapy major.



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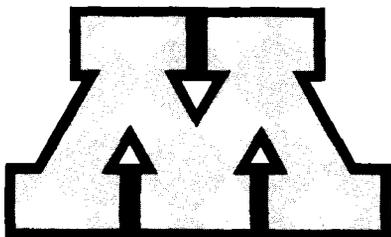
(EWING AMONG WINNING BREASTSTROKERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- The Minnesota swim team had the most depth this year in the breaststroke events, and junior Jeanne Ewing of Sioux Falls, S.D. played a supporting role in that event as a breaststroker for the team. (She established herself by placing in the top six in the 200 yard breaststroke the last two years and last season placed in the top four in dual meets in the 100 yard breaststroke.) At this year's Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Ewing was one of six swimmers to place in the top sixteen in the finals of the 100 yard breaststroke, finishing fifteenth with a 1:09.38 time. Newcomer Sue Roell took fifth place for the Gophers, setting a new Minnesota varsity record.

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Last year Ewing took seventh place at the Big Ten Championship in the 100 yard breaststroke and was named the Most Improved Swimmer on the Minnesota squad. She has nine years of participation in AAU swimming and was a regional champion in 1976 and state champion in 1979, 1980, and 1981. While attending Lincoln Senior High School, she participated in cross country for two years and track for three and lettered two of those years.

A home economics education major, Ewing may also pursue a coaching certificate. She is the daughter of Thomas and Harriet Ewing of Sioux Falls of 320 Holiday.



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(MINNEAPOLIS BREASTSTROKERS ADD CONSISTENCY TO MINNESOTA SWIM TEAM)

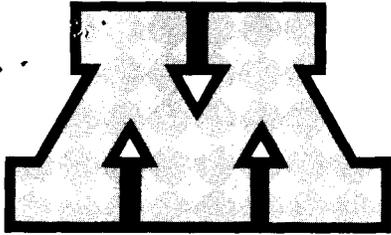
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Two Minneapolis natives, Melissa Coulter and Nancy Touve, both contributed to the Minnesota swim team with consistency during the season. Both sophomores, the pair specialize in the breaststroke. While Touve finished in the top three in all dual meets in the 100 yard breaststroke this season, Coulter placed in the top three in the 200 yard breaststroke.

The Gophers compiled a 5-3 dual meet record this season and had their best ever finish at the Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, taking second place with 506 points. Ohio State won their third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin is the tightest between first and second place in the history of the Championships. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet.

At the Championships, Touve took sixteenth place in the finals of the 100 yard breaststroke with a 1:09.53 time while Coulter did not qualify for the final events. Touve is also a member of the 200 yard medley relay that holds the Cooke Hall Pool record with a time of 1:49.98.

In 1979, 1980, and 1981, Touve was named the most valuable varsity swimmer at Armstrong High School, set all the women's swimming records in 1980 and 1981, and graduated the salutatorian of her class with a 3.9 grade point average. She placed first in the 100 yard breaststroke in the 1979 state high school meet and took second the following two years. A speech communications major, Touve hopes to work in public relations. She is the daughter of James and June Touve of 1440 Sumter Avenue North.

Melissa Coulter attended St. Anthony High School, lettered six times as a swimmer, was named All-Conference six times and was co-captain of the swim team. She is the daughter of Thomas and Irene Coulter of 3424 Maplewood Drive NE.



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(JOHNSON HAS WINNING SEASON, DISAPPOINTING BIG TEN MEET)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- During the dual meet season, the Minnesota swim team compiled a 5-3 record and sophomore Denise Johnson of Burnsville played a role in the winning meets, finishing in the top three in every event she swam during the dual meet season. She took top honors in the 200 yard individual medley against Iowa with a 2:13.88 time and against Iowa State took first place in the 500 yard freestyle with a 5:15.14 time and second place in the 200 yard freestyle with a 1:58.31 time.

After scoring the most points for the Minnesota squad at last year's Big Ten Championships, this year's meet was a disappointment for Johnson. While she entered the 200 yard individual medley as the title holder, she placed ninth in the event this year with a 2:08.49 time.

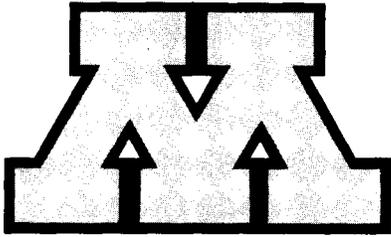
However, the Gophers had their best finish ever at this year's Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, taking second place with 506 points. Ohio State won their third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin between first and second place is the tightest in Championship history. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was also named the Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the meet.

Johnson had a stellar freshman season, setting four individual Minnesota varsity records and swimming on two varsity record setting relay teams. Last season she placed first or second in every 100 and 200 yard individual medley that she swam. She still holds the Minnesota varsity records in the 100 and 200 yard individual medleys as well as being a member of the varsity record holding 400 and 800 yard freestyle relay teams.

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At Burnsville High School, Johnson was named All-State, All-Conference, and All-American. She was a member of the 1981-82 state champion team, was named MVP her senior year, and received Burnsville's Tracy Caulkins and Athena awards. She also earned three letters each in track and cross country skiing.

Johnson is an accounting major and the daughter of Dennis and Ramona Johnson of 13008 Irving Avenue South.



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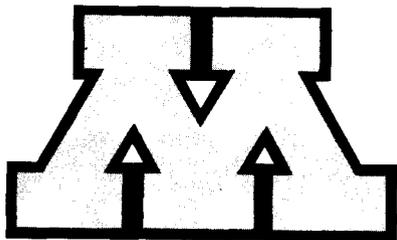
(SPECIAL TO THE MACOMB DAILY JOURNAL)

(ILLINOIS NATIVE GOES THE DISTANCE AT MINNESOTA)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior Julie Razab (Macomb, IL) has gone the distance for Minnesota, finishing her career as a Gopher distance freestyler this year. During the last two years she has finished in the top five in the 500 yard freestyle in dual meet competition and this year was in the top five in the 1,000 yard freestyle as well, winning the event at Northern Michigan with a 11:18.5 finish.

At the Big Ten Championships this year in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Razab finished fifteenth in the 1650 yard freestyle in the preliminaries with a 18:22.67 time. The Gophers had their best finish ever at the Championships, taking second place with 506 points and coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year. Ohio State won the Championships for the third consecutive year with 522.5 points. The 16.5 point margin between first and second is the tightest in the history of the Championships. During the dual meet season, the Gophers compiled a 5-3 record.

At Macomb Senior High School, Razab lettered four years in swimming, was co-captain of the team, sports editor of the school newspaper and a member of the National Honor Society. She is an engineering major and the daughter of Donald and Gordana Razab of 1345 Parkview.



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(IWERKS PLACES IN FIVE BIG TEN EVENTS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Coaches, athletes, and parents alike were amazed by Elyce Iwerks consistently good swims at the Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, February 23-25. One observer noted that he would have bet money that reigning 100 yard backstroke champion Marci Ballard of Ohio State would make a clean run of that event. Iwerks had Ballard looking over her shoulder, finishing just .65 seconds off the pace, with a time of :59.16 for third place honors. Ballard won the event (:58.51) and Jane Esselstyn of Michigan placed second (:58.83).

Iwerks placed in three other events, with a third in the 200 yard backstroke (2:06.43), fifth in the 500 yard freestyle (4:59.30), and sixth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:53.39). In the 100 and 200 yard backstrokes, Iwerks reset her own Minnesota varsity records and also set a new Minnesota varsity record in the 500 yard freestyle.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Iwerks, Roell, Elsen and Wallner set a new Big Ten record with their winning 1:46.12 time. Iwerks was also a member of the second place 400 yard medley relay, which set a new Minnesota varsity record with a time of 3:53.36. She is also a member of the two Cooke Hall Pool record holding medley relay teams

At the NCAA National Championships March 15-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Iwerks was a member of the Minnesota varsity record breaking 800 yard freestyle relay which finished 20th (7:34.97). Other team members were Diane Wallner, Marci Olson, and Erin Driscoll. Iwerks also swam on the 13th place 200 yard medley relay (1:47.20), the 17th place 400 yard freestyle relay (3:29.01), and the 21st place 400 yard medley relay (3:56.20).

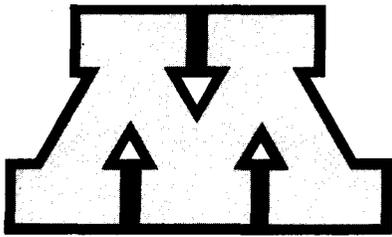
"Consistency" and "excellence" describe Iwerks' swimming during dual meet competition, as well. She took first place in all the 100 and 200 yard backstroke events during the Gophers' dual meet season this year and has only lost one 200 yard backstroke event in the last two years during dual meet competition.

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Minnesota finished the season with a 5-3 overall record, but had their best finish ever at the Big Ten Championships, placing second with 506 points. Ohio State won their third consecutive Big Ten title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin between first and second place was the tightest in Championship history. Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet.

Before joining the Minnesota team, Iwerks swam for ten years with the AAU swimming program, beginning at the age of eight. She was named the South Dakota Woman Swimmer of the Year in 1980 and was named All-State at Aberdeen Central High School. Iwerks also competed in track and basketball in high school. She considers swimming her strongest sport and swims year round and has never taken a summer off from the sport.

Iwerks is the daughter of Don and Carol Iwerks of 324 Park Avenue in Aberdeen.



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(ELSEN PLACES IN FOUR INDIVIDUAL BIG TEN EVENTS, THREE RELAYS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Jo Elsen from Richfield had a successful season with the Gopher swimming team this year, placing in four individual events at the Big Ten Championships. She was also a member of three relay teams at the Championships and four of the five Minnesota relays that competed at the NCAA National Championships.

Minnesota had its best finish ever at this year's Big Ten Championships, held in Brown Deer, Wisconsin February 23-25. The Gophers placed second with 506 points, to Ohio State's 522.5 points. The 16.5 point margin between first and second place was the tightest in Championship history. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet. The Gophers compiled a 5-3 record during dual meet competition.

All five of Minnesota's relay teams placed in the top five at the Championships. Elsen competed with the first place 200 yard medley relay team, which set a new Big Ten and Minnesota record (1:46.12). Elsen was also a member of the first place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:35.32) and the second place 400 yard medley relay, which set a new Minnesota varsity record (3:53.36).

In individual events, Elsen took third in the 100 yard butterfly (:56.82), eighth in the 50 yard freestyle (:24.51), tenth in the 200 yard freestyle (2:07.78), and twelfth in the 100 yard freestyle (:53.22) at the Championships.

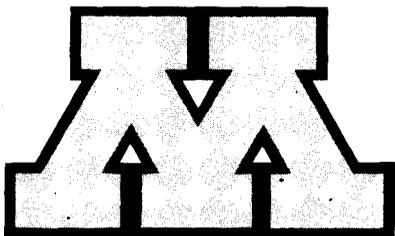
At the NCAA National Championships, she swam on the 13th place 200 yard medley relay (1:47.20), the 21st place 400 yard medley relay (3:56.20), the 24th place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:36.72) and the 17th place 400 yard freestyle relay (3:39.01).

In every dual meet this season, Elsen finished in the top two in the 100 yard butterfly, 200 yard butterfly, and the 50 yard freestyle. She is a member of the varsity record holding 200 yard freestyle relay team and the varsity record 200 and 400 yard freestyle relay teams. She holds the Cooke Hall Pool record in the 50 yard butterfly and is a member of the Cooke Hall Pool record holding 200 yard medley relay team.

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Elsen was an honorable mention All-American at Richfield Senior High School. A member of the state championship in 1981, she was a member of the state champion 400 yard freestyle relay team for four years and was the conference champion in five events.

An applied design major, Elsen is the daughter of Gerald and Rosemary Elsen of 6809 Columbus in Richfield.



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(SENIOR NOVAK LOOKS FORWARD TO ONE MORE YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY)

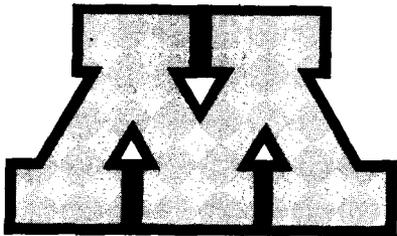
Minneapolis, Minn. -- A student transfer student from Hamline University, this was Lisa Novak's first year on the University of Minnesota women's swim team. Novak was born in Jamestown, North Dakota but moved to Forest Lake, Minnesota ten years ago with her family. Although a senior at the University, Novak has one more year of swimming eligibility and will return to the Minnesota squad next year.

Novak is a freestyler and placed in the top five in dual meet competition in the 50 yard freestyle this season and in the top four in the 100 yard freestyle. She had a disappointing swim in the 50 yard freestyle at the Big Ten Championships this year at Brown Deer, Wisconsin February 23-25. Her time was slower than during the season and she finished 44th in the preliminaries. She swam her best time in the 100 yard freestyle (:56.61) at the Championships, but that only placed her 52nd in the preliminaries. She looks forward to having a better showing at next year's Big Ten meet.

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Novak graduated from Forest Lake High School, which did not have a swim team, but did compete on the Irondale High School swim team when she attended school there her junior year. In North Dakota, she had five years of AAU swimming and swam six years on the Moundsview Swim Team in Minnesota. At age fourteen, Novak was ranked in the national top ten times and competed at the National Junior Olympics.

She is an applied design major and the daughter of William and Gayle Novak of 7651 North 209 Street in Forest Lake.



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(DRISCOLL HELPS GOPHERS TO BIG TEN SECOND)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Besides giving the Minnesota swimming team direction at the Big Ten Championships with a checkered arrow painted on her back, Erin Driscoll gave them direction by example as well. An enthusiastic person, she could be found leading cheers, displaying posters, and encouraging teammates throughout the tournament.

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All of Minnesota's relay teams finished in the top five at the Big Ten Championships and three took first place honors. Driscoll was a member of the first place 200 yard freestyle relay team (1:35.32), the winning 400 yard freestyle relay (3:27.85) and the fifth place 800 yard freestyle relay (7:41.54). Driscoll took tenth place in the 200 yard individual medley (2:09.68).

At the NCAA National Championships the 800 yard freestyle relay team, of which Driscoll was a member, set a new Minnesota varsity record with a time of 7:34.97 for a 20th place finish. She was also a member of the 24th place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:36.72).

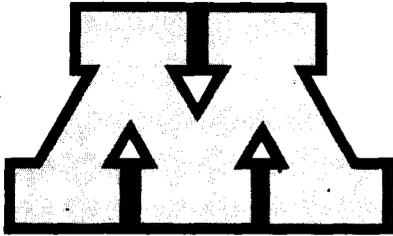
During the dual meet season, Driscoll placed in the top three in all 200 yard individual medleys and 200 yard freestyles, and the top five in all the 100 yard freestyles in which she swam.

An all-around athlete, Driscoll was captain of the East Grand Forks High School cross country and track teams and also participated in gymnastics. She was the high school valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average and is majoring in medicine at the University of Minnesota.

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Last year, she was the first recipient of the Kathleen C. Ridder Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a junior or senior woman student-athlete based upon merit and potential. The recipient must maintain an acceptable academic standing and be working toward a degree in medicine, science, health science, mathematics or another non-traditional profession for a woman. Driscoll held a 3.41 grade point average when awarded the scholarship.

She is the daughter of Eugene and Bette Driscoll of 1024 Rhinehart Drive, SE in East Grand Forks.



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(ROELL PLACES IN FOUR BIG TEN EVENTS) *Mpls Star & Tribune*

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sue Roell of Burnsville was looking forward to the Big Ten Championships in Brown Deer, Wisconsin February 23-25 as a chance to establish herself in the conference, and she did just that. Minnesota had six swimmers place in the 100 yard breaststroke at the Championships and Roell placed the highest, taking fifth with a Minnesota varsity record setting time of 1:06.34. In the finals of the 200 yard breaststroke, Roell took seventh place with a 2:25.84. She joined Elyce Iwerks, Jo Elsen, and Diane Wallner in the 200 yard medley relay to win the event and set a new Big Ten record with a time of 1:46.12. She was also a member of the 400 yard medley relay which finished second with a Minnesota varsity record setting time of 3:53.36 and the 200 yard freestyle relay which won the event with a 1:35.32 time.

All five of Minnesota's relays qualified for the NCAA National Championships and Roell swam on the 13th place 200 yard medley relay (1:47.20), 21st place 400 yard medley relay (3:56.20) and the 24th place 200 yard freestyle relay (1:36.72).

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Roell had a successful season, finishing in the top three in all 100 yard breaststrokes she swam during the dual meet season and as a member of the three-time first place finishing 200 yard medley relay.

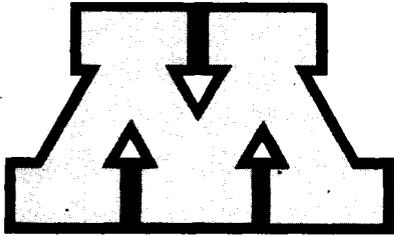
The Cooke Hall Pool records in the 50 and 100 yard breaststrokes both belong to Roell, but she set them before becoming a Gopher, while attending Burnsville High School. She lettered three years in swimming, was named Rookie of the Year, and voted Minnesota's Most Outstanding Senior Female Swimmer while at Burnsville.

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In 1980 and 1982, Roell gained All-American honors, was the state record holder in the 100 yard breaststroke, the state champion in that stroke for three years, and a member of the state record holding 200 yard medley relay team.

Roell also lettered in softball two years with the third most RBI's, highest batting average, most runs scored and most number of hits on the team. During the summer months of the last two years she has played on the Lacota Softball League in Burnsville.

Roell is the daughter of Thomas and Jo Ann Roell of 913 Aspen Drive in Burnsville.



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(OLSON MOTIVATES GOPHERS TO BEST BIG TEN FINISH)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Marci Olson of Cottage Grove, junior tri-captain of the University of Minnesota women's swim team, helped motivate the Gophers to a second place finish at the Big Ten Championships this year, the team's best finish ever in the conference. Olson placed in four individual events and was a member of three relay teams which placed.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team took first place honors (3:27.85) and the 800 yard freestyle relay team took a fifth (7:41.54). Olson was also a member of the Minnesota varsity record breaking 400 yard medley relay team which finished second (3:53.36).

Individually, Olson took fifth place honors in the 200 yard freestyle (1:53.15), sixth in the 100 yard freestyle (:52.83), twelfth in the 100 yard butterfly (:58.21), and fifteenth in the 200 yard butterfly (2:08.93).

Minnesota amassed 506 points on their way to a second place finish in the Big Ten meet. Ohio State won its third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin between first and second was the tightest in conference history. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the end of the tournament. During the regular season, the Gophers compiled a 5-3 dual meet record.

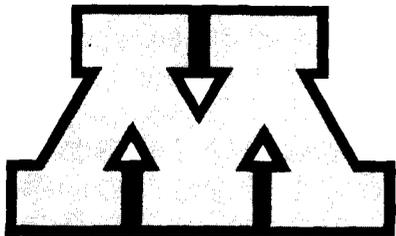
All of Minnesota's five relay teams qualified for the NCAA National Championships and Olson swam on three of them. She was a member of the Minnesota varsity record setting 800 yard freestyle relay which finished twentieth with a 7:34.97 time and also a member of the seventeenth place 400 yard freestyle relay (3:29.01) and the twenty-first place 400 yard medley relay (3:56.20).

During the season, Olson placed in the top four in the 200 yard butterfly in each meet. Her Cooke Hall Pool record in that event fell this season to Maria Krug of Wisconsin but Olson reset the Minnesota varsity record in the 200 yard freestyle with her Big Ten time of 1:53.15.

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At Park Senior High School, she was named All-State, All-Conference, and was a regional champion and record holder. She was a three time MVP in eleven years of AAU swimming.

A business major, Olson is the daughter of Curtis and Marian Olson of 8151 83rd Street South in Cottage Grove.



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(WALLNER CAPTURES TWO BIG TEN TITLES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Diane Wallner from St. Paul had her best season with the Minnesota Gophers this year. At last year's Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships, Wallner took second place in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles. This year she returned to win both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle titles. She set Minnesota varsity records in both events with a :23.50 finish in the 50 yard freestyle and a :51.46 finish in the 100 yard event. In the finals of the 200 yard freestyle, Wallner took tenth place with a 1:53.16 finish.

All of Minnesota's relays finished in the top five at the Championships and Wallner was a member of the three winning relays, including the Big Ten record-setting 200 yard medley relay (1:46.12, also a Minnesota varsity record). Wallner was also a member of the first place 200 (1:35.32) and 400 (3:27.85) yard freestyle relay teams.

Minnesota had its best finish ever at this year's Big Ten Championships February 23-25, placing second with 605 points. Ohio State won its third consecutive title with 522.5 points, but the 16.5 point margin between first and second place was the tightest in Championship history. Minnesota Coach Jean Freeman was named Big Ten Swimming Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the meet. The Gophers compiled a 5-3 record during their dual meet season.

At the NCAA National Championships March 15-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Wallner reset her Minnesota varsity record in the 100 yard freestyle with a :51.22 time for an 18th place finish. She also placed 18th in the 50 yard freestyle (:23.28). Wallner was also on the Minnesota varsity record-setting 800 yard freestyle relay (7:34.97) which placed 20th, the 13th place 200 yard medley relay (1:47.20), and the 200 (1:36.72) and 400 (3:29.01) yard freestyle relays.

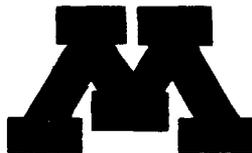
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During dual meet competition this season, Wallner went undefeated in the 50 yard freestyle and has only lost that event once in two years of dual meet competition. She finished first in all but two 100 yard freestyle races this season and last year went undefeated in dual meets in the 100 yard event.

A six-time high school All-American and seven-time state champion in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles for Alexander Ramsey High School, Wallner set the Cooke Hall Pool records in those events while in high school. She was an All-American USS swimmer and made the 1980 and 1982 U.S. teams with a sixth place finish at the national meets. She was also a two-time All-State track participant.

A chemistry and pre-med major, Wallner is the daughter of Alfred and Rose Wallner of 2731 Huron in St. Paul.

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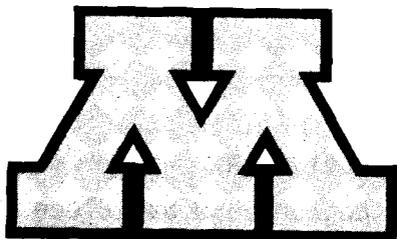
LIBBESMEIER AWARDED BREMER STUDENT/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- University of Minnesota senior Carol Libbesmeier, tri-captain of the women's diving team, has been awarded the Otto Bremer Foundation Scholarship for 1984-85. The scholarship is awarded annually to one student in the Minnesota Women's Athletic Department who has shown significant athletic, scholastic and leadership qualities. Previously she received the Patty Berg Award, which signifies a grade point average of 3.0 and above.

Libbesmeier, a retail marketing major, scored at the Big Ten Diving Championships last season despite some outstanding competition. She placed in the top three in all but two regular season meets last year in the one and three meter dives.

Libbesmeier graduated from St. Cloud Tech in 1981, where she was a member of the diving and gymnastics teams for four years. She was an all-conference selection in gymnastics and an all-state pick in diving her junior and senior years. Libbesmeier placed second at the state diving meet in 1981 and fifth in 1980, and was the Regional Diving Champion in 1981.

Carol is the daughter of Roger and Mardell Libbesmeier of St. Cloud.



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(ROACH NAMED NEW WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- After a nationwide search which included over 70 applicants and six finalists, Minnesota women's athletic director Merrily Dean Baker found her new tennis coach right at the front door. She announced today that Jack Roach of Minneapolis will take over the tennis coaching duties effective July 1. Roach, 47 will replace Ellie Peden who has resigned effective June 30 after compiling an eight year 151-66 coaching record.

"I am very pleased that Jack Roach has accepted the position," said Baker. "His proven abilities as an exceptional player, teacher and coach will serve the women of Minnesota well and we are excited about the impact of his leadership upon this important program."

A sampling of Roach's credentials include: as a player being a member of the Minnesota Tennis Hall of Fame; as a teaching professional being named the Outstanding Pro of the Year in 1977 by the Northwest Professional Tennis Association; and as a coach, serving as head coach of the United States team for the Pan-American games in 1967 with outstanding U.S. player Arthur Ashe.

Roach is an established tennis professional in the Twin Cities. He was the head tennis professional and manager of the Northwest Tennis Clubs from 1967-74, and from 1974-76 was the owner and operator of the Richfield Racquet Club. With the building of the 98th St. Tennis Club in 1977, Roach was named head tennis professional and has been a teaching professional at the club since then. He also was head tennis professional at the Wayzata Country Club for four years, Minnikahda Country Club for five years and Interlachen Country Club for five years.

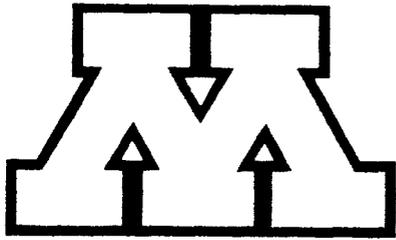
Professionally, Roach has served as president of both the Northwest Tennis Association and Northwest Professional Tennis Association and is past president of the Northwest Junior Development Tennis Organization. He was tournament chairman for the men's Big Ten Conference Championship the two years that Minnesota hosted the event and has been Tournament Director for the U men's team's 'showcase' the past two years.

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A graduate of Minneapolis Central High School, Roach received his teaching degree from Macalester (St. Paul) and his masters degree from St. Cloud State. He served as a teacher and head tennis coach at Minneapolis Edison High School for four years, and at Kellogg High School in Roseville for four years. At Kellogg he also served as head basketball and cross country coach.

As a player, Roach has been ranked as high as #1 in both singles and doubles in the men's 35 division and was ranked as high as #4 in the men's open singles division and #1 in the men's open doubles division. He was Minnesota State High School Doubles Champion and MAIC College Singles Champion for one year and runnerup for two others.

He and his wife, Mary Jean, have three children including Dan, a member of the Gopher cross country and track teams as a sophomore, Michael, a junior at Southwest High School, and Paul, a seventh grader at Anthony Junior High School.



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(FRESHMAN HECKMAN COMPILES IMPRESSIVE RECORD, HONORS)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- Freshman Minnesota tennis player Kathleen Heckman from St. Joseph, Mo. proved to be an accomplished tennis player during her first season with the Gophers.

She was named the Big Ten Tennis Player of the Month in April. During that month she compiled a 10-1 singles record at the No. 1 spot, of which only one victory went to three sets. She also had a 10-1 record at the No. 1 doubles spot with partner Claudia Brisk and only two of their doubles matches went to three sets.

At the Big Ten Championships Heckman was named to the All Big Ten First Team in singles and doubles, winning two of her three singles matches and both of her doubles matches at the Championships.

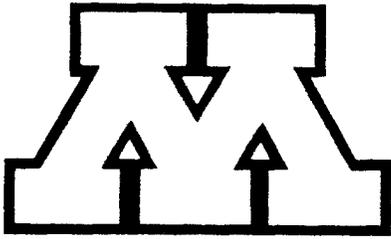
Heckman finished the season with an impressive 33-8 singles record and led the team to a 21-13 season record. Of Heckman's 41 matches only four went to three sets and she had a ten-match winning streak near season's end.

Heckman and Brisk compiled a 35-6 record at No. 1 doubles breaking the old record of 32 for most season wins by a doubles team. They also broke records for the longest doubles winning streak with 12 consecutive wins in the spring season, and both individuals broke the old record of most season doubles wins by an individual with 36 apiece. The old record was 32. They also competed at the NCAA National Championships, where they advanced to the second round of play.

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"Kathleen is an excellent national caliber player who had a wonderful record as a freshman," said Gopher tennis coach Ellie Peden. "My goal for her next year would be to go back to the NCAA National Championships to compete in doubles and singles."

While attending Bishop Leblond High School, Heckman was ranked 69th in USTA's 18-and-under division, ranked 3rd in the Missouri Valley Tennis Association's 18-and-under division and was a three-time Missouri State High School doubles champion and one-time singles champion. She is the daughter of Daniel and Carol Heckman of St. Joseph, Mo. and is working as a recreation director and teaching tennis in St. Joseph this summer.



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SPECIAL TO SKOKIE LIFE

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(BRISK NAMED TO ALL-BIG TEN DOUBLES TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- For the last two years junior Claudia Brisk has been named to the second All-Big Ten Tennis team as a doubles player. But this year, with doubles partner Kathleen Heckman, Brisk was named to the first All-Big Ten team and from there went on to compete in the first two rounds of doubles play at the NCAA National Championships.

"Claudia is probably one of the best doubles players I've ever had," said Gopher tennis coach Ellie Peden. "She is quick at the net, has a good overhand and has quick hands. She really had a good sense of doubles positioning and court coverage."

Teamed with Heckman, Brisk broke her own record for the longest doubles winning streak of 11, which she set during the 1980-81 season with Kari Sandvig. This season Brisk and Heckman tied the record once and then broke it at the end of the season with 12 consecutive wins. They also hold the record for most season doubles wins by a team with 35 and individually are the new record holders for most season doubles wins by an individual with 36 wins apiece.

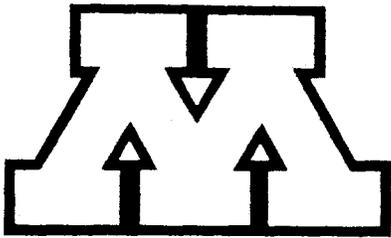
The Gophers compiled a 21-13 dual meet record this year and Brisk finished 16-24 at the No. 2 spot in singles play. "Claudia needs to work on her singles game but she is an excellent singles player with a good all-around game," said Peden.

In her college career, Brisk has the seventh most career singles wins in Minnesota tennis history with 70 in three years and the third most career doubles wins - 84. In 1981 she was the AIAW Region 6 doubles champion with Kari Sandvig and singles runner-up.

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Brisk will attend summer school at the University of Minnesota and compete in tournaments. She is an accounting major and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael M. Brisk of Skokie, Ill.



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SPECIAL TO CARVER COUNTY HERALD

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(BJORNSON ENDS TENNIS CAREER TO PURSUE NURSING CAREER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Although only a junior this year, tennis player Kathy Bjornson from Chanhassen, Minn. had decided not to play on the University of Minnesota tennis team next year. Instead she will devote her time to the pursuit of a nursing degree and career.

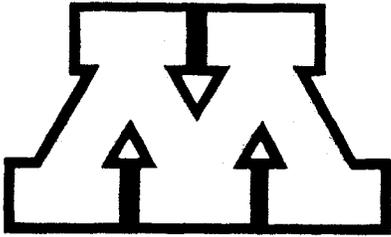
Bjornson held numerous records during her career as a Gopher. These include most season doubles wins, 32, set during the 1980-81 season; most season doubles wins by a team, 31, which she and partner Cathie Wadden compiled during the 1980-81 season. Both records fell this year to Gophers Claudia Brisk and Kathleen Heckman. She has the second most career doubles wins by a team in Minnesota tennis history (43, with Wadden) and was a three time Minnesota letter winner.

"Kathy is a good doubles player and did a fine job this year with partner Kelly Coleman," said Gopher Coach Ellie Peden. "They were consistent point getters and had aggressiveness and togetherness as a team."

Bjornson finished this year with a 15-19 singles record at the No. 6 spot and was 22-17 at No. 2 doubles. The Gophers finished the season with a 21-13 dual meet record.

Bjornson had a 62-47 career singles record and a 69-47 career doubles record and a 69-46 career doubles record. She is tied for seventh place in Minnesota tennis history for the most season singles wins, she had 31 during the 1980-81 season; is in tenth place for the most career singles wins (62) and fifth for most career doubles wins (69).

Bjornson is working for the City of Chanhassen this summer and teaching tennis part time. She is the daughter of Elaine Bjornson of Chanhassen, Minn.



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(MARTIN IS A PRODIGY FRESHMAN TENNIS PLAYER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman tennis player Lisa Martin from St. Paul is a prodigy freshman on the Minnesota team, according to coach Ellie Peden. "She is eager, tough and capable of beating top players," said Peden.

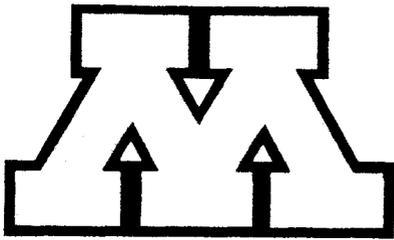
Martin racked up an 18-13 singles record this year at the No. 4 and 5 spots and an 11-7 record in the No. 3 doubles position. The Gophers had a 21-13 dual meet record overall this year.

Martin had the third best singles record for the Gophers this season. "With the confidence she's gained as a freshman we can look for a strong upcoming year for Lisa," said Peden.

While attending St. Paul Academy, Martin was a two-time Minnesota class "A" state high school singles champion and was ranked third in the NWT A 18-and-under singles division. She also competed in the 1982 National Sports Festival in Indianapolis.

She is attending summer school at Minnesota and playing in tournaments. "She had been burning up the circuit in mixed doubles," said Peden.

Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip H. Martin of St. Paul.



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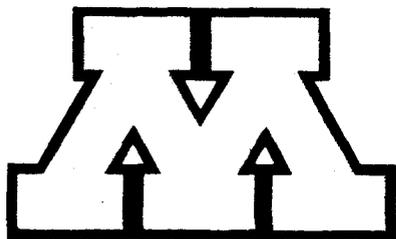
(CARLSON ENDS CAREER WITH THE GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior tennis co-captain Carol Carlson ended her career with the Gophers this past year with a 5-4 singles record at No. 6 and a 15-11 record at the No. 3 doubles spot. Minnesota finished the season with a 21-13 dual meet record.

Carlson ends her career with the fifth best season doubles percentage (.833) in Minnesota tennis history which she set during the 1981-82 season and the eighth best season singles percentage (.800) set in 1980-81. She holds a career record of 32-16 in singles play and 30-13 in doubles. Carlson was ranked by the NWTA in both singles and doubles and ranked in the top 10 in 1979.

"Carol added depth to our team and was a good doubles player," said coach Ellie Peden. "Besides being a co-captain she was our social director and a real team player. She is a very considerate person," Peden added.

Carlson is traveling to Europe this summer and also attending summer school. She is an accounting major and the daughter of Arnold and Elisabeth Carlson of Anoka.



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SPECIAL TO TOLEDO BLADE

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(COLEMAN MOVES UP THE TENNIS LINE-UP)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman tennis player Kelly Coleman from Toledo, Ohio started the year at the No. 6 singles spot, but by year's end worked her way up to No. 4. "Kelly had a great year with good singles play and is a joy to have on the team," Gopher tennis coach Ellie Peden said.

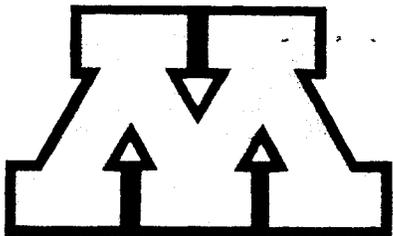
Coleman ended the season with a 24-11 singles record, the second best on the squad. She recorded victories over several established players including Jill Grinsberg of Michigan State, who she defeated 6-4, 6-2. She lost a close match to Lisa Fortman of Wisconsin at the Big Ten Championship, 2-6, 6-3, 4-6.

She finished 19-20 at the No. 2 doubles spot. "She's an enthusiastic, eager and aggressive doubles player and loves playing doubles," Peden said. The Gophers finished the season with a 21-13 dual meet record.

"Kelly is a freshman with great potential. I look for her to play right in the middle of the pack. She's a real sparkplug," said Peden.

While attending Ottawa Hills High School, Coleman was ranked No. 1 in the Northwest Ohio Tennis Association's 18-and-under division and No. 32 in the Western Tennis Association's junior division and was a two-time Ohio State doubles champion.

Coleman is teaching tennis at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin this summer. She is the daughter of William and Wice Coleman of Toledo, Ohio.



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(WADDEN CONSISTENT AT THE NO. 3 DOUBLES SPOT)

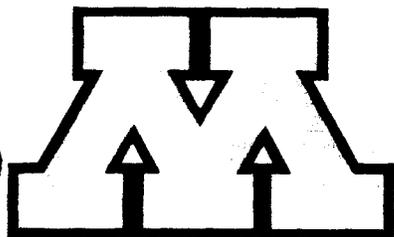
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Cathie Wadden, junior co-captain of the Gopher tennis team from Winona, Minn. was a consistent point getter at the No. 3 doubles spot in 1982-83 according to Coach Ellie Peden. With fellow captain Carol Carlson, the pair had the second highest doubles percentage (.625) for the Gophers this year, winning ten of sixteen matches.

Wadden held the record for the most season doubles wins by a team, with partner Kathy Bjornson she compiled 31 wins during the 1980-81 season. She also held the record for most season doubles wins by an individual, 32, also set during the 1980-81 season. Both records fell this year to Gophers Claudia Brisk and Kathleen Heckman. Wadden and Bjornson still hold the second highest mark for most career doubles wins as a team, 43, in Minnesota tennis history.

The Gophers finished the season with a dual meet record of 21-13. Wadden finished the year 22-13 in doubles play with various partners and 13-24 at the No. 3 singles spot. Last year Wadden was named to the All-Region 6 team.

"Cathie is a hard working and eager tennis player. She is also a great team person and cheers the others on," said Peden.

Wadden is teaching tennis this summer at Somerset Country Club in Minneapolis as the assistant tennis pro under Dave Mathews. An international relations and linguistics major, she is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Wadden of Winona, Minn.



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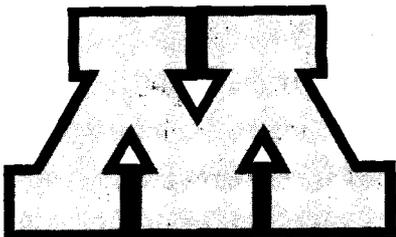
(MCGUIRE HAMPERED BY INJURIES, STILL HELPS THE TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore tennis player Kathy McGuire from St. Louis, Mo. was hampered by injuries this past tennis season and posted a 1-1 record at the No. 6 singles spot and 7-7 record at the No. 2 and 3 doubles spots. The Gophers finished the season with a 21-13 dual meet record.

"Kathy has a nice strong stroke, good service and likes to play the net. Besides that she has a great personality and is a real team player," Minnesota coach Ellie Peden said.

In 1981, McGuire was ranked 22nd in the Missouri Valley Tennis Association's 18-and-under division and 9th in the St. Louis 18-and-under division.

McGuire is teaching tennis at the Sunset Racquet Club in St. Louis, Mo. She is a broadcasting major and the daughter of Larry and Eileen McGuire of Chesterfield, Mo.



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GOPHER TENNIS HOMETOWN NOTES

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sophomore Lisa Martin (ST. PAUL, MN) had the most outstanding singles record on the Minnesota Tennis squad this fall. She lost only her first match of the season enroute to a 12-1 record.

"Lisa has shown steady improvement and has won against strong players," said Gopher Tennis Coach Jack Roach.

Martin played most of the season at the No. 4 and 5 spots but in the Gophers final weekend of play during the fall season she went 3-0 at the No. 3 spot. "She had pretty good competition and no one got close to her," said Roach. Her victories included wins over Laura Ramser of Louisville 6-1, 6-0; Susan Wilson of Eastern Kentucky 6-3, 6-3; and Kristin Buchanan of Kentucky 6-2, 6-1.

Senior Cathie Wadden (WINONA, MN) went undefeated during the fall, compiling a 6-0 singles record at the No. 5 and 6 spots. She went 14-3 in doubles play.

Paired with Kelly Coleman at the No. 2 doubles spot, the pair only lost close two matches, to Northwestern's Eva Lucido and Diane Donnelly 4-6, 4-6, and to Indiana's Diane McCormick and Tracy Hoffman 6-3, 5-7, 3-6.

"Cathie is serving very well, has improved her doubles play and provides strong leadership for the team as a co-captain," said Roach.

Junior Anne Lemieux (EDINA, MN) returned to the Gopher squad this year after a devastating knee injury. She compiled a 7-4 singles record and went 9-7 in doubles play. Of all the Gophers she improved her strokes the most during the fall season according to Roach.

"She has a tremendous mental toughness, she refuses to lose points even in practice," said Roach. This tenacity was shown in her match against Linda Sherline of Kentucky, where Lemieux lost the first set 0-6, but came back to win the next two sets 6-3, 6-0.

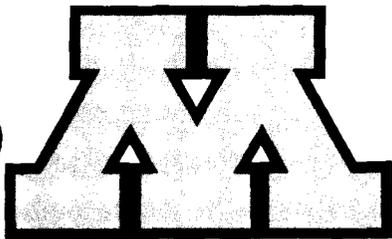
Unfortunately for the Gophers, Lemieux has decided to move to Florida where she will attend school in the spring. "We'll miss her. We're actually losing two spots, we'll miss her in singles and doubles," said Roach.

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Two Gophers in the line-up do most of their playing in doubles competition. Senior Kathy Bjornson (CHANHASSEN, MN) planned to leave the team after last year due to a heavy class schedule as a nursing major. However, she has squeezed in practice time and competed to a 5-5 doubles record this fall.

"She's hurt by her class schedule and not being able to practice a lot," said Roach. "She brings a lot of experience to the team and the times she's played with us she's played very well." Her experience as a tennis player has given her a general court sense according to Roach, "she hits the right shots most of the time," he said.

Sophomore Maura Bjerken (EDINA, MN) is the other Gopher on the doubles line-up. She sat out of tennis for two years and played more than Roach expected her to during the fall. "She has improved a lot and her attitude has been really good," said Roach. He expects her to play more in the spring with Anne Lemieux leaving the team. Bjerken compiled an 8-3 doubles record in fall, playing at the No. 3 and 4 spots.



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(GOPHER TENNIS HOMETOWN NOTES)

The winning doubles combination of Nancy Rost (ABERDEEN, SD) and Claudia Brisk (SKOKIE, IL) helped the Gophers to an 8-2 season record this fall.

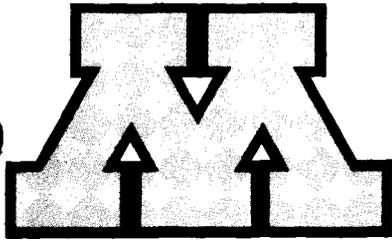
Rost and Brisk compiled an 8-5 doubles record at the No. 1 spot. Paired with other partners, Brisk compiled an individual doubles record of 10-7 and Rost went 9-5. Rost compiled an 8-2 record playing at the No. 1 and 2 singles spots, and Brisk went 5-6 at the No. 2 and 3 spots.

Rost returned to the Minnesota squad this season after attending Augustana College (SD) for one year. According to Gopher Tennis Coach Jack Roach, she has tremendous potential and is capable of being one of the top players in the Big Ten. She had important wins this season against Wisconsin's No. 1 player Charlene Kaya who she defeated 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (11-9). She also won the flight 1 singles championship at the Southern Illinois Invitational defeating Elizabeth Calender of Southern Illinois - Edwardsville, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Senior co-captain Claudia Brisk started out the season slow in singles, but won five of her six last matches of the season. Some of her key singles match victories were against Wisconsin's Cathy Van Pelt at the No. 3 spot 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); against Wichita State's Susan Deam 5-7, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2; and over Kentucky's Jamie Plummer at the No. 2 spot 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.

First year Coach Jack Roach, who replaced Ellie Peden this year, considers Brisk a pivotal part of the team and a good leader. "I wish she were a freshman, because she's the kind of person you need for three years," said Roach.

Another Illinois native on the Gopher squad is freshman Betsy Poggensee (NORTHBROOK, IL). She compiled a 7-5 singles record this fall and went 5-3 in doubles play. According to Roach, she has good court strategy and has gained some valuable experience playing this fall.



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(COLEMAN CONTINUES TOP NOTCH PLAY FOR THE GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota --

Sophomore Kelly Coleman (TOLEDO, OH) started her career with the Gopher Tennis team last year at the No. 6 spot. By year's end she worked her way up to the No. 4 spot and this year started at the No. 2 spot, even filling in at times at the No. 1 spot.

Gopher Tennis Coach Jack Roach attributes her climb in the Minnesota ranks to her willingness to work hard and desire to be a top player. "Kelly has improved a lot since the beginning of the year," said Roach. "She is now a legitimate Big Ten No. 1 or 2 singles player."

Coleman went 6-6 in singles play during the fall season, including victories over Illinois' Maureen McNamara at the No. 2 spot 6-2, 7-5, and Wisconsin's Kellie Reid 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

She won two of three matches at the No. 1 spot during the Gophers' last weekend of competition -- defeating Louisville's Brenda Darrel 6-4, 6-4, and Eastern Kentucky's Claudia Porras 6-4, 6-3. She lost a close match to Kentucky's Clare Kuhlman 6-2, 5-7, 6-7 (6-8).

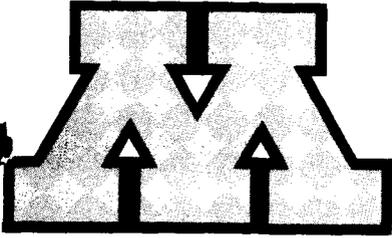
Coleman has the best doubles record on the Gophers so far this year with fourteen wins and only two losses at the No. 2 spot.

The Minnesota Tennis team finished their fall season 8-2 under the direction of first year coach Jack Roach. Minnesota's only losses were against Big Ten opponent Illinois 2-6, and Wichita State 4-5. The Gophers were tournament champions at the Southern Illinois Invitational and took third place at the Big Ten Doubles Invitational. The team resumes play on Sunday, January 8 at the Milwaukee Classic.

As a freshman, Coleman had the second most singles wins on the Gopher squad (24), and the second best singles percentage (.686). She earned a 24-11 singles and a 19-20 doubles record last year. Coleman has a 30-17 career singles record and 33-22 career doubles record with the Minnesota team.

This past summer Coleman won the 1983 Toledo City Tournament. While in high school, she was ranked No. 1 in the Northwest Ohio Tennis Association's 18-and-under division, and No. 32 in the Western Tennis Association's junior division, and was a two-time Ohio state doubles champion.

Coleman is a physical therapy major and the daughter of William and Wice Coleman.



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MINNESOTA DOUBLES TEAM & DUANCE TO QUARTER FINALS AT MILWAUKEE CLASSIC -- Northbrook Star

Minnesota tennis players Nancy Rost (SIOUX FALLS, SD), Kelly Coleman (TOLEDO, OH), Lisa Martin (ST. PAUL, MN) and Claudia Brisk (SKOKIE, IL) competed in the Milwaukee Classic last week.

Martin lost her first two matches of the qualifying round to Betsy Buetow of Wisconsin 6-2, 6-2 and Stacy Swanson of Oklahoma State 6-0, 6-1 which took Martin out of the tournament.

However, in the qualifying round Brisk defeated Jill Hauk of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 6-4, 6-1 and JoAnn Nadell of Wisconsin 6-1, 6-4 earning a spot in the main draw. In the first round Brisk was defeated by Pam Jung of Pepperdine (seeded fourth in the tournament) 6-2, 6-2. In the first round of consolation play Brisk lost to Lisa Fortman of Wisconsin 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Rost also lost in the first round of play to Mary Torres of Cal-Berkley 6-4, 6-1, but went on to win the first round of consolation defeating Lisa Lebolt of Texas Tech 6-1, 7-6. Rost lost to Fran Spencer of Mississippi 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the second round consolations.

Coleman lost in the first round of the main draw to Stacy Swanson 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 but advanced to the quarter finals in the consolation rounds defeating Kelly Feckel of New Mexico State 7-6, 6-1 and Tina Oeschle of Northwestern 7-5, 6-2. Coleman finally lost to Sue Pendo of USC 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Brisk and Coleman won their first round doubles match against Lisa Hovet and Lorna Browne of Oklahoma State 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, defeated Heather Eldridge and Kathleen Cumings of Texas 7-6, (7-4), 6-2 in the second round and finally lost to Diane Donnelly and Eva Lucido of Northwestern 6-4, 6-1 in the quarter finals.

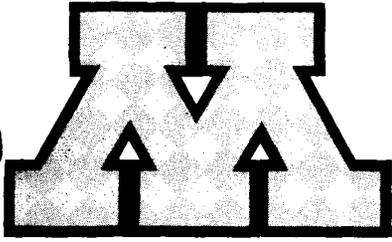
FOUR GOPHERS COMPETED TO QUALIFY FOR THE OLYMPIC TRIALS --

Tennis players Rost, Coleman, Martin and Betsy Poggensee (NORTHBROOK, IL) competed Sunday in the USTA Northwest region tennis playoffs at the Normandale Tennis Club in Minneapolis. The playoffs were a qualifying round for this section (Minnesota, North and South Dakota) to qualify for a regional competition for the qualifying rounds for the Olympic trials.

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Rost defeated Martin in three sets to secure the only spot for a Minnesota team member. Coleman, after defeating Poggensee, lost in two sets of St. Olaf's Janet McCutcheon who will also advance to the regional qualifying meet. McCutcheon is the daughter of former assistant Minnesota tennis coach Janet McCutcheon.

The time and sight for the regional meet has not yet been determined, but the winners of that round will probably travel to Los Angeles for the national qualifying meet.



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Special to the Toledo Blade

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(COLEMAN MOVES UP THE LINE-UP TO AID GOPHERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Kelly Coleman of Toledo, Ohio was a pleasant surprise for the Gopher Women's tennis team this year, moving up the line-up to the No. 1 and 2 spots after starting last season at the No. 6 position and working up to No. 4 by year's end.

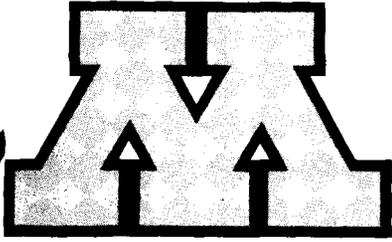
"Kelly had a good season and improved her position from last year, her overall play improved from last year," said Minnesota tennis coach Jack Roach.

Coleman had the most season doubles wins on the Gopher squad this year, compiling a 29-13 record playing at the No. 2 doubles spot. In addition, she had the fourth most season singles wins with a 20-23 overall singles record.

A key victory for Coleman came during the Big Ten Tennis Championships when she defeated Wisconsin's Kellie Reid 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 to guarantee Minnesota's victory over the Badgers in the first round of championship play. The Gophers placed fourth at the tournament, their best finish since 1979. Overall the Gophers' season record was 20-11 and they finished the year 7-7 in Big Ten play.

At Ottawa Hills College Prep School, Coleman earned four letters each in, and was captain of, her tennis, basketball and track teams and a member of the National Honor Society. She was ranked No. 1 in the Northwest Ohio Tennis Association's 18-and-under division and No. 32 in the Western Tennis Association's junior division.

She is a physical therapy major and the daughter of William and Wicē Coleman of 2130 Whitehall, Toledo.



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(WALK ON TENNIS PLAYER BJERKEN "A GREAT SURPRISE")

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior tennis player Maura Bjerken from Edina was a "great surprise" this year according to Minnesota Tennis Coach Jack Roach. "She just walked on and turned out to be a very valuable part of the team. We will be depending on her next year."

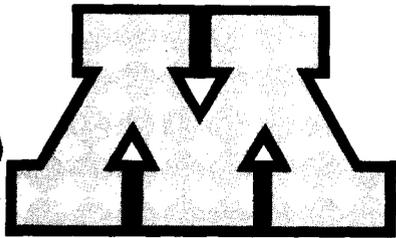
Bjerken is a transfer student from the University of Arizona, where she attended school but did not play tennis, for two years. This past summer she participated in tennis tournaments in Minneapolis and won the singles, doubles, and mixed doubles at the Eau Claire Open.

Bjerken's main contribution to the Minnesota squad this past season was as a doubles player, where she recorded the third best doubles percentage in a season (.680) with a 17-8 record. At the Big Ten Tennis Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis, Bjerken joined Darcy Jones at the No. 2 doubles spot to defeat Wisconsin's Betsy Beutow and Kellie Reid 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

The Gophers placed fourth at the Championships, their best finish since 1979. Minnesota compiled a 20-11 overall record and went 7-7 in conference play.

Bjerken was a four year varsity tennis player at Edina East High School and the captain of the team. She was named All-Conference three years. She also played three years of varsity basketball and was captain two years.

She is a nursing major and the daughter of Dr. Maurice and Shirley Bjerken of 4405 Ellsworth, Edina, MN.



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(BRISK CAPS OFF CAREER AS BIG TEN SPORTSWOMAN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior tennis player Claudia Brisk from Skokie, Illinois is one of the finest doubles players to ever be a member of the Minnesota squad. Capping her career as a Gopher this year, Brisk was named the Big Ten Player-Sportswoman of the year and was named to the All-Big Ten team at the conference Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis.

In every year of her career at Minnesota, Brisk has been named to the All-Big Ten team. Last year she won first team All-Big Ten doubles honors and won second team All-Big Ten honors her freshman and sophomore years. She holds the Minnesota records for the most season doubles wins (36) as an individual and as a-team member (35) and holds the record for the most career doubles wins (110). In addition, she has the third most career singles wins in Gopher history (90) and the third most season singles wins (34).

Brisk helped the Gophers to their highest finish in official Big Ten Tournament play at this year's Championships, where the Gophers finished in fourth place. The key victory for the Minnesota squad was in the first round of play where they defeated Wisconsin 6-3. At No. 2 singles, Brisk defeated Wisconsin's Charlene Kaya 7-6 (6-4), 6-3. Number one seed and tournament runners-up Northwestern defeated the Gophers in the second round 8-1 with the only victory coming at No. 1 doubles where Brisk teamed with Nancy Rost to defeat Maeve Quinlan and Courtney Lord in straight sets 6-2, 6-4.

The Gophers placed fourth in the tournament after losing to third seeded Michigan 7-2 in the third place match. The Gophers compiled a 20-11 overall record and Brisk compiled a 20-22 singles record and a 26-15 mark at the No. 1 doubles spot this season.

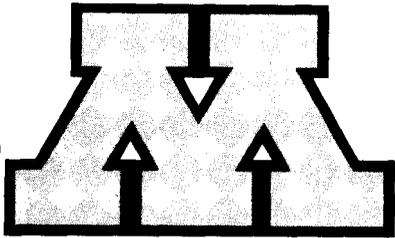
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"Claudia played well at the No. 2 singles spot during the tournament. She had an outstanding year in tennis at the University and her team leadership was reflected as captain both on and off the court," said first year coach Jack Roach. Brisk was honored as the MVP of this year's squad.

Brisk was ranked No. 1 in singles in the Chicago District Tennis Association in 1980 and was ranked 12th in singles by the Western Tennis Association in 1981. She advanced to the second round of doubles play at last year's NCAA National Championships with former Gopher Kathleen Heckman and in 1981 was named the AIAW Region 6 doubles champion with former Gopher Kari Sandvig and individually was a regional runner-up. She was also a member of the 1981 and 1982 All-Region 6 teams.

During all four years of high school tennis competition, Brisk was named MVP of her Niles East High School team. She was conference champion at No. 2 singles her freshman and sophomore years and took second place in the conference at No. 1 singles her junior year. Brisk won the conference championship at No. 1 singles her senior year and received the Al Beck award for outstanding athletic and academic accomplishment as well as the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award.

Still an excellent student, Brisk has already accepted a position as an accountant with the Minneapolis firm Coopers and Lybrand. She is the daughter of Michael and Waltraut Brisk of 4509 Howard Street, Skokie, IL.



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(LATE-ARRIVAL JONES AIDS 'U' NETTERS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Freshman Darcy Jones from Topsfield, Massachusetts joined the Minnesota Tennis team late this spring, but quickly worked her way up to the No. 4 spot. Jones started her career with the Gophers at the No. 5 and 6 spots, but after seven matches she secured a place for herself in the No. 4 slot and overall compiled an 8-5 singles record and set a 6-6 doubles mark.

At the Big Ten Tennis Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis, Jones won two of three singles matches. She defeated Wisconsin's Cathy Van Pelt in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 and Michigan's Karen Milczarski 7-5, 6-1. Her only loss was to nationally ranked Northwestern's Courtney Lord 2-6, 4-6. Northwestern placed second to Indiana in the tournament but were picked to the NCAA Nationals over the Hoosiers.

Minnesota placed fourth at the Championship, their best finish since 1979. The Gophers had a 20-11 overall record and finished 7-7 in the conference. During the fall season, the Minnesota squad won the seven team Southern Illinois Invitational during the fall season and placed third at the Big Ten Doubles Invitational.

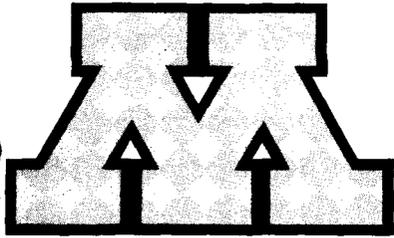
"Darcy did everything that we expected her to do. She came in and played strong singles and doubles for us. We look forward to keeping her here the full four years and she should continue to be a strong player." said Minnesota Tennis Coach Jack Roach.

These expectations of Jones were based on a stellar high school performance. In 1981 she was a Massachusetts state finalist and in 1980, 82, and 83 she was a quarterfinalist in the Massachusetts state Championships. She was named to the Boston Globe All-Star Team in 1981 and the Salem News All-Star Team in 1980-83. Her overall record at No. 1 singles was 62-2. In 1983 Jones was ranked #17 in

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New England 18 and unders. In addition, she spent the fall of this year at Rick Bollitieri's tennis academy in Florida. She has also attended Harry Hoppman's academy, also in Florida.

Jones is planning on a business major and is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Jones of 158 River Road, Topsfield, MA.



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(ROST REGAINS TENNIS FORM - NAMED ALL-BIG TEN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Nancy Rost of Sioux Falls, South Dakota rejoined the Gopher tennis team this year at the No. 1 singles spot after taking a year off from tennis while attending Augustana College in her home state. "Nancy made a fantastic amount of progress from the beginning of the year," said first year Minnesota tennis coach Jack Roach.

Despite having missed approximately 70 matches last year and losing the mental and physical concentration gained from continuous competitive play, Rost was named to the All-Big Ten team at this year's Big Ten Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis. "Rost has become one of the top five players in the Big Ten, credited Roach.

The result of the missed year was a yo-yo season for Rost. The highlight of her fall season was winning the No. 1 singles championship at the seven team Southern Illinois Invitational. In spring her improvement began to show in her stamina, general physical condition, all-around play, and consistency. "You could almost always count on Nancy to play well by the end of the season," said Roach.

Two of her key wins of the season came in May when she defeated Indiana's Tracy Hoffman 1-6, 6-4, 7-5 in a dual meet May 2, and during the Big Ten Tennis Championships when she defeated Wisconsin's Lisa Fortman in straight sets 6-1, 6-3. Earlier in the season, Rost had lost to Fortman 2-6, 6-7, (7-9).

The Gophers had their best finish at the Championships since 1979, placing fourth. The Minnesota squad won their first match against Wisconsin 6-3, but lost to the eventual tournament runners-up Northwestern 1-8 in their second round match. The sole win against the Wildcats came at No. 1 doubles where Rost paired with Claudia Brisk to defeat Maeve Quinlan and Courtney Lord 6-2, 6-4.

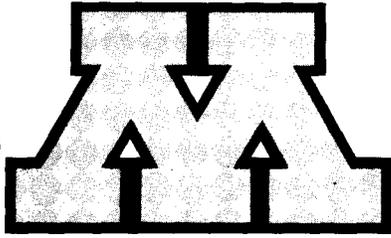
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In the third place match against number three seed Michigan the Gophers lost 2-7, placing fourth in the conference championships - their best finish since 1979.

During the season Rost compiled a 22-16 singles record, the second most singles victories on the Gopher squad. She had the fourth most doubles wins, boasting a 25-12 mark. During the 1981-82 Minnesota season Rost compiled a 19-12 singles record and had the second most doubles wins with a 15-14 mark.

Rost played high school varsity tennis since seventh grade and won five state prep titles and five SIC championships. She was ranked 80th in USTA 18's Singles for 1981 and ranked No. 2 in the 1980 Northwest Juniors and No. 2 in NWTAs Singles in 1981. In 1979 she was voted the Prep Female Athlete of the Year for South Dakota. She was a member of the winning team and placed fourth at the 1980 National Sports Festival in Syracuse, NY.

A broadcast communications major, Rost is the daughter of Michael and Judy Rost of Sioux Falls.



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(BJORNSON RETURNS TO GOPHER TENNIS SQUAD)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior tennis player Kathy Bjornson from Chanhassen, Minn. thought last year would be her last year as a Gopher. Bjornson is a nursing major and a grueling class schedule made it impossible for her to attend all the practices this year. However, Bjornson played on the team, attending the practices she could and winning quite a few matches in spite of her schedule. She compiled a 6-5 singles record and 16-18 doubles record.

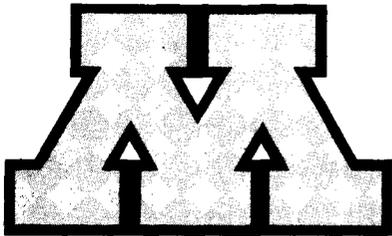
"The only regret I have about Kathy is she couldn't practice with us," said first year Minnesota Tennis Coach Jack Roach. "She was never able to improve to her full potential because of her practice schedule. She was a really good person to coach, a real team person. I wish she was a freshman."

The Gophers placed fourth at this year's Big Ten Tennis Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis, their best finish since 1979. The Minnesota team compiled a 20-11 overall record and a 7-7 conference mark.

In her four years with the Gophers, Bjornson has racked up 85 doubles wins, the fifth most career wins of any Gopher in the last ten years. She has the ninth most career singles wins with 68. Paired with Cathie Wadden, the duo have the second most career doubles wins as a team (54). The duo also hold the second most season doubles wins as a team (31). Bjornson is tied for the third most season doubles wins of an individual (32) and is tied for seventh for the most season singles wins (31).

Bjornson was a semi-finalist twice at the Minnesota state high school tennis tournament and was ranked fifth in NWTU 18-and-under division in 1979. Besides being a member of the varsity tennis team, she lettered two years on the basketball team at Chaska High School and was a member of the National Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Elaine Bjornson of Chanhassen.



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(WADDEN ENDS GOPHER CAREER HOLDING SEASON, CAREER RECORDS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior co-captain Cathie Wadden of Winona, Minnesota finished her final year on the Gopher tennis squad with an impressive 21-9 singles record, the third most singles wins of any Minnesota player this season, and the best singles percentage (.700) on the team. She also boasts the second most doubles wins of the season with a 26-15 record.

Paired with Kelly Coleman at the No. 2 doubles spot, the duo had the second most doubles wins by a team with a 14-4 record this year. Wadden also paired with Kathy Bjornson at the No. 3 spot for an 11-10 record (the third most doubles wins by a team).

The Minnesota squad placed fourth at this year's Big Ten Tennis Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis, their best finish since 1979. Wadden contributed to the team's success, winning two of her three singles matches during the tournament. She defeated Wisconsin's Betsy Beutow in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 and Michigan's Maryanne Hodges 7-6, (7-4), 6-2. Kristen Laux of nationally ranked Northwestern defeated Wadden 6-4, 6-2. The Wildcats went on to lose in the championship round of the tournament to defending Big Ten Champions Indiana 5-4, but Northwestern received a berth to the NCAA Nationals over the Hoosiers. The Gophers ended their season 20-11 overall and 7-7 in Big Ten play.

Wadden dropped a few positions in the line-up this year but the last four spots were very close, according to Minnesota Tennis Coach Jack Roach. Early in the year, sophomore Lisa Martin beat Wadden in a challenge match for a higher spot. "It was a tough year for Cathie but it was rewarding in the end because she became by far a better tennis player than she had been. She made some changes in her game and she won some crucial matches for us," said Roach. Besides improving as a player, Roach credited Wadden as a good leader in her role as team co-captain.

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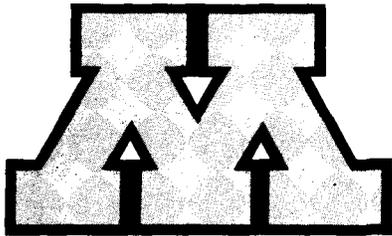
After four seasons with the Gophers, Wadden has the third most career singles wins (89) of any team member in the last ten years and also the third most career doubles wins (94). Teamed with Kathy Bjornson, the duo have the second most career doubles wins by a team (54).

Wadden is included on several season record lists as well. She is tied for third with most season doubles wins in Minnesota tennis history (32), tied for seventh for most season singles wins (30) and, again teamed with Bjornson, holds the second most season doubles wins by a team (31). In addition to her place in the record books, Wadden was also named to the 1982 All-Region 6 team.

Wadden was named the Cotter High School Athlete of the year in 1980 and also won the Western Slope Junior Open, the Aspen Club Open, and the Idaho State Open.

During 1979 she was ranked No. 1 in NWTAs 18-and-under singles division and was named the Winona Daily News Sportsperson of the Year. She won the Minnesota class "A" state high school singles championship in 1978. She was a four year member of her high school varsity basketball team, served as co-captain her junior and senior years, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

An international relations major with a 3.85 grade point average, Wadden is the daughter of Dr. J.V. and Mary Ellen Wadden of 1269 West 6th Street, Winona.



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(MARTIN STARTS YEAR STRONG WITH 'U' NETTERS, HAMPERED BY INJURY LATE IN SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Lisa Martin from St. Paul has the most singles wins and second best singles percentage on this year's Minnesota tennis team, with an overall singles record of 25-13 for a .658 percentage.

She played mostly at the No. 4 spot for the Gophers but was hampered by a knee injury late in the season and finished the year at the No. 5 spot. "Lisa has been a steady player, especially at the beginning of the year - the injury slowed her down toward the end," said Minnesota Tennis Coach Jack Roach.

According to Roach, her knee should be strengthened enough over the summer so that Martin can return in full force to the team next season.

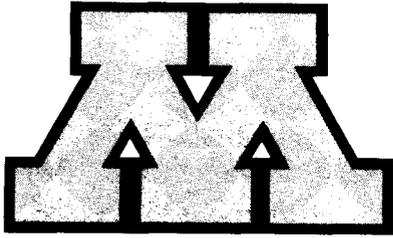
The Gophers placed fourth at this year's Big Ten Championships May 4-6 in Minneapolis, their best finish since 1979. Overall the Gophers were 20-11 and 7-7 in Big Ten play.

This past summer, Martin won the Northwest Sectional Mixed Doubles and was a finalist in the Minnesota State Open and the Northwest Clubs Open. Martin has been competing in summer tennis tournaments in the Northwest Tennis Association for the last eight years.

Last year Martin had the third best Gopher singles record with an 18-13 record and she compiled an 11-7 record at the No. 3 doubles spot.

While attending St. Paul Academy, Martin was a two-time Minnesota class "A" state high school singles champion and was ranked third in the NWTA 18-and-under singles division. She also competed in the 1982 National Sports Festival in Indianapolis. A member of her high school newspaper staff, she was also sports and production editor.

Martin is a political science major and may combine her degree with her interest in journalism after graduation. She is the daughter of Phillip and Sandra Martin of 3466 Chandler Road, St. Paul.



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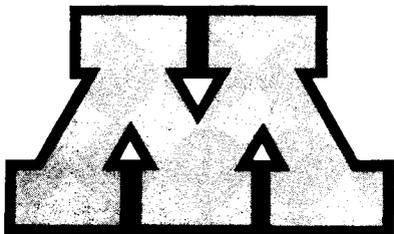
(LISA MARTIN, ST. PAUL, MINN., NO. 5 SINGLES AND NO. 3 DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Lisa Martin, a St. Paul Academy graduate, was runner-up at the Southern Illinois Edwardsville Tournament at the No. 5 singles spot this fall season. A loss at the tournament to Janet Petras of Southern Illinois Edwardsville, was her only defeat of the season and Martin ended with a 6-1 singles record. She also compiled a 6-3 mark at No. 3 doubles.

"Lisa pulled out many team matches for us - especially vs. Wisconsin," said coach Peden. Martin defeated Betsy Buetow 6-1, 7-5 in the Wisconsin match which the Gophers won. A pulled hamstring muscle sidelined Martin for the last two matches of the fall season and Minnesota lost both dual matches without Martin and freshman Kathleen Heckman in the lineup. Martin will be playing No. 2 or 3 doubles in the spring.

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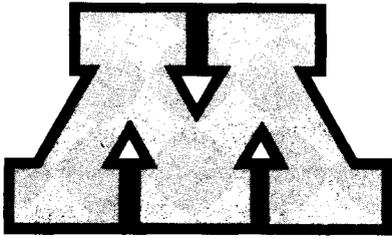
(TENNIS HOMETOWN NOTES)

(CLAUDIA BRISK, SKOKIE, ILL., NO. 2 SINGLES AND NO. 1 DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- Claudia Brisk, a junior from Skokie, Ill. and graduate of Niles East High School, played well at No. 2 singles finishing the season 5-3, but was "outstanding" according to coach Peden at No. 1 doubles with Kathleen Heckman. Brisk tied her record of 11 for the longest winning season doubles streak that she set in 1980-81 with partner Kari Sandvig.

At the Wisconsin Doubles tournament the pair won four of their five matches in flight 1 doubles, defeating Heather Crowe and Jenny Snyder of Indiana 6-3, 6-4, Courtney Lord and Mauve Quinlan of Northwestern 6-2, 6-4, Kelly Richard and Sue Arildsen of Illinois 6-4, 6-1 and Nancy Schumacher and Sara Loetscher of Iowa 6-1, 6-3. They were defeated in the tournament by Lisa Fortman and Kellie Reid of Wisconsin 4-6, 6-2, 2-6. However, Brisk-Heckman defeated Fortman and Reid earlier in the season at the Minnesota Quadrangular 6-3, 6-1. They also defeated Cindi Reiman and Ann Swanson of Nebraska 6-4, 6-0 at the Quadrangular.

With undefeated freshman Kathleen Heckman at No. 1 singles, Brisk at No. 2 singles and Brisk-Heckman at No. 1 doubles, the Gophers compiled a 4-2 match record. "Claudia at No. 2 singles gives us a stron 1, 2, 3 punch with the doubles team of Heckman and Brisk," said Peden. The outstanding point of the Brisk-Heckman doubles team is that they won the first eleven games they ever played together, according to Peden. Brisk finished the season 11-3 in doubles.



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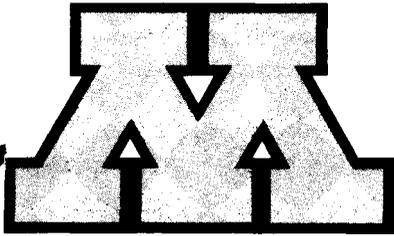
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(KATHLEEN HECKMAN, ST. JOSEPH, MO., NO. 1 SINGLES, NO. 1 DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- Kathleen Heckman from Bishop Leblond High School in St. Joseph, Mo. is definately a national caliber player according to Minnesota tennis coach Ellie Peden. Heckman started the season at No. 2 singles but earned the No. 1 spot after the Drake meet on October 2, where she defeated Patti Jablonski 6-4, 6-0. Heckman finished the season at the No. 1 position with a 7-0 record in singles and 11-1 in doubles. With doubles partner Claudia Brisk she tied the longest Minnesota doubles winning streak of 11 set by Brisk and Kari Sandvig. "Heckman has great ground strokes, good footwork and good court coverage - she's a good mover," said coach Peden. Peden hopes to see Heckman meet and beat top ranked players in the country during the remainder of the year.

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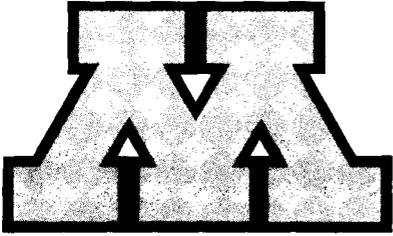
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(CATHIE WADDEN, WINONA, MINN., NO. 3 SINGLES AND DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Co-captain Cathie Wadden from Winona, Minn. is an International Relations major at the University. She played the fall season at No. 3 singles and doubles, finishing the season 3-5 in singles and 9-4 in doubles. "She's starting to really play well and is consistent," said coach Peden. At the Minnesota Quadrangular Wadden won two of three singles matches defeating Hilary DeRue of Iowa State 6-0, 6-0; Anne Swanson of Nebraska 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 before losing to Annemarie Floreno of Wisconsin 1-6, 4-6. Wadden won both of the two doubles matches she competed in at the Quadrangular. Paired with Lisa Martin they defeated Liz Mooney and Susan Hayes of Nebraska 6-2, 6-1 and Betsy Buetow and Wendy Robbins of Wisconsin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Wadden played the No. 2 singles spot for two matches at the end of the season due to team injuries. She won one of the two matches defeating Nancy Schumacher of Iowa 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Paired with Kathy Bjornson at number 3 doubles they defeated the Iowa duo of Kathy Kansman and Kim Ruuttila 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. The Bjornson-Wadden team played the No. 2 doubles spot vs. Wichita State defeating Susan Deam and Sally Webber 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Wadden was the highest percentage winner in singles competition last year and holds the record for most season doubles wins which she set as a freshman with Kathy Bjornson. At Cotter High School Wadden was a 1978 Minnesota Class "A" high school singles champion.

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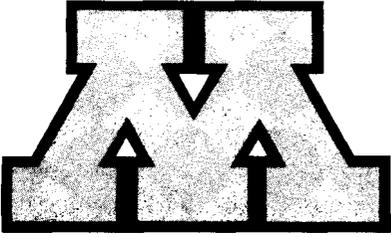
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(TENNIS HOMETOWN NOTES)

(KATHY BJORNSON, CHANHASSEN, MINN. NO. 4 SINGLES, NO. 2 and 3 DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Junior Kathy Bjornson has done well holding up the difficult spot of No. 4 singles, according to Minnesota coach Ellie Peden. Bjornson finished the fall season at 3-5 in singles and 8-6 in doubles at the No. 2 and 3 spots. She teamed with Kelly Coleman at the No. 2 doubles spot at the Minnesota Quadrangular and the duo won all three of their doubles matches defeating Joy Pennington and Hilary DeRue of Iowa State 6-1, 7-5; Jamie Pisarcik and Lisa Brooks of Nebraska 6-4, 6-4 and Annemarie Floreno and Joanne Nade11 of Wisconsin 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Bjornson teamed with Carol Carlson in flight 4 doubles at the Wisconsin Doubles Tournament and they went 3-2 defeating Marianne Guiney and Pat Mullins of Indiana 6-0, 3-6, 7-5; Carolyn Spengler and Karen Fot of Northwestern 6-2, 6-2 and Sue Hutchinson and Jo Wickiser of Illinois 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. She then teamed with Cathie Wadden against Iowa where they defeated Kathy Kansman and Kim Ruuttila 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Bjornson holds the Minnesota record for most season wins in doubles with 32 in 1980-81, and paired with Wadden, holds the record for most season doubles team wins also from 1980-81, with 31. A graduate of Chaska High School, Bjornson hails from Chanhassen, Minn.



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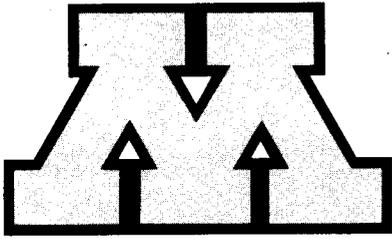
(KELLY COLEMAN, TOLEDO, OH., NO. 6 SINGLES AND NO. 2 DOUBLES)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Kelly Coleman, a freshman from Toledo, Oh., finished the tennis season 8-1 at No. 6 singles and 5-9 at No. 2 doubles. She won the flight six singles title at the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Invitational defeating Jo Wickiser of Illinois 6-1, 6-0; Gretchen Moran, University of Louisville 6-1, 6-2 and Maureen Harney of Southern Illinois-Carbondale 6-3, 6-4. "She's a tough competitor - eager, young, enthusiastic - everything a coach should want," said Peden about Coleman. Peden expects Coleman's fall experience to be helpful in the spring season and believes she is capable of playing higher than No. 6 singles. Coleman played at No. 4 singles vs. Iowa and Wichita State the last weekend of fall competition when two other players were out ill and won both matches. Coleman earned four letters each in tennis, basketball, and track at Ottawa Hills College prep school.

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(FETTIG QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Former St. Cloud Apollo High School stand-out Becky Fettig recently surpassed the 1984 NCAA women's indoor track championship qualifying standards and set a new University of Minnesota shot put record with a throw of 49'49½". Although Fettig, a junior at Minnesota, achieved this goal at the first meet of the season, she's quick to comment, "the pressure's not off yet...not by any means."

The pressure results from Fettig's high standards for personal success. "To reach qualifying standards is not enough" she said, "only the top twenty throws are accepted." Therefore she has established a new goal -- to throw over 50 feet and "guarantee a trip to Syracuse." Syracuse, New York is the site of the NCAA National Indoor Championships on March 10. Fettig also hopes to place in the top three at the Big Ten championships. She is optimistic about Nationals, "I like being an underdog," she added.

Fettig is anything but an underdog in Big Ten competition. As a sophomore she was Big Ten champion in discus with a school record throw of 166'-1". She also finished fourth in the conference outdoor shot put and holds that school record.

Any pressure Fettig feels is self-imposed. "Most people -- my coaches, parents, friends -- are very supportive," she said. She praised her throwing coach, Lynne Anderson, "my coach is my leader. She can see more clearly just how far I can go. She tells me what to do and then I can do it." Anderson returned the compliment, "Becky has come a long way since freshmen year. She's become a leader of the team. We're very glad she'll be around another year."

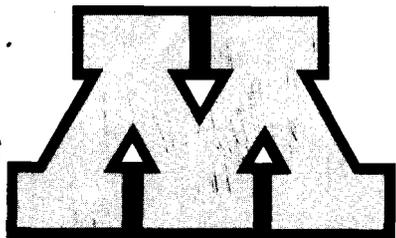
Anderson feels Fettig's strengths lie with the intangibles. "To excell you must have a feeling for the movements of the throw," she explained, "a coach can tell you how to do something a thousand times, but you have to feel it. Becky has that ability." Head Coach Mike Lawless agreed, "Becky is more mature, more confident...hopefully, she'll continue to improve."

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Fettig has set her sights beyond collegiate competition. Her biggest goal of the season is to qualify for the Olympic Trials in the discus. The qualifying standard is 177'-2" -- eleven feet and one inch beyond Fettig's best throw. Her coaches are confident she can make the improvement. "We're going to get her to trials one way or another," Anderson added.

In high school, Fettig had great success as a two-time All-American, a three-time All-Conference pick, and as the 1980 state shot put champion. "Unlike many girls, I was fortunate to have good coaching in high school. High School track is very different now. Girls are weight training...freshmen come into the University program already at the point it took me two and a half years to achieve," she says.

Fettig is the daughter of Arthur and Joanne Fettig of 5851 Rolling Ridge Road, St. Cloud, Minnesota.



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(EDER NAMED ALL-AMERICAN)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former Stillwater High School standout, Jody Eder, received NCAA All-American status for the third time in two years as a member of the University of Minnesota track team. Eder, a sophomore and native of Lake Elmo, MN, finished fourth in the 1,000 meter run with a time of 2:47.31 at the NCAA National Indoor Championships held in Syracuse, NY on March 9-10. Last year Eder was named All-American as a member of the Gopher's two mile relay team and for her fifth place finish in the 1,000 yard run at nationals.

"Competing at nationals was the highlight of the indoor season," Eder said, "but I was disappointed that the two mile relay team didn't make it." Last year the two mile relay team finished third at the NCAA meet but this year, despite a school record time of 8:57.47, only the top twelve times qualified for the championships.

Eder is a private person and she refuses to discuss her running goals. "I don't like to broadcast those things. I know what they are and I know when I reach them." Eder admits, like most top athletes, she is never satisfied for long. "My goals are always changing," she added. "I'm always setting new and higher goals." Coach Mike Lawless knows that Eder would like to qualify for Olympic trials this summer. "If she continues to progress, she should have a good chance," Lawless said.

Eder finished first in individual events five times in six meets during the regular indoor season. She also helped set three school records: anchoring the two mile relay team, her national qualifying time of 2:31.05 in the 1,000 yard run, and her 4:42.9 performance in the mile run. She also holds the Gopher's all-time best cross-country time (16:56). Eder should shine in the outdoor season as well. Her top events are the 1500 meter run and the 4 X 800 meter relay.

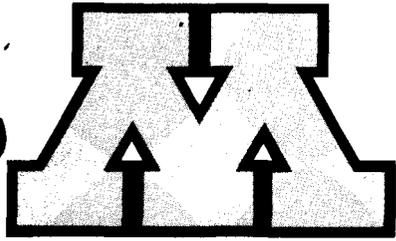
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Training is important to Eder. "Know your body...that's the key. It's important to be able to avoid injury and to be able to adjust." Lawless agrees, "Jody is very diligent about taking care of herself and training. Obviously it's paying off for her." According to Eder, practice is as important as competition. "After a good work out, I feel tired but great...it's great motivation."

"My family support is awesome," Eder said. Usually soft-spoken, Eder seemed to light up when discussing her family. "Hearing your family screaming and yelling for you is an important motivator," she explained. "My sister is a runner and we pull for each other." She adds, "...my parents are dedicated to me. They'll drive to Madison -- five hours -- to watch a 17 minute cross-country race!"

Despite the long winters and what she feels are inadequate indoor facilities, Eder loves Minnesota. "I run well, I really believe in the coach, and the team is close. All those things are important. As for the weather, Eder doesn't mind. "I love running indoors...it's a nice change of pace."

Eder is the daughter of Jerome and Nancy Eder of 3415 Lake Elmo Avenue.



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ANDERSON, FETTIG FIND SUCCESS AT MINNESOTA

Two University of Minnesota track athletes have consistently been successful in throwing events during their careers. Loreena Anderson, a senior from Alexandria, Minnesota and junior Becky Fettig of St. Cloud, Minnesota have recently fulfilled long time goals by qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Trials to be held in Los Angeles, June 16-24. A large part of their success might be due to the influence of their throwing coach, Lynne Winbigler-Anderson, who is an Olympic athlete herself.

Anderson and Fettig both reached the Olympic qualifying mark at the Minnesota Collegiate, held at Bierman Field in Minneapolis on April 21. Anderson's 174'4" javelin toss surpassed the 172'3" Olympic standard and broke her previous school record of 168'6". Anderson set that old mark in her first competitive throw of the 1984 season and qualified for NCAA National Championships (the NCAA qualifying mark is 162'). The NCAA meet is scheduled for May 28 - June 6 in Eugene, Oregon.

Fettig topped the Olympic qualifying mark in the discus (177'2") with a 181'6" throw. Fettig's throw is also a personal best and a school record. Fettig's previous record (171'1") topped the NCAA qualifying mark of 166'7" earlier this season.

Gopher assistant coach, Winbigler-Anderson, qualified for Olympic Trials in the discus with a throw of 177'4" at the Texas Relays on April 7. At the prestigious Drake Relays on April 28, Winbigler-Anderson set a new meet record with a 182'6" throw.

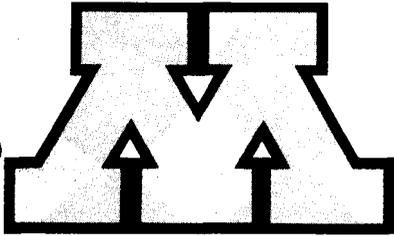
Winbigler-Anderson's success has been a model for Fettig and Anderson. Fettig said, "Lynne goes through training with us. You know you can believe what she tells us, because it works for her." Winbigler-Anderson finds her charges to be "very coachable and very dedicated." She was a member of the 1976 and 1980 Olympic Teams and at one time held the American discus record. Making the 1984 team is not a priority for Winbigler-Anderson. "It would be nice, but it might take a throw of

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200 (feet) or better and I no longer have the time to dedicate to the training I would need." After this summer, Winbigler-Anderson will be dedicating herself exclusively to coaching. "I want to start clinics around the state for young people," she added, "we need to educate people about throwing -- its not just a sport for 'big people' -- its a sport for strong, smart athletes."

ANDERSON OVERGOMES SIZE, INJURIES -- Anderson is living proof that throwing is not just for "big people" -- she is only 5'4. She also suffers from a chronic elbow problem, which is not uncommon for javelin throwers. Despite these drawbacks, Anderson has dominated the Big Ten: last year she won the conference title with a throw of 159'1" and her Olympic qualifying throw is currently the best in the Big Ten. The 1984 Big Ten meet will be held in Columbus, Ohio on May 19-20. Anderson has high hopes for herself and Fettig, "we want to smoke 'em at Big Ten's" she said. She also hopes to place in the top six at Nationals. As for Olympic Trials, "its a thrill just to be there, " she said. Anderson holds all varsity throwing records at Golden Valley Lutheran College, where she competed before transferring to Minnesota. She also finished fourth in the discus last year at Big Ten's with a personal best throw of 156'3". At Jefferson High School, Anderson was named Prep All-American and won the 1980 state discus title.

FETTIG HOPES FOR BIG TEN TITLE -- Fettig's discus throw also leads the Big Ten this season, which puts her in a good position to repeat as conference champion. Her 166'1" throw won the title last spring. Fettig's success in discus competition is almost matched by her shot put performances. Last year she placed fourth at the Big Ten meet with a school record throw of 47'1". This year at the Minnesota Collegiate, Fettig set a new outdoor record with a 48' throw. During the indoor season she qualified for NCAA Nationals with a school record toss of 49'4½" and went on to place ninth in the preliminary round of the NCAA meet with a throw of 49'. The 5'10" Fettig was a two-time All-American at St. Cloud Apollo High School and won the state shot put title in 1980.



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(LEWIS SISTERS SIGN WITH MINNESOTA)

(by Mark Reschke)

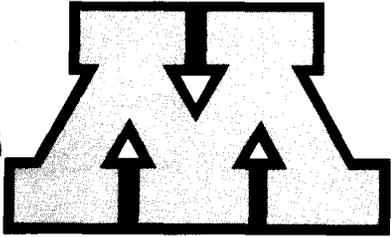
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota diving coach Craig Lincoln recently announced that Kathleen and Maureen Lewis of Green Bay, Wisconsin have signed tenders and will aid the 1984-85 Gopher swimming and diving campaign. Kathleen is a sophomore transfer student who has attended Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Maureen is a recent high school graduate.

At the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Kathleen placed fourth and third in the one meter and three meter dives at the NAIA National Championships. She was also named to the All-Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Team and has been a YMCA state champion. Lincoln said, "Kathleen is distinguished by her smoothness and grace in diving."

"Maureen," Lincoln said, "is noted for her explosive strength off the board." She has been an age group Regional Champion and the Junior Olympic one meter champion. Maureen has also been a YMCA state champion and was named Diver of the Year.

Lincoln is a former Olympic bronze medalist and NCAA National Diving champion for Minnesota and now coaches both the women and men divers. Last season, the Gopher swimming and diving team finished second at the Big Ten Championships. The 1984-85 team returns nearly all of last year's swimmers and Lincoln hopes that the Lewis sisters can step in and score in the diving events, which have been weak spots for Minnesota in the past.

Maureen and Kathleen are the daughters of John and Donna King of 1220 St. Lawrence, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301.



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(MARY KUHLMAN VIES FOR SPOT WITH MINNESOTA GOLFERS)

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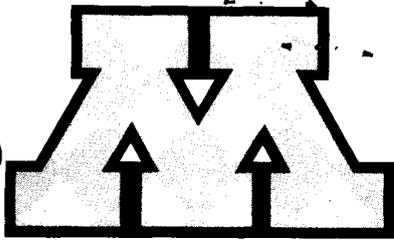
Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota golf coach Anne Zahn recently announced that Mary Kuhlmann, former Montevideo High School star, will join the Gophers next season. Kuhlmann recently finished fourth at the Class A State Tournament after winning medalist honors at the regional, district, and conference tournaments.

"Mary hits the ball well and with good length," Zahn said. "She should be a contender for a spot on our traveling squad next year." Kuhlmann was disappointed by her performance at the state tournament and said, "I've been putting better since then, but that's the part of my game that needs work." More recently, Kuhlmann was selected as first alternate to the U.S. Pub Links Tournament. Her scoring average is 40 and has hit 36 on several occasions, while her best 18 hole score is 76.

"I'm really excited about going to Minnesota," Kuhlmann said, "especially because of Anne Zahn. I think she's great and she's done a lot for the program." Kuhlman's sister, Barbara Moxness, recently left the LPGA tour on a pregnancy leave and may return soon.

Last season the Gophers finished second in the Big Ten and sent senior Nancy Harris to NCAA Nationals. Although Zahn will be doing some rebuilding next year, she expects another competitive season.

Kuhlmann is the daughter of Roger and Martha Kuhlmann of P.O. Box 737, Montevideo, Minnesota 56265.



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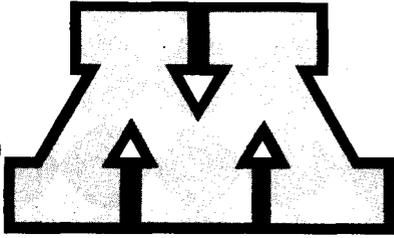
(GRUNDMAN FINISHED THIRD AT BIG TEN'S)

(by Mark Reschke)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former Osakis High School star Peggy Grundman recently completed her fourth year as a cross-country athlete at the University of Minnesota -- Grundman also competed with the track and field team during her senior year. She highlighted her track season with an unexpected third place finish in the 5000 meter run at the 1984 Big Ten Championships.

"Peggy gave us some pleasant surprises this year," coach Mike Lawless said. "She walked on with no experience outside of cross-country and did an excellent job." Grundman's 16:33.14 performance at Big Ten's was a personal best and just seconds shy of the NCAA National qualifying mark (16:31.24). Grundman recorded three first place finishes throughout the regular season.

Grundman is the daughter of Herb and Marilyn Grundman of Route 2 Osakis.



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(POLLY OAS FINISHES UNIVERSITY TRACK CAREER)

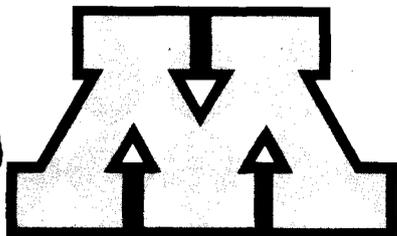
(by Mark Reschke)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former Mound-Westonka High School star Polly Oas completed her fourth year of collegiate track competition at the University of Minnesota. Oas set two school records and was invaluable as a heptathlete for Minnesota during the 1984 outdoor season.

"Good heptathletes are hard to find," coach Mike Lawless said. "Polly will be tough to replace." Oas set a school record in the heptathlon at the Big Ten Championships on May 19, scoring 4990 points to finish seventh overall. Oas had hoped to do better but was hampered in the javelin competition by an elbow problem. Oas also placed sixth in the Big Ten for the triple jump with a 37-10 effort. Earlier in the season, Oas had set a school record in her first competitive performance in the triple jump -- she holds the school record with a 38 $\frac{1}{4}$ mark.

Oas also had a season best performance for the team in the long jump (17-7 $\frac{3}{4}$). Her versatility has been impressive: her personal bests ranked in the top five among her team members in eight different events. Oas also had a good indoor season, setting a school record in the pentathlon with 3675 points. Oas' sister Jane competed at Minnesota and holds six individual school records.

Oas is the daughter of Dan and Donna Oas of 3297 Casco Circle in Wayzata.



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(GORECKI VALUABLE AS RUNNER, LEADER)

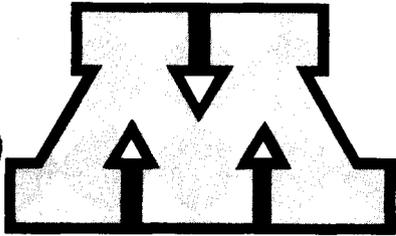
(by Mark Reschke)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Former Stillwater High School star Cathy Anderson-Gorecki recently completed her final year of competition with the University of Minnesota track team. Gorecki aided Minnesota as an outstanding sprinter, hurdler and relay anchor, as well as morale leader throughout the 1984 season.

"We're certainly going to miss Cathy," coach Mike Lawless said, "she's been a team leader for the last few years and has always done an excellent job." Gorecki ended her season with a fifth place finish in the 400 meter hurdles (:60.83) at the Big Ten Championships. She also anchored the 4 X 400 meter relay team to a fifth place (3:48.92) finish at the Big Ten meet.

Gorecki holds four individual school records, including the outdoor 400 meter hurdles (:60.09) and the indoor 300 meter (:41.3), 400 meter (:57.59) and 600 yard (1:22.32) runs. She has also been a part of three record-setting relay teams, including the 1983 two milers who were named NCAA All-Americans. She also held season-best times for the Gophers in the 400 meter run (:56.3) and the 400 meter hurdles (:60.30).

Gorecki is the daughter of Gary Anderson and Barbara Hyatt of 466 Cimmarron, Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55043.



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(STOLTMAN FINISHES FINE FRESHMAN SEASON)

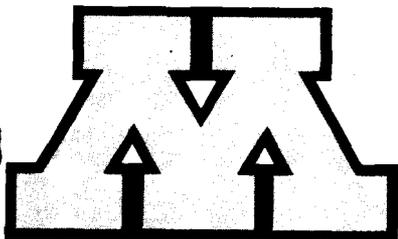
(by Mark Reschke)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota freshman Stephanie Stoltman recently completed her first year of collegiate track competition and shows great promise for her future. Stoltman, a former Minnetonka High School star, finished the season with a sixth place finish at the Big Ten Championships in the 100 meter hurdles and as a member of the fifth place 4 X 400 meter relay team.

"Any time a freshman places at Big Ten's it's quite an accomplishment," coach Mike Lawless said. Stoltman's time at the Big Ten meet was :14.81 and she holds the team's season-best performance in the 100 meter hurdles with a :14.4 finish. Stoltman was a consistent hurdler throughout the season and finished first three times. She was a valuable member of Minnesota relay teams -- five relays she competed with recorded season best times for the Gophers and three relays recorded first place finishes during the regular season.

"Steph responded to college competition very well," Lawless added, "I look forward to having her around for three more years."

Stoltman is the daughter of Joseph and Delores Stoltman of 3430 The Mall, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.



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(EDER NAMED ALL-AMERICAN, COMPETES IN OLYMPIC TRIALS)

(by Mark Reschke)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota star Jody Eder, a former Stillwater High School standout, recently completed her second year of collegiate competition by receiving her fourth All-American title. Eder is competing in the U.S. Olympic Trials, June 16-24 in Los Angeles. Eder was a dominating force for the Gophers in cross-country and indoor and outdoor track.

During the outdoor season Eder was unstoppable: she gained her first All-American outdoor title; she qualified for NCAA Nationals and U.S. Olympic Trials in two events; and broke two school records seven times. She was named team MVP and was selected as Big Ten Player of the Month for April.

CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT -- Eder started the outdoor season hot and continued to improve her times and versatility. In the first meet of the season she set a new 1500 meter record (4:42.82) -- she topped it once more (4:18.1, which surpassed NCAA qualifying standards) before recording a personal best of 4:15.59, which topped the Olympic qualifying mark of 4:17.50.

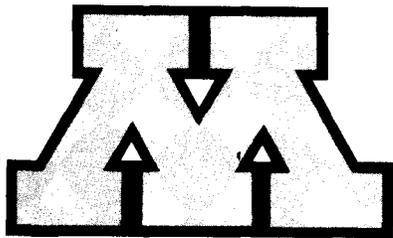
UNEXPECTED FINISH AT BIG TEN'S, NATIONALS -- At the Big Ten Championships, Eder was a favorite to win the 1500 meters, but she finished fourth with a time of 4:21.03. But she came back and pulled a surprise second place finish in the 3000 meter run (9:18.86). Although she had set a 3000 meter school record earlier in the season (9:26.2) and improved her time enough to qualify for Nationals (9:17.01), it was not considered her best event. She opted to compete in the 3000 meters rather than the 1500 at the NCAA National meet in Eugene, Oregon, held May 28 - June 6. Eder stunned her competition - finishing fifth in her preliminary heat with an Olympic Trials qualifying time of 9:12.86 (the standard is 9:15.00). She went on to improve her time again, finishing sixth in the finals with a 9:07.46 mark (good for All-American status).

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OLYMPIC TRIALS -- Eder is eligible to compete in both the 1500 and 3000 meter races at the Olympic Trials but has chosen to continue to concentrate on the 3000. "This is just a toning year for 1988," she said. "I'm happy just to be there." The Olympic team entry standard is 9:05.00, but Eder is not concerned with times this year. "I'll take whatever happens," she added. "I'm only 20 years old and I have a lot to learn."

OUTSTANDING YEAR -- "I'm very proud of what I did this year and making it to the Olympic Trials just makes the year a little longer," Eder said. Eder has plenty to be proud of and faces a big challenge to top her success in her two remaining seasons with Minnesota. Aside from her outdoor track success, Eder received All-American honors for a fourth place finish in the 1000 meter run at the NCAA Indoor Championships (2:47.31) in March and finished second in the one mile run at the Big Ten Championships (4:41.12). She led Minnesota to a banner cross-country season, which included a third place finish at the Big Ten meet and a first-ever berth to the NCAA Nationals. Her eighth place finish at the Big Ten Championships established a new all-time best cross-country performance for the University (16:56.00).

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SPECIAL TO STILLWATER EVENING GAZETTE

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(ALL-AMERICAN EDER IS FIRST FRESHMAN TO BE MINNESOTA TRACK MVP)

Minneapolis, Minn -- Athletes dream of years like the one freshman Jody Eder (Stillwater) had for the University of Minnesota track team in 1983. She became an NCAA All-American in the 1000 meter run by finishing fifth at the National Championships. Along with teammates Kris Rens, Cathy Gorecki and Ann Lundin, Eder also gained all-American status in the two-mile relay as her team placed third at Nationals. Add that to an enormous number of school records, the fact that she was the team's top cross country runner in the fall, plus becoming the first freshman in Minnesota track history to be named team MVP and we're talking fairy tale for all but the most talented of athletes.

"What can I say?" asked head track coach Mike Lawless. "Jody's talent came through sooner than we expected it would. She's really competitive and she just ran well ever week. And she improved by leaps and bounds. The results speak for themselves."

Leaps and bounds. Let's see. Eder broke the five-year-old school record in the mile run, set by 1984 Olympic hopeful Cathie Twomey, by nearly two seconds in her first collegiate meet. Two weeks later, she broke her brand new record by over three seconds and qualified for the National Championships. Three weeks after that she broke it again, this time by another half-second at the Big Ten Championships. She also set school marks in the 800 meters (in her second meet of the year) and in the 1000-yard run (twice).

Not that all this All-American stuff was a piece of cake. Eder and her two-mile relay teammates entered the national championships with only the 11th fastest qualifying time, giving new meaning to the term 'long shot'. But the Gophers beat the odds and six other teams to finish third behind Villanova and perennial national power Wisconsin. In the 1000 meters, Eder set another school record (2:32.30) and finished fifth, just .14 of a second behind Holly Straight of Kentucky.

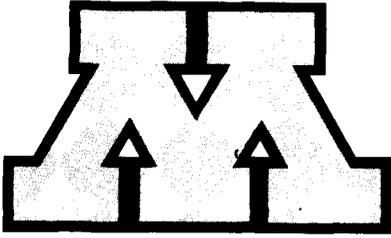
Eder's success has by no means been of the overnight variety. She was an all-conference and all-state performer in both cross country and track at Stillwater High School. She was also captain of her cross country squad and is a former state champion in the 800 meters. Plus, she has run one of the fastest miles in state high school history (4:57.3).

Still, one could be excused for wondering if Eder did really come out of the blue. After all, she had a hand in breaking 10 Minnesota school records (some of them more than once). She scored points for the Gophers in all but one meet in 15 during the season. And she proved she can run with the best. She was one of only seven Gophers to place at the Big Ten Championships, finishing second in the grueling 1500 meters. Plus, she teamed with Ann Lundin, Stacy Bant, and Kris Rens to take second at the TAC National Championships in the 4 x 800 meter relay this June (time: 8:46.30, a school record, of course).

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Jody Eder -2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2

So, what does all this mean? It means Minnesota has an instant contender every time Jody Eder laces up her spikes. It means the Gophers will have a cross country team to watch for in the fall, with Eder joining junior Stacy Bant (who Lawless rates in Eder's class when Bant is healthy), and experienced seniors Sue Alm, Kellie Benzow and Kris Rens. And it means Minnesota has a source of strength for the spring track season, as the Gophers try to continue their climb up the Big Ten ladder in '84. They finished seventh in the conference this year, their best since 1978. A safe bet would be that Eder will be in the middle of it.



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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL TIMES

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(BANT SETS TRACK RECORDS DESPITE INJURIES)

Minneapolis, Minn -- Is there really a sophomore jinx? If there is, don't tell the University of Minnesota's Stacy Bant (Racine, WI).

Her sophomore track season had all the ingredients to qualify for a disaster. She suffered a variety of injuries throughout the year, the most serious of which was a stress fracture in the shin, and missed nearly all of the fall cross country season. Those problems continued into the spring track seasons, often limiting her training schedule. It all adds up to a sub-par year for Stacy Bant, right? Wrong.

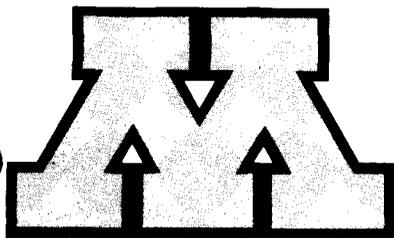
She set a Minnesota school record in the half-mile (2:13.44) in the third meet of the indoor season, topping the five-year-old mark set by former All-American Cathie Twomey, now an Olympic hopeful, by more than a second. The next week she was second in the mile and, with teammates Ann Lundin, Jody Eder, and Kris Rens, won the 4 x 880 yard relay. That team would stay together through the outdoor season and snap the school mark in the 4 x 800 meter relay twice during the year. The first time came at the tough Drake Relays, where they were second. Three meets later they were at the TAC National Championships and again were second (8:46.30), trimming a second and a half from their still fresh school record. Bant ran two of her best legs in those two meets, and also finished second in the 1500 meters (4:44.38) in a dual with powerful Nebraska. Perhaps the most impressed by her season was head coach Mike Lawless.

"Stacy has had some tough luck over the years with injuries," Lawless said, "and I guess this one was no exception. But regardless, she had a super season. She had her best times ever in three events, and all with a somewhat limited training schedule. Hopefully this injury thing is behind her now, because she definitely has her best running still ahead of her."

Bant's best running may produce eye opening cross country and track seasons in '83-84. "When she's healthy she can go right with Jody" (Eder, the Gophers' freshman track All-American), Lawless said. Bant and Eder, plus senior Sue Alm, will give Minnesota a strong core of experienced, talented cross country runners that could make some waves in the Big Ten this fall. Plus, nearly all of Lawless' improved track team returns in the spring; the Gophers were seventh in the Big Ten outdoor season, their best finish since 1978. A 100% healthy Bant will beef up Minnesota's middle-distance and relay events considerably.

As a freshman in 1981, Bant was one of Minnesota's strongest cross country performers, finishing fourth at the AIAW Regional Championships, and turning in the team's fastest time of the year at the TAC National Championships. She was the Female Athlete of the Year as a senior at Case High School in Racine in the spring of '81, and finished third in both the mile and two-mile events at the Wisconsin state track meet that year. She was also second at the state cross country meet and was selected to the all-state cross country squad.

Bant is currently a psychology major at the University of Minnesota. Her parents are Marilyn and Donald Bant of Racine.



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(STEADY FARRAR ENDS FOUR-YEAR TRACK CAREER AT U)

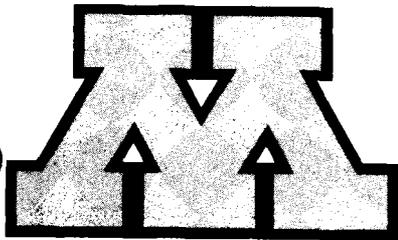
Minneapolis, Minn -- The track career of senior Fay Farrar drew to a close after four years this spring. Farrar will be remembered as one of the most proficient shot putters in Minnesota history.

Three times in those four years she placed in the Big Ten's top six in the shot; fittingly, her best finish was this season, when she was third with a school record toss of 48-0 ½ at the indoor conference championships. That mark may stand for some time; no current Gopher has gotten within a foot and a half of it during the indoor season. Farrar also held the outdoor shot put record until this season when teammate Becky Fettig surpassed it this spring.

As a freshman in 1980, Farrar was sixth in the shot at both the indoor and outdoor Big Ten Championships; in 1981 she was fifth in the outdoor meet. Last year was the only season she failed to score when she placed seventh. Although she was third at this year's indoor conference meet, she was not at 100% for the outdoor championships because she aggravated an old knee injury just prior to the competition and did not finish in the top six.

"Fay always responded well to the big competitions," head coach Mike Lawless said. "She was always ready for the conference meets. I think she showed excellent improvement throughout her career. She had four really good years for us."

Farrar was an all-state and all-conference track performer at North St. Paul High School, and was named team MVP her senior season. She was also the state AA shot put champion in 1979 and co-captain of her high school gymnastics team. Farrar is currently a child psychology major at the University of Minnesota. Her parents are Elmer and Loretta Farrar of Maplewood.



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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL TIMES, (Racine, Wisc.)

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(UP AND DOWN YEAR ENDS WITH A PLACE AT THE BIG TEN MEET)

Minneapolis, Minn -- Senior Kellie Benzow (Racine, WI) had an "up and down" year in 1983 according to head track coach Mike Lawless, but the ups came at the right time. After struggling through most of the outdoor track season, Benzow seems to have found a home in the 3000 meter event. She was one of only seven Gophers to place at the Big Ten Championships in May, finishing seventh in the 3000 (10:08.64). Two meets before conference competition she was second in that event in a dual meet with powerful Nebraska.

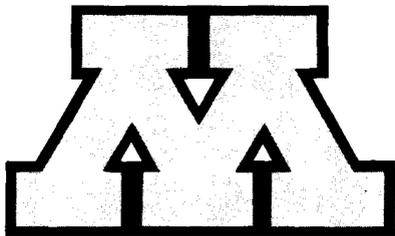
"Kellie responded very well at the Big Ten meet," Lawless said. "It had to be the highlight of her season. She had been kind of up and down before that. I think the difference is that she's concentrating more now on the 3000 and 5000 meters, rather than the 1500, which she ran most of last year. I think in the end it's really going to pay off for her, and for us."

Not that Benzow is grossly misplaced in the shorter events. At Case High School in 1980, she was fifth at the Wisconsin state track meet in the mile, and was the team's MVP that season. The year before her cross country team was the Wisconsin state champion. Benzow spent her first collegiate season at the University of Wisconsin/Parkside, where she was an NAIA All-American in both cross country (3rd at Nationals) and the mile in track (1st at Indoor Nationals).

Now that Benzow has her first taste of the "point punch" in the rugged Big Ten, the next step may be easier; continuing the progress upward. First up for Benzow and the Gophers will be the fall cross country season, where all of coach Lawless' top runners return, including Benzow, track All-American Jody Eder, Racine's Stacy Bant, senior Sue Alm, and fifth-year senior Kris Rens. That nucleus should provide a strong scoring combination for Minnesota.

As for track, the Gophers finished seventh in the '83 outdoor conference season, their best place since 1978. Again, most of Lawless' ever-improving squad returns to continue the process. With a new home in the 3000 and 5000 meter events, Benzow is expected to paly a big part in Minnesota's climb to the top.

Benzow is currently a microbiology major at the University of Minnesota. Her parents are Roland and Genevieve Benzow of Racine.



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(SPECIAL TO THE BLOOMINGTON SUN)

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(ANOTHER YEAR OF IMPROVEMENT IN '82-83 MEANS "LOOK OUT" IN '83-84)

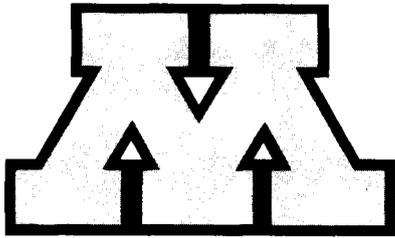
Minneapolis, Minn -- Junior Sue Alm (Bloomington) completed the 1983 track season as one of the Gophers top distance runners. She set two Minnesota school records during the indoor season and was one of only six Gophers to place at the Big Ten Outdoor Track & Field Championships in May. Those are pretty impressive stats for an athlete who is "still improving," in the words of head coach Mike Lawless.

"Sue had personal best times in every event she ran this year," Lawless said, and she's getting better in every one, from the mile to the 10,000 meters. I expect her to be one of our leaders in the fall cross country season, and there's every indication that she will be better still for the spring track season."

Alm won the two-mile event twice during the indoor season and set a new school record in that event (10:30.8) at the Iowa Invitational in February. She broke the three-mile record the next weekend in Illinois (16:29.65), topping Rocky Racette's two-year-old mark by nearly 12 seconds.

In the outdoor season, Alm was sixth at the Big Ten Championships in the 5000 meters (17:21.4), the event that caught Lawless' attention when she was still in high school. "The 5000 is one of her better races," Lawless said. "In fact, one of the main reasons we recruited her was to run the 5000. But we've found she can run other races and do well in them, too." But the 5000 appears to be her best; last year Alm was ninth at the AIAW National Championships in that event.

Alm did not participate in competitive sports until her junior year at Lincoln High School, but was an immediate success. She was an all-conference track selection that first year, and in her senior season was captain and most valuable runner on Lincoln's cross country team. She was also an all-conference cross country choice and repeated as an all-conference track performer in the spring. She has been a three-time letterwinner in both cross country and track at the University, and is majoring in recreational therapy with a minor in nursing. Her parents are Gary and Carol Alm of Bloomington.



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(SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA LAKE REGION ECHO-PRESS)

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(ANDERSON WIPES OUT GOPHER RECORD BOOK, BECOMES BIG TEN CHAMPION)

Minneapolis, Minn -- Junior Loreena Anderson (Alexandria) became the first woman from Minnesota since 1980 to win a Big Ten track championship as she captured the javelin in record fashion (159-1). That toss was a new Big Ten record, and culminated a season of destruction that Anderson wreaked upon the Minnesota record books.

Three times during the year she reset school marks in both the javelin and the discus. Her 159-foot plus javelin throw at the conference championships was nearly 31 FEET farther than the school record at the start of the season. Her discus mark (156-3) also seemed destined to stand until teammate Becky Fettig broke it on her way to winning that event at the Big Ten meet. Anderson was also fourth in the conference in the discus, while Fettig finished fourth in the shot put. The four places they earned accounted for over half of Minnesota's total places in the Big Ten. Of the conference throwers, only Fettig scored as many points as Anderson at the Big Ten meet.

Anderson was one of the most consistent performers in recent Gopher history in '83, placing in seven of Minnesota's eight outdoor competitions. What makes that statistic even more impressive is that she was in the top three in all seven of those meets, and one of the top two finishers six times.

"Loreena started breaking records in our first outdoor meet of the year," head coach Mike Lawless said, "and she just kept going. Winning the Big Ten had to be the highlight of her year, but she was always right there all season. You can't really do much better than that."

Anderson's best javelin toss before this season was some 20 feet shorter than her new best. She spent her first two collegiate seasons at Golden Valley Lutheran College in Minneapolis (where she holds all the varsity throwing records) before transferring to the University. Surprisingly, Lawless said Anderson may be able to duplicate this year's record-gathering improvement, and add another 20 feet to her best next year. That would put her in Olympic-class athlete company (the qualifying throw for the Olympic trials next June is 183-9). "Obviously she has a long way to go," Lawless said, "but I wouldn't rule it out. Potentially I think she can add that much distance, but she'll have to work hard to reach it."

Although she played some basketball and volleyball at Jefferson Senior High School in Alexandria, she excelled in track & field. She was a National High School All-American in the shot put as a senior in 1980, and was the Minnesota state discus champion in 1979. At Golden Valley Lutheran, Anderson was third at the junior college national championships in the discus in both 1981 and '82. She also displayed superb versatility at GVLC, placing sixth in the shot put at nationals in '81 and eighth in the javelin and 12th in the shot in '82.

Throwing heavy objects long distances would seem to require an Athena-like build, but not so with Anderson. At 5-4 and 145 pounds, she is the first to admit that power is not her strongest asset. "It's the quickness," Anderson said. "I watch some of the stronger throwers, and I think I'm quicker, especially in my cross-over in the javelin. That's where I get my distance."

Who knows? Another year like the last one could earn her a trip to Los Angeles next summer.

Loreena Anderson 1983

Willie Williams Invitational (Tucson, Arizona)

6th---discus 149-9 (school record) *
3rd---javelin 145-8 (school record) *

Drake Invitational (Des Moines, Iowa)

no place

Minnesota Collegiate (Minneapolis)

1st---javelin 137-5
1st---discus 153-6 (school record) *

Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)

2nd---javelin 156-8 (school record) *

Nebraska dual (Lincoln, Nebraska)

2nd---discus 156-3 (school record) *
2nd---javelin 125-9

Midwest Classic (Des Moines, Iowa)

1st---discus 148-3

Big Ten Championships (West Lafayette, Indiana)

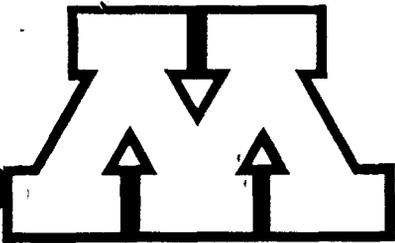
1st---javelin 159-1 (school record) + (Big Ten record)
4th---discus 153-1

Meet of Champions (Rice University)

2nd---javelin 145-2

* indicates record would be broken again during the season. Her discus mark was broken by teammate Becky Fettig at the Big Ten Championships.

1st Minnesota woman since 1980 to win Big Ten championship
placed in top 3 seven of eight meets
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SPECIAL TO STILLWATER EVENING GAZETTE July 6, 1983

(GORECKI LEADS ALL-AMERICAN QUARTET, SHATTERS SCHOOL RECORDS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Superior track and field athletes often spend months or years perfecting their particular event, honing their skills in preparation for a chance at a national championship. That may be especially true for relay teams, which must get their handoffs timed precisely to avoid losing even the smallest fraction of a second. But if that's the way it's supposed to be, don't tell junior Cathy Gorecki (Stillwater) of the University of Minnesota track team.

Head track coach Mike Lawless inserted her into the two-mile relay lineup just before last spring's Big Ten Indoor Championships. The result was a third place finish at the conference meet, a new school record, and a time (9:00.50) good enough to qualify for the NCAA National Championships. But the story gets better.

At nationals the Gopher relay team was considered a heavy underdog; its qualifying time was only the 11th fastest in the field. But when the race was over Minnesota was third, trailing only national powers Wisconsin and Villanova, and the team of Gorecki, Jody Eder, Kris Rens and Ann Lundin were NCAA All-Americans. All of which serves to underscore Gorecki's importance to the 'U' track team.

Gorecki broke six school records in five different events during the indoor season alone. She now holds school marks in the 400 meters (:57.59), 4 x 440 relay (3:57.21), 4 x 220 yard relay (1:44.3), the two-mile relay, and, probably her best indoor event, the 600 yard run (1:22.32). Her record breaking habit continued into the outdoor season when she reset her own 400 meter hurdles mark (1:00.09), placed fourth in that event at the Big Ten Championships, and qualified for the NCAA Nationals. Counting relays and individual events, Gorecki finished first in at least one event in 10 of Minnesota's 15 meets during the year, and was one of only three Gophers to place in both the indoor and outdoor conference meets.

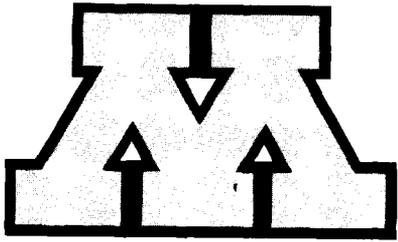
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"Cathy is definitely one of our team leaders, both in attitude and performance," Lawless said. "She's dedicated to what she does, very competitive, and one of the hardest workers on the team. Plus, she's so consistent from week to week." That is reflected in the stats. Gorecki failed to place in only one of Minnesota's 13 meets during the year (the tough Drake Relays), and scored in more than one event in seven of those meets.

Gorecki's strongest outdoor event is the 400 meter hurdles, so strong that Lawless thinks she has a shot at the Olympic trials next June in Los Angeles. "Cathy shaved another second from her time in the hurdles this season," Lawless said, "and she's not that far from qualifying. It's going to be tough, but the way she works at it I wouldn't rule that possibility out."

Gorecki's ability has been impressive since her prep days. She was an all-region and all-conference performer at Stillwater High School for three consecutive years (1978-80) and ran at the state meet in all of those seasons. As a senior she qualified for the AAU National Championships. She was also an all-conference cross country runner in her only two years on the squad, performed in the state meet as a senior and was captain of the team in 1980.

Gorecki, the Gophers' track Athlete of the Year in 1982, will return next year along with Big Ten champion teammates Becky Fettig (discus) and Loreena Anderson (javelin), plus NCAA All-Americans Ann Lundin and Jody Eder to give Lawless a strong nucleus for 1984. Minnesota hopes to continue along the path of improvement in began in '83; the Gophers collected more points (42) at this year's outdoor Big Ten meet than they have had since 1977, and had their best finish (7th) since 1978.



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SPECIAL TO Vasternorrlands Allehanda

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(LJUNGSTROM BACK FROM '82 INJURIES TO SHATTER GOPHER TRACK RECORD)

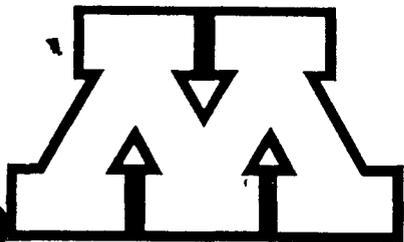
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Eva Ljungstrom (Harnosand, Sweden and Minnetonka High School) destroyed one University of Minnesota track record and had career best times in two others as she completed the trek down comback trail after an injury-filled '82 track season. A series of leg injuries had kept her out of last spring's track competition and slowed her considerably in this year's cross country season.

But Ljungstrom came out smoking during the outdoor track season, breaking the school standard in the 10,000 meters by over 15 seconds (36:03.0) in the second meet of the season. Before the year was over she would break it again (35:18.54), shaving an astounding 61 seconds off the previous record set by Rocky Racette in 1979. Ljungstrom's time was good for seventh at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships and was only 18 seconds off the national qualifying standard. She also had career best performances in the 3000 meter event (10:12.81) and the 5000 meters (17:24.9).

"Eva really developed well this year," head track coach Mike Lawless said. "She came on really well in the outdoor season and got a chance to show the talent we knew she had all along. We have to be pleased to have her here. I think that if she has a good summer training and this injury thing is behind her, we'll see her best year yet next season."

Ljungstrom came to Minnesota as a Swedish foreign exchange student in 1977. She competed in three different sports at Minnetonka High School, including junior varsity gymnastics along with varsity cross country and track and field. In 1978 she won the regional two-mile championship and finished third in the state that year in the two-mile.

In all, Ljungstrom scored in eight of the Gophers' 13 meets this season. Her presence in the Minnesota lineup gives Lawless the strength and experience in the long distances that the Gophers will need if they are to add to a greatly improved season in '83. Minnesota scored more points (42) at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships than it had since 1977, and finished higher (7th) than it had since 1978. With three All-American runners (Ann Lundin, Jody Eder, Cathy Gorecki), two Big Ten champions (Becky Fettig in the discus and Loreena Anderson in the javelin), and a corps of experienced, consistent performers in most events, the Gophers figure to be in the thick of things in conference competition.



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SPECIAL TO SOUTH ST. PAUL SUN

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(TETU DOES SOMETHING OF EVERYTHING WELL FOR 'U' TRACK TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- In the era of specialization, the person that can perform several tasks in an oddity, and that trend has spilled over into sports as well. Baseball has its designated hitter; football has designated pass rushers; and basketball its defensive specialist and scoring threats. We suppose the idea behind all this is that concentrating on certain skills leads to better performance. But if there has to be an exception to prove the rule then it would have to be the University of Minnesota's track senior Sherry Tetu.

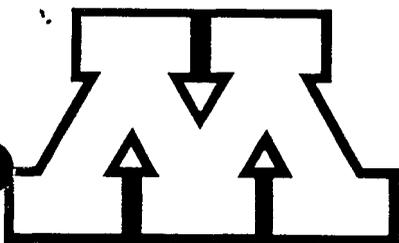
Tetu "competed in more events than anybody on the team," head track coach Mike Lawless said. Five individual events, to be exact, ranging from the 60 yard dash to the 300 meters to the long jump, plus several relay teams with legs as long as 400 and as short as 100 meters. She had career best performances in all of her individual events this year, including: the 60 yard dash (:07.3), the 100 meters (:12.60), the 200 meters (:25.07), the 300 yards (:37.76), and the long jump (18' 3 3/4"). "Anytime you can improve in all of your events as a collegiate senior you've done something very few people can say they did," Lawless said. "What more can you ask of an athlete?"

Minnesota had four track All-Americans this season; Tetu was not among them. But who was the only Gopher to place in four different events at the same meet in 1983? Sherry Tetu, of course. She did it at the Minnesota Collegiate in April, finishing second in the 4 x 100 meter relay, fourth in the 200 meter dash and long jump, and sixth in the 100 meters.

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"Sherry did an excellent job for us in her two years here," Lawless said. "We asked her to do a little bit of everything and she did it all well."

Tetu was a track and field standout at South St. Paul High School from 1976-79. She was the track team's MVP in both 1978 and '79 and co-captain of the squad those two seasons. In 1979 South St. Paul won the state track title and Tetu's 880 relay team was also a state champion. Her summer league softball team won three consecutive state championships (1977-79) and was fourth at the regional tournament in 1979. She attended Golden Valley Lutheran College before transferring to the University of Minnesota two seasons ago. Tetu is currently majoring in business with a minor in computers at the 'U'. Her parents are Dennis and Peg Tetu of South St. Paul.



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(ALL-AMERICAN RENS IS GOPHER SPIRITUAL LEADER TOO)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Ask any coach from any sport and he will tell you that every team needs a "morale officer" among the ranks, someone to pat backs and give each teammate verbal support. Older athletes and especially seniors are preferred for this unnamed position. Then if your senior happens to also be a superb performer, you have found one of the truly rare athletes in all of sport. For the last four years Kris Rens (Randall) has been just such an athlete for the University of Minnesota track team.

Rens became an All-American this spring along with teammates Jody Eder, Ann Lundin, and Cathy Gorecki in the two-mile relay. They finished third at the NCAA National Championships in March in what can only be described as a major upset. Their qualifying time for nationals was only the 11th best in the field, but when the race was over Minnesota trailed only perennial powers Wisconsin and Villanova across the tape. The two-mile relay qualified for the NCAA championships by finishing third at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in school record fashion (9:00.50), nearly seven seconds faster than the old mark set in 1981.

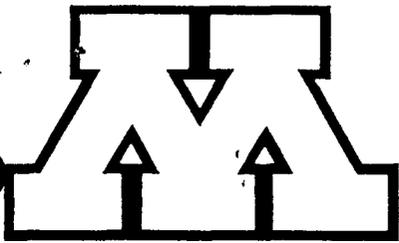
Rens was also versatile. She won the open half-mile at the Northwest Open in Minneapolis in January, ran on the meet winning 4 x 880 yard relay team at Illinois, and helped set a meet record at the Minnesota Invitational in the 4 x 440 yard relay. All this during the indoor season, plus of course her leg on the All-American two-mile relay team. When the outdoor season rolled around it was business as usual; first at the Willie Williams Invitational in Tucson in the 1600 meter relay, and first at the Minnesota Collegiate in the 4 x 400 meters. Rens and Lundin, Eder, and Stacy Bant set a school record in the 4 x 800 meter relay at the tough Drake Relays in 8:47.83, then broke it again in June by placing second (8:46.30) at the TAC National Championships.

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"It's nice to see Kris get a little glory," head track coach Mike Lawless said. "She's been a super team member all these years and one of our leaders. Plus, she's always been a teammate supporter. I think she was probably the most excited about what they did (in the two-mile relay at Nationals) than the rest. It's really nice to identify her as an All-American."

Like most good athletes, Rens' success has not come overnight. She was a track standout at Little Falls Community High School in all four of her prep years. She was a four-time all-conference track selection and competed at the state meet every year of her high school career. She captained the track team in both her junior and senior years. In 1979, she was the Female Athlete of the Year at Little Falls as she also was MVP and captain of the swimming squad.

If the whole story sounds a bit melancholy, all is not lost, because Rens plans on returning to the 'U' for her final season of cross country, a sport Lawless talked her into trying two years ago. Her first year on the team was in her words "a disaster," but last season she was the third leading scorer on the squad. She will join young teammates Eder and Bant, plus seniors Sue Alm and Kellie Benzow, to give the Gophers a strong, experienced nucleus and a team that will have to be reckoned with in conference competition this fall. After all, Minnesota has the spirit back for one last time.



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(INJURIES SLOW MATTKE, COACH THINKS OLYMPIC TRIALS A POSSIBILITY)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Senior Jane Chapman-Mattke (Glencoe) gave it her best shot, but injuries caught up with her and ended her chances for a Big Ten long jump championship in 1983. Her career as a Gopher now comes to a close with her name incirbed on three University of Minnesota school records.

Mattke holds the school indoor (18' 8½") and outdoor (20' 2½") long jump records, plus a share of the 4x440 year relay mark (3:57.21) that she set with teammates Linda Gohman, Cathy Gorecki, and Jody Eder in February. Her skills in the quarter mile are nearly as impressive as her long jump credentials. Mattke had held the school 400 meter dash record until this spring (when Gorecki broke it) and placed in a running event (either individually or on a relay) seven times during the season. And although her collegiate days are over, head track coach Mike Lawless said Mattke's jumping career isn't necessarily over.

"I think if Jane continues to train, she has a good shot at the Olympic trials next summer" (in Los Angeles), Lawless said. "She has the talent and she has the heart. You can tell that just by what she did at Big Tens this spring."

Mattke had been "really in top form" about a month before the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, winning the long jump at the Minnesota Collegiate with her best leap of the year (19' 9 3/4") and placing in two other events at the same meet. Shortly thereafter she was injured and did not compete in any of the final three regular season meets before the conference competition. But she took her turn in the long jump at the Big Ten meet and just missed scoring (placing 7th). The fact that Mattke was out there at all says a lot about her, Lawless said.

"It was just a gutty performance," Lawless said. "She nearly placed and took all six of her jumps on a day when she probably shouldn't have been there in the first place. I think it exemplifies her personality very well."

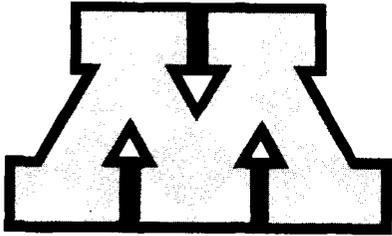
Mattke was a superior track athlete at Glencoe Senior High School from 1976-79. She was the state long jump champion in 1978 after being runner-up the year before as a sophomore. She was also fourth in the state 220 yard dash as a junior and ran in three events at the state meet as a senior. She also finished 12th in the long jump at the Junior Olympics in 1978. In 1982 she was sixth in both the 400 meters and the long jump at the Big Ten Indoor Championships and fourth in the long jump at the Outdoor Championships. And, in Minnesota's last

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year in the AIAW, Mattke placed 8th in the long jump at the AIAW National Championships. Mattke is currently studying in the agriculture college at the University of Minnesota and lives with her husband in St. Paul. Her parents are Francis and Joan Chapman of Glencoe.



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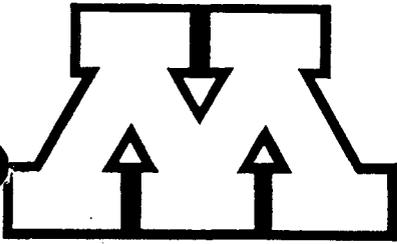
(RASK RETURNS TO TRACK TEAM: FIFTH IN BIG TEN SENIOR SEASON)

Minneapolis, Minn.-- After a year away from the University of Minnesota track and field team, senior Julie Rask (Golden Valley) returned to the Gophers in '83. The results paid off for both Rask and Minnesota as she finished fifth in the shot put at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, helping the Gophers to their best conference finish since 1978.

Rask's toss of 45' 9½" at the Big Ten meet was fittingly the best of her career, nearly two and a half feet farther than her previous collegiate best. After all, that was the reason she took last year off in the first place. "Julie didn't compete last year in hopes of just training and coming back this year to be competitive in the Big Ten," head coach Mike Lawless said. "And she responded really well. It was the first points she ever scored in the conference meet, and that's what she was aiming for."

Rask teamed with fellow Gophers Becky Fettig (Big Ten discus champion), Loreena Anderson (Big Ten javelin champion), and senior Fay Farrar (3rd in shot at Big Ten Indoor Championships) to make Minnesota one of the strongest throwing teams in the conference. Four of the Gophers nine places at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships came from the throwers as Minnesota scored 42 points (most since 1977) and finished seventh (best since 1978).

Rask was a two-year track letterwinner at Robbinsdale High School in 1977 and '78. She finished eighth that season in the shot at the Minnesota state track meet. She also earned three varsity letters for the Robbinsdale tennis team (1976-78). She is currently a secondary education and English major at the University of Minnesota. Her parents are O. J. and Carolyn Rask of Golden Valley.



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(ALL-AMERICAN LUNDIN TURNS OUT HER BEST FOR THE BIG MEETS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It's easy to tell the real competitor from the imitation. Just check each one's performance in the big competitions of the year, the important ones, and compare. The real competitor shines while the imitation fades and falls to the back of the pack. Now that the '83 track season has ended for the University of Minnesota track team, count sophomore Ann Lundin (Minneapolis) a competitor.

In the indoor season, Lundin failed to place in the early meets of the year. But when it came time to gear up for the conference and national championships, there she was, along with teammates Kris Rens, Cathy Gorecki and Jody Eder, placing third in the two-mile relay at the Big Ten Championships and qualifying for the NCAA Nationals. Underdog might have been too kind a word for the Gophers at nationals; their qualifying time was only the 11th fastest in the field. But when the race was over, six other teams had been left in the dust, Minnesota was third, and Lundin, Rens, Gorecki and Eder were All-Americans.

The story was much the same during the outdoor season. The 4x800 meter relay team (Lundin, Rens, Eder and Stacy Bant) set a new school record at the tough Drake Relays, finishing second in 8:47.83, nearly 11 seconds faster than the old mark. In June the same team bettered themselves again, this time at the TAC National Championships where they were second (8:46.30). Lundin ran the fastest 800 meter leg of her life in that one, a fact not lost on head track coach Mike Lawless.

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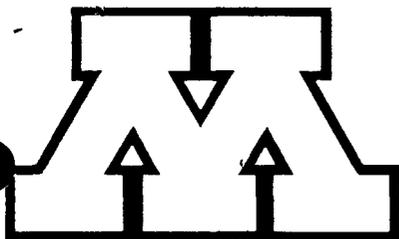
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"Ann really kept us in the hunt," Lawless said. "She gave us the chance to do well. She might have had a little bit of an up and down season, but she performed well in the important meets for us. I think the experience she got at both the NCAA and TAC Nationals is invaluable to her, and hopefully will help her competitively in the individual events."

Lundin placed in only two individual events, one in the indoor season and one in the outdoor season, during the year. But typically she won them both; the 880 yard run indoors (2:20.5) and the 800 meters outdoors (2:13.1), just nine-tenths of a second off the school record.

Lundin was an all-conference cross country runner at Columbia Heights High School for three consecutive year (1979-81). She was second in the 800 meters at the Minnesota state track meet as a junior in 1980, and captain of both the track and cross country squads as a senior. She was also the regional cross country skiing champion in 1981.

Three-fourths of the Gophers' record-setting two-mile and 4 x 800 meter relay teams return in 1984; Lundin, Eder, Gorecki (two-mile) and Bant (4 x 800 meters). They will be shooting for a conference championship in their specialty and try to keep Minnesota on the path of improvement it started last year. The Gophers scored 42 points at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships in '83 (most since 1977) and finished seventh (best since 1978). You can bet that the real competitors will be leading the way.



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(FETTIG WINS BIG TEN DISCUS, APPROACHING "NATIONAL CALIBER" STATUS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Sophomore Becky Fettig (St. Cloud) smashed two University of Minnesota school records at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships in May, and along with teammate Loreena Anderson, became the first women from Minnesota to win a Big Ten championship since 1980. Fettig won the discuss with a toss of 166' 1", more than six feet farther than the national qualifying standard and 15 feet better than her previous best. She was also fourth in the shot put at 47' 1", breaking the old shot record by well over a foot. Meanwhile, Anderson won the javelin and finished fourth in the discus, giving the Gophers the best one-two scoring punch of any team in the conference in the throwing events.

Fettig did not merely beat the competition at the Big Ten meet, she punished it. Second place in the discus was seven feet short of Fettig's 166 foot-plus toss. And she was in the thick of things in the shot put, too; nine more inches would have put her second in that event. Her discus performance at the conference meet earned her a trip to the NCAA National Championships at Houston this June. Although she fouled on all three of her attempts and did not place, head coach Mike Lawless was pleased with his newest star's progress.

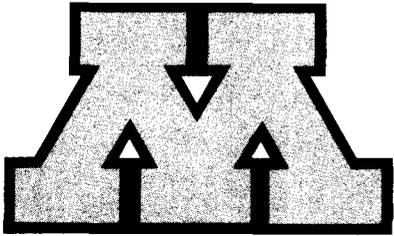
"That was Becky's first exposure to national competition," Lawless said. "The experience is going to help her a lot. I think she surprised herself a little by how well she did, but Becky is approaching national caliber quality in the discus, and approaching it very quickly."

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Although she set a school mark in the discus last season as a freshman, Fettig struggled somewhat last year. Her goal for this season, Lawless said, "was to do well at the major competitions." And that she did, placing sixth in the shot at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, then turning it on for the outdoor season. She was eighth in the discus at the tough Drake Relays in April and second in both the Minnesota Collegiate and Midwest Classic in Des Moines in that event before the outdoor conference meet.

Fettig came to the 'U' with outstanding prep credentials. She was a two-time high school All-American at St. Cloud Apollo High School and an all-conference selection three consecutive years. She was the Minnesota state shot put champion as a junior in 1980 and was a region and sub-region champion in both the shot and discus.

In only her second collegiate season, Fettig added 23 feet to her best discus effort from the year before. With numbers like that, one can't blame Lawless for being excited about her chances of repeating as Big Ten champion and continuing to improve in both the discus and shot. Plus, Lawless has an impressive squadron of runners returning for next season, including NCAA All-Americans Ann Lundin, Jody Eder and Cathy Gorecki. All from a team that scored more points (42) at the Big Ten Championships than it had since 1977, and placed higher (7th) than it had since 1978. Fettig figures to play a major role in the Gophers' drive to keep the momentum rolling come 1984.



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(BEAULIEU MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM)

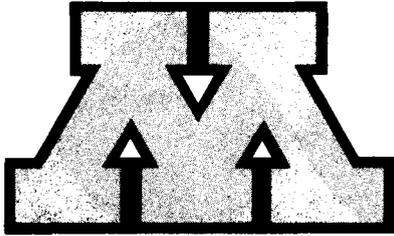
Minneapolis, Minn. -- Jeannette Beaulieu, a junior setter/hitter from Windsor, Ontario, was a member of the University of Minnesota women's volleyball team this season. Beaulieu helped the Gophers, who defeated several nationally ranked teams, compile a 22-9 record and advance to the Big Ten playoffs.

Beaulieu played in 17 of Minnesota's 31 matches and moved into the starting lineup at the Big Ten Tournament at the end of the season. It was Beaulieu's first year as a Gopher; she transferred after two very successful seasons at Indian River Junior College in Florida. She was named to all-state and all-conference teams in both 1980 and 1981 at Indian River and was selected as a National Junior College All-American in 1981. Indian River was 76-10 in her two years there.

"There is no doubt that Jeannette can be an outstanding Division I player," Coach Stephanie Schleuder said. "She had some injury problems early in the year (broken wrist over the summer) and it was really an adjustment year for her being a transfer. But she stepped in at Big Tens when we needed her and played well. She'll be ready and we'll count on her next season."

In the off-season, Beaulieu will play USVBA volleyball, which begins in mid-January. Minnesota's USVBA team competed at the national level two years ago (1980). Beaulieu also plans on playing softball for the University women's team, which will begin regular workouts in January.

Beaulieu is a former volleyball and basketball standout from Ecole Secondaire L'Essor High School. She was named team MVP in both volleyball and basketball in three of her four years there. She is the daughter of Rita and Zephirin Beaulieu.



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(HINER HAS "BRIGHT FUTURE" WITH UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Beth Hiner, a freshman from Kenyon, Minn., was a member of the University of Minnesota women's volleyball team this season. The Gophers, who defeated several nationally ranked teams, compiled a 22-9 record in advancing to the Big Ten playoffs.

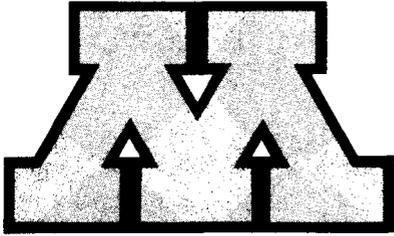
Head Coach Stephanie Schleuder is high on Hiner, who played in 14 of Minnesota's 31 matches this season. Hiner made the most of her playing time, compiling a .313 hitting percentage with 22 kills in 48 attempts. She made only three receiving errors in 55 total chances and had a .550 reception percentage, highest on the team.

"I really think Beth is going to be an outstanding player for us," Schleuder said. "She is going to be an important part of our future for the next three years." She matured and learned a lot this season."

In the off-season, Hiner will play USVBA volleyball, which begins in mid-January. Minnesota's USVBA team competed at the national level two years ago (1980).

Hiner was a two-time all-conference selection in both volleyball and basketball at Kenyon High School. She was also chosen as team captain and MVP in both sports her senior year. She is the daughter of Jean and James Hiner of Kenyon.

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(KAUTH MEMBER OF "U" VOLLEYBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Gretchen Kauth, a junior from Minneapolis, was a member of the University of Minnesota women's volleyball team this season. Kauth's consistent passing and defensive play helped the Gophers, who defeated several nationally ranked teams, compile a 22-9 record and advance to the Big Ten playoffs.

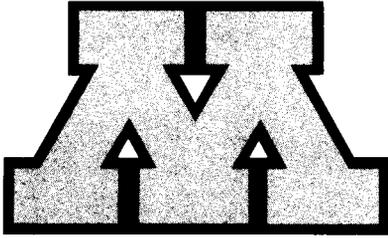
Kauth had some injury problems early in the season, but returned to play in 20 of Minnesota's 31 matches. Head Coach Stephanie Schleuder expects her to be an important part of the Gophers plans in '83, and said that Kauth contributes more to the team than just playing performance.

"I think Gretchen's biggest contribution is her attitude," Schleuder said. "She's always ready to do whatever is asked of her, and that kind of rubs off on everybody else. Gretchen is a consistent passer and defensive player and she will be important to us next season."

In the off-season, Kauth will continue to play USVBA volleyball, which begins in mid-January. Minnesota's USVBA team competed at the national level two years ago (1980). Kauth was a member of the USVBA junior team last season.

Kauth is a former all-city and all-state volleyball standout from Southwest High School in Minneapolis. She was selected as co-captain and MVP of her high school team and also played on the Junior National USVBA squad. Kauth is a nutrition major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Joyce and Donald Kauth of Minneapolis.

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(DONNELL KEY PERFORMER IN UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Chris Donnell, a junior from Battle Creek, Mich., established herself as a Division I setter this season as a member of the University of Minnesota women's volleyball team. Donnell's consistent backrow play helped the Gophers, who defeated several nationally ranked teams, compile a 22-9 record and advance to the Big Ten playoffs.

Donnell led the Gophers in serving percentage (.969), making only 14 errors in 455 attempts. She was third on the team in total service attempts, fourth in service aces (37), and second in digs (16). It was Donnell's first year as a Gopher after spending two seasons at the University of Alabama. She followed her coach, Stephanie Schleuder, to Minnesota after volleyball was dropped as a varsity sport by the Tide following the 1981 season.

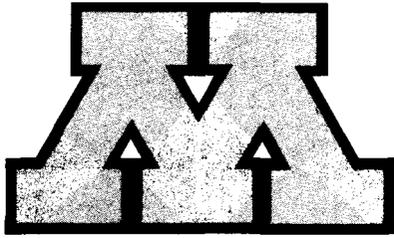
"Chris had her best collegiate year ever," Schleuder said. "She was very steady and came into her own as a Division I setter this year. She will be one of our few returning starters next year and we will look to her for a lot of leadership. She will make up our only returning setter/hitter combination with Martie (Larsen). Those two will have to be our leaders next season."

In the off-season, Donnell will play USVBA volleyball, which begins in mid-January. Minnesota's USVBA team competed at the national level two years ago (1980).

Donnell was an all-conference and all-city volleyball performer at Pennfield High School in Battle Creek. Pennfield won one state volleyball championship and was runner-up in another in her four years there. Donnell was captain for three of those seasons, and was also a three-year member of the Junior Olympic AAU volleyball squad.

Donnell is a psychology and anthropology major at Minnesota and is the daughter of Jodine and Richard Donnell of Battle Creek, Mich.

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(ROESSLER AIDS 'U' VOLLEYBALL TEAM)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Diane Roessler of Columbia Heights, Minn. stepped into the Gopher line-up mid-season and was a key ingredient in the teams' 23-9 overall record and final four berth to the Big Ten Volleyball Championship.

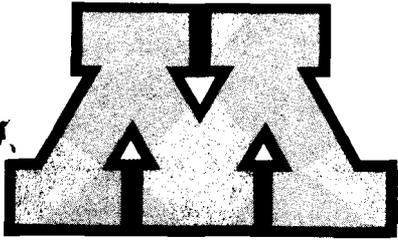
Playing in 15 matches, Roessler had 31 block assists and 57 kills and was tied for the season high of most assists in a single match with seven against Ohio State. Roessler, playing in the front row only, had an excellent match at the Big Ten Championship against nationally ranked Purdue, hitting eight kills and one block assist.

At six feet, Roessler is versatile as a setter, hitter and blocker. "Diane stepped in at mid-season in the front row this year and was outstanding in blocking and hitting," says Coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She will be a key returner for us next season and may set some for us."

A graduate of Columbia Heights High School, Roessler was a two-time all-conference volleyball player and led her team to a third place finish in the state tournament. She was a high school All-American basketball player in 1979, and has been a junior national volleyball team member. Roessler will be playing with the 'U' USVBA team this Spring.

A business major, Roessler is the daughter of Frank and June Roessler of Columbia Heights.

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(LIBBESMEIER ENDS VOLLEYBALL CAREER AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Diane Libbesmeier of St. Cloud, was a key ingredient in the Gopher volleyball teams' 23-9 overall record and final four berth to the Big Ten Volleyball Championship.

The 5-7 co-captain was a starting setter all season, and led the Big Ten Conference in service aces with a 2.4 per match average, including a season high seven aces in the Gophers' victory over Indiana. Libbesmeier had 74 aces on the season for a 2.3 overall average.

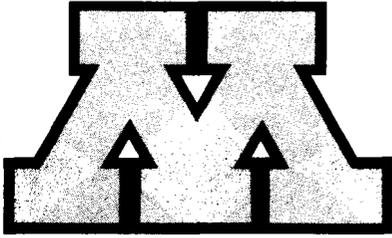
"Diane had an outstanding year," according to coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She provided the team with a lot of leadership as co-captain and was a joy to be around."

Although Libbesmeier's spot as a setter did not provide her with blocking and spiking percentages, her role was no less important. "It's like being the quarterback in football," explains Libbesmeier. "You call plays, run players. You're in every play. You're not the one that's going to get the glory, but I get satisfaction out of knowing it was my set that gave the hitter the point. You have to be one of the more consistent players on the team."

Originally, Libbesmeier began playing volleyball when she was in fifth grade, on a team coached by her mother. She decided the game was fun, so she kept with it at St. Cloud Tech High School where she was an all-conference selection, captain, and MVP. But that was as far as she had ever thought about playing volleyball, until her coach suggested she attend a Minnesota tryout. Even then, she didn't have any expectations of making the team, but wound up with a scholarship.

Although Libbesmeier also participated in softball and track in high school, volleyball is her favorite sport. "It's a quick game, but yet there's so much touch involved and so much technique...it's addicting," she says.

A therapeutic recreation major, Libbesmeier will again play with the Gophers USVBA team this spring. She attended nationals with the USVBA team in 1981. Her sister, Carol, is currently a diver on the Gopher women's swimming team and both athletes are the daughters of Roger and Mardell Libbesmeier of St. Cloud.



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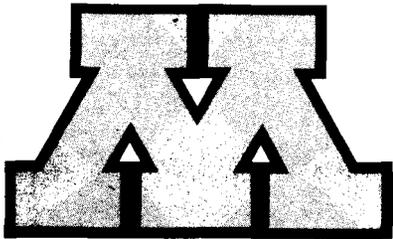
(JOY CLOSES OUT VOLLEYBALL CAREER AT 'U')

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior Liz Joy of St. Paul, was a member of the Gophers women's volleyball team which posted a 23-9 overall record and gained a berth to the final four Big Ten women's volleyball championship.

An outside hitter, Joy played in 21 matches and recorded 48 kills and 20 service aces. An outstanding student with a 3.52 grade point average in biochemistry, Joy will not complete with the USVBA volleyball season this spring in order to take her medical board tests.

"Liz played a major role in our success," said Gopher coach Stephanie Schleuder. "She was always ready to step in at almost any position. It is rare that a player reaches their potential, but she did and worked hard to contribute to the team."

The 5-9 hitter was a member of Highland Park's state champion volleyball team in 1978 and was an all-stater in track in 1979. She also spent one season on the Gopher track team, and was a starting member of the volleyball team which placed seventh at the AIAW Nationals in 1981. Joy is the daughter of June and Samuel Joy of St. Paul.



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(SPENCER ENDS 'U' VOLLEYBALL CAREER, THIRD ON KILL LIST)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- It may be a long time before Minnesota volleyball coach Stephanie Schleuder finds a replacement with the explosive style of 5-6 outside hitter Gail Spencer. "Gail is probably the most dynamic player on the team," says Schleuder. "She's small in stature but makes up for that with her aggressive play. We will sorely miss her and she will be exceptionally hard to replace."

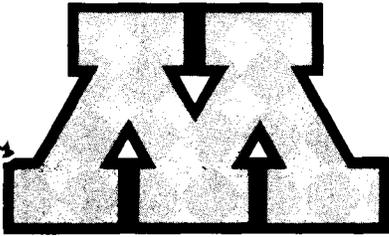
A graduate of Henry High School in Minneapolis, Spencer was a dependable offensive and defensive player and a key ingredient in Minnesota's 23-9 overall record and final four berth to the Big Ten Volleyball Championship.

Spencer was third on the squad in kills with 249 for a 8.3 per match average, and added 38 services aces and 31 block assists. Although the shortest player on Minnesota's top ten career kill list, Spencer moved into third place with 877 kills in just three years of play. Schleuder ranked her as one of the best outside hitters in the Big Ten, and in the final Big Ten statistics, Spencer was ninth in kills per match with 10.2, and twentieth in kill percentage.

A starter for just the past two seasons, Spencer played junior varsity her freshman year and saw limited action her sophomore season. She was not planning to attend college, but her former coach talked her into trying out for the Minnesota team.

Spencer also spent a season on the Gopher track team. At Henry High School she was a three year volleyball member earning MVP, captain and all-conference honors and also played badminton two years. In track, she finished second in the state in the long jump in 1978 (17-11), was captain, and earned a scholarship given to the outstanding senior girl athlete in Minneapolis by Dayton/Famalore shoes for \$1,000. She also received the Athena Athlete award.

A food business major, Spencer is from a family of 10 children and is the daughter of Don and Jan Steinbach of Minneapolis.



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(LARSON RECEIVES HONORS AS OUTSTANDING 'U' VOLLEYBALL PERFORMER)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota junior Martie Larsen of Marshall, Minn. came into her own this season as a middle hitter/blocker on the Gophers volleyball team. Larsen was a key performer in Minnesota's 23-9 overall record and final four berth to the Big Ten Volleyball Championship, and she led the team in blocks with 67 solo and 83 block assists for a 7.0 per game average. In addition, Larsen was second in total kills with 390 averaging 12.2 kills per match.

Larsen was the only Minnesota player named to the Big Ten All-Tournament team and she also received second team Academic All-American Honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (COSIDA) for her blocking skills and 3.35 grade point average as a youth ministry major.

All of the honors caught first year coach Stephanie Schleuder and Larsen by surprise. "We expected Martie to make strong contributions this year, but she has surpassed every goal that we set for her," says Schleuder. "Martie had an outstanding offensive year and improved a great deal defensively. We will depend on her a lot next year."

This year was the first season that Larsen became a full-time starter. Her freshman season she sprained both of her ankles and last year she "lost confidence" in every part of her game and ended up playing part-time. Up until this season, Larsen played in the shadow of Gopher All-American middle/blocker Jill Halsted, but this year she surpassed Halsted in many statistical categories.

For example, Larsen set a season high of most kills in a match with 26 against Illinois State and also had the season high of most total attacks with 57 (Ill. St.). She was tied for most block assists (7 vs. Illinois) and most blocks (10 vs. Ill. St.). With 681 career kills, Larsen also moved into fifth place on the top ten career kill list, and in the final Big Ten Volleyball statistics, Larsen was ranked third in blocking, fifth in kills per match, and sixth in kill percentage.

Larsen credits much of her improvement to her summer experience as captain of the Athletes in Action volleyball team which toured Japan. "The summer helped me mentally," says Larsen. "They taught us to concentrate on each play."

In January, Larsen will begin training with the USVBA Volleyball team at Minnesota. She accompanied that team to the USVBA Nationals in 1981, and also played in the National Sports Festival on the Midwest team which placed second in 1981.

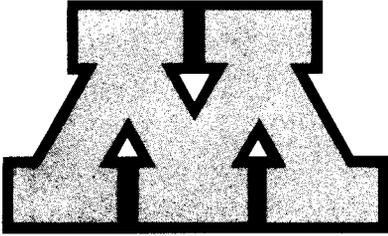
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Shw has been a two-time North Country and Mid-American Junior National volleyball team member as well.

At Marshall High School, Larsen was all-conference two years, and captain, All-State and MVP in 1979 in volleyball. She also played basketball. Designing her own major, Larsen is an accomplished guitar player and singer and hopes to work with a church youth program following graduation. She is the daughter of Leland and Betty Larsen of 228 Legion Fd. Road in Marshall.

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(HALSTED EARNS HONORABLE MENTION NCAA VOLLEYBALL HONORS)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- University of Minnesota senior co-captain Jill Halsted of Brooklyn Park was recently named an Honorable Mention All-American volleyball player by NCAA. Twelve players were named to the first team All-American and six received honorable mention, which places the 5-8 middle hitter/blocker with an elite group of 18 players nationwide.

Last season, Halsted was honored by the AIAW as an All-American, but two separate national championships were held by the AIAW and NCAA, and therefore there were two All-American teams selected.

The honor caps a spectacular career at Minnesota, during which Halsted led her 1982 team to a 23-9 record and final four Big Ten volleyball championship berth, while the 1981 Gopher volleyball team placed seventh at the AIAW National Championship.

Halsted became the Gopher's all-time career kill leader this season with 1,350 kills, and led Minnesota in kills with 415 this year. She had a .369 kill percentage and averaged 13 kills per match. No slouch in blocking, Halsted had 59 block solos and 62 block assists for a 5.8 per match blocking average and also added 36 service aces.

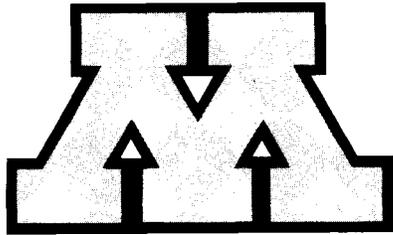
A premiere hitter in the Big Ten Conference, Halsted was second in the conference in kills per match (13.2), fourth in kill percentage (.354) and tenth in blocking average. She set Minnesota individual match season records of most block solos (7), most total blocks (10) and best game hitting percentage (.682).

Coach Stephanie Schleuder says that no one player can replace Halsted. "Jill has consistently played well against our best competition. She will be irreplaceable. She is the most well-rounded player that I've ever coached."

A physical education major, Halsted may try-out for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team. She was an all Big-Ten and All-AIAW Region 6 selection in 1980 and 1981 and has been selected to all but one All-Tournament team in every tournament she played in since 1980.

Halsted is the daughter of James and Nedra Halsted of Brooklyn Park.

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(VOLLEYBALL OPENS SEASON AT 20-TEAM KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL)

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Coach Stephanie Schleuder and the Minnesota volleyball team will open the 1983 season at the 20-team University of Kentucky Labor Day Tournament this Friday through Sunday in Lexington. Each team is guaranteed eight matches, and Minnesota will play three on Friday and Saturday and two on Sunday.

BEGINNING OF THREE WEEK ROAD TRIP -- The tournament marks the beginning of a three week road trip which takes the team to West Virginia, Wed. September 7; and Penn State September 9-10, followed by matches with Big Ten rivals Purdue (September 16), and Illinois (September 17). The Gophers will return home briefly before traveling to Wisconsin (September 21), Northwestern (September 23) and Iowa (September 24). The home opener will be September 26 against Iowa State at 8 p.m. at Williams Arena.

THREE FRESHMEN TO START -- Coach Stephanie Schleuder announced that three freshmen, one sophomore, and two seniors will comprise her starting lineup. The freshmen Schleuder has tabbed for starting assignments include 5-9 outside hitter Karyn Daline (MINNEAPOLIS/SOUTHWEST H.S.), 5-9 outside hitter Jennie Collings (ROCHESTER, IL), and 5-11 middle hitter Pam Miller (WORTH, IL).

"Karyn (Daline) has been very consistent and we will depend on her quite a bit," says Schleuder. "Pam has been a real pleasant surprise. We didn't know if we would be able to start a freshmen in the middle. Jennie's strength is her blocking ability and she has a real good court sense."

LARSEN/DONNELL STALWARTS -- Schleuder's only two returning starters, co-captains Chris Donnell and Martie Larsen will be depended upon to run the young team. Larsen is an experienced middle hitter, while Donnell will be running the offense as the only setter in the Gophers 5-1 offensive format.

The other starter will be sophomore Beth Hiner (KENYON, MN) as an outside hitter.

GOPHERS OPEN AGAINST THIRD PLACE NCAA SAN DIEGO STATE -- At the Kentucky Tournament Minnesota drew one of the toughest of the five pools of four teams. The Gophers will open at noon on Friday against San Diego State, and then meet Miami (Ohio) at 5 p.m. and Eastern Kentucky at 7:30 p.m.

San Diego State won the NCAA Southwest Regional last year and placed third at the NCAA National Championships. The Aztecs return two first team All-American selections in 6-0 middle blocker Toni Himmer and 6-0 outside hitter Vicki Cantrell and have two outstanding freshmen recruits along with five returning starters from last year's 39-6 team.

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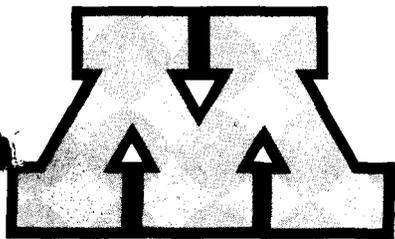
KENTUCKY TOURNAMENT CONT. --

Miami University posted a 31-18 record last season and returns four starters. Eastern Kentucky returns three starters from last year's 34-15 team which won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and was nationally ranked part of the season.

"Obviously its quite a challenge to play somebody like San Diego State the first match," says Schleuder. "Both San Diego State and Eastern Kentucky offer us a real stiff challenge in our season opening weekend."

GOPHERS DOWN ALUMNI AND UMD IN SCRIMMAGES ---

The Gopher team has had two match situations so far, defeating a star-studded cast of alumni last Saturday 13-15, 15-10, 15-1 and defeating Minnesota-Duluth in a scrimmage at Forest Lake High School 8-15, 15-11, 15-2, 15-4. Senior Martie Larsen led Minnesota in both matches with 14 kills and no errors for a .636 kill percentage in the alumni match, and with 15 kills (.273) against UMD.



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by: Lonnie Hartley
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN -- The first thing you notice about the Minnesota volleyball team this year is that one person is running the show on the floor. Of course Stephanie Schleuder is still coaching from the bench, but on the court it's one of the players. Always talking, applauding, encouraging teammates and generally cheerleading right from the opening whistle. If that sounds like a description of a team captain or something, you're half right; she's Gopher co-captain Chris Donnell.

When Schleuder came to Minnesota from Alabama last year one of the players who came along was Donnell, a 5-5 setter from Battle Creek. She had been second on the Tide in service aces and digs in 1981, and last year, as the "forgotten" setter in the same Minnesota backcourt with Diane Libbesmeier, Donnell quietly led the Gophers in serving percentage and was second in digs. It was the first injury-free season of her college career and "the best year she's ever had," Schleuder said. Now Donnell and Martie Larsen are the only experienced players on a team loaded with underclassmen. It's only natural that the leadership responsibilities rest on their shoulders.

"Sure we lack a lot of experience," Donnell said, "but I think the age of our team will help us. Sometimes the oldies have a tendency to say 'oh, it's just another match,' or 'just another practice,' whereas the younger players are eager to play all the time. Plus Steph has been stressing mental toughness in practice because we are so young, and that's the trend we have to establish early. I have a feeling that by mid-season that attitude is going to be a big asset."

Schleuder said her 'court coach' has a lot more going for her than talent and experience. "I think she's one of the most mature players I've ever coached," Schleuder said, "and because of that I have a lot of confidence in her ability to play and be one of my captains. And she can be a good example without consciously telling people what to do. That sets her apart from a lot of people who are supposed to be leaders."

Donnell's career with the Crimson Tide ended after her sophomore season when the university decided to discontinue the volleyball program. She is thoughtful as she talks about the decision to leave. "I enjoyed the cultural change at Alabama," she said, "but it's not a place where I would want to live. When the time came to go, I was ready." The move from south to north also brought a change in playing style.

"I like northern volleyball," Donnell continued, with no trace of a southern accent. "Volleyball here is more aggressive, more competitive. I think southern teams are more cohesive as a unit, but they lose some aggressiveness. That's the trade-off." If that is the case then Donnell's style on the court seems designed to bridge the gap. She's as aggressive as any setter in the conference on defense, and as for team attitude, any spectator will agree that Donnell also leads the slap-happy Gophers in Enthusiasm and High Fives Per Match. Her importance to the team was evident as Minnesota opened the regular season September 2 at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington.

Donnell set a new school record with five digs in the season opener against San Diego State, a team that is expected to be in the nation's top five when the first polls are released. She also had 25 kill assists in that match as the Gophers battled the Aztecs for three games, two of which were extremely close (6-15, 13-15, and 12-15). Minnesota then beat Evansville and Eastern Kentucky, but that's when the problems started. Donnell sprained her left ankle in the Eastern Kentucky match and missed the next four matches of the tournament, two of which Minnesota lost decisively (to San Diego State and Cincinnati). She played sparingly in the final match of the tourney, a three-game loss to Rutgers, but is expected to start as the Gophers resume their 21-day, 18 match road trip in West Virginia.

But despite her importance to the team and the personal rewards that could be gained from that position, Donnell doesn't care for the individual limelight. "My personal goal for the year is a team goal," she said. "I just want us to keep getting better. If you were to draw our progress during the year I would want it to look like this (she draws an upward line in the air). I want us to peak, not to have a season of peaks and valleys."

Just like a coach.

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May 10, 1988

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Dear Cindy:

It has been fun talking with you on the telephone again, and I am looking forward to working with you on promotion of the 1988 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship.

Enclosed are copies of all of the printed items that we have produced to date. They include:

- black and white logo stat sheets for 1 and 2 color printing
- four color ticket applications
- card stock ticket applications
- a four color informational flyer
- four color folders

As discussed, I am enclosing 50 of the black and white logo stat sheets for your use and 100 of the folders. If you find that you will need more folders prior to the championship, just let me know. We will save back folders for use during the championship as media packets, coaches and participant packets, committee meetings, etc.

Also enclosed is the original four color art work, and a board identifying color usage on the four color printing. The stat sheets indicate at the top the PMS number and usage for two color reproduction. As mentioned, the logo is especially attractive on grey. A beige or tan would be another good possibility.

I understand from our conversation that you will return the four color art work within two or three weeks. Also, if you could send us 30 copies or so of the four color logo stat sheets it would be helpful for our printing purposes. Another thing I am in need of are camera ready NCAA logo sheets. I only have part of one left.

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In answer to your letter of April 20, the following is a listing of promotional items we are considering producing, and ones we would like to have produced by the NCAA.

Commemorative poster -- We are looking at doing a poster approximately 9" x 16" or 11" X 20" using the tournament logo with the same colors as on the four color flyer and folder. Additionally, we would add sponsors names at the bottom. This would be distributed locally to stores and businesses and to Minnesota high schools and colleges.

Our poster would be used for marketing purposes, and would not be for sale at the event. The NCAA may want to consider a commemorative poster for sale to the public. This poster is essential for us for sponsor tradeouts.

Transtops -- This is a poster for bus stop shelters in the Twin Cities. We are not planning on doing this due to cost considerations. This would be a good possibility for the NCAA to do in place of a commemorative poster. Cost for 30 transtops last year was \$1422.00 for printing only. We could probably get space donated. Again, it could be a poster of the tournament logo, or a graphic volleyball design. I would highly recommend the NCAA consider this item.

Advertising - Buying of ad space again would depend on the progress of tournament sales. We would request that the NCAA buy advertising. Otherwise the only possibility we might have would be with a sponsor tag line in the ads. Under consideration would be the Minnesota Daily, Star and Tribune, Pioneer Press and Dispatch, Twin Cities Reader, and Minnesota Women's Press. No paid advertising has been considered for radio or television. We would prefer the NCAA produce ad slicks, even if we add a sponsor tag.

Advertising we have planned or done includes: Minnesota Monarchs Pro Volleyball program; Minnesota men's football program; Volleyball Monthly magazine; NCAA Regional Volleyball Programs.

Public Service Announcements -- We are in need of footage. Since we will be producing and distributing our own PSA about Minnesota volleyball, it would be highly desirable for the NCAA to produce a :30 television spot and a :30 radio spot for distribution. These spots should be completed by the end of July.

Ticket Trade-outs -- We would definitely be interested in the NCAA paying for tickets for give away at radio stations or other outlets. We would provide a list of interested mediums.

Banners -- We would prefer the NCAA produce all banners, including welcome and NCAA banners in the arena, banquet, and possibly headquarter hotel. We would also like a banner with the four color tournament logo for use this summer and next fall at booths and displays. We would like this produced by July 1.

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NCAA seals and logos -- Who would these be available for? We could use them for pre-tourney promotion to groups, or just at the event.

Appliques with official logo -- This is an item we were considering, but may or may not do. Definitely would be very useful. Would like to give to volunteers.

Tournament pins -- We have a possible sponsor to produce tournament pins to give to volunteers, sponsors, media etc. Gail Shore will be contacting Jack Waters regarding the proposal with the sponsor.

Slides for Television Stations -- The NCAA should produce slides for distribution to our local television stations.

Multiple ticket sellers and counter cards -- Budget does not allow us to produce these items, but they would be very helpful for displays.

Other premiums -- These are items we are not planning to produce at this time but would be useful at the event. Items could include plastic cups, pens, key chains, etc. for hospitality areas and other uses.

Well, I think that covers items for now. We welcome assistance from the NCAA in as many areas as possible as budget limitations will dictate how much promotion of the event we are able to do. Please let me know as soon as possible about the television/radio PSA plans and other items the NCAA decides to underwrite. Any help in promoting the tournament is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



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